Organization of Russian Rifle Division Summer 1943

Normal Organization of a Rifle Division

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Division Headquarters (158 men)
     Division Staff
     Division Headquarters Company (1 LMG)
3 Infantry Regiments, each with (2,443 men) :
     Regimental Headquarters
          Staff Platoon
          Cavalry Reconnaissance Platoon
          Reconnaissance Platoon
          Engineer Platoon
          Gas Defense Platoon
     3 Infantry Battalions, each with:
          1 Signals Platoon
          3 Infantry Companies (1 HMG & 18 LMGs)
          1 Infantry Company (9 HMGs)
          1 Infantry Company (9 82mm mortars)
          Anti-Tank Section (9 Anti-tank Rifles)
          Infantry Support Gun Section (2-45mm guns)
     Regimental Support Units
          1 Maintenance Platoon
          1 Reserve Company
          1 Veterinary Platoon
          1 Medical Company
          1 Signals Company
          1 (mot) Heavy Mortar Company (6-120mm mortars)
          1 Infantry Gun Company (6-45mm guns)
          1 Infantry Gun Company (6-76.2mm infantry guns)
          1 Anti-tank Company (29 AT rifles)
          1 Machine Pistol Company
1 Anti-Tank Battalion (180 men)
          3 (mot) Companies (4-45mm AT guns)
          1 Anti-Tank Company (36 anti-tank rifles)
1 Replacement Company: (100 men)
          2 HMGs, 3 LMGs, 4-82mm mortars & 3 anti-tank rifles
1 Artillery Regiment: (900 men)
     Regimental Headquarters
          Calibration Section
          Signals Platoon
          Reconnaissance Platoon
     2 Artillery Battalions, each with:
          Battalion Headquarters
               Signals Section
               Calibration Section
          2 Batteries (4 76.2mm guns)
          1 Battery (4 122mm guns)
          1 Anti-tank Rifle Section (4 AT rifles)
          1 Horse Drawn Munitions Column
     1 Artillery Battalion, with:
          Battalion Headquarters
               Signals Section
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Calibration Section
          1 Battery (4 76.2mm guns)
          1 Battery (4 122mm guns)
          1 Anti-tank Rifle Section (4 AT rifles)
          1 Horse Drawn Munitions Column
1 Gas Defense Company (50 men)
1 Signals Company: (150 men)
<u>1 Pioneer Battalion</u>: (170 men)
          2 Pioneer Companies
 Reconnaissance Company: (80 men)
1 Veterinary Platoon (11 men)
1 Medical Battalion: (96 men)
          1 Ambulance
          1 Field Hospital
          1 Medical Company
1 Field Bakery: (63 men)
1 Transportation Company (88 men)
Total Weapons:
     490 LMGs, 110 SMGs, 2,100 Machine pistols, 213 AT Rifles
     54 50mm mortars, 84 82mm mortars, 18 120mm mortars,
     12 76.2mm Infantry Guns, 20 76.2mm Field Guns, 12 122mm
     Howitzers, and 48 45mm AT guns.
Reduced Rifle Division Organization
Division Headquarters (158 men)
     Division Staff
     Division Headquarters Company (1 LMG)
3 Infantry Regiments, each with (2,017 men) :
     Regimental Headquarters
          Staff Platoon
          Cavalry Reconnaissance Platoon
          Reconnaissance Platoon
          Engineer Platoon
          Gas Defense Platoon
     3 Infantry Battalions, each with:
          1 Signals Platoon
          3 Infantry Companies (1 HMG & 9 LMGs)
          1 Infantry Company (8 HMGs)
          1 Infantry Company (6 82mm mortars)
          1 Anti-Tank Section (9 Anti-tank Rifles)
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Infantry Support Gun Section (2-45mm guns)

1 (mot) Heavy Mortar Company (6-120mm mortars)

1 Infantry Gun Company (4-76.2mm infantry guns)

1 Infantry Gun Company (4-45mm guns)

1 Anti-tank Company (16 AT rifles)

Regimental Support Units

1 Maintenance Platoon
1 Reserve Company
1 Veterinary Platoon
1 Medical Company
1 Signals Company

1 Machine Pistol Company

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1 Anti-Tank Battalion (170 men)
           3 (mot) Companies (4-45mm AT guns)
           1 Anti-Tank Company (36 anti-tank rifles)
1 Replacement Company: (80 men)
           2 HMGs, 3 LMGs, 4-82mm mortars & 3 anti-tank rifles
1 Artillery Regiment: (900 men)
     Regimental Headquarters
           Calibration Section
           Signals Platoon
           Reconnaissance Platoon
     2 Artillery Battalions, each with:
           Battalion Headquarters
                Signals Section
                Calibration Section
           2 Batteries (4 76.2mm guns)
           1 Battery (4 122mm guns)
           1 Anti-tank Rifle Section (4 AT rifles)
           1 Horse Drawn Munitions Column
     1 Artillery Battalion, with:
           Battalion Headquarters
                Signals Section
                Calibration Section
           1 Battery (4 76.2mm guns)
           1 Battery (4 122mm guns)
           1 Anti-tank Rifle Section (4 AT rifles)
           1 Horse Drawn Munitions Column
1 Gas Defense Company (40 men)
Signals Company: (140 men)
Pioneer Battalion: (150 men)
           2 Pioneer Companies
1 Reconnaissance Company: (70 men)
1 Veterinary Platoon (11 men)
1 Medical Battalion: (90 men)
           1 Ambulance
           1 Field Hospital
           1 Medical Company
1 Field Bakery: (50 men)
1 Transportation Company (80 men)
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Equipment

247 LMGs, 83 SHGs, 1900 machine pistols, 132 AT rifles, 58 82mm mortars, 18 120mm mortars, 12 76.2mm infantry guns, 20 76.2mm field guns, 12 122mm howitzers, 42 45mm AT guns.

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