Russian Independent Rifle, Ski and Naval Brigades 1939-1945

Note: This is developed from German intelligence summaries. The dates shown are the dates that the Germans learned of the unit's existence, or last contacted the unit and it was assumed to have been disbanded.

1st Rifle Brigade (former Mountain Rifle Brigade until Aug 43, disbanded Feb 44) 1st Rifle Brigade (pre-war, probably disbanded Dec 41) 1st Czech Rifle Brigade (deployed Feb 42) 1st (mot) Rifle Brigade (pre-war, disbanded Jan 42) 1st (mot) Rifle Brigade (rebuilt Apr 42, disbanded Jul 42) 1st Motorcycle Brigade (deployed June 42, disbanded Mar 43) 1st Naval Brigade (pre-war, destroyed Apr 42) 1st (255th) Naval Brigade (deployed Aug 42, became 255th in Oct 42) 1st Ski Brigade (pre-war, disbanded Jun 42) 1st Special Ski Brigade (deployed Sep 42, disbanded Mar 43) 2nd Rifle Brigade (pre-war, disbanded Mar 43 - Archangel region) 2nd Rifle Brigade (deployed Sep 42, disbanded Nov 42 - Baku region) 2nd (mot) Rifle Brigade (formed Apr 42, disbanded Jan 43) 2nd (mot) Rifle Brigade (reformed and deployed by Nov 43) 2nd (48th) Naval Brigade (pre-war, probably disbanded end 42 - Leningrad area) 2nd Naval (South) Brigade (pre-war, probably disbanded Nov 41) 2nd Naval (North) Brigade (deployed Sep 42, disbanded Oct 42) 2nd Ski Brigade (deployed Mar 42, disbanded Apr 42) 2nd Special Ski Brigade (deployed Sep 42, disbanded Mar 43) 3rd Rifle Brigade (pre-war, disbanded in Sep 41) 3rd (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed Apr 42, disbanded Sep[42) 3rd Naval Brigade (dates unknown) 3rd Ski Brigade (deployed Jan 43, disbanded Mar 43) 3rd Special Ski Brigade (deployed Sep 42, disbanded Mar 43) 4th Rifle Brigade (deployed Feb 42, disbanded Jun 43) 4th (mot) (6th Guard) Rifle Brigade (Deployed Apr 42, became 6th Guard Brigade Jul 43) 4th (260th) Naval Brigade (pre-war, became 260th in Mar 43) 4th Ski Brigade (disbanded Dec 42) 5th Rifle Brigade (pre-war, disbanded Oct 41) 5th (mot) Rifle Brigade (dates unknown) 5th Naval (North) (71st Rifle) Brigade (pre-war, became 71st Rifle Brigade in Nov 42 5th Naval (South) Brigade (date formed unknown, probably disbanded in Jan 42 5th Ski Brigade (deployed Nov 42, disbanded Mar 43) 5th Reindeer Rifle Brigade (disbanded Oct 42) 6th Rifle Brigade (pre-war, disbanded Apr 42) 6th (mot) (27th Guard) Rifle Brigade (deployed May 42, became Guard around Oct 43) 6th Naval Brigade (deployed in Oct 41, disbanded Apr 43) 6th Ski Brigade (deployed Nov 42, disbanded Jan 43)

6th Reindeer (31st Ski) Rifle Brigade (converted to ski brigade Sep 42) 7th Rifle Brigade (deployed May 42, disbanded around Mar 43) 7th (mot) 2nd Guards) Rifle Brigade (deployed May 43, became Guard in Aug 43) 7th Naval (North) Brigade (deployed Oct 41, disbanded Jan 42) 7th Naval (South) Brigade (deployed Aug 41, destroyed Jul 42) 8th Rifle Brigade (deployed Oct 41, disbanded around Nov 41) 8th (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed Aug 42, merged into IX armored corps) 8th Naval (North) Brigade (pre-war, destroyed Apr 42) 8th Naval (South) Brigade (pre-war, destroyed Jul 42) 8th Ski Brigade (pre-war?, destroyed in May 42 8th Ski Brigade (reformed Nov 42, disbanded Jan 43) 9th Rifle Brigade (deployed Jun 42, disbanded Jun 43) 9th (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed May 42, disbanded Nov 42) 9th Naval Brigade (deployed Apr 42, destroyed Jul 42) 9th Ski Brigade (deployed Nov 42, disbanded Feb 43) 10th Rifle Brigade (deployed Oct 41, disbanded around Dec 41) 10th Rifle Brigade (reformed Summer 42, disbanded around Sep 42) 10th Rifle Brigade (reformed May 42, disbanded Mar 43) 10th (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed Jul 42, disappeared Sep 42) 10th Ski Brigade (deployed Nov 42, disbanded Mar 43) 11th Rifle (North) Brigade (deployed Dec 41, disbanded Apr 43) 11th Rifle (South) Brigade (deployed Dec 41, disbanded Mar 42) 11th (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed May 42, to X Armored Corps) 11th Ski Brigade (deployed Aug 42, disbanded Feb 43) 12th Rifle Brigade (deployed Nov 41, disbanded Aug 42) 12th Rifle Brigade (reformed Aug 42, fate unknown) 12th (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed Apr 42, to XI Armored Corps) 12th Naval Brigade (deployed Aug 41) 12th Ski Brigade (date deployed unknown, disbanded Jan 43) 13th Rifle Brigade (deployed Nov 41, disbanded Aug 42) 13th (mot) (22nd Guards) Rifle Brigade (deployed Aug 42, became 22nd Guards in Sep 43, later absorbed into an armored corps) 13th Ski Brigade (deployed Sep 42, disbanded Mar 43) 14th Rifle Brigade (deployed Oct 41, disbanded Mar 44) 14th (mot) (1st Guard) Rifle Brigade (deployed May 42, became 1st Guard (mot) Rifle Brigade in Jan 43) 14th Ski Brigade (deployed Mar 42, disbanded Apr 43) 15th Rifle Brigade (deployed Nov 41, disbanded May 43) 15th (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed May 42, to XVI Armored Corps) 15th Ski Brigade (deployed Dec 42, disbanded Mar 43) 16th Rifle Brigade (deployed Nov 41, disbanded Mar 43) 16th (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed by Jul 42, destroyed Mar 43) 17th Rifle Brigade (deployed Nov 41, fate unknown) 17th (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed by Aug 42, fate unknown) 18th Rifle Brigade (deployed Oct 41, disbanded Jul 42) 18th (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed May 42, disbanded Sep 42) 19th Rifle Brigade (deployed Oct 41, disbanded Sep 43) 19th (mot) (later 26th) Rifle Brigade (deployed by Feb 43, became 26th (mot) Rifle Brigade in Jul 43) 19th Ski Brigade (deployed Sep 42, disbanded Mar 43) 20th Rifle Brigade (deployed Oct 41, disbanded Sep 42)

20th Rifle Brigade (reformed by Dec 42, disbanded May 43) 20th (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed May 42, disbanded Aug 42) 20th (mot) Rifle Brigade (reformed by May 43, absorbed into XXV Armored Corps) 20th Ski Brigade (deployed by Mar 43, disbanded Apr 43) 21st Rifle Brigade (deployed Jan 42, disbanded Jul 42) 21st (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed by May 42, probably disbanded Jul 42) 21st Ski Brigade (deployed before Mar 43, disbanded Mar 43) 22nd Rifle Brigade (deployed Nov 41, disbanded Feb 43) 22nd (mot) (5th Guards) Rifle Brigade (deployed Aug 42, became 5th Guards in Jan 43) 23rd Rifle Brigade (deployed Dec 41, disbanded May 44) 23rd (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed before Apr 42, destroyed May 42) 24th Rifle Brigade (deployed Nov 41, fate unknown) 24th (mot) (4th Guards) Rifle Brigade (deployed May 42, became Guards in Jan 43) 25th Rifle Brigade (deployed Oct 41, destroyed Jun 42) 25th Ski Brigade (date formed unknown, disbanded Mar 43) 26th Rifle Brigade (deployed Oct 41, disbanded Apr 43) 26th (mot) Rifle Brigade (formed from 19th (mot) Brigade in Jul 43) 26th Ski Brigade (date formed unknown, disbanded Mar 43) 27th Rifle Brigade (deployed Sep 41, disbanded Jul 42) 27th Rifle Brigade (date reformed unknown, disbanded Nov 43) 27th Ski Brigade (deployed Dec 42, disbanded Apr 43) 28th Rifle Brigade (deployed Oct 41, disbanded May 43) 28th Ski Brigade (deployed Dec 42, disbanded May 43) 29th (1st Guards) Rifle Brigade (deployed Nov 41, became Guards in Jan 42) 29th (mot) Rifle Brigade (dates and fate unknown) 29th Ski Brigade (deployed Oct 42, disbanded May 43) 30th Rifle Brigade (deployed by Dec 41, disbanded Apr 42) 30th (mot) (29th Guards) Rifle Brigade (deployed Mar 43, became Guards Oct 43) 30th Ski Brigade (deployed Oct 42, disbanded Apr 43) 30th Ski Brigade (reformed Mar 44) 31st Rifle Brigade (deployed Aug 41, disbanded Jan 44) 31st (mot) (3rd Guard) Rifle Brigade (deployed May 42, became Guards Jan 43) 31st Ski Brigade (formed in Sep 42 by conversion of 6th Reindeer Brigade) 32nd Rifle Brigade (deployed Aug 41, disbanded Oct 43) 32nd (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed May 42, absorbed by XVIII Armored Corps) 33rd Rifle Brigade (deployed Sep 41, destroyed Oct 42) 33rd Rifle Brigade (reformed by Mar 43, disbanded Oct 43) 33rd (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed Apr 42, probably disbanded Jul 42) 34th Rifle Brigade (deployed Nov 41, disbanded Apr 42) 34th Rifle Brigade (reformed Sep 42, disbanded Aug 43) 34th (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed Nov 41, disbanded Jan 43) 34th Ski Brigade (deployed late 42, disbanded Feb 43) 35th Rifle Brigade (deployed Nov 41, disbanded Jun 43)

35th Ski Brigade (deployed late 42, disbanded Mar 43) 36th Rifle Brigade (deployed Nov 41, disbanded May 44) 37th Rifle Brigade (deployed Oct 41, disbanded Jul 43) 37th Ski Brigade (deployed Oct 42, disbanded Mar 43) 38th (4th Guards) Rifle Brigade (deployed Feb 42, became Guards Mar 42) 38th (mot) (7th Guards) Rifle Brigade (deployed Jul 42, became 7th Guards (mot) Brigade in Mar 43) 39th Rifle Brigade (deployed Sep 41, disbanded Mar 42) 40th Rifle Brigade (deployed Nov 41, disbanded Jun 43) 40th (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed Jul 42, disbanded Mar 43) 40th Ski Brigade (deployed before Dec 42, disbanded Mar 43) 41st Rifle Brigade (deployed Aug 41, disbanded May 42) 41st Ski Brigade (deployed Aug 42, disbanded Apr 43) 42nd Rifle Brigade (deployed Nov 41, disbanded Jan 43) 42nd Rifle Brigade (reformed Feb 43, disbanded Jul 43) 42nd Ski Brigade (deployed Sep 42, disbanded Apr 43) 43rd Rifle Brigade (deployed before Dec 41, disbanded Apr 42) 43rd Rifle Brigade (reformed Aug 42, disbanded Sep 43) 43rd Ski Brigade (deployed Sep 42, disbanded Mar 43) 44th Rifle Brigade (deployed Sep 41, disbanded Mar 43) 44th (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed Aug 42, absorbed by I Armored Corps) 44th Ski Brigade (deployed Sep 42, disbanded Feb 43) 45th Rifle Brigade (deployed Oct 41, disbanded Mar 43) 45th Ski Brigade (deployed before Dec 42, disbanded May 43) 46th Rifle Brigade (deployed before Dec 41, disbanded Oct 43) 47th Rifle Brigade (deployed Oct 41, disbanded Apr 43) 48th Rifle Brigade (deployed before Dec 41, disbanded Apr 42) 48th (2nd Naval) Rifle Brigade (the 2nd Naval Brig became the 48th Rifle Brigade in late 42 and was disbanded in Feb 44) 48th Ski Brigade (date formed unknown, disbanded Dec 42) 49th Rifle Brigade (deployed Dec 41, disbanded in May 43) 49th Ski Brigade (deployed by Dec 42, disbanded by May 43) 50th Rifle Brigade (deployed Dec 41, disbanded Feb 44) 51st Rifle Brigade (deployed Sep 41, disbanded Feb 42) 51st Rifle Brigade (deployed Aug 42, disbanded Jul 43) 51st Ski Brigade (deployed Oct 42, disbanded Feb 43) 52nd Rifle Brigade (deployed Nov 41, disbanded May 43) 52nd (mot) (23rd Guards) Rifle Brigade (deployed Nov 42, became Guard in Sep 43) 53rd Rifle Brigade (deployed June 42) 53rd (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed Sep 42, absorbed into XXIX Armored Corps.) 54th Rifle Brigade (deployed Oct 41, disbanded May 44) 55th Naval Brigade (deployed Oct 41, disbanded Aug 43) 56th Rifle Brigade (deployed Nov 41, disbanded Mar 42) 56th Rifle Brigade (reformed Jul 42, disbanded Apr 43) 56th (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed Dec 42, absorbed by XXIII Armored Corps) 57th Rifle Brigade (deployed Oct 41, disbanded Sep 43) 57th (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed Oct 41, absorbed by III Armored Corps) 58th Rifle Brigade (deployed Dec 41, disbanded Mar 44)

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58th (mot) (28th Guards) Rifle Brigade (deployed Sep 42, became
         Guard in Jul 44)
59th Rifle Brigade (deployed Sep 41, disbanded May 43)
60th Rifle Brigade (deployed by May 41, disbanded Jun 43)
61st Naval Brigade (deployed Sep 41, disbanded in Jan 44)
62nd Naval Brigade (deployed in Dec 41, disbanded Jun 43)
63rd Naval Brigade (deployed Oct 41, fate unknown)
64th Rifle Brigade (deployed by Dec 41, destroyed Jul 42)
65th Rifle Brigade (deployed Nov 41, disbanded Dec 41)
65th (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed Sep 43, absorbed by XXXI
          Armored Corps)
65th Naval Brigade (deployed Oct 41, disbanded Mar 44)
66th (11th Guard) Naval Brigade (deployed by Apr 42, became
         11th Guard Naval Brigade in Mar 43)
67th Naval Brigade (deployed Oct 41, disbanded Jul 43)
68th Naval Brigade (deployed Nov 41, disbanded by Mar 43)
69th Naval Brigade (deployed Oct 41, fate unknown)
70th Naval Brigade (deployed Dec 41, fate unknown)
71st (2nd Guard) Rifle Brigade (deployed Oct 41, became Guard
          in Jan 42)
71st (5th Naval) Rifle Brigade (converted to 71st Rifles in
          Nov 42, disbanded Mar 44)
72nd Rifle Brigade (deployed Jun 42, disbanded Nov 42)
72nd Naval Brigade (deployed Oct 41, fate unknown)
73rd Naval Brigade (deployed Aug 41, disbanded Aug 43)
74th Rifle Brigade (deployed Nov 41, disbanded Mar 43)
75th (3rd Guards) Rifle Brigade (deployed Dec 41, became
         Guards in Mar 42)
75th Rifle Brigade (deployed Aug 42, disbanded Apr 43)
76th Naval Brigade (deployed by Mar 42, disbanded May 43)
77th Naval Brigade (deployed Dec 41, fate unknown)
78th Rifle Brigade (deployed Oct 41, disbanded Mar 43)
78th Rifle Brigade (deployed Aug 42, disbanded Apr 43)
79th Rifle Brigade (deployed Dec 41, destroyed Jul 42)
80th Naval Brigade (deployed Nov 41, disbanded Mar 44)
81st Naval Brigade (deployed Nov 41, disbanded Oct 43)
82nd Rifle Brigade (deployed Nov 41, fate unknown)
83rd Naval Brigade (deployed Nov 41, fate unknown)
84th Naval Brigade (deployed Dec 41, disbanded Sep 43)
85th Naval Brigade (date formed unknown, disbanded Jan 44)
86th N Rifle Brigade (deployed Jan 42, disbanded Jan 43)
86th A Rifle Brigade (deployed Oct 42, disbanded Mar 43)
87th Rifle Brigade (deployed Jan 42, disbanded Mar 43)
90th Rifle Brigade (deployed Jul 42, disbanded Feb 43)
91st Rifle Brigade (deployed Aug 42, disbanded May 43)
92nd (111th Naval) Rifle Brigade (mortar brigaded converted
          to 92nd Rifle Brigade in Sep 42, disbanded Apr 43)
93rd (122th Guards) Rifle Brigade (deployed Jul 42, became Guard
          in Mar 43)
94th Rifle Brigade (deployed Jul 42, destroyed Feb 43)
95th Rifle Brigade (deployed Sep. 42, disbanded Nov 42)
96th Rifle Brigade (deployed Sep 42, disbanded Apr 43)
97th (13th Guards) Rifle Brigade (deployed Nov 42, disbanded
          Mar 43)
98th Rifle Brigade (deployed Nov 42, disbanded Mar 43)
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99th Rifle Brigade (deployed by Jan 43, disbanded May 43) 100th Rifle Brigade (deployed Jul 42, disbanded Jan 44) 101st Rifle Brigade (deployed Jul 42, disbanded Jul 44) 102nd Rifle Brigade (deployed by Mar 43, destroyed Jul 42) 102nd Rifle Brigade (reformed Oct 42, disbanded Apr 43) 103rd Rifle Brigade (deployed Apr 42, disbanded May 43) 104th Rifle Brigade (deployed Feb 42, disbanded Aug 43) 105th Rifle Brigade (deployed Feb 42, disbanded May 43) 106th Rifle Brigade (deployed Feb 42, disbanded Jul 43) 107th Rifle Brigade (deployed Feb 42, destroyed Sep 42) 107th Rifle Brigade (reformed by Oct 42, disbanded Oct 43) 108th Rifle Brigade (deployed Feb 42, disbanded May 43) 109th (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed Feb 42, disbanded May 43) 110th Rifle Brigade (deployed Feb 42, disbanded May 43) 111th Rifle Brigade (deployed Feb 42, disbanded May 43) 111th Naval (92nd Rifle) Brigade (deployed Jun 42, became Rifle Brigade in Sep 42) 112th Rifle Brigade (deployed Mar 42, disbanded Jul 43) 113th Rifle Brigade (deployed Jun 42, disbanded Aug 42) 114th Rifle Brigade (deployed by Sep 42, disbanded Jan 44) 115th Rifle Brigade (deployed Jan 42, fate unknown) 115th Naval Brigade (deployed by Feb 44, fate unknown) 116th Rifle Brigade (deployed Feb 42, disbanded May 43) 117th Rifle Brigade (deployed Feb 42, disbanded May 43) 118th Rifle Brigade (deployed Dec 41, disbanded Sep 42) 118th Naval Brigade (dates unknown) 119th Rifle Brigade (deployed Feb 42, disbanded Mar 43) 120th Rifle Brigade (deployed Jun 42, disbanded May 43) 121st Rifle Brigade (deployed Jun 42, fate unknown) 122nd Rifle Brigade (deployed Oct 42, disbanded Nov 42) 123rd Rifle Brigade (deployed Dec 41, disbanded Jul 43) 124th Rifle Brigade (deployed Apr 42, disbanded Jan 44) 125th Rifle Brigade (deployed Jan 42, disbanded Jun 43) 126th Rifle Brigade (deployed Feb 42, disbanded May 43) 127th Rifle Brigade (deployed Jan 42, disbanded Aug 43) 128th Rifle Brigade (deployed Feb 42, disbanded Apr 43) 129th Rifle Brigade (deployed by Aug 42, disbanded Jul 43) 130th Rifle Brigade (deployed by Apr 42, disbanded May 43) 130th (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed by Mar 42, disbanded Mar 42) 131st Rifle Brigade (deployed Feb 42, disbanded Sep 43) 132nd Rifle Brigade (deployed by Sep 42, disbanded Oct 42) 133rd Rifle Brigade (deployed Jun 42, disbanded Dec 42) 134th Rifle Brigade (deployed Apr 42, disbanded Oct 42) 135th Rifle Brigade (deployed Feb 42, disbanded Nov 42) 136th Rifle Brigade (deployed Feb 42, disbanded May 43) 137th Rifle Brigade (deployed Jan 42, destroyed Oct 42) 137th Rifle Brigade (reformed by May 43, disbanded Apr 44) 138th Rifle Brigade (deployed Dec 41, destroyed Jul 42) 138th Rifle Brigade (reformed by Jan 43, disbanded Apr 43) 139th Rifle Brigade (deployed Jun 42, disbanded Aug 42) 140th Rifle Brigade (deployed Sep 41, disbanded Apr 43) 141st Rifle Brigade (dates unknown) 142nd Rifle Brigade (deployed May 42, destroyed Jul 42) 142nd Rifle Brigade (reformed by Jan 43, disbanded Feb 43) 142nd (mot) Rifle Brigade (deployed by Sep 42, disbanded

Sep/Oct 42) 143rd Rifle Brigade (deployed Dec 41, destroyed May 42) 143rd (14th Guards) Rifle Brigade (reformed Oct 42, became Guard in Mar 43) 144th Rifle Brigade (deployed Mar 42, disbanded Jul 43) 145th Rifle Brigade (deployed Jan 42, fate unknown) 146th Rifle Brigade (deployed by May 42, disbanded Mar 43) 147th Rifle Brigade (deployed by Oct 42, destroyed Oct 41) 147th Rifle Brigade (reformed Mar 42, disbanded May 43) 148th Rifle Brigade (deployed by Aug 42, disbanded May 43) 149th Rifle Brigade (deployed by Sep 42, disbanded Apr 43) 150th Rifle Brigade (deployed Mar 42, disbanded May 43) 151st Rifle Brigade (deployed Apr 42, disbanded Sep 43) 152nd Rifle Brigade (deployed by Oct 41, destroyed Oct 41) 152nd Rifle Brigade (reformed by Oct 42, disbanded May 43) 153rd Rifle Brigade (deployed Apr 42, disbanded Jun 43) 154th Naval (15th Guards) Brigade (deployed Jan 42, became 15th Guard Naval Brigade in Mar 43) 155th Rifle Brigade (deployed Jun 42, disbanded May 43) 156th Rifle Brigade (deployed by Jan 43, disbanded Apr 43) 157th Rifle Brigade (deployed by Aug 42, disbanded Aug 43) 159th Rifle Brigade (deployed Dec 42, disbanded Apr 43) 161st Rifle Brigade (deployed Mar 42, disbanded Apr 43) 162nd Rifle Brigade (deployed by Jan 43, disbanded Apr 43) 164th Rifle Brigade (deployed Aug 42, disbanded Nov 42) 164th Rifle Brigade (reformed by Mar 43, disbanded May 43) 165th Rifle Brigade (deployed Sep 43, disbanded May 43) 188th Rifle Brigade (dates unknown) 229th Rifle Brigade (deployed Apr 42, disbanded Jun 43) 248th Rifle Brigade (deployed Mar 42, disbanded Mar 42) 250th Rifle Brigade (deployed Mar 42, disbanded Apr 43) 253rd Rifle Brigade (deployed Mar 42, disbanded Aug 43) 254th Naval Brigade (deployed Aug 42, fate unknown) 255th Naval (1st) Brigade (deployed as 1st Brigade in Aug 42, became 255th in Oct 42) 256th Rifle Brigade (deployed Aug 42, disbanded Sep 43) 257th Rifle Brigade (deployed Mar 42, disbanded Oct 42) 260th (4th) Naval Brigade (deployed as 4th Brigade by Sep 41, redesignated 260th in Mar 43) 261st Rifle Brigade (dates unknown)

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