

Croatia

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This order of battle is by Mr. Richard Bennett. He writes:

There appear to be at least 58 reserve Infantry Units listed as Brigades; most are of battalion size or less, many are training or cadre only. Below are two lists for reserve brigade. List A contains those brigades I estimate are of large Battalion or Battalion Group in strength, and are of a standard of training and equipment to be operational within 10 days. List B contains reserve/training/cadre brigades that a mere company in strength, or at most a weak battalion.

Editor's Note: The Former Yugoslavia split into Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Serbia-Montenegro (the residual country of Yugoslavia), and Slovenia. Each of the five countries has its own armed forces. Complicating the picture, Bosnia-Herzegovina is itself a mini-federation of three peoples: Muslims, Croats, and Serbs, each of whom maintains their own armed forces. The Bosnian and Croat forces nominally have a joint army, but actually only one brigade is integrated and the Croats periodically threaten to pull out. Both groups work together only from fear of the Serbs, who call themselves the Provisional Republic of Srpska. The Serbs stay in Bosnia-Herzegovina only under duress of the West. The region is highly fluid: Macedonia may break up, Montenegro and Kosovo may secede, and Bosnia-Herzegovina may also break up. Even more complications are possible: for example, Srpska wants to merge with Serbia, some Macedonian Albanians want to merge with Kosovo, elements in Macedonia and Kosovo want to merge with Albania. The region could disintegrate further; at some point Serb nationalism, temporarily beaten down by a decade of war and deprivation, might revive and begin the cycle all over again. From an orbat viewpoint, this region will remain difficult to understand for non-Europeans. Because of Yugoslavia's post-World War 2 system of total defense, all these nations new and old are used to maintaining huge forces, active and reserve, in proportion to their populations.

Army Command Forces (Strategic Reserve-Zagreb)
1st Guards Mechanized Brigade ('Tigers')
7th Guards Mechanized Brigade ('Pumas')
1st Croatian Guard Motorized Brigade
204 th SAM Brigade (Vukovar)
8th Heavy Artillery Regt
16th MLRS/artillery Battalion (nominal Brigade)
15th Anti-Tank missile Battalion (nominal Brigade)

66th Military Police Battalion

1st Military District (HQ Karlovac)

2nd Guards Mechanized Brigade ('Thunders')

67th military Police Battalion

2nd Military District (HQ Dakovo)

3rd Guards Motorized Brigade ('Minks')

5th Guards Mechanized Brigade ('Slovenia Falcons')

201st SAM Regt (nominal Brigade)

15th Artillery Regt

68th Military Police Battalion

3rd Military District (HQ Knin)

4th Guards Motorized Brigade ('Spiders')

72nd Military Police Battalion

4th Military District (HQ Ston)

9th Guards Motorized Brigade ('Wolves')

75th Military Police Battalion

5th Military District (HQ Pazin)

111 th Infantry Brigade

128 th Infantry Brigade

203 rd SAM Regiment (nominal Brigade)
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9th Anti-Tank Missile Regt

12th Artillery Regiment

71st Military Police Battalion

6th Military District (HQ Varazdin)

69th Military Police Battalion

List A: Key Reserve Units

57th Inf. 'Brigade' ('Marjan Celjak')

Sisak

107th Inf 'Brigade' ('Vukovi')

Donji Miholjac-Valpovo

109th Inf 'Brigade' ('Rode')

Vinkovci

111st Inf 'Brigade' ('Zmajevi')

Rijeka

114th inf 'Brigade' ('Skorpions')

Trogir

116th Inf 'Brigade' ('Neretvanski Gusari')
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Ploce

138th Inf 'Brigade' ('Goranski Risovi')

Varazdin

List B: Other Reserve Units

101st Brigade

Susangrad

102nd Brigade	Novi zagreb
103rd Brigade	Zagorje
104th Brigade	Varazdin
105th Brigade	Bjelovar
106th Brigade	Osijek
108th Brigade	Slavonski Brod
110th Brigade	Karlovac
112th Brigade	Zadar
113th Brigade	Sibenik
115th Brigade	Imotski
117th Brigade	Koprivnica
118th Brigade	Gospic
119th Brigade	Pula
120th Brigade	Sisak
121st Brigade	Nova Gradiska
122nd Brigade	Dakovo
123rd Brigade	Pozega
124th Brigade	Vukovar
125th Brigade	Kutina
126th Brigade	Sinj
127th Brigade	Virovitica

128th Brigade	Rijeka-lika
129th Brigade	Sinj
131st Brigade	Nasice
133rd Brigade	Otocac
134th Brigade	Baranja
135th Brigade	Baranja
136th Brigade	Podravska Slatina
137th Brigade	Duga Resa
139th Brigade	Zagreb
140th Brigade	Jastrebarsko
142nd Brigade	Drnis
143rd Brigade	Ogulin
144th Brigade	Zagreb
145th Brigade	Dubrava
148th Brigade	Trnje
149th Brigade	Tresnjevka
150th Brigade	Crnomerac
151st Brigade	Samobor
153rd Brigade	Velika Gorica
154th Brigade	Istra
155th Brigade	Crikvenica

156th Brigade	Dubrovnik
157th Brigade	Slavonski Brod
159th Brigade	Zadar
160th Brigade	Osijek
163rd Brigade	Dubrovnik
165th Brigade	Sunja
175th Brigade	Zagreb

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