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1. Soviet military units with the designation "separate" or "independent" (otdel'nyy) were subordinate directly to a division, corps, army, or army group, e.g., a battalion without the designation "separate" was subordinate to a regiment; a separate battalion was subordinate to a division, corps, army, or army group.

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3. Battalions organic to a regiment were also dependent on the regiment for supply. Separate units usually had a larger T/O&E than organic units.
4. Separate units ranged in size from platoons (medical only) up to armies. During World War II and until 1950, the 4th Gds. Mecz. Army was a separate unit. During the war it was subordinate to the Armed Forces Ministry in Moscow and between 1945 and 1950, to the GOFG.
5. The official designation of a separate unit included the word "separate"; however, in common usage the word was omitted.

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