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1. Motivator (shaper): Makes people work towards a goal through positive and negative stimulation.
2. Team worker: Someone who can unify the team and be a friend to everyone.
3. Diplomat (resource investigator): Can interact with other teams and the environment in general.
4. Idea generator: Someone who can and likes to create new ideas for all aspects of the work of the team.
5. Analyst (monitor evaluator): Someone who can analyze options, look forward, and see mistakes (including and especially before they happen).
6. Specialist in stealth operations -- someone who can get into locked buildings, kill people without leaving traces, steal classified documents etc.

How can I find out

- in what parts of the armed forces such people were most likely to work,
- what roles they had, and
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