

18th Infantry Division – 1 July 1920

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Commander: Maj-Gen Krajowski

Chief of Staff: Maj-Gen. Arciszewski

35th Infantry Brigade

Commander: Col. Machcewicz (briefly)

42nd Infantry Regiment: Capt. Zagórski

49th Infantry Regiment: Capt. Nadachowski

36 Infantry Brigade

Commander: Maj-Gen Linde

144th Infantry Regiment: Col. Szuszkowski

145th Infantry Regiment: Maj. Sleinbach

The regiments were each of 3 battalions. Each battalion was 3 companies and a machine gun company (there was also a staff machine gun company).

Total infantry effectives for the division was 105 officers and 4,000 men. The combat strength of the battalions was about 400 men, including machine gunners.

18th Artillery Brigade

Commander: Col. Ostrowski

18th Field Artillery Regiment.

Commander: Maj. Kondrat

1st Division: Commander Capt. Pietras

2nd Division: Capt. Alikoff

3rd Division: Capt Dawidajtis

The first division had two batteries (2nd and 3rd), the others had three batteries

All batteries had four French 75 mm guns

The number of crew was small: typically 2 officers, 75 men and 80 horses per battery

18th Heavy Artillery Division

Commander: vacant

Two batteries

French 75 mm cannons (as in the 18th Field Artillery Regiment)

Squadron Horse Rifles

Commander: 2nd Lieutenant Radzimirski

70 sabres: mostly untrained recruits.

1st and 2nd Companies of 18th Sapper Battalion and 18th Sapper Column

Command vacant

100 men per company



Supply Division

Commander: Lieutenant Michalewski

53 wagons, organised as two columns (242nd and 249th)

Sanitation and Field Hospital

Bakery, field kitchens etc

The training was originally French, but it had been neglected due to constant fighting.

There was an NCO school at each brigade.

Troops assigned to the 18th Infantry Division,

as of 1 July 1

44th Infantry Regiment, less one battalion.

Commander: Lieutenant Colonel Szyling

From the 13th Infantry Division.

Combat strength 600 men per battalion.

Good training. The regiment has fought Budenny's army previously.

1st Battalion, 4th Podhole [Highland] Regiment

Commnder: Captain - -

From the 12th Infantry Division.

The battalion had long been detached from its original regiment.

Combat strength of 300 men.

Ukrainian Half battery

2 Russian field guns.

6th Ulan Regiment

Commander: Colonel Cieński

4 squadrons, each 40-60 horsemen.

1 machine gun squadron of 4 HMGs.

By 15 July the following were also attached:

Three batteries of artillery training *division* ?

10th Infantry Brigade

105th Infantry Regiment	2,200 men, 11 HMGs
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19th Infantry Regiment	737 men, 22 HMGs
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40th Infantry Regiment	320 men, 11 HMGs
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Later Strengths

Since its arrival from France there had been few reinforcements. The demobilisation of the older ranks had created large gaps, especially in the NCOs.

Attached Units, on 12 July

Col. Jasinski's group	
9th Border Rifle Regiment (missing one squadron)	24 officers, 783 men, HMGs
4th Battalion, 2nd Guard Regiment (missing one company)	3 officers, 230 men
Two MP platoons from Ostrog and Zaslavl	4 officers, 229 men
Three batteries of training <i>divizion</i> railway company	16 officers, 457 men, 12 guns

Zahorce Fort: Major Matczyński	
Reserve battalion of 50th Rifle Regiment	7 officers, 520 men, 5 HMGs
2nd Company, 8th Sapper Battalion	2 officers, 120 men
One squadron of 9th Border Horse Regiment	3 officers, 136 men
One company of 4th Battalion, 2nd Guard Regiment	2 officers, 136 men
One platoon of MPs from Krzemieniec	23 men
One platoon of 6th Field Artillery Regiment	2 officers, 45 men, 2 guns
Armoured train "Chrobry"	8 HMGs, 2 guns

18th ID Division, on 15 July

Note this is combat effectives, not men.

42nd Infantry Regiment	28 officers, 1,254 bayonets, 29 HMGs, 109 LMGs
49th Infantry Regiment	15 officers, 1,132 bayonets, 20 HMGs, 106 LMGs
144th Infantry Regiment (less 1st Battalion)	24 officers, 744 bayonets, 22 HMGs, 43 LMGs
145th Infantry Regiment	22 officers, 759 bayonets, 19 HMGs, LMGs not reported)
6th Ulan Regiment	173 sabres

Weapons all appear to be French. The large number of LMGs are therefore presumably Chauchats.

18th ID, on 24 July

Note that this was after a defeat and a retreat. Many survivors soon returned to their units.

42nd Infantry Regiment	2 battalions, 10 officers, 260 bayonets (1 battalion in Tarnopol)
49th Infantry Regiment	3 battalions, 7 officers, 500 bayonets
144th Infantry Regiment	2 battalions, 5 officers, 360 bayonets (1 battalion with 10th IB)
145th Infantry Regiment	2 battalions, 12 officers, 350 bayonets (1 battalion dissolved)
9th Border Rifle Regiment	120 bayonets

Almost the entire artillery training *divizion* plus the 4th Field Battery had been lost.

Total: 34 officers, 1,590 bayonets

