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1. We cannot refrain from registering deep disappointment at being deprived of the services of Miss Batt~~er~~ originally dispatched by Washington for this Desk. The insufficiency of officers and adequate personnel is gravely felt here, and indeed, this lack of manpower gives us a sense of discouragement, as far as the conduct of our operations is concerned. With the exception of GE/030, not a single X-2 London/Washington trained employee has been sent to this station.

2. The fact that our two EM in Belgrade have managed to fare as well as they have is a small miracle. Their work brings them into daily contact with high ranking Partisan, British, and Czechoslovak officers! By virtue of their status, access to certain places and contacts is problematic and often borders on the ridiculous.

3. This Desk has secured the permanent assignment from SI to X-2 of Jacob Ornstein, former Balkan Order of Battle specialist. His two and one half years of experience in OSS work, and his command of a wide range of languages qualify him for the job of X-2 Intelligence-Interrogation Officer. He is being indoctrinated in every phase of our work (except the London aspects) and has already proved of value to this Desk. A symbol for this new addition to our staff is requested.

4. Several potential recruits for our Desk are in the ranks of the Budapest City Team. Should that unit be dissolved, two or three well-qualified men may be available to us. At this final stage of the war, however, it is deemed wise to hold selected new personnel who have never been under cover in reserve for post-invasion assignments.

*5. We should like to bring to your attention the status problems of two of our members. T/5 Cornel Bolog (Rumanian speaker), was transferred to us 15 September 1944 from SO Cairo. He has held the rank of Corporal since December 1943. He has been handling, among other things, the bulk of our administrative work. When T/5 Bolog was recommended by us for promotion on 9 December 1944, the request was denied because "enlisted promotions have been frozen while the authorities in Washington were re-studying the entire situation". It is felt some form of encouragement for this completely trustworthy and intelligent worker would be of advantage both to him and to X-2 here.

*Application for promotion is being resubmitted.

6. The status of Stephen Streeter, we feel, also deserves reconsideration. Our efforts to obtain a commission for him have so far produced no visible results. We are therefore, presenting for the record, certain data concerning his past and present work which may not appear in his service records:

a) Army Experience Before Joining OSS

As a Private:

- Prepared chart on the Coordination of AA training for his Battery Commander.
- Devised an Airplane Identification teaching method accepted and applied by his Battery Commander.
- Recruited for "a secret and hazardous mission" for OSS with commission practically assured.

b) Experience and Accomplishments in the OSS

- Washington -

- Assigned for field work in SO

As a T/3:

- Put in charge of Hungarian and Slovak (subsequently Rumanian) Desk.
- Congratulated by the Chief SO, ME Desk, Washington upon receiving exceptional ratings for his training at Area "E".

- Egypt -

- In Egypt participated in organizing Orientation Courses under the Armed Forces Institute. Subsequently nominated OSS representative on the Orientation Board.
- Reorganized the internal dissemination of reports of Reports Office, OSS Cairo, reducing the circulation period from 3 weeks to 6 days.
- Prepared 2 quick-reference informational tables on Balkan and Near Eastern countries.
- Assisted MO in the writing and preparation of propaganda materials destined for Hungary.

c) Experience in X-2

- Joined X-2 September 1944 with the rank of T/3.
- For the past 8 months has with the rank of Sergeant been the only intelligence-interrogation "officer" at this Desk.

7. Further data:

- a) Streeter's work with us by now should be well known to you. You will doubtless recall that his age is 39, that he holds 2 university degrees, (European, plus American pending (interrupted by induction)), was formerly a lawyer, and speaks six (6) languages. He is thoroughly familiar with the enemy intelligence systems. A tireless worker, his loyalty and devotion have been demonstrated by him many times.
- b) His status as a sergeant is well-known here and many delicate and embarrassing situations have resulted. He can take his meals only at the Enlisted Mens' Mess, which makes it impossible for him to entertain officers or maintain proper social contacts with officials in related agencies. Although wearing civilian clothes, Streeter enjoys few of the advantages of civilian status, and is confronted by all the disadvantages of EM status. The most undesirable aspect of his situation is that his relations with high-ranking officers is a difficult matter at best.

8. In view of the fact that commissions are still being granted every month in this area to Enlisted Men, we recommend strongly that effective measures be taken to commission him, and remove the hampering obstacles produced by his present status. We wish to add that BR/068 has done his utmost to solve the above personnel problems.

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