



80th Rifle Division (I Formation)

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1st Formation:

The Division was formed in 1923 in the Ukrainian Military District initially as a territorial Rifle Division. It remained there until 1935 when the eastern half of the Ukraine formed the Khar'kov Military District and the Division was assigned to it. In the summer of 1939, the Division was used as cadre to form the 141st and 192nd Rifle Divisions. It is odd for a unit in official peacetime to be awarded the Order of Lenin, even it was awarded for "combat and political training". This author's estimate is that the Division was used for the repressions of the Ukrainians during their famine of the early 1930s.

Active Dates for the Great Patriotic War:

None

Division Commanders:

Unknown

Honors and Awards:

30 May 1924

Awarded the honorific title "in the name of the Donbass Proletariat"

?? ??? 1936

Awarded the Order of Lenin

Division Honorific Title:

80th Order of Lenin Rifle Division in the name of the Donbass Proletariat

Divisional Units:

77th Rifle Regiment (I Formation)(formerly 238th Rifle Regiment)

153rd Rifle Regiment (I Formation)(formerly 239th Rifle Regiment)

218th Rifle Regiment (I Formation)(formerly 240th Rifle Regiment)

88th Artillery Regiment (I Formation)

140th Independent Anti-Tank Battalion

100th Reconnaissance Battalion

86th Sapper Battalion

25th Independent Signals Battalion

32nd Medical-Sanitation Battalion

Operations:

None

Assignments during the Great Patriotic War:

Not Applicable



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2nd Formation:

The Division was formed in the summer of 1939 in the Khar'kov Military District. It quickly completed its formation, although it still lack training as a new Division. In September, it formed part of the Ukrainian Front second echelon it the invasion of Poland. It remained in the western Ukraine until February 1940 when it was transferred north to the Northwestern Front in the war against Poland. During the Spring of 1940, it moved south to the Odessa Military District where in June 1940 it was assigned to the 49th Rifle Corps of the 5th Army in the seizure of Besarabia and Northern Bukovia from Romania. It remained here until the spring of 1941 when it was transferred to the 37th Rifle Corps in the Kiev Special Military District reserve. On 13 June 1941, it was ordered to move towards the border from the Staro-Konstantinova area and assigned to the 6th Army. When the Germans attack on 22 June, it was still in the process of moving up, being just northeast of Tarnopol'. It finally engaged in combat northwest of Tarnopol', but was pushed back along with the rest of the Red Army. By 23 July, it was pushed back to east of Vinnitsa towards the southeast. By 13 August, it was located just north of Uman where shortly thereafter it took part in the failed breakout attack on the road from Uman to Shashkov. It was caught up in the Uman pocket and destroyed there, although it wasn't officially disbanded until 19 September 1941.

Active Dates for the Great Patriotic War:

17 September 1939 – 28 September 1939

22 June 1941 – 19 September 1941

Division Commanders:

13 June 1940 – 15 August 1941

General-Major Vasiliï Ivanovich PROKHOROV (captured)

Honors and Awards:

(Carried over from the original 80th Rifle Division)

30 May 1924

Awarded the honorific title "in the name of the Donbass Proletariat"

?? ???? 1936

Awarded the Order of Lenin

Division Honorific Title:

80th Order of Lenin Rifle Division in the name of the Donbass Proletariat

Divisional Units:

77th Rifle Regiment (II Formation)
 153rd Rifle Regiment (II Formation)
 218th Rifle Regiment (II Formation)
 88th Artillery Regiment (II Formation) (formed 9 September 1939)
 144th Howitzer Artillery Regiment (I Formation) (formed 9 September 1939)
 140th Independent Anti-Tank Artillery Battalion
 141st Independent Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion (added in 1941)
 100th Reconnaissance Battalion
 86th Sapper Battalion
 25th Independent Signals Battalion
 32nd Medical-Sanitation Battalion
 67th Independent Chemical-Defense Company (added after 1939)
 40th Auto-Transport Battalion
 69th Divisional Veterinary Clinic
 12th Field Bakery
 400th Field Cash Office of State Bank

Operations:

Western Byelorussian and Western Ukraine Campaign
 Kiev Strategic Defensive Operation
 (Novgorod-Volynskii Front Defensive Operation)
 (Uman Front Defensive Operation)

Assignments during the Great Patriotic War:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Front</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Corps</i>
1941			
22 June 1941	Southwestern Front	6th Army	37th Rifle Corps
1 July 1941	Southwestern Front	6th Army	37th Rifle Corps
10 July 1941	Southwestern Front	6th Army	37th Rifle Corps
1 August 1941	Southern Front	6th Army	37th Rifle Corps
1 September 1941	INACTIVE	-	-



80th Rifle Division (III Formation)

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3rd Formation:

The Division was formed on 25 September 1941 by the renaming of the 1st Guards Rifle Division of the Leningrad People's Militia. Unfortunately, this happened just as the Division was being pinned back into the Oranienbaum bridgehead just west of Leningrad. During October, the Division was evacuated from the bridgehead, first to Leningrad, then across Lake Ladoga to be with the 54th Army. It took part in the Tikhvin counteroffensive in November/December 1941, then remained in the Volkhov River region through the first months of 1944. It took either a supporting or major role in the multiple offensives to break the blockade around Leningrad. It then took part in the eviction of the Germans from the Leningrad region in the first half of 1944, then the Baltic States in the later half of the year. In December 1944, it was transferred to Poland and assigned to the 1st Ukrainian Front in preparation for the Vistula-Oder Operation across southern Poland in January 1945. By February 1945, it was fighting in German Silesia, where it ended the war in the 59th Army, which at the time was taking part in the destruction of Army Group Center. After the war, it was ordered to disband in Stavka VGK Order No. 11096 dated 29 May 1945. It faded out of existence a few months later. The number was not used again for a Rifle Division.

Active Dates for the Great Patriotic War:

25 September 1941 – 1 December 1944

20 December 1944 – 11 May 1945

Division Commanders:

25 September 1941 – 24 November 1941	Unknown ¹
25 November 1941 – 6 January 1942	Colonel Pavel Fedorovich BRYGIN
7 January 1942 – 8 January 1942	Unknown
9 January 1942 – 27 January 1943	Colonel Nikolai Vasil'evich SIMONOV
28 January 1943 – 12 January 1944	General-Major Dmitrii L'vovich ABAKUMOV
14 January 1944 – 21 January 1944	Lieutenant Colonel Aleksandr Ivanovich IVANOV
22 January 1944 – 8 April 1944	General-Major Ivan Mikhailovich PLATOV
9 April 1944 – 11 April 1944	Unknown
12 April 1944 – 30 April 1944	Colonel Nikolai Stepanovich LOSYAKOV
1 May 1944 – 6 May 1944	Unknown
7 May 1944 – 21 September 1944	Colonel Aleksandr Dmitrievich KORNILOV
22 September 1944 – 23 September 1944	Unknown
24 September 1944 – 9 May 1945	Colonel Dmitrii Naumovich KUZ'MIN

¹ Even up to the year 2005, it is still unknown outside of archival material who commanded the Division for 2 months. Every open source still has no one in that position. This individual must still be a "non-person".

Honors and Awards:

19 January 1944

Awarded the honorific title "Lyuban'skaya"

5 April 1944

Awarded the Order of Kutuzov II Class

Division Honorific Title:

80th Lyubanskaya Order of Kutuzov Rifle Division

Divisional Units:

77th Rifle Regiment (III Formation)

153rd Rifle Regiment (III Formation)

218th Rifle Regiment (III Formation)

88th Artillery Regiment (III Formation)

384th Mortar battalion (from 15 October 1941 to 18 October 1942)

100th Reconnaissance Company

86th Sapper Battalion

25th Independent Signals Battalion

32nd Medical-Sanitation Battalion

67th Independent Chemical-Defense Company

116th Auto-Transport Company

69th Divisional Veterinary Clinic

344th Mobile Field Bakery

2103rd Field Postal Station (renamed 418th Field Postal Station)

627th Field Cash Office of State Bank

Operations:

Leningrad Strategic Defensive Operation

Tikhvin Strategic Offensive Operation

(Tikhvin-Kirishsk Front Offensive Operation)

Lyuban Front Offensive Operation

Sinyavino Front Offensive Operation

Leningrad-Novgorod Strategic Offensive Operation

(Novgorod-Luga Front Offensive Operation)

(Kingisepp-Gdov Front Offensive Operation)

Vistula-Oder Strategic Offensive Operation

(Sandomierz-Silesia Front Offensive Operation)

Prague Strategic Offensive Operation

(Sudetenland Front Offensive Operation)

Assignments during the Great Patriotic War:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Front</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Corps</i>
1941			
1 October 1941	Leningrad Front	8th Army	-
1 November 1941	Leningrad Front	-	-
1 December 1941	Leningrad Front	54th Army	-
1942			
1 January 1942	Leningrad Front	54th Army	-
1 February 1942	Leningrad Front	54th Army	-
1 March 1942	Leningrad Front	54th Army	-
1 April 1942	Leningrad Front	54th Army	-
1 May 1942	Volkhov Group of Forces	54th Army	-
1 June 1942	Volkhov Group of Forces	54th Army	-

<i>Date</i>	<i>Front</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Corps</i>
1 July 1942	Volkhov Front	54th Army	-
1 August 1942	Volkhov Front	54th Army	-
1 September 1942	Volkhov Front	54th Army	-
1 October 1942	Volkhov Front	8th Army	-
1 November 1942	Volkhov Front	8th Army	-
1 December 1942	Volkhov Front	8th Army	-
1943			
1 January 1943	Volkhov Front	8th Army	-
1 February 1943	Volkhov Front	2nd Shock Army	-
1 March 1943	Volkhov Front	-	-
1 April 1943	Volkhov Front	-	-
1 May 1943	Volkhov Front	54th Army	-
1 June 1943	Volkhov Front	54th Army	-
1 July 1943	Volkhov Front	54th Army	-
1 August 1943	Volkhov Front	54th Army	-
1 September 1943	Volkhov Front	54th Army	-
1 October 1943	Volkhov Front	54th Army	-
1 November 1943	Volkhov Front	54th Army	-
1 December 1943	Volkhov Front	54th Army	-
1944			
1 January 1944	Volkhov Front	54th Army	-
1 February 1944	Volkhov Front	54th Army	111th Rifle Corps
1 March 1944	Leningrad Front	2nd Shock Army	124th Rifle Corps
1 April 1944	Leningrad Front	59th Army	6th Rifle Corps
1 May 1944	Leningrad Front	8th Army	6th Rifle Corps
1 June 1944	Leningrad Front	59th Army	6th Rifle Corps
1 July 1944	Leningrad Front	-	43rd Rifle Corps
1 August 1944	Leningrad Front	59th Army	43rd Rifle Corps
1 September 1944	Leningrad Front	59th Army	43rd Rifle Corps
1 October 1944	Leningrad Front	59th Army	97th Rifle Corps
1 November 1944	Leningrad Front	59th Army	97th Rifle Corps
1 December 1944	Leningrad Front	59th Army	43rd Rifle Corps
1945			
1 January 1945	1st Ukrainian Front	59th Army	43rd Rifle Corps
1 February 1945	1st Ukrainian Front	59th Army	43rd Rifle Corps
1 March 1945	1st Ukrainian Front	59th Army	43rd Rifle Corps
1 April 1945	1st Ukrainian Front	59th Army	43rd Rifle Corps
1 May 1945	1st Ukrainian Front	59th Army	43rd Rifle Corps