

PREFACE

Class D, *History*, was first drafted in 1901 and after undergoing revision was published in 1916. Two supplements were published: *European War* (first edition, 1921; second edition, 1933; reprinted in 1954 with additions and changes), and *Second World War* (1947). The second edition of class D was published in 1959, containing additions and changes through June 1957. A reprint edition was published in 1966, containing a supplementary section of additions and changes through July 1965. The third edition was published in five parts between 1987 and 1990: D-DJ, DJK-DK, DL-DR, DS, and DT-DX. Subclasses DS-DX, *History of Asia, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, etc.*, were published in a single edition in 1998, complemented by a 2001 edition of D-DR. This 2008 edition of DS-DX cumulates all additions and changes that have been made since the publication of the 1998 edition.

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