

Red Army Motor Rifle-Machine Gun Battalion

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Composed of;

Battalion Headquarters	11 Officers, 7 men
Two Rifle Companies, each	7 Officers, 105 men
Company Headquarters	(3 Officers, 5 men)
Machine Gun Platoon	(1 Officer, 10 men) - (two heavy machine guns)
Three Rifle Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 30 men)
Desant Company	(6 Officers, 73 men)
Company Headquarters	(3 Officers, 1 man)
Three SMG Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 24 men)
Mortar Company	4 Officers, 39 men
Company Headquarters	(2 Officers, 5 men)
Two Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 17 men) - (three 82-mm mortars)
Service Platoon	2 Officers, 32 men
Medical Detachment	1 Officer, 4 men
Total strength	403 all ranks (38 Officers and 365 men)

Total for Officers includes 7 Political Officers and 7 Officers from specialist branches

Comment - details are taken from a handwritten version of the *Shtat* table, which is difficult to read.

Summary Table, Red Army Motor Rifle-MG Battalion, July 1942

Detail	Battalion Headquarters	Two Rifle Companies (each)			Total, Rifle Company	Desant Company		Total, Desant Company	Total, Mortar Company	Total, Service Platoon & Medical	Total, Motor Rifle-MG Battalion
		Company HQ	Machine Gun Platoon	Three Rifle Platoons (each)		Company HQ	Three SMG Platoons (each)				
i). Personnel											
Command ranks	8	2	1	1	6	2	1	5	3	3	31
Political ranks	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	7
Junior command ranks	6	2	4	8	30	1	24	73	7	10	156
Other ranks	1	3	6	22	75	0	0	0	32	26	209
Total, all ranks	18	8	11	31	112	4	25	79	43	39	403
ii). Transport											
Passenger car	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
1.5-ton trucks	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	16	22
2.5-ton trucks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Workshop truck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Ambulance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Kitchen trailers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Motorcycle & sidecar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
iii). Weapons											
Pistols	10	3	1	0	4	4	0	4	4	3	29
Rifles	6	4	8	20	72	0	0	0	33	20	203
Submachine guns	0	0	0	7	21	0	25	75	0	0	117
Light machine guns	0	0	0	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	18
Heavy machine guns	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
82-mm mortars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Anti-tank rifles	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	6

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

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Command				
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)	Engineer-Captain	1	Pistol	1
Assistant Battalion commander (for Administrative Duties)	Captain (Quartermaster Service)	1	Pistol	1
Senior Adjutant	Captain	1	Pistol	1
Chief of Chemical Services	Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Head of Ammunition	Senior Technical Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Head of Finances	Lieutenant (Quartermaster Service)	1	Carbine	1
Senior Clerk	Administrative Sergeant	1		
Party Political Apparatus				
Secretary of the Party	<i>By special provision</i>	1	Pistol	1
Secretary Komsomol	<i>By special provision</i>	1	Pistol	1
Headquarters Squad				
Squad commander (Chief radio operator, RB set)	Senior Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Senior radio operator	Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Radio operator	Junior Sergeant	3	Carbine	3
Driver	Private	1	1.5-ton truck	1
Total, all ranks		18		

Medical Detachment (1 Service Officer, 4 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Battalion Doctor	Medical officer, 3 rd Grade	1	Pistol	1
Sanitary instructor	Senior Sergeant (Medical)	1		
Medical orderly	Private	2		
Driver	Private	1	Carbine	1
			Ambulance	1
Total, all ranks		5		

Two Rifle Companies (7 Officers, 105 men), each

Company Headquarters (2 Officers, 1 Political Officer, 5 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	Carbine	1
Messenger	Private	1	Rifle	1
Sanitary instructor	Senior Sergeant	1		
Medical orderly	Private	2	Carbine	2
Total, all ranks		8		

Machine Gun Platoon (1 Officer, 10 men)

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

Three Rifle Platoons, each (1 Officer, 30 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	Lieutenant	1	Submachine gun	1
Anti-tank Rifle Squad				
Squad commander	Sergeant	1	Rifle	1
Deputy commander - Gunner	Junior Sergeant	1	Anti-tank rifle	1
Number	Private	1	Rifle	1
Three Squads, each				
Squad commander	Sergeant	1	Rifle	1
Deputy commander – Gunner	Junior Sergeant	1	Light machine gun	1
Machine gunner	Private	1	Rifle	1
Rifleman	Private	4	Rifle	4
Rifleman	Private	2	Submachine gun	2
Total, all ranks		31		

Desant Company (6 Officers, 73 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	Pistol	1
Total, all ranks		4		

Three Submachine Gun Platoons, each (1 Officer, 24 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	Lieutenant	1	Submachine gun	1
Three Squads, each				
Squad commander	Sergeant	1	Submachine gun	1
Submachine gunner	Junior Sergeant	7	Submachine gun	7
Total, all ranks		25		

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

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Company 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
Total, all ranks		7		

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

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

Service Platoon (2 Service Officers, 32 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	Senior Technical Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Two Squads (in total)				
Squad commander	Sergeant	2	Carbine	2
Driver	Private	15	Carbine	8
			Motor car	1
			1.5-ton truck	16
			<i>(14 for unit personnel, 1 for ammunition and 1 for fuel and spares)</i>	
Motorcyclist	Private	2	Carbine	2
			Motorcycle and sidecar	2
Repair Squad (machine and weapons)				
Vehicle Technician	Technical Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Foreman	Senior Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Electrician	Sergeant	1		
	<i>(Technical Service)</i>			
Master Armourer (machine gun)	Sergeant	2		
	<i>(Technical Service)</i>			
Driver-mechanic	Lance-corporal	1	Mobile workshop Type "A"	1
			<i>(with toolkit)</i>	
			Carbines*	2
Administrative Squad				
Squad commander	<i>Starshina</i>	1	Carbine	1
Senior cook	Sergeant	2		
	<i>(Administrative Service)</i>			
Cook	Private	2		
Shoemaker	Private	1		
Driver	Private	2	2.5-ton truck <i>(kitchen)</i>	2
			Kitchen trailer	2
			Carbines*	3
Total, all ranks		34	*holders not specified	