

Soviet 7th Army

11 October 1919 to 15 October

This is taken from *Доблестная защита Петрограда в октябре 1919 г* (The *Valiant Defence of Petrograd in 1919*) by General Staff working from original army documents.

I have changed the order of units to put them into the brigade structure that their numbers would indicate. No doubt the attached units were sometimes used to pad out the official brigades. Artillery *divisions* and technical units of divisions were present but not listed. Numbers are taken from other sources.

6th Rifle Division

- 16th Rifle Brigade
 - 46th Rifle Regiment
 - 47th Rifle Regiment
 - 48th Rifle Regiment
- 17th Rifle Brigade
 - 49th Rifle Regiment
 - 50th Rifle Regiment
 - 51st Rifle Regiment
- Other
 - 40th Rifle Regiment

The division had 5,500 bayonets and sabres, with about 40 guns.

2nd Rifle Division

- 4th Rifle Brigade
 - 10th Rifle Regiment
 - 11th Rifle Regiment
 - 12th Rifle Regiment
- 5th Rifle Brigade
 - 13th Rifle Regiment
 - 14th Rifle Regiment
 - 15th Rifle Regiment
- 6th Rifle Brigade
 - 16th Rifle Regiment
 - 17th Rifle Regiment
 - 18th Rifle Regiment
- Other
 - 54th Rifle Regiment
 - Naval Detachment
 - 2nd Vsevobuch Regiment

The division had 4,200 bayonets and sabres, with 24 guns.

19th Rifle Division

- 55th Rifle Brigade
 - 163rd Rifle Regiment
 - 164th Rifle Regiment
 - 165th Rifle Regiment



56th Rifle Brigade
166th Rifle Regiment
167th Rifle Regiment
168th Rifle Regiment
57th Rifle Brigade
170th Rifle Regiment
171st Rifle Regiment
19th Cavalry Regiment

Other

7th Samara Rifle Regiment
47th Rifle Regiment
52nd Rifle Regiment
93rd Rifle Regiment
147th Rifle Regiment
162nd Rifle Regiment

The division had 4,200 bayonets and sabres

10th Rifle Division

28th Rifle Brigade
82nd Rifle Regiment
83rd Rifle Regiment
84th Rifle Regiment
29th Rifle Brigade
87th Rifle Regiment
30th Rifle Brigade
88th Rifle Regiment
89th Rifle Regiment
90th Rifle Regiment
10th Cavalry Regiment

Other

54th Rifle Regiment
169th Rifle Regiment

158th Rifle Brigade (attached from 53rd Rifle Division)
472nd Rifle Regiment
473rd Rifle Regiment
474th Rifle Regiment

8th Rifle Brigade (attached from 2nd Rifle Division)
22nd Rifle Regiment
23rd Rifle Regiment
24th Rifle Regiment

Other

The 3rd Brigade, 1st Rifle Division (which should be the 7th to 9th Rifle Regiments) is mentioned in orders as being in 7th Army.

There were several armoured trains.

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Start of NW Army's Offensive

This is taken from Yaroslavtsev's, Октябрьское наступление на Петроград и причины неудачи похода. Записки белого офицера (The October offensive against Petrograd and the reasons for the failure of the campaign. Notes of a white officer.)

I presume it is taken from White intelligence sources at the time of the operation, as he was writing in 1920 without any access to Soviet sources.

It is included largely to show the sort of attached units (trains, armoured cars, workers, Communists, *Kursants*) that *The Valiant Defence*, above, does not.

1. Pskov – Strugi Belye group

10th Rifle Division

82nd Rifle Regiment	600 bayonets
83rd Rifle Regiment	550 "
84th Rifle Regiment	360 "
88th Rifle Regiment	350 "
89th Rifle Regiment	350 "
19th Independent Battalion	200 "
1st Red Railway Battalion	400 "
Latvian regiment	700 "
1st Sailor Detachment	400 "
2nd Trotski Communist Regiment	700 "
Balashov's Cavalry Squadron	120 sabres
6 light guns, 4 heavy guns	
Armoured train "Trotski"	

19th Rifle Division

162nd Rifle Regiment	1200 bayonets
163rd Rifle Regiment	600 "
164th Rifle Regiment	400 "
165th Rifle Regiment	800 "
166th Rifle Regiment	600 "
167th Rifle Regiment	600 "
168th Rifle Regiment	800 "
160th Rifle Regiment	500 "
170th Rifle Regiment	700 "
171st Rifle Regiment	700 "
16th Rifle Regiment	200 "
4 light guns	
Armoured train "Kerenski"	

Total in the group: 18 regiments, 2 independent battalions, 1 naval detachment, 1 squadron, 12,700 bayonets, 120 sabres, 14 guns, 2 armored trains.

2. Luga group

7th Samara Regiment	900 bayonets
47th Rifle Regiment	250 "
52nd Rifle Regiment	700 "
168th Rifle Regiment	100 "



16th Estonian Regiment	250	"
Shatov Communist Detachment	130	"
<i>Kursant</i> Detachment	150	"
Luga Communist Detachment	150	"
"Water Transport" Detachment	120	"
2nd Cavalry Regiment	240	sabres
18 light guns, 4 Hotchkiss guns ¹		
Armoured train "Stenka Razin"		
2 armoured cars		

Total in the group: 5 regiments, 4 detachments, 1 cavalry regiments, 2,750 bayonets, 240 sabres, 22 light guns, 1 armored train, 2 armored cars.

3. Mshinskaya – Yamburg Group

2nd Rifle Division

10th Rifle Regiment	500	bayonets
11th Rifle Regiment	400	"
12th Rifle Regiment	150	"
13th Rifle Regiment	250	"
14th Rifle Regiment	300	"
15th Rifle Regiment	500	"
17th Rifle Regiment	500	"
18th Rifle Regiment	500	"
Sailor Detachment	300	"
1st Expeditionary Detachment	150	"
Smolny Detachment ²	350	"
Sapper Command	100	"
3rd Cavalry <i>Divizion</i>	200	sabres
1st Petrograd Horse Regiment ³	400	"
6 heavy guns, 18 light guns		

6th Rifle Division

48th Rifle Regiment	600	bayonets
46th Rifle Regiment	900	"
54th Rifle Regiment	500	"
2 armoured cars		

Total in the group: 11 regiments, 4 detachments, 1 cavalry regiment, 1 cavalry *divizion*, 6,000 bayonets, 600 sabres, 24 guns, 2 armored cars.

At the moment our offensive began the Soviet 7th Army consisted of 34 regiments, 2 independent battalions, 9 detachments, 2 cavalry regiments, 1 cavalry *divizion*, 1 cavalry squadron, 21,500 bayonets, 960 sabres, 60 guns, 3 armoured trains, 4 armoured cars.

¹ These are likely small calibre swivel mounted guns, of naval origin.

² Likely a Communist unit, the Smolny being a Petrograd building made famous during the October Revolution.

³ "Horse" units were often used to indicate part mounted, part foot, so all the "sabres" may not have been mounted.

