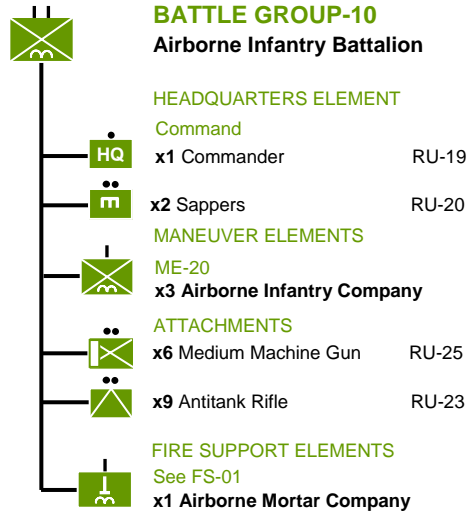
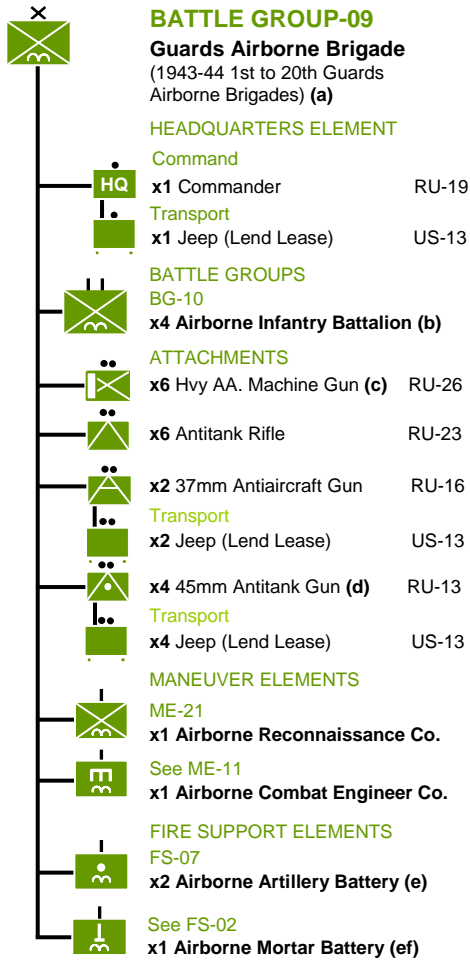
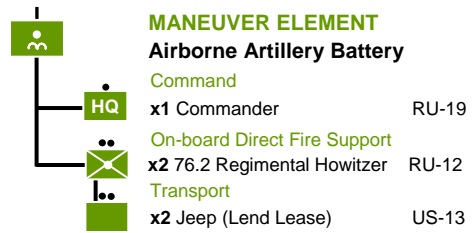


Russian Airborne Organizations

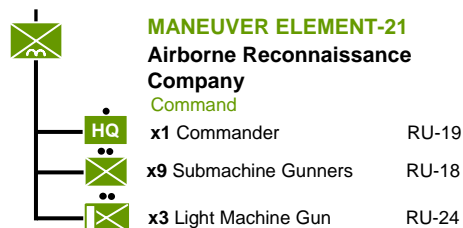
BG-09->BG-10/ME-20-ME-21/FS-07



- a) The forward observer may be attached to any maneuver element.
- b) The Airborne Artillery Battery may also operate as an on-board maneuver element as follows:



- a) Late '42, Guards airborne divisions formed at the end of 1942 were organized exactly the same as regular Guards rifle divisions and were not 'air droppable'.
 '44 The 3rd, 5th, and 20th Guards Airborne Brigades were formed after the earlier brigades had been used to form new Guards Rifle Divisions. Nov
- b) Sept. '43 The three brigades dropped at Kanev (the only large Soviet airborne operation between 1942 and 1945) only air-dropped 2 or 3 battalions each.
- c) Oct. '43 Increase to **x12** antiaircraft machineguns
- d) Oct. '43 Increase to **x8** antitank guns.
- e) Oct '43 Artillery and mortars added to the airborne brigade.
- f) Reduce to two 120mm mortars in Airborne Mortar Battery.



Miscellaneous Russian Formations

BG-11->BG-12, ME-22->ME-23

BATTLE GROUP-11

Armored Reconnaissance Bn.
(1 per 1943-45 Mech or Tank Corps)

HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT

Command
HQ x1 Commander RU-19
 Transport
 x1 Jeep (Lend Lease) US-13
M x2 Sappers RU-20
 Transport
 x1 1 1/2 Ton Truck (Lend-Lease) US-14

MANEUVER ELEMENTS

ME-22
 x2 Motorcycle Company (a)
 ME-23
 x1 Armored Rifle Company
 ME-12
 x3 Reconnaissance Platoon (b)
 Alternative:
 ME-24
 x1 Tank Company
 and ME-12
 x1 Reconnaissance Platoon (b)

ME-08
 x1 Antitank Battery (Towed) (c)
 Alternative:
 ME-25
 x2 Antitank Battery (SP) (c)

FIRE SUPPORT ELEMENTS

FS-08
 x1 Mortar Platoon (Mtz)

- a) Early '43. Some Battalions had only one Motorcycle company.
- b) Late '42 to Early '44. A tank company was added to the armored reconnaissance battalion. Armored car platoons were reduced to one maneuver element.
- c) Nov '43 A battery of towed 76.2mm guns was added to the armored reconnaissance battalion. Mid '44 Replace towed antitank battery with 2 SP antitank batteries.

MANEUVER ELEMENT-22

Motorcycle Company

Command
HQ x1 Commander RU-19
 Recon
 x4 Infantry RU-17
 Recon
 x1 Submachine Gunners RU-18
 Recon
 x4 Light Machine Gun RU-24
 Transport
 x10 Motorcycle w/sidecar RU-43

BATTLE GROUP-12

Motorcycle Regiment
(13-45 Tank Army or Independent)

HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT

Command
HQ x1 Commander RU-19
 Transport
 x1 Motorcycle w/sidecar RU-43
M x2 Sappers RU-20
 Transport
 x2 Motorcycle w/sidecar RU-43
 ATTACHMENTS
 x6 Antitank Rifle RU-23
 Transport
 x6 Motorcycle w/sidecar RU-43

MANEUVER ELEMENTS

ME-22
 x4 Motorcycle Company
 ME-12
 x3 Reconnaissance Platoon
 ME-24
 x1 Tank Company

ME-08
 x1 Antitank Battery (Towed) (a)
 Alternative:
 ME-25
 x2 Self-propelled Antitank Battery (a)

FIRE SUPPORT ELEMENTS

FS-08
 x1 Mortar Platoon (Mtz).

- a) Nov'43, A battery of towed 76.2mm guns was added to the motorcycle regiment. Mid '44 replace the towed antitank battery with 2 SP antitank batteries

MANEUVER ELEMENT-23

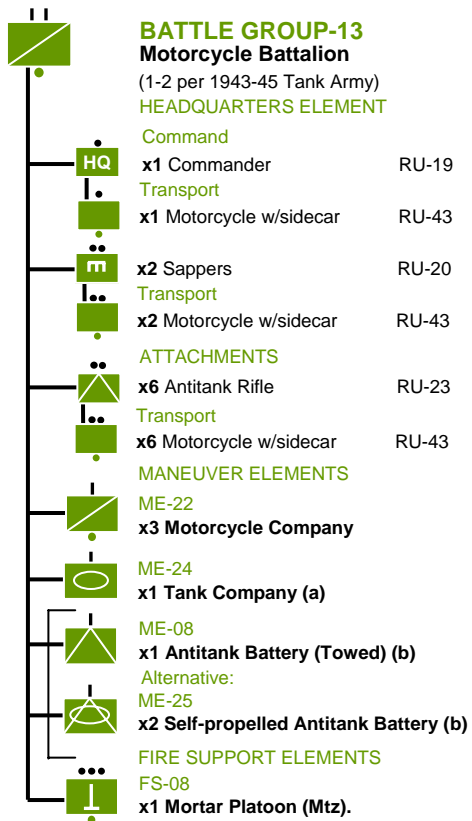
Armored Rifle Company (a)

Command
HQ x1 Commander RU-19
 Recon
 x4 Infantry RU-17
 Recon
 x2 Submachine Gunners RU-18
 Recon
 x2 Light Machine Gun RU-24
 Transport
 x9 M3A1 White Scout Car RU-11

- a) Late '43 Convert troop units into an 'ordinary' Rifle Company (ME-04) or Submachine Gun Company (ME-06) with the appropriate number of Armored Personnel Carriers Added.
- b) May replace all White Scout Cars with
 - x5 M3 Personnel Carriers (Lend-Lease) RU-40
 - x5 SPW Sdkfz 251/1 APC (captured) GE-21
 - x9 SPW Sdkfz 250/1 APC (captured) GE-26
 or any combination of the above.

Miscellaneous Russian Formations

BG-13, ME-24->ME-25, FS-08

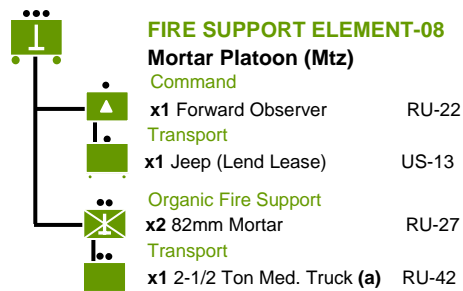
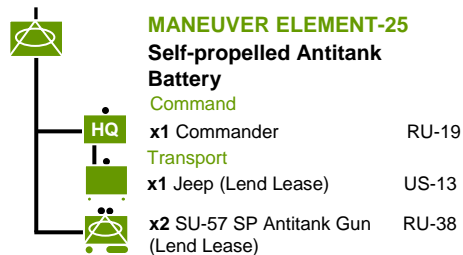


- a) Late '42 to Early '44. A tank company was added to the motorcycle battalions.
- b) Nov'43, A battery of towed 76.2mm guns was added to the motorcycle regiment. Mid '44 replace the towed antitank battery with 2 SP antitank batteries



(a) May replace T-70 with:

Late '43 T-34 76mm	RU-02
Valentine IX (Lend-Lease)	RU-33
Early '44 M3 Stuart (Lend-Lease)	RU-37
Mid '44 T-34 85mm	RU-03.1



- a) Replace transports in motorcycle battalions and regiments with:
- x2 Motorcycle w/sidecar RU-43