

**Red Army Rifle Battalion**

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Composed of;

<b>Battalion Headquarters</b>	<b>4 Officers</b>
Communication Platoon	(1 Officer, 17 men)
Medical Platoon	(1 Officer, 6 men)
Supply Platoon	(1 Officer, 22 men)
<b>Machine Gun Company</b>	<b>6 Officers, 87 men</b>
Company Headquarters	(3 Officers, 3 men)
Three Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 28 men) - (four heavy machine guns)
<b>Three Rifle Companies, each</b>	<b>6 Officers, 148 men</b>
Company Headquarters	(3 Officers, 5 men)
Medical Squad	(5 men)
Three Rifle Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 46 men)
<b>Total strength</b>	<b>607 all ranks</b> (31 Officers and 576 men)

Each Company Headquarters includes 1 Political Officer

### Summary Table, Red Army Rifle Battalion, December 1941

Detail	Battalion Headquarters	Communication Platoon	Medical Platoon	Supply Platoon	Three Rifle Companies (each)		Total, Rifle Company	Machine Gun Company		Total, Machine Gun Company	Total, Rifle Battalion
					Company HQ & Medical	Three Rifle Platoons (each)		Company HQ	Three Platoons, (each)		
<b>i). Personnel</b>											
Command ranks	4	1	1	1	2	1	5	2	1	5	<b>27</b>
Political ranks	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	<b>4</b>
Junior command ranks	0	4	1	3	3	9	30	2	8	26	<b>124</b>
Other ranks	0	13	5	19	7	37	118	1	20	61	<b>452</b>
<b>Total, all ranks</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>607</b>
<b>ii). Transport</b>											
Draught horses	0	2	2	20	0	0	0	0	4	12	<b>36</b>
Carts (one-horse)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
Wagons (two-horse)	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	2	6	<b>13</b>
Field kitchens	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>4</b>
Bicycles	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>iii). Weapons</b>											
Pistols	4	1	1	1	3	1	6	3	1	6	<b>31</b>
Rifles	0	17	3	17	4	38	118	2	24	74	<b>465</b>
Sniper rifles	0	0	0	0	2	2	8	0	0	0	<b>24</b>
Submachine guns	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	0	0	0	<b>27</b>
Light machine guns	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	0	0	0	<b>27</b>
Heavy machine guns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	12	<b>12</b>

### Battalion Headquarters (4 Officers)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Battalion commander	Major	1	Pistol	1
Deputy Battalion commander	Major or Captain	1	Pistol	1
Senior adjutant	Captain	1	Pistol	1
Adjutant	Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>4</b>		

### Communication Platoon (1 Officer, 17 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Headquarters</b>				
Platoon commander	Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
			Bicycle	1
Wagon driver	Private	2	Rifle	2
			Cart	2
			Draught horse	2
<b>Telephone Exchange</b>				
Head of Station	Senior Sergeant	1	Rifle	1
Senior telephonist	Private	1	Rifle	1
Senior telephonist/visual signaller	Private	1	Rifle	1
<b>Radio Squad</b>				
Section commander	Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Radio operator	Private	1	Carbine	1
<b>Two Telephone Squads</b>				
Section commander	Sergeant	2	Rifle	2
Senior telephonist/visual signaller	Lance-corporal	4	Rifle	4
Telephonist/visual signaller	Private	4	Rifle	4
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>18</b>		

### Medical Platoon (1 Medical Service Officer, 6 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Platoon commander	Senior Medic	1	Pistol	1
Sanitary instructor	Senior Sergeant (Medical)	1		
Medical orderly	Private	4	Carbine	2
Wagon driver	Private	1	Carbine	1
			Medical wagon	1
			Draught horse	2
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>7</b>		

**Supply Platoon (1 Officer, 22 men)**

<b>Detail</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Weapon/Vehicle/Other</b>	<b>No.</b>
<b><i>Headquarters</i></b>				
Platoon commander	Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
<b><i>Ammunition</i></b>				
Section commander	Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Equipment & ammunition handler	Private	4	Carbine	4
Senior wagon driver	Lance-corporal	1	Rifle	1
			Wagon	1
			Draught horse	2
Wagon driver	Private	3	Rifle	3
			Wagon	3
			Draught horse	6
<b><i>Administration</i></b>				
Section commander	Sergeant	1	Rifle	1
Senior cook	Senior Sergeant	1		
Cook	Private	4		
Blacksmith	Private	1	Rifle	1
Senior wagon driver	Lance-corporal	1	Rifle	1
			Wagon	1
			Draught horse	2
Wagon driver	Private	3	Rifle	3
			Wagon	3
			Draught horse	6
Wagon driver	Private	2	Rifle	2
			Kitchen	2
			Draught horse	4
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>23</b>		

**Three Rifle Companies (6 Officers, 148 men), each**

**Company Headquarters (2 Officers, 1 Political Officer, 5 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Company commander	Captain	1	Pistol	1
Political leader	Senior political instructor	1	Pistol	1
Deputy Commander commander	Senior Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
<i>Starshina</i>	<i>Starshina</i>	1	Rifle*	1
Company clerk	Administrative Sergeant	1		
Observer/sniper	Private	2	Rifle	2
Messenger	Private	1	Rifle*	1
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>8</b>	*authorised an SVT-40 rifle	

**Three Rifle Platoons, each (1 Officer, 46 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Headquarters</b>				
Platoon commander	Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Assistant platoon commander	Senior Sergeant	1	Rifle*	1
Messenger	Private	1	Rifle*	1
<b>One Squad</b>				
Squad commander	Sergeant	1	Rifle*	1
Deputy commander – Gunner	Junior Sergeant	1	Rifle*	1
Machine gunner	Private	1	Rifle*	1
Rifleman	Private	8	Rifle*	8
<b>Three Squads, each</b>				
Squad commander	Sergeant	1	Rifle*	1
Deputy commander – Gunner	Junior Sergeant	1	Light machine gun	1
Machine gunner	Private	1	Rifle*	1
Rifleman	Private	7	Rifle*	7
Rifleman	Private	1	Submachine gun	1
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>47</b>	*authorised an SVT-40 rifle	

**Notes**

- Two of the riflemen in each Rifle Platoon are armed with sniper rifles.
- Each Rifle Platoon has three submachine guns and there is no indication given in the table as to which men were equipped with them. Shown in the above as being in the three Squads with light machine guns for clarity.

### Medical Squad (5 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Sanitary instructor	Senior Sergeant	1		
Medical orderly	Private	4	Rifle	2
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>5</b>		

### Machine Gun Company (6 Officers, 87 men)

#### Company Headquarters (2 Officers, 1 Political Officer, 3 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Company commander	Captain	1	Pistol	1
Political leader	Senior political instructor	1	Pistol	1
Deputy Commander commander	Senior Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
<i>Starshina</i>	<i>Starshina</i>	1	Rifle	1
Company clerk	Administrative Sergeant	1		
Scout	Private	1	Rifle	1
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>6</b>		

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

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Headquarters</b>				
Platoon commander	Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
2 Machine gunner/wagon driver*			Wagon	2
			Draught horse	4
<b>Four Squads, each</b>				
Squad commander	Sergeant	1	Rifle	1
Deputy commander – Gunner	Junior Sergeant	1	Heavy machine gun	1
Machine gunner*	Private	5	Rifle	5
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>29</b>		

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