Organization of Bulgarian Forces 1943-1945

Bulgarian Fast Division:

Divisional Headquarters

Signals Squadron

2 Fast Brigades

1 Motorized Infantry Regiment or battalion

1 Horse Artillery Regiment

1 Motorized Artillery Battalion

1 Light Tank Unit

Support Units

Bulgarian Fast Brigade:

Headquarters

Tank Regiment

Regimental Headquarters

Reconnaissance Unit, with:

14 Fiat Ansaido 3.1 ton Tanks

1 Tank Battalion, with:

39 Krupp or Skoda 7 or 11.5 ton tanks

1 Tank Battalion, with:

34 Renault R35 or Vickers 6 ton tanks

26 unknown tanks

1 Anti-Tank Battalion, with:

12-37mm AT guns

1 AA Battalion, with:

15-20mm guns

20-13mm Machineguns

Miscellaneous Support Units

Motorized Infantry Regiment

Regimental Headquarters

2 Motorized Infantry Battalions

Miscellaneous Service Units

Motorized Field Artillery Regiment

Regimental Headquarters

3 Batteries

Bulgarian Motorized Infantry Regiment:

Regimental Headquarters

2 Motorized Infantry Battalions, each with:

3 Rifle Companies

1 Machinegun Company

1 Light Tank Company

1 Motorcycle Company

1 Motorized Engineer Platoon

1 Motorized Anti-tank Platoon

1 Motorized Anti-aircraft Platoon

Bulgarian Infantry Division:

Divisional Headquarters Reconnaissance Battalion Engineer Battalion CML Unit

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3 Infantry Regiments, each with:
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3 Infantry Battalions, each with:

4 Infantry Companies

1 Machinegun Company

Field Artillery Regiment

Ambulance Column

Heavy Machinegun Battalion

Field Hospital

Baggage Train

Supply Battalion

Depot

Medical Company

Veterinary Hospital

Military Police Company

Men & Equipment

3 Infantry Regiments

270 Officers

10,500 infantry

243 LMGs

117 HMGs

18 37mm Infantry Support Guns

36 50mm mortars

20mm or 37mm Anti-tank guns

12 20mm AA guns

Artillery Battalion

50 officers

800 enlisted men

24 LMGs

24 37mm Infantry Guns

12 75mm Horse Drawn Field Guns

12 75mm Mountain Guns

12 105mm Horse Drawn or Motorized Howitzers

Reconnaissance Battalion:

30 officers

600 soldiers

12-24 LMGS

10 HMGs

2 20mm or 37mm anti-tank guns

90 Bicycles

Heavy Machinegun Battalion:

24 officers

300 soldiers

36 HMGs

Other Units:

126 officers

2,800 soldiers

Bulgarian Infantry Regiment

Headquarters Section

Signals Section

37mm Platoon (2 37mm infantry guns & 1 HMG)

Mortar Platoon (12 50mm mortars)

CML Platoon

Bulgarian Anti-Tank Company

Company Headquarters

3 Platoons, each with:

Platoon Headquarters

4 Squads (1 20mm or 37mm AT qun)

Bulgarian Field Artillery Regiment:

Regimental Headquarters

75mm Field Gun Battery (horse drawn)

Battalion Headquarters

3 Batteries, each with:

Battery Headquarters

Reconnaissance Section

Signals Section

2 Gun Platoons, each with 2 guns

Machinegun Platoon

2 Sections (2 LMGs or 2 HMGs each)

Ambulance Section

Supply Section

75mm Pack Mountain Gun Battery

same organization as 75mm Field Gun battalion

105mm Howitzer Battery

same organization as 75mm Field Gun battalion

Bulgarian Motorized Artillery Battalion: (1st Armored Brigade)

Battalion Headquarters

- 1 75mm gun battery
- 1 105mm howitzer battery
- 1 105mm Skoda gun battery

Bulgarian Horse Artillery Regimente:

Regimental Headquarters

- 1 Battalion, with:
 - 12 75mm guns (horse drawn)
 - 12 HMGs
- 1 Battalion, with:
 - 12 75mm or 105mm guns (motorized)
 - 12 HMGs

Bulgarian Mountain Artillery Battalion:

Battalion Headquarters

- 3 Batteries, each with:
 - 4 75mm or 100mm guns

Bulgarian Anti-Aircraft Battalion:

Battalion Headquarters

- 3 AA Batteries, each with
 - 3 Gun sections, each with 2 AA guns
 - 2 AA Machinegun Sections
- AA Machinegun Company

Bulgarian Cavalry Regiment:

Regimental Headquarters

- 1 Motorcycle Section (4 HMGs)
- 1 Signal Section

1 Transport Company
3-4 Cavalry Squadrons, each with:
 4 troops
 1 LMG troop (4 LMGs)
1 Heavy MAchinegun Squadron (6 HMGs & 2-37mm AT guns)

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