ORDERS OF BATTLE

ORGANISATION OF THE SOVIET UNITS

Some of the great historical information we just didn't have enough room to include in *Hammer and Sickle* were the complete organisations and orders of battle of the four Soviet corps featured in the book. This PDF includes a breakdown of all four corps.

One thing we did a little differently for these orders of battle was to display the companies and platoons using the *Flames Of War* terms. This is intended to give you a better idea of where in the larger structure of a Soviet corps your Combat, Weapons, and Support companies and platoons come from.

Another reason to include orders of battle is as a resource for those looking to theme their force on a particular units. Where the information is available we have tried to give the types of guns and vehicles in the units. This allows your to work out which corps’ weapons and tanks spark your interest and help direct you to the most suitable *Flames Of War* company or platoon.

These organisations allow you to also see why certain battalions have the number of combat companies they have. For example you can see that the reason a *Hammer and Sickle* Tankovy Batalon can have three Tankovy Companies is because the 1st Mechanised Corps’ tank regiments had two battalions of three companies rather than the more normal three battalions of two companies of the tank corps or the three battalions of two medium tank companies and a light tank company of the 3rd Mechanised Corps.

I hope you find these orders of battle useful, or at least interesting, as you go about creating your Soviet force from *Hammer and Sickle*.

Wayne Turner
Soviet mechanised and tank corps are the equivalent to other nations’ armoured divisions, with the mechanised corps being infantry heavy and tank corps being armour heavy.

Mechanised corps make the initial thrust through broken enemy lines, taking key objectives and destroying any withdrawing forces. Mechanised corps are made up of three mechanised brigades, a tank brigade, and supporting units of mortars, rocket launchers, reconnaissance, sappers, anti-tank, anti-aircraft and assault guns.
Each mechanised brigade is a combined arms force containing motorised rifle battalions, a tank regiment, mortars, artillery, anti-aircraft, reconnaissance, sappers and trucks.

For example the 3rd Guards Mechanised Corps had 196 tanks, 42 assault guns, 99 armoured cars and half-tracks, 200 motorcycles, 1556 trucks, 41 76mm guns, 12 85mm guns, 8 BM-13 rocket launchers, and around 16,000 men.

The 1st Mechanised Corps had a very similar allotment of equipment.
3rd Guards Tank Corps

5th Guards Tank Army

- P. A. Rotmistrov’s 5th Guards Tank Army
- I. A. Vovchenko’s 3rd Guards Tank Corps
- E. I. Fomichev’s 29th Tank Corps (See separate diagram)

18th Guards Tank Brigade

- 2nd Guards Motorised Rifle Brigade
  - 1st Motostrelkovy Batalon
  - 3 Motostrelkovy Companies
  - Motostrelkovy Machine-gun Company
    - Motorised Mortar Company
    - Motorised Anti-tank Company
  - 2nd Motostrelkovy Batalon
    - (as above)
  - 3rd Motostrelkovy Batalon
    - (as above)
  - Motar Battalion
    - 2x Motorised Mortar Companies
    - Heavy Mortar Company
  - Motostrelkovy Artillery Battalion
    - Anti-aircraft Machine-gun Company
      - 3x Anti-aircraft Platoons (MG)
    - Submachine-gun Company
      - Rota Razvedki
        - Armoured Car Platoon (3 BA-64)
        - 2x Armoured Car Platoons
      - Sapper Company
    - Truck Company
      - 7x Transporter Platoons

19th Guards Tank Brigade

- 3rd Guards Tank Brigade
  - Armoured Car Platoon (3 BA-64)
  - 1st Tankovy Batalon (T-34/85)
    - 2x Gvardeyskiy Tankovy Companies
  - 2nd Tankovy Batalon
    - (as above)
  - 3rd Tankovy Batalon
    - (as above)
  - 3rd Guards Motor rifle Battalion
    - 2x Tank Rider Companies
    - Tankodesantniki Company
    - Motorised Mortar Company
    - Motorised Anti-tank Company
    - Anti-aircraft Machine-gun Company
      - 3x Anti-aircraft Platoons

10th Guards Motorcycle Battalion

- Tankovy Company (T-34)
  - 2x Rota Razvedki (Motorcycle)
  - 1x Rota Razvedki (Armour Personal Carriers)
  - Razvedki Anti-tank Company
  - Razvedki Mortar Company

5th Guards Tank Army Troops

- 165th Anti-tank Battalion
  - 5x Tank Destruction Companies (ZIS-3)
- 14th Guards Heavy Tank Regiment
  - 4x Guards Heavy Tank Companies (IS-2)
- 376th Guards Heavy SU Regiment
  - 5x Guards Heavy Assault Gun Companies (ISU-122)

Corps Regiments and Battalions

- 1436th SU Regiment
  - 4x Tank Killer Companies (SU-85)
- 1496th SU Regiment
  - 4x Assault Gun Companies (SU-76M)
- 266th Mortar Regiment
  - 9x Heavy Mortar Companies
- 1701st Anti-aircraft Regiment
  - 4x Anti-aircraft Companies (37mm)
  - 4x Anti-aircraft Platoons (MG)
- 749th Anti-tank Battalion
  - 5x Tank Destruction Companies (85mm)
- 324th Guards Mortar Battalion
  - BM-13 Katyusha Rocket Launchers
29TH TANK CORPS

5TH GUARDS TANK ARMY EXPLOITATION FORCE OF THE NORTHERN HAMMER

Though not officially a Guards formation we have rated the 29th Tank Corps troops in Hammer and Sickle Guards because of their experience and in recognition of them receiving the Order of the Red Banner.

These two tank corps followed behind the cavalry and mechanised corps smashing enemy rear area defences, disrupting the enemy reserves and attacking behind enemy lines. Tank corps contain three tank brigades, a motorised brigade, and supporting regiments and battalions of mortars, rocket launchers, reconnaissance, sappers, anti-tank, anti-aircraft and assault guns.

Each tank brigade had three tank battalions, a motor rifle battalion, an armoured car platoon, and an anti-aircraft machine-gun company. A full-strength tank corps has 208 tanks, 42 assault guns, 270 trucks, 241 other vehicles, 174 guns and mortars, 8 BM-13 rocket launchers, and 11,788 men.

### 29th Tank Corps

#### E. I. Fomichev’s

#### 29TH TANK CORPS

### Corps Regiments and Battalions

#### 1223RD SU REGIMENT

- 4x Tank Killer Companies (M-10)

#### 1446TH SU REGIMENT

- 4x Tank Killer Companies (SU-85)

#### 271ST MOTOR REGIMENT

- 9x Heavy Mortar Companies

#### 108TH ANTI-TANK BATTALION

- 5x Anti-Tank Destroyer Companies (ZIS-3)

#### 747TH ANTI-TANK BATTALION

- 5x Tank Destroyer Companies (85mm)

#### 409TH GUARDS MORTAR BATTALION

- BM-13 Katyusha Rocket Launchers

### 31ST Tank Brigade

- (3rd, 195th and 195th Tank Battalions)

### 32ND Tank Brigade

- (3rd, 141st and 142nd Tank Battalions)

### 53rd Motorised Rifle Brigade

#### 1st Motostrelkovy Battalion

- 3 Motostrelkovy Companies
- Motostrelkovy Machine-gun Company
- Motorised Mortar Company
- Motorised Anti-tank Company

#### 2nd Motostrelkovy Battalion

- (as above)

#### 3rd Motostrelkovy Battalion

- (as above)

#### Mortar Battalion

- 2x Motorised Mortar Companies
- Heavy Mortar Company

#### Motostrelkovy Artillery Battalion

#### Anti-aircraft Machine-gun Company

#### Submachine-gun Company

#### Rota Razvedki

- Armoured Car Platoon (3 BA-64)
- 2x Razvedki Platoons

#### Sapper Company

#### Truck Company

#### 75TH MOTOR CYCLE BATTALION

- Tankovy Company (T-34 obr 1942)
- 2x Rota Razvedki (Motorcycle)
- 1x Rota Razvedki (Armour Personal Carriers)
- Razvedki Anti-tank Company
- Razvedki Mortar Company

#### 193RD SAPPER BATTALION

- 2x Sapper Companies

#### 25th Tank Brigade

- Armoured Car Platoon (3 BA-64)
- 3rd Tankovy Battalion (T-34/85)
- 2x Gvardeyskiy Tankovy Companies
- 25th Tankovy Battalion
- (as above)
- 362nd Tankovy Battalion
- (as above)
- 25th Motor rifle Battalion
- 2x Tank Rider Companies
- Tankodesantniki Company
- Motorised Mortar Company
- Motorised Anti-tank Company
- Anti-aircraft Machine-gun Company
- 3x Anti-aircraft Platoons (MG)

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