

Red Army Rifle Battalion

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Composed of;

Battalion Headquarters	5 Officers
Communication Platoon	(1 Officer, 16 men)
Medical Platoon	(1 Officer, 6 men)
Supply Platoon	(1 Officer, 15 men)
Three Rifle Companies, each	6 Officers, 169 men
Company Headquarters	(3 Officers, 5 men)
Medical Squad	(5 men)
Three Rifle Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 53 men)
Machine Gun Company	6 Officers, 85 men
Company Headquarters	(3 Officers, 1 man)
Three Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 28 men) - (four heavy machine guns)
Anti-tank Rifle Company	5 Officers, 43 men
Company Headquarters	(3 Officers, 1 man)
Two Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 21 men) - (eight anti-tank rifles)
Total strength	709 all ranks (37 Officers and 672 men)

Battalion Headquarters and each Company Headquarters includes 1 Political Officer

Summary Table, Red Army Rifle Battalion, March 1942

Detail	Battalion Headquarters	Communication Platoon	Medical Platoon	Supply Platoon	Three Rifle Companies (each)		Total, Rifle Company	Machine Gun Company		Total, Machine Gun Company	Anti-tank Rifle Company		Total, Anti-tank Rifle Company	Total, Rifle Battalion
					Company HQ & Medical	Three Rifle Platoons (each)		Company HQ	Three Platoons, (each)		Company HQ	Two Platoons, (each)		
i). Personnel														
Command ranks	4	1	1	1	2	1	5	2	1	5	2	1	4	31
Political ranks	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	6
Junior command ranks	0	4	1	3	3	9	30	1	8	25	1	9	19	142
Other ranks	0	12	5	12	7	44	139	0	20	60	0	12	24	530
Total, all ranks	5	17	7	16	13	54	175	4	29	91	4	22	48	709
ii). Transport														
Draught horses	0	1	1	14	0	0	0	0	4	12	0	0	0	28
Carts (one-horse)	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Wagons (two-horse)	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	9
Field kitchens	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Bicycles	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
iii). Weapons														
Pistols	5	1	1	1	3	1	6	3	1	6	3	1	5	37
Rifles	0	16	3	12	4	43	133	1	24	73	1	13	27	530
Sniper rifles	0	0	0	0	2	3	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
Submachine guns	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
Light machine guns	0	0	0	0	0	4	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Heavy machine guns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	12	0	0	0	12
Anti-tank rifles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	16	16

Battalion Headquarters (4 Officers, 1 Political Officer)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Battalion commander	Major	1	Pistol	1
Military commissioner	Battalion commissioner	1	Pistol	1
Deputy Battalion commander	Major or Captain	1	Pistol	1
Senior adjutant	Captain	1	Pistol	1
Adjutant	Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Total, all ranks		5		

Communication Platoon (1 Officer, 16 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
			Bicycle	1
Wagon driver	Private	1	Rifle	1
			Cart	1
			Draught horse	1
Telephone Exchange				
Head of Station	Senior Sergeant	1	Rifle	1
Senior telephonist	Lance-corporal	1	Rifle	1
Senior telephonist/visual signaller	Private	1	Rifle	1
Radio Squad				
Section commander	Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Radio operator	Private	1	Carbine	1
Two Telephone Squads				
Section commander	Sergeant	2	Rifle	2
Senior telephonist/visual signaller	Lance-corporal	4	Rifle	4
Telephonist/visual signaller	Private	4	Rifle	4
Total, all ranks		17		

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	1
Total, all ranks		7		

Supply Platoon (1 Officer, 15 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<i>Headquarters</i>				
Platoon commander	Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
<i>Ammunition</i>				
Section commander	Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Equipment & ammunition handler	Private	2	Carbine	2
Senior wagon driver	Lance-corporal	1	Rifle	1
			Wagon	1
			Draught horse	2
Wagon driver	Private	2	Rifle	2
			Wagon	2
			Draught horse	4
<i>Administration</i>				
Section commander	Sergeant	1	Rifle	1
Senior cook	Senior Sergeant	1	Rifle	1
Cook	Private	3		
Senior wagon driver	Lance-corporal	1	Rifle	1
			Kitchen	1
			Draught horse	2
Wagon driver	Private	2	Rifle	2
			Kitchen	2
			Draught horse	4
Blacksmith (also wagon driver)	Private	1	Rifle	1
			Kitchen	1
			Draught horse	2
Total, all ranks		16		

Three Rifle Companies (6 Officers, 169 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		
Sniper	Private	2	Rifle	2
Messenger	Private	1	Rifle*	1
	Total, all ranks	8	*authorised an SVT-40 rifle	

Medical Squad (5 men)

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

Three Rifle Platoons, each (1 Officer, 53 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<i>Headquarters</i>				
Platoon commander	Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Assistant platoon commander	Senior Sergeant	1	Rifle*	1
Messenger	Private	1	Rifle*	1
Sniper	Private	3	Rifle	3
<i>One Squad</i>				
Squad commander	Sergeant	1	Rifle*	1
Deputy commander – Gunner	Junior Sergeant	1	Light machine gun	1
Machine gunner	Private	1	Rifle*	1
Rifleman	Private	9	Rifle*	9
<i>Three Squads, each</i>				
Squad commander	Sergeant	1	Rifle*	1
Deputy commander – Gunner	Junior Sergeant	1	Light machine gun	1
Machine gunner	Private	1	Rifle*	1
Rifleman	Private	8	Rifle*	8
Rifleman	Private	1	Submachine gun	1
	Total, all ranks	54	*authorised an SVT-40 rifle	

Note - Each Rifle Platoon has three submachine guns and there is no indication given in the table as to which men were equipped with them.

Machine Gun Company (6 Officers, 85 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	Senior political instructor	1	Pistol	1
Deputy Commander commander	Senior Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
<i>Starshina</i>	<i>Starshina</i>	1	Rifle	1
Total, all ranks		4		

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

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

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

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	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	Carbine	1
Total, all ranks		4		

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

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