

Detailed Organization
American Airborne Tank Battalion
Airborne Tank Company
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Company Headquarters

Headquarters Section:

- 1 Captain (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
- 1 Sergeant (communication chief) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Sergeant (tank commander) (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
- 6 Privates
 - 1 Liaison Agent (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun,
1 ¼-ton truck, & 1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
 - 1 Bugler (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 2 Tank Drivers (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns
& 2 light (aero) tanks)
 - 2 Tank Gunners (2 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns)

Administrative, Mess & Supply Section:

- 1 1st Sergeant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (mess) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (supply) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Corporal (company clerk) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 8 Privates
 - 1 Light Truck Driver (1 3/4-ton weapons carrier, 1
¼-ton trailer & 1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
 - 7 Basics (7 .30 cal M1 carbines)

Maintenance Section:

- 1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (motor) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 6 Privates
 - 1 Armorer (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun &
1 ¼-ton truck with .50 cal HB flexible HMG
& ¼-ton trailer)
 - 1 Armorer (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 1 Tank Mechanic (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun
& 1 light (aero) tank for recovery)
 - 1 Tank Mechanic (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 1 Tank mechanic (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun
& 1 ¼-ton truck with 1.30 cal LMG
& ¼-ton trailer)
 - 1 Radio Repairman (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun
& 1 ¼-ton truck with 1.30 cal LMG
& ¼-ton trailer)

3 Tank Platoons, each with:

- 1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (platoon) (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
- 3 Sergeant (tank cmdrs) (2 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns
& 1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 10 Privates
 - 5 Tank Drivers (5 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns
& 5 light (aero) tanks)
 - 5 Tank Gunners (5 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns)

Total Equipment:

18 .30 cal M1 carbines, 2 .30 cal LMGs, 1 .50 cal HB flexible HMG, 57 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, 1 M9 2.36" rocket launcher, 18 light (aero) tanks, 4 ¼-ton trailers, 4 ¼-ton trucks, 1 3/4-ton weapons carrier.

IF THE COMPANY IS ORGANIZED SEPARATELY, IT IS AUGMENTED WITH:

Howitzer Section:

- 1 Sergeant (section leader) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Corporal (gunner) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 8 Privates
 - 1 Cannoneer (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 1 ¼-ton truck with .50 cal HB flexible HMG)
 - 5 Cannoneers (5 .30 cal M1 carbines & 1 75mm Pack howitzer)
 - 2 Light Truck Drivers (2 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns & 2 ¼-ton truck, each with 1 .30 cal LMG)

Reconnaissance Section:

- 1 Sergeant (reconnaissance) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Corporal (reconnaissance) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 4 Privates
 - 2 Light Truck Drivers (2 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, 1 ¼-ton trucks with 1 .30 cal LMG, & 1 ¼-ton trucks with 1 .50 cal HB flexible HMG)
 - 2 Scouts (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Maintenance Section:

- 2 Privates
 - 1 Tank Mechanic (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 1 Tank Mechanic (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun, 1 3/4-ton weapons carrier & 1 ¼-ton trailer)

Supply & Transportation Section:

- 3 Privates
 - 1 Supply Clerk (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun, 1 3/4-ton command truck with 1 .50 cal HB flexible HMGs, 1 M9 2.36" rocket launcher & 1 ¼-ton trailer)
 - 1 Clerk Typist (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 1 Machine Gunner (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)

Attached Medical Section

- 2 Privates
 - 2 Surgical Technicians (1 ¼-ton truck & ¼-ton trailer)

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