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1 The 1st Tank Regiment, [Redacted] "1st Armored Division" 25X1 of the Hungarian Army, was organized in 1949 by the fusion of the 1st Tank Battalion at Budapest with the 2nd Tank Battalion at Esztergom. Its composition is as follows:

- Regimental Staff
- 1 independent AAA battery, motorized
- 1 company of engineers ("sappers")
- 1 company of "pioneers"
- 1 signal company
- 1 supply company
- 3 tank battalions

2. The commanding officer is Colonel Sandor Buehl, a Communist of long standing who fought in the Spanish Civil War. The staff of the regiment also includes:

- Deputy commander and chief of staff, Lt. Col. Attila Sigora
- Political officer, Capt. Sandor Weisz
- 5 other officers

The following vehicles belong to the staff:

- 2 JS-3 tanks
- 2 T-34 tanks
- 8 staff cars
- 11 trucks (5 tons and 3 tons)
- 5 motorcycles

3. The AAA battery is commanded by Capt. Emil Papp; the table of organization calls for 9 other officers, 3 "officer candidates", 32 non-commissioned officers, and 198 men, but of 8 half-sections theoretically provided for, only 4 exist, so that there are actually 8 officers and officer candidates and 126 enlisted men. Each half-section is equipped with a heavy machine gun of Soviet type and with one automatic A7 gun, 38 (sic) mm., of Soviet manufacture, type 1948; also with one truck, one prime mover, and two passenger cars. The battery HQ and the half-sections are also equipped with a radio apparatus of type R.3, of Hungarian manufacture. Ammunition for a day and a half of firing (one day equals 560 rounds) and motor fuel for three days is kept on hand.

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4. The engineer company has the function of creating obstacles with mines etc. and of eliminating hindrances to the passage of the regiment's own tanks. It is commanded by Lt. Kalman Lakatos, a former carpenter who attended the Kossuth Academy. The HQ includes two other officers, two officer candidates, and 25 M. Each platoon (number of platoons uncertain) is composed of two demolition squads, of 12 men each, and two squads of pioneers equipped with "normal engineer materiel".
5. The signal company, commanded by Capt. Dorogi, includes a telephone platoon, a radio platoon, and one platoon using visual signal equipment.
6. The company of "pioneers", commanded by Capt. Agoston Gabor, includes a platoon of mechanics (function not explained), one platoon for repairs on vehicles and tanks, and one platoon for repairs on artillery weapons. All the personnel have undergone a special course of training, and most of them had been mechanics in civilian life.
7. There is also a motor pool (3 officers and 76 men), which has 18 tank trucks of 3,500 liters' capacity each and 9 tow-trucks.
8. The 2nd Tank Battalion is located at Esztergom and commanded by Lt. Col. Imre Lakatos. Its subordinate units are:
 - HQ Company; 5 officers, 7 "officer candidates", 40 men; 2 tanks, 1 armored car, 2 ambulances, 1 field kitchen, 4 motorcycles, 6 staff cars, 2 trucks for ammunition.
 - Supply company; 3 non-commissioned officers, 38 men; 9 tank trucks, 9 three-ton trucks, 9 prime movers.
 - 3 tank companies, each including 3 tank platoons and 1 anti-tank platoon. The tank platoons have 1 officer and 35 men each, equipped with 6 tanks: in the first two companies there are T-34/85 tanks, in the third company they are T-34/76. The anti-tank platoon, 1 officer and 45 men, has 4 guns, caliber not specified.
9. The 1st and 3rd Tank Battalions are located at Budapest, in the Ferenc József (cavalry) Barracks and in the Palfy Barracks.

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