

## Red Army Motorised Rifle Battalion

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Composed of;

<b>Battalion Headquarters</b>	<b>15 Officers, 4 men</b>
Communication Platoon	(20 men)
<b>Submachine Gun Platoon</b>	<b>(1 Officer, 29 men)</b>
<b>Three Rifle Companies, each</b>	<b>7 Officers, 117 men</b>
Company Headquarters	(3 Officers, 8 men)
Machine Gun Platoon	(1 Officer, 10 men) - (two heavy machine guns)
Three Rifle Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 33 men)
<b>Machine Gun Company</b>	<b>6 Officers, 52 men</b>
Company Headquarters	(3 Officers, 1 man)
Three Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 17 men) - (three heavy machine guns)
<b>Anti-tank Rifle Company</b>	<b>5 Officers, 43 men</b>
Company Headquarters	(3 Officers, 1 man)
Two Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 21 men) - (nine anti-tank rifles)
<b>Anti-tank Battery</b>	<b>5 Officers, 28 men</b>
Battery Headquarters	(3 Officers)
Two Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 14 men) - (two 45-mm guns)
<b>Mortar Battery</b>	<b>4 Officers, 39 men</b>
Battery Headquarters	(2 Officers, 5 men)
Two Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 17 men) - (three 82-mm mortars)
<b>Service Company</b>	<b>7 Officers, 71 men</b>
<b>Medical Detachment</b>	<b>2 Officers, 4 men</b>
<b>Total strength</b>	<b>707 all ranks</b> (66 Officers and 641 men)

Total for Officers includes 11 Political Officers and 10 Officers from specialist branches

Summary Table, Red Army Motorised Rifle Battalion, late 1942

Detail	Battalion Headquarters	Communication Platoon	Submachine Gun Platoon	Three Rifle Companies (each)			Total, Rifle Company	Total, Machine Gun Company	Total, Anti-tank Rifle Company	Total, Anti-tank Battery	Total, Mortar Battery	Total, Service Company & Medical	Total, Motorised Rifle Battalion
				Company HQ	Machine Gun Platoon	Three Rifle Platoons (each)							
<b>i). Personnel</b>													
Command ranks	12	0	1	2	1	1	6	5	4	4	3	8	55
Political ranks	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Junior command ranks	3	9	28	4	4	12	44	19	13	8	13	17	242
Other ranks	1	11	1	4	6	21	73	33	30	20	26	58	399
Total, all ranks	19	20	30	11	11	34	124	58	48	33	43	84	707
<b>ii). Transport</b>													
Passenger car	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
1.5-ton trucks	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	5	38	47
2.5-ton trucks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	7	11
Workshop truck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Ambulance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Kitchen trailers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Motorcycle & sidecar	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>iii). Weapons</b>													
Pistols	15	0	0	3	1	0	4	6	5	5	4	8	55
Rifles	1	20	0	4	8	24	84	43	25	24	33	52	450
Sniper rifles	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	12
Submachine guns	0	0	30	0	0	5	15	0	0	0	0	5	80
Light machine guns	0	0	0	0	0	4	12	0	0	0	0	0	36
Heavy machine guns	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	9	0	0	0	0	15
82-mm mortars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Anti-tank rifles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	18
45-mm guns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4

## Notes

1. The figures for the Machine Gun Company are extrapolated.
2. The figures for the Anti-tank Rifle Company are extrapolated, based on known changes.

**Battalion Headquarters (7 Officers, 3 Political Officers, 5 Service Officers and 4 men)**

<b>Detail</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Weapon/Vehicle/Other</b>	<b>No.</b>
<b><i>Command</i></b>				
Battalion commander	Major	1	Pistol	1
Military commissioner	Battalion commissioner	1	Pistol	1
Deputy Battalion commander	Captain	1	Pistol	1
Assistant Battalion commander (for Technical Duties)	Military Technician (3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade)	1	Pistol	1
Assistant Battalion commander (for Administrative Duties)	Quartermaster (3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade)	1	Pistol	1
<b><i>Staff</i></b>				
Senior Adjutant	Captain	1	Pistol	1
Adjutant	Senior Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Communication Chief ( <i>commands Communication Platoon</i> )	Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Chief of Chemical Services	Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Chief of Engineering Services	Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Senior Clerk	Administrative Sergeant	1		
Motorcyclist	Private	1	Carbine Motorcycle and sidecar	1 1
<b><i>Party Political Apparatus</i></b>				
Secretary of the Party	<i>By special provision</i>	1	Pistol	1
Secretary Komsomol	<i>By special provision</i>	1	Pistol	1
<b><i>Technical Duties</i></b>				
Head of Ammunition	Military Technician (Grade 2)	1	Pistol	1
Senior Clerk	Administrative Sergeant	1		
<b><i>Administration and Supply</i></b>				
Assistant Head of Supply	Technician Quartermaster (Grade 1)	1	Pistol	1
Head of Finances	Technician Quartermaster (Grade 1)	1	Pistol	1
Senior Clerk	Administrative Sergeant	1		
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>19</b>		

**Communication Platoon (20 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Radio Squad</b>				
Squad commander	Senior Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Senior radio operator	Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Radio operator	Junior Sergeant	5	Carbine	5
Driver	Private	1	Carbine	1
			1.5-ton truck	1
<b>Two Telephone Squads, each</b>				
Squad commander	Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Senior telephonist	Lance-corporal	1	Carbine	1
Telephonist	Private	4	Carbine	4
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>20</b>		

**Submachine Gun Platoon (1 Officer, 29 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Headquarters</b>				
Platoon commander	Lieutenant	1	Submachine gun	1
Assistant Platoon commander	<i>Starshina</i>	1	Submachine gun	1
Messenger	Private	1	Submachine gun	1
<b>Three Squads, each</b>				
Squad commander	Senior Sergeant	1	Submachine gun	1
Deputy Squad commander	Sergeant	1	Submachine gun	1
Submachine gunner	Junior Sergeant	7	Submachine gun	7
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>30</b>		

**Medical Detachment (2 Officers, 4 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Battalion Doctor	Medical officer, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	1	Pistol	1
Medic	Medical Assistant	1		
Sanitary instructor	Senior Sergeant (Medical)	1		
Medical orderly	Private	2		
Driver	Private	1	Carbine	1
			Ambulance	1
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>6</b>		

**Three Rifle Companies (7 Officers, 117 men), each**

**Company Headquarters (2 Officers, 1 Political Officer, 8 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Company commander	Senior Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Political leader	Political instructor	1	Pistol	1
Deputy Company commander	Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
<i>Starshina</i>	<i>Starshina</i>	1	Rifle*	1
Company clerk	Administrative Sergeant	1		
Observer (sniper)	Private	1	Rifle	1
Messenger	Private	1	Rifle	1
Sanitary instructor	Senior Sergeant	1		
Medical orderly	Private	2	Carbine	2
Armourer	Technical Sergeant	1		
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>11</b>	*authorised an SVT-40 rifle	

**Machine Gun Platoon (1 Officer, 10 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Headquarters</b>				
Platoon commander	Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
<b>Two Squads, each</b>				
Squad commander	Sergeant	1	Rifle	1
Deputy commander – Gunner	Junior Sergeant	1	Heavy machine gun	1
Machine gunner	Private	3	Rifle	3
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>11</b>		

**Three Rifle Platoons, each (1 Officer, 33 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Headquarters</b>				
Platoon commander	Lieutenant	1	Submachine gun	1
Observer (sniper)	Private	1	Rifle	1
<b>Four Squads, each</b>				
Squad commander	Sergeant	1	Rifle*	1
Deputy Squad commander	Junior Sergeant	1	Rifle*	1
Machine gunner (No.1)	Junior Sergeant	1	Light machine gun	1
Machine gunner	Private	1	Rifle*	1
Rifleman	Private	3	Rifle*	3
Rifleman	Private	1	Submachine gun	1
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>34</b>	*authorised an SVT-40 rifle	

### Machine Gun Company (6 Officers, 52 men)

#### Company Headquarters (2 Officers, 1 Political Officer, 1 man)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Company commander	Captain	1	Pistol	1
Political leader	Political instructor	1	Pistol	1
Deputy Company commander	Senior Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
<i>Starshina</i>	<i>Starshina</i>	1	Carbine	1
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>4</b>		

#### Three Machine Gun Platoons, each (1 Officer, 17 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Headquarters</b>				
Platoon commander	Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Machine gunner	Private	1	Rifle	1
Driver	Private	1	Carbine	1
			1.5-ton truck ( weapons & ammunition)	1
<b>Three Squads, each</b>				
Squad commander	Sergeant	1	Rifle	1
Deputy commander – Gunner	Junior Sergeant	1	Heavy machine gun	1
Machine gunner	Private	3	Rifle	3
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>18</b>		

### Anti-tank Rifle Company (5 Officers, 43 men)

#### Company Headquarters (2 Officers, 1 Political Officer, 1 man)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Company commander	Senior Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Political leader	Political instructor	1	Pistol	1
Deputy Company commander	Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
<i>Starshina</i>	<i>Starshina</i>	1	Carbine	1
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>4</b>		

**Two Anti-tank Rifle Platoons, each (1 Officer, 21 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Headquarters</b>				
Platoon commander	Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
<b>Three Squads, each</b>				
Squad commander	Sergeant	1	Rifle	1
Deputy commander – Gunner	Junior Sergeant	1	Anti-tank rifle	1
Number	Private	1	Rifle	1
Gunner	Lance-corporal	2	Anti-tank rifle	2
Number	Private	2	Rifle	2
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>22</b>		

**Anti-tank Battery (5 Officers, 28 men)****Battery Headquarters (2 Officers, 1 Political Officer)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Battery commander	Senior Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Military Commissioner	Political instructor	1	Pistol	1
Deputy Battery commander	Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>3</b>		

**Two Gun Platoons, each (1 Officer, 14 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Headquarters</b>				
Platoon commander	Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
<b>Two Squads, each</b>				
Gun commander	Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Deputy commander – Gunner	Junior Sergeant	1		
Gun number	Private	4	Carbine	4
Driver	Private	1	Carbine	1
			45-mm gun	1
			2.5-ton truck	1
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>15</b>		

**Mortar Battery (4 Officers, 39 men)****Battery Headquarters (1 Officer, 1 Political Officer, 5 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Battery commander	Senior Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Military Commissioner	Political instructor	1	Pistol	1
<i>Starshina</i>	<i>Starshina</i>	1	Carbine	1
Scout	Private	1	Carbine	1
Telephonist	Private	2	Carbine	2
Driver	Private	1	Carbine	1
			1.5-ton truck	1
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>7</b>		

**Two Mortar Platoons, each (1 Officer, 17 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b><i>Headquarters</i></b>				
Platoon commander	Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Driver	Private	2	Carbine	2
			1.5-ton truck	2
			<i>(crews, weapons, ammunition)</i>	
<b><i>Three Squads, each</i></b>				
Squad commander	Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Deputy commander – Gunner	Junior Sergeant	1	82-mm mortar	1
Mortar number	Private	3	Carbine	3
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>18</b>		



**Service Company (7 Officers, 71 men)**

**Company Headquarters (2 Officers, 1 Political Officer, 1 man)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Company commander	Senior Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Political leader	Political instructor	1	Pistol	1
Deputy Company commander	Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
<i>Starshina</i>	<i>Starshina</i>	1	Carbine	1
	<b>Total, all ranks</b>	<b>4</b>		

**Motor Transport Platoon (1 Officer, 44 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Headquarters</b>				
Platoon commander	Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
<b>Four Squads (in total)</b>				
Squad commander	Sergeant	4	Submachine gun	4
Driver	Private	1	Carbine	1
			Motor car	1
Driver	Private	31	Carbine	31
			1.5-ton truck	31
			<i>(for unit personnel)</i>	
<b>One Squad</b>				
Squad commander	Sergeant	1	Submachine gun	1
Deputy storeman (POL supplies)	Private	1		
Driver	Private	6	Carbine	6
			1.5-ton truck	2
			<i>(equipment)</i>	
			2.5-ton truck	4
			<i>(2 each for ammunition &amp; fuel)</i>	
	<b>Total, all ranks</b>	<b>45</b>		

**Repair Platoon (2 Officers, 11 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Headquarters</b>				
Platoon commander	Military Technician (2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade)	1	Pistol	1
<b>Machine Repair Squad</b>				
Foreman	Senior Sergeant <i>(Technical Service)</i>	1	Carbine	1
Electrician	Sergeant <i>(Technical Service)</i>	1		
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Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Mechanic (fitter)	Private	2		
Driver-mechanic	Lance-corporal	1	Mobile workshop Type "A"	1
Driver	Private	1	1.5-ton truck ( <i>spare parts</i> )	1
			Carbines*	2
<b>Weapon Repair Squad</b>				
Artillery Technician	Military Technician (2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade)	1	Pistol	1
Master Artillery Technician	Senior Sergeant ( <i>Technical Service</i> )	1		
Master Armourer (machine gun)	Sergeant ( <i>Technical Service</i> )	1		
Master Chemist	Sergeant ( <i>Technical Service</i> )	1		
Radio Master	Sergeant ( <i>Technical Service</i> )	1		
Driver	Private	1	1.5-ton truck ( <i>equipment and personnel</i> )	1
			Carbines*	2
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>13</b>	*holders not specified	

#### Administrative Platoon (1 Officer, 15 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Headquarters</b>				
Platoon commander	Military Technician (2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade)	1	Pistol	1
Chief storeman	Sergeant ( <i>Administrative Service</i> )	1		
Senior cook	Sergeant ( <i>Administrative Service</i> )	3		
Cook	Private	3		
Shoemaker	Private	2		
Driver	Private	3	2.5-ton truck ( <i>kitchen</i> )	3
			Kitchen trailer	3
Driver	Private	3	1.5-ton truck ( <i>2 for rations, 1 for personnel</i> )	3
			Carbines*	7
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>16</b>	*holders not specified	