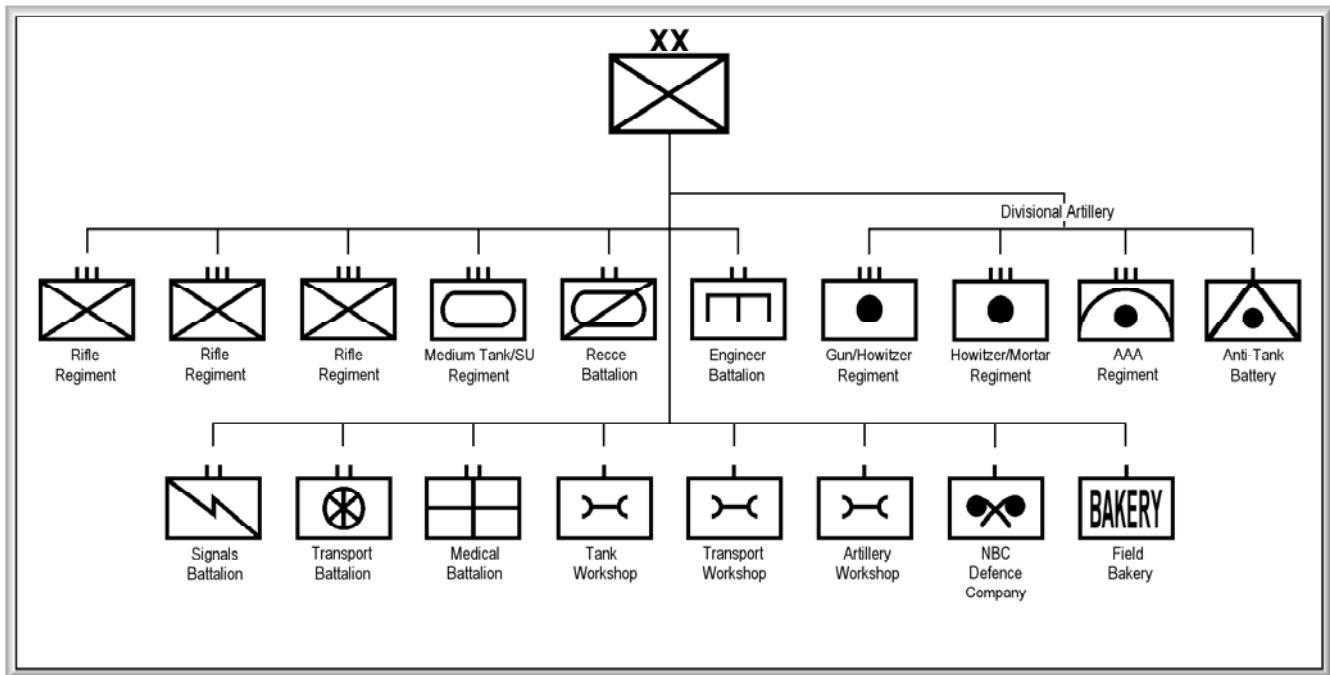


Soviet Rifle Division

1961

Organisation

Note: The following organisation represents the average rifle division's composition. In order to reduce the size of the document I have shown the entire structure below but not within the ORBAT. Those units within the division of regimental size are separate and I have indicated in the divisional structure where they are to be put. In this way I will be able to keep the divisions to less than 10 pages (each regiment runs between 1 and 5 pages). Any errors within are mine and I welcome constructive criticism as I do additional material. Some units are very close in size and structure so those that initially appear the same may not be so.



Rifle Division

Headquarters



Insert three Rifle Regiments and a Medium Tank/SU Regiment here.

Divisional Artillery

Headquarters



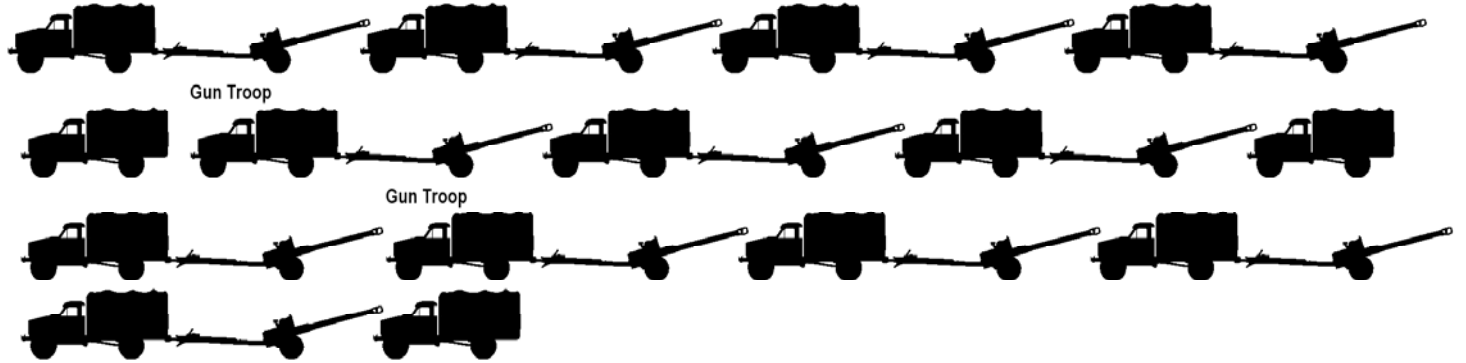
Insert a Gun and Howitzer Regiment, a Howitzer and Mortar Regiment and an Anti-Aircraft Regiment here.

85mm Gun Battery

Headquarters



Gun Troop



Support Troop

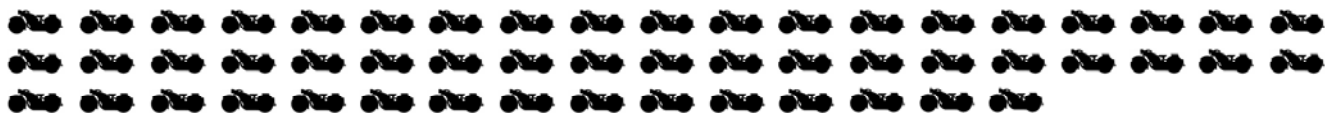


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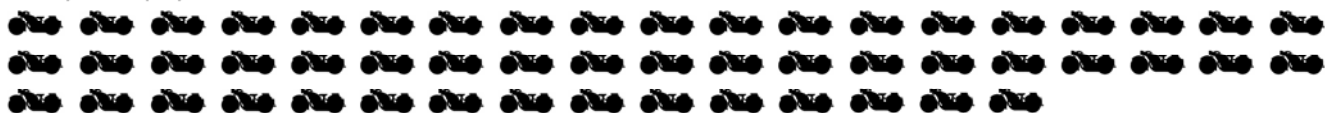
Headquarters



Motorcycle Company



Motorcycle Company



Reconnaissance Company

Headquarters



Platoon

Platoon

Platoon



Anti-Tank Troop



Reconnaissance Company ...cont'd

Mortar Troop



Engineer Battalion

Headquarters



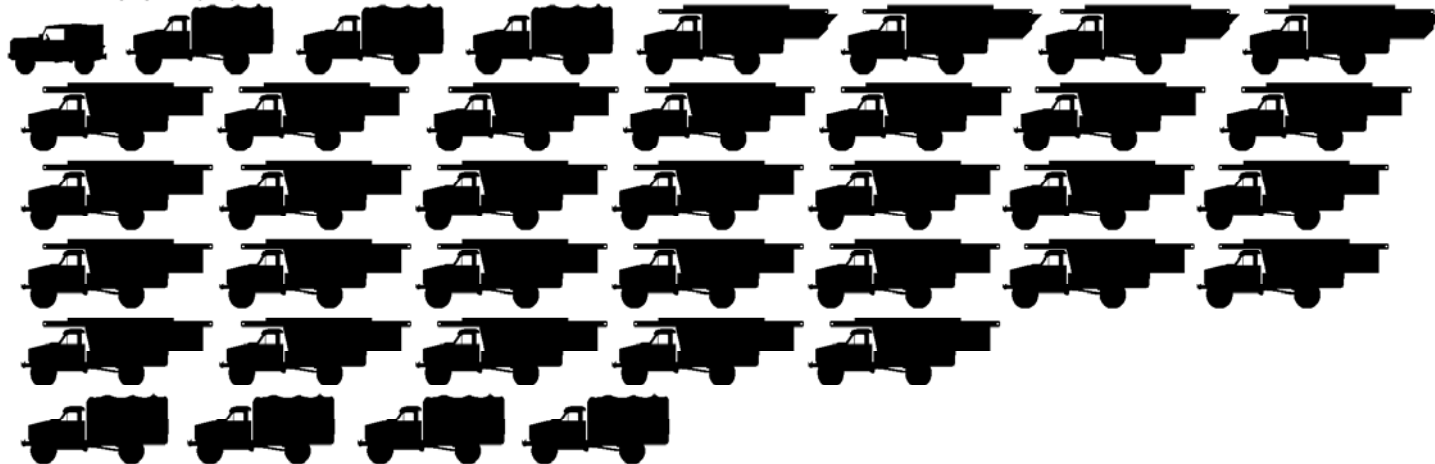
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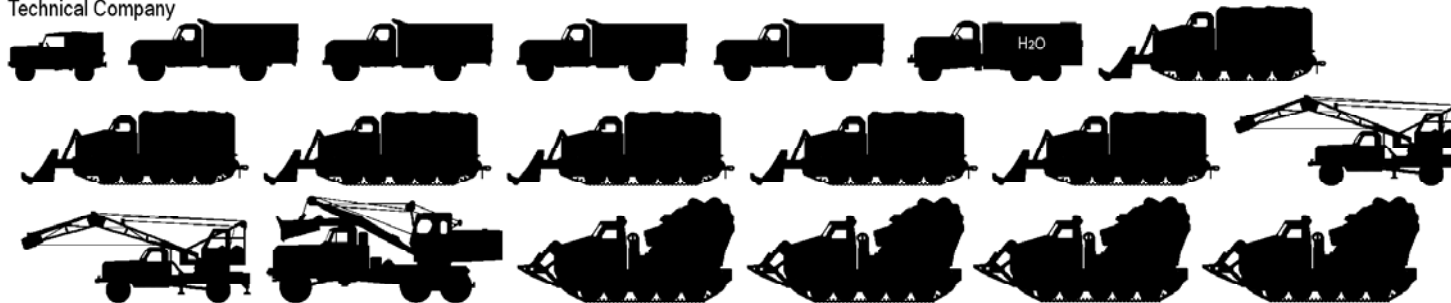
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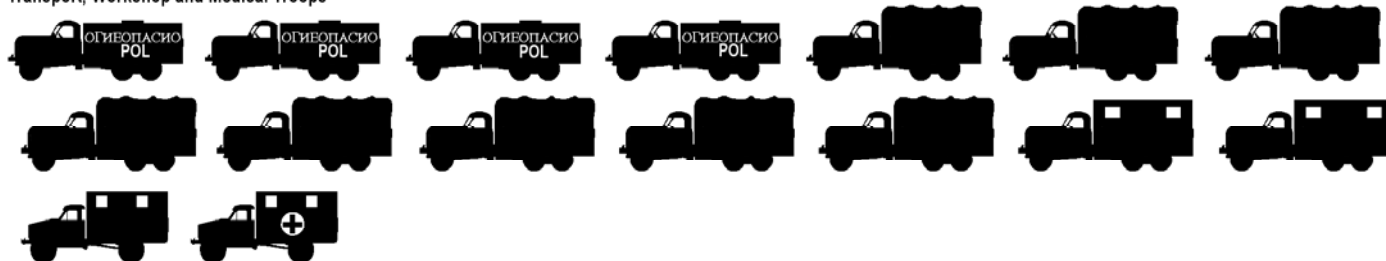
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Technical Company



Transport, Workshop and Medical Troops



Signals Battalion



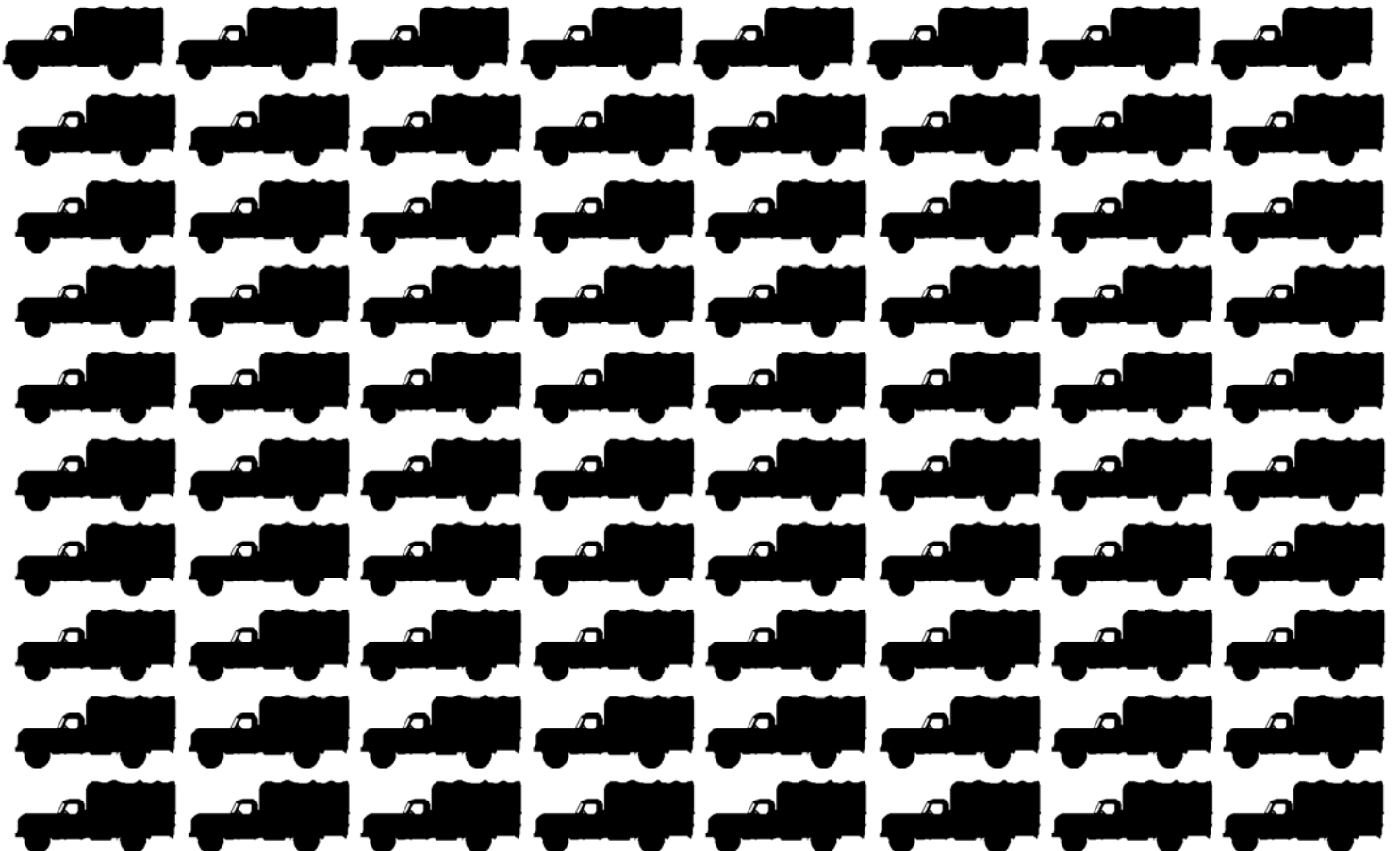
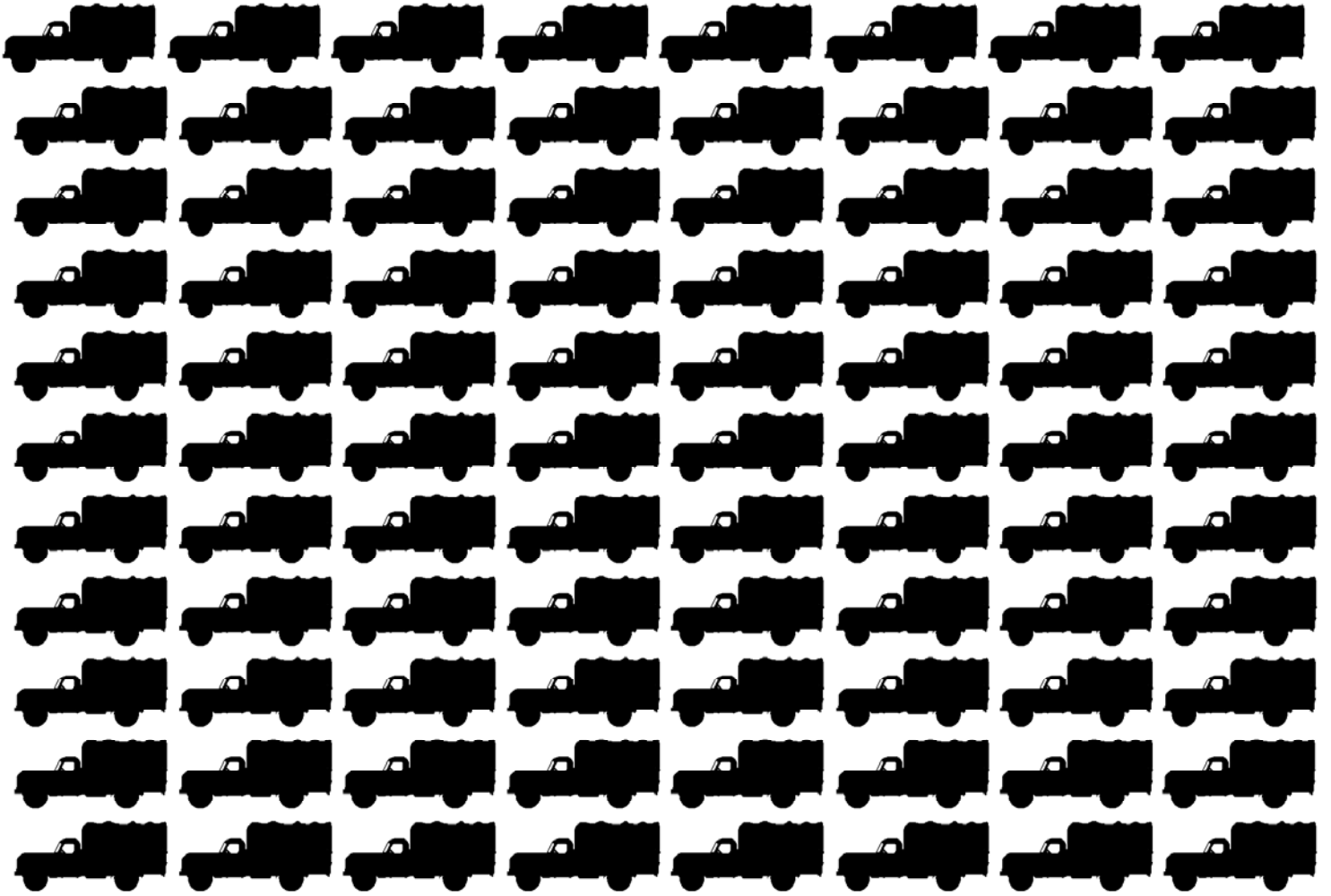
Medical Battalion



Transport Battalion

Headquarters

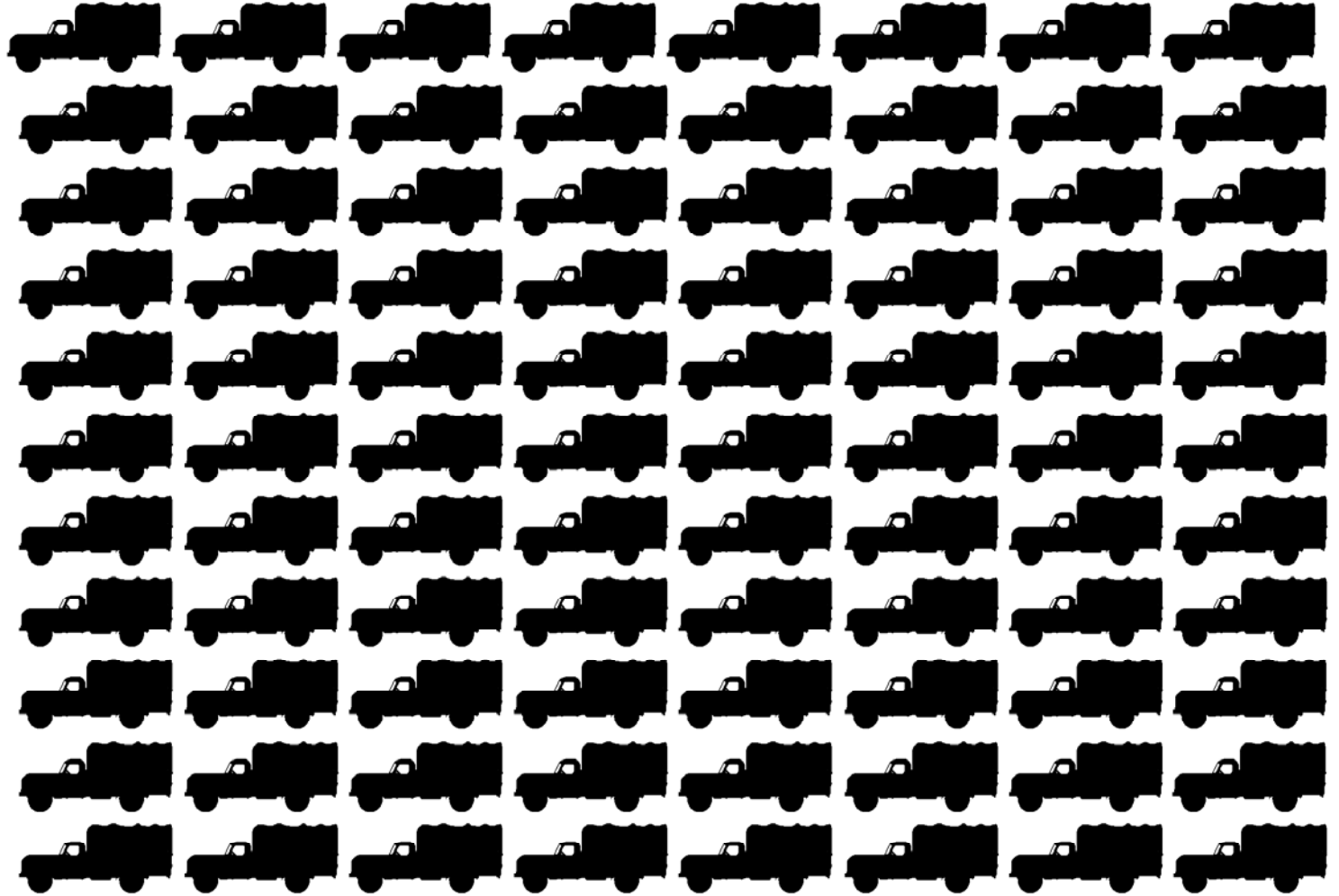




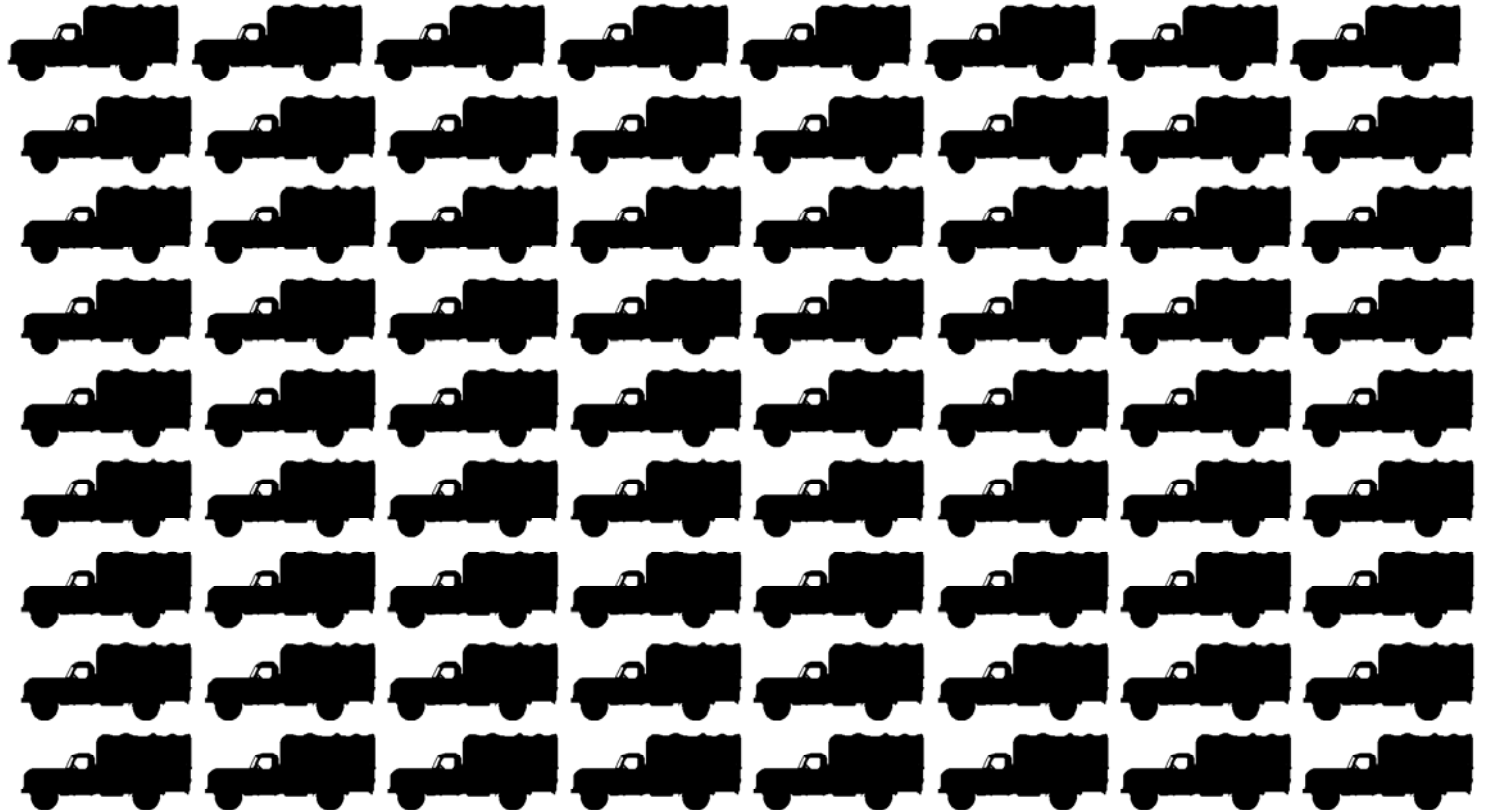
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Transport Company



Transport Company



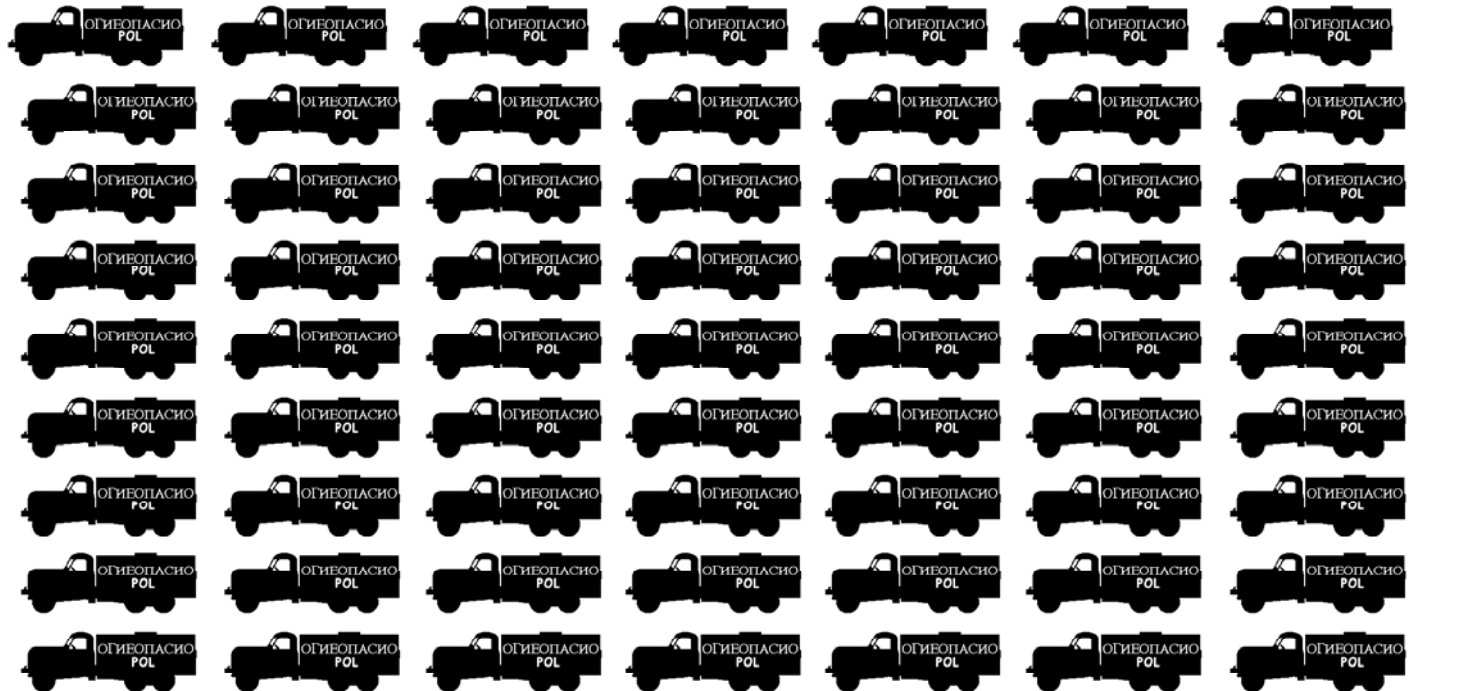
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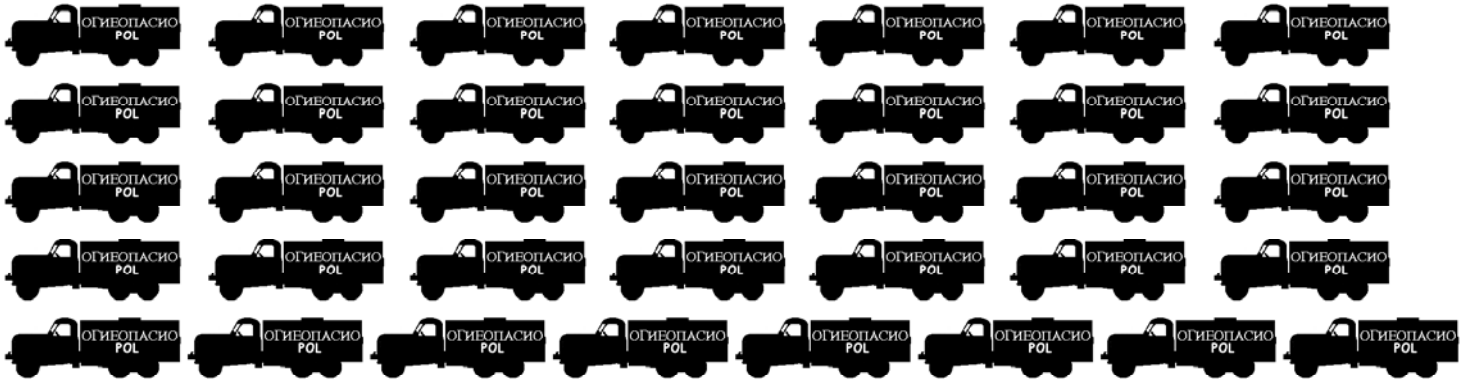
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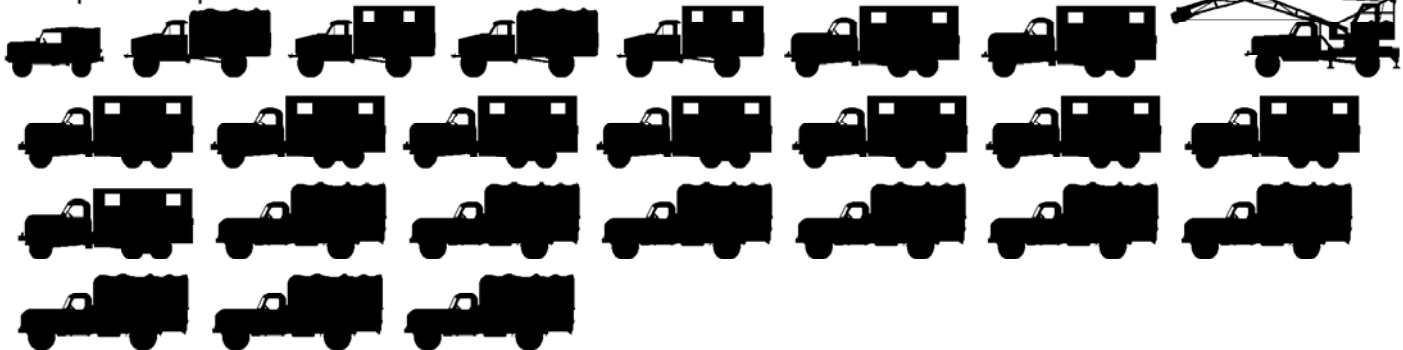
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Transport Repair Workshop



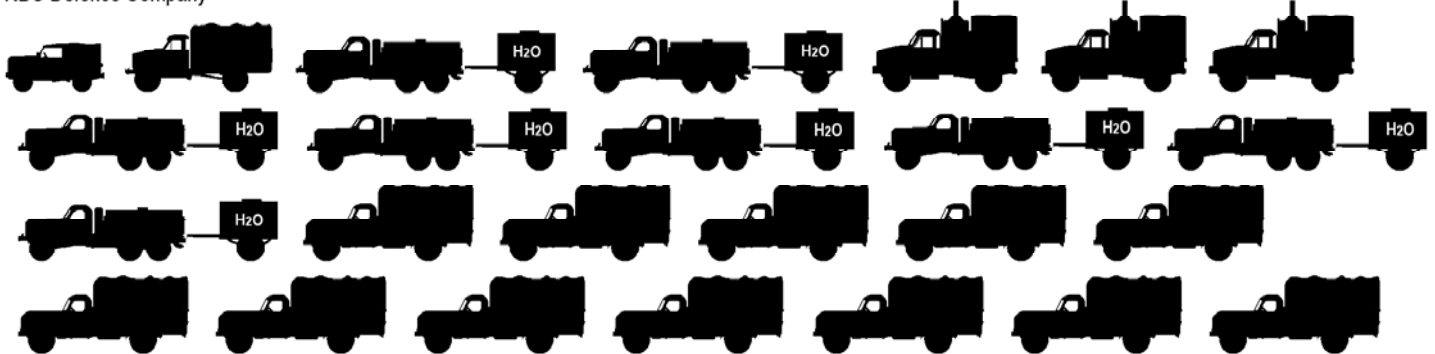
Tank Repair Workshop



Artillery Repair Workshop



NBC Defence Company



Field Bakery



This ORBAT represents the holdings of a typical Soviet Rifle Division in the early 1960s. At this time their days were numbered, the mechanized division having overtaken their position at the end of the war and they, in turn, being supplanted by the newer motor rifle divisions. The rifle division would be slowly upgraded in rear areas as an active division or as a war cadre division with only maintenance personnel and stored vehicles.