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Subject divisions for World Wars I and II

Drawers 165-166: World War I

WORLD WAR I

This section is not intended as a comprehensive record of the war of 1914-1918, but comprises major general histories and material relevant to the countries of the Empire. There are four broad divisions: general histories; operations; part taken by the Empire, and other topics, as follows.

General histories
Official papers including despatches (Most official papers appear with the subject to which they relate)

Operations in Europe
Africa
East Africa
West Africa
South Africa
Egypt and Palestine (including the Arab War)
Mesopotamia and Persian Gulf
Turkey and the Balkans (includes Gallipoli)
The East and China
The Pacific

Operations - Air
Naval

Part taken by the Empire
Black troops
Australia
Canada
India
Ireland
Newfoundland
New Zealand
South Africa
Colonies and other territories (in alphabetical order)
(Use name of 1914, not current name - e.g. Ceylon - not Sri Lanka. For all Caribbean islands use part taken by the West Indies)

Part taken by foreign colonial troops
Atrocities and outrages
Awards
Bibliographies
Biography - Collective
Biography (list of names)
Cemeteries and memorials
Communications and transport
Economics
Finance

Foreign countries
America
Argentina
Egypt
Japan
Portugal (Other countries may be added to sequence if appropriate)
Drawers 167-169: World War II

WORLD WAR II

This section of the catalogue does not attempt comprehensiveness, but
concentrates on the part played by the Commonwealth and Empire, and the
campaigns in areas which particularly affected it. The list of subject headings
which follows explains the treatment of individual campaigns under Operations:
broad headings have been used rather than very specific ones. Under the names
of countries, the political reaction to the war, as well as military, economic
participation, has been included, but see more particularly the heading
Political Questions under these countries in the main geographical portion of
the catalogue.

General histories
Operations: northern Europe
Italy
Greece and Crete
Middle East (Iraq, Iran, Egypt, and North Africa)
Africa (generally, also Abyssinia and Madagascar)
Far East (Hong Kong, Borneo, Malaya, Indonesia, Philippines)
Pacific (New Guinea, Pacific Islands)
Air
Merchant Navy, Convoy, etc.
Naval

Part taken by the Channel Islands
Ireland (North and South)
the Dominions and the Empire as a whole
Black troops
Australia
Canada
India
New Zealand
South Africa
Bechuanaland
Cyprus
East Africa (Use for Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika)
Part taken by (cont'4)

Fiji
Gibraltar
Hong Kong (see also Operations - Far East)
Malaya (see also Operations - Far East)
Malta (includes the Siege: see also Operations - Middle East)
Newfoundland
Northern Rhodesia
Pacific Islands (see also Operations - Pacific)
Sarawak
Southern Rhodesia
West Africa
West Indies
French Forces

Aliens
Atomic warfare
Atrocities and trials
Awards
Bibliographies
Biographies
Casualties and rolls of honour
Causes
Cemeteries and memorials
Censorship
Conference
Conscription
Economics
Evacuation and Refugees
Finance

Foreign countries: Americas (North and South)
- Belgium
- China
- France (see also part taken by French Forces)
- Germany
- Holland
- Italy
- Japan
- Near and Middle East
- Russia
- Spain
- Turkey and the Balkans

Jews
Labour
Law
Medical arrangements
Peace and settlement
- economic
- political

Personal accounts