

**Organization of a Russian Rifle Division
18 March 1942**

Divisional Staff:

Staff (13/1/5/4/8)¹
Political Detachment (0/17/4/3/2)
NKVD Platoon (1 LMG & 2 SMGs) (1/0/0/4/19)
Pioneer Detachment (1/0/1/0/0)
Artillery Command (3/0/4/1/0)
Chemical Warfare Detachment (1/0/1/0/0)
Intendant (1/0/3/1/0)
Staff Company (3/1/0/17/40) (8 SMGs)
Others (3/0/14/0/2)
10 SMGs, 1 LMG, 3 passenger vehicles, 2 light trucks, 6 horses)

Staff Battery:

1 Staff (2/1/0/1/0)
1 Reconnaissance Detachment (1/0/0/2/8)
1 Signals Detachment (1/0/0/4/23) (2 radios, 1 truck, 2 carts)
1 Calibration Detachment (1/0/0/3/15) (2 special vehicles)

total equipment

1 light truck, 1 special vehicle, 2 carts, 10 horses)

3 Rifle Regiments: (165/49/679/2,270)

Regimental Staff

1 Staff (14/4/10/3/1) (8 bicycles)
1 Staff Platoon (1/0/0/3/9) (2 field kitchens)
1 Mounted Reconnaissance Platoon (1/1/0/3/13) (2 SMGs)
1 Foot Reconnaissance Platoon (1/1/0/5/43) (2 SMGs)
1 AA Platoon (1/0/0/6/9) (3 12.7mm AA guns, 2 trucks)
1 Pioneer Platoon (1/0/0/5/33) (wagon)
1 Chemical Warfare Platoon (1/0/0/4/25) (6 wagons)
1 Flamethrower Platoon (1/0/0/3/19) (20 flamethrowers,
1 wagon & 3 SMGs)
1 Regimental Band (0/0/1/1/11)

3 Battalions, each with²

1 Battalion Staff (4/1/0/0/0)
1 Signals Platoon (1/0/0/4/12) (1 radio, 1 cart, 1 bicycle)
3 Rifle Companies (5/1/0/30/139) (12 LMGs, 9 SMGs,
11 sniper rifles)
1 Machine Gun Company (5/1/0/25/60) (12 HMGs)
1 AT Company (4/1/0;19/24) (16 AT rifles)

Mortar Battalion:

1 Staff (4/1/0/0/0)
1 Signals Platoon (1/0/0/3/10) (1 radio & 1 cart)
3 Mortar Companies (6/1/0/37/51) (8 50mm mortars, 8 82mm

¹ Numbers are officers, political officials, administrative personnel, NCO's and soldiers.

² There are two conflicting organizations. One shows each infantry company having 4-50mm mortars and the battalion having a separate mortar company with 8-82mm mortars. The detailed structure provided by German intelligence (where the strength figures are found) does not show the existence of either of these mortar organizations. Instead, it shows a separate mortar battalion as is shown in this organization table.

mortars, 11 2agons)
 1 Administration Detachment (1/0/0/3/11) (7 wagons, 2 field kitchens)
Machine Pistol Company: (5/1/0/20/74) (100 SMGs & 1 wagon)³
AT Rifle Company (5/1/0/22/48) (27 AT rifles, 3 wagons)
Infantry Gun Company: (6/1/0/15/62) (4-76.2mm infantry guns, 12 wagons, 2 carts, 2 field kitchens)
AT Company: (5/1/0/13/38) (6 45mm AT guns, 6 ammunition carts)
Signals Company: (5/1/0/9/35) (2 radios, 6 carts, 4 bicycles)
Medical Company: (0/0/7/7/34) (8 wagons, 2 carts, 1 field kitchen)
Veterinary Platoon: (0/0/1/2/2) (1 wagon)
Supply Company: (4/1/0/8/46) (42 wagons & 1 field kitchen)
Ordnance Detachment: (0/0/3/7/1)
Maintenance Detachment: (0/0/0/0/3)

total equipment

188 SMGs, 75 AT guns, 20 20 flame throwers, 108 LMGs, 36 HGS, 3 12.7mm AA HMGs, 24 50mm mortars, 24 82mm mortars, 4-76.2mm infantry guns, 6-45mm AT guns, 3 light trucks, 12 bicycles, 142 wagons, 17 carts, 20 field kitchens, 361 horses.

Rifle Training Battalion

Staff (4/4/5/0/0)
 3 Rifle Companies (5/1/0/14/108) (8 LMGs & 12 SMGsea)
 1 Machine Gun Company (6/1/0/11/108) (6 HMGS & 3 wagons)
 AT Rifle Platoon⁴ (6 14.5mm AT rifles)
 1 Mortar Company (4/1/0/9/56) (4-50mm mortars & 4-120mm mortars & 2 wagons)
 1 Maintenance Detachment (0/0/0/2/5) (2wagons)
 36 SMGs, 6 AT rifles, 24 LMGs, 6 HMGs, 4 50mm mortars, 4 82mm mortars, 7 wagons, 2 field kitchens, 14 horses

Machine Gun Battalion: (212 men)

3 Companies (9 HMGS ea)

Artillery Regiment:

Regimental HQ

1 Regimental Staff (10/4/9/3/0)
 1 Support Platoon (6/1/0/9/40)
 1 Signals Detachment
 1 Calibration Detachment
 1 Ordnance Detachment

2 Battalions, each with:

1 Battalion Staff (5/1/3/0/0)
 1 Reconnaissance Platoon (0/0/0/1/6) (1 SMG)
 1 Calibration Detachment (1/0/0/4/10) (for 1st & 2nd Btrys)
 1 Calibration Detachment (1/0/0/2/8) (for 3rd Btry)
 (2 carts for both calibration detachments)
 1 Signal Platoon (0/0/0/5/18) (for 1st & 2nd Btrys)
 1 Signal Platoon (0/0/0/5/15) (for 3rd Btry)

³ The Guard Rifle Division had the same organization as the line rifle division, except it had to Machine Pistol Companies.

⁴ The AT rifle platoon was part of the MG company and its strength is shown there. It was one quarter of that unit's total strength.

(2 radios & 3/2 carts for both signals platoons)
 2 Batteries (5/1/0/16/55) (4-76.2mm guns, 1 SMG,
 2 radios, 8 wagons, & 2 carts each)
 1 Battery (5/1/0/20/52) (4-122mm howitzers, 4 AT rifles,
 1 SMG, 5 tractors, 8 wagons, 1 cart & 2 radios)
 1 Horse Drawn Supply Column (1/0/0/3/30) (for 1st & 2nd
 Btrys)
 1 Horse Drawn Supply Column (1/0/0/3/26) (for 3rd Btry)
 1 Ordnance Group (0/0/0/4/7) (for 1st & 2nd Btrys)
 1 Ordnance Group (0/0/0/4/5) (for 3rd Btry)
 1 Medical Detachment (0/0/3/1/4) (1 wagon & 1 cart)
 1 Veterinary Detachment (0/0/2/1/2) (1 wagon)
 1 Ordnance Group (0/0/2/7/9) (2 wagons & 1 truck)
 1 Supply Detachment (1/0/0/3/22) (2 trucks, 1 field
 kitchen, 16 wagons).
 13 SMGs, 12 AT rifles, 20 76.2mm field guns, 12 122mm howitzers,
 2 light trucks, 1 special vehicle, 15 tractors, 159 wagons,
 26 carts, 10 field kitchens, 635 horses

120mm Mortar Battalion:

1 Battalion Staff (3/1/4/1/0) (1 truck)
 1 Reconnaissance & Signals Platoon (1/0/0/2/9)
 3 (mot) Mortar Companies (5/1/0/13/36) (6 120mm mortars & 6 trucks)
 1 Munitions Platoon (0/0/1/3/7) (4 trucks)
 1 Ordnance Group (0/0/0/1/2) (1 truck & 1 field kitchen)

Flak Battery:

Staff (2/1/0/0/0)
 1 Reconnaissance & Signals Platoon (1/0/0/2/6)
 3 Flak Platoons (3/0/0/12/42)
 1 Munitions Group (0/0/0/1/5)
 1 Ordnance Grou (0/0/0/2/2)
 6 37mm AA guns, 9 light trucks, 1 field kitchen

(Mot) Reconnaissance Rifle Company:

1 Staff (2/1/0/0/0)
 1 Staff Support Detachment (0/0/0/3/1)
 3 Rifle Platoons (3/0/0/112/90)
 1 Radio & 3 SMGs

Anti-tank Battalion:

1 Detachment Staff (3/1/2/0/0)
 1 Command Support Group (0/0/0/2/4) (1 radio)
 3 (mot) AT Companies (4/1/0/9/25) (4-45mm AT guns & 4 trucks ea)
 1 AT Rifle Company (6/1/26/61) (36 14.5mm AT rifles, 4 SMGs)
 1 Munitions Group (0/0/2/3/6) (3 trucks)
 1 Ordnance Group (0/0/0/3/4) (1 passenger vehicle, 2 trucks, 1
 field kitchen)

Pioneer Battalion:

1 Battalion Staff (5/1/4/2/0) (7 bicycles)
 2 Pioneer Companies (5/1/0/10/86) (2 wagons)
 1 Workshop (0/0/1/1/4) (4 wagons)
 1 Administration Detachment (0/0/0/2/4) (1 wagon, 1 cart &
 1 field kitchen, 21 horses)

Signals Battalion:

1 Battalion Staff (5/1/2/1/0)
 1 Staff Company (5/1/0/17/47) (5 radios, 3 carts, 1 truck,
 1 special vehicle, 3 wagons & 3 bicycles)
 1 Telephone Company (6/1/0/11/67) (10 carts)

1 Repair Shop (0/0/2/1/1) (2 wagons)
1 Delivery Detachment (0/0/0/2/1) (1 wagon & 1 passenger vehicle)
1 Administration Detachment (0/0/0/3/4) (1 wagon & 1 field kitchen)

Total

1 passenger vehicle, 1 light truck, 1 special vehicle, 3
motorcycles, 7 wagons, 13 carts, 1 field kitchen, 34 horses

Chemical Warfare Company (4/1/1/10/38)

3 IMGs, 1 light truck, 5 special vehicles, 3 wagons, 5 horses

(mot) Supply Company: (5/1/7/20/60)

59 light trucks, 2 special vehicles, 1 motorcycle, 1 field kitchen

Medical Battalion: (3/2/25/19/54)

3 light trucks, 10 special vehicles, 2 field kitchens

Field Bakery: (0/4/6/86)

20 wagons, 1 field kitchen, 40 horses

Veterinary Hospital: (0/3/0/8)

1 wagon, 2 horses

Field Post Office: (0/3/3/6)

4 wagons, 8 horses

Paymaster: (0/3/0/0)

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