

ECONOMIC SECTION

1. General. -

No war can be successfully prosecuted without arms. Raw materials and the production and trade directly related to armament are of major importance. Conflicts may sometimes be determined quickly and almost at the outset by the disparity in preparedness between the belligerents, but the longer the struggle the more vital the strategic position with respect to raw materials and productive capacity becomes. It is not enough to know what these elements are and their relative importance, but is even more essential to know where they are geographically if military plans are to be realistic.

2. Purpose. -

- a. To prepare a military economic geography.
- b. To establish as a part of G-2, GHQ, a subsection of Economic Warfare.

3. Military Economic Geography. -

Economic geography places special emphasis upon the features of production and trade. While it is possible to include almost everything in such a division, our purpose will be to stress the purely military features. We will locate on the map the sources of raw materials for a successful munitions program and the industrial needs directly related to the promotion of war. Figures of world production and the percentage derived from any given area will be the statistical basis.

4. Subsection of Economic Warfare. -

I. World Resources: - Strategic and Critical Materials.

1. Military, essential civilian requirements, and supply.
2. Special problems.

(A) GHQ Geographical Areas: resources.

1. Key food and mineral resources.
2. Relationship to American requirements.

(B) GHQ Geographical Areas: Financial and economic structure.

1. Currency, central banking, fiscal structure.
2. Economic conditions and special problems resulting.

II. GHQ Geographical Areas: Economic Penetration - Political factors.

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