

Red Army Rifle Battalion

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Composed of;

Battalion Headquarters	3 Officers, 2 men
Communication Platoon	(1 Officer, 32 men)
Medical Platoon	(1 Officer, 7 men)
Supply Platoon	(1 Officer, 32 men)
Machine Gun Company	5 Officers, 90 men
Company Headquarters	(2 Officers, 6 men)
Three Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 28 men) - (four heavy machine guns)
Mortar Company	5 Officers, 47 men
Company Headquarters	(2 Officers, 5 men)
Three Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 14 men) - (two 82-mm mortars)
Three Rifle Companies, each	6 Officers, 172 men
Company Headquarters	(2 Officers, 5 men)
Medical Squad	(5 men)
Machine Gun Platoon	(1 Officer, 11 men) - (two heavy machine guns)
One Rifle Platoon	(1 Officer, 51 men) - (one 50-mm mortar)
Two Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 50 men) - (one 50-mm mortar)
45-mm Gun Platoon	(1 Officer, 17 men) - (two 45-mm guns)
Total strength	778 all ranks (35 Officers and 743 men)

Each Company Headquarters includes 1 Political Officer as second-in-command

Summary Table, Red Army Rifle Battalion, April 1941

Detail	Battalion Headquarters	Communication Platoon	Medical Platoon	Supply Platoon	Anti-tank Gun Platoon	Three Rifle Companies (each)			Total, Rifle Company	Machine Gun Company		Total, Machine Gun Company	Mortar Company		Total, Mortar Company	Total, Rifle Battalion
						Company HQ & Medical	Machine Gun Platoon	Three Rifle Platoons (each)		Company HQ	Three Platoons, (each)		Company HQ	Three Platoons, (each)		
i). Personnel																
Command ranks	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	4	1	1	4	30
Political ranks	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	5
Junior command ranks	1	8	1	3	2	3	2	6	23	2	4	14	1	2	7	105
Other ranks	1	24	6	29	15	7	9	44	149	4	24	76	4	12	40	638
Total, all ranks	5	33	8	33	18	12	12	51	178	8	29	95	7	15	52	778
ii). Transport																
Riding horses	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	5
Draught horses	0	3	4	38	0	0	2	0	3	1	4	13	1	2	7	74
Artillery horses	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Carts (one-horse)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	7	14
Wagons (two-horse)	0	0	2	15	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	6	0	0	0	26
Field kitchens	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Bicycles	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
iii). Weapons																
Pistols	2	0	1	1	3	2	5	5	22	2	9	29	2	3	11	113
Rifles	2	32	2	29	15	5	7	35	118	6	20	66	5	11	38	538
Sniper rifles	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Submachine guns	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	27	0	0	0	0	1	3	86
Light machine guns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Heavy machine guns	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	4	12	0	0	0	18
50-mm mortars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
82-mm mortars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	6
45-mm guns	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

Notes

1st Rifle Platoon of each Rifle Company includes one extra man with rifle and one horse and wagon, which are shown in the overall Company figures.

Battalion Headquarters (3 Officers, 2 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Battalion commander	K-IV	1	Pistol	1
			Riding horse	1
Senior adjutant	K-III	1	Pistol	1
			Riding horse	1
Adjutant	K-I	1	Submachine gun	1
Chemical warfare instructor	MK-2	1	Rifle	1
Groom	p-c	1	Rifle	1
			Riding horse	1
Total, all ranks		5		

Communication Platoon (1 Officer, 32 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	K-I	1	Submachine gun	1
			Bicycle	1
Wagon driver	p-H	3	Rifle	3
			Cart	3
			Draught horse	3
Telephone Exchange				
Head of Station	MK-2	1	Rifle	1
Senior telephonist	p-c	1	Rifle	1
Senior telephonist/visual signaller	p-c	3	Rifle	3
Radio Squad				
Section commander	MK-1	1	Carbine	1
Senior radio operator	MK-1	4	Carbine	4
Radio operator	p-c	2	Carbine	2
Two Telephone Squads				
Section commander	MK-1	2	Rifle	2
Senior telephonist/visual signaller	p-c	4	Rifle	4
Telephonist/visual signaller	p-c	11	Rifle	11
Total, all ranks		33		

Medical Platoon (1 Medical Service Officer, 7 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Senior medical assistant	M-II	1	Pistol	1
Sanitary instructor	MM-3	1		
Stretcher-bearer	p-H	4		
Wagon driver	p-H	2	Rifle	2
			Medical wagon	2
			Draught horse	4
Total, all ranks		8		

Supply Platoon (1 Officer, 32 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Platoon commander	K-I	1	Pistol	1
Ammunition				
Section commander	MK-1	1	Rifle	1
Equipment & ammunition handler	p-c	4	Rifle	4
Senior wagon driver	p-H	1	Rifle	1
			Wagon	1
			Draught horse	2
Wagon driver	p-H	7	Rifle	7
			Wagon	7
			Draught horse	14
Administration				
Section commander	MK-1	1	Rifle	1
Senior cook	Ma-2	1		
Cook	p-H	4	Rifle	2
Blacksmith	p-H	2	Rifle	2
Senior wagon driver	p-H	1	Rifle	1
			Wagon	1
			Draught horse	2
Wagon driver	p-H	6	Rifle	6
			Wagon	6
			Draught horse	12
Wagon driver	p-H	4	Rifle	4
			Kitchen	4
			Draught horse	8
Total, all ranks		33		

Three Rifle Companies (6 Officers, 172 men), each

Company Headquarters (1 Officer, 1 Political Officer, 5 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Company commander	K-III	1	Pistol	1
Deputy Company commander for political affairs	N-II	1	Pistol	1
<i>Starshina</i>	MK-3	1	Rifle*	1
Company clerk	Ma-2	1	Rifle	1
Observer/sniper	p-c	2	Rifle	2
Messenger	p-c	1	Rifle*	1
Total, all ranks		7	*authorised an SVT-40 rifle	

Medical Squad (5 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Sanitary instructor	MM-3	1		
Medical orderly	p-H	4	Rifle	2
Total, all ranks		5		

Machine Gun Platoon (1 Officer, 11 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	K-I	1	Pistol	1
Wagon driver	p-H	1	Rifle	1
			Wagon	1
			Draught horse	2
Two Squads, each				
Squad commander	MK-1	1	Rifle	1
Machine gunner	p-c	1	Pistol	1
			Heavy machine gun	1
Machine gunner	p-c	1	Pistol	1
Machine gunner	p-c	2	Rifle	2
Total, all ranks		12		

One Rifle Platoon (1 Officer, 51 men) and;

Two Rifle Platoons, each (1 Officer, 50 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<i>Headquarters</i>				
Platoon commander	K-I	1	Submachine gun	1
Assistant platoon commander	MK-2	1	Rifle*	1
Messenger	p-c	1	Rifle*	1
<i>Mortar Squad</i>				
Squad commander	MK-1	1	Carbine	1
Mortar number	p-c	1	Pistol	1
			50-mm mortar	1
Mortar number	p-c	2	Carbine	2
Wagon driver	p-c	(1)	Rifle	(1)
			Wagon	(1)
			Draught horse	(1)
<i>Four Squads, each</i>				
Squad commander	MK-1	1	Rifle*	1
Machine gunner	p-c	1	Pistol	1
			Light machine gun	1
Machine gunner	p-c	1	Rifle*	1
Rifleman	p-c	6	Rifle*	6
Rifleman	p-c	2	Submachine gun	2
Total, all ranks		...	*authorised an SVT-40 rifle	
1st Platoon		52		
2nd and 3rd Platoons, each		51		

Notes

1. Wagon driver, horse and wagon only present in first Platoon of each Rifle Company.
2. Two of the riflemen in each Rifle Platoon are armed with sniper rifles.

Machine Gun Company (5 Officers, 90 men)

Company Headquarters (1 Officer, 1 Political Officer, 6 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Company commander	K-III	1	Pistol	1
			Riding horse	1
Deputy Company commander for political affairs	N-II	1	Pistol	1
<i>Starshina</i>	MK-3	1	Rifle	1
Company clerk	Ma-2	1	Rifle	1
Scout	p-c	1	Rifle	1
Senior telephonist	p-c	1	Rifle	1
Telephonist	p-c	1	Rifle	1
Telephonist	p-c	1	Rifle	1
			Wagon	1
			Draught horse	1
Total, all ranks		8		

Three Machine Gun Platoons, each (1 Officer, 28 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	K-I	1	Pistol	1
2 Machine gunner/wagon driver*			Wagon	2
			Draught horse	4
Four Squads, each				
Squad commander	MK-1	1	Rifle	1
Gunner	p-c	1	Pistol	1
			Heavy machine gun	1
Machine gunner	p-c	1	Pistol	1
Machine gunner*	p-c	4	Rifle	4
Total, all ranks		29		

*Two men from the total four Machine Gun Squads also act as drivers for the two wagons

Mortar Company (5 Officers, 47 men)

Company Headquarters (1 Officer, 1 Political Officer, 5 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Company commander	K-I	1	Pistol	1
Deputy Company commander for political affairs	N-II	1	Pistol	1
<i>Starshina</i>	MK-3	1	Carbine	1
Senior telephonist	p-c	1	Rifle	1
Telephonist	p-c	2	Rifle	2
Telephonist	p-c	1	Rifle	1
			Wagon	1
			Draught horse	1
Total, all ranks		7		

Three Mortar Platoons, each (1 Officer, 14 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	K-I	1	Pistol	1
First Squad				
Assistant platoon commander*	MK-2	1	Submachine gun	1
Gunner	p-c	1	Pistol	1
			82-mm mortar	1
Mortar number	p-c	4	Carbine	4
Wagon driver	p-c	1	Rifle	1
			Wagon	1
			Draught horse	1
Second Squad				
Squad commander	MK-1	1	Carbine	1
Gunner	p-c	1	Pistol	1
			82-mm mortar	1
Mortar number	p-c	4	Carbine	4
Wagon driver	p-c	1	Rifle	1
			Wagon	1
			Draught horse	1
*also Squad commander	Total, all ranks			15

45-mm Gun Platoon (1 Officer, 17 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<i>Headquarters</i>				
Platoon commander	K-l	1	Pistol	1
			Riding horse	1
Scout	p-c	1	Rifle	1
<i>Two Squads, each</i>				
Gun commander	MK-1	1	Carbine	1
Gunner	p-c	1	Pistol	1
Number	p-c	4	Carbine	4
Driver	p-c	2	Carbine	2
			45-mm gun	1
			Caisson (ammunition)	1
			Artillery horse	4
Total, all ranks		18		