

Red Army Motor Rifle-Machine Gun Battalion

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Incorporating amendments to circa June 1943

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Composed of;

Battalion Headquarters	11 Officers, 7 men
Two Rifle Companies, each	5 Officers, 103 men
Company Headquarters	(1 Officer, 5 men)
Anti-tank Rifle Squad	(7 men) (three anti-tank rifles)
Machine Gun Platoon	(1 Officer, 10 men) - (two heavy machine guns)
Three Rifle Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 27 men)
Desant Company	(4 Officers, 73 men)
Company Headquarters	(1 Officer, 1 man)
Three SMG Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 24 men)
Mortar Company	3 Officers, 39 men
Company Headquarters	(1 Officer, 5 men)
Two Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 17 men) - (three 82-mm mortars)
Service Platoon	2 Officers, 31 men
Medical Detachment	1 Officer, 4 men
Total strength	391 all ranks (31 Officers and 360 men)

Total for Officers includes 3 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, amended to June 1943

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	Anti-tank Rifle Squad	Three Rifle Platoons (each)		Company HQ	Three SMG Platoons (each)				
i). Personnel												
Command ranks	8	1	1	0	1	5	1	1	4	3	3	28
Political ranks	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Junior command ranks	6	2	4	2	6	26	1	24	73	7	10	148
Other ranks	1	3	6	5	21	77	0	0	0	32	25	212
Total, all ranks	18	6	11	7	28	108	2	25	77	42	38	391
ii). Transport												
Passenger car	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
1.5-ton trucks	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	16	22
2.5-ton trucks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Workshop truck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Ambulance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Kitchen trailers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Motorcycle & sidecar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
iii). Weapons												
Pistols	10	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	2	3	3	22
Rifles	6	4	8	4	18	70	0	0	0	33	19	198
Submachine guns	0	0	0	0	7	21	0	25	75	0	0	117
Light machine guns	0	0	0	0	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	18
Heavy machine guns	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
82-mm mortars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Anti-tank rifles	0	0	0	3	0	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 (5 Officers, 103 men), each

Company Headquarters (1 Officer, 5 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Company commander	Senior 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		6		

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		

Anti-tank Rifle Squad (7 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
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
Gunner	Lance-corporal	2	Anti-tank rifle	2
Number	Private	2	Rifle	2
Total, all ranks		7		

Three Rifle Platoons, each (1 Officer, 27 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	Lieutenant	1	Submachine gun	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		28		

Desant Company (4 Officers, 73 men)**Company Headquarters (1 Officer, 1 man)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Company commander	Senior Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
<i>Starshina</i>	<i>Starshina</i>	1	Pistol	1
Total, all ranks		2		

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 (3 Officers, 39 men)**Company Headquarters (1 Officer, 5 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Company commander	Senior Lieutenant	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		6		

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	2
<i>(crews, weapons, ammunition)</i>				
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, 31 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	1	Carbine	1
			Motorcycle & sidecar	1
Repair Squad (machine and weapons)				
Vehicle Technician	Technical Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Foreman	Senior Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Electrician	Sergeant <i>(Technical Service)</i>	1		
Master Armourer (machine gun)	Sergeant <i>(Technical Service)</i>	2		
Driver-mechanic	Lance-corporal	1	Mobile workshop Type "A" <i>(with toolkit)</i>	1
			Carbines*	2
Administrative Squad				
Squad commander	<i>Starshina</i>	1	Carbine	1
Senior cook	Sergeant <i>(Administrative Service)</i>	2		
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		33	*holders not specified	