

Detailed Organization
American Armored Division
Tank Battalion Headquarters & Headquarters Company
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Battalion Headquarters

Headquarters Section:

- 1 Lt. Colonel (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Major (executive) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Major (operations & training S-3) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Captain (communication) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Captain (intelligence S-2) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Captain (supply S-4) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 1st Lieutenant (adjutant & S-1) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Master Sergeant (sgt major) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (communication chief) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (intelligence) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (operations) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Sergeant (message center chief) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 16 Privates
 - 2 Code Clerks (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 - 1 Clerk Typist (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 1 Topographical Draftsman (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 2 Halftrack Drivers (2 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun, 1 halftrack with 1 .30 cal LMG, & 1 halftrack with 1 .50 cal HB flexible HMG) (each halftrack carried 1 2.36" rocket launcher)
 - 3 Light Truck Drivers (3 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns & 3 ¼-ton trucks)
 - 1 Messenger (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 1 ¼-ton truck)
 - 1 Messenger (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 5 Radio Operators (5 .30 cal M1 carbines)

Tank Section:

- 1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
- 2 Corporals (tank gunner/cmdr) (2 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns)
- 6 Privates
 - 2 Cannoneers (2 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns)
 - 2 Tank Drivers (2 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns & 2 medium tanks)
 - 2 Bow Gunners (2 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns)

Artillery Spotter, attached as required:

- 1 Corporal (gunner) (.45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
- 1 Private (cannoneer) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Private (bow gunner) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Private (tank driver) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine & 1 medium tank)

Headquarters Company:

Company Headquarters

Headquarters Section:

1 Captain (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Sergeant (communication) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
4 Privates
 1 Bugler (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 1 Halftrack Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1
 submachine gun & 1 halftrack with
 1 .30 cal LMG) (each halftrack carried
 1 2.36" rocket launcher)
 1 Machine Gunner (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 1 Messenger (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun
 & 1 ¼-ton truck)

Maintenance Section:

1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (motor transport) (1 .30 cal
M1 carbine)
1 Staff Sergeant (motor) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
6 Privates
 1 Armorer (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 1 Artillery Mechanic (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 1 Automobile Mechanic (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 1 Automobile Mechanic (1 ¼-ton truck &
 1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
 1 Tank Mechanic (1 halftrack with 1 .50 cal
 HB flexible HMGs and 1 1-ton trailer
 & 1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun) (each
 halftrack carried 1 2.36" rocket launcher)
 1 Radio Repairman (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)

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)
12 Privates
 4 Cooks (4 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 1 Cooks Helper (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 1 Light Truck Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine
 gun & 1 2½-ton kitchen truck with 1-ton
 trailer & 1 2.36" rocket launcher)
 6 Basics (6 .30 cal M1 carbines)

Battalion Reconnaissance Platoon:

1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (platoon cmdr) (1 .30 cal
M1 carbine)
1 Staff Sergeant (platoon) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
2 Sergeants (reconnaissance) (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)
2 Corporals (reconnaissance) (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)
15 Privates
 1 Halftrack Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine
 gun & 1 halftrack with 1 .50 cal HB
 flexible HMG & 1 2.36" rocket launcher)
 4 Light Truck Drivers (4 .45 cal M3A1 submachine
 guns & 4 ¼-ton trucks)
 1 Messenger (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun
 & 1 ¼-ton truck)

1 Messenger (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
8 Riflemen (8 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Mortar Platoon:

Platoon Headquarters:

1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (platoon cmdr) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Staff Sergeant (platoon) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
5 Privates
1 Halftrack Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 1 halftrack with 1 .50 cal HB flexible HMG & 1 2.36" rocket launcher)
4 Riflemen (4 .30 cal M1 rifles)

3 Mortar Squads, each with:

1 Sergeant (squad leader) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Corporal (mortar gunner) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
4 Privates
1 Halftrack Driver (1 M21 halftrack with 81mm mortar, 1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 1 2.36" rocket launcher)
1 Assistant Gunner (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
2 Ammunition Handlers (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)

Assault Gun Platoon:

Platoon Headquarters:

1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (platoon cmdr) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Staff Sergeant (platoon) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Private (halftrack driver) (1 halftrack with 1 .50 cal HB flexible HMG & 1 2.36" rocket launcher and 1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
4 Privates (riflemen) (4 .30 cal M1 rifles)

3 Gun Sections, each with:

1 Sergeant (section chief) (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
3 Privates
1 Tank Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 1 medium tank with 105mm howitzer with ammunition trailer)
1 Bow Gunner (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
1 Cannoneer (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)

Ammunition Section:

1 Sergeant (section chief) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Private (halftrack driver) (1 halftrack with 1 .30 cal LMG, 1 2.36" rocket launcher 1 ammunition trailer and 1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
3 Privates (ammunition handlers) (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Total Equipment:

70 .30 cal M1 carbines, 8 halftracks without armament, 3 M21 halftracks with 81mm mortars, 3 .30 cal LMGs, 5 .50 cal HB flexible HMGs, 47 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, 12 2.36" rocket launchers, 3 .45 cal M1911 pistols, 20 .30 cal M1 rifles, 2 medium tanks with 75mm or 76mm gun, 3 medium tanks with 105mm howitzers, 4 ammunition trailers, 11 ¼-ton trucks & 1 2½-ton kitchen truck.

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