

**Organization of Russian Armored Corps, Brigades,
Regiments, Break Through Regiments
and independent Battalions,
Summer 1944**

Armored Corps:

Corps Headquarters

Armored Command Company (3 T-34/85 Tanks)
1 (mot) Staff Company
(130 officers & men, 82 rifles, 72 SMGs, 4 LMGs, 10 trucks)

3 Armored Brigades:

(3,918 officers & men, 2,076 rifles, 900 SMGs, 75 LMGs, 12 HMGs, 27 12.7mm AA HMGs, 71 14.5mm AT rifles, 18 82mm mortars, 12 45mm or 57mm AT guns, 12 76.2mm guns, 195 T-34/85s, 9 armored cars, 33 tractors, 345 trucks, 90 self propelled vehicles, 36 motorcycles, 27 kitchens, & 279 radios)

1 (mot) Infantry Brigade: (3,238 officers & men, 1,707 rifles, 955 SMGs, 165 LMGs, 34 HMGs, 9 12.7mm AA HMGs, 81 14.5mm AT rifles, 30 82mm mortars, 6-120mm mortars, 12 45mm or 57mm AT guns, 12 76.2mm guns, 7 armored cars, 10 armored personnel carriers, 299 trucks, 17 kitchens, 44 radios)

Brigade Headquarters: (154 men)

1 (mot) Headquarters Staff (2 LMGs)
1 (mot) Headquarters Company, with:
1 Signals Platoon
1 Gas Defense Platoon (? anti-tank rifles)
1 Administrative Platoon

4 (mot) Infantry Battalions, each with (662 men)

3 (mot) Rifle Companies (2 HMGs & 12 LMGs ea)
1 Machinegun Company (9 HMGs)
1 Anti-Tank Company (18 Anti-tank rifles)
1 Mortar Company (6 82mm mortars)
1 (mot) Machine Pistol Platoon
1 (mot) Anti-tank Platoon (4 45mm AT guns)
1 (mot) Administration Platoon

1 Artillery Battalion: (214 men)

1 (mot) Signals Platoon
3 (mot) Batteries (4 76.2mm field guns ea)

1 Mortar Battalion: (198 men)

1 (mot) Staff Platoon
3 (mot) Mortar Batteries (4-120mm mortars ea)

1 (mot) Anti-Tank Rifle Company 69 men)

(27 anti-tank rifles)

1 (mot) Machine Pistol Company: 94 men)

1 Reconnaissance Company: (141 men)

1 Armored Car Platoon (7 armored cars)
1 Reconnaissance Platoon (10 half tracks)
2 (mot) Reconnaissance Platoons

1 (mot) Anti-aircraft Machinegun Company: (48 men)

(9 12.7mm HMGs)

1 (mot) Pioneer Company: (121 men)

1 (mot) Maintenance Battalion: (72 men)

- 1 (mot) Transportation Company: (109 men)
- 1 (mot) Medical Platoon: (32 men)
- 1 Self Propelled 152mm Artillery Regiment: (476 officers & men, 162 rifles, 270 SMGs, 11 LMGs, 18 14.5mm AT rifles, 20 SU-152s, 1 T-34/85, 1 armored car, 47 trucks, 2 self propelled vehicles, 7 motorcycles, 2 kitchens, 31 radios)
- Regimental Headquarters:
 - 10 Armored Platoons, each with:
 - 2 152mm Assault Guns
- 1 Self Propelled 85mm Artillery Regiment: (440 officers & men, 150 rifles, 240 SMGs, 11 LMGs, 18 14.5mm AT rifles, 20 SU85s, 1 T-34/85, 1 armored car, 2 tractors, 42 trucks, 2 self propelled vehicles, 7 motorcycles, 2 kitchens & 27 radios)
- Regimental Headquarters:
 - 4 Armored Platoons, each with:
 - 4 85mm Assault Guns
- 1 (mot) Tank Destroyer Artillery Regiment (546 officers & men, 450 rifles, 50 SMGs, 12 LMGs, 24 76.2mm AT guns, 24 trailers, 84 trucks, 17 self-propelled vehicles, 8 kitchens, 28 radios)
 - 6 (mot) Batteries (4-76.2mm AT guns ea)
- 1 (mot) Flak Regiment: (397 officers & men, 295 rifles, 102 SMGs, 16 12.7mm AA HMGs, 16 37mm AA guns, 56 trucks, 2 kitchens, & 8 radios)
 - 4 (mot) Batteries (4-37mm AA guns ea)
 - 1 (mot) Flak Platoon (16-12.7mm HMGs)
- 1 (mot) Guard Mortar Regiment (489 officers & m3n, 395 rifles, 37 SMGs, 18 LMGs, 36 120mm mortars, 72 trucks, 9 self propelled vehicles, 5 kitchens, 16 radios)
- Rocket Battalion: (213 officers & men, 190 rifles, 23 SMGs, 3 12.7mm AA HMGs, 8 132mm rocket launchers, 4 tractors, 9 trucks, 1 kitchen, 4 radios)
- 1 (mot) Tank Destroyer Battalion: (233 men, 172 rifles, 43 SMGs, 6 LMGs, 18 14.5mm AT rifles, 12 45mm or 57mm AT guns, 39 trucks, 2 kitchens, 11 radios)
 - 4 (mot) Batteries (3 AT guns ea)
- 1 Reconnaissance Battalion (220 officers & m3n, 139 rifles, 92 SMGs, 24 LMGs, 10 45mm or 57mm AT guns, 13 armored cars, 33 armored personnel carriers, 19 trucks, 17 motorcycles, 2 kitchens, 6 radios)
- 1 Motorcycle Battalion
 - (288 men, 139 rifles, 92 SMGs, 56 LMGs, 4 82mm mortars, 10 flamethrowers, 12 trucks, 43 motorcycles, 2 kitchens, 6 radios)
- 1 (mot) Signals Battalion
 - (250 officers & men, 200 rifles, 50 SMGs, 40 trucks, 1 self propelled vehicle, 1 kitchen, 10 radios)
- 1 (mot) Pioneer Battalion (290 officers & men, 225 rifles, 50 SMGs, 24 LMGs, 25 trucks & 1 kitchen)
- Corps Service Troops: (836 officers & men, 798 rifles
 - 31 SMGs, 9 LMGs, 270 trucks, 241 self propelled vehicles, 5 kitchens & 2 bakeries)
 - 1 (mot) Maintenance Battalion
 - 1 (mot) Medical Battalion
 - 1 (mot) Field Bakery
 - 1 (mot) Transportation Company

- 1 (mot) Fuel Column
- 1 (mot) Gas Defense Company

Independent Armored Brigade

Brigade Headquarters

- HQ (22 officers & men, 8 rifles, 2 T-34/85 tanks, 2 radios, 1 Truck & 3 motorcycles)
- HQ Company
 - 1 Reconnaissance Platoon (43 officers & men, 19 rifles, 21 SMGs, 3 LMGs, 3 Armored Cars, 3 radios, 3 trucks & 3 motorcycles)
 - 1 (mot) Engineer Platoon (35 officers & men, 24 rifles, 6 SMGs, 3 LMGs, 3 trucks)
 - 1 (mot) Chemical Warfare Platoon (25 officers & men, 3 LMGs, 1 Truck, 3 motorcycles)
 - 1 (mot) HQ Platoon (12 officers & men, 5 rifles, 6 SMGs, 1 LMG, 3 motorcycles)
 - 1 (mot) Supply Section (12 officers & men, 12 rifles, 1 truck, 1 kitchen)
 - 1 (mot) Signals Platoon (30 officers & men, 15 rifles, 5 SMGs, 5 radios, 2 trucks)
- 3 Armored Battalions (total - 441 officers & men, 130 rifles, 90 SMGs, 63 T-34/85 tanks, 72 radios, 6 tractors, 14 trucks, 18 self propelled vehicles & 3 kitchens)
- 1 Motorized Machine Pistol Battalion: (403 officers & men, 228 rifles, 138 SMGs, 18 LMGs, 4 HMGs, 6 14.5mm AT rifles, 6 82mm mortars, 4 45mm AT guns, 7 radios, 30 trucks, & 3 kitchens)
- 1 Anti-Tank Rifle Company: (44 officers & men 21 rifles, 10 SMGs, 18 14.5mm AT rifles, 1 radios, 2 trucks)
- 1 Anti-Tank Battery: (52 officers & men, 42 rifles, 10 SMGs, 4 75.2mm AT guns, 1 radios, 4 trucks, 1 kitchen)
- 1 Flak Machine Gun Company: (48 officers & men, 37 rifles, 1 SMG, 9 12.7mm HMGs, 1 radio, 9 trucks)
- Ordnance & Maintenance Company: (125 officers & men, 115 rifles, 10 SMGs, 1 radio, 5 tractors, 42 trucks, 12 self propelled vehicles, & 1 kitchen)
- Medical Platoon: (14 officers & men, 14 rifles, 2 trucks)

Motorized Rifle Brigade

- Brigade HQ (69 officers & men, 69 rifles, 7 trucks)
- Headquarters Company:
 - Signal Platoon: (30 officers & men, 30 rifles, 3 trucks, & 5 radios)
 - Chemical Warfare Platoon: (11 officers & men, 11 rifles, 1 truck)
 - HQ Platoon: (25 officers & men, 16 rifles, 7 SMGs, 2 LMGs, 2 trucks)
 - Service Platoon: (7 officers & men, 7 rifles, 1 truck, 1 kitchen)
- 3 Motorized Rifle Battalions: (1,986 officers & men, 807 rifles, 723 SMGs, 135 LMGs, 27 HMGs, 54 14.5mm AT rifles, 8 82mm mortars, 12 45mm AT guns, 129 trucks, 9 kitchens, & 21 radios)

Mortar Battalion: (199 officers & men, 165 rifles, 9 SMGs, 12 82mm mortars, 6 120mm mortars, 22 trucks, 1 kitchen & 5 radios)
Artillery Battalion: (224 officers & men, 134 rifles, 63 SMGs, 12 LMGs, 12 76.2mm guns, 27 trucks, 3 kitchens, & 6 radios)
Anti-tank Rifle Company: (60 officers & men, 27 rifles, 6 SMGs, 27 14.5mm AT rifles, 3 trucks, 1 radio)
SMG Company: 94 officers & men, 1 rifle, 93 SMGs, 5 trucks & 1 radio)
Reconnaissance Company: (144 officers & men, 74 rifles, 48 SMGs, 10 LMGs, 8 HMGs, 7 armored vehicles, 10 armored personnel carriers, 4 trucks, 4 radios)
Ordnance & Maintenance Company: (72 officers & men, 72 rifles, 6 trucks)
Engineer Mine Company: (121 officers & men, 109 rifles, 6 SMGs, 6 LMGs, 9 trucks, 1 kitchen)
Transportation Company: (109 officers & men, 109 rifles, 66 trucks, 1 kitchen)
Medical Company: (39 officers & men, 39 rifles, 5 trucks, & 1 kitchen)
Anti-Aircraft Machine Gun Company: (48 officers & men, 37 rifles, 9 12.7mm AA MGs, 9 trucks, 1 radio)

Self Propelled Artillery Regiment:

Headquarters: (20 officers & men, 13 rifles, 7 SMGs, 1 T-34/85 tank, 5 trucks, 2 radios)
Reconnaissance Platoon: (30 officers & men, 11 rifles, 16 SMGs, 2 LMGs, 1 armored car, 2 trucks)
Signal Platoon: (15 officers & men, 10 rifles, 5 LMGs, 2 trucks)
Engineer Platoon: (20 officers & men, 15 rifles, 5 SMGs, 2 trucks)
4 Self Propelled Batteries: (140 officers & men, 120 SMGs, 20 SU-85 (85mm SP guns), 2 trucks)
Anti-tank Rifle Company: (61 officers & men, 36 rifles, 7 SMGs, 18 14.5mm AT rifles, 2 trucks)
SMG Company: (79 officers & men, 70 SMGs, 9 LMGs, 1 truck, 1 motorcycle)
Ordnance & Maintenance Company: (30 officers & men, 20 rifles, 10 SMGs, 2 tractors, 2 trucks, 1 motorcycle, 2 self propelled vehicles)
Ammunition Platoon: (18 officers & men, 18 rifles, 16 trucks)
Fuel Platoon: (10 officers & men, 10 rifles, 7 trucks)
Supply Section: (10 officers & men, 10 rifles, 2 trucks & 2 kitchens)
Medical Platoon: (7 officers & men, 7 rifles, 1 truck)

Heavy Self Propelled Regiment

Headquarters: (20 officers & men, 13 rifles, 7 SMGs, 1 T-34/85 tank, 5 trucks & 2 radios)
HQ Battery:
Reconnaissance Platoon: (34 officers & men, 11 rifles, 16 SMGs, 2 LMGs, 1 BA-64 armored car, 2 trucks)

Signal Platoon: (15 officers & men, 10 rifles, 5 SMGs,
2 trucks)
Engineer Platoon: (20 officers & men, 15 rifles, 5 SMGs,
2 trucks)
4 Self Propelled Batteries: (160 officers & men, 140 SMGs,
20 SU-100 or SU-152 self propelled guns, 5 motorcycles,
29 radios)
SMG Company: (79 officers & men, 79 SMGs, 9 LMGs, 1 truck,
1 motorcycle)
Anti-Tank Rifle Company: (61 officers & men, , 36 rifles, 8 SMGs,
18 14.5mm anti-tank rifles, 2 trucks)
Maintenance & Ordnance Platoon: (30 officers & men, 20 rifles,
10 SMGs, 2 tractors, 2 trucks, 1 motorcycle, 1 self
propelled vehicle)
Ammunition Platoon: (30 officers & men, 30 rifles, 21 trucks)
Fuel Platoon: (10 officers & men, 10 rifles, 7 trucks)
Supply Platoon: (10 officers & men, 10 rifles, 2 trucks & 2
kitchens)
Medical Platoon: (7 officers & men, 7 rifles & 1 truck)

Tank Destroyer Artillery Regiment (Towed)

HQ and Operations Staff: (10 officers, 2 men, 12 rifles,
2 trucks)
Political Staff: (3 officers, 3 rifles)
Supply Staff: (7 officers, 8 men, 15 rifles, 2 trucks)
HQ Battery:
HQ Platoon: (1 officer, 7 men, 4 rifles, 4 SMGs, 1 truck)
Reconnaissance Platoon: (1 officer, 16 men, 12 rifles,
5 SMGs, 2 trucks)
Signal Platoon: (1 officer, 20 men, 16 rifles, 5 SMGs,
5 trucks & 10 radios)
Supply Section: (7 men, 7 rifles, 1 truck, 1 kitchen)
6-76.2mm Gun Batteries: (36 officers, 348 men, 312 rifles,
36 SMGs, 12 LMGs, 24 76.2mm guns, 24 trucks, 48 trucks,
6 kitchens, 18 radios)
Medical Platoon: (3 officers, 8 men, 11 rifles, 1 truck &
1 self propelled vehicle)
Ordnance Work Shop: (3 officers, 9 men, 12 rifles, 1 truck
& 1 self propelled vehicle)
Quartermaster Work Shop: (7 men, 7 rifles, 1 truck)
Transportation Platoon: (2 officers, 44 men, 46 rifles, 20
trucks, 14 self propelled vehicles)
Supply Section: (3 men, 3 rifles, 1 truck, 1 kitchen)

Reconnaissance Battalion

Headquarters: (8 officers & men, , 5 rifles, 3 SMGs, 2 trucks)
HQ Company:
Signal Platoon: (20 officers & men, 10 rifles, 5 SMGs,
2 trucks, 2 motorcycles, 3 radios)
Engineer Squad: (16 officers & men, 15 rifles, 5 SMGs,
2 trucks)
Chemical Warfare Squad: (7 officers & men, 8 rifles, 2
SMGs, 1 truck)

Supply Section: (7 officers & men, 7 rifles, 1 truck,
1 kitchen)
HQ Platoon: (12 officers & men, 6 rifles, 6 SMGs, 1 LMG,
3 BA-64 armored cars)
2 Reconnaissance Companies: (150 officers & men, 83 rifles,
51 SMGs, 23 LMGs, 10 BA-10 armored cars, 9 trucks,
15 motorcycles, 1 kitchen, 3 radios)
Supply Section: (5 officers & men, 5 rifles, 2 trucks)

Motorcycle Battalion

HQ & Signals: (8 officers & men, 5 rifles, 3 SMGs, 1 truck,
1 motorcycle, 2 radios)
Engineer Squad: (7 officers & men, 5 rifles, 2 SMGs)
Service & Transportation Squad: (8 officers & men, 8 rifles,
1 truck, 2 kitchens)
2 Motorcycle Companies: (146 officers & men, 48 rifles, 54 SMGs,
48 LMGs, 42 motorcycles, 2 radios)
Motorized Company: (61 officers & men, 36 rifles, 16 SMGs,
8 LMGs, 4 trucks, 1 radio)
Flame Thrower Platoon: (22 officers & men, 10 rifles, 2 SMGs, 10
flame throwers, 2 trucks)
Mortar Platoon: (36 officers & men, 27 rifles, 5 SMGs, 4 82mm
mortars, 4 trucks, 1 radio)

Armored Regiment

Regimental Headquarters
1 Tank
1 Staff Company (90 men)
1 Signals Platoon
1 Pioneer Platoon
1 Command Platoon
1 Signals Platoon
1 Armored Battalion: (176 men)
4 Companies (10 tanks ea)
1 (mot) Machine Pistol Company (100 men)
1 (mot) Anti-Tank Platoon (25 men)
1 (mot) Administrative Platoon (20 men)
1 (mot) Medical Platoon (7 men)
Armored Regiment Total Equipment
41 Tanks
3 Reconnaissance Vehicles
550 men

Independent Armored Regiment (March 1944)

1 Regimental Staff (40 men, 1 radio tank)
1 (mot) Staff Company (80 men)
1 (mot) Signals Platoon
1 Armored Battalion (about 200 men)
4 Armored companies (10 tanks each)
1 (mot) Submachine Gun Company
1 (mot) Pioneer Gun Company
1 (mot) Maintenance/Supply Company

Independent Armored Battalion

Battalion Headquarters

3 Armored Companies (10 tanks ea)

1 (mot) Pioneer Platoon

1 (mot) Gas Defense Platoon

1 (mot) Medical Platoon

Independent Armored Brigade Total Equipment

31 Tanks, 1 Halftrack, 25 trucks, 4 prime movers, & 3
motorcycles

Guard Armored Breakthrough Regiment (400 men) (March 1944)

Regimental Headquarters:

1 Armored Section (2 KV tanks)

1 Reconnaissance Section (2 Armored Cars)

1 Staff Company:

Armored Battalion: (110 men)

4 Companies, each with 6 KV Tanks

1 (mot) Machine Pistol Platoon

1 Technical Administration Platoon

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