

**Soviet Baltic State Invasion Forces  
15-16 & 21 June 1940**

In June 1940 The Soviet Army High Command was ordered to prepare an offensive operation against Baltic States (Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia). Military operations were foreseen if these states refused to accept Soviet demands bringing them into the Soviet sphere of influence. By 15-16 June 1940 the following forces were concentrated on their borders.

LENINGRAD TERRITORIAL DEPARTMENT

11th Separate Rifle Division

8th ARMY:

128th Separate Mechanized Division

13th Separate Light Tank Brigade

1st Rifle Corps:

24th Rifle Division

56th Rifle Division

19th Rifle Corps:

42nd Rifle Division

49th Rifle Division

90th Rifle Division

KALININSKY TERRITORIAL DEPARTMENT

Special Rifle Corps:

48th Rifle Division

39th Light Tank Brigade

BYELORUSSIAN SPECIAL TERRITORIAL DEPARTMENT

214th Separate Airborne Brigade

3rd ARMY:

23rd Separate Rifle Division

4th Rifle Corps:

121st Rifle Division

126th Rifle Division

25th Light Tank Brigade

24th Rifle Corps:

10th Rifle Division

113th Rifle Division

55th Rifle Division

55th Light Tank Brigade

3rd Cavalry Corps:

7th Cavalry Division

36th Cavalry Division

1st Mechanized Division

27th Light Tank Brigade

11th ARMY:

10th Rifle Corps:

84th Rifle Division  
143rd Rifle Division  
185th Rifle Division  
21st Light Tank Brigade

11th Rifle Corps:

29th Rifle Division  
115th Rifle Division  
125th Rifle Division  
32nd Light Tank Brigade

6th Cavalry Corps:

4th Cavalry Division  
6th Cavalry Division  
33rd Rifle Division  
22nd Light Tank Brigade  
29th Light Tank Brigade

The Baltic states submitted to the Soviet demands and the invasion was cancelled. Nevertheless, the Soviet armies entered Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian territory. By 21 June 1940 the Soviet forces in Baltic States had a following composition:

#### **ESTONIA**

I ARMY:

13th Separate Light Tank Brigade

65th Rifle Corps:

11th Rifle Division  
16th Rifle Division  
90th Rifle Division  
18th Light Tank Brigade

1st Rifle Corps:

24th Rifle Division  
56th Rifle Division

19th Rifle Corps:

42nd Rifle Division  
49th Rifle Division

#### **LATVIA**

3rd ARMY:

2nd Rifle Corps:

67th Rifle Division  
128th Mechanized Division  
2nd Light Tank Brigade  
6th Light Tank Brigade  
27th Light Tank Brigade  
39th Light Tank Brigade

4th Rifle Corps:

23rd Rifle Division  
48th Rifle Division

126th Rifle Division  
25th Light Tank Brigade  
24th Rifle Corps:  
10th Rifle Division  
121st Rifle Division  
55th Light Tank Brigade

**LITHUANIA**

11th ARMY:  
16th Rifle Corps:  
29th Rifle Division  
33rd Rifle Division  
84th Rifle Division  
143rd Rifle Division  
11th Rifle Corps:  
5th Rifle Division  
55th Rifle Division  
185th Rifle Division  
22nd Light Tank Brigade  
32nd Light Tank Brigade  
10th Rifle Corps:  
115th Rifle Division  
125th Rifle Division  
29th Light Tank Brigade  
6th Cavalry Corps:  
4th Cavalry Division  
6th Cavalry Division  
3rd Cavalry Corps:  
7th Cavalry Division  
36th Cavalry Division  
1st Mechanized Division

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