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Pre-First World War

1855-1871 - Topographical and Statistical Department

Section	Responsible for
Topographical	A topographical section for the collection and production of maps useful for operations.
Statistical	A statistical section of 3 divisions, A, B, and C each under an officer responsible for the collection and issue of military information concerning foreign countries.

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1875 - Intelligence Department, Statistical Section

Section	Responsible for
Section A	France, Belgium, Military history, Records of British campaigns and expeditions
Section B	Colonies and colonial defence
Section C	Germany, Low Countries, North and South America
Section D	Russia, Iberian Peninsula, India, Persia, Japan
Section E	Ottoman Empire, Balkans, Austria, Hungary, Italy, Norway and Sweden, Egypt, Africa

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1887 - Intelligence Department (Directorate of Military Intelligence)

Section	Responsible for
Section A	France, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Central and South America, Mexico
Section B	British Colonies and protectorates, Cyprus, Polynesia, South African Republic, Orange Free State and adjoining native territories
Section C	Germany, Netherlands, Scandinavia, Switzerland, USA
Section D	Russia, India, Afghanistan, Burma, Siberia, China, Persia, Japan, Siam, Central Asia
Section E	Ottoman Empire, Austria-Hungary, Balkan States, Independent African States, Egypt
Section F	Compilation and preparation of maps. Issues of maps. Library. Map room. Drawing office. Storekeepers.

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1895 - Intelligence Department (Directorate of Military Intelligence)

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Section	Responsible for
Section A	France, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Central and South America, Mexico
Section B	Strategical consideration of all defence schemes at home and abroad and correspondence with other departments on defence questions. British Colonies and protectorates, Cyprus, Polynesia, South African Republic, Orange Free State and adjoining native territories
Section C	Germany, Netherlands, Scandinavia, Switzerland, USA
Section D	Russia, India, Afghanistan, Burma, Siberia, China, Persia, Japan, Siam, Central Asia
Section E	Ottoman Empire, Austria-Hungary, Balkan States, Independent African States, Egypt
Section F	Compilation and preparation of maps. Issues of maps. Map room. Drawing office. Storekeepers.
Section L	Library. Printed books. Examination of newspapers.

1895 - Intelligence Department (Directorate of Military Intelligence)

Section	Responsible for
Section A	France, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Central and South America, Mexico
Section B	British Colonies and protectorates, Cyprus, Polynesia, South African Republic, Orange Free State and adjoining native territories
Section C	Germany, Netherlands, Scandinavia, Switzerland, USA
Section D	Russia, India, Afghanistan, Burma, Siberia, China, Persia, Japan, Siam, Central Asia
Section E	Ottoman Empire, Austria-Hungary, Balkan States, Independent African States, Egypt
Section F	Compilation and preparation of maps. Issues of maps. Map room. Drawing office. Storekeepers.
Section H	Cable censorship, surveillance of suspected persons in conjunction with Scotland Yard, press correspondents, enquiries regarding POWs, complaints made by foreigners, violations of Geneva Convention, issue permits to land in South Africa after martial law was proclaimed.
Section L	Library. Printed books. Examination of newspapers.

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1900 - Intelligence Division (Directorate of Military Intelligence)

Section	Responsible for
Section A	France
Section B	Colonies and Imperial Defence
Section C	Germany
Section D	Russia, India, Far East
Section E	Near East
Section F	Maps, Map Curator and Map Library
Section H	Special Duties
Section L	Library

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1901 - Intelligence Division (under Directorate of Mobilisation and Military Intelligence)

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Section	Responsible for
Section I1	I1(a): Strategy - Imperial Defence I1(b): Colonies
Section I2	I2(a): France, Latin Europe, USA, Central and South America I2(b): Austria-Hungary, Ottoman Empire, Balkans, Egypt, Abyssinia, Liberia I2(c): Germany, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden I2(d): Russia, India, China, Japan I2(e): China, Japan, Spain, Portugal [this section was added in 1903] I2(f): USA, Mexico, Central and South America [this section was added in 1903]
Section I3	I3(a): Special Duties, Censorship, Policy of Martial laws I3(b): Permit office, maps I3(c): Map library I3(d): Intelligence library

October 1901 - Intelligence Division (Directorate of Mobilisation and Military Intelligence)

Section	Responsible for
Section I1	I1(a): Military defence of the Empire. Offensive and defensive operations. Consideration of defence schemes abroad. I1(b): Collection and distribution of information regarding resources and armed forces of the Empire. I1(J): Journal of the South African War and questions connected therewith. Distribution of troops in South Africa.
Section I2	I2(a): France, Latin Europe, USA, Central and South America I2(b): Austria-Hungary, Ottoman Empire, Balkans, Egypt, Abyssinia, Liberia I2(c): Germany, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden I2(d): Russia, India, China, Japan I2(e): China, Japan, Spain, Portugal [this section was added in 1903] I2(f): USA, Mexico, Central and South America [this section was added in 1903]
Section I3	I3(a): Special Duties, Censorship, Policy of Martial laws I3(b): Permit office, maps I3(c): Map library I3(d): Intelligence library

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1904 - Directorate of Military Operations (DMO)

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Section	Responsible for
MO 1 - Strategical Section	MO1(a): Imperial Defence. Operations in war. Military policy MO1(b): Strategical distribution of the army. Defended ports at home and abroad MO1(c): Dominions and colonies MO1(d): Egypt, Sudan, British possessions in Africa
MO 2 - Foreign Intelligence	MO2(a): France and Belgium MO2(b): Austria-Hungary, Near East, Balkans, Abyssinia, Liberia MO2(c): Germany, Norway, Sweden Denmark, Holland MO2(d): Russia, Manchuria MO2(e): Japan, China, Korea MO2(f): USA, Mexico MO2(g): Italy, Spain, Portugal, Central and South America MO2(h): Indian Empire, Persia
MO 3 - Administration, Special Duties	MO3(a): Special Duties, Submarine Cables, W.T. MO3(b): General Staff Library
MO 4 - Topographical Section	MO4(a): Map compilation MO4(b): Map compilation MO4(c): Map compilation MO4(d): Storage of maps. Issue of maps for war. Storage of mapping material.

1904 - Directorate of Military Operations (DMO)

Section	Responsible for
MO 1 - Strategical Section	MO1(a): Imperial Defence. Operations in war. Military policy MO1(b): Strategical distribution of the army. Defended ports at home and abroad MO1(c): Dominions and colonies MO1(d): Egypt, Sudan, British possessions in Africa
MO 2 - Foreign Intelligence	MO2(a): France and Belgium MO2(b): Austria-Hungary, Near East, Balkans, Abyssinia, Liberia MO2(c): Germany, Norway, Sweden Denmark, Holland MO2(d): Russia, Manchuria MO2(e): Japan, China, Korea MO2(f): USA, Mexico MO2(g): Italy, Spain, Portugal, Central and South America MO2(h): Indian Empire, Persia MO2(i): Collection and collation of foreign medical information and statistics
MO 3 - Administration, Special Duties	MO3(a): Special Duties, Submarine Cables, W.T. MO3(b): General Staff Library
MO 4 - Topographical Section	MO4(a): Map compilation MO4(b): Map compilation MO4(c): Map compilation MO4(d): Storage of maps. Issue of maps for war. Storage of mapping material.

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1907 - Directorate of Military Operations (DMO)

Section	Responsible for
MO 1 - Strategical Section	MO1(a): Offensive and defensive plans MO1(b): Strategical distribution of the army MO1(c): Dominions and Colonies other than India and Africa MO1(d): Egypt, Sudan, British dominions in Africa
MO 2 - European Section	MO2(a): France and Belgium MO2(b): Austria-Hungary, Near East, Balkans, Abyssinia, Liberia MO2(c): Germany, Norway, Sweden Denmark, Holland MO2(d): Italy, Spain, Portugal, South America
MO 3 - Asiatic Section	MO3(a): USA, Mexico, Central America MO3(b): Russia MO3(c): India and Persia MO3(d): Far East
MO 4 - Topographical Section General Staff	MO4(a): Map compilation MO4(b): Map compilation MO4(c): Map compilation MO4(d): Storage of maps. Issue of maps for war. Storage of mapping material.
MO 5	Special Duties Section. Interior Economy
MO 6	Foreign Medical Information and Statistics

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1909 - Directorate of Military Operations (DMO)

Section	Responsible for
MO 1 - Strategical Section	<p>MO1(a): Operations in war. Preparations and maintenance of plans of offensive operations, including plans of concentration in connection with such plans. General questions of military policy. Relations with Navy in regard to war operations other than those connected with defence schemes at home and abroad.</p> <p>MO1(b): Strategical distribution of the army in connection with subsection (a). Maintenance and examination of defence schemes for naval bases and commercial ports abroad and for British overseas possessions generally. Strategical and tactical questions in connection with the above defence schemes. Correspondence with the Colonial Defence Committee.</p> <p>MO1(c): Collection, preparation and distribution of information relating to the military geography, resources and armed forces of British possessions and protectorates other than the UK and India; similar duties in connection with Egypt and the Sudan. Questions affecting the fighting efficiency of the above forces. Dominions and Colonies other than India and Africa, Egypt, Sudan, British dominions in Africa</p>
MO 2 - European Section	<p>MO2(a): France, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Congo Free State, Morocco, Siam and South America</p> <p>MO2(b): Austria-Hungary, Balkan States, Ottoman Empire, Greece, Crete, Abyssinia, Liberia, Arabia</p> <p>MO2(c): Germany, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Switzerland</p>
MO 3 - Asiatic Section	<p>MO3(a): USA, Mexico, Central America, Cuba, Haiti and San Domingo</p> <p>MO3(b): Russian Empire</p> <p>MO3(c): Indian Empire, Afghanistan, Bhutan, Nepal, Tibet, Aden, Persia, Maskat, Sokotra</p> <p>MO3(d): Chinese Empire, Japan, Korea</p>
MO 4 - Geographical Section	<p>MO4(a): Compilation and preparation of maps of Africa</p> <p>MO4(b): Compilation and preparation of maps of Asia</p> <p>MO4(c): Compilation and preparation of maps of North and South America and Europe</p> <p>MO4(d): Reception, indexing and storing of all published topographical maps in the world, also of all geographical material received. Index of geographical information and records of travelers movements. Distance and area measurements.</p>
MO 5 - Special Section	<p>MO5(a): Special duties. Submarine cables and wireless telegraphy. Press correspondents and control of the press in war. Censorship. Ciphers.</p> <p>MO5(b): General Staff Library. Charge of all printed books and papers. All correspondence in respect of purchase and loan of books. Examination of English newspapers and English and foreign general magazines.</p>
MO 6 - Medial Section	Collection, preparation and distribution of medical, sanitary and miscellaneous professional information relating to foreign armies and colonial forces. Preparation of information relating to the medical and sanitary aspects of military operations in different geographical areas.

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1911 - Directorate of Military Operations (DMO)

Section	Responsible for
MO 1 - Strategical Section	<p>MO1(a): Operations in war.</p> <p>MO1(b): Strategical distribution of the army in connection with subsection (a)</p> <p>MO1(c): Dominions and Colonies other than India and Africa, Egypt, Sudan, British dominions in Africa</p> <p>MO1(d): Questions relating to the defence of India, other than those concerning coast defences. Information regarding the Indian Empire, North East and North West frontiers, Baluchistan, Sikkim, Chitral, Kashmir, Gilgit, Tibet, Nepal, Burma, Aden, Afghanistan, Persia, and the Persian Gulf, Socotra, Central Asia, and Siam.</p>
MO 2	<p>MO2(a): United States, Mexico, Central and South America, Cuba, Haiti, Santa Domingo, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Liberia</p> <p>MO2(b): Austria-Hungary, Balkan States, Ottoman Empire, Greece, Crete, Abyssinia, Arabia</p> <p>MO2(c): Germany, Holland</p>
MO 3	<p>MO3(a): France, Belgium, Morocco, Switzerland</p> <p>MO3(b): Russian Empire exclusive of Central Asia, Norway, Sweden, Denmark</p> <p>MO3(c): Chinese Empire, Japan, Korea</p>
MO 4 - Geographical Section	<p>MO4(b): Storage and issue of maps for home defence, overseas wars training and maneuvers. Preparation of training and maneuver maps. Supply of ordnance survey maps. Colonial Survey Committee.</p> <p>MO4(c): Compilation and preparation of maps of Europe, Asia and America. Defence schemes maps. Financial questions. Personnel. Stores.</p>
MO 5 - Special Section	<p>MO5(a): Special duties. Submarine cables and wireless telegraphy. Press correspondents and control of the press in war. Censorship. Ciphers.</p> <p>MO5(b): General Staff Library. Examination of English newspapers and English and foreign general magazines.</p> <p>MO5(c): Interior economy. Pay lists and accounts. Travelling claims. Railway warrants. Appointments and promotions. DMO's orders. Distribution of FO dispatches and general correspondence. Annual estimates.</p>
MO 6 - Medial Section	Collection, preparation and distribution of medical, sanitary and miscellaneous professional information relating to foreign armies and colonial forces. Preparation of information relating to the medical and sanitary aspects of military operations in different geographical areas.

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1914 (pre-war) - Directorate of Military Operations (DMO)

Section	Responsible for
MO 1 - Strategical Section	<p>MO1(a): Operations in war. The campaigns in Europe, Near East, and the campaign in East Africa.</p> <p>MO1(b): Strategical distribution of the army in connection with subsection (a). The campaign in Egypt and Syria.</p> <p>MO1(c): Dominions and Colonies other than India and Africa, Egypt, Sudan, British dominions in Africa. Campaigns in South-West Africa and Cameroons.</p> <p>MO1(d): Questions relating to the defence of India, other than those concerning coast defences. The campaign on the Shatt-el-Arab.</p>
MO 2	<p>MO2(a): United States, Mexico, Central and South America, Cuba, Haiti, Santa Domingo, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Liberia, Tangier, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg</p> <p>MO2(b): Austria-Hungary, Balkan States, Ottoman Empire, Greece, Crete, Abyssinia, Arabia</p> <p>MO2(c): Germany, Holland</p>
MO 3	<p>MO3(a): France, Belgium, Morocco except Tangier and that part which is occupied by Spain, Switzerland</p> <p>MO3(b): Russian Empire exclusive of Central Asia, Norway, Sweden, Denmark</p> <p>MO3(c): Chinese Empire, Japan, Korea</p>
MO 4 - Geographical Section	MO4(a): Preparation, storage, and issue of maps for home defence, overseas wars, training and maneuvers. Supply of ordnance survey maps. All defence scheme maps.
MO 5 - Special Section	<p>General Staff Library. Examination of English newspapers and English and foreign general magazines. Treatment of aliens in time of war. Municipal law as affecting defence schemes. Traffic in arms. Compensation claims</p> <p>MO5(a): Special duties. Submarine cables and wireless telegraphy. Press correspondents and control of the press in war. Censorship. Ciphers.</p> <p>MO5(b): General Staff Library. Examination of English newspapers and English and foreign general magazines.</p> <p>MO5(c): Interior economy. Pay lists and accounts. Travelling claims. Railway warrants. Appointments and promotions. DMO's orders. Distribution of FO dispatches and general correspondence. Annual estimates.</p>
MO 6 - Medial Section	Collection, preparation and distribution of medical, sanitary and miscellaneous professional information relating to foreign armies and colonial forces. Preparation of information relating to the medical and sanitary aspects of military operations in different geographical areas.

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First World War

1914 (wartime) - Directorate of Military Operations (DMO)

Section	Responsible for
MO 1 - Strategic Section	<p>MO1(a): Operations in war.</p> <p>MO1(b): Strategic distribution of the army in connection with subsection (a)</p> <p>MO1(c): Dominions and Colonies other than India and Africa, Egypt, Sudan, British dominions in Africa</p> <p>MO1(d): Questions relating to the defence of India, other than those concerning coast defences.</p>
MO 2	<p>MO2(a): United States, Mexico, Central and South America, Cuba, Haiti, Santa Domingo, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Liberia, Tangier</p> <p>MO2(b): Austria-Hungary, Balkan States, Ottoman Empire, Greece, Crete, Abyssinia, Arabia</p> <p>MO2(c): Germany, Holland</p>
MO 3	<p>MO3(a): France, Belgium, Morocco except Tangier and that part which is occupied by Spain, Switzerland</p> <p>MO3(b): Russian Empire exclusive of Central Asia, Norway, Sweden, Denmark</p> <p>MO3(c): Chinese Empire, Japan, Korea</p>
MO 4 - Geographical Section	<p>MO4(a): Colonial Survey Committee</p> <p>MO4(b): Compilation and preparation of maps of Asia.</p> <p>MO4(c): Compilation and preparation of all maps except Asia and Africa. Preparation, storage and issue of maps for home defence, overseas wars, training and maneuvers. Supply of ordnance survey maps. All defence schemes. Financial questions. Personnel. Stores.</p>

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MO 5 - Special Section	<p>Treatment of aliens in time of war. Municipal law as affecting defence schemes. Consideration of draft bills affecting the General Staff. Traffic in arms. Compensation claims. Coordination of work of the Directorate.</p> <p>MO5(a): Special duties. Submarine cables and wireless telegraphy. Press correspondents and control of the press in war. Censorship. Ciphers.</p> <p>MO5(b): General Staff Library. Examination of English newspapers and English and foreign general magazines.</p> <p>MO5(c): Interior economy. Pay lists and accounts. Travelling claims. Railway warrants. Appointments and promotions. DMO's orders. Distribution of FO dispatches and general correspondence. Annual estimates.</p> <p>MO5(d): Cable and postal censorship.</p> <p>MO5(e): Special duties re enemy ciphers.</p> <p>MO5(f): Translations</p> <p>MO5(g): Counterespionage duties.</p> <p>MO5(h): Press censorship [to be absorbed by MO7 in August 1914]</p> <p>MO5(j): Special duty</p>
MO 6 - Medial Section	<p>Collection, preparation and distribution of medical, sanitary and miscellaneous professional information relating to foreign armies and colonial forces. Preparation of information relating to the medical and sanitary aspects of military operations in different geographical areas.</p>

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1915 - Directorate of Military Operations (DMO)

April 1915- Directorate of Military Operations (DMO)

Section	Responsible for
MO 1 - Strategical Section	<p>MO1(a): Operations in war. The campaigns in Europe, Near East, and the campaign in East Africa.</p> <p>MO1(b): Strategical distribution of the army in connection with subsection (a). The campaign in Egypt and Syria.</p> <p>MO1(c): Dominions and Colonies other than India and Africa, Egypt, Sudan, British dominions in Africa. Campaigns in South-West Africa and Cameroons.</p> <p>MO1(d): Questions relating to the defence of India, other than those concerning coast defences. The campaign on the Shatt-el-Arab.</p>
MO 2	<p>MO2(a): United States, Mexico, Central and South America, Cuba, Haiti, Santa Domingo, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Liberia, Tangier</p> <p>MO2(b): Austria-Hungary, Balkan States, Ottoman Empire, Greece, Crete, Abyssinia, Arabia</p> <p>MO2(c): Germany, Holland</p>
MO 3	<p>MO3(a): France, Belgium, Morocco except Tangier and that part which is occupied by Spain, Switzerland</p> <p>MO3(b): Russian Empire exclusive of Central Asia, Norway, Sweden, Denmark</p> <p>MO3(c): Chinese Empire, Japan, Korea</p>
MO 4 - Geographical Section	<p>MO4(a): Preparation, storage and issue of maps for home defence, overseas wars, training and maneuvres. Supply of ordnance survey maps. All defence scheme maps.</p>
MO 5 -	<p>MO5(a): Military policy in dealing with civil population including aliens. Martial law. Military policy re submarine cables and WT, enemy trade. Military international law. International conferences. Ciphers. Intelligence corps. Interpreters. Compensation claims.</p> <p>MO5(b): General Staff Library</p> <p>MO5(c): Personnel and interior economy of MO Directorate</p>

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	<p>MO5(f): Translator.</p> <p>MO5(g): Aliens. Administration of Defence of the Realm Regulations</p>
MO 6 -	<p>MO6(a): Collection of war intelligence. Daily summary. Press communiques. Correspondence with GHQ, BEF. War maps.</p> <p>MO6(b): Special bureau for enemy ciphers.</p> <p>MO6(c): Special intelligence duties</p>
MO 7 -	<p>MO7(a) (b) (c): Press control and censorship of press copy</p> <p>MO7(d): Censorship of press cables</p>
MO 8 -	<p>MO8(a): Correspondence regarding censorship of private and commercial cables, and of wireless telegraphs overseas.</p> <p>MO8(b): Personnel of cable censorship staff</p> <p>MO8(c): Censorship of telegrams at private cable companies</p> <p>MO8(d): Censorship of government cables.</p>
MO 9 -	<p>MO9(a): Chief postal censor</p> <p>MO9(b): Private postal packets</p> <p>MO9(c): Trade postal packets</p> <p>MO9(d): Translations</p>

October 1915 - Directorate of Military Operations (DMO)

Section	Responsible for
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MO 1 - Strategic Section	<p>MO1(a): Operations in war. The campaigns in Europe, Near East, and the campaign in East Africa.</p> <p>MO1(b): Strategical distribution of the army in connection with subsection (a). The campaign in Egypt and Syria.</p> <p>MO1(c): Dominions and Colonies other than India and Africa, Egypt, Sudan, British dominions in Africa. Campaigns in South-West Africa and Cameroons.</p> <p>MO1(d): Questions relating to the defence of India, other than those concerning coast defences. The campaign on the Shatt-el-Arab.</p>
MO 2	<p>MO2(a): United States, Mexico, Central and South America, Cuba, Haiti, Santa Domingo, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Liberia, Tangier</p> <p>MO2(b): Austria-Hungary, Balkan States, Ottoman Empire, Greece, Crete, Abyssinia, Arabia</p> <p>MO2(c): Germany, Holland</p>
MO 3	<p>MO3(a): France, Belgium, Morocco except Tangier and that part which is occupied by Spain, Switzerland</p> <p>MO3(b): Russian Empire exclusive of Central Asia, Norway, Sweden, Denmark</p> <p>MO3(c): Chinese Empire, Japan, Korea</p>
MO 4 - Geographical Section	<p>MO4(a): Preparation, storage and issue of maps for home defence, overseas wars, training and maneuvres. Supply of ordnance survey maps. All defence scheme maps.</p>
MO 5 -	<p>MO5(a): Military policy in dealing with civil population including aliens. Martial law. Military policy re submarine cables and WT, enemy trade. Military international law. International conferences. Ciphers. Intelligence corps. Interpreters. Compensation claims. Interpreters abroad.</p> <p>MO5(b): General Staff Library</p> <p>MO5(c): Personnel and interior economy of MO Directorate</p> <p>MO5(d): Traffic in arms.</p> <p>MO5(e): Military policy for control of passengers traffic to and from UK</p> <p>MO5(f): Defence of Realm Regulations. Military policy regarding aliens.</p>

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	<p>MO5(g): Detection of espionage</p> <p>MO5(h): Administration of counterespionage</p>
MO 6 -	<p>MO6(a): Collection of war intelligence. Daily summary. Press communiques. Correspondence with GHQ, BEF. War maps.</p> <p>MO6(b): Special bureau for enemy ciphers.</p> <p>MO6(c): Special intelligence duties</p> <p>MO6(d): Translations</p>
MO 7 -	<p>MO7(a) (b) (c): Press control and censorship of press copy</p> <p>MO7(d): Censorship of press cables</p>
MO 8 -	<p>MO8(a): Correspondence regarding censorship of private and commercial cables, and of wireless telegraphs overseas.</p> <p>MO8(b): Personnel of cable censorship staff</p> <p>MO8(c): Censorship of telegrams at private cable companies</p> <p>MO8(d): Censorship of government cables.</p>
MO 9 -	<p>MO9(a): Chief postal censor</p> <p>MO9(b): Private postal packets</p> <p>MO9(c): Trade postal packets</p> <p>MO9(d): Translations</p>

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1916 - Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI)

January 1916 - Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI)

MI 1 - Secretariat Section	<p>MI1(a): Organisation of the service information. Distribution of military intelligence and correspondence with other departments with reference thereto. Distribution of routine business concerning intelligence in MI1, 2, and 3. Communications on their behalf with other government departments. Distribution and dispatch of reports and telegrams dealing with intelligence. Filing records of out telegrams. Distribution of special intelligence reports and telegrams.</p> <p>MI1(b): Special duties - enemy ciphers.</p> <p>MI1(c): Special duties (not accommodated in War Office)</p> <p>MI1(d): Routine business in MI 1, 2 and 3. Distribution of FO telegrams. Distribution of FO telegrams. Filing of DMI's copies of military FO telegrams. War maps. Compilation of the daily intelligence war summary.</p>
MI 2 - Analysis of military information of	<p>MI2(a): The Americas, less Canada. Spain, Portugal, Italy, Liberia, Tangier, and the Balkan States, and the operation of the troops of the Balkan States.</p> <p>MI2(b): Ottoman Empire, Arabia, Persia, Afghanistan, Abyssinia, Senussi and Tripoli. Information emanating from Egypt, the Sudan and India, and the operations of Turkish troops.</p> <p>MI2(c): Germany, Austria-Hungary, Switzerland, Holland and the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, and the operations of German and Austro-Hungarian troops.</p>
MI 3 - Analysis of military information of	<p>MI3(a): France and Belgium (except those parts occupied by the enemy). Morocco (except Tangier and that part which is occupied by Spain)</p> <p>MI3(b): Russian Empire (except those parts occupied by the enemy), Norway, Sweden, Denmark</p> <p>MI3(c): China, Japan, Korea, Siam`</p>
MI 4 - Topographical information	<p>MI4(a): Preparation storage and issue of maps for home defence, overseas wars, training and maneuvers. Supply of ordnance survey maps. All defence schemes maps.</p> <p>MI4(b): Reception, indexing and storing of all publications of topographical maps in the world, and also of all geographical material received. Distance and area measurements.</p> <p>MI4(c): General Staff Library</p>

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MI 5 - Counter espionage. Military policy in dealing with the civil population.	<p>MI5(e): Military policy connected with control of civilian passenger traffic to and from the UK. Port intelligence. Passes and permits for the 'zone des armées'.</p> <p>MI5(f): Military policy in dealing with the civilian population, including aliens. Aliens restriction orders, and Defence of the Realm Regulations affecting Special Intelligence duties. Intelligence passes.</p> <p>MI5(g): Special duties connected with counterespionage.</p> <p>MI5(h): Military record of aliens. Miscellaneous duties.</p>
MI 6 -	<p>MI6(a): Military policy and information re submarine cables and WT. Questions regarding British military ciphers, new ciphers and censor stamps.</p> <p>MI6(b): Policy re war trade. Military international law. Policy in connection with martial law. Distribution of trade intelligence</p> <p>MI6(c): Provision of personnel of MI Directorate, including interpreters and censors at home and in the field. Intelligence Corps. Cipher Office.</p> <p>MI6(d): Traffic in arms. Defence of the Realm Regulations 30, 30A and 31.</p> <p>MI6(e): Interior economy of the MI Directorate</p>
MI 7 -	<p>MI7(a): Questions of policy re press control, press correspondence, and press censorship. All communications with the official press bureau and issue of press communiques. Military personnel of official press bureau.</p> <p>MI7(b): Policy re press propaganda. Study of foreign press and compilation of foreign press extracts.</p> <p>MI7(c): Military translation bureau</p>
MI 8 - Cable Censor	<p>MI8(a): Policy and correspondence re the censorship of private and commercial cables and of wireless messages overseas.</p> <p>MI8(b): Censor for trade.</p> <p>MI8(c): Distribution of telegrams and information derived from Cable censorship.</p> <p>MI8(d): Executive censorship duties at central telegraph office and private cable companies in the UK</p>
MI 9 -	<p>MI9(a): Policy and correspondence re postal censorship.</p>

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	<p>MI9(b): Executive duties of postal censorship. Censorship of private postal packets.</p> <p>MI9(c): Censorship of trade postal packets.</p> <p>MI9(d): Censorship of prisoner of war correspondence.</p>
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July- September 1916 - Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI)

<p>MI 1 - Secretariat Section</p>	<p>MI1(a): Organisation of the service information. Distribution of military intelligence and correspondence with other departments with reference thereto. Distribution of routine business concerning intelligence in MI1, 2, and 3. Communications on their behalf with other government departments. Distribution and dispatch of reports and telegrams dealing with intelligence. Filing records of out telegrams. Distribution of special intelligence reports and telegrams.</p> <p>MI1(b): Special duties - enemy ciphers.</p> <p>MI1(c): Special duties (not accommodated in War Office)</p> <p>MI1(d): Routine business in MI 1, 2 and 3. Distribution of FO telegrams. Distribution of FO telegrams. Filing of DMI's copies of military FO telegrams. War maps. Compilation of the daily intelligence war summary.</p> <p>MI1(e): Wireless telegraphy.</p>
<p>MI 2 - Analysis of military information of</p>	<p>MI2(a): The Americas, less Canada. Spain, Portugal, Italy, Liberia, Tangier, and the Balkan States, and the operation of the troops of the Balkan States.</p> <p>MI2(b): Ottoman Empire, Arabia, Persia, Afghanistan, Abyssinia, Senussi and Tripoli. Information emanating from Egypt, the Sudan and India, and the operations of Turkish troops.</p> <p>MI2(c): Germany, Austria-Hungary, Switzerland, Holland and the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, and the operations of German and Austro-Hungarian troops.</p>
<p>MI 3 - Analysis of military information of</p>	<p>MI3(a): France and Belgium (except those parts occupied by the enemy). Morocco (except Tangier and that part which is occupied by Spain)</p> <p>MI3(b): Russian Empire (except those parts occupied by the enemy), Norway, Sweden, Denmark</p> <p>MI3(c): China, Japan, Korea, Siam`</p>

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MI 4 - Topographical information	<p>MI4(a): Preparation storage and issue of maps for home defence, overseas wars, training and maneuvers. Supply of ordnance survey maps. All defence schemes maps.</p> <p>MI4(b): Reception, indexing and storing of all publications of topographical maps in the world, and also of all geographical material received. Distance and area measurements.</p> <p>MI4(c): General Staff Library</p>
MI 5 - Counter espionage. Military policy in dealing with the civil population.	<p>MI5(e): Military policy connected with control of civilian passenger traffic to and from the UK. Port intelligence. Passes and permits for the 'zone des armées'.</p> <p>MI5(f): Military policy in dealing with the civilian population, including aliens. Aliens restriction orders, and Defence of the Realm Regulations affecting Special Intelligence duties. Intelligence passes.</p> <p>MI5(g): Special duties connected with counterespionage.</p> <p>MI5(h): Military record of aliens. Miscellaneous duties.</p>
MI 6 -	<p>MI6(a): Military policy and information re submarine cables and WT. Questions regarding British military ciphers, new ciphers and censor stamps.</p> <p>MI6(b): Policy re war trade. Military international law. Policy in connection with martial law. Distribution of trade intelligence</p> <p>MI6(c): Provision of personnel of MI Directorate, including interpreters and censors at home and in the field. Intelligence Corps. Cipher Office.</p> <p>MI6(d): Traffic in arms. Defence of the Realm Regulations 30, 30A and 31.</p> <p>MI6(e): Interior economy of the MI Directorate</p>
MI 7 -	<p>MI7(a): Questions of policy re press control, press correspondence, and press censorship. All communications with the official press bureau and issue of press communiques. Military personnel of official press bureau.</p> <p>MI7(b): Policy re press propaganda. Study of foreign press and compilation of foreign press extracts.</p> <p>MI7(c): Military translation bureau</p>
MI 8 -	<p>MI8(a): Policy and correspondence re the censorship of private and commercial cables and of wireless messages overseas.</p>

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Cable Censor	<p>MI8(b): Censor for trade.</p> <p>MI8(c): Distribution of telegrams and information derived from Cable censorship.</p> <p>MI8(d): Executive censorship duties at central telegraph office and private cable companies in the UK</p>
MI 9 -	<p>MI9(a): Policy and correspondence re postal censorship in commercial and financial matters.</p> <p>MI9(b): Executive duties of postal censorship. Censorship of private terminal correspondence except American mail. Censorship of private terminal correspondence with America and supervision of Liverpool Estab. Censorship of all terminal and non-terminal trade correspondence Censorship of parcels.</p> <p>MI9(c): Censorship of trade postal packets.</p> <p>MI9(d): Censorship of prisoner of war correspondence.</p>

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1917 - Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI)

January-February 1917 - Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI)

MI 1 - Secretariat Section	<p>MI1(a): Distribution of intelligence other than that regarding war trade. Routine business concerning MI 1, 2, and 3. Communications on their behalf with other govt. depts. Distribution and dispatch of telegrams dealing with intelligence and their filing and record. Distribution of special intelligence reports and telegrams. Distribution and filing of FO telegrams.</p> <p>MI1(b): Special duties - enemy ciphers.</p> <p>MI1(c): Special duties (not accommodated in War Office)</p> <p>MI1(d): Military policy and information regarding submarine cables and wireless telegraphy. Questions regarding British military ciphers. Censor stamps.</p> <p>MI1(e): Wireless telegraphy.</p>
MI 2 - Analysis of military information of	<p>MI2(a): The Americas (less Canada). Spain, Portugal, Italy, Liberia, Tangier, and the Balkan States, and the operation of the troops of the Balkan States.</p> <p>MI2(b): Ottoman Empire, Arabia, Persia, Afghanistan, Abyssinia, North Africa, except French and Spanish possessions. Information emanating from Egypt and the Sudan. Western Persia in so far as districts are concerned in which Russian or Turkish troops are operating or likely to operate.</p> <p>MI2(c): Persia (except districts allotted to MI 2(b). Afghanistan, Chinese Empire, Empire of Japan, Korea, Siam and information emanating from India and Burma.</p> <p>MI2(d): Russian Empire</p>
MI 3 - Analysis of military information of	<p>MI3(a): France and Belgium (except those parts occupied by the enemy). Morocco (except Tangier and that part which is occupied by Spain)</p> <p>MI3(b): Austria-Hungary, Switzerland, Holland, and the operations of Austro-Hungarian troops.</p> <p>MI3(c): Germany, the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg and the operations of German troops.</p> <p>MI3(d): Norway, Sweden, Denmark</p>

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MI 4 - Topographical information	<p>MI4(a): Preparation storage and issue of maps for home defence, overseas wars, training and maneuvers. Supply of ordnance survey maps. All defence schemes maps.</p> <p>MI4(b): Reception, indexing and storing of all publications of topographical maps in the world, and also of all geographical material received.</p> <p>MI4(c): General Staff Library</p>
MI 5 - Counter espionage. Military policy in dealing with the civil population.	<p>MI5(e): Military policy connected with control of civilian passenger traffic to and from the UK. Port intelligence. Passes and permits for the 'zone des armees'.</p> <p>MI5(f): Military policy in dealing with the civilian population, including aliens. Aliens restriction orders, and Defence of the Realm Regulations affecting Special Intelligence duties. Intelligence passes.</p> <p>MI5(g): Special duties connected with counterespionage.</p> <p>MI5(h): Military record of aliens. Miscellaneous duties.</p>
MI 6 -	<p>MI6(a): Military policy regarding the restriction of enemy supplies and sources of supply. Military international law. Policy in connection with martial law. Compensation affecting General Staff or involving points of interpretations law.</p> <p>MI6(b): Collection, analysis and distribution of information derived from military sources concerning the restriction of enemy supplies and sources of supply</p> <p>MI6(c): Provision of personnel of MI Directorate, including interpreters and censors at home and in the field. Intelligence Corps. Cipher Office.</p> <p>MI6(d): Traffic in arms. Defence of the Realm Regulations 30, 30A and 31.</p> <p>MI6(e): Interior economy of the MI Directorate</p>
MI 7 -	<p>MI7(a): Questions of policy re press control, press correspondence, and press censorship. All communications with the official press bureau and issue of press communiques. Military personnel of official press bureau.</p> <p>MI7(b): Policy re press propaganda.</p> <p>MI7(c): Military translation bureau</p>

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	MI7(d): Study of foreign press and compilation of Daily Review of the foreign press
MI 8 - Cable Censor	<p>MI8(a): Policy and correspondence re the censorship of private and commercial cables and of wireless messages overseas.</p> <p>MI8(b): Censor for trade.</p> <p>MI8(c): Distribution of telegrams and information derived from Cable censorship.</p> <p>MI8(d): Executive censorship duties at central telegraph office and private cable companies in the UK</p>
MI 9 -	<p>MI9(a): General policy and correspondence regarding the censorship of letter mails in the UK and overseas and of parcels for PoWs.</p> <p>MI9(b): Executive duties of postal censorship. Censorship of private postal packets.</p> <p>MI9(c): Censorship of private terminal correspondence with America and supervision of Liverpool Estab. Censorship of all terminal and non-terminal trade correspondence. Censorship of parcels.</p>

June 1917 - Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI)

MI 1 - Secretariat Section	<p>MI1(a): Distribution of intelligence other than that regarding war trade. Routine business concerning MI 1, 2, and 3. Communications on their behalf with other govt. depts. Distribution and dispatch of telegrams dealing with intelligence and their filing and record. Distribution of special intelligence reports and telegrams. Distribution and filing of FO telegrams.</p> <p>MI1(b): Special duties - enemy ciphers.</p> <p>MI1(c): Special duties (not accommodated in War Office)</p> <p>MI1(d): Military policy and information regarding submarine cables and wireless telegraphy. Questions regarding British military ciphers. Censor stamps.</p> <p>MI1(e): Wireless telegraphy.</p>
MI 2 - Analysis of military information of	<p>MI2(a): The Americas (less Canada). Spain, Portugal, Italy, Liberia, Tangier, and the Balkan States, and the operation of the troops of the Balkan States.</p> <p>MI2(b): Ottoman Empire, Arabia, Persia, Afghanistan, Abyssinia, North Africa, except French and Spanish possessions. Information emanating from Egypt and the Sudan. Western Persia in so far as districts are concerned in which Russian or Turkish troops are operating or likely to operate.</p>

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	<p>MI2(c): Persia (except districts allotted to MI 2(b). Afghanistan, Chinese Empire, Empire of Japan, Korea, Siam and information emanating from India and Burma.</p> <p>MI2(d): Russian Empire</p>
MI 3 - Analysis of military information of	<p>MI3(a): France and Belgium (except those parts occupied by the enemy). Morocco (except Tangier and that part which is occupied by Spain)</p> <p>MI3(b): Austria-Hungary, Switzerland, Holland, and the operations of Austro-Hungarian troops.</p> <p>MI3(c): Germany, the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg and the operations of German troops.</p> <p>MI3(d): Norway, Sweden, Denmark</p>
MI 4 - Topographical information	<p>MI4(a): Preparation storage and issue of maps for home defence, overseas wars, training and maneuvers. Supply of ordnance survey maps. All defence schemes maps.</p> <p>MI4(b): Reception, indexing and storing of all publications of topographical maps in the world, and also of all geographical material received.</p> <p>MI4(c): General Staff Library</p>
MI 5 - Counter espionage. Military policy in dealing with the civil population.	<p>MI5(a): Military policy connected with the employment of alien workmen on war service</p> <p>MI5(b): Special duties</p> <p>MI5(c): Special duties</p> <p>MI5(d): Duties connected with counterespionage in British possessions overseas.</p> <p>MI5(e): Military policy connected with control of civilian passenger traffic to and from the UK. Port intelligence. Passes and permits for the 'zone des armées'.</p> <p>MI5(f): Military policy in dealing with the civilian population, including aliens. Aliens restriction orders, and Defence of the Realm Regulations affecting Special Intelligence duties. Intelligence passes.</p>

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	<p>MI5(g): Special duties connected with counterespionage.</p> <p>MI5(h): Military record of aliens. Miscellaneous duties.</p>
MI 6 -	<p>MI6(a): Military policy regarding the restriction of enemy supplies and sources of supply. Military international law. Policy in connection with martial law. Compensation affecting General Staff or involving points of interpretations law.</p> <p>MI6(b): Collection, analysis and distribution of information derived from military sources concerning the restriction of enemy supplies and sources of supply</p> <p>MI6(c): Provision of personnel of MI Directorate, including interpreters and censors at home and in the field. Intelligence Corps. Cipher Office.</p> <p>MI6(d): Traffic in arms. Defence of the Realm Regulations 30, 30A and 31.</p> <p>MI6(e): Interior economy of the MI Directorate</p>
MI 7 -	<p>MI7(a): Questions of policy re press control, press correspondence, and press censorship. All communications with the official press bureau and issue of press communiques. Military personnel of official press bureau.</p> <p>MI7(b): Policy re press propaganda.</p> <p>MI7(c): Military translation bureau</p> <p>MI7(d): Study of foreign press and compilation of Daily Review of the foreign press</p>
MI 8 - Cable Censor	<p>MI8(a): Policy and correspondence re the censorship of private and commercial cables and of wireless messages overseas.</p> <p>MI8(b): Censor for trade.</p> <p>MI8(c): Distribution of telegrams and information derived from Cable censorship.</p> <p>MI8(d): Executive censorship duties at central telegraph office and private cable companies in the UK</p>
MI 9 -	<p>MI9(a): General policy and correspondence regarding the censorship of letter mails in the UK and overseas and of parcels for PoWs.</p> <p>MI9(b): Executive duties of postal censorship. Censorship of private postal packets.</p>

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	<p>MI9(c): Censorship of private terminal correspondence with America and supervision of Liverpool Estab. Censorship of all terminal and non-terminal trade correspondence. Censorship of parcels.</p> <p>MI9(d): Issue of permits under Defence of Realm Regulations 24(B) and (C). Policy and correspondence regarding control of printed matter and parcels.</p>
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November 1917 - Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI)

MI 1 - Secretariat Section	<p>MI1(a): Distribution of intelligence other than that regarding war trade. Routine business concerning MI 1, 2, and 3. Communications on their behalf with other govt. depts. Distribution and dispatch of telegrams dealing with intelligence and their filing and record. Distribution of special intelligence reports and telegrams. Distribution and filing of FO telegrams.</p> <p>MI1(b): Special duties - enemy ciphers.</p> <p>MI1(c): Special duties (not accommodated in War Office)</p> <p>MI1(d): Military policy and information regarding submarine cables and wireless telegraphy. Questions regarding British military ciphers. Censor stamps.</p> <p>MI1(e): Wireless telegraphy.</p> <p>MI1(f): Coordination of military and political information</p>
MI 2 - Analysis of military information of	<p>MI2(a): The Americas (less Canada). Spain, Portugal, Italy, Liberia, Tangier, and the Balkan States, and the operation of the troops of the Balkan States.</p> <p>MI2(b): Ottoman Empire, Arabia, Persia, Afghanistan, Abyssinia, North Africa, except French and Spanish possessions. Information emanating from Egypt and the Sudan. Western Persia in so far as districts are concerned in which Russian or Turkish troops are operating or likely to operate.</p> <p>MI2(c): Persia (except districts allotted to MI 2(b)). Afghanistan, Chinese Empire, Empire of Japan, Korea, Siam and information emanating from India and Burma.</p> <p>MI2(d): Russian Empire</p>
MI 3 -	<p>MI3(a): France and Belgium (except those parts occupied by the enemy). Morocco (except Tangier and that part which is occupied by Spain)</p> <p>MI3(b): Austria-Hungary, Switzerland, Holland, and the operations of Austro-Hungarian troops.</p>

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Analysis of military information of	<p>MI3(c): Germany, the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg and the operations of German troops.</p> <p>MI3(d): Norway, Sweden, Denmark</p>
MI 4 - Topographical information	<p>MI4(a): Preparation storage and issue of maps for home defence, overseas wars, training and maneuvers. Supply of ordnance survey maps. All defence schemes maps.</p> <p>MI4(b): Reception, indexing and storing of all publications of topographical maps in the world, and also of all geographical material received.</p> <p>MI4(c): General Staff Library</p>
MI 5 - Counter espionage. Military policy in dealing with the civil population.	<p>MI5(a): Military policy connected with the employment of alien workmen on war service</p> <p>MI5(d): Duties connected with counterespionage in British possessions overseas.</p> <p>MI5(e): Military policy connected with control of civilian passenger traffic to and from the UK. Port intelligence. Passes and permits for the 'zone des armées'.</p> <p>MI5(f): Military policy in dealing with the civilian population, including aliens. Aliens restriction orders, and Defence of the Realm Regulations affecting Special Intelligence duties. Intelligence passes.</p> <p>MI5(g): Special duties connected with counterespionage.</p> <p>MI5(h): Military record of aliens. Miscellaneous duties.</p>
MI 6 -	<p>MI6(a): Military policy regarding the restriction of enemy supplies and sources of supply. Black list questions. Distribution and filing of FO Trade and Treaty telegrams.</p> <p>MI6(b): Collection, analysis and distribution of information derived from military sources concerning the restriction of enemy supplies and sources of supply</p> <p>MI6(c): Provision of personnel of MI Directorate, including interpreters and censors at home and in the field. Intelligence Corps. Cipher Office.</p> <p>MI6(d): Traffic in arms. Defence of the Realm Regulations 30, 30A and 31.</p>

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	<p>MI6(e): Interior economy of the MI Directorate</p> <p>MI6(1): Military international law. Policy in connection with Martial law. Compensation claims affecting the General Staff of involving points of international law. Municipal law as affecting defence schemes. Consideration of draft bills affecting the General Staff.</p>
MI 7 -	<p>MI7(a): Questions of policy re press control, press correspondence, and press censorship. All communications with the official press bureau and issue of press communiques. Military personnel of official press bureau.</p> <p>MI7(b): Policy re press propaganda.</p> <p>MI7(c): Military translation bureau</p> <p>MI7(d): Study of foreign press and compilation of Daily Review of the foreign press</p>
MI 8 - Cable Censor	<p>MI8(a): Policy and correspondence re the censorship of private and commercial cables and of wireless messages overseas.</p> <p>MI8(b): Censor for trade.</p> <p>MI8(c): Distribution of telegrams and information derived from Cable censorship.</p> <p>MI8(d): Executive censorship duties at central telegraph office and private cable companies in the UK</p>
MI 9 -	<p>MI9(a): General policy and correspondence regarding the censorship of letter mails in the UK and overseas and of parcels for PoWs.</p> <p>MI9(b): Executive duties of postal censorship. Censorship of private postal packets.</p> <p>MI9(c): Censorship of private terminal correspondence with America and supervision of Liverpool Estab. Censorship of all terminal and non-terminal trade correspondence. Censorship of parcels.</p> <p>MI9(d): Issue of permits under Defence of Realm Regulations 24(B) and (C). Policy and correspondence regarding control of printed matter and parcels.</p>

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1918 - Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI)

January-February 1918 - Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI)

MI 1 - Secretariat Section	<p>MI1(a): Questions dealing with the personnel employed abroad under the DMI. Distribution and despatch of telegrams and their filing and record. Distribution of special intelligence reports and telegrams. Distribution and filing of FO telegrams, except Trade and Treaty series. Distribution of intelligence. Examination of POWs in the UK.</p> <p>MI1(b): Special duties - enemy ciphers.</p> <p>MI1(c): Special duties (not accommodated in War Office)</p> <p>MI1(d): Committee papers. DMI representative on the Wireless Board.</p> <p>MI1(e): Wireless telegraphy.</p> <p>MI1(f): Coordination of military and political information</p>
MI 2 - Analysis of military information of	<p>MI2(a): The Americas (less Canada). Spain, Portugal, Italy, Liberia, Tangier, and the Balkan States, and the operation of the troops of the Balkan States.</p> <p>MI2(b): Ottoman Empire, Arabia, Persia, Afghanistan, Abyssinia, North Africa, except French and Spanish possessions. Information emanating from Egypt and the Sudan. Western Persia in so far as districts are concerned in which Russian or Turkish troops are operating or likely to operate.</p> <p>MI2(c): Persia (except districts allotted to MI 2(b)). Afghanistan, Chinese Empire, Empire of Japan, Korea, Siam and information emanating from India and Burma.</p> <p>MI2(d): Russian Empire</p>
MI 3 - Analysis of military information of	<p>MI3(a): France and Belgium (except those parts occupied by the enemy). Morocco (except Tangier and that part which is occupied by Spain)</p> <p>MI3(b): Austria-Hungary, Switzerland, Holland, and the operations of Austro-Hungarian troops.</p> <p>MI3(c): Germany, the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg and the operations of German troops.</p> <p>MI3(d): Norway, Sweden, Denmark</p>

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MI 4 - Topographical information	<p>MI4(a): Preparation storage and issue of maps for home defence, overseas wars, training and maneuvers. Supply of ordnance survey maps. All defence schemes maps.</p> <p>MI4(b): Reception, indexing and storing of all publications of topographical maps in the world, and also of all geographical material received.</p> <p>MI4(c): General Staff Library</p>
MI 5 - Counter espionage. Military policy in dealing with the civil population.	<p>MI5(a): Military policy connected with the employment of alien workmen on war service</p> <p>MI5(b): Special duties [abolished in Nov 1917]</p> <p>MI5(c): Special duties [abolished in Nov 1917]</p> <p>MI5(d): Duties connected with counterespionage in British possessions overseas.</p> <p>MI5(e): Military policy connected with control of civilian passenger traffic to and from the UK. Port intelligence. Passes and permits for the 'zone des armees'.</p> <p>MI5(f): Military policy in dealing with the civilian population, including aliens. Aliens restriction orders, and Defence of the Realm Regulations affecting Special Intelligence duties. Intelligence passes.</p> <p>MI5(g): Special duties connected with counterespionage.</p> <p>MI5(h): Military record of aliens. Miscellaneous duties.</p>
MI 6 -	<p>MI6(a): Military policy regarding the restriction of enemy supplies and sources of supply. Black List questions. Distribution and filing of Foreign Office Trade and Treaty telegrams.</p> <p>MI6(b): Examination of enemy war material from the point of view of the restriction of enemy supplies: collection of information re German industries and factories.</p> <p>MI6(c): Provision of personnel of MI Directorate, including interpreters and censors at home and in the field. Intelligence Corps. Cipher Office. [later removed from the section]</p> <p>MI6(d): Traffic in arms. Defence of the Realm Regulations 30, 30A and 31.</p>

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	MI6(L): Military international law. Policy in connection with Martial law.
MI 7 -	<p>MI7(a): Questions of policy re press control, press correspondence, and press censorship. All communications with the official press bureau and issue of press communiques. Military personnel of official press bureau.</p> <p>MI7(b): Policy re press propaganda.</p> <p>MI7(c): Military translation bureau</p> <p>MI7(d): Study of foreign press and compilation of Daily Review of the foreign press</p>
MI 8 - Cable Censor	<p>MI8(a): Policy and correspondence re the censorship of private and commercial cables and of wireless messages overseas.</p> <p>MI8(b): Censor for trade.</p> <p>MI8(c): Distribution of telegrams and information derived from Cable censorship.</p> <p>MI8(d): Executive censorship duties at central telegraph office and private cable companies in the UK.</p>
MI 9 -	<p>MI9(a): General policy and correspondence regarding the censorship of letter mails in the UK and overseas and of parcels for PoWs.</p> <p>MI9(b): Executive duties of postal censorship. Censorship of private postal packets.</p> <p>MI9(c): Censorship of private terminal correspondence with America and supervision of Liverpool Estab. Censorship of all terminal and non-terminal trade correspondence. Censorship of parcels.</p> <p>MI9(d): Issue of permits under Defence of Realm Regulations 24(B) and (C). Policy and correspondence regarding control of printed matter and parcels.</p>
MIO	<p>MIO(a): Filing and analysis of information in regard to the political and military situation in European Russia, Rumania, Liberia, Central Asia, the Caucasus, Persia, and Afghanistan. Preparation of General Staff summaries and other information for the War Cabinet and Versailles: exchange of information with the French General Staff. General questions connected with Russia.</p> <p>MIO(b): Organisation, equipment and maintenance of Allied forces on the Caucasian and Persian fronts, including South Persian Rifles, in connection with MO, SD, and other WO departments concerned and India Office.</p>

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April-May 1918 - Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI)

MI 1 - Secretariat Section	<p>MI1(a): Questions dealing with the personnel employed abroad under the DMI. Distribution and despatch of telegrams and their filing and record. Distribution of special intelligence reports and telegrams. Distribution and filing of FO telegrams, except Trade and Treaty series. Distribution of intelligence. Examination of POWs in the UK.</p> <p>MI1(b): Special duties - enemy ciphers.</p> <p>MI1(c): Special duties (not accommodated in War Office)</p> <p>MI1(d): Military policy and information re Submarine cables and wireless telegraphy and the circulation of information thereon. Cables. Committee papers. All papers connected with the Joint Naval and Military Wireless Committee and the Technical Sub-Committee. Questions re British ciphers and cypher communication. The preparation of new WO cyphers.</p> <p>MI1(e): Wireless telegraphy.</p> <p>MI1(f): Coordination of military and political information</p>
MI 2 - Analysis of military information of	<p>MI2(a): The Americas (less Canada). Spain, Portugal, Italy, Liberia, Tangier, and the Balkan States, and the operation of the troops of the Balkan States.</p> <p>MI2(b): Ottoman Empire, Arabia, Persia, Afghanistan, Abyssinia, North Africa, except French and Spanish possessions. Information emanating from Egypt and the Sudan. Western Persia in so far as districts are concerned in which Russian or Turkish troops are operating or likely to operate.</p> <p>MI2(c): Persia (except districts allotted to MI 2(b)). Afghanistan, Chinese Empire, Empire of Japan, Korea, Siam and information emanating from India and Burma.</p> <p>MI2(d): Russian Empire</p>
MI 3 - Analysis of military information of	<p>MI3(a): France and Belgium (except those parts occupied by the enemy). Morocco (except Tangier and that part which is occupied by Spain)</p> <p>MI3(b): Austria-Hungary, Switzerland, Holland, and the operations of Austro-Hungarian troops.</p> <p>MI3(c): Germany, the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg and the operations of German troops.</p> <p>MI3(d): Norway, Sweden, Denmark</p>

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	MI3(e): Military translations
MI 4 - Topographical information	<p>MI4(a): Preparation storage and issue of maps for home defence, overseas wars, training and maneuvers. Supply of ordnance survey maps. All defence schemes maps.</p> <p>MI4(b): Reception, indexing and storing of all publications of topographical maps in the world, and also of all geographical material received.</p> <p>MI4(c): General Staff Library</p>
MI 5 - Counter espionage. Military policy in dealing with the civil population.	<p>MI5(a): Military policy connected with the employment of alien workmen on war service</p> <p>MI5(b): Special duties [abolished in Nov 1917]</p> <p>MI5(c): Special duties [abolished in Nov 1917]</p> <p>MI5(d): Duties connected with counterespionage in British possessions overseas.</p> <p>MI5(e): Military policy connected with control of civilian passenger traffic to and from the UK. Port intelligence. Passes and permits for the 'zone des armées'.</p> <p>MI5(f): Military policy in dealing with the civilian population, including aliens. Aliens restriction orders, and Defence of the Realm Regulations affecting Special Intelligence duties. Intelligence passes.</p> <p>MI5(g): Special duties connected with counterespionage.</p> <p>MI5(h): Military record of aliens. Miscellaneous duties.</p>
MI 6 -	<p>MI6(a): Compilation of memoranda on the questions of military policy connected with the economic and financial resources of the enemy and their restrictions, compilation and distribution of economic information concerning Allied and neutral countries, traffic in arms, general Black List policy questions, distribution of FO Trade and Treaty telegrams. Correspondence with military attachés, military missions and economic sections of British expeditionary forces on economic matters.</p> <p>MI6(b): Examination of enemy war material from the point of view of the restriction of enemy supplies: collection of information re German industries and factories.</p>

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	<p>MI6(c): Provision of personnel of MI Directorate, including interpreters and censors at home and in the field. Intelligence Corps. Cipher Office. [later removed from the section]</p> <p>MI6(d): Traffic in arms. Defence of the Realm Regulations 30, 30A and 31.</p> <p>MI6(f): Examination of enemy war material from the point of view of the restriction of their supplies in conjunction with other govt depts concerned.</p> <p>MI 6(L): Military international law. Policy in connection with Martial law, including the administration of occupied territory. Compensation claims affecting the Gen Staff of involving points of international law. Municipal law as affecting defence schemes. Consideration of draft bills affecting the Gen Staff. Miscellaneous legal questions affecting sections of the Sub-Directorate of Special Intelligence.</p>
MI 7 -	<p>MI7(a): Questions of policy re press control, press correspondence, and press censorship. All communications with the official press bureau and issue of press communiques. Military personnel of official press bureau.</p> <p>MI7(b): Policy re press propaganda.</p> <p>MI7(c): Propaganda visits to theatres of war.</p> <p>MI7(d): Study of foreign press and compilation of Daily Review of the foreign press</p>
MI 8 - Cable Censor	<p>MI8(a): Policy and correspondence re the censorship of private and commercial cables and of wireless messages overseas.</p> <p>MI8(b): Censor for trade.</p> <p>MI8(c): Distribution of telegrams and information derived from Cable censorship.</p> <p>MI8(d): Executive censorship duties at central telegraph office and private cable companies in the UK.</p>
MI 9 -	<p>MI9(a): General policy and correspondence regarding the censorship of letter mails in the UK and overseas and of parcels for PoWs.</p> <p>MI9(b): Executive duties of postal censorship. Censorship of private postal packets.</p> <p>MI9(c): Censorship of private terminal correspondence with America and supervision of Liverpool Estab. Censorship of all terminal and non-terminal trade correspondence. Censorship of parcels.</p>

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	MI9(d): Issue of permits under Defence of Realm Regulations 24(B) and (C). Policy and correspondence regarding control of printed matter and parcels.
MIO	<p>MIO(a): Filing and analysis of information in regard to the political and military situation in European Russia, Rumania, Liberia, Central Asia, the Caucasus, Persia, and Afghanistan. Preparation of General Staff summaries and other information for the War Cabinet and Versailles: exchange of information with the French General Staff. General questions connected with Russia.</p> <p>MIO(b): Organisation, equipment and maintenance of Allied forces on the Caucasian and Persian fronts, including South Persian Rifles, in connection with MO, SD, and other WO departments concerned and India Office.</p>

August 1918 - Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI)

MI 1 - Secretariat Section	<p>MI1(a): Questions dealing with the personnel employed abroad under the DMI. Distribution and despatch of telegrams and their filing and record. Distribution of special intelligence reports and telegrams. Distribution and filing of FO telegrams, except Trade and Treaty series. Distribution of intelligence. Examination of POWs in the UK. Collation and distribution of information as obtained. Registration of Military Intelligence papers. Collection and despatch of mails.</p> <p>MI1(b): Special duties - enemy ciphers.</p> <p>MI1(c): Special duties (not accommodated in War Office)</p> <p>MI1(d): Committee papers. DMI representative on the Wireless Board.</p> <p>MI1(e): Wireless telegraphy.</p> <p>MI1(f): Coordination of military and political information</p>
MI 2 - Analysis of military information of	<p>MI2(a): The Americas (less Canada). Spain, Portugal, Italy, Liberia, Tangier, and the Balkan States, and the operation of the troops of the Balkan States.</p> <p>MI2(b): Ottoman Empire, Arabia, Persia, Afghanistan, Abyssinia, North Africa, except French and Spanish possessions. Information emanating from Egypt and the Sudan. Western Persia in so far as districts are concerned in which Russian or Turkish troops are operating or likely to operate.</p> <p>MI2(c): Persia (except districts allotted to MI 2(b)). Afghanistan, Chinese Empire, Empire of Japan, Korea, Siam and information emanating from India and Burma.</p>

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	MI2(d): Russian Empire
MI 3 - Analysis of military information of	<p>MI3(a): France and Belgium (except those parts occupied by the enemy). Morocco (except Tangier and that part which is occupied by Spain)</p> <p>MI3(b): Austria-Hungary, Switzerland, Holland, and the operations of Austro-Hungarian troops.</p> <p>MI3(c): Germany, the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg and the operations of German troops.</p> <p>MI3(d): Norway, Sweden, Denmark</p> <p>MI3(e): Military translations</p>
MI 4 - Topographical information	<p>MI4(a): Preparation storage and issue of maps for home defence, overseas wars, training and maneuvers. Supply of ordnance survey maps. All defence schemes maps.</p> <p>MI4(b): Reception, indexing and storing of all publications of topographical maps in the world, and also of all geographical material received.</p> <p>MI4(c): General Staff Library</p>
MI 5 - Counter espionage. Military policy in dealing with the civil population.	<p>MI5(a): Military policy connected with the employment of alien workmen on war service</p> <p>MI5(b): Special duties [abolished in Nov 1917]</p> <p>MI5(c): Special duties [abolished in Nov 1917]</p> <p>MI5(d): Duties connected with counterespionage in British possessions overseas.</p> <p>MI5(e): Military policy connected with control of civilian passenger traffic to and from the UK. Port intelligence. Passes and permits for the 'zone des armées'.</p> <p>MI5(f): Military policy in dealing with the civilian population, including aliens. Aliens restriction orders, and Defence of the Realm Regulations affecting Special Intelligence duties. Intelligence passes.</p> <p>MI5(g): Special duties connected with counterespionage.</p>

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	MI5(h): Military record of aliens. Miscellaneous duties.
MI 6 -	<p>MI6(a): Compilation of memoranda on the questions of military policy connected with the economic and financial resources of the enemy and their restrictions, compilation and distribution of economic information concerning Allied and neutral countries, traffic in arms, general Black List policy questions, distribution of FO Trade and Treaty telegrams. Correspondence with military attachés, military missions and economic sections of British expeditionary forces on economic matters.</p> <p>MI6(b): Examination of enemy war material from the point of view of the restriction of enemy supplies: collection of information re German industries and factories.</p> <p>MI6(d): Traffic in arms. Defence of the Realm Regulations 30, 30A and 31.</p> <p>MI6(e): Collection and analysis of economic information relating to Russia. Liaison with the Russian section of the RESD.</p> <p>MI6(f): Examination of enemy war material from the point of view of the restriction of their supplies in conjunction with other govt depts concerned.</p>
MI 7 -	<p>MI7(a): Questions of policy re press control, press correspondence, and press censorship. All communications with the official press bureau and issue of press communiques. Military personnel of official press bureau.</p> <p>MI7(b): Policy re press propaganda.</p> <p>MI7(c): Propaganda visits to theatres of war.</p> <p>MI7(d): Study of foreign press and compilation of Daily Review of the foreign press</p>
MI 8 - Cable Censor	<p>MI8(a): Policy and correspondence re the censorship of private and commercial cables and of wireless messages overseas.</p> <p>MI8(b): Censor for trade.</p> <p>MI8(c): Distribution of telegrams and information derived from Cable censorship.</p> <p>MI8(d): Executive censorship duties at central telegraph office and private cable companies in the UK.</p>
MI 9 -	MI9(a): General policy and correspondence regarding the censorship of letter mails in the UK and overseas and of parcels for PoWs.

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	<p>MI9(b): Policy and correspondence re the use of postal censorship in connection with the economic blockade. Enforcement of restrictions upon commercial and financial transactions with foreign countries effected by mail.</p> <p>MI9(c): Censorship of private terminal correspondence with America and supervision of Liverpool Estab. Censorship of all terminal and non-terminal trade correspondence. Censorship of parcels.</p> <p>MI9(d): Issue of permits under Defence of Realm Regulations 24(B) and (C). Policy and correspondence regarding control of printed matter and parcels.</p>
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November 1918 - Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI)

<p>MI 1 - Secretariat Section</p>	<p>MI1(a): Questions dealing with the personnel employed abroad under the DMI. Distribution and despatch of telegrams and their filing an record. Distribution of special intelligence reports and telegrams. Distribution and filing of FO telegrams, except Trade and Treaty series. Distribution of intelligence. Examination of POWs in the UK. Collation and distribution of information as obtained. Registration of Military Intelligence papers. Collection and despatch of mails.</p> <p>MI1(b): Construction of codes and ciphers.</p> <p>MI1(c): Special duties (not accommodated in War Office)</p> <p>MI1(d): Committee papers. DMI representative on the Wireless Board.</p> <p>MI1(e): Questions re cable, telegraphic, telephonic and W/T communication outside the British Empire and outside areas as may be occupied by British troops. Information concerning technical details of foreign means of communication and all questions connected with the study of wireless intelligence.</p> <p>MI1(f): Coordination of military and political information</p> <p>MI1(g): The distribution and safeguarding of military codes and ciphers. All questions of security of military forces in the field in conjunction with the other sections and branches directly concerned.</p>
<p>MI 2 - Analysis of military information of</p>	<p>MI2(a): The Americas (less Canada). Spain, Portugal, Italy, Liberia, Tangier, and the Balkan States, and the operation of the troops of the Balkan States.</p> <p>MI2(b): Ottoman Empire, Arabia, Persia, Afghanistan, Abyssinia, North Africa, except French and Spanish possessions. Information emanating from Egypt and the Sudan. Western Persia in so far as districts are concerned in which Russian or Turkish troops are operating or likely to operate.</p>

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	<p>MI2(c): Persia (except districts allotted to MI 2(b). Afghanistan, Chinese Empire, Empire of Japan, Korea, Siam and information emanating from India and Burma.</p> <p>MI2(d): Russian Empire</p>
MI 3 - Analysis of military information of	<p>MI3(a): France and Belgium (except those parts occupied by the enemy). Morocco (except Tangier and that part which is occupied by Spain)</p> <p>MI3(b): Austria-Hungary, Switzerland, Holland, and the operations of Austro-Hungarian troops.</p> <p>MI3(c): Germany, the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg and the operations of German troops.</p> <p>MI3(d): Norway, Sweden, Denmark</p> <p>MI3(e): Military translations</p>
MI 4 - Topographical information	<p>MI4(a): Preparation storage and issue of maps for home defence, overseas wars, training and maneuvers. Supply of ordnance survey maps. All defence schemes maps.</p> <p>MI4(b): Reception, indexing and storing of all publications of topographical maps in the world, and also of all geographical material received.</p> <p>MI4(c): General Staff Library</p>
MI 5 - Counter espionage. Military policy in dealing with the civil population.	<p>MI5(a): Military policy connected with the employment of alien workmen on war service</p> <p>MI5(b): Special duties [abolished in Nov 1917]</p> <p>MI5(c): Special duties [abolished in Nov 1917]</p> <p>MI5(d): Duties connected with counterespionage in British possessions overseas.</p> <p>MI5(e): Military policy connected with control of civilian passenger traffic to and from the UK. Port intelligence. Passes and permits for the 'zone des armées'.</p> <p>MI5(f): Military policy in dealing with the civilian population, including aliens. Aliens restriction orders, and Defence of the Realm Regulations affecting Special Intelligence duties. Intelligence passes.</p>

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	<p>MI5(g): Special duties connected with counterespionage.</p> <p>MI5(h): Military record of aliens. Miscellaneous duties.</p>
MI 6 -	<p>MI6(a): Compilation of memoranda on the questions of military policy connected with the economic and financial resources of the enemy and their restrictions, compilation and distribution of economic information concerning Allied and neutral countries, traffic in arms, general Black List policy questions, distribution of FO Trade and Treaty telegrams. Correspondence with military attachés, military missions and economic sections of British expeditionary forces on economic matters.</p> <p>MI6(b): Examination of enemy war material from the point of view of the restriction of enemy supplies: collection of information re German industries and factories.</p> <p>MI6(d): Traffic in arms. Defence of the Realm Regulations 30, 30A and 31.</p> <p>MI6(e): Collection and analysis of economic information relating to Russia. Liaison with the Russian section of the RESD.</p> <p>MI6(f): Examination of enemy war material from the point of view of the restriction of their supplies in conjunction with other govt depts concerned.</p>
MI 7 -	<p>MI7(a): Questions of policy re press control, press correspondence, and press censorship. All communications with the official press bureau and issue of press communiques. Military personnel of official press bureau.</p> <p>MI7(b): Policy re press propaganda.</p> <p>MI7(c): Propaganda visits to theatres of war.</p> <p>MI7(d): Study of foreign press and compilation of Daily Review of the foreign press</p>
MI 8 - Cable Censor	<p>MI8(a): Policy and correspondence re the censorship of private and commercial cables and of wireless messages overseas.</p> <p>MI8(b): Censor for trade.</p> <p>MI8(c): Distribution of telegrams and information derived from Cable censorship.</p> <p>MI8(d): Executive censorship duties at central telegraph office and private cable companies in the UK.</p>

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MI 9 -	<p>MI9(a): General policy and correspondence regarding the censorship of letter mails in the UK and overseas and of parcels for PoWs.</p> <p>MI9(b): Policy and correspondence re the use of postal censorship in connection with the economic blockade. Enforcement of restrictions upon commercial and financial transactions with foreign countries effected by mail.</p> <p>MI9(c): Censorship of private terminal correspondence with America and supervision of Liverpool Estab. Censorship of all terminal and non-terminal trade correspondence. Censorship of parcels.</p> <p>MI9(d): Issue of permits under Defence of Realm Regulations 24(B) and (C). Policy and correspondence regarding control of printed matter and parcels.</p>
MIR -	<p>MIR(a): Information in regard to the political and military situation in European Russia and western Liberia, and the political situation in Eastern Siberia</p> <p>MIR(b): The political and military situation in Central Asia, Persia, and Afghanistan, and information from India(excluding intelligence regarding the zone of operations of Turkish troops).</p> <p>MIR(c): China, Japan, and Siam and the military situation in Eastern Siberia.</p>

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Interwar Years

1919 - Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI)

February 1919 - Directorate of Military Intelligence

MI 1	<p>MI1(a): Questions dealing with the personnel employed abroad under the DMI. Distribution and despatch of telegrams and their filing a record. Distribution of special intelligence reports and telegrams. Distribution and filing of FO telegrams, except Trade and Treaty series. Distribution of intelligence.</p> <p>MI1(b): Construction of codes and ciphers. Committee papers.</p> <p>MI1(c): Special duties (not accommodated in War Office)</p> <p>MI1(d):</p> <p>MI1(e): Questions re cable, telegraphic, telephonic and W/T communication outside the British Empire and outside areas as may be occupied by British troops. Information concerning technical details of foreign means of communication and all questions connected with the study of wireless intelligence. DMI representative on the Wireless Board.</p> <p>MI1(f): Coordination of military and political information</p> <p>MI1(g): The distribution and safeguarding of military codes and ciphers. All questions of security of military forces in the field in conjunction with the other sections and branches directly concerned.</p>
MI 2	<p>MI2(a): The Americas (less Canada). Spain, Portugal, Italy, Liberia, Tangier, and the Balkan States, and the operation of the troops of the Balkan States.</p> <p>MI2(b): Ottoman Empire, Arabia, Persia, Afghanistan, Abyssinia, North Africa, except French and Spanish possessions. Information emanating from Egypt and the Sudan. Western Persia in so far as districts are concerned in which Russian or Turkish troops are operating or likely to operate.</p>
MI 3	<p>MI3(a): Holland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, France, Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, Morocco (except Tangier and that part which is occupied by Spain)</p> <p>MI3(b): Germany, Austria, Hungary, Czech-Slovakia, and Switzerland</p>

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	MI3(e): Military translations
MI 4	<p>MI4(a): Maps of the world except Asia and Africa. Preparation storage and issue of maps for Home Defence, overseas wars. All defence scheme maps.</p> <p>MI4(b): Maps of Asia</p> <p>MI4(c): Maps of Africa</p> <p>MI 4(d) (e): Map curator and librarian. Duties unchanged</p>
MI 5	<p>MI5(a): Military policy connected with the employment of alien workmen on war service [to be abolished later in the year]</p> <p>MI5(b): Special duties [abolished in Nov 1917]</p> <p>MI5(c): Special duties [abolished in Nov 1917]</p> <p>MI5(d): Duties connected with counterespionage in British possessions overseas.</p> <p>MI5(e): Military policy connected with control of civilian passenger traffic to and from the UK. Port intelligence. Passes and permits for the 'zone des armées'.</p> <p>MI5(f): Military policy in dealing with the civilian population, including aliens. Aliens restriction orders, and Defence of the Realm Regulations affecting Special Intelligence duties. Intelligence passes.</p> <p>MI5(g): Special duties connected with counterespionage. [to be abolished later in the year]</p>
MI 6	<p>MI6(a): Consideration of economic questions of interest to the General Staff and compilation of memoranda thereon. Liaison with MI2, MI3, and MIR.</p> <p>MI6(b): Consideration of political historical and ethnographical questions of interest to the General Staff, in conjunction with the sections concerned. Liaison with the Political Intelligence Department of the Foreign Office.</p> <p>MI6(d): Traffic in arms. Defence of the Realm Regulations 30, 30A and 31.</p> <p>MI6(e): Liaison between the War Office and other Government Departments as regards economic demands of the British Military Mission in Northern Russia. [to be abolished later in the year]</p>

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	MI6(L): Military international law. Policy in connection with Martial law.
MI 7 -	MI7(d): Study of foreign press and compilation of Daily Review of the foreign press. [only MI7(d) was retained in order to produce the various views of the foreign press. Propaganda in various parts of the world reverted to the FO.]
MI 8 -	<p>MI8(a): Policy and correspondence re the censorship of private and commercial cables and of wireless messages overseas.</p> <p>MI8(b): Censor for trade.</p> <p>MI8(c): Distribution of telegrams and information derived from Cable censorship.</p> <p>MI8(d): Executive censorship duties at central telegraph office and private cable companies in the UK.</p>
MI 9 -	<p>MI9(a): General policy and correspondence regarding the censorship of letter mails in the UK and overseas and of parcels for PoWs.</p> <p>MI9(b): Policy and correspondence re the use of postal censorship in connection with the economic blockade, including the control of securities and remittances passing through the post. Enforcement of restrictions upon commercial and financial transactions with foreign countries effected by mail.</p> <p>MI9(c): Censorship of private terminal correspondence with America and supervision of Liverpool Estab. Censorship of all terminal and non-terminal trade correspondence. Censorship of parcels.</p> <p>MI9(d): Issue of permits under Defence of Realm Regulations 24(B) and (C). Policy and correspondence regarding control of printed matter and parcels.</p>
MIR	<p>MIR(a): Information in regard to the political and military situation in European Russia and western Liberia, and the political situation in Eastern Siberia</p> <p>MIR(b): The political and military situation in Central Asia, Persia, and Afghanistan, and information from India(excluding intelligence regarding the zone of operations of Turkish troops).</p> <p>MIR(c): China, Japan, and Siam and the military situation in Eastern Siberia.</p>

July-November 1919 - Directorate of Military Intelligence

MI 1	MI1(a): Questions dealing with the personnel employed abroad under the DMI. Distribution and despatch of telegrams and their filing a record. Distribution of special intelligence reports and telegrams. Distribution and filing of FO telegrams, except Trade and Treaty series. Distribution of intelligence.
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	<p>MI1(b): Construction of codes and ciphers. Committee papers.</p> <p>MI1(c): Special duties (not accommodated in War Office)</p> <p>MI1(d):</p> <p>MI1(e): Questions re cable, telegraphic, telephonic and W/T communication outside the British Empire and outside areas as may be occupied by British troops. Information concerning technical details of foreign means of communication and all questions connected with the study of wireless intelligence. DMI representative on the Wireless Board.</p> <p>MI1(f): Coordination of military and political information</p> <p>MI1(g): The distribution and safeguarding of military codes and ciphers. All questions of security of military forces in the field in conjunction with the other sections and branches directly concerned.</p>
MI 2	<p>MI2(a): The Americas (less Canada). Spain, Portugal, Italy, Liberia, Tangier, and the Balkan States, and the operation of the troops of the Balkan States.</p> <p>MI2(b): Ottoman Empire, Arabia, Persia, Afghanistan, Abyssinia, North Africa, except French and Spanish possessions. Information emanating from Egypt and the Sudan. Western Persia in so far as districts are concerned in which Russian or Turkish troops are operating or likely to operate.</p>
MI 3	<p>MI3(a): Holland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, France, Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, Morocco (except Tangier and that part which is occupied by Spain)</p> <p>MI3(b): Germany, Austria, Hungary, Czech-Slovakia, and Switzerland</p> <p>MI3(e): Military translations</p>
MI 4	<p>MI4(a): Maps of the world except Asia and Africa. Preparation storage and issue of maps for Home Defence, overseas wars. All defence scheme maps.</p> <p>MI4(b): Maps of Asia</p> <p>MI4(c): Maps of Africa</p> <p>MI 4(d) (e): Map curator and librarian. Duties unchanged</p>
MI 5	<p>MI5(a): Military policy connected with the employment of alien workmen on war service [to be abolished later in the year]</p>

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	<p>MI5(b): Special duties [abolished in Nov 1917]</p> <p>MI5(c): Special duties [abolished in Nov 1917]</p> <p>MI5(d): Duties connected with counterespionage in British possessions overseas.</p> <p>MI5(f): Military policy in dealing with the civilian population, including aliens. Aliens restriction orders, and Defence of the Realm Regulations affecting Special Intelligence duties. Intelligence passes.</p> <p>MI5(g): Special duties connected with counterespionage. [to be abolished later in the year]</p>
MI 6	<p>MI6(a): Consideration of economic questions of interest to the General Staff and compilation of memoranda thereon. Liaison with MI2, MI3, and MIR.</p> <p>MI6(b): Consideration of political historical and ethnographical questions of interest to the General Staff, in conjunction with the sections concerned. Liaison with the Political Intelligence Department of the Foreign Office.</p> <p>MI6(d): Traffic in arms. Defence of the Realm Regulations 30, 30A and 31.</p> <p>MI6(e): Liaison between the War Office and other Government Departments as regards economic demands of the British Military Mission in Northern Russia. [to be abolished later in the year]</p>
MI 7 -	<p>MI7(d): Study of foreign press and compilation of Daily Review of the foreign press. [only MI7(d) was retained in order to produce the various views of the foreign press. Propaganda in various parts of the world reverted to the FO.]</p>
MI 9 -	<p>MI9(a): General policy and correspondence regarding the censorship of letter mails in the UK and overseas and of parcels for PoWs.</p> <p>MI9(b): Policy and correspondence re the use of postal censorship in connection with the economic blockade, including the control of securities and remittances passing through the post. Enforcement of restrictions upon commercial and financial transactions with foreign countries effected by mail.</p> <p>MI9(c): Censorship of private terminal correspondence with America and supervision of Liverpool Estab. Censorship of all terminal and non-terminal trade correspondence. Censorship of parcels.</p> <p>MI9(d): Issue of permits under Defence of Realm Regulations 24(B) and (C). Policy and correspondence regarding control of printed matter and parcels.</p>
MIR	<p>MIR(a): Information in regard to the political and military situation in European Russia and western Liberia, and the political situation in Eastern Siberia</p>

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	<p>MIR(b): The political and military situation in Central Asia, Persia, and Afghanistan, and information from India(excluding intelligence regarding the zone of operations of Turkish troops).</p> <p>MIR(c): China, Japan, and Siam and the military situation in Eastern Siberia.</p>
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1920 - Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI)

MI 1	<p>MI1(a): Questions relating to MI personnel. Administrative details connected with Military Attaches. Military missions and the personnel under the DMI. Compilation of Intelligence Summaries.</p> <p>MI1(b): Distributing and safeguarding of military codes and ciphers. All questions relating to security work in the field. Questions concerning cable, telegraph, telephonic and W/T communications outside the British Empire. DMI representative on Wireless Board. Liaison with Government Code and Cipher School. All questions relating to cable and postal censorship. Constructions of codes and ciphers. Instruction of cipher officers. All questions connected with the study of foreign W/T communication.</p> <p>MI1(c): Special duties</p>
MI 2	<p>MI2(a): The Americas (less Canada), Spain and her colonies, Portugal, Italy, Liberia, Tangier, the Balkan States: Jugoslavia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Montenegro, Albania, Greece, and Tripoli-in-Barbary</p> <p>MI2(b): Turkey, Mesopotamia, Armenia, Georgia-Azerbaijan, Persia and Arabia in relation to Mesopotamia</p> <p>MI2(c): Syria, Palestine, Arabia otherwise than above, Red Sea Littoral (Hejaz, Yemen, Assy) information emanating from Egypt and the Sudan, Abyssinia</p>
MI 3	<p>MI3(a): Holland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, France, Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, Morocco (except Tangier and that part which is occupied by Spain)</p> <p>MI3(b): Germany, Austria, Hungary, Czech-Slovakia, and Switzerland</p> <p>MI3(e): Military translations</p>
MI 4	<p>MI4(a): Maps of the world except Asia and Africa. Preparation storage and issue of maps for Home Defence, overseas wars. All defence scheme maps.</p> <p>MI4(b): Maps of Asia</p> <p>MI4(c): Maps of Africa</p> <p>MI 4(d) (e): Duties unchanged</p> <p>MI4(Air): Provision of maps for the Royal Air Force</p>

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MI 5	<p>MI5(a): Military policy connected with the employment of alien workmen on war service. Military policy in dealing with the civilian population, including aliens. Aliens restriction orders, and Defence of the Realm Regulations affecting Special Intelligence duties. Intelligence passes.</p> <p>MI5(b): Special duties connected with counterespionage.</p> <p>MI5(c): Special duties</p> <p>MI5(o): Military records of aliens. Miscellaneous duties. Duties connected with counterespionage in British possessions overseas.</p>
MI 6	<p>MI6(a): Consideration of economic questions of interest to the General Staff and compilation of memoranda thereon. Liaison with MI2, 3, and MIR.</p> <p>MI6(d): Traffic in arms. Defence of the Realm Regulations 30, 31 and 30A.</p> <p>MI6(e): Liaison between the WO and other Government Depts as regards economic demand of the British Military Mission in Northern Russia.</p> <p>MI6(L): Military international law. Policy in connection with Martial law. [to be abolished later in the year]</p>
MI 7 -	<p>Ceased to exist as a section for press consership in May 1919. Propaganda in various parts of the world reverted to the Foreign Office.</p> <p>MI7(d): Study of foreign press and compilation of Daily Review of the foreign press</p>
MIR	<p>MIR(a): Information in regard to the political and military situation in European Russia, Poland, the Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania) and Siberia</p> <p>MIR(c): China, Japan, Siam, and Ocenia</p>

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1921 - Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI)

February-May 1921 – Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI)

MI 1	<p>MI1(a): Questions relating to MI personnel. Administrative details connected with Military Attaches. Military missions and the personnel under the DMI. Compilation of Intelligence Summaries.</p> <p>MI1(b): Distributing and safeguarding of military codes and ciphers. All questions relating to security work in the field. Questions concerning cable, telegraph, telephonic and W/T communications outside the British Empire. DMI representative on Wireless Board. Liaison with Government Code and Cipher School. All questions relating to cable and postal censorship. Constructions of codes and ciphers. Instruction of cipher officers. All questions connected with the study of foreign W/T communication.</p> <p>MI1(c): Special duties</p>
MI 2	<p>MI2(a): The Americas (less Canada), Spain, Portugal, Italy, Liberia, Tangier, Jugo-Slavia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Albania</p> <p>MI2(b): Turkey, Greece, Armenia, Kurdistan, Georgia, Azerbaijan</p> <p>MI2(c): Syria, Palestine, Arabia, Mesopotamia, Persia in relation to Mesopotamia, Abyssinia, information emanating from Egypt and the Sudan</p>
MI 3	<p>MI3(a): France, Belgium, Luxemburg, Spain, Tangier, Portugal</p> <p>MI3(b): Germany, Holland, Austria, Hungary, Czech-Slovakia, and Switzerland</p> <p>MI3(c): Russia, Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Siberia</p> <p>MI3(e): Military translations</p>
MI 4	<p>MI4(a): Maps of the world except Asia and Africa. Preparation storage and issue of maps for Home Defence, overseas wars. All defence scheme maps.</p> <p>MI4(b): Maps of Asia</p> <p>MI4(c): Maps of Africa</p> <p>MI 4(d) (e): Duties unchanged</p>

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	MI4(Air): Provision of maps for the Air Ministry. Colonial Survey Committee. Map Room.
MI 5	<p>MI5(a): Military policy in dealing with the civil population, including aliens, Aliens' Restriction Orders, and Defence of the Realm affecting Special Intelligence duties. The policy regarding Martial Law in the British Empire and in Occupied Territory. Military courts. Municipal Law as affecting defence schemes in cooperation with the DMO. Consideration of draft bills affecting the General Staff. Miscellaneous legal questions affecting the General Staff. Intelligence passes. Military policy connected with control of civilian passenger traffic. Issue of permits.</p> <p>MI5(b): Special duties connected with counterespionage.</p> <p>MI5(o): Military records of aliens. Miscellaneous duties. Duties connected with counterespionage in British possessions overseas. Liaison with Admiralty and RAF.</p>
MI 6 -	<p>MI6(a): Collection, collation and dissemination of information regarding the trade, industrial and agricultural resources of foreign countries</p> <p>MI6(d): Traffic in arms. Defence of the Realm Regulations 30, 31 and 30A.</p> <p>MI6(e): Liaison between the WO and other Government Depts as regards economic demand of the British Military Mission in Northern Russia.</p>
MI 7 -	<p>Ceased to exist as a section for press censorship in May 1919. Propaganda in various parts of the world reverted to the Foreign Office.</p> <p>MI7(d): Study of foreign press and compilation of Daily Review of the foreign press</p>

June 1921 – Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI)

MI 1	<p>MI1(a): Questions relating to MI personnel. Administrative details connected with Military Attaches. Military missions and the personnel under the DMI. Compilation of Intelligence Summaries.</p> <p>MI1(b): Distributing and safeguarding of military codes and ciphers. All questions relating to security work in the field. Questions concerning cable, telegraph, telephonic and W/T communications outside the British Empire. DMI representative on Wireless Board. Liaison with Government Code and Cipher School. All questions relating to cable and postal censorship. Constructions of codes and ciphers. Instruction of cipher officers. All questions connected with the study of foreign W/T communication.</p> <p>MI1(c): Special duties</p>
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MI 2	<p>MI2(a): The Americas (less Canada), Spain, Portugal, Italy, Liberia, Tangier, Jugo-Slavia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Albania</p> <p>MI2(b): Turkey, Greece, Armenia, Kurdistan, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Syria, Palestine, Arabia, Mesopotamia</p> <p>MI2(c): Persia in relation to Mesopotamia, Abyssinia, information emanating from Egypt and the Sudan</p>
MI 3	<p>MI3(a): France, Belgium, Luxemburg, Spain, Tangier, Portugal</p> <p>MI3(b): Germany, Holland, Austria, Hungary, Czech-Slovakia, and Switzerland</p> <p>MI3(c): Russia, Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Siberia</p>
MI 4	<p>MI4(a): Maps of the world except Asia and Africa. Preparation storage and issue of maps for Home Defence, overseas wars. All defence scheme maps.</p> <p>MI4(b): Maps of Asia</p> <p>MI4(c): Maps of Africa</p> <p>MI 4(d) (e): Duties unchanged</p> <p>MI4(Air): Provision of maps for the Air Ministry. Colonial Survey Committee. Map Room.</p>
MI 5	<p>MI5(a): Military policy in dealing with the civil population, including aliens, Aliens' Restriction Orders, and Defence of the Realm affecting Special Intelligence duties. The policy regarding Martial Law in the British Empire and in Occupied Territory. Military courts. Municipal Law as affecting defence schemes in cooperation with the DMO. Consideration of draft bills affecting the General Staff. Miscellaneous legal questions affecting the General Staff. Intelligence passes. Military policy connected with control of civilian passenger traffic. Issue of permits.</p> <p>MI5(b): Special duties connected with counterespionage.</p> <p>MI5(o): Military records of aliens. Miscellaneous duties. Duties connected with counterespionage in British possessions overseas. Liaison with Admiralty and RAF.</p>
MI 6 -	<p>MI6(a): Collection, collation and dissemination of information regarding the trade, industrial and agricultural resources of foreign countries</p> <p>MI6(d): Traffic in arms. Defence of the Realm Regulations 30, 31 and 30A.</p>

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	MI6(e): Liaison between the WO and other Government Depts as regards economic demand of the British Military Mission in Northern Russia.
MI 7 -	Ceased to exist as a section for press censorship in May 1919. Propaganda in various parts of the world reverted to the Foreign Office. MI7(d): Study of foreign press and compilation of Daily Review of the foreign press

October-November 1921 – Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI)

MI 1	<p>MI1(a): Questions relating to MI personnel. Administrative details connected with Military Attaches. Military missions and the personnel under the DMI. Compilation of Intelligence Summaries.</p> <p>MI1(b): Distributing and safeguarding of military codes and ciphers. All questions relating to security work in the field. Questions concerning cable, telegraph, telephonic and W/T communications outside the British Empire. DMI representative on Wireless Board. Liaison with Government Code and Cipher School. All questions relating to cable and postal censorship. Constructions of codes and ciphers. Instruction of cipher officers. All questions connected with the study of foreign W/T communication.</p> <p>MI1(c): Special duties</p>
MI 2	<p>MI2(a): The Americas (less Canada), Spain, Portugal, Italy, Liberia, Tangier, Jugo-Slavia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Albania</p> <p>MI2(b): Turkey, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kurdistan, Persia (less defence and oil-fields), Abyssinia, Syria, Arabia, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Palestine, Sudan (in conjunction with MO2)</p> <p>MI2(c): Japan, China, Siam, and Oceania (excluding possessions of other powers)</p>
MI 3	<p>MI3(a): France, Belgium, Luxemburg, Spain, Tangier, Portugal</p> <p>MI3(b): Germany, Holland, Austria, Hungary, Czech-Slovakia, and Switzerland</p> <p>MI3(c): Russia, Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Siberia</p>
MI 4	<p>MI4(a): Maps of the world except Asia and Africa. Preparation storage and issue of maps for Home Defence, overseas wars. All defence scheme maps.</p> <p>MI4(b): Maps of Asia</p>

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	<p>MI4(c): Maps of Africa</p> <p>MI 4(d) (e): Duties unchanged</p> <p>MI4(Air): Provision of maps for the Air Ministry. Colonial Survey Committee. Map Room.</p>
MI 5	<p>MI5(a): Military policy in dealing with the civil population, including aliens, Aliens' Restriction Orders, and Defence of the Realm affecting Special Intelligence duties. The policy regarding Martial Law in the British Empire and in Occupied Territory. Military courts. Municipal Law as affecting defence schemes in cooperation with the DMO. Consideration of draft bills affecting the General Staff. Miscellaneous legal questions affecting the General Staff. Intelligence passes. Military policy connected with control of civilian passenger traffic. Issue of permits.</p> <p>MI5(b): Special duties connected with counterespionage.</p> <p>MI5(o): Military records of aliens. Miscellaneous duties. Duties connected with counterespionage in British possessions overseas. Liaison with Admiralty and RAF.</p>
MI 7 -	<p>Ceased to exist as a section for press consership in May 1919. Propaganda in various parts of the world reverted to the Foreign Office.</p> <p>MI7(d): Study of foreign press and compilation of Daily Review of the foreign press</p>

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1922 - Directorate of Military Operations and Intelligence (DMO&I)

January-April 1922 - Directorate of Military (Operations and) Intelligence (DMO&I)

MI 1	<p>MI1(a): Military records of all personnel employed on intelligence duties. Administrative details connected with British military attachés, military missions, and personnel employed under the DMO&I. Editing and distribution of Intelligence Summaries.</p> <p>MI1(b):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Military International Law. Hague Convention. Traffic in arms. Questions in connection with the League of Nations. Advice on foreign economic questions from a military point of view. Policy regarding ciphers in peace and war. • Questions connected with W/T intelligence. Liaison with GC&CS. Questions relating to security work in the field. General routine questions connected with the sub-section. • Signal questions of all kinds that concern MI. Liaison with SD1 on questions of British and foreign communications as they affect MI. Associate member of C Committee of RE Board. DMO&I's representative on W.T. Board. • Questions relating to cable, postal and press censorship. Assistant Secretary Censorship of the CID. Questions connected with publicity and propaganda organisation. • Preparation, printing and distribution of codes and ciphers. Questions connected with security ciphers. Training cipher officers. Technical assistance to C.4 (ciphers) in connection with mutilated telegrams. <p>MI1(c): Special duties</p> <p>MI1(T): Military translations</p>
MI 2	<p>MI2(a): The Americas (less British possessions), Italy, Liberia, Albania, Bulgaria, Greece Yugoslavia, Rumania,</p> <p>MI2(b): Turkey, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kurdistan, Persia (less defence and oil-fields), Abyssinia, Syria, Arabia, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Palestine, Sudan (in conjunction with MO2)</p> <p>MI2(c): China, Japan, Siam, and Oceania (excluding possessions of other powers)</p>
MI 3	<p>MI3(a): France, Belgium, Luxemburg, Spain, Tangier, Portugal</p> <p>MI3(b): Germany, Holland, Austria, Hungary, Czech-Slovakia, and Switzerland</p>

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	MI3(c): Russia, Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Siberia
MI 4	<p>MI4(a): Maps of the world except Asia and Africa. Preparation storage and issue of maps for Home Defence, overseas wars. All defence scheme maps.</p> <p>MI4(b): Maps of Asia</p> <p>MI4(c): Maps of Africa</p> <p>MI 4(d) (e): Duties unchanged</p> <p>MI4(Air): Provision of maps for the Air Ministry. Colonial Survey Committee. Map Room.</p>
MI 5	<p>MI5(a): Military policy in dealing with the civil population, including aliens, Aliens' Restriction Orders, and Defence of the Realm affecting Special Intelligence duties. The policy regarding Martial Law in the British Empire and in Occupied Territory. Military courts. Municipal Law as affecting defence schemes in cooperation with the DMO. Consideration of draft bills affecting the General Staff. Miscellaneous legal questions affecting the General Staff. Intelligence passes. Military policy connected with control of civilian passenger traffic. Issue of permits.</p> <p>MI5(b): Special duties connected with counterespionage.</p> <p>MI5(o): Organisation of service of Defence Security Intelligence. Duties connected with Defence Security Intelligence in British possessions overseas. Records.</p>

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1926 - Directorate of Military Operations and Intelligence (DMO&I)

September 1926 - Directorate of Military Operations and Intelligence (DMO&I)

MI 1	<p>MI1(a):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply of information regarding the British Army to Foreign Ministers and Military Attachés. Arrangements of foreign military attachés to visit the British Army. Policy regarding compilation and distribution of Handbooks of Foreign Armies, Military Reports on foreign countries, dominions and colonies. Records of personnel employed on intelligence duties. Administrative details connected with British Military Attachés. Military missions and personnel employed under DMOI. Editing and distribution of monthly Intelligence Summary. <p>MI1(b):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Military international law. Hague Convention. Advice on foreign economic questions from a military point of view. Policy regarding the ciphers in peace and war. Liaison with the Government Code and Cipher School. Questions relating to intelligence security in the field. General routine questions connected with sub-section. Traffic in arms and convention. Questions relating to cable, postal, and press censorship. Joint secretary of censorship Sub-Committee of CID. Questions connected with publicity and propaganda organisation. Questions connected with W/T intelligence. Signals questions of all kinds that concern MI. Liaison with SD6 on questions of British and foreign communications as they affect MI. Associate member of C Committee of RE Board. DMO&I's representative on W/T Board. Preparation printing and distribution of codes and ciphers. Questions connected with security of ciphers. Training cipher officers. Technical assistance to telegrams in connected with mutilated telegrams. <p>MI1(c): Special duties</p> <p>MI1(T): Military translations</p>
MI 2	<p>MI2(a): The United States of America, South America, Italy, Liberia, Albania, Jugo-Slavia, Abyssinia</p> <p>MI2(b): Turkey, Kurdistan, Greece, Rumania, Bulgaria</p> <p>MI2(c): China, Japan, Siam, Dutch East Indies and Indo-China (except as regards Military Naval and Air Forces) Philippines</p>
MI 3	<p>MI3(a): France (except politics, strategy and geography of Indo-China), Belgium, Luxemburg, Spain, Tangier, Portugal</p> <p>MI3(b): Germany, Holland (except politics, strategy and geography of Dutch East Indies), Austria, Hungary, Czech-Slovakia, and Switzerland</p>

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	MI3(c): Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, Siberia, Poland, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Swede, Denmark, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan
MI 4	<p>MI4(a): Geographical work for the Army.</p> <p>MI4(b): Geographical work for the Royal Air Force.</p> <p>MI4(c): All questions of the preparation, drawing, photographing and printing of maps of Asia, Australia, New Zealand</p> <p>MI4(d): All questions of the preparation, drawing, photographing and printing of maps of Europe and the Middle East</p> <p>MI4(e): All questions of the preparation, drawing, photographing and printing of maps of Africa, and adjacent islands, North and South America, and West Indies</p> <p>MI4(f): Geodasy of the world. Secretary of the Air Survey Committee. Joint Secretary of the Colonial Survey Committee.</p> <p>MI4(g): Reception, indexing and storing of all publications of maps of the world, and of all geographical material received. Distance and area measurement. Map store.</p>
MI 5	<p>MI5(a): Military policy in relation to the civil authorities civil police and War Department Constabulary. Official Secrets Act. Aliens Act. Firearms Act. Emergency Powers Act, Defence of the Realm Act as affecting the General Staff. The policy regarding Martial Law and Military Courts in the British Empire and in occupied territory. Police and legal questions affecting the General Staff. Military security instructions. Military policy connected with permits and visits by foreigners and civilians to War Department lands, works of defence, prohibited places and territory in military occupation.</p> <p>MI5(b): Special duties connected with Defence Security Intelligence and War Department Constabulary.</p> <p>MI5(o): Organisation of service of Defence Security Intelligence and War Department Constabulary. Duties connected with Defence Security Intelligence in British possessions overseas. Police organisations in relation to Intelligence duties. Records.</p>

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1929 - Directorate of Military Operations and Intelligence (DMO&I)

February 1929 - Directorate of Military Operations and Intelligence (DMO&I)

MI 1	<p>MI1(a):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply of information regarding the British Army to Foreign Ministers and Military Attachés. Arrangements of foreign military attachés to visit the British Army. Policy regarding compilation and distribution of Handbooks of Foreign Armies, Military Reports on foreign countries, dominions and colonies. Records of personnel employed on intelligence duties. Administrative details connected with British Military Attachés. Military missions and personnel employed under DMOI. Editing and distribution of monthly Intelligence Summary. <p>MI1(b):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Military international law. Hague Convention. Advice on foreign economic questions from a military point of view. Policy regarding the ciphers in peace and war. Liaison with the Government Code and Cipher School. Questions relating to intelligence security in the field. Traffic in arms and convention. Joint secretary of censorship Sub-Committee of CID. Questions connected with W/T intelligence. Signals questions of all kinds that concern MI. Preparation printing and distribution of codes and ciphers. Questions connected with security of ciphers. Training cipher officers. Technical assistance to telegrams in connected with mutilated telegrams. <p>MI1(c): Special duties</p> <p>MI1(e): Collection, collation and dissemination of information regarding foreign explosives and propellants: scientific research connected with ammunition manufactured in foreign countries.</p> <p>MI1(T): Military translations</p>
MI 2	<p>MI2(a): The United States of America, South America, Italy, Liberia, Albania, Jugo-Slavia, Abyssinia</p> <p>MI2(b): Turkey, Kurdistan, Greece, Rumania, Bulgaria</p> <p>MI2(c): China, Japan, Siam, Dutch East Indies and Indo-China (except as regards Military Naval and Air Forces) Philippines</p>
MI 3	<p>MI3(a): France (except politics, strategy and geography of Indo-China), Belgium, Luxemburg, Spain, Tangier, Portugal</p> <p>MI3(b): Germany, Holland (except politics, strategy and geography of Dutch East Indies), Austria, Hungary, Czech-Slovakia, and Switzerland</p>

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	MI3(c): Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, Siberia, Poland, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Swede, Denmark, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan
MI 4	<p>MI4(a): Miscellaneous geographical work for the Army. Question of survey organisation and stores. General administration of the section.</p> <p>MI4(b): Miscellaneous geographical work for the Royal Air Force. All questions of the preparation, drawing, photographing and printing of maps of Turkey, Syria, Palestine, Trans-Jordan, Arabia, Aden, and Iraq. Research work in connection with survey from air photographs. Research work in connection with survey from air photographs.</p> <p>MI4(c): All questions of the preparation, drawing, photographing and printing of maps of Asia, east Long 90 E</p> <p>MI4(d): All questions of the preparation, drawing, photographing and printing of maps of Europe and Asia, west of Long 90 E excluding the areas dealt with by MI4(b)</p> <p>MI4(e): All questions of the preparation, drawing, photographing and printing of maps of Africa, North and South America and adjacent islands.</p> <p>MI4(f): Geodasy of the world. Secretary of the Air Survey Committee. Joint Secretary of the Colonial Survey Committee.</p> <p>MI4(g): Reception, indexing and storing of all publications of maps of the world, and of all geographical material received. Distance and area measurement. Map store.</p>
MI 5	<p>MI5(a): Military policy in relation to the civil authorities civil and police. Official Secrets Act. Aliens Act, and other legislative enactments and powers affecting Defence Security. Policy regarding Martial Law and Military Courts. Military security instructions. Military policy connected with permits and visits by foreigners and civilians to War Department lands, works of defence, prohibited places and territory in military occupation. Joint Secretary, War Emergency Legislation Sub-Committee of the CID.</p> <p>MI5(b): Special duties connected with Defence Security Intelligence and War Department Constabulary.</p> <p>MI5(o): Organisation of service of Defence Security Intelligence and War Department Constabulary. Duties connected with Defence Security Intelligence in British possessions overseas.</p> <p>MI5(p): Executive duties War Department Constabulary.</p>

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1933 - Directorate of Military Operations and Intelligence (DMO&I)

November 1933 - Directorate of Military Operations and Intelligence (DMO&I)

MI 1	<p>MI1(a): Appointments in peace and war under the DMO&I. Coordination of questions affecting personnel employed under DMO&I. Intelligence organisation at home and abroad. Training in intelligence duties. Security, other than Signals, in conjunction with MI5. Supply of military information to foreign powers. Visits of foreign officers to the British Army, and of British officers to foreign armies. Admin questions affecting the British military attachés. Study of foreign languages. Policy affecting the completion and issue of intelligence publications. Coordination with the directorate.</p> <p>MI1(b): Censorship policy. Coordination of engineer intelligence. Questions relating to publicity and propaganda. Trade questions in time of war. Policy regarding ciphers. Liaison with GS&CS. Coordination of General Staff views. Wireless intelligence. Signals security. Coordination of signals intelligence. Associate member of "C" Committee of R.E. Board. DMO&I representative on W/T Board. Preparation, printing and distribution of codes and ciphers. Questions connected with security of ciphers. Training cipher officers.</p> <p>MI1(c): Special duties</p> <p>MI1(d): Interior economy directorate.</p> <p>MI1(e): Coordination of artillery, small arms, explosives and mechanisation intelligence. Scientific research connected with ammunition manufactured in foreign countries.</p> <p>MI1(t): Military translations</p>
MI 2	<p>MI2(a): Egypt, the Sudan, Abyssinia, Cyprus, Palestine, Trans-Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Trucial Coast, Aden (in so far as it affects the remainder of Arabia), Iraq, Persia, Afghanistan, India, and Burma. Sinkiang and Tiber (in conjunction with MI2(c)).</p> <p>MI2(b): Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, Poland, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania</p> <p>MI2(c): China, Japan, Siam, Dutch East Indies and Indo-China, Philippines (except as regards military naval and air forces)</p>
MI 3	<p>MI3(a): France (except politics, strategy and geography of Indo-China), Belgium, Luxemburg, Spain, Tangier, Portugal</p> <p>MI3(b): Germany, Holland (except politics, strategy and geography of Dutch East Indies), Austria, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden Denmark</p>

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	<p>MI3(c): Italy, Albania, Hungary, Jugo-Slavia, Rumania, Czeco-Slovakia, Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey</p> <p>MI3(d): United States of America (*except politics, and geography of the Philippine Islands), Mexico, Guatemala, Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Cuba, Haiti, San Domingo, Porto Rico, Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Peru, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Argentine, Paraguay, Uruguay, Liberia.</p>
MI 4	<p>MI4(a): Miscellaneous geographical work for the Army. Question of survey organisation and stores.</p> <p>MI4(b): Miscellaneous geographical work for the Royal Air Force. All questions of the preparation, drawing, photographing and printing of maps of Turkey, Syria, Palestine, Trans-Jordan, Arabia, Aden, and Iraq.</p> <p>MI4(c): All questions of the preparation, drawing, photographing and printing of maps of Asia, east Long 90 E, Australiasia and Ocenia.</p> <p>MI4(d): All questions of the preparation, drawing, photographing and printing of maps of Europe and Asia, west of Long 90 E excluding the areas dealt with by MI4(b). Research work in connection with Air Survey.</p> <p>MI4(e): All questions of the preparation, drawing, photographing and printing of maps of Africa, North and South America and West Indies.</p> <p>MI4(f): Geodasy of the world. Secretary of the Air Survey Committee. Joint Secretary of the Colonial Survey Committee.</p> <p>MI4(g): Reception, indexing and storing of all publications of maps of the world, and of all geographical material received. Distance and area measurement. Map store.</p>
MI 5	<p>MI5(a) (b): Security intelligence services home and overseas. Military Security Instructions. Visits by foreigners and civilians to military establishments producing munitions of war. Credentials for military services and purposes. Military permits and passes.</p> <p>MI5(p): Executive duties, War Department Constabulary.</p>

1935 - Directorate of Military Operations and Intelligence (DMO&I)

March 1935 - Directorate of Military Operations and Intelligence (DMO&I)

MI 1	<p>MI1(a): Appointments in peace and war under the DMO&I. Coordination of questions affecting personnel employed under DMO&I. Intelligence organisation at home and abroad. Training in intelligence duties. Security, other than Signals, in conjunction with MI5. Supply of military information to foreign powers.</p>
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	<p>Visits of foreign officers to the British Army, and of British officers to foreign armies. Admin questions affecting the British military attachés. Study of foreign languages. Policy affecting the completion and issue of intelligence publications.</p> <p>MI1(b): Censorship policy. Coordination of engineer intelligence. Questions relating to publicity and propaganda. Trade questions in time of war. Policy regarding ciphers. Liaison with GS&CS. Coordination of General Staff views. Wireless intelligence. Signals security. Coordination of signals intelligence. Associate member of "C" Committee of R.E. Board. DMO&I representative on W/T Board. Preparation, printing and distribution of codes and ciphers. Questions connected with security of ciphers. Training cipher officers.</p> <p>MI1(c): Special duties</p> <p>MI1(d): Censorship, trade questions and traffic in arms.</p> <p>MI1(e): Coordination of artillery, small arms, explosives and mechanisation intelligence. Scientific research connected with ammunition manufactured in foreign countries.</p> <p>MI1(f): Interior economy directorate.</p> <p>MI1(t): Military translations</p>
MI 2	<p>MI2(a): Egypt, the Sudan, Abyssinia, Syria (except as regards military, naval and air forces), Cyprus, Palestine, Trans-Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Trucial Coast, Aden (in so far as it affects the remainder of Arabia), Iraq, Persia, Afghanistan, India, and Burma. Sinkiang and Tiber (in conjunction with MI2(c))</p> <p>MI2(b): Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, Poland, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania</p> <p>MI2(c): China, Japan, Siam, Dutch East Indies and Indo-China, Philippines (except as regards military naval and air forces), USA, Central and South America.</p>
MI 3	<p>MI3(a): France (except politics, strategy and geography of Indo-China), Belgium, Luxemburg, Spain, Tangier, Portugal, Holland (except politics, strategy and geography of Dutch East Indies), Switzerland</p> <p>MI3(b): Germany, Hungary, Austria, Norway, Sweden Denmark</p> <p>MI3(c): Italy, Albania, Jugo-Slavia, Rumania, Czeco-Slovakia, Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey, Abyssinia</p>
MI 4	<p>MI4(a): The Army Group.</p>

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	<p>MI4(b): The Air Ministry Section.</p> <p>MI4(c): The Army Group.</p> <p>MI4(d): The Air Ministry Section.</p> <p>MI4(e): The Army Group.</p> <p>MI4(f): The Army Group.</p> <p>MI4(g): The Air Ministry Section. Preparation of small scale RAF maps of Europe.</p>
MI 5	<p>MI5(a) (b): Security intelligence services home and overseas. Military Security Instructions. Visits by foreigners and civilians to military establishments producing munitions of war. Credentials for military services and purposes. Military permits and passes.</p> <p>MI5(p): Executive duties, War Department Constabulary.</p>

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1937 - Directorate of Military Operations and Intelligence (DMO&I)

February 1937 - Directorate of Military Operations and Intelligence (DMO&I)

MI 1	<p>MI1(a): Appointments in peace and war under the DMO&I. Coordination of questions affecting personnel employed under DMO&I. Intelligence organisation at home and abroad. Training in intelligence duties. Security, other than Signals, in conjunction with MI5. Supply of military information to foreign powers. Visits of foreign officers to the British Army, and of British officers to foreign armies. Admin questions affecting the British military attachés. Study of foreign languages. Policy affecting the completion and issue of intelligence publications.</p> <p>MI1(b): Censorship policy and preparations for imposition of censorship. Coordination of engineer intelligence. Questions relating to publicity and propaganda. Trade questions in time of war. Policy regarding ciphers. Liaison with GS&CS. Coordination of General Staff views. Wireless intelligence. Signals security. Coordination of signals intelligence. Associate member of "C" Committee of R.E. Board. DMO&I representative on W/T Board. Preparation, printing and distribution of codes and ciphers. Questions connected with security of ciphers. Training cipher officers.</p> <p>MI1(c): Special duties</p> <p>MI1(d): Arms policy. League of Nations questions and trade questions.</p> <p>MI1(e): Coordination of artillery, small arms, explosives and mechanisation intelligence. Scientific research connected with ammunition manufactured in foreign countries.</p> <p>MI1(f): Interior economy directorate.</p> <p>MI1(t): Military translations</p>
MI 2	<p>MI2(a): Egypt, the Sudan, Syria (except as regards military, naval, and air forces), Cyprus, Palestine, Trans-Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Trucial Coast, Aden (in so far as it affects the remainder of Arabia), Iraq, Persia, Afghanistan, India, and Burma. Sinkiang and Tiber (in conjunction with MI2(c). United States of America, Central and South American States.</p> <p>MI2(b): Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, Poland, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania</p> <p>MI2(c): China, Japan, Siam, Dutch East Indies and Indo-China, Philippines.</p>
MI 3	<p>MI3(a): France (except politics, strategy and geography of Indo-China), Belgium, Luxemburg, Spain, Tangier, Portugal, Hungary, Holland (except politics, strategy and geography of Dutch East Indies), Switzerland, Syria (military, naval, and air forces)</p>

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	<p>MI3(b): Germany, Austria, Norway, Sweden Denmark</p> <p>MI3(c): Italy, Albania, Jugo-Slavia, Rumania, Czeco-Slovakia, Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey, Abyssinia</p>
MI 4	<p>MI4(a): The Army Group.</p> <p>MI4(b): The Air Ministry Section.</p> <p>MI4(c): The Army Group. All questions of the preparation drawing, photographing, and printing of maps of the world, excluding Africa, America, Palestine, Trans-Jordan, Iraq, Aden, Arabia, and 1/1M series of Europe.</p> <p>MI4(e): The Army Group. All questions of the preparation drawing, photographing, and printing of maps of Africa, America, Trans-Jordan, Palestine, Cyprus</p> <p>MI4(f): The Army Group.</p>
MI 5	<p>MI5(a) (b): Security intelligence services home and overseas. Military Security Instructions. Visits by foreigners and civilians to military establishments producing munitions of war. Credentials for military services and purposes. Military permits and passes.</p> <p>MI5(p): Executive duties, War Department Constabulary.</p>

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MI 1	<p>MI1(a): Provision of personnel for appointments in peace and war under DMO&I. Intelligence organisation at home and abroad. Training in intelligence duties. Administrative questions affecting British military attachés. Study of foreign languages. Policy affecting the compilation and issue of intelligence publications.</p> <p>MI1(b): Policy and measures to be taken in connection with military security (in conjunction with MI5). Cipher policy. Censorship in the field. Coordination between home and field censorship. Publicity and propaganda in war and peace preparations in connection therewith. Liaison with GC&CS. Coordination of wireless intelligence. Wireless Intelligence. Signals security. DMO&I's representative on the W/T Board. Preparation, printing and distribution of codes and ciphers. Questions connected with the security of ciphers. Training of cipher officers.</p> <p>MI1(c): Special duties</p> <p>MI1(d): General Staff policy on provision of arms to foreign countries. League of Nations questions as affecting the General Staff. International law. Laws and customs of war. UK Military Representative on the Permanent Advisory Committee of the League of Nations. General Staff policy on limitation of armaments. Trade questions in time of war. Coordination of artillery, engineer, small arms, explosives, mechanisation and chemical defence intelligence. Liaison with the Industrial Intelligence Centre. Arms export detail and foreign traffic in arms. Issue of permits under Firearms Act.</p> <p>MI1(e): Primary distribution of papers both to MO and MI sections. Interior economy of the Directorate. DMO&I's travelling grant. Administration of subordinate personnel. Coordination of clerical work of MI sections.</p> <p>MI1(f): Censorship policy. Detailed preparations for the imposition of censorship. Joint Secretary of Censorship Sub-Committee of the CID.</p> <p>MI1(1): Supply of military information to foreign powers. Visits of foreign officers to the British Army and of British officers to foreign armies.</p> <p>MI1(t): Military translations</p>
MI 2	<p>MI2(a): Egypt, the Sudan, Syria (except as regards military, naval, and air forces), Cyprus, Palestine, Trans-Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Trucial Coast, Aden (in as far as it affects the remainder of Arabia), Iraq, Afghanistan, India, and Burma. Sinkiang and Tiber (in conjunction with MI2(c)).</p> <p>MI2(b): Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, Poland, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Lithuania</p>

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	<p>MI2(c): China, Japan, Thailand, Dutch East Indies, Indo-China (except as regards military, naval, and air forces), United States of America, Mexico, Guatemala, Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Cuba, Haiti, San Domingo, Porto Rico, Columbia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Argentine, Paraguay, Uruguay, Liberia.</p>
MI 3	<p>MI3(a): France (except politics, strategy and geography of Syria and Indo-China), Belgium, Holland (except Dutch East Indies), Luxemburg, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Tangier.</p> <p>MI3(b): Germany, Hungary, Czecho-Slovakia</p> <p>MI3(c): Italy, Albania, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey</p>
MI 4	<p>MI4(a): Miscellaneous geographical work for the Army. Questions of survey organisation and stores. Coordination of the work and general administration of the section.</p> <p>MI4(b): All questions of the preparation, drawing, photographing, and printing of maps of Arabia, 1/1M maps of Europe, and RAF maps of Great Britain and Ireland. Preparation of small scale RAF maps of Europe. Administration of personnel of MI4 at the Air Ministry.</p> <p>MI4(c): All questions of the preparation drawing, photographing, and printing of maps of the countries dealt with by MI2(b), MI3(b), and MI3(c), and the following British possessions: Australia, British New Guineas, British North Borneo, British Pacific Islands, Brunei, Ceylon, Christmas Islands, Cocos Islands, Federated Malay States, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Sarawak.</p> <p>MI4(e): All questions of the preparation drawing, photographing, and printing of maps of the countries dealt with by MI2(a), MI2(c), and MI3(a) and all British possessions not dealt with by MI4(c).</p> <p>MI4(f): Geodasy of the world. Secretary of the Air Survey Committee. Joint Secretary of the Colonial Survey and Geophysical Committee. Reception, indexing and storing of all published topographical maps of the world and of all geographical material received. Distance and area measurements. Storing and issues of General Staff maps.</p> <p>MI4(Mob): All questions affecting maps for mobilisation and mobilisation of survey units.</p>
MI 5	<p>MI5(a) (b) (c) (d): Security intelligence services home and overseas. Military Security Instructions. Visits by foreigners and civilians to military establishments. Security of establishments producing munitions of war. Credentials for military services and purposes. Military permits and passes.</p> <p>MI5(p): Executive duties, War Department Constabulary.</p>

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