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25X1 1. The chain of command from the Government to the Army is through the departments listed below:

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- a. Liaison Office: Between the Assembly and the Armed Forces, under the command of Major General Ljubodrag Djuric.
- b. Ministry of Defense: Under Tito. Among the more important members, are Lt. General Gornjak, Jovanovic, Drljevic, Avsic and Vlatko Kovacevic.
- c. Russian Military Mission: Between the Ministry of Defense and the General Staff is the Russian Military Mission, which is divided into several "nuclei", some of which are with the General Staff, some attached to training units and others with various Army, Navy and Air Force headquarters. Among its members are: Generals Ivanov, Obraskov, Kiseljev, Lotocki, Golosko (Engineers), Saljatov, Zbindjev, Colonels Nikitin, Vatkov and Sidelnikov.
- d. General Staff of the Ministry of Defense:

Chief of Staff: Lt General Koca Popovic
 Assistant Chief of Staff: Lt General Rudolf Primorac
 Head of Cabinet: Colonel Bridar Lukic

The General Staff is composed of:

- (1) Army General Staff:
Army Chief of Staff:

Colonel General Arso Jovanovic
 Lieut. General Peko Dapcevic (also listed as Chief of the Proletarian Corps)
 Lieut. General Ivan Gornjak
 Major General Svetozar Vukmanovic (Tempo)

- (2) Navy General Staff:

Rear-Admiral Srecko Manolo

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(3) Air Force General Staff:

Zdenko Ulepko

Assistant Chief of Staff:

Major General Bozo Lazarevic

(4) The following offices, staffed by General Staff officers, for all three services:

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| Organization and Mobilization | - Col Zarko Obanski
or Lt. Gen. Savo Grovic |
| Operations | - Gen Veljko Kovacovic |
| Intelligence | - Col Franc Inkret or
Lt. Gen. Bozidar Masiaric |
| Training | |
| Cipher | |
| Historical | |
| War Production | -- Gen Danilo Trnamos |
| Agit - Prop | - Maj. Gen. Vitomir Vlahovic |
| Finance | - Colonel Vojko Todorovic |

2. It is the task of the General Staff to study, experiment, prepare and organize the Yugoslav Armed Forces and all plans dealing with operations and mobilization. Plans, instructions and orders are then passed on in the following way:

a. From the Army General Staff to:

Hqs of the six Armies
Garrison Hqs
Training Centers

Hq of the First Armored Army
Military Districts

b. From the Navy General Staff to:

Naval C-in-C (Admiral Cernj)
Fleet Commander (Commander Tomacic)
Hqs-Sreja-Seja-Laja and River Fleet
Marine Infantry and Coastal Artillery Units (General Mandic)

c. From the Air General Staff (Assistant Chief of Staff, Air) to:

Air HQ
Hqs of 5 Air Divisions
Pilots' and Specialists' Training Centers
Territorial Air Commands (VOK)
Hq Naval Air Command

3. The General Staff also controls the following sections formed of the Hqs of all branches of the Services:

- a. Supplies: Commander: General Ijubisa Radzi-Popovic (?). This Section controls all centers producing military stores, depots, dumps, workshops, etc. The Supply Service receives material and supplies (excluding weapons and ammunition) produced in the country or obtained from abroad, for storage and maintenance or for consignment in accordance with instructions issued by the General Staff. This branch also deals with rations, forage, clothing, equipment etc, for all units of the Army, Navy and Air Force.
- b. Engineers: Commander: Major General Djordje Mirasovic. Under command are: Territorial Engineers Hqs for fortifications and other work; two railway Engineers Brigades; Military Geographical Institute in Belgrade with a section for the Navy at Dubrovnik. In matters of a technical nature

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or dealing with organization, it also controls Engineer units of Armies and Divisions in the Army, Navy and Air Force, which specialize in bridging, field work, demolition and sabotage.

- c. Artillery: Commander: Major General Pavle Jaksic. Deputy Commander: Major General Bozidar Krvat. They command and control: Artillery Hqs at Armies and Divisions; the system of allotment, supply and repair of all guns of the Armed Forces through the technical service of the Artillery; the supply of ammunition for all guns of the Armed Forces. Laboratories, workshops and research centers.
- d. Anti-Aircraft Defense: Commander: Major General Vlado Dapcevic. This department is still being organized. It controls an unknown number of zones where listening and observation posts are being erected, Passive Air Defense, camouflage and black-out measures.
- e. Communications: Commander: Colonel Vladimir Vodopivec. This Section maintains communications by means of all technical methods between all Hqs and formations of the Armed Forces. It also trains the necessary specialists. For technical and training matters it also controls the Army Communications Brigades and subordinate units with the other Services.
- f. Chemical Warfare: This Section gives courses in flame-throwing, smoke and anti-gas precautions.
- g. Corps of Military Administration: Commander: Colonel Drago Strugar.
- h. Transport Service: Commander: General Vuko Lepetic. He commands a Railway Transport section and the General Staff motor pool. This pool appears to be composed of five Transport Regiments, which operates at the immediate request of the General Staff. It appears almost certain that the Transport Service supplies all three services.
- i. Corps of Military Justice: Commander: General Marko Krdzic or Colonel Miroslav Milić. It deals with all crimes committed by military personnel or by civilians subject to Military Law or crimes against the security of the state and of the Armed Forces. It is composed of a superior Tribunal of the General Staff in Belgrade. This Court deals with the more important cases e.g. General Mihailovic, and reviews sentences passed by Army Military Tribunals on service personnel only. A Military Tribunal is attached to each Army. The Navy and Air Force also have a Military Tribunal.
- j. Medical Corps: Commander: General Gojko Nikolic. It has two distinct organizations: (1) A territorial organization formed of military hospitals designated with numbers, special clinics, convalescent homes, rehabilitation centers for invalids and cripples. (2) A mobilized organization comprising medical units, field hospitals and surgical centers at Army, Division and Brigade Hqs. There are also disinfection centers, pharmacies and schools for doctors and nurses.
- k. Veterinary Corps.
- l. Physical Education Section: Commander: General Vlado Ambrozic. This deals with propaganda and sports culture in the Armed Forces on a wide scale with various competitions etc. It has subordinate offices as far down as Divisions.
- m. Political Section: Commander: General Svetozar Vukmanovic-Tempo. Political control of all the Armed Forces is effected by means of Political Commissars at Army, Division, Brigade, Battalion and Company levels with trusted personnel of the Communist Party and of SKOJ. This section also works with the Personnel Section and controls the admission of candidates to the Academies and Military schools.

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- n. Welfare Section for Veterans, Invalids, Families of War dead: Commander: Lieut. General Miloje Milojevic. It finds work for veterans, rehabilitates and helps cripples and invalids and the families of the dead. It also has temporary control of foreign PWA.
- o. Schools and Military Academies: Commander: Lt Gen Savo Orovic. They are partly controlled by the Training Office of the General Staff and partly by the Hqs of all branches of the Services which supply instructors, programs and material. As a general rule, courses last for one or two years and are attended by veterans of proven political beliefs, selected by a commission composed of a Brigade Commissar, a Brigade Commander, and a Divisional Commissar. The findings of the Commission are subject to review by the political section of the General Staff.

Candidates must agree to remain in the Armed Forces for a minimum period of five years, which can be extended at the discretion of the military authorities. The academies run two separate courses: one for older officers who have already attended the school, who have distinguished themselves during their service and to become regular officers; the second is for youths who desire to make their career in the Services, and who are selected after detailed investigation by the youth organization to which candidates must have belonged. (UJ.OJ or SKOJ). The first course lasts for two years and the second four years, followed by another two years of specialization.

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