

Detailed Organization
American Tank Destroyer Battalion
Tank Destroyer Reconnaissance Company
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TO&E 18-28

Company Headquarters:

Headquarters Section

1 Captain (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 1st Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 1st Sergeant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Staff Sergeant (mess) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Staff Sergeant (radio) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Staff Sergeant (supply) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Corporal (company clerk) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Corporal (asst. section) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
24 Privates
 1 Bugler (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 3 Cooks (3 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 1 Cook's Helper (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 2 Armored Car Drivers (2 .30 cal M1 rifles
 & 2 M10 armored utility cars)
 2 Machine Gunners (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 2 Messengers (2 .30 cal M1 carbines,
 1 ¼-ton truck, 1 ¼-ton trailer)
 1 Radio Repairmen (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 1 Scout (1 .30 cal M1 carbine & 1 ¼-ton truck)
 11 Basic (11 .30 cal M1 carbines)
Unassigned equipment
 3 2.36" M1 rocket launchers

Motor Maintenance Section:

1 Staff Sergeant (motor) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
4 Privates
 1 Armorer (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 3 Automobile Mechanics (3 .30 cal carbines,
 1 3/4-ton weapons carrier & 1
 ¼-ton truck)
Unassigned Equipment
 1 2.36" M1 rocket launcher

Pioneer Platoon:

Platoon Headquarters

1 1st Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Staff Sergeant (platoon) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
4 Privates
 1 Light Truck Driver (1 .30 cal M1 rifle &
 no vehicle)
 1 Halftrack Driver (1 .30 cal M1 rifle &
 1 light armored personnel car with 1 .50
 cal HB HMG)
 1 Air Compressor Operator (1 .30 cal M1 carbine
 & 1 motorized air compressor)
 1 Radio Operator (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
Unassigned equipment
 1 2.36" M1 rocket launcher

2 Pioneer Sections, each with:

- 1 Sergeant (pioneer) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Corporal (pioneer) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 8 Privates
 - 2 Demolition (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 - 1 Light Truck Driver (1 .30 cal M1 rifle & 1 1½-ton truck with 1 .50 cal HB HMG)
 - 5 General Mechanics (5 .30 cal M1 carbines & 1 1½-ton cargo truck with 1 .50 cal HB HMG)
- Unassigned equipment
 - 2 2.36" M1 rocket launchers

3 Reconnaissance Platoons, each with:

- 1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (platoon) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 2 Sergeants (gun commander) (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
- 17 Privates
 - 2 Armored Car Drivers (2 .30 cal M1 rifles & M8 armored cars with armament)
 - 4 Light Truck Drivers (4 .30 cal M1 rifles & 4 ¼-ton trucks, each with 1 .30 cal HMG)
 - 2 Anti-tank Gunners (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 - 6 Machine Gunners (6 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 - 1 Messenger (1 .30 cal M1 carbine & 1 ¼-ton truck with .30 cal HMG)
 - 2 Radio Operators (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Equipment:

1 motorized air compressor, 6 M8 light armored cars, 3 M10 armored utility cars, 64 .30 cal M1 carbines, 12 .30 cal flexible HMGs, 7 .50 cal HB flexible HMGs, 21 2.36" M1 rocket launchers, 11 .45 cal M1911 pistol, 51 .30 cal M1 rifles, 2 ¼-ton trailers, 13 ¼-ton trucks, 1 3/4-ton weapons carrier, 4 1½-ton cargo truck.

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