Organization of a Russian Mountain Rifle Division October 1941

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Staff: (89/18/73)<sup>1</sup>
     17 riding horses, 2 LMGs, 9 passenger vehicles, 11 trucks, 7
     special vehicles, 2 motorcycles.
Staff Battery of Artillery Command: (4/12/39)
     18 riding horses, 10 artillery horses, 6 bagage horses, 2 wagons,
     3 carts, 1 passenger vehicle.
4 Mountain Rifle Regiments: (135/282/1,776 ea)
     91 riding horses, 203 artillery horses, 562 baggage horses,
     73 LMGs, 27 HMGs, 3 12.7mm AA HMGs, 4 76.2mm infantry guns
     15 50mm mortars, 12 82mm mortars, 67 wagons, 1 cart, 1 passenger
     vehicle, 8 trucks
     Regimental Staff: (10/4/19/4/2)<sup>2</sup>
     Staff Platoon: (1/0/0/6/28) (1 LMG)
     Mounted Reconnaissance Platoon: (1/0/0/3/21) (3 LMGs & 29 horses)
     Reconnaissance Platoon: (1/0/0/5/44) (4 LMGs)
     Antiaircraft Platoon: (1/0/0/3/12) (3 12.7mm AA HMGs & 3 trucks)
     Chemical Warfare Platoon: (1/0/0/9/4) (3 wagons)
     Regimental Band: (0/0/1/1/11)
     Signals Company:
          Staff (2/1/0/2/2)
          Staff Platoon (1/0/0/5/20)
          Radio Platoon (1/0/0/12/18) (12 radios)
          2 Telephone Platoons (2/0/0/10/48)
          Administrative Group (0/0/0/1/9) (2 field kitchens)
     <u>Pioneer</u> Company
          Staff(2/1/0/2/1)
          2 Pioneer Platoons (2/0/0/10/64)
          Water Resevoir Tank (0/0/01/7) (3 wagons)
          Administrative Group (0/0/0/1/6) (1 field kitchen)
     5 Rifle Companies: (30/5/5/130/940) (15 50mm mortars, 15 HMGs,
               & 60 LMGs)
     Machine Gun Company:
          Staff (2/1/0/2/8)
          3 Machine Gun Platoons (1/0/0/4/24 \text{ ea}) (4 HMGs ea)
          Administrative Group (0/0/0/3/8) (1 field kitchen)
     Medium Mortar Company:
          Staff (2/1/0/0/5)
          3 Mortar Platoons (1/0/0/4/25 \text{ ea}) (4 82mm mortars)
          Administrative Group (0/0/0/2/10) (1 field kitchen)
     Support Services:
          Medical Detachment (0/0/6/10/28) (1 kitchen, 1 cart)
          Veterinary Hospital (0/0/2/4/9) (2 wagons)
          Munitions/Administrative Company (6/1/0/9/109) (23
               wagons & 1 field kitchen)
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¹ Numbers for principal (3 catagories) units are officers, NCOs and men.

² Numbers for breakdown of principal units are officers, political staff, administrative personnel, NCOs and soldiers.

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Ordnance Group (0/0/3/1/10)
          Cobbler Group (0/0/3/13)
Artillery Regiment: (109/188/1,215)
     295 riding horses, 847 artillery horses, 317 pack horses, 14
     LMGs, 2 12.7mm AA HMGs, 16 76.2mm field guns, 12 107mm mortars,
     91 wagons, 11 carts, 1 passenger vehicle,
  Regimental Staff: (9/4/16/5/2) (1 passenger vehicle)
  Staff Battery: (5/1/0;20/78) (2 12.7mm AA HMGs, 2 LMGs, 1 radio,
       2 trucks, 2 wagons, 2 carts)
  Rear Support Services
    Medical Detachment (0/0/4/2/10)
     Veterinary Hopsital (0/0/3/2/5)
     Ordnance Group (0/0/2/10/5)
     Cobbler Group (0/0/0/4/4)
     Supply Column (3/1/1/11/99)
  2 Artillery Battalions:
     Battalion Staff: (5/0/2/1/1)
     Reconnaissance Group (0/0/0/1/8)
     Computation Group: (0/0/0/1/3)
     Signals Platoon: (1/0/0/5/31) (4 radios, 1 cart)
     2 Light Mountain Batteries: each with:
          Staff (2/1/0/3/1)
          Staff Platoon (0/0/5/29) (2 radios, 1 cart)
          2 Fire Platoons (2/0/0/3/50/55 \text{ ea}) (2 76.2mm mountain guns)
          Machine Group (0/0/0/1/3) (2 LMGs)
          Administrative Group (0/0/0/3/9)
     107mm Mortar Battery:
          Staff (2/1/0/3/1)
          Staff Platoon (1/0/0/3/24) (2 radios, 1 cart)
          3 Fire Platoons (1/0/0/3/18 \text{ ea}) (2 107mm mortars ea)
          Administrative Group (0/0/0/3/7) (1 field kitchen)
     Rear Services:
          Munition/Supply Platoon (1/0/0/2/80) (20 wagons) 0
          Administrative Group (0/0/0/3/13)
Howitzer Regiment: (109/182/972)
     271 riding horses, 572 artillery horses, 230 pack horses, 18 LMGs
     2 12.7mm AA HMGs, 24 122mm howitzers, 212 wagons, 42 carts, 1
     passenger vehicles, 2 trucks, 1 special vehicle
     Regimental Staff: 910/4/14/5/3) (1 passenger vehicle)
     Staff Battery: (7/1/1/16/83) (1 radio, 3 trucks, 5 carts,
          7 wagons, 1 field kitchen)
     2 Artillery Battalions:
          Battalion Staff (6/0/3/1/1)
          Reconnaissance Group (0/0/0/1/11)
          Computation Group (0/0/0/1/3) (1 cart)
          Signals Platoon (0/0/0/5/23) (2 radios, 4 carts)
          Coordination Group (0/0/0/2/6)
          3 Batteries:
               Staff (2/1/0/3/1)
               Staff Platoon (1/0/0/6/28) (3 radios, 3 carts)
               2 Fire Platoons (2/0/0/6/52) (4 122mmguns)
               Machine Gun Detachment (0/0/0/1/2)
               Administrative Group (0/0/2/8) (3 2agons, 1 cart,
                    1 field kitchen)
          Support Units:
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Munitions Platoon (1/0/0/3/67) (56 wagons)
               Administrative Group (0/0/0/2/11) (5 wagons, 1 kitchen)
     Regimental Support Units:
               Medical Detachment (0/0/5/1/10) (1 cart, 3 ambulances,
                     1 wagon)
               Veterinary Hospital (0/0/2/2/5) (3 wagons)
               Ordnance Group (0/0/4/8)
               Cobbler Group (0/0/1/7)
               Supply Column (4/1/0/11/69) (57 wagons, 2 field kitchens)
Flak Battalion: (37/63/227)
     12 12.7mm AA HMGs, 8 37mm quns, 1 passenger vehicle, 43 trucks,
     4 special vehicles
     Staff: (4/3/7/4/3) (1 passenger vehicle & 1 truck)
     Staff Platoon: (1/0/0/7/18) (2 radios & 3 trucks)
     2 Flak Batteries: (10/2/0/20/108) (8 37mm quns, 1 radio, 14 trucks)
     1 AA HMG Company: (5/1/0/15/70) (12 12.7mm HMGs, 13 trucks
     Munitions Platoon (1/0/0/2/3) (3 trucks)
     Medical Detachment: (0/0/1/1/2) (1 truck)
     <u>Ordnance</u> <u>Shop</u>: (0/0/1/8/1) (1 truck)
     Cobbler Group: (0/0/0/1/3)
     Kitchen & Provisions Group: (0/0/2/3)
     Park Platoon: (0/0/1/3/10) (1 field work shop, 1 tank wagon,
          9 trucks, 1 field kitchen)
Antitank Battery: (11/18/88)
     8 45mm AT guns, 1 passenger vehicle, 3 trucks, 1 special vehicle,
     14 tractors, 7 motorcycles
     Staff: (1/1/2/1/3) (1 passenger vehicle, 2 motorcycles)
     4 Fire Platons: (4/0/0/8/68) (12 tractors, 4 motorcycles, 8
          45mm guns)
     Munitions Platoon: (1/0/0/4/8) (2 tractors, 1 motorcycle)
     Field Ordnance Workshop: (0/0/1/1/2)
     Artillery Workshop: (0/0/1/1/2) (1 truck)
     Administrative Group: (0/0/0/5/4) (2 trucks, 1 kitchen,
          1 tank wagon)
Cavarly Squadron: (11/21/138)
     150 riding horses, 44 pack horses, 6 LMGs, 4 waogns, 1 truck,
     5 tanks
     <u>Staff</u>: (2/1/3/4/5) (15 horses)
     <u>3 Cavalry Platoons</u>: (3/0/0/84) (6 LMGs & 102 horses)
     1 Armored Platoon: (1/0/0//15) (5 BA-6-10 tanks)
     Administration Platoon: (10/0/04/333) (33 riding horses, 44 pack
          horses, 1 truck, 4 wagons, 4 kitchens)
Signals Battalion: (37/60/246)
     21 riding horses, 57 pack horses, 7 wagons, 6 carts, 2 passenger
     vehicles,, 9 trucks, 7 special vehicles, 5 motorcycles
     Staff: (5/3/6/3/2) (1 passenger vehicle & 1 truck)
     Staff Company: ; (5/1/0/18/74) (1 passenger vehicle & 1 truck)
     Radio Company: (4/1/0/9/26) (1 passenger vehicle & 1 truck)
     <u>Telephone</u> <u>Company</u>: (7//0/17/109) (1 passenger vehicle & 1 truck)
     Medical Group (0/0/1/2/4) (1 medical wagon, 1 wagon)
     Veterinary Group: (0/0/1/0/2)
     Workshop: (0/0/2/8/9) (4 trucks)
     Workshop: (0/0/0/1/5) (2 wagons)
     Administrative Group (0/0/0/2/15) (6 kitchens, 3 wagons,
          1 water supply wagon.
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Pioneer Battalion: (37/60/246)

69 riding horses, 86 pack horses, 6 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 10 carts, 27

trucks, 7 special vehicles
Battalion Staff: (4/3/6/4/2)

<u>Signals Platoon</u>: (1/0/0/5/7/13) (2 radios, 1 cart)

<u>2 Pioneer Companies</u>: (8/2/0/30/194)

Techincal Platoon: (/\1/0/1/4/26) (4 trucks, 3 special vehicles)

Machine Park Company: (4/1/0/14/73) (18 trucks, 1 special truck,

Medical, Veterinary, & Support Units: (0/0/2/10/29) (1 passenger vehicle, 5 trucks, 3 special vehicles, 1 cart, 6 kitchens)

Speical Platoon: (1/0/1/2/20) (12 "blok" devices & 8 carts)

(mot) Supply Company: (9/17/64)

56 trucks, 4 special vehicles, 3 motorcycles

Ammunition Column: (25/50/221)

26 riding horses, 172 artillery horses, 13 pack horses, 7 LMGs, 89 wagons, 1 cart, 1 passenger vehicle, 76 trucks, 6 special

vehicles, 1 motorcycle

Medical Battalion: (50/51/191)

8 riding horses, 45 pack horses, 2 LMGs, 20 wagons, 3 passenger vehicles, 28 trucks, 14 special vehicles, 1 motorcycle

<u>Field Bakery</u>: (9/16/119)

15 trucks, 2 special vehicles, 1 tractor, 1 motorcycle

Ordnance Detachment: (8/18/20)

1 passenger vehicle, 6 trucks)

<u>Field Boot Repair Detachment</u>: (1/2/19)

2 trucks

<u>Divisional</u> <u>Cattle Herd</u>: (1/1/7)

2 pack horses, 1 wagon

Military Legal Staff: (5/0/1)

1 passenger vehicle Military Tribunal: (6/1/5)

4 pack horses, 2 wagons, 1 passenger vehicle

NKVD Platoon: (1/3/32)

1 LMG, 2 trucks Field Post Office: (4/7/8)

2 riding horses, 12 draft horses, 5 wagons, 2 carts

Field Paymaster: (3/0/0/)

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