

**[THIS IS A "VERBATIM" COPY TYPING OF ONE OF DGC'S COPIES OF "THE LITTLE GREEN BOOK".  
IT DOES NOT REPLICATE TYPE STYLE OR MARGINS.  
IT WAS PRODUCED PURELY SO THAT THERE WOULD BE A DIGESTABLE FORM AS A BASIS FOR MODERN REVISION.  
THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO UPDATING INFORMATION, EVEN WHERE THIS WAS KNOWN TO THE TYPIST.  
TYPOS WILL NO DOUBT HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED FOR THE UNWARY!]**

[BCS Logo]

# **MILITARY PUBLISHERS' DESIGNATIONS**

**Map Curators' Group Publication No. 2**

**ISBN 0 904482 05 7**

**THIS PUBLICATION IS NOW OUT OF PRINT**

## Acknowledgement

This list of publisher's designations on military maps was produced by Graham Webster, Senior Map Research Officer in the Mapping and Charting Establishment of the Ministry of Defence. The British Cartographic Society is grateful to The Directorate of Military Survey for permission to publish the list which, it is hoped, will prove a valuable reference source for map librarians and researchers.

## Introduction

A publisher's designation consists of a specific group of letter denoting the producing agency, in the form of an abbreviation or acronym, followed by a number. The bulk of military designations in the list are of British origin: evidence suggests that the British Military Survey Service originated the system and, certainly during World War II, made extensive use of it. The multiplicity of designations used within the British Military Survey Service has declined rapidly since the 1950s. This has been due, in part, to the adoption of the Standard Series Designation (SSD) system evolved by the US Army Map Service.

The information given for each designation is:-

- abbreviation or acronym
- its meaning and who it was allocated by
- relevant dates (with any description)
- subsequent allocations and dates
- other related designations
- (underlining denotes a degree of uncertainty attached to the entry)

## LIST OF MILITARY PUBLISHER'S DESIGNATIONS

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Meaning and Authority</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comments</u>
AAI	Allied Armies in Italy	Feb 1944 (15 <sup>th</sup> Army Group becomes AAI) - Dec 1944 (AAI again becomes 15 <sup>th</sup> Army Group).	See also 15 AG Misc
<u>ABW</u>	<u>Air Bombardment Wing. US Air Force</u>	?	Source of designation: <u>Map catalog</u> 3 <sup>rd</sup> edn. Base Map Plant, USAFFE, APO 924, 1 Aug 1943
ACSEA	Air Command South East Asia	Dec 1943 (formed) - Nov 1944 - <u>1946</u>	
<u>ADGB</u>	Air Defence of Great Britain. Map Section	1940 - 1944	
AD Maps ) AD Maps Air Ministry )	See ADI(Maps) Air Ministry		
AD(Maps)AM...(W)	Air Ministry, <u>Whitehall</u>	<u>Early 1942 - May 1943</u>	[In same sequence of numbers as MBAM...(W) and ADI(Maps) Air Ministry...(W)]
AD Maps AM.../2	Assistant Directorate of Maps, Air Ministry	Apr/May 1942 - May 1943 (disbanded)	[In same sequence of numbers as ADI(Maps) Air Ministry.../2]. Reason for suffix unknown.
ADI(Maps) Air Ministry	Assistant Directorate of Intelligence, Maps, Air Ministry	<u>Mid - 1940 - May 1942</u> (change of title to AD Maps)	[In same sequence of numbers as MSAM and MBAM]. "Some confusion" between use of ADI and AD
ADI(Maps) Air Ministry...(W)	Air Ministry, <u>Whitehall</u>	<u>Mid 1940 - early 1942</u>	[In same sequence of numbers as MBAM...(W) and AD Maps AM...(W)]

ADI(Maps) Air Ministry.../2	Assistant Directorate of Intelligence, Maps, Air Ministry	Late 1941/early 1942 - Apr/May 1942	[In same sequence of numbers as AD Maps AM.../2]. Reason for suffix unknown
ADV	Advance Land Headquarters (Australia). ( <u>Becomes AHQ</u> )	June 1943 - <u>1949</u>	<u>See also</u> AHQ, <u>MLS</u>
AF	Allied Forces. Allied Forces Headquarters (Europe)	Oct 1942 - Oct 1945	See also MED
AFCENT Misc ) AFCENT OR )	Allied Forces Central Europe	<u>1951</u> (AFCENT formed)	
AFN/Misc	Allied Forces Netherland East Indies	Sept/Oct 1945 - Nov 1946	
AHQ ) AHQ/Army ) AHQ/Misc )	Australian Forces HQ. Royal Australian Survey Corps	<u>1949 - 1970</u> (continues as DEF/ARMY)	See also DEF/ARMY, FIR, LHQ
AID	Aeronautical Information Document. RAF Aeronautical Information Documents Service	? - 1960 - ?	
AI 4c	Air Intelligence 2c (responsible for aerodrome intelligence)	? - Aug 1942 - ?	
AMS	Army Map Service	<u>1940</u> - ?	AMS was not used as part of a designation but in the early days of the Standard Series Designation preceded the designation. [AMS become TOPOCOM which became DMATC which became DMAHTC].
ASE	Army Survey Establishment, Canada	? - 1967	See also MCE [Canada]

AWAS	Air Warfare Analysis Section. Air Ministry/Ministry of Aircraft Production (incorporated into Controlled Weapons Dept, RAE)	1941 - 1946	
AWS, ID	Admiralty War Staff, Intelligence Division	? - March 1916 - early 1917 (became Naval Staff, Intelligence Division)	
AWT	? [ <a href="#">Link with Allied Expeditionary Air Force</a> ]	? - May 1944 - ?	
BAOR ( ) BAOR Misc ) BAOR OR )	British Army of the Rhine.	July 1945 (formed from 21 Army Group) -	See also 21 Army Group
BIS [with coded Corps designation]	Branch Intelligence Section, Royal Flying Corps	<u>Dec 1916</u> - Nov 1918	Each Corps Squadron had a Section
BTA ( ) BTA Misc )	British Troops Austria	July 1945 (formed from 8 <sup>th</sup> Army) - July 1946 (disbanded)	See also 8A/Misc
BTG	British Troops Greece. Survey Directorate, Greek Expeditionary Force	March-April 1941 (evacuation of Greece)	
<u>C</u>	<u>Choubra (Cairo). Survey Directorate GHQ Middle East</u>	? - 1941 - ?	See also DR, MDR, <u>DRM</u>
CA	Canadian Army. First Canadian Army	<u>June 1944 - 1945</u>	<u>See also DDS</u>
Corps Topo Secn [with coded Corps designation]	Corps Topographical Section	Jan 1917 - Nov 1918	Each corps had a Section
CB	See [ISTD] CB		

CC	Coastal Command	? - Jan 1943 - Nov 1944 - ?	
CIU	Central Interpretation Unit, Royal Air Force	Jan 1941 (renamed from PIU) - <u>1945</u> [later became JARIC]	See also PIU
<u>DDS</u>	<u>Deputy Director Survey's, Canadian Army</u>	<u>June 1943 - June 1944</u>	Later became CA
DEF/ARMY	Defence/Army. Royal Australian Survey Corps	<u>1970 -</u>	See also AHQ
DF	Dvina Force. Part of the Northern Russia Expeditionary Force	Dec 1918 - July 1919	See also NREF, VF [It is not known whether it was used as part of a designation]
DR	Drawing and Reproduction: Survey Directorate GHQ Middle East <u>and Survey Directorate HQ British Troops Egypt</u>	<u>Early 1940 - July 1941</u>	Se also MDR, EDR, C, DRM
DRM	Drawing and Reproduction ( <u>Mudiriyet Giza</u> ). <u>Survey of Egypt (under contract from GHQ Middle East)</u>	? - Dec 1940 - ?	See also C, DR, MDR, EDR
EAF ) EAF Misc )	East Africa Force East Africa Force. Survey Directorate East Africa Force	Sept 1939 - July 1940 Aug 1940 - Nov 1946	See also GP
EC	Eastern Command	? - 1943 - ?	
EDR ) EDR Misc )	Egypt Drawing and Reproduction. Survey Directorate, British Troops, Egypt	<u>Oct 1942</u> - Oct 1943 (TI) - <u>Jan 1944</u>	See also MDR, DR, DRM
FAREL ) FAREL Misc )	Far East Land Forces	Aug 1947 (SEALF [South East Asia Land Forces] becomes FARELF) -	See also ACSEA, HKLF



		Mar 1948 (Survey Directorate, FARELF closed) - 1951 (re-formed) - Dec 1970 (FARELF becomes HKLF)	
FCHQ	See HQFC		
FC Maps	Fighter Command, <u>Maps Section</u>	<u>Jan 1945</u> - ?	
Field Survey Company / Battalion RE	1 <sup>st</sup> Field Survey Company, RE (5,000 - 7,499) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Field Survey Company, RE (1,000 - 2,499) 3rd Field Survey Company, RE (10,000 - ) 4 <sup>th</sup> Field Survey Company, RE (7,500 - 9,999)  5 <sup>th</sup> Field Survey Company, RE	Late Aug 1917 - June 1918 (becomes Battalion) - Nov 1918 Late Aug 1917 - Nov 1917 (send to Italy) Late Aug 1917 - June 1918 (becomes Battalion) - Nov 1918 Late Aug 1917 - Feb 1918 (with 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army) - June 1918 (becomes Battalion) - <u>Nov 1918</u> (becomes Field Survey Battalion with Army on the Rhine) - <u>1919</u> Late Aug 1917 - Apr 1918 (with 4 <sup>th</sup> Army) - June 1918 (becomes Battalion) - Nov 1918	See also 6 <sup>th</sup> Field Survey Co, RE
Field Survey Battalion RE [number prefixed by M]	2 <sup>nd</sup> Field Survey Battalion with 5 <sup>th</sup> Army	Jul (5 <sup>th</sup> Army formed) - Nov 1918	
FIR       ) FIR/Misc )	First Australian Army. FIR 50-600: FIR/Misc 6501-7000	Jun 1943 (TI) - <u>1949 (becomes AHQ)</u>	See also <u>MLS</u> , AHQ
Geogr	<u>Geograficznej.</u> Use by 12 Polish Fd Svy Coy	Later than March 1944 (Polish Survey Directorate moves to Italy) - Dec 1945 - ?	
Geographical Section, Peace Congress	Peace Congress, Paris January 1919	Jan 1919 - ?	

GGF	<u>Groupe Géographique Francaise</u> , ?	? - July 1956 - Sept 1960 - ?	
GP	<u>Government Printed. 157 (EA &amp; SR)</u> <u>Base Svy Coy</u>	June 1942 (used for misc EAF work) - 1945 (Svy Coy moved to SE Asia)	See also EAF
GSDO	<u>General Staff Drawing Office</u> , General Staff, India	? - March 1943 - ?	<u>Continuation of SDO</u>
GSGS	Geographical Section General Staff [UK]	1908 -	GSGS 5000 - 5015 issued GSGS(Air) ? - 1942 GSGS 5120 - 5129 issued to STRATCO
GSGS(Air)	Geographical Section General Staff (Air)	pre 1921 - Dec 1945	
GSGS/D	Geographical Section General Staff, <u>Delhi</u>	? - Nov 1943 - ?	<u>See also HIND</u>
GSGS Misc	Geographical Section General Staff Misc	Mar 1943 - June 1975	GSGS Mic 10000 - issued to General Staff Map Section. 1970 - Jun 1975
GSGS OR	Geographical Section General Staff Office Reference	April 1922 - Dec 1938	GSGS OR 4000 - 4999 issued SPC Hillside near High Wycombe later carried on No 2 SPC, Bushey Park. <u>1939 - 1961 (Became SPC).</u> GSGS OR 5000/8999 issued to General Staff Map Section, Whitehall (and former organisation) for war time Gesterprinted Ors (Ors produced from printing plate). Allocated No up to 5000: subsequently used "normally". 1939.
HIND ) HINK Misc )	<u>Headquarters India</u> GHQ Directorate India. HIND 1000 -	July 1942 (TI) - <u>April</u> 1944	See also GSGS/D, <u>SDO</u> , Survey Section

	GSGS India. HIND 1000 - 1999, 5000 - 5999	<u>April 1944</u> (TI) - Jan 1946
	GSGS (India Command). HIND 1000 - 1999, 5000 - 5999: HIND/Misc 6000 - 7999	Jan 1946 (TI) - <u>1947</u>
HIND/A ) <u>HIND/A/Misc</u> )	<u>Headquarters India</u> / Air. DD Survey (Air)	<u>April 1944</u> (TI) - Jan 1946
	DD Survey, Air. HIND/A/Misc 10000 - 10999	Jan 1946 (TI) - <u>1947</u>
HIND/CLN ) HIND/CLN/Misc )	<u>Headquarters India/Ceylon</u> . AD Ceylon	Jul 1942 - <u>April 1944</u>
	Ceylon	April 1944 - Jan 1946
	Surveyor General, Ceylon	Jan 1946 (TI) - <u>1947</u>
HIND/E ) HIND/E/Misc )	<u>Headquarters India/Eastern</u> . DD Survey Eastern Army.	July 1942 (TI) - <u>April 1944</u>
	Fourteenth Army. HIND/E 1-99	April 1944 (TI) - Jan 1946
	Eastern Army/Fourteenth Army. HIND/E 1-99, 300-599: HIND/E/Misc 8000 - 8999	Jan 1946 (TI) - 1947
HIND/F ) HIND/F/Misc )	<u>Headquarters India/Frontier</u> . <u>Twelfth Army</u> .	? - Aug 1943 - ?
	Survey HQ Burma Command	? - Oct 1946 - <u>July 1947</u>
HIND/NW ) HIND/NW/Misc )	<u>Headquarters India/North West</u> . DFC [Director Frontier Circle].	Jul 1942 (TI) - <u>April 1944</u>
	North West Army (DFC)	April 1944 (TI) - Jan 1946
	NW Army/Northern Command India. HIND/NW/Misc 4000 - 4999	Jan 1946 (TI) - <u>1947</u>
HIND/S ) HIND/S/Misc )	Headquarter India/Southern. Southern Army	<u>Aug 1943 - April 1944</u>
	South Army. HIND/S 101-199	April 1944 (TI) - Jan 1946

	Southern Army/Southern Command. HIND/S 101-199: HIND/S/Misc 9000 - 9999	Jan 1946 (TI) - <u>1947</u>	
HIND/SEA ) HIND/SEA/Misc )	<u>Headquarters India</u> /South East Asia 11 Army Group. 11 Army Group/ALFSEA [Allied Land Forces South East Asia]. HIND/SEA 600-999: HIND/SEA/Misc 11000- 12999	April 1944 (TI) - Jan 1946  Jan 1946 (TI) - <u>1947</u>	See also HIND/SEA/...SEA
HIND/SEA/A ) HIND/SEA/B ) HIND/SEA/E ) HIND/SEA/F ) HIND/SEA/H ) HIND/SEA/S )	<u>Headquarters India</u> /South East Asia/..."Subformations of ALFSEA [Allied Land Forces South East Asia] will use the additional of other distinguishing letters necessary	April 1944 (TI) - Jan 1946 (TI) - <u>1947</u>	HIND was used for series allocated SEA/SEA/F, SEA/E, etc. Allocated letters: HIND/SEA/A - Southern Army (Air) HIND/SEA/B - HQ 15 Ind Corps HAID/SEA/E - 14 Army HIND/SEA/F - 12 Army HIND/SEA/H -SPC [Survey Production Centre] HIND/SEA/S - Southern Army See also SEA, SEA/A, SEA/B, SEA/C, SEA/D, SEA/E, SEA/F, SEA/G, SEA/H, <u>SEA/I/Misc</u> , SEA/K
HKLF Misc ) HKLF OR )	Hong Kong Land Forces. Survey Directorate, HQ British Forces Hong Kong	March 1974 -	See also FARELF
HO ) HO Misc )	Hydrographic Office. US Navy Department	? - July 1943 - ?	
Home Forces ) Home Forces Outline ) Home Forces Overprint )	Home Forces. Survey Directorate, Home Forces GHQ	June 1940 - <u>late</u> 1944	

HQFC	Headquarter, Fighter Command	? - July 1941 - July 1943 - ?	
IB Topo Dy	Intelligence Branch Topographical ? Intelligence Branch, Simla, India	? - Oct 1893 - 1906 (General Staff, India formed)	See also SDO
IC/Misc	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Corps BAOR</u>	<u>July 1945</u> (BAOR formed) - Jan 1946 - May 1946 (disbanded)	
ID	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Drawing Section</u> , German East Africa. Use on maps printed by No 4 Litho Section	? - May 1916 - Nov 1916- ?	
ID [Iraq] ) ID Misc )	<u>Iraq Directorate</u> . Survey Directorate, HQ Iraq Force. Survey Directorate 10 <sup>th</sup> Army	Dec 1941 - Feb 1942 Feb 1942 - <u>Aug</u> 1942	See also IDR, PID, XDR
IDAM	<u>Intelligence Division Air Ministry</u>	1915 - <u>1930</u> (becomes <u>Maps Section</u> <u>Air Ministry</u> )	<u>See also MSAM</u>
IDR ) IDR Misc )	<u>Iraq Drawing and Reproduction</u> . Survey Directorate, 10 <sup>th</sup> Army Survey Directorate, Persia and Iraq Command	<u>Aug</u> 1942 - <u>Nov</u> 1942	See also ID, PID, EDR
IDWO	Intelligence Division War Office	1890s - 1904	[In same sequence of numbers as TSGS and GSGS.] See also Intell Br, Intell Dept, Intell Div
Int Div, WO	See IDWO		
Intell Br ) (Int Br ) Intell Dept ) (Int Dept ) Intell Div )	Intelligence Branch/Intelligence Department/Intelligence Division. War Office	Jan 1881 (No 1) - 1890s	These designations appear to have been used indiscriminately even though there appears to be an orderly sequent of their respective organizations. [In same sequence of

(Int Div )			number as IDWO, TSGS, GSGS]
[ISTD]CB	[Inter-Service Topographical Department] Confidential Book. Allocated to maps appearing in ISTD reports and hand-books; formerly a NI [Naval Intelligence Department' numbering system	Oct 1940 - 1945	
LHQ ) LHQ Misc )	Land Force Headquarter. Australian Rear LHQ. LHQ 251-800: LHQ Misc 6001-6500	Jan 1843 (TI) - <u>1949 (becomes AHQ)</u>	See also AHQ, <u>MLS</u>
MBAM	Maps Branch, Air Ministry	1938 - <u>mid</u> 1940	[In same sequence of numbers as MSAM and ADI(Maps) Air Ministry]
MGAM...(W)	Air Ministry, <u>Whitehall</u>	Jan 1940 - mid 1940	[In same sequence of numbers as ADI9Maps) Air Ministry...(W) and AD Maps AM...(W)]
MCE [Canada]	Mapping and Charting Establishment. Department of National Defence, Canada	<u>1967</u> -	See also ASE
MCE[UK]	Mapping and Charting Establishment. Control Section, MCE	Feb 1970 - [In same sequence as SPC]	
MDR ) MDR Misc ) MDR OR )	Middle East Drawing and Reproduction. Directorate of Surveys, Military HQ, Cairo [later] Survey Directorate, GHQ Middle East	Mar 1940 (first allocated) - Aug 1941 (TI); MDR 1-999: MDR Misc 1-24999) - Apr 1942 (TI) - Oct 1943 (TI) - Aug 1946 (GHQ Middle East became HGQ MELF [Middle East Land Forces])	MDR Misc used up to <u>Apr 1964</u> . See also DR, C, MDR, EDR, MELF
MED	Mediterranean. Allied Forces	Mar 1944 (first allocated) - 1946	See also AF

Headquarters, Europe: used for certain series

MEF	Mesopotamia Expeditionary Force	Dec 1914 - May 1918	
MELF ) MELF OR )	Middle East Land Forces	<u>Aug 1946</u> (GHQ middle East becomes GHQ MELF) - 1960 - (MELF becomes Middle East command) - Sep 1967 (Middle East East Command transferred to East Command).	See also MDR
MIDGS	Military Intelligence Division, General Staff, US Army	? - 1921 - ?	
MLS	Mobile Litho Section. Used by 1 <sup>st</sup> Australian Mobile Litho Section, AIR ([Australian Imperial Forces])	? - <u>May 1943</u>	<u>See also</u> LHQ, ADV, FIR, NLC, VLC, QLC, 1CO, 2CO, 3CO, SEC
MSAM	Maps Section Air Ministry	<u>1930</u> - 1938	[In same sequence of numbers as MBAM and ADI(Maps) Air Ministry]
NC	Northern Command	? - 1943 - ?	
NE Misc	Near East, Survey Directorate, Near East, Cyprus	Mar 1965 (first allocated) - Apr 1978	
NGF ) NGF / Misc )	New Guinea Forces. NGF 701 - 1000: NGF/Misc 7251 - 8250	June 1943 (TI) - <u>1949 (becomes AHQ)</u>	See also SVY, AHQ
NH	<u>Northolt</u> . Air Ministry	<u>1933</u> - 1938	See also MBAM, MSAM, ADI(Maps) Air Ministry, AD Maps, AD Maps AM, IDAM
[NID] CB	See [ISTD] CB		

<u>NLC</u> ) <u>NLC/Misc</u> )	New South Wales [Line of Communication]. NLC 1026 - 1050: NLC/Misc 8301 - 8350	June 1943 (TI) - <u>1949 (becomes AHQ)</u>	See also <u>MLS</u> , AHQ
NO	Naval Office, US Naval Oceanographic Office	? - Sept 1971 - ?	
NORTHAG	Northern Army Group. Chief, Geographic Branch, NORTHAG	? - May 1976 -	
<u>NREF</u>	Northern Russia Expeditionary Force	Sept 1918 - July 1919	See also DF, VF. [It is not known whether it was used as part of a designation].
NWA	North West Africa. Survey Directorate, First Army HQ	<u>Nov 1942</u> (Directorate formed) - May 1943 (Survey Directorate joins Allied Forces HQ)	See also <u>18 AG</u>
OR	See GSGS OR		
P	[Meaning unknown]. HQ Advance Western Desert Force (used especially by 512 AFD Svy Coy)	<u>Dec 1940</u> - Aug 1941 (Survey Directorate, Western Desert Force becomes Survey Directorate, Eighth Army)	See also WDR, R
PAL	Palestine. Use by 524 Pal Fd Svy Coy	<u>Jul 1942</u> - <u>1946</u> (last number allocated)	
PDR ) PDR Misc )	Palestine Drawing and Reproduction. Survey Directorate, Palestine and Trans-Jordan. PDR 1500 - 1999: PDR Misc 1500 - 1999. Survey Directorate, Ninth Army.	Aug 1941 (TI) - Sept 1941  Sept 1941 (Palestine and Trans-Jordan becomes Ninth Army) - Apr 1942* - Oct 1943 - Mar 1945	*PDR also used by Survey Directorate, Palestine Base and Line of Communication Area [later] HQ Palestine. <u>May 1942</u> - <u>Mar 1948</u> (HQ Palestine closes)



	Survey Directorate HQ British Troops in Palestine and Trans-Jordan	Mar 1945 (Ninth Army becomes BT in Palestine and Trans-Jordan) - <u>1948*</u>	
PID ) PID Misc )	<u>Persia and Iraq Directorate.</u> Persia and Iraq Force (PAIFORCE). <u>Used for reprints by PAIFORCE of ID and ID Misc maps</u>	Feb - Nov 1942	See also ID, IDR, XDR
PIU	Photographic Interpretation Unit. Royal Air Force	July 1940 (PIU formed from Photographic Development Unit) - Jan 1941 (PIU renamed Central Interpretation Unit)	See also CIU
POA	Pacific Ocean Area. <u>Office of the Chief Engineer, GHQ POA United States Army.</u>	Apr 1942 - June 1945 (POA becomes part of PFPAC [Army Force Pacific])	POA was not used as part of a designation but in the early days of the Standard Series Designation preceded the designation
Ptg Sect RE, GHQ	Printing Section Depot Field Survey Company, GHQ	<u>Apr 1917</u> (Depot FSC formed) - <u>Jun 1917</u>	See also Ptg Sect Depot FSC, RE, GHQ
Ptg Sect Depot FSC, RE, GHQ	Printing Section, Depot Field Survey Company, GHQ	<u>Jun 1917</u> - Jun 1918	See also 1 <sup>st</sup> Printing Coy, RE, WOB
QLC ) QLC/Misc )	Queensland L of C [Line of Communication]. QLC 1001 - 1025: QLC/Misc 8251 - 8300	June 1943 (TI) - 1949 (becomes AHQ)	See also AHQ, <u>MLS</u>
R	[Meaning unknown]. HQ Advance Western Desert Force [later] Survey Directorate, Western Desert Force (used especially by 514 FD Svy Coy)	<u>Dec 1940</u> - Aug 1941 (Survey Directorate, Western Desert Force becomes Survey Directorate Eighth Army)	See also WDR, P
RD	Reproduction Department. Marine Corps School, Quantico, Virginia	? - 1940 - ?	

SA [Middle East]	South African Survey Company. [Middle East]	June 1941 - <u>1943</u>	
SA ) SA/Misc )	Second Army. [Europe]	May 1943 (Survey Directorate formed) - June 1945 (disbanded)	
SAC	<u>Supreme Allied Command(er)</u>	? - Jan 1944 - ?	
SACSEA	Supreme Allied Command(er) South East Asia	Nov 1943 (SACSEA appointed) - July 1945 (Survey responsibility transferred to Allied Land Forces South East Asia)	
SC	Staff College, Camberley	<u>1955</u> - ?	Numbers allocated sequentially with year
SDO	Simla Drawing Office. General Staff, India	1906 (General Staff formed) - 1926 (General Staff, India used Army Section No 6 Drawing Office, Survey of India from 1926 - [numbers in same sequent]) - <u>1942</u> (D Svy India created)	See also HIND, IB Topo Dy, <u>Survey Section. Continues as GSDO</u>
SEA ) SEA/Misc )	South East Asia. HQ 11 Army Group	Apr 1944 (TI) - <u>1947</u>	See also HIND/SEA/....HIND/SEA
SEA/A ) SEA/A/Misc )	South East Asia/Air. Series blocks allocated by HQ 11 Army Group: SEA/A/Misc 1000 - 10999	Apr 1944 (TI) - <u>1947</u>	See also HIND/SEA/....
SEA/B ) SEA/B/Misc )	South East Asia/Burma. HQ 15 Ind Corps. SEA/B 950 - 999: SEA/B/Misc 13032 - 13999	Jan - Nov 1944 (survey organization created in 15 Corps) - June 1945. (TI) - Aug 1945 (TI) - <u>1947</u>	See also HIND/SEA/....
SEA/C )	South East Asia/Ceylon. Ceylon	? - July 1944 - ?	See also HIND/SEA/....

SEA/C/Misc )	Detachment, 11 Army Group		
SEA/D ) SEA/D/Misc )	South East Asia/?. Adv HQ ALFSEA [Allied Land Forces South East Asia] [later] HQ ALFSEA. SEA/D900 - 949: SEA/D/Misc 14000 - 14999	? - June 1945 (TI) Aug 1945 (TI) - <u>1947</u>	See also HIND/SEA/....
SEA/E ) SEA/E/Misc )	South East Asia/?. 14 <sup>th</sup> Army. SEA/E 600 - 699: SEA/E/Misc 11000 - 19999	Apr 1944 (TI) - May1945	See also SEA/G, HIND/SEA/....
SEA/F ) SEA/F/Misc )	South East Asia/?. 12 <sup>th</sup> Army. SEA/F 800 - 899: SEA/F/Misc 15000 - 15999	? - June 1945 (TI) - Aug 1945 (TI) - <u>1947</u>	See also HIND/SEA/....
SEA/G ) SEA/G/Misc )	South East Asia/?. 14 <sup>th</sup> Army. SEA/G 700 - 799: SEA/G/Misc 16000 - 16999	June 1945 (TI) - Aug 1945	See also HIND/SEA/...., SEA/E
SEA/H ) SEA/H/Misc )	South East Asia/?. Survey Production Centre [Allied Land Forces South East Asia] [later] Survey Production Centre [south East Asia]. SEA/H 611 - 700: SEA/H/Misc 12278 - 12999	June 1945 (TI) - Aug 1945 (TI) - 1948 (SPC closes)	See also HIND/SEA/...., ACSEA, FARELF
SEA/I/Misc	South East Asia/Indonesia. Survey Detachment, Indonesia	<u>1945 - 1946</u>	
SEA/K ) SEA/K/Misc )	South East Asia/?. HQ 34 Ind Corps. SEA/K 750 - 799: SEA/K/Misc 17000 - 17999	Aug 1945 (TI) - 1947	See also HIND/SEA/....
<u>SEC</u> ) <u>SEC Misc</u> )	Second Australian Army. SEC 601 - 700: SEC Misc 7001 - 7250	June 1943 (TI) - <u>1949 (becomes AHQ)</u>	See also AHQ, <u>MLS</u>

SHAEF	Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force. Survey Directorate, SHAEF	Jan 1944 (formed) - June 1945 (disbanded)	
[SHAEF Office of AC of S]	Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force. Office of Assistant Chief of Staff	Jan 1944 - June 1945	eg, No 1417
[SHAEF Office of AC of Fwd]	Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force. Office of Assistant Chief of Staff <u>Forward</u>	July 1944 - June 1945	eg, No F-127
SHAEF (Air)/Maps ) SHAEF (Air)/Maps Overprint )	SHAEF Air Staff	Oct 1944 (Map Section HQ Allied Expeditionary Air Force joins SHAEF Air Staff) - June 1945 (disbanded)	
S&M	<u>Surveys and Mines Egypt</u> . The Department of Surveys and Mines, Egypt carried out contract work for GHQ Middle East	Jan 1940 - ?	
SPC	Survey Production Centre. SPC Feltham	1969 - Feb 1970	See also 1 SPC [In same sequence as MCE[UK]]
Survey Co, RE, BSF	Survey Company RE, British Salonika Force	1917 - 1918	See also 8 <sup>th</sup> Field Survey Co, RE
Survey Section	Survey Section, General Staff, India	? - Sept 1940 - 1942 (creation of Survey Directorate, GHQ India)	<u>See also</u> HIND, Survey Section
SVY ) SVY/Misc )	Survey Service, New Guinea Force	July 1942 - June 1943 (New Guinea Force allocated NGF)	See also NGF
SWPA	South West Pacific Area. Office of the Chief Engineer [OCG], GHQ SWPA United States Army	Apr 1942 - Jun 1945 (SWPA becomes division of OCE GHQ AFPAC [Army Force Pacific])	SWPA was not used as part of a designation but in the early days of the Standard Series Designation

preceded the designation

TC	Tigris Corps. Mesopotamia	Nov 1916 - Jan 1919	
Topo Dy	See IB Topo Dy		
TS	?	? - Nov 1940 - ?	Used for Home Forces Commands Traffic Control maps
TSD	Training And Staff Duties Division, Admiralty	? - 1940s - ?	Although the Division existed from 1920 - 194?, it is thought likely the designation was only used in the 1940s.
TSGS	Topographical Section General Staff	1904 - 1908	[In same sequent of numbers as IDWO and GSGS]
UDF ) UDF Misc )	Union Defence Force. Survey Directorate, Union Defence Force, South Africa	? - Mar 1942 - Apr 1945 - ?	[Later became TSO (Trigonometrical Survey Office), South Africa]
UKLF Misc	United Kingdom Land Forces	July 1974 - Mar 1979	
USBID	<u>United States Beach Intelligence Division</u>	? - Mar 1944 - ?	
<u>VF</u>	Vologda Force. Part of the Northern Russia Expeditionary Force	Feb 1919 - May 1919	See also NREF, DF [It is not known whether it was used as part of a designation]
VLC ) <u>VLC Misc</u> )	Victoria L of C [Line of Communication]	June 1943 (TI) - <u>1949 - (becomes AHQ)</u>	See also MLS, AHQ
WDMC	War Department Map Collection	?	
WDR	Western Desert Drawing and	Aug 1941 (TI) - Sept 1941	See also 8A/Misc, P, R

	Reproduction. Survey Directorate, Western Desert Survey Directorate Eighth Army	Sept 1941 (formation of 8 <sup>th</sup> Army) - Apr 1942 (letter) - Oct 1943 (TI) - <u>late 1943</u>	
XDR	Tenth Army Drawing and Reproduction. Survey Directorate 10 <sup>th</sup> Army	Nov 1942 (TI) - Apr 1943 (10 <sup>th</sup> Army transferred to India)	See also ID, IDR, PID
1CO	1 <sup>st</sup> Australian Corps	1944 - Jun 1945 - <u>1949 (becomes AHQ)</u>	See also MLS
1 <sup>st</sup> Printing Co RE	1 <sup>st</sup> Printing Co, Dar es Salaam	? - May 1917 - <u>Nov 1918</u>	
1 SPC	No 1 Survey Production Centre	? - 1959 - 1961 (becomes SPC)	See also SPC
2CO ) <u>2CO/Misc )</u>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Australian Corps. 2CO 1076 - 1100: 2CO/Misc 8401 - 8550	June 1943 (TI) - <u>1949 (becomes AHQ)</u>	See also AHQ, MLS
<u>3CO )</u> <u>3CO/Misc )</u>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Australian Corps. 3CO 1101 - 1125: 3CO/Misc 8551 - 8600	June 1943 (TI) - <u>1949 (becomes AHQ)</u>	See also AHQ, MLS
6AG	6 Army Group	<u>Sept 1944</u> (Survey Directorate under Control of Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force [SHAEF] Survey Directorate) - <u>June 1945</u> (SHAEF disbanded)	
<u>18AG</u>	Survey Directorate, 18 Army Group	Feb 1943 - ?	It is not known whether the Svy Directorate issued maps under a designation. <u>See also NWA</u>
8A/Misc	Eighth Army	Sept 1943 (Survey Directorate moved from North Africa to Italy) -	

		July 1945 (8 <sup>th</sup> Army becomes British Troops Austria)	
15AG/Misc	15 <sup>th</sup> Army Group	Dec 1944 (15 <sup>th</sup> Army Group reformed from Allied Armies in Italy) - July 1945 (15 <sup>th</sup> Army Group closes)	See also AAI
21 <sup>st</sup> AGp	21 <sup>st</sup> Army Group	July 1943 (21 <sup>st</sup> Army Group formed partly from Home Forces) - July 1945 (becomes British Army of the Rhine)	See also BAOR

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Meaning and Authority</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Printing Coy, RE, HGQ	1 <sup>st</sup> Printing Coy, RE, GHQ	<u>Sept 1914 - June 1917</u>	Mobilized Aug 1914. in 1917 became Ptg Sect of Depot FSC
1 <sup>st</sup> Printing Coy, No 3 Section	Detached Section of 1 <sup>st</sup> Printing Coy, RE, GHQ with <u>1<sup>st</sup> Army</u>	<u>Feb - Mar 1915</u>	<u>Became 1<sup>st</sup> Army Printing Section RE</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Army Printing Section RE	Detached Section of 1 <sup>st</sup> Printing Company	Apr 1915 - Feb 1916	Attached later to Army Topographical Section and Field Survey Coy. Became 1 <sup>st</sup> Field Survey Company (Printing Section)
1 <sup>st</sup> Field Survey Company (Printing Section)	New name for Detached Section of 1 <sup>st</sup> Printing Company	Mar 1916 - Dec 1916	
1 <sup>st</sup> Ptg Co RE (2)	See 1 <sup>st</sup> Printing Co RE, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army Section		
1 <sup>st</sup> Printing Co RE, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army Section	Detached Section of 1 <sup>st</sup> Printing Company	May 1915 - Dec 1916	Attached later to Army Topographical Section and Field Survey Coy
1 <sup>st</sup> Printing Co RE, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Army Section	Detached Section of 1 <sup>st</sup> Printing Company	Jul 1915 - Dec 1916	Attached later to Army Topographical Section and Field Survey Coy
1 <sup>st</sup> Printing Co RE, IV Army Section	Detached Section of 1 <sup>st</sup> Printing Company	Feb 1916 - Dec 1916	Attached to 4 <sup>th</sup> Field Survey Coy
1 <sup>st</sup> Printing Co RE, 5 <sup>th</sup> Section	Detached Section of 1 <sup>st</sup> Printing Company	July 1916 - Dec 1916	Attached to 4 <sup>th</sup> Field Survey Coy. Changed name in August from Reserve Army Sect
1 <sup>st</sup> Field Survey Company RE	1 <sup>st</sup> Field Survey Company RE incorporating Printing Section	Dec 1916 - Aug 1917	Formed Feb 1916



2 <sup>nd</sup> Field Survey Company RE	2 <sup>nd</sup> Field Survey Company RE incorporating Printing Section	Dec 1916 - Aug 1917	Formed Feb 1916
3 <sup>rd</sup> Field Survey Company RE	3 <sup>rd</sup> Field Survey Company RE incorporating Printing Section	Dec 1916 - Aug 1917	Formed Feb 1916
4 <sup>th</sup> Field Survey Company RE	4 <sup>th</sup> Field Survey Company RE incorporating Printing Section	Dec 1916 - Aug 1917	Formed Feb 1916
5 <sup>th</sup> Field Survey Company RE	5 <sup>th</sup> Field Survey Company RE incorporating Printing Section	Dec 1916 - Aug 1917	Formed Feb 1916
1 <sup>st</sup> Printing Coy, RE, WOB	1 <sup>st</sup> Printing Company, RE, <u>Western Overseas Base</u>	Jun 1918 - 1919	The printing Section, Depot FCS becomes an independent GHQ unit. See also Ptg Sect Depot FSC, RE GHQ
6 <sup>th</sup> Field Survey Co, RE	Formed in Italy from part of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Field Survey Co	1918	See also Field Survey Company (2 <sup>nd</sup> Field Survey Co, RE)
7 <sup>th</sup> Field Survey Co, RE	7 <sup>th</sup> Field Survey Co, RE, Egyptian Expeditionary Force	<u>1918</u>	
8 <sup>th</sup> Field Survey Co, RE	8 <sup>th</sup> Field Survey Company, RE, British Salonika Force	1918	See also Survey Co, RE, BSF

The Map Curator's Group was founded in 1966 as an integral part of The British Cartographic Society to promote the professional development of map curatorship. In 1982 the Group became an organisation in liaison with the Library Association through which it is recognised as the authoritative body on map librarianship matter in this country.

Members of the Group and participation in its activities are open to any BCS member. The Group arranges lectures, as part of the Society's programme, and visits to established map collections. It organises training programmes in map librarianship and holds an Open Forum at least once each year at which members can discuss mutual problems, pool resource, and consider future activities. The Group produces a quarterly newsletter, *Cartographiti*, which is also available to non-members on subscription.

Further information may be obtained from <http://www.cartography.org.uk/default.asp?contentID=702>

Printed by Maple Graphics Ltd. Southampton (0703) 226893