



2nd Tank Division

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Divison HQ

3rd & 4th Tank Regiment

- 1 x HQ (1 x T-34 BT, 3 x Quad AA-MG)
- 1 x Reconnaissance Company
 - 1 x HQ (1 x BA-20)
 - 4 x Reconnaissance Platoon (3 x BA-20)
- 1 x Heavy Tank Battalion
 - 1 x HQ (1 x KV)
 - 1 x Reconnaissance Platoon (3 x BA-20)
 - 3 x Heavy Tank Company
 - 1 x HQ (1 x KV)
 - 3 x Heavy Tank Platoon (3 x KV)
- 2 x Medium Tank Battalion
 - 1 x HQ (3 x T-34 BT)
 - 1 x Reconnaissance Platoon (3 x BA-20)
 - 3 x Medium Tank Company
 - 1 x HQ (2 x T-34 BT)
 - 3 x Medium Tank Platoon (5 x T-34 BT)
- 1 x Flamethrower Battalion
 - 1 x HQ (1 x T-26)
 - 1 x Reconnaissance Platoon (3 x BA-20)
 - 3 x Flamethrower Company
 - 1 x Light Tank Platoon (3 x T-26)
 - 3 x Flamethrower Platoon (3 x OT-130/133)

2nd Motorised Rifle Regiment

- 1 x HQ
- 1 x Reconnaissance Company
 - 1 x HQ (2 x BA)
 - 1 x Motorcycle Scout Platoon
 - 1 x HQ
 - 2 x Motorcycle Scout Section
 - 1 x Armoured Car Platoon (4 x BA-10)
 - 1 x Armoured Car Platoon (4 x BA-20)
- 1 x Anti-Aircraft Machine Gun Company
 - 2 x Anti-Aircraft Machine Gun Platoon (3 x Quad AA-MG)
- 3 x Motorised Rifle Battalion
 - 1 x HQ
 - 1 x Motorcycle Scout Platoon
 - 3 x Motorised Rifle Company
 - 3 x Motorised Rifle Platoon
 - 1 x HQ
 - 4 x Motorised Rifle Section (1 x LMG)
 - 1 x Machine Gun Platoon (2 x MMG)
 - 1 x Mortar Section (3 x 50mm)
 - 1 x Machine Gun Company

- 3 x Machine Gun Platoon (2 x MMG)
 - 1 x Mortar Platoon (2 x 82mm)
 - 1 x Anti-Tank Platoon (2 x 45mm)
- 1 x Regimental Gun Battery (4 x 76mm)
- 1 x Engineer Platoon

2nd Reconnaissance Battalion

- 1 x Armoured Car Company
 - 1 x HQ (3 x BA)
 - 3 x Armoured Car Platoon (4 x BA)
- 1 x Light Tank Company
 - 1 x HQ (2 x T-40)
 - 3 x Light Tank Platoon (5 x T-40)
- 1 x Motorcycle Rifle Company
 - 1 x HQ
 - 3 x Motorcycle Rifle Platoon
 - 1 x HQ
 - 3 x Motorcycle Rifle Squad (1 x LMG, MC)

2nd Motorised Howitzer Regiment

- 1 x Light Field Howitzer Battalion
 - 3 x Battery (4 x 122mm)
- 1 x Heavy Field Howitzer Battalion
 - 3 x Battery (4 x 152mm)

2nd Anti-Aircraft Battalion

- 3 x Light Battery (4 x 37mm)

2nd Motorised Pontoon Battalion

Equipment

Equipment	TOE Strength	Actual Strength	TOE Platoons	Actual Platoons
T-28	-	27 (15*)	-	5
KV-1A	63	32	18	10 + 2
KV-2		19		6 + 1
T-34/76	210	-	36	-
BT	26	116	?	23 + 1
T-26	22	19	6	6 + 1
T-40	17	-	3	-
OT-130/133	54	12	18	4
BA-10	56	63	-	-
BA-20	39	27	-	-
45mm ATG	6	-	-	-
50mm Mortar	27	27	-	-
82mm Mortar	18	18**	-	-
76mm	4	4	1	1
122mm	12	8***	3	2
152mm	12	12	3	3
37mm AA	12	12	3	3

* *Operational tanks only.*

** *This figure is for three infantry regiments, not one, so I assume it is incorrect and the total is six.*

*** *One battery of 122mm howitzers less than TO&E strength.*

Equipment

Like all Soviet divisions, the 2nd Tank Division was understrength when the Germans attacked. This presents a problem when it comes to the organisation of the various units in the division, so I divided the total number of vehicles by the number of vehicles in a platoon based on the type of vehicle, eg: three for heavy tank platoons. This gives the number of platoons. Any remaining vehicles are then allocated to their respective HQs.

Notes

1. The division was under the command of the 3rd Mechanised Corps. Zaloga states that there were 460 tanks in the corps, of which 105 were new models, split between the 2nd and 5th Tank Divisions and the 84th Motorised Division. However, the *RKKA In World War II* web site states that there were 642 tanks in the 3rd Mechanised Corps, of which 225 were with the 2nd Tank Division. Glantz states that there were 105 new tanks in the corps (55 in the 2nd Tank Division) out of a total of 565 (145 in the 2nd Tank Division), but in one of the diagrams shows 55 new tanks and 300 older types. In *T-34/76 Medium Tank 1941-45*, Zaloga states that the corps received 52 T-34s, but these were all allocated to the 5th Tank Division (the *RKKA In World War II* web site). In *KV-1 & 2 Heavy Tanks 1939-1945*, Zaloga states that the corps had 52 KV heavy tanks.
2. The structure of the division above is theoretical. Like all Soviet divisions at the start of the war, the difference between what the division was meant to have and what it actually had was vast.
3. According to the *RKKA In World War II* web site, there were no T-34 or T-40 tanks in the division, with BT light tanks taking their place. Glantz states that there were 55 new tanks (T-34/KV), roughly a battalion of each, however there is no mention of the T-34 in any of the battles, apart from one account by Zaloga.
4. There are no anti-tank weapons in the division.
5. MC is the Motorcycle.
6. BA is the BA-10 or BA-20 Armoured Car.

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