

**Organization of an Italian Black Shirt Legion
1943**

Headquarters, Black Shirt Legion:

Headquarters (9/0/0)¹

Headquarters Platoon (1/8/83)

2 Black Shirt Battalions, each with:

Headquarters (4/0/0)

Headquarters Platoon (1/5/59)

Scout Platoon (1/3/37)

3 Rifle Companies (12/21/378 total)

(24 LGMs & 9 45mm mortars total)

Each company had:

1 Company HQ (2/3/48)

2 Rifle Platoons (2/4/58)

(plus 8 LMGs & 3 45mm mortars)

1 Machine Gun Company

Headquarters (2/3/96)

3 Machine Gun Platoons (3/6/102) (12 HMGs)

1 Black Shirt Motorcycle Platoon (1/2/17 (4 HMGs)

Note: Some legions, particularly in Sardinia, have an 81mm mortar company and a 47mm Anti-tank close support battery.

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¹ Numbers are officers, NCO's, and enlisted men.