

Detailed Organization
American Light Tank Battalion
11 November 1944
Table of Organization 17-17

Company Headquarters:

Headquarters Section:

- 1 Captain (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
- 1 Sergeant (communications chief) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Sergeant (tank cmdr) (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
- 1 Corporal (liaison) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 5/9 Privates***
 - 1 Bugler (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 1 ¼-ton truck)
 - 2 Tank Drivers (2 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns & 2 light tanks)
 - 1 Bow Gunner (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
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 - 2 Radio Operators/Bow Gunners*** (2 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)

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)
- 9 Privates
 - 2 Cook (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 - 1 Cook's Helper (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 1 Light Truck Driver (1 .30 cal M1 carbine
 - 1 2½-ton kitchen truck, 1 .50 cal HB flexible HMG & 1 1-ton trailer)
 - 5 Basics (5 .30 cal M1 carbines)

Maintenance Section:

- 1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (motor transport) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (motor) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 8 Privates
 - 2 Armorers (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 - 5 Tank Mechanics (3 .30 cal M1 carbines, 2 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, 1 light tank recovery vehicle & 1 M3A1 halftrack with 1 .50 cal HB flexible HMG & 2 2.36" rocket launchers)
 - 1 Radio Operator/Gunner (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 1 ¼-ton truck)

3 Tank Platoons, each with:

Tank #1

- 1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 3 Privates
 - 1 Tank Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 1 light tank)
 - 1 Bow Gunner (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
 - 1 Tank Gunner (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)

Tank #2
1 Sergeant (tank cmdr)
3 Privates
 1 Tank Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun &
 1 light tank)
 1 Bow Gunner (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
 1 Tank Gunner (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)

Tank #3
same as #2

Tank #4
1 Staff Sergeant (platoon leader) (1.45 cal M3A1
 submachine gun)
3 Privates
 1 Tank Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun &
 1 light tank)
 1 Bow Gunner (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
 1 Tank Gunner (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)

Tank #5
same as #2

Total Equipment:

24 .30 cal M1 carbines, 1 M3A1 halftrack with 1 .50 cal HB flexible HMG, 1 2½-ton kitchen truck with .50 cal HB flexible HMG, 70 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, 2 2.36" rocket launchers, 17 light tanks, 1 1-ton trailer, 2 ¼-ton trucks, & 1 light tank recovery vehicle.

Change #1 - 13 January 1945

Maintenance Platoon added 1 ¼-ton trailer & 1 1-ton trailer.

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