

Forces of the 7th and 15th Armies facing Yudenich and Estonia

Second half of the Petrograd Operation

This follows the major restructure of 16 October. I have indicated changes only up to 31 October.

Those units listed in *Доблестная защита Петрограда в октябре 1919 г* (The *Valiant Defence of Petrograd in 1919*) are in normal font, but I have changed their order to put them into the brigade structure that their numbers would indicate – when this can be done. I have also corrected the list given at the end of the book using references from the text, when corroborated by other sources.

Any division can be assumed to have the corresponding artillery *divizion* and technical units.

Information taken from other sources is in italics.

7th Army

2nd Rifle Division

This was often called the “Odintsov Group”, after its commander, since it retained almost nothing of the original structure of the 2nd Division.

4th Rifle Brigade

10th Rifle Regiment
11th Rifle Regiment
12th Rifle Regiment

5th Rifle Brigade (left about 20 October, to rear)

13th Rifle Regiment
14th Rifle Regiment
15th Rifle Regiment

6th Rifle Brigade had recently been sent to the rear

Other

2nd Rifle Regiment
6th Rifle Regiment (*900 bayonets*)
36th Rifle Regiment
62nd Rifle Regiment
162nd Rifle Regiment
479th Rifle Regiment (*1,425 bayonets*)
630th Rifle Regiment
3rd Reserve Regiment (*from 20 October, of very poor quality*)
Petrograd *Kursant* Detachment – up to 21 October
2nd Vsevobuch Regiment (*1,700 men*)
Western Front Revolutionary Tribunal Detachment (*a blocking unit*)
21st Cavalry Regiment (*from 21st Rifle Division, up to 20 October*)

Bashkir Brigade – from 22 October

3rd Rifle Regiment, which soon took heavy losses and was sent to the rear
3rd Bashkir Horse Regiment: 250 sabres, 375 bayonets, 4 MGs

The following units may also have been present:

Ivanov Communist Battalion (500 men) and likely other smaller worker and communist units
Armoured Train #44 “In honour of Volodarski” was present from at least 21 October
Armoured Train #38 “Black Sea” from 21 October



6th Rifle Division

16th Rifle Brigade

- 46th Rifle Regiment
- 47th Rifle Regiment
- 48th Rifle Regiment

17th Rifle Brigade

- 49th Rifle Regiment
- 50th Rifle Regiment (*less one battalion*)
- 51st Rifle Regiment

Other

- 3rd Rifle Regiment
- 7th Rifle Regiment
- 17th Rifle Regiment
- 473rd Rifle Regiment
- 478th Rifle Regiment (*2,000 men, but poor quality and soon had to be disbanded*)
- 1st Reserve Rifle Regiment of the Petrograd District (*very poor quality*)
- 2nd Reserve Rifle Regiment of the Petrograd District (*very poor quality*)
- 3rd Reserve Rifle Regiment of the Petrograd District (*very poor quality*)
- 7th Moscow *Kursant* Regiment (*1,300 men*)
- Naval *Kursant* Detachment
- 4th Naval Expeditionary Detachment
- Motorcycle MG Command

Bashkir Brigade – left 22 October for 2nd RD

- 1st Bashkir Rifle Regiment
- 2nd Bashkir Rifle Regiment (*likely soon destroyed*)
- 3rd Bashkir Rifle Regiment (*600 bayonets, arrived about 17 October*)
- 1st Bashkir Battery

54th Rifle Brigade (18th Rifle Division)

- 160th Rifle Regiment – from 28 October
- 161st Rifle Regiment – from 31 October

The 2nd and 3rd Naval Expeditionary Detachments were sent to the Krasnaya Gorka Group on 16 October.

The following units may also have been present:

- Shlisselburg Factory Workers Battalion, 650 men (from 18 October)*
- Putilov Factory Workers Battalion (from about 20 October)*
- Likely other smaller worker and communist units*
- Kursant detachments from Novgorod, Cherkassy and the Engineer School*
- 3rd Bashkir Cavalry Regiment was attached 17 to 22 October*
- 8th Vologda Rifle Regiment (from 18 October, on 31 October to 2nd RD)*
- Armoured Train #6 "Putilovtsy, in honour of Lenin"*
- Armoured Train #38 "Black Sea" 18-21 October*
- Armoured Train #45 "In honour of the 3rd International" from about 20 October*
- Armoured Train #89 "In honour of Trotski" from about 20 October*



Kharlamov Group

Also called the Kolpino-Tosno Group. Formally created on 17 October but it took a while to assemble.

3rd Rifle Brigade (ex-1st RD)
8th Rifle Regiment
9th Rifle Regiment

5th Rifle Brigade (ex-2nd RD) – from 21 October
13th Rifle Regiment
14th Rifle Regiment
15th Rifle Regiment

63rd Rifle Brigade (ex-21st RD, *high quality*)
187th Rifle Regiment
188th Rifle Regiment
189th Rifle Regiment

3rd Moscow *Kursant* Brigade
8th Moscow *Kursant* Regiment
9th Moscow *Kursant* Regiment

Cheka

Novgorod and Tver Battalions
2 Light, 1 Heavy Batteries

Other

214th Rifle Regiment
473rd Rifle Regiment
5th Latvian Rifle Regiment (2 battalions, 600 bayonets, 12 MGs, 2 guns)
59th Railway Security Regiment
60th Railway Security Regiment
Petrograd *Kursant* Detachment – from 21 October
Smolensk Communist Detachment
Petrograd Internal Security Detachment (*may be formed from Militia, i.e. policemen*)
Baltic Sailor Detachment
Independent Bashkir Regiment (700 bayonets)
Moscow Cavalry Regiment
21st Cavalry Regiment (ex-21st RD) – from 21 October
Artillery *Divizion* of 21st RD
Moscow Reserve Light Battery
Armoured Train #60 “In Honour of Karl Liebknecht”
Armoured Train #67 “Volga Native”

The following units may also have been present:

Kursant Cavalry Detachment (100 men)
67th Rifle Regiment
Special Purpose Naval Detachment
Various worker and Communist units



Krasnaya Gorka Group

The garrison of the fort Krasnaya Gorka.
Special Purpose Regiment (4th Vsevobuch Regiment, *perhaps ChON*)
2nd and 3rd Naval Expeditionary Detachments

The following units may also have been present:

Composite Battalion of the 622nd Rifle Regiment
2nd Battalion of the 50th Rifle Regiment
1st Independent Petrograd Battalion (484 men, a.k.a. 5th Naval Expeditionary Detachment)
2nd Independent Petrograd Battalion (620 men) – from 31 October
3rd Independent Petrograd Battalion (636 men)

Other sources note the 5,600 men of the forts themselves were made up of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Fortress Artillery Divisions, an air defence unit, a mine detachment and a guard Regiment.

Other sources note:

The 4th Vsevobuch Regiment was disbanded by this point

Gatchina Group

Formed in 12 October, but disbanded soon afterwards

628th Rifle Regiment, apparently had 1,600 (of 2,000) men desert and was sent back to Petrograd
1st Reserve Rifle Regiment of the Petrograd Military District
1st Bashkir Battery

Numbers

On 21 October, at the crucial point of the battle:

Krasnaya Gorka Group about 3,500-4,000 men

6th RD had about 9,000 bayonets and 200 sabres

Odintsov Group had about 7,000 bayonets and 100 sabres

Kharlamov Group had 7,600 bayonets, 531 sabres, 147 MGs, 33 guns (with 1,400 bayonets arriving)

Between then and the end of the month 8,000-9,000 bayonets and sabres arrived, plus three armoured car detachments. However losses during this period were very high.

As of 1 November (from <i>Directives of the Red Army</i>)	Bayonets	Sabres	Guns	MGs
Inner defence of Petrograd	1 420	–	29	20
Kronstadt Fortress Group (mostly Krasnaya Gorka)	4 800	–	194	130
6th Rifle Division	9 970	240	31	188
Odintsov and Kharlamov Groups (now merged)	16 120	1 100	84	484
9 Armoured Cars				
6 Trains (plus 2 under repair)				



15th Army

11th Rifle Division

31st Rifle Brigade
 91st Rifle Regiment
 92nd Rifle Regiment
32nd Rifle Brigade
 94th Rifle Regiment
 95th Rifle Regiment
 96th Rifle Regiment
33rd Rifle Brigade
 97th Rifle Regiment
 98th Rifle Regiment
 99th Rifle Regiment
11th Cavalry Regiment

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

Other
 2nd Petrograd Rifle Regiment

*The following units may also have been present:
Armoured train #7 "Stenka Razin"*

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

*The following units may also have been present:
53rd Rifle Regiment
Armoured Train*

10th Rifle Division

Half this Division was facing the NWA, the rest facing the Estonians south of Lake Peipus.

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

158th Rifle Brigade (ex-53rd Rifle Division?)

 472nd Rifle Regiment
 473rd Rifle Regiment
 474th Rifle Regiment

Other

 54th Rifle Regiment
 169th Rifle Regiment

The following units may also have been present:

Estonian Cavalry Regiment (previously from the Estonian Rifle Division)

7th, 8th and 9th Tver Rifle Regiments, but this may units with other names listed above

93rd Rifle Regiment, briefly

Numbers

As of 1 November, from the *Directives of the Red Army*.

	Bayonets	Sabres	Guns	MGs
4th Rifle Division	11 540	380	39	196
10th Rifle Division	13 360	360	53	247
11th Rifle Division	4 290	—	18	93
19th Rifle Division	3 570	—	18	89
Totals	32 760	740	128	625

