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1. There were two chief officers who came directly under the commanding general of a Soviet Division. One was the Chief of Staff and the other was the Nachalnik Tila (Chief, Rear). The latter was also deputy commanding general. It was during the early period of the Russo-German war that the Tila (Rear) became independent, under the commanding general. The following general staff sections came under the Chief of Staff of the division: G-1 - Operations; G-2 - Intelligence; G-3 - Communications; G-4 - Personnel; G-5 - Coding and Decoding (a small section); and G-6 - Topographic (maps). The above staff structure was applicable as of 1941 and later.

2. Under the divisional Nachalnik Tila were to be found the Medical Chief, the Veterinary Chief, Food Section, Transport Section, Clothing Section, Finance Section and other elements. Such officers as Chief of the Divisional Artillery and the Chiefs of the Engineers, Chemical Warfare, and Tank Troops were directly under the Commanding General of the division. Also directly under the Commanding General were the: Voeni Sud (Military Court) and the Voeni Prokuror (Military Prosecutor).

3. By 1943 the Voenii Kommissari (political commissars) had been made deputy commanding generals or deputy commanding officers of units. In effect, there men remained independent and reported to higher ranking political commissars. All of the political commissars were subordinate to PUR - Politicheskoe Upravleniye Respubliki (political administration of the republic). PUR is subordinate to the Minister of War. Independent within a military unit was the Osobi Otdel (a special section of the NKVD). During World War II this section was called SMERSh (death to the spies). The Osobi Otdel reported only to the NKVD.

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