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**SECRET****NORTH AFRICA THEATER****REPORT DIGEST  
DECEMBER, 1943****E. PERSONNEL SITUATION, 31 DECEMBER 1943**

	Army*		Navy		Marine		Total	Civilian	Grand Total
	Off.	E.M.	Off.	E.M.	Off.	E.M.			
Allotment	173	818	25	20	13	5	1,054		
Recruited	162	625	33	11	7	3	821		
Unobligated	11	193	12	9	6	2	233		
Overseas	122	464	13	11	7	3	620	135	755

\* Including 26 officers and 165 enlisted men. Operational Groups

**II. INTELLIGENCE SERVICE****A. SI BRANCH****1. Italian Section****a. General**

The personnel and activities of this section are now entirely based on Naples.

Excellent intelligence continues to reach this section from Rome. Receipt of intelligence from the SIM has begun. Long distance intelligence has been received by a radio located well behind the lines, and also from Italian refugees.

**b. Missions Despatched**

Due to the very unfavorable weather conditions, no missions were despatched successfully during the month, although two attempts were made.

**c. Missions Planned**

The establishment of an observation post on the islands of Monte Christo and Gorgona is under consideration, and will be despatched from the advance Corsica base as soon as weather conditions permit. Seven other missions are in the planning stage.

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A study is being made as to the possibility of infiltration by PT boats on the Mediterranean coast, operating out of Corsica.

**b. Madrid Liaison**

The Madrid liaison continues to send in excellent material, including reports on train watching, coast defenses - especially the ports of Vendres, Marseilles, Perpignan, Toulon and Nice.

The last pouch received during the month contained accurate information on bombing results in Toulon and Marseilles.

**c. Political Intelligence**

At the request of the State Department, a digest of French political thinking was despatched to OSS Washington. It was requested that the digest be made from information secured from impartial American sources. In view of this interest, steps are being taken to cover this sphere of intelligence more broadly than heretofore.

Also, the State Department has evidenced interest in political developments in the North African area, with emphasis on the policies of the National Committee of Liberation.

**d. Combat Intelligence**

Plans are being drafted for the procurement of material and the assignment of personnel to combat units which will operate in Southern France.

**e. Logistical and Basic Coast and Land Defense Intelligence**

A sample report has been submitted to the Navy which embodied all of the information that has been gathered by OSS on coast and land defenses. The Navy has been requested to indicate gaps in intelligence, so that definite projects can be initiated to fill in such gaps.

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The Operations Section of Admiral Hewitt's staff has requested OSS to cooperate in compiling current as well as basic intelligence covering the southern coast of France.

The air force has expressed considerable interest in the plan to coordinate ground intelligence with photo reconnaissance work, and have agreed to supply us with a list of questions which they would like to have answered.

All of this activity puts in usable form the great volume of basic and current intelligence that has been secured by the Research and Analysis Branch and our various sources inside France.

f. Missions Despatched

1) JEANNETTE

This station was off the air until the 18th December; has since sent in material on unit identification in the neighborhood of Bordeaux; also a report on air activities at the fields of Merignac and Blagnac. A certain amount of industrial intelligence was also sent in.

2) RAVINKA

In the early part of the month, intelligence on air fields in the Northern and Central parts of France was sent in. In the middle of the month, station went off the air; reported difficulty with daylight frequencies, which has made communication impossible.

3) DARTMOUTH

This station, which was disbanded last month due to police interference, has moved to another area and has indicated ability to obtain information on the Marseille area. Toward the last of the month, station went off the air.

4) ALPINA

Operations and battle order information has been received.

5) BOSTON

The W/T apparatus of this station was seized by the Gestapo on 24th November, but the network behind it and the operator are safe.

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**SECRET**6) HARRISON

Due to the capture of station BOSTON, the pinpoint scheduled for December was no longer available. A request was made to SOE London to supply a reception committee in a safe house, in a convenient area. Personnel was sent to Corsica to attempt an infiltration by sea during the dark period. The personnel was infiltrated by sea on the night of 28/29 December.

g. Missions Planned

A number of missions were attempted during the month but, due to bad weather, were not carried out.

The following missions will be tried again in the January moon period, along with two new missions not previously recorded:

1) PUMPKIN

One additional W/T operator for RAVINIA.

2) MATHILDA

One agent; one W/T operator; Southeast France.

3) CROCUS

Two agents for Southeast France.

4) ARTICHOKE

Two agents - South Central France.

5) LOYOLA (new)

One agent and one W/T operator for the Rhone Valley.

6) TARFARIE (new)

One agent and one W/T operator for the Mediterranean Coast. The station ALPINA will be the reception committee for these new missions.

3. German Sectiona. General

The headquarters of this section has been moved to Bari, from which point arrangements will be made to infiltrate agents through Partisan held territory in Yugoslavia.

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**SECRET****b. Missions Planned****1) STORK**

Plans for this mission, including two officers and four enlisted men, are now complete. During the month, two staff members were despatched to Bari in order to obtain final intelligence and to arrange security. At the end of the month, personnel arrived at the forward base.

**2) HEINE**

The personnel difficulties which were reported in November have been corrected, and the personnel has been forwarded to Bari for final coordination with the plan.

**3) SPARROW**

The agent requested by Berne, for contact with Hungary, is now available in the area. OSS Washington has been notified.

**4) REDBIRD**

W/T operator for penetration into Austria. The operator suggested will not be available for some time and it has been decided to postpone the mission.

**4. REPORTING BOARD**

During December the Reporting Board distributed reports to interested agencies as shown in the following breakdown:

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>TYPE of Report</u>	<u>Totals for Month</u>
G-2 AFHQ	Original reports	425
" "	OSS Washington reports	13
" "	OSS London reports	23
" "	Fighting French reports	269
" ALSOS	Original reports	7
" NATOUSA	Original reports	1
A-2 NAAF	Original reports	632
" "	OSS Washington reports	8
" "	OSS London reports	11
" "	Fighting French reports	88
NAPRW	Original reports	181
NIU	Original reports	113
NIU	Fighting French reports	45
MI-9	Original report	1
JICA	Original reports	115

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Original reports edited and distributed by this office . . . . .	434
Reports distributed from OSS Washington	26
Reports distributed from OSS London	40
Fighting French reports distributed	360
Total number of disseminations going forward to interested agencies	3,403

Through OSS representatives at advanced bases, the following distribution was made:

Fifth Army .V. . . . .	194
Seventh Army . . . . .	159
OSS Cairo . . . . .	12
OSS London . . . . .	56
Bari . . . . .	7
SR (French Intelligence Agency) . . . . .	494
BCRA (Fighting French Agency) . . . . .	373

The remainder went to civilian agencies, including AMG, CA, NAEB, PWB AND FCD.

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**SECRET****5. X-2 BRANCH****a. General**

In French Morocco, operations in partnership with OWI have produced a network which seems to be working satisfactorily, and information is being received. Contact has been made with a representative in Tenerife from whom good information for OWI is being received.

Difficulty is being encountered with the French Services, due to local and Algerian interference.

A report was prepared on the political situation in Port Lyautey.

**b. Black Market Operations**

Cooperating with Lt. Col. Innes Randolph, an agent was placed as a despatcher, at the docks, and it is hoped to place another shortly. This agent will be able to spot black market operators at the source.

**c. Anti-American Propaganda**

Meetings have been held with OWI, and a suggested program accepted.

German agents parachuted into Morocco. The entire case has been translated.

**B. R & A BRANCH****1. General**

An R&A office has been opened in Naples, and personnel has arrived to take up this activity.

**2. Map Division**

Evaluation of maps received from the field continues. Arrangements have been made with the engineer there to reproduce overlays which will show locations of main fortifications, OB intelligence, etc.

**3. G-2**

The documents section of G-2 has agreed to the placing of an R&A officer in this section to sift out documents of interest to OSS. If no extra copies are available, arrangements have been made to microfilm interesting material.

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**SECRET****4. Work Completed**

Information on Italian railroads for G-2;

Interrogation of an Italian air force captain for G-2 and A-2, covering aircraft factories in the Turin area;

Study of the Italian west coast, north of Livorno, for G-3;

Target analysis in northwest Italy and the Alpine area for G-3.

**5. Work Continuing**

Possibility of saving Italian electrical stations from destruction during the German retreat, for G-3;

Plans for operations in southern France, for G-3;

Study on methods of attacking transport targets, for A-2;

Operations planning and selecting targets in the Alpine area, for A-2;

Biographical information on French political figures, for the State Department.

**III. STRATEGIC SERVICES OPERATIONS****A. General**

At the request of Lt. Col. W. Stirling, commanding 2 SAS regiment, the Planning Staff is discussing the possibility of using OG units on coordinated tactical operations in Northern Italy. This will be an exclusive OSS operation.

A system whereby cooperation with the British Navy and SOE will improve operations by sea is being worked out.

**B. Missions Despatched****1. ENTERPRISE #1 (SOE-058)**

An SOE agent from Switzerland made contact with the Resistance Group, and delivered 400,000 lire. Fifteen containers were dropped, blind, and thought to be in enemy hands. However, word has been received from Switzerland that four containers were received by the Committee.

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**SECRET****2. ATLANTA #A**

Supplies for Central Italy.--This operation has been held up continuously, due to bad weather. A final attempt was made on December 23rd - no report has been received.

**3. VALENTINE/WAXLOW (OSS-SOE)**

Operation was successfully accomplished. Spitfires dropped a package containing \$12,000 on the pinpoint.

**4. VALENTINE/CUNNINGHAM (OSS-SOE)**

One agent and one W/T operator were landed successfully, and signals were received. A later message indicated that the apparatus had been damaged and it will be necessary to furnish another. It is planned to parachute an additional W/T operator with the set.

**5. VALENTINE (OSS-SOE)**

Personnel and containers for this operation have been prepared throughout the month. It has been impossible to locate the pinpoint, due to bad weather, so neither personnel nor containers were dropped. A new pinpoint has been furnished by the reception committee, and it is planned that this operation will be carried out with the delayed-opening parachutes under development by the air operations group.

**6. ICEBURG****a. Operation #1**

Despatched 10th December; went off air 18th December. Relief was despatched 27th December, and a new radio installed from which signals have been received.

**b. Operation #2**

This operation, including three airforce observers, has been in direct contact throughout the month.

**7. OPERATION #9**

Six radio operators and nine agents went ashore on the Adriatic coast - five of which went by Italian submarine.

**C. Missions Planned****1. VALENTINE/LIVINGSTON (OSS-SOE)**

One officer, five enlisted men and one civilian departed from Algiers for advanced base in Corsica, from which

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the operation will start. The Committee of Liberation have furnished a pinpoint, and a reception committee, and will furnish an alternative pinpoint and reception committee in the event the first pinpoint is not contacted. The Committee has requested the embarkation of six high officers to accompany the mission.

In addition to establishing the base, the Committee will attempt the rescue of three American spitfire pilots who bailed out in the Ravigo area. The reception committee is attempting to get these pilots to the beach where they can be embarked when the LIVINGSTON party arrives.

2. OPERATION ALFA

Personnel for this operation awaiting air transport to Naples.

3. OPERATION GUNX

Study of targets completed - personnel in training for mission.

4. ATLANTA 5

Supplies to the Rome area.

5. ATLANTA 6

Supplies to the Rome area.

6. OPERATION GULL

Ready for the next moon period.

7. OPERATION RICHMOND

A sea pickup on the West Coast is planned - to be ready for operation the first week of January.

8. POLAR

Information being gathered on coastal defenses. Two operations are completed, and one is planned for the next moon period.

9. NEPTUNE

Four officers and thirty enlisted men held up on account of weather. Will be carried out during the next moon period.

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**SECRET****10. ARCTIC**

One agent and one W/T operator - one civilian. Since personnel has arrived in Corsica, final details are being worked out.

Eight additional operations are being planned.

**D. Special Missions Planned****1. Air Operations**

a. A special operation of an extremely urgent nature has been ordered by the 15th Army Group Headquarters. This operation involves three B-25's which are being assigned to OSS, with crews, on a permanent basis.

The present strength of the OSS squadron is:

- 1 B-25 liaison plane, stripped
- 6 B-25's, including special additions
- 3 B-17's, completely equipped for OSS activities.

**2. Experimental Developments**

Major Champion of ISSU-6 and Captain Chilson, OSS, have experimented at the parachute station at Oujda with a device of Captain Chilson's which will allow dropping from high altitudes, on clear nights, where reception lights can be seen but low flying is impossible due to mountainous terrains. Test drops indicated that the chutes could be dropped with great accuracy if the containers were kept at a maximum weight of 250 pounds.

This base is also experimenting on the use of P-38 belly tanks for delayed dropping where local security permits.

**3. Missions Planned****a. JEFFERSON**

A W/T operator, now in training, will be despatched as soon as 1944 food cards can be obtained.

**b. OCTOPUS**

This operation will drop the new type containers and packages from a B-17.

**E. Operational Supplies and Packing**

Sixty-eight containers have been prepared for dropping in Italy, and have been shipped by air to Bari. This will

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be a B-25 operation.

#### IV. SCHOOLS AND TRAINING

Preparations have been completed for the winter season. Class XIII (3 French SI students) completed the course during the month.

#### V. SERVICES BRANCH

Fourteen officers, sixty-five enlisted men, two Marines (enlisted men), fourteen WACS, one Naval officer and three Naval enlisted men have reported for duty.

Six officers and nineteen enlisted men have gone to Naples to join their operational groups.

The Chief of Services has made a reconnaissance trip to Naples, and preparations have been made to transfer services to Naples if AFHQ is transferred to that city.

Eight weapon carriers and four trailers have been secured.

#### Finance

A Finance Officer has been dispatched to Tunisia to satisfy all claims resulting from the Tunisian campaign.

Five million French francs were secured and forwarded to London as the result of an urgent request.

Lira transactions in Egypt and franc transactions in Corsica have been completed.

#### Medical

A physical examination of all enlisted men was held during the month. In spite of cold, damp weather, the health in general is found to be excellent.

#### VI. COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

Message Center traffic has increased, due to the agents' sets which are now in operation from Northern Italy and Southern France, including observation post activity, which keeps circuits open 13 hours per day.

#### VII. SECURITY OFFICE

Personnel lists have now been completed and brought

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up to date. Safekeeping facilities have been reviewed, and the necessary safes ordered.

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	Off.	Enl.	Off.	Enl.	Off.	Enl.			
Allotment	171	803	25	20	13	5	1,037		
Recruited	154	508	26	8	6	1	703		
Unobligated	17	295	-1	12	7	4	334		
Overseas	111	649	13	8	6	1	588	128	716

\*Including 26 officers and 165 enlisted men. Operational Groups

**II. INTELLIGENCE SERVICE****a. SI BRANCH****1. Italian Section****a. General**

A party of three officers and sixty-seven enlisted men were moved on to the Advance Base in Sicily, with full equipment.

The Strategic Services Officer and the chief of the Italian Section made a tour of OSS bases in Italy and Sicily, including a visit to the OSS group attached to the Fifth Army. (For a report on this group's activities, please consult Appendix "A.")

A fleet of twenty-eight fishing boats for intelligence and infiltration along the west coast of Italy was secured, and a base was set up at Pozzuoli, eleven kilometres from Naples.

A sub-base was established at La Maddalena, staffed by two officers and thirty-eight enlisted men. This base will be used as a staging area for missions with the help of PT boats on the west coast. Communications have been established between La Maddalena and Palermo.

A forward base has been established at Brindisi,

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with a communications center at Estumi.

**b. Missions Deannounced**

(1) A team was landed on the island of Giglio to begin a very important mission.

(2) From Bastia (Corsica) two men were infiltrated to the mainland to gather intelligence.

**c. Missions Planned**

Joint Italian-OSI missions are being planned in conjunction with the Italian Military Intelligence at Brindisi.

Close relationship has been established with the Italians in Italy and Algiers, for whom we are handling many communications of economic, political, and military import. From this group we secure much intelligence information and through individual members are in touch with resistance groups behind the German lines.

We are assisting the Italians in Algiers who wish to place in the field battalions of an Italian division.

**2. French Section**

**a. General**

G-2, AFHQ, is relying more and more upon our services, as is evidenced by an increase in the requests for detailed and precise information. They continue to rely on us as the most important source for Battle Order information in France. Working closely with R & A, the French Section is accumulating a mass of available basic intelligence which, when assembled, will reveal gaps in our information which must be filled by our agents in the field.

The Madrid organization continues to send valuable information by pouch, including charts of coast defenses and frontier areas and data on the movement of trains.

Three more men have been added to the radio pool, and those in training are progressing satisfactorily.

Cooperation with London has been maintained throughout the month in the recruiting of French agents for the Sussex Plan.

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All our missions and radio networks were severely hampered this month by lack of money, radio sets, and other supplies.

**b. Missions Dispatched**

(1) "Jeannette"

This station reported extensive police activities in the area which caused them to cease functioning until the end of the month.

(2) "Buffalo"

This mission has not returned to Northern Italy, due to lack of necessary supplies.

(3) "Ravinia"

Important Battle Order identification and other valuable information, particularly on the Rhone valley bridges and defenses south of Lyon, was received. It is hoped that W/T equipment and supplies can be dropped to this station, to which we are also planning to send an additional W/T operator.

(4) "Dartmouth"

At the beginning of the month this station, which had been off the air for some time, was producing once more, against specific requests for information. At the end of the month it was disbanded, due to the arrests of some of the members. The radio operator will move to another area, however, and is still in contact with Algiers.

(5) "Boston"

After a period of silence, this station has started to produce again, and has been sending troop transport information from the Grenoble area. Since 25 November it has been silent again.

**c. Missions Planned**

(1) "Mathilda"

This mission will consist of one agent and one W/T operator for the Jura region, with radio and supplies for southeastern France. It has been grounded by bad weather.

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## (2) "Penny Farthing No. 1"

Supplies for the "Ravinia" group in southeastern France--grounded by bad weather.

## (3) "Columbus No. 1"

Supplies and radio for the "Boston" station.

## (4) "Crocus"

One agent for southern France--grounded by bad weather. Preparations are being made to send this man by sea.

## (5) "Harrison"

This will be a combined SI-SSO operation. An SO organizer and radio operator for southern France has been loaned for this mission.

3. German Sectiona. General

One officer has been despatched to investigate the possibility of establishing a forward base for penetration into Germany and Austria.

New personnel has been added, including three radio operators, who are undergoing training.

Preparations to move to the forward Italian base are now under way.

b. Missions Planned

## (1) "Heine"

All cover preparations are complete, but the operation has been held up because of sickness of the personnel.

## (2) "Sterk"

The departure of this mission is planned for the immediate future.

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**SECRET****c. Labor Desk**

Italian and German railway representatives have arrived, as well as two staff members who will handle domestic labor matters.

Plans are under way for a labor mission in Northern Italy, and work has commenced with the French labor groups.

Reports have been submitted on recent developments in French and Italian labor circles.

**B. X-2 BRANCH****1. North Africa**

The chief of the branch has made a survey of stations in North Africa.

The French counterpart organization was very pleased with the visit of General Magruder, who was given all available information, and a working arrangement and proper liaison was set up between the two organizations which will enable us to receive all reports daily which are of interest to X-2. G-2 has agreed to receive all of this type of information through OSS.

Liaison also has been set up between the two communications systems, and work has commenced in the location of clandestine radio sets in North Africa.

An operational mission was sent to Meknes and Oujda, to report on enemy intelligence in Spanish Morocco.

Relations between OSS and G-2 continue to be good, in spite of the fact that one of their own men was exposed by X-2.

**2. Italy**

Plans are being made for operations in Naples and Palermo. One man in the Palermo district reports the situation as critical in regard to food. Efforts are being made to uncover hidden enemy stocks, as the present famine condition is creating bad feeling toward the American occupation troops.

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**SECRET****3. France**

Working closely with SI, the X-2 Branch has been able to warn the French of certain projects in France in which their agents were threatened.

**C. R & A BRANCH**

The R & A Branch worked on the following projects during November:

1. Questions for interrogating German prisoners for RIE.
2. Planning for "Enterprise" operation.
3. Weekly Airgram No. 1: "Reorganization of the Committee of Liberation."
4. Briefing data, Sets-Marseille-Avignon.
5. Data on Italian railways for A-2.
6. Operational studies on Northern Italy.
7. Study of the French Consultative Assembly.
8. Study of the Yugoslav Coast and Islands, with map, for A.I.
9. Planning for "Valentine" operation.
10. Providing material from intelligence sources for the use of advance bases in Bastia and La Maddalena.
11. Preparation of a detailed statement of current information in the Beziers-Orange-Nice area, to be checked and filled out by agents in the field.
12. Political research on post-war France.
13. Collection of Czechoslovakian material.

**D. REPORTING BOARD**

General Magruder's visit has been much appreciated, and his suggestions have been put into effect whereby London, Algiers, and Washington will all use the same numbering system.

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Other constructive criticisms have come to us from G-2, which cause us to place additional emphasis on the quality of reports disseminated.

Much valuable information has been received from Madrid and from the OSS intelligence section attached to the Fifth Army (see Appendix "A").

The French are giving us a valuable flow of DCRA material, which increases the volume of reports considerably.

During the month it seemed probable that JICA would discontinue the reproduction of reports. This action would have put an intolerable burden on our own facilities. The replacement of the JICA chief toward the end of the month makes it possible that this reproduction work will be continued by JICA. The new chief is very friendly toward our organization.

A new distribution "for inspection and return" now includes G-2, A-2, and H-2.

The total reports processed during November was 312, but since distribution has been broadened the number of copies actually disseminated amounts to 2,307, as compared with 1,648 for the month of October.

### III. STRATEGIC SERVICES OPERATIONS

#### A. General

Colonel Livermore reported in person on the forward base. His report included an account of the attack on the island of Capraia, held by our men. The attack coincided with Colonel Livermore's arrival there with a twenty-day supply of rations and three officers. Our men remain on the island in spite of the fact that the Germans are aware of their presence. He also reported on an operation undertaken off shore from the Italian mainland at the request of AFHQ.

Colonel Obolensky returned from Corsica and Sardinia and made a complete report.

Radio communications have been established between the forward base and the island of Capraia.

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**SECRET****B. Missions Despatched****1. "Enterprise No. 1" (SOE-OSS)**

Bad weather prevented the landing of this mission. Its purpose was to make contact with a group of escaped allied prisoners and Italian Partisans in Northern Italy, to establish radio communications, and to arrange for the reception of "Enterprise No. 2," which will organize and train groups for sabotage when targets are signalled by AFHQ. Toward the end of the month, word was received that the resistance group had been disbanded, and the operation will have to be postponed until the group reassembles in a new locality and indicates a new pinpoint landing.

**2. "Atlanta No. 1"**

This mission, planned as a supply drop for the Fifth Army of radio, arms, clothes, and money, was despatched but was unable to find the reception committee. It is believed that a second attempt was successful, although a report has not been received.

**3. "Valentine-Waxlow No. 1"**

This operation replaces "Valentine," which was cancelled because of bad weather. The new mission was attempted, with spitfire planes which were to make flights over the pinpoint to drop \$12,000 to a resistance group, but no report has been received.

**4. "Valentine-Waxlow No. 2"**

One agent and one W/T operator were to land by boat from Corsica and establish liaison with the resistance group in the area. The mission was attempted, but there has been no report.

**C. Missions Planned****1. General**

Six supply drops are being planned for SOE, from a list submitted by SOE, London.

OG units in Corsica have been ordered by the Chief of Staff of AFHQ to carry out raids on objectives along the west coast of Italy, in cooperation with the French. M & A

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and G-2 are gathering the necessary information on enemy objectives and defenses.

Bern has been requested by G-2 and G-3 of AFHQ to order a demolition job in the Lake Como area, Northern Italy.

2. "Enterprise No. 2" (SOE-OSS)

Supplementing "Enterprise No. 1," this group will consist of one OS officer and two demolitions instructors, one British radio operator, radio, arms, ammunition, demolition supplies, and food. They should be despatched five days after "Enterprise No. 1" has reached the objective.

3. "Valentine-Waxley No. 3"

This is a demolition operation, to be manned by one officer and five men, and is scheduled for the next moon period.

4. "Valentine-Waxley No. 4"

A senior officer, fluent in Italian, is to be dropped to establish contact and liaison with as many resistance groups as possible in the northern part of Italy.

5. "Jefferson" (SOE-OSS)

"Jefferson" will follow an outline of operations being prepared by the Joint Board in London. Preparations, including the assembly of photographic reconnaissance material, continue.

D. Operational Supplies and Packing

Equipment and personal kits were supplied to all missions despatched during the month and have been assembled for all planned missions.

Improvements have been made in packing methods, so that ordnance can be included in the same packages with emergency rations. Tests are on the way to further improve the package so that rifles and grenades can be dropped with absolute safety.

Huts and shelters have been received and erected for the assembling of supplies for missions.

Plans are drawn for personnel and equipment which

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will be needed for additional packing stations in the forward base in Italy.

#### IV. SCHOOLS AND TRAINING

##### A. Finishing School

Courses XII and XIII were completed during November.

Although excellent results are being secured from trainees of the school who are now involved in actual operations, our efforts are still hampered by the lack of additional instructors which have been promised but never despatched.

##### B. Parachute School

Two of the B-17's are ready to start operations, while the injured plane is undergoing repairs.

An exhaustive study was made comparing the B-17 with the Halifax, and it was determined beyond a question of doubt that the B-17 is by far the more suitable plane for our operations.

Three B-25's have been assigned to the Flight Section. Tests on them are under way.

Twenty-two students are being trained.

#### V. SERVICES BRANCH

##### A. Personnel

Thirteen officers and enlisted men have been assigned to the Fifth Army unit, to take charge of supplies and to form a nucleus for additional activities in the forward area.

Sixty-seven officers and men of the Italian group were moved to the Palermo base.

The Theater Commander has indicated that he will approve an increase in the JCS allotment, if requested.

One officer and four enlisted men have been sent to Corsica. One officer returned from Corsica, to become Acting Supply Officer in Algiers.

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A supply station has been opened at Elida to take care of the Air Corps personnel who will be working with us in operations. We have taken two villas, which are undergoing improvements, to supplement Station D.

In anticipation of a forward move, an inspecting officer has gone to the Naples area to make a survey of living conditions and office requirements there.

The arrival of additional men from the replacement depot has made it possible to send men forward without crippling our services in Algiers.

A medical officer has been requested.

#### B. Supplies and Transportation

Two civilian cars and fifteen G.I. trucks have been purchased to replace the Army vehicles sent forward on recent operations.

#### C. Finance

The Finance Officer has made a trip to Tunis, to liquidate outstanding items at that station. He also visited Palermo, Bari, and Naples, to set up and correlate activities between our Finance Sections and the Middle East Finance Officer at the Bari base.

Steps are being taken to increase the quantity of French francs on hand, although present funds are sufficient for current needs.

### VI. COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

Message Center traffic has become so great that requests have been made to Bern and Madrid to cut their messages to an absolute minimum. The staff is greatly overworked, several illnesses have resulted, and messages have been garbled.

### VII. SECURITY OFFICE

Although additional personnel is badly needed, security work in this area is proceeding satisfactorily.

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Personnel files are being built up, and plans for a branch office in Italy are complete, the forward branch of which will be in charge of inspection and control at Naples and at the rear sub-bases. Work cannot be completed, however, before the arrival of additional personnel.

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**SECRET****APPENDIX "A"****NORTH AFRICA THEATER  
NOVEMBER, 1943****OSM SPECIAL DETACHMENT  
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- II. Forward Echelon
- III. Training and Holding Areas

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1. Liaison with G-2, Fifth Army,
2. Handling of supplies, finances, and other service and administration matters,
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B. The Headquarters Intelligence Section is maintained at Base Headquarters, for the purpose of consolidating and coordinating intelligence submitted to the Fifth Army, and supervising the preparation of special studies.

C. Under the supervision of Base Headquarters are the following two sections which, because of the nature of their work, are now established in Naples:

**1. Long Range Activities Section**

This section involves the recruitment and training of limited by specially selected personnel, and the use of facilities, such as air and sea transportation, in the employment of which Naples will be a convenient base for some time to come.

A survey of the potentialities of the Detachment based on facilities now in hand has shown that our activities must be limited. No Long Range operations beyond the following planned activities will be undertaken:

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No. 2 - Sabini (2 teams)  
 No. 3 - Pesca (3 teams)

b. Seaborne Operations

No. WI - Alfonsine (2 teams)

c. Courier Service

6 teams of two officers each to  
 Rome and other northern points

Our endeavor will be to establish communications centers with Resistance Groups and at other important points from which intelligence networks may be organized, and, as ordered by the Fifth Army, sabotage and other quasi-military operations may be conducted. In order to insure that planned projects may be carried out, in part at least, parachute operations will be supplemented by land and sea infiltration and by the continued use of couriers.

2. Recruiting Section

The Recruiting Section is charged with the task of selecting and screening personnel of all categories, whether for Short or Long Range projects, and whether for use in Intelligence or Operations. The Section also procures special supplies, such as Italian shoes, clothing, and like material (of which about four tons are now on hand), which are needed in any work behind enemy lines.

II. Forward Echelon

A. At this point is located our Liaison Officer with the Corps and Divisions. Here, too, all overland despatching is directed, and the interrogation of casualties is conducted.

B. Our Forward Stations (representation with Divisions) operate under the direction of the Forward Echelon. The functions of the Forward Stations are limited to:

1. Combat Intelligence Activities, carried on under the direction of Division G-2's.
2. Short Range Sabotage Missions.
3. Assistance in Long Range overland despatching.

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Combat Intelligence (i.e., missions carried out within the 10-mile limit) was never visualized by OSS as a part of its necessary services to the Fifth Army. This is likewise true of casual interrogation. Since, however, the Combat Divisions seem to consider these services useful, especially the purely local intelligence work done by members of the Italian Operational Groups assigned to the Divisions, they will be continued within the limits of the facilities available to OSS within the Theater.

C. Short Range Projects are coordinated under the Forward Echelon. Short Range activities at present are as follows:

1. Beyond Ten-Mile Zone

Radio teams (three agents and operator) are now on their way to an area near Cassino. Efforts to establish at least two communications centers at from 25 to 35 miles beyond the front will be continued. New attempts are now being made to infiltrate teams on foot, and a Short Range parachute operation will be made shortly. The practice of despatching one team daily to "make the circuit" or to establish themselves and report by courier will be carried on, pending the establishment of radio contact by one means or another.

Once radio communications are established, arrangements can be made to supply and employ, in operations, known Resistance Groups which are located in areas in front of the Fifth Army.

It is assumed that the Special Detachment of Italian Soldiers (desired by the Sixth Corps and authorized by the Commanding General, Fifth Army, 6 October 1943) may be despatched overland to the Cassino-Antina Sector for the purpose of contacting known Resistance Forces in the Colle San Magno and Abburzzi regions.

2. Within Combat Zone

It is proposed to maintain OSS liaison and forward coordination at the Sixth Corps. Our representation (one officer and three assistants, with approximately ten operators) will be continued at the Third Division. Like representation will be established with the 45th and the 34th Divisions.

D. Upon the arrival of additional personnel, our Forward Echelon will be organized as follows:

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1. Sixth Corps Liaison Office, under charge of the Commanding Officer, Forward Echelon, with two assistants.
2. Division Sections, which for the moment will be at the 3rd (or 36th), the 45th, and the 14th Divisions.
3. Interrogating Section, which will move about to "soft spots" interrogating and advising Forward Echelon on despatching Areas. The establishment of this Section seems worth while, since much good information is now being lost to the Army by reason of the fact that there is no systematic interrogation of the hundreds of Italian casualties who are constantly seeping through the "soft spots" in the German Lines.

### III. Training and Holding Areas

All of the operational personnel used by OSS in the current campaign has been locally recruited, and a certain amount of training is required before any operative can be sent on a Mission. In the interest of intelligent selection of men for operations, and of giving some basic instruction, OSS has established and conducted a Training Station at which nearly one hundred individuals have received instruction.

Since the Training Section is now too far both from the front and from Base Headquarters, plans are in preparation for moving this Section further forward. It will be kept reasonably near Base Headquarters but will be placed under canvas so that it may remain mobile.

This section will serve not only as a Training Center but also as a Holding Area, from which operatives and agents can be drawn as needed. This will enable OSS to render service to an additional number of Combat Units, and will also increase "security" both of military operations and of the individuals concerned.

Near the Training Section will be established an Area for the six Italian OG's (authorized by the Commanding General, Fifth Army, 4 October 1943) who will be drawn from regular Italian Forces (authority of the Commanding General, 6 November 1943). Personnel heretofore recruited for OG purposes and members of special Intelligence Teams will be reduced to a total of approximately forty, and will be employed on Missions requiring particular capability and experience.

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**SECRET****2. Personnel**

During the month, visitors included General Magruder, from Washington; Colonel Giavin, the Finance Officer, and a member of the SI Italian Desk, from Algiers; and two photographers, from London.

Colonel Fountain has been assigned by the Fifth Army and Liaison with OSS.

Five officers and six enlisted men reported for duty.

**3. Supply and Transportation**

Two 2½-ton trucks were received during November.

**4. Communications**

Total messages, to 25 November 1943.....	852
Total OSS field stations in operation, as of 25 November 1943.....	5
agent operators in training, as of 25 November.....	11
*Agent operators despatched during November 1943.....	2
Agent operators contacted during November 1943.....	2
Agent operators trained during November 1943.....	20

\*(One of these operators is not OSS-despatched, but is working for a resistance group with whom we are in contact.)

**5. Mission Activities Undertaken--Intelligence**

Between 1 November and 25 November, 46 routine reports and 15 special reports were made.

Between 1 November and 25 November, 73 agents were despatched, of whom 38 returned.

Consistently good information has been received from the radio contact established with the OSS agent in Rome.

Early in the month two teams were despatched for

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long-range intelligence, one team consisting of 2 men and 1 radio operator, and the other consisting of 3 men and 1 radio operator.

A group was set up for a study on Rome, to cover location of mines, useful people, blacklists, etc.

The Geographic Section is working on special studies for the Fifth Army, and air checks on these reports have indicated a high degree of accuracy. Full map coverage of Northern Italy has been obtained. Target maps were worked up and reproduced from information.

#### Mission Activities Undertaken--Operations

10 guides were furnished combat units, and 34 Italian OG's were assigned to combat units. All completed their missions successfully.

Organization of resistance groups has taken definite shape.

Some minor sabotage efforts have been made at the request of the Fifth Army and the Sixth Corps, but further operations await air transport for dropping.

Several attempts to drop equipment failed because of inclement weather. To help get our equipment dropped, a packing shed near Base Headquarters is needed.

#### 6. Mission Activities Planned--General

Because we have insufficient transportation and equipment, it is considered advisable to withdraw all personnel from the Tenth Corps (British) and to plan no operations for the Second Corps when it comes into the line.

The training and holding area for special agents will be moved from Naples, forward. A rest camp for operatives is being established in the vicinity of Pozzuoli.

#### Mission Activities Planned--Intelligence

Three agents are ready to be despatched for infiltration,  
(1) By way of the Adriatic from the vicinity

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of Brindisi, with British cooperation,  
 (2) By the use of fishing fleets on the west coast.

The return of agents from the north has opened a courier service whose possibilities are being examined.

Missions for all units of the U.S. Sixth Corps prepared to operate.

#### Mission Activities Planned--Operations

Advanced plans are under way for a more effective sabotage program.

Droppings are planned for the next moon period, possibly using overland induction.

A small source of Italian weapons has been opened up to us for use in equipping the resistance groups with whom we are in contact.

#### 7. Outside Contacts

Operational Plans 3 and 4 have been approved by the Commanding General, Fifth Army.

The Italian Army may furnish the balance of personnel for OG's authorized 4 October 1943.

The Italian SI have agreed to furnish us with their daily report, and are taking some part in furnishing recruits for intelligence missions. They have also sent to us a formal liaison mission consisting of four men, who are at present in Brindisi.

The Italian military organization of General Pavone proved useless, and relations were discontinued.

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**NORTH AFRICAN THEATER  
REPORT DIGEST, OCTOBER 1943****I. PERSONNEL SITUATION**

	Army*		Navy		Marine		Civilian	Total
	Off.	E.M.	Off.	E.M.	Off.	E.M.		
Allotment	263	746	25	20	13	5		1,012
Requested	132	544	15	4	5	1		701
Unobligated	71	202	10	16	8	4		311
Actually Overseas	99	413	10	4	5	1	50	582

\*This Army allotment figure includes 26 officers and 165 enlisted men of the Operational Groups assigned to this theater.

**II. INTELLIGENCE SERVICES—SI BRANCH****A. French Section**

The French Desk has been reinforced by the arrival of two OSS officers from Spain, who brought with them a liaison not only with the Madrid office but with chains into Occupied France.

This will enable us to get specific OB information, and a test is being made with fifty specific questions of interest to G-2, Algiers.

Four agents from Corsica are due to leave for southern France in the next moon period, having completed their training. Two will organize a mail pickup service for our various French chains and prepare landing fields for light plane operations. The other two men will operate independently in widely-separated areas. Special attention will be given to enemy unit identification, in which all agents have had an intensive course.

Two new men, recruited in Corsica, have arrived for

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training, one as an agent and the other as a W/T operator, and they will be despatched in the next moon period. Five additional men are attending W/T school, from which the most apt will be given intensive W/T training.

Two of the French stations are in communication with Algiers and producing interesting information on OB and enemy airfields.

#### B. German Section

Twenty Germans and Austrians have been recruited and equipped for training, as follows (some of these will take two or three courses):

15	-	SI
10	-	SO
11	-	Parachute
3	-	Radio

During their training efforts are being made to secure civilian and military clothing, documents, and other necessary material. Also, a geographic study is being made as to the most feasible area in which to infiltrate the agents.

#### C. Labor Section

Two representatives have been sent to London for operations planned in that area. Steps are being taken locally to implement projects for Italy, Germany, and Austria.

#### D. Reporting Board and Registry

Chief: Theodore Ryan

With the arrival of carefully selected personnel, the Reporting Board and Registry has been set up to receive, edit, and distribute information, and to maintain a cross-index file.

Liaison with JICA has been established with the view of securing their clerical facilities for the distribution of our reports. Liaison has also been established with G-2 and A-2, who are supplying us with weekly summaries which are proving of great help in the evaluation of our own reports. We are servicing the North African Photographic

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**SECRET****Reproduction Wing.**

During the month 329 reports were distributed by the Reporting Board. 1,704 copies of these went forward to interested agencies, broken down as follows:

1st week	-	305
2nd week	-	355
3rd week	-	400
4th week	-	644

**INTELLIGENCE SERVICES--X-2 BRANCH****A. General**

Chief: Major F. P. Holcomb

Reorganization of communications in X-2 has been effected.

**B. Algiers**

Progress is being made in the penetrations of organizations where enemy suspects are employed. So far, one German agent has been arrested.

**C. Meknes and Ouida**

Our group collaborated in the capture of enemy parachutists, who arrived in the early morning of 16 October.

**D. France**

In cooperation with the French Desk, an agent closely connected with the collaborationists is being planted.

**INTELLIGENCE SERVICES--R & A BRANCH**

Chief: Mr. McKay

**A. Algiers****SECRET**

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The Algiers office was visited by Mr. Sherman Kent, Chief of the Europe-Africa Division, and Ensign Roberts, en route to Italy. The whole staff has been working for G-3, AFHQ, on a general operational plan covering in area in north central Italy. A survey is being made of intelligence sources in the Algiers area, including the liaison maintained with G-2, CSBIC, AMG, PWB, NAEB, and the University of Algiers.

R & A has been called upon to assist in the briefing of agents at the request of ISLD, and also in the preparation of a weekly report on South Germany and Austria.

#### B. Brindisi

Mr. Winmacker is our representative with the Allied Military Mission to the Italian Government. Through this contact, he hopes to secure from Italian sources strategic information covering Germany and Italy.

#### C. Palermo

Mr. Pales and Lt. Burks, assisted by Italian scholars, are collecting detailed military maps and charts of northern Italy, intelligence on north Italy recently obtained from Italians arriving in Sicily, a file of important Sicilian personalities, and studies on economic, political, and social problems which will be of interest to AMG.

#### D. Corsica

Lt. Karlow has returned with an extensive collection of German and Vichy propaganda, periodicals, telephone books, and specimens of captured German equipment. While in the area, he assisted the Operational Groups.

### III. STRATEGIC SERVICES OPERATIONS

The island of Capraia was occupied by OSS officers on 19 October, leaving the garrison of two officers and eleven men in charge. The first airplane operation was carried out successfully, dropping material in France, although the plane was damaged in returning by anti-aircraft

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fire and will require some time to be repaired; the pinpoint was reached with no trouble, having flown over very rough terrain. The containers were dropped within an area of from 200 to 300 yards. Similar equipment dropped by a Halifax working in the same area was scattered over a distance of two miles.

The island of Capraia was captured by OSS personnel (see Appendix A, attached, for the report of operations).

Seven SO supply-dropping operations for London and Algiers are being planned for the next moon period.

A team has arrived in Corsica, where a forward base is being established at Ile Rousse.

Eight teams are trained and prepared for operations in the following parts of Italy:

- 1, for PF boat infiltration, northwest Italy
- 2, for Trieste
- 1, for liaison with Italian Military Intelligence
- 1, to AMG
- 3, for Colonel Huntington's Fifth Army Detachment

#### IV. TRAINING

##### A. Finishing School

Chief: Captain Richard Crosby

Course No. IX, comprising seventeen men, was completed. Course No. I, consisting of four Frenchmen, will be completed in November after specialized training has been given.

Plans to improve the Finishing course are being worked out in cooperation with R & A, who have agreed to pass on information more rapidly.

Lack of Training personnel, requested from Washington on 10 August, is handicapping the Training effort.

##### B. Parachute School

Chief: Major L. G. Rucker, Jr.

The Parachute School, started in January 1943,

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has graduated a total of 475 students, 70% of whom have been British or directed to us by the British. Very few injuries, and only one fatality, have resulted. The fatality was investigated by a board and officially declared to be the fault of no one, but a freak of parachute work.

The assignment to OSS of three B-17 planes should facilitate the training program considerably, as it has been constantly held up by lack of planes, rather than by bad weather. A special flight section is trying to have a C-47 assigned to them for training and transport.

#### IV. COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

Chief: Major Peter G. S. Mero

At present, the following base stations are in operation:

Algiers  
Tangier  
Casablanca  
Oujda  
Tunis  
Gibraltar  
Naples  
Brindisi (temporary)  
Palermo  
Corsica

A mobile unit has left Palermo to join Colonel Huntington's base, and operators are being drawn from Algiers to man the equipment, which places a great strain on the base stations.

Traffic is continuously on the increase, due to activities in Corsica and the group with the Fifth Army.

There is acute need for additional personnel of all categories. All unnecessary traffic should be abandoned, as otherwise it will be impossible to maintain contact with all active agent circuits. Lately, the enemy has shown signs of jamming our circuits.

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**VI. SERVICES BRANCH**

Chief: Major Charles B. McGehee

Approximately 1,800 lbs. of all types of SO supplies have been shipped to Colonel Huntington's Fifth Army group and approximately double that quantity to the forward base in Corsica.

It is estimated that, with the B-17's which have been assigned, approximately 500,000 lbs. of SO supplies will have to be packed in containers during the first six months of 1944.

Additional personnel is urgently needed.

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**SECRET****APPENDIX A****REPORT ON CAPRAIA OPERATION NO. 1**

This operation was carried out in compliance with Memorandum of G-3 Section AFHQ of 1 October 1943, subject: "Operations in Tuscan Archipelago."

On 19 October a small Operational Group left the advanced base, with the object to reconnoiter and occupy the island of Capraia. Previously received information indicated that there were no Germans on the island and the only troops were two Carabinieri under the command of a sergeant major. Information was also given as to the layout of the town, locations of telegraph and radio stations, cable hut, the Carabinieri Barracks, and the landing beach. Some of these informers were taken along as guides with the small preliminary party who were to scout before the main landing.

The group was transported by a British mine sweeper. Arriving off Capraia harbor at 2200 hours, the preliminary scouting party and guides were sent ashore. The night was clear and the moon rose at 2230, at which time men and supplies were successfully landed on the jetty.

The first objective was the radio station, which was closed. The radio operator living next door was awakened, informed of the Allied occupation of the island, and ordered to open the telegraph office. The telegraph line and cable to Elba was shut off immediately, as was the radio contacting Gorgona. The American radio operator was stationed in the telegraph room and instructed to see that no messages were sent without his approval.

Next, the Archpriest of the town was interviewed and promised full cooperation. He mentioned that two or three Fascist soldiers in a cabin distant 5 km. had a radio set which should be cut off immediately. He mentioned food as being the most necessary item, as only two weeks' rations were left on the island.

By this time, the advance party had entered the town. They were encountered by the Carabinieri, who welcomed them enthusiastically, and confirmed the priest's report of a radio station in the hills. An officer with sufficient

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enlisted man was despatched to find the station and see that it was put out of action.

**NOTE:**

Potential uses of Capraia to Allies:

1. Observation post.  
Aircraft and ship spotting.  
Radar station.
2. Base for operations either to Eiba or the mainland.
3. Place for housing prisoners of war.

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**SECRET**Report on Neapolitan Operation

The attached copy of a commendation received by an OSS officer covers the work of an OSS detachment during the Neapolitan Campaign. Although the detachment was spread very thin among various attacking units of the Army, effective work has been done, and some of the major accomplishments are as follows:

1. A lieutenant and six men accompanying the 36th Division assault obtained local information and by deep infiltration took the surrender of Agropoli some hours ahead of the scheduled assault. This town subsequently became the right flank anchor for the Fifth Army lines.
2. They established liaison between the headquarters of General Clark and high-ranking Italians, both military and civil, who have subsequently become useful as agents and organizers.
3. The commander of the detachment arrived at an advanced post of rangers who were holding one flank of the operation. The group had been cut off from the main body and was holding a forty-mile front with very few troops and practically no staff. The OSS detachment recruited four hundred civilians to unload ammunition, and infiltrated to trench mortar detachments in the mountains.
4. For ten days OSS supplied the Army security organization on the Vietri peninsula. A chain of communication was established, stretching from the battle lines as far back as the frontier of Switzerland and into France as far as Lyons. These chains were obtained through the cooperation of the OSS office in Berne.
5. By the seventh day of the attack, with all OSS groups working together, including new Italian recruits, an average of 20 infiltrations of the line was maintained per day. Information secured led to nine bombing missions, with the consequent destruction of much strategic material.
6. OSS supplied AMG and CIC with eight Italian-born officers, who proved very valuable. Also, these organizations were supplied with current information as the line moved forward.
7. Five OSS men contributed to the formulation of the final plans to occupy Naples:

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(a) An OSS lieutenant planned the zoning of the city.

(b) OSS men guided advanced patrols into the city.

(c) OSS intelligence on medical and sanitary requirements, location of delayed mines and beebie traps, saved many lives in the occupation of the city.

(NOTE: To secure this information, the city of Naples was penetrated many times by members of the OSS detachment.)

(d) A list of the prominent Fascists in Naples was secured which led to the arrest of many. OSS headquarters were established in the home of the most prominent Neapolitan Fascist.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY  
A.P.O. #464 U.S. Army

4 October 1943.

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO : An OSS Officer.

1. I wish to commend and compliment you for the fine work and superior manner in which you have conducted OSS duties under the direction of A.C. of S., G-2, Fifth Army, during the five months May 1 - October 1, 1943.
2. For the period with which Fifth Army was responsible for counter-intelligence in Morocco, the OSS, under your direction, gave a valuable contribution in connection with combat and counter intelligence activities. During combat in Italy, you showed initiative, energy, and resourcefulness in organizing informer service and helping the military effort in any way possible, including the delivery of supplies when the need for such arose.
3. Regret very much losing your services at this time and wish you every good luck in the future.

/s/ EDWIN B. HOWARD,  
EDWIN B. HOWARD,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
A.C. of S., G-2

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**SUMMARY REPORT ON  
SPECIAL DETACHMENT C-2  
(OSS 5th Army Mission)**

8th October 1943

BASE PERSONNEL

	<u>O.C.</u>	<u>E.M.</u>	<u>Civilian</u>	
Base Station	7	8	2 U.S.	
Forward Echelon	7	5	2 U.S.	11 Italian
Combat Stations				
Caperi	1	1	1	
10th Corps	1	2		
6th Corps	1		1	6
Training Area	1	2	2	
<b>TOTAL BASE</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b> -- <b>61</b>

Operations: Personnel

Radio	8
Install.	13
Combat	<u>32</u>
<b>TOTAL OPERATIVES</b>	<b>53</b>

SERVICES

Supplies - Vehicles, W/T sets, fuses are needed. Arms, ammunition and demolition material are obtainable.

Funds - are needed (\$100,000)

Communications - Stations: Base, Naples  
 10th Corps movable  
 6th Corps movable  
 Training Area (contemplated)  
 Agent Station (one in operation, good communications)

Training - Eight W/T operators

INTELLIGENCE

Base Sta. - P. O. W. questioning. Collection and evaluation.

Forward Echelon - Clearing point for information received from Combat Stations. Responsible for Long Range Intelligence (25 miles behind the lines). Keeps liaison with training so that graduates can move forward for briefing, without delay.

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**Combat Stations** - Capri - infiltration of agents, by sea to points well behind the lines who find their way back to OSS 0-3, 5th Army and report.  
 10th and 6th Corps - Frontal infiltration (up to 25 miles behind lines) for combat information, provide guides and interpreters.

**P.N. OPERATIONS**

Have been confined to "Clearance Patrols" - will be extended as instructions from C.G. 5th Army are received.

**ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE**

1. **Intelligence** - The advance on Naples was well covered by OSS teams. Information is currently received from behind the Nazi lines.
2. **P.N. Operations** - Operators were in Naples prior to the entry of U.S. Forces. Clearance Patrols guided the 23rd Armored Brigade into Naples. City officials from Naples were brought out by OSS men prior to the entry of U.S. troops

**PRESENT EMPLOYMENT****Intelligence**

1. Short range
  - a. 6th Corps Area - 2 Agents
  - b. 10th Corps Area - 3 Agents-Volturne area.
2. Long Range (25 miles behind enemy lines)
  - a. Rome area - 3 teams, ready
  - b. Bologna Area - 2 Agents and W/T operator ready
  - c. Corsica Area - one team en route.

**Operations**

1. 6th Corps Area - Clearance patrols and guides.
2. Italian G.O's - training.
3. Volturne-Rome Area - one team trained and ready.

**Liaison** - Cross Committee maintains liaison with all Italian groups that are disposed to be helpful.

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**NORTH AFRICAN THEATRE OPERATIONS REPORT**  
**(DIGEST FROM CABLES RECEIVED)**

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Order of Battle reports received, 6.

Three B-17 bombers were assigned to the OSS mission and special crews chosen to be trained in landing operations while the aircraft are undergoing necessary modifications. An Air Officer on a full-time basis has been secured to supervise this activity.

An OSS detachment working with the Navy landed on the islands of Sanstafano and Ventotene and secured the bloodless capitulations of the Nazi garrisons. Ninety-five prisoners were taken and much valuable information received from their questions. Communications were established between the base and these islands.

An OSS officer working with the MO section has been recommended for promotion with the following citation:

"Since March the first, the leaflet section has produced and distributed more than 17,000,000 leaflets. Headquarters has declared that these leaflets have contributed to the success of military operations. All echelons of this command have praised the knowledge, enterprise, devotion to duty, and untiring fidelity of the section chief."

Another OSS officer received the following instructions and successfully concluded the mission:

SO Instructions to Lt. Col. \_\_\_\_\_ OSS.

Instructions were secret - to be memorized and not to be taken into the field. Operation "Spleen".

- Object - 1. a. To deliver a message to the Commanding Italian General.  
 b. To set up communications between C.O. and the Italian Government.

Information:

2. Disposition of enemy troops.
3. Disposition of Italian troops.
4. Attitude of Italian troops toward Nazis.
5. Attitude of Italian troops toward U.S. (believed friendly)
6. You will carry a letter from Gen. C. to C.O. Italian troops in Sardinia.
7. You will be dropped by parachute with your men near Cagliari. It will be a blind drop, no reception committee.
8. Action on Landing - After burying W/T sets, hide W/T operators, expo

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flags and report to nearest Italian troops. Deliver your credentials and ask to be directed to the Commanding General.

Arrange with W/T operators that, if you fail to return in 48 hours they are to leave the sets buried and proceed to carry out the mission themselves.

9. You will deliver the letter to the Commanding General or the highest ranking officer you can reach. All your party must know where you are carrying the letter, in the event of casualties, and what action to take.

You are to advise the C. General that you have two W/T sets and are prepared to open communication for him with the Italian Government.

10. In the event the General asks for support or information explain that your mission is to deliver the message. His own government should receive such requests.

However, you should attempt to persuade the Italians to turn and attack the Nazis explaining that this is the wish of the Italian Government, in accordance with the terms of the Armistice. If it appears that the Nazis are remaining on the Island you may -

- a. Offer instructors in Demolition and Sabotage.
- b. Attempt to persuade any Germans to desert.

**Communication:**

11. Signal plans have been arranged by the operators. You will relay all messages for the General. You will report on the situation and troop dispositions.
12. Escaping - Necessary instructions and equipment have been prepared.
13. Completion of Mission - You will be informed by W/T when mission is completed and return arrangements.
14. Administration - Details have been arranged by you with OSS and ISSU6.

(Compressed)

The satisfaction received by this office from General Roosevelt is quoted in a previous section of this report, "OSS Activities".

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During the month General Donovan inspected the operations in this theatre and was impressed by the significant contributions that OSS was making to the military operations. He cited the fact that OSS personnel, irrespective of assignment, was cooperating with the military services in any capacity that was needed. He cites an instance where two of our men who had never made a parachute jump volunteered to accompany an airborne mission into Sicily.

The RMA studies of Southern Italy were of great value in the late operations and 12 copies are now requested by AMG.

The SI mission dropped radio and other necessary supplies to French resistance units in Southern France.

A maritime mission to Spain was successfully concluded during the month.

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**SECRET****NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS****OSS ACTIVITIES REPORT****AUGUST 1943****General**

Since all the facilities and personnel of the OSS Detachment in North Africa have been devoted exclusively to activities in connection with the military operations in the Theater, there has been no opportunity to compile a report of the day by day activities in the Theater. This brief summary has, therefore, been prepared in Washington on the basis of more or less sketchy information received by cable from the Theater.

**SI Branch**

Sicily and Italy - When the Seventh Army moved into Sicily, the Army Command requested that we supply an OSS unit to accompany their Field Headquarters and to operate under the direction of the Field Headquarters. A small contingent of about twenty officer and enlisted personnel landed with the troops and almost immediately after the enemy were engaged, infiltrated two combat intelligence missions through the enemy lines. These two missions rendered outstanding service to the Seventh Army Command and the combat intelligence furnished by them was highly commended by G-2 Field Headquarters. One of the missions encountered difficulty with the enemy but the

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personnel and facilities of the mission were saved through great personal courage on the part of several individuals, one of whom was taken prisoner of war. In the later stage of the campaign, a combined OSS-Navy mission transported by PT boats effected a bloodless capture of the island of Stromboli, taking a number of prisoners and important enemy documents. SI work is continuing in the present Italian campaign although no details are available.

When the Fifth Army moved into combat, an OSS Detachment also accompanied them. This unit, made up of more diversified personnel representing not only SI and Communications, but also SO, Operational Groups and Services personnel. No report has yet been received on the activities of this mission.

France - A continual flow of valuable intelligence is maintained by our stations in Southern France, which have been augmented by an additional team recently.

#### SO Branch

SO has been engaged in planning and training in cooperation with SOE. This preliminary work has all been done in anticipation of possible requests from the Theater Commander for SO work if forthcoming military operations into Southern France require such work to be done. SO-SOE plans are closely coordinated with the European Command and an adequate organization is rapidly being established in the North African Theater with both command and operative personnel either in the Theater or enroute.

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**SECRET****MO Branch**

MO work in the North African Theater has been wholly under the direction of the Psychological Warfare Branch of the Army. We have loaned to this Branch available personnel whose work in the Sicilian campaign has been highly commended. Under the direction of the loaned personnel, over seventy million leaflets were printed and distributed, which combined with other operations were highly effective in weakening resistance of enemy military forces and in creating a receptive attitude among the civilian population.

**Other Branches**

Communications, Services, R & A and other Branches represented in the North African Theater have made valuable, although less spectacular contributions to the conduct of the Mediterranean campaign. More detailed reports on their activities will be available for the September summary.

**Agent Transportation**

A series of difficulties in obtaining air transportation for agent parachute has finally led to a satisfactory arrangement with AFMC. Our right to use available facilities has been clearly established; and in addition there have recently been assigned to us two B-17s with crews, exclusively for OSS air operations. Adaptation of the equipment and training of the crews is now under way.

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During December the Reporting Board distributed reports to interested agencies as shown in the following breakdown:

Agency	Type of Report	4 Dec.	11 Dec.	18 Dec.	25 Dec.	Totals for Month
G-2 AFHQ	- Original reports--	67*	67*	89	87	115
"	" OSS Washington reports --	(13)	-	-	-	13
G-2 AFHQ	- OSS London reports--	9	1	6	3	4
G-2 AFHQ	- Fighting French reports--	15	22	109	32	31
G-2 ALSOS	- Original reports	(7)	-	-	3	4
G-2 NATCUSA	- Original reports--	0	1	-	-	-
A-2 NAAF	- Original reports--	63	85	147	138	209
"	" OSS Washington reports	-	-	-	-	8
A-2 NAAF	- OSS London reports--	4	1	3	1	2
A-2 NAAF	- Fighting French reports--	5	22	17	28	16
NAPRM	- Original reports--	28	19	42	36	56
NIU	- Original reports--	10	5	24	35	39
NIU	- Fighting French reports--	0	-	10	7	4
MI-9	- Original report--	1	-	-	-	-
JICA	- Original reports--	64	14	16	13	8

\*Original reports consist of 117 of military information from France, Italy, and the Balkans.

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Original reports edited and distributed by this office: \* (1436)

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67	67	95	89	(19 Jan) 116
Reports distributed from OSS Wash. — (16) vt.				26
Reports distributed from OSS London: (26)				(19 Jan) 31 Dec. 9
9	2	9	11	9

Fighting French reports distributed: (760)?

4 Dec.	11 Dec.	18 Dec.	25 Dec.	19 Jan.
20	68	136	69	67

Total number of disseminations going forward to interested agencies: (3403)

4 Dec.	11 Dec.	18 Dec.	25 Dec.	19 Jan.
520	524	733	687	939

Through OSS representatives at advanced bases, the following distribution was made:

To	64 Dec.	11 Dec.	18 Dec.	25 Dec.	19 Jan.
5th Army-	55 (194)	24	26	34	57
10 7th Army-	37 (159)	29	32	27	34
OSS Cairo-	2 orig. reports (18)	6 orig. reports	2 orig. reports	1 orig. report	1 orig. report
OSS London-	7 orig. reports (56)	16 orig. reports	13	8	12
B4 RI SR (French Intell. Agency)-	64 (194)	24	85	80	111
BCFA (Fight. French agency)-	61 (373)	54	75	75	108

and the balance went to civilian agencies, including A.C., C.R.,  
A.E.B. and A.P., F.C.D.

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**SECRET****WASHINGTON OFFICE****REPORT DIGEST  
DECEMBER, 1943****I. PERSONNEL SITUATION, 31 DECEMBER 1943**

WASHINGTON	Army		Navy		Marines		TOTAL	Civilian	Grand Total
	Off.	E.M.	Off.	E.M.	Off.	E.M.			
Allotment	178	924	137	303	25	10	1,577		
Recruited	195	1,125	98	131	17	18	1,584		
Unobligated	-17	-201	39	172	8	-8	-7		
On duty	187	925	98	131	17	18	1,376	1,950	3,326
<b>OVERSEAS</b>									
Allotment	937	3,579	163	187	39	21	4,922		
Recruited	868	2,702	67	122	18	14	3,791		
Unobligated	69	877	96	67	21	7	1,137		
Overseas and in process	868	2,702	101	210	20	21	3,922	455	4,377

**Appointments**

- Lt. Colonel Richard P. Hoppner, Chief, OSS, South East Asia.
- Lt. Colonel Oliver J. Sands, Jr., member of Board of Officers, vice Lt. Colonel E. W. Gamble.
- X-2 Branch**--Morace Peters, Acting Liaison Officer, vice Captain Dan T. Moore.
- R & A Branch**--Eugene H. Anderson, Chief of Central Europe Section of Europe-Africa Division.
- R & A Branch**--Pvt. Robert Bangs, Chief of Military Supply and Manpower Section of Far East Division.
- R & A Branch**--Lt. (j.g.) Bernard F. Berr, USNR, Liaison Officer with FKA.
- R & A Branch**--Richard Hartshorne, Assistant Director of the Branch, in charge of research.

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**R & A Branch**—Conyers Read, Special Representative of the Director of the Branch.

**R & A Branch**—C. Martin Wilbur, Chief of China Section of Far East Division.

**Intelligence Service Staff**—Major Richard J. Riddell, Chief of JICA Section, vice Major Frederick P. Todd.

**CG Branch**—Lt. Colonel Clifton C. Carter, Chief.

**MB Branch**—Morton Bodfish, Deputy Chief.

## II. INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

### A. AI Branch

#### I. European Theater

**Area** London

**Personnel** On post - 57, In process - 44, Balance needed - 60.

**Reports Received** 4,074

**Quality of Reports** All reports originate with foreign services; therefore, evaluation is not in order.

**Area** North Central Europe

**Personnel** On post - 17, In process - 8, Balance needed - 15.

**Reports Received** By pouch - 67, By cable - 29.

**Quality of Reports** British Intelligence spot check (October, November, December):

Valuable	- 72%
Of little value	- 16%
Criticized	- 8%
No comments	- 4%

**Achievements**

1. Increased secretarial and code personnel have facilitated the handling of reports.
2. A specialist on German penetration has been transferred to the Stockholm base.

**Area** Low Countries (Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg)

**Personnel** On post - 5, In process - 8, Balance needed - 13.

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of theater reports (Washington, ETO,  
NA TO, METO, + JETO), check with:  
(1) you → Mr. Pertyell's office (Miss  
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Col. Burton's office (Miss  
Smith)

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Received**

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**Quality of  
Reports**

All reports originate with foreign services;  
therefore, evaluation is not in order.

**Area**

France

**Personnel**

(London):  
On post - 9, In process - 3, Balance needed - 0.

(Algiers):  
On post - 9, In process - 5, Balance needed - 6.

**Reports  
Received**

In both London and Algiers reports are routed  
direct to G-2.

**Area**

Switzerland

**Personnel**

On post - 5. It is impossible to introduce  
new personnel.

**Cables  
Received**

151

**Telephone  
Conversations**

16

**Achievements**

The Chief of SI has been able to persuade the  
State Department to open a consulate at Lugano,  
from which an SI representative can maintain  
liaison with resistance groups operating in  
Northern Italy.

**2. North Africa Theater****Area**

Spain

**Personnel**

On post - 25, In process - 6, Balance needed - 25

**Reports  
Received**

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**Quality of  
Reports**

MIS evaluation: Second most valuable received.

**Achievements**

A new mission has been established, to coordinate  
all activities surrounding French penetration.

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Area Portugal, Azores, Madeira

Personnel On post - 11, In process - 3, Balance needed - 0.

Reports Received 366

Achievements Liaison has been established with a well-accredited French underground group, through a French representative in Lisbon.

Area Italy and Albania

Personnel On post -173, In process - 20, Balance needed - 2.

Reports Received 50 (The majority of reports are furnished direct to G-2).

Achievements Five new advance bases have been established-- two on the Italian mainland and three in adjacent territory.

### 3. Middle East-Central Africa Theater

Area Africa (other than Algiers)

Personnel On post - 27, In process - 7, Balance needed - 25.

Reports Received By cable - 47, By pouch - 291.

Achievements

1. The whole SI Africa Section has been brought into close liaison with the Middle East-Central Africa Theater by our Washington representative, who has proceeded to Cairo for this purpose. Under the arrangement, the Strategic Services Officer for the Middle East will control all SI and X-2 work in Africa south of the Sahara Desert.
2. In Angola, the Belgian Congo, and British West Africa progress has been made in the uncovering of an industrial diamond-smuggling operation, which may have far-reaching results.
3. In British West Africa, an arrangement has been made whereby all passengers on the Pan-American clippers will be subjected to questioning by the British Intelligence. As

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a result, Axis agents who are ready to depart will be unable to do so.

4. In Portuguese East Africa, the remnants of the Fascist organization in that territory have been disorganized, and the majority repatriated to Italy.

**Area** Africa #101 (Mafisque Field, French West Africa, Algiers, and Cairo. No area restrictions on long-range operations)

**Personnel** (SI)  
On post - 12, In process - 14, Balance needed - 5.  
(Communications)  
On post - 11, In process - 7, Balance needed - 10.

**Reports Received** 43 (There is no record of technical reports during the month, but a total will be shown in the January report.)

**Quality of Reports** As the majority of reports are highly technical, they are impossible to evaluate, except that all technical information is used by all intelligence agencies in the area, both in the location of enemy transmitters and any parachute activity where there is an attempt to communicate with the base.

**Achievements**

1. Progress has been made in the location of a suspect station in Yugoslavia, in spite of the fact that the range is somewhat beyond the outside limits of detection. Another suspect station, in Rio de Oro, is being watched--also a station located somewhere in Southeast Africa.
2. The Federal Communications Commission has requested and received recorded observations which they have found to be of great value.
3. The Dakar station continues to aid in the locating and guiding of lost airplanes.

**Area** Southeastern Europe

**Personnel** (Greece)  
On post - 30, In process - 8, Balance needed - 15  
W/T operators.  
(Yugoslavia)  
On post - 11, In process - 16, Balance needed - 15  
W/T operators.

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(Rumania)  
On post - 6, In process - 1, Balance needed - 0.

(Bulgaria)  
On post - 2, In process - 0, Balance needed - 0.

(Hungary and Czechoslovakia)  
On post - 0, In process - 1, Balance needed - 0.

**Totals** 99 26 30

**Reports  
Received**

Greece	- 86
Yugoslavia	- 200
Rumania	- 12
Bulgaria	- 100
Hungary and Czechoslovakia	- 126
Map Section	- 75

**Total** 599

**Achievements**

1. Two teams, consisting of one agent, one interpreter guide, and one radio operator, were landed on the mainland in Greece.
2. One agent has been successful in penetrating and coming out of Greece on many occasions, bringing with him valuable information.
3. \$200,000 worth of concentrated foods has been secured and forwarded to advance bases, from where it will be introduced into Greece.
4. The advance base at Bari has been set up and is now functioning, with the main idea of supplying Partisan forces, Yugoslavia. Two teams have been dispatched to the Partisan forces and are already in communication with the base office.
5. Ten excellent Yugoslav seamen have received OSS training and are prepared to depart during the month of January.
6. The Rumanian Section has been strengthened and many new and excellent contacts established with leading Rumanians resident in Istanbul or traveling between Istanbul and Rumania.

**Area**

Near East

**Personnel**

On post - 20, In process - 4, Balance needed - 11.

**Reports  
Received**

By pouch - 127, By cable - 28.

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## NIS spot check:

Definitely valuable - 50%  
 Confirmed or probable - 83.3%  
 Current - 75%  
 Originality - 75%

"Reports emanating from Baghdad, Iran, Syria, and Beirut are uniformly of high quality throughout."

Achievements

Medical aid was secured by the chief OSS agent for the wife of the prime minister of Iraq.

4. China-Burma-India TheaterArea

China

The situation of SI operations in China has been the subject of the Director's meetings in the Far East, and will be clarified upon the return of the Director to Washington.

Two persons have been dispatched to India and are awaiting transport to China.

A plan of operations in China has been presented to the Director for approval, until which time further recruitment of personnel has been suspended.

Area

Burma, Malaya, Thailand, and Indo-China

Personnel

On post - 4, In process - 13, Balance needed - 20.

Reports Received

68

Achievements

Progress is being made, through the interviewing of a captured Japanese flier, as to the location of a clandestine airport in the area.

5. Labor Desk--All AreasPersonnel

On post - 19, In process - 4, Balance needed - 7.

Reports Received

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**Achievements** Final arrangements have been effected for the penetration of Germany, Austria, Northern Italy, and Hungary by labor agents who have been trained and are being briefed in London, Algiers, and Naples.

**B. FN Branch**

**1. Reports of Foreign Nationality Group Meetings**

39 meetings were covered by FN personnel, involving the following nationality groups:

German Trade Unions  
 Americans of Croatian Descent  
 Free Italy Labor Council  
 Germans in New York City  
 Polish-American Societies  
 Ukrainian Congress Committee  
 Trade Unionists of Hungarian Descent  
 Hungarian-American Council for Democracy  
 Russian Mutual Aid Society  
 United Committee of South Slav Americans  
 Austrian Action  
 American-Slav Congress of Illinois  
 American-Slav Congress of Michigan  
 France Forever  
 Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences  
 Lithuanian Democratic Conference  
 L'Unita del Popolo  
 Committee of Unification Hispana  
 National Council of Soviet-American Friendship  
 Friends of Italian Freedom  
 Serb National Defense Council

**2. Situation Reports on Foreign Political Activities in the United States**

140 reports were received, covering the following groups:

Arabic  
 Armenian  
 Austrian  
 Bulgarian  
 Carpatho-Russian  
 Czechoslovakian

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Finnish  
 French  
 German  
 Greek  
 Hungarian  
 Italian  
 Lithuanian  
 Norwegian  
 Palestinian  
 Polish  
 Rumanian  
 Russian  
 Syrian  
 Ukrainian  
 Yugoslavian

### 3. Reports from Field Representatives

74 reports were received, covering the following

groups:

Austrian  
 Belgian  
 Bulgarian  
 Czechoslovakian  
 Dutch  
 Finnish  
 German  
 Hungarian  
 Italian  
 Lithuanian  
 Norwegian  
 Palestinian  
 Polish  
 Russian  
 Spanish  
 Ukrainian  
 Yugoslavian

### 4. Foreign Language Press Readings

<u>Area</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publications Digested</u>
Western Europe	France	10
	Portugal	6
	Spain	3
Eastern Europe and Balkans	Albania	1
	Bulgaria	3

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<u>Area</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publications Disseminated</u>
	Carpatho-Russia	3
	Estonia	2
	Greece	8
	Hungary	13
	Poland	5
	Lithuania	1
	Croatia	1
	Rumania	6
	Russia	6
	Serbia	4
	Ukraine	1
	Slovenia	3
<b>Near East</b>	Arabia	7
	Armenia	2
	Palestine	5
<b>North and Central Europe, Including Italy</b>	Czechoslovakia	5
	Belgium	1
	Slovakia	6
	Denmark	2
	Holland	6
	Finland	7
	Germany	22
	Italy	20
	Norway	3
	Sweden	5

5. Reports Submitted to ONI, MIS, State Department, Department of Justice, Office of Censorship, Etc.

31 reports were disseminated, covering the following subjects:

Spanish Republican Committee of Liberation  
 Slovenian Politics in the United States  
 The Kosciuszko League of Detroit  
 Carpatho-Russian Clue to Soviet Policy  
 Yugoslavian Views on the Provisional Government  
     inside Yugoslavia  
 The Appointment of Ban Subasich to the Advisory  
     Council on Italy  
 The Polish Language Press in the United States  
 Ex-King Carol and Rumanian-Americans  
 "Crusade for Polish-Soviet Friendship"  
 John Kwapinsky and the Polish Crisis  
 Armenian Language Press in the United States  
 State of Italian Politics in the United States

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Archduke Otto and Czechoslovak Opposition  
 The Austrian Press in the United States  
 "American-Hungarian Observer"  
 Anglo-American Policy in Italy (Communist view)  
 Austrian Representative Committee in London  
 German National Committee Plans in the United States  
 The Mussolini Society and a New Free Italy Movement  
 Otto of Hapsburg  
 Hodza on Czechoslovak Relations  
 Austrian Social Democrats and the Anschluss  
 Catholic View of the Small Nations and Soviet  
 Russia  
 Soviet-Russian Policy on Austria  
 United States Foreign Born and the 1944 Elections  
 Controversy over Count Sforza in the Catholic Press  
 Revival of Central and Eastern European Planning  
 Board in New York  
 Text of the Speech by Field Marshall Jan Smuts

**C. R & A Branch**

**1. General**

Increased stenographic help has alleviated somewhat the serious shortage in this Branch. However, space and personnel continue to be of prime importance.

**2. Current Intelligence Staff**

a. JIC Summary--Five articles edited by the Staff on the basis of memoranda prepared by R & A were published in the four issues of the Summary for December. About two-thirds of the text of the Summary was also the work of the Staff. The Staff has been receiving cooperation from other R & A Divisions and the Projects Committee in making available to the Staff reports suitable for the JIC Summary. This Summary forms a very valuable outlet for the dissemination of Branch reports dealing with current psychological warfare and political analysis.

b. Current Intelligence Series--Three reports suitable for this Series are now in process.

c. PW Room--The lists of individuals authorized to use the PW Room have been revised, and the contents of the Room are now available to a larger number of appropriate personnel from all Branches. The Bi-Weekly Presentation Reports in the PW Room have continued to attract a maximum audience and very favorable comment.

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d. Situation Reports--A request from the Joint Chiefs of Staff for permission to disseminate these reports outside OSS has been presented to the Director, and this decision is now pending.

e. Special Dissemination--A new request has been received by the Staff for the editing, each month, of a special report on German morale and the German economic situation for the Joint Intelligence Committee. The first report, prepared jointly by the Economics Sub-division, the Political Sub-division, and the Current Intelligence Staff was forwarded on 24 December 1943.

### 3. Map Division

The Cartography Section received 85 map requests and 68 maps were completed during December. The Map Information Section received 692 maps, loaned 491, and the total balance on hand is 258,939. 447 maps were re-produced and 3,493 cataloged.

Commendation was received on the maps used at the Cairo conferences. There is a distinct rise in the outpost service, which breaks down as follows:

Cairo	-	3,934
Algiers	-	71
Honolulu	-	37
London	-	28
Chungking	-	32
New Delhi	-	32

The Topographic Models Section received 14 requests, completed 10; and 28 models are in progress.

The Special Photography Section received 27 requests, processed 130 titles and 76 mats.

### 4. Europe-Africa Division

The Psychological Warfare Subdivision undertook six new studies dealing with various phases of the situation in North and South Africa.

The Balkan Section has been working with the translation, evaluation, and reproduction of captured Chetnik documents.

The Central Europe Section has in process 12 reports having to do with various problems affecting

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Germany, Poland, Hungary, and Austria.

The Italian Section has been working on a translation of a language test for the Army ASTIP program;

The Near East Section has four reports in progress, and the Western Europe Section has undertaken seven new studies.

Topographic Intelligence Subdivision began work on two sections of the German Handbook and Planning Guides for CAD, plus two other reports.

The Economic Capabilities Subdivision has undertaken a broad program of work on European cartel and monopoly problems, and three other studies were also undertaken.

Thirty-two new contacts were made, some of the most helpful being with the (British) Dennison Mission, Mr. Hansen of the Norwegian Embassy and UNRRA, and Mr. Max Gottschalk, Director of the Research Institute on Peace and Post-War Problems of the American Jewish Committee. Eight commendations were received. One of the important problems of the Division continues to be the inability to communicate readily with outposts and improved communications are recommended.

#### 5. Far East Division

MID has expressed appreciation of the exhaustive study of "The Japanese Electric Power Industry" and urged the completion of the study.

Notification has been received of a new JANIS priority list which drops all European studies and sets high priority for seventeen studies on the Far East. A JANIS on Dutch New Guinea has already been initiated.

During December much time was spent in interviewing persons repatriated on the second voyage of the Gripsholm and in analyzing materials and information given by them.

Liaison with A-2 and MIS on problems of Japan's air strength has been improved during the month.

A Far East Division Group has been established at the New Delhi outpost, and one other group is in process of development at Chungking. Five members of the Division are

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now en route, two are ready to leave, and fourteen are in process of training, commissioning, or assignment to R & A for outpost duty.

#### 6. Latin America Division

New contacts were made with the War Department, and a test of aural comprehension in Spanish was started for them.

This Division received a letter of commendation from the War Department.

#### 7. USSR Division

The following contacts were made:

Division of Economic Studies of the State Department  
Liaison Officer between the Departments of State  
and Agriculture  
Chief of the Bureau of Food Nutrition and Home  
Economics of the Department of Agriculture  
British War Office railway specialist  
British Army Staff Mission rail transport  
specialist  
Aeronautical Chart Service

The former Chief of the East-European Branch, MID, commended the Division on its report on Soviet Guerrilla Warfare.

Two parts of the comprehensive report on Russian Capabilities and Prospects are now being reproduced. The draft of another section of this report was sent to the UWRRA Conference, and was highly commended by the member of FEA who had requested the report. Another report (Civilian Health in the USSR) is in preparation for this same member of FEA.

Excellent data of great value have been received from the USSR Division representative in London.

It is felt that there is great need for a USSR Division representative in Moscow, in order to take advantage of the additional information which should be available in view of the recent conferences at Moscow and Teheran.

#### 8. Interdepartmental Committee

During the month this Committee received 5,898 issues of original publications and 11,954 issues of publications on microfilm.

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7,073 issues of original publications were loaned to 17 agencies, and 49,659 issues microfilmed and distributed to 49 agencies.

Lists 25 through 34 of original publications available for loan were prepared and distributed. Subject Index published and distributed four issues of the "Subject Index to Foreign Publications," covering 3,340 items from publications of 12 countries, furnished 158 original abstracts of articles to 10 agencies, and distributed 5,597 copies of these to 17 agencies.

#### 9. Central Information Division

The efficient operation of the Division continues to be hampered by inadequate space and a shortage of personnel.

The Accession Sub-unit handled 6,575 documents, of which 2,812 were regular documents, 1,365 were on the "L" list, and 863 on the Order of Battle file.

The Analysis Sub-unit indexed 3,432 documents, an increase of nearly 17% over the previous month.

Documents Control Sub-unit handled 19,099 documents, of which 6,470 were delivered to specialists and 5,592 used in the reading room.

Cables Sub-unit processed 3,690 cables, of which 1,127 were classified as secret, 1,928 as restricted, and 635 were Commercial Corporation of North Africa dispatches.

Circulation figures in the Library rose 15%.

The Pictorial Records Section received 31,102 items, of which 8,130 prints were actually added to the permanent collection. During the same period, 1,414 new items were analyzed, 13,512 items were distributed to the Army, Navy, Department of Justice, the Geological Survey, the FEA, and other Branches of the OSS.

Liaison was arranged with officers from British Naval Intelligence, the OSS Naval Liaison Office, the OSS Army Liaison Office, and FEA.

### III. STRATEGIC SERVICES OPERATIONS

#### A. SO Branch

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**SECRET**1. European Theater

Area Scandinavia

Personnel On post - 5 (personnel requirements complete).

Area Iberian Peninsula (This mission is designed to make a preliminary study and set up communications to support OSS French operations)

Personnel On post - 1, In process - 3, Balance needed - 2.

Area France

Personnel On post - 62, In process - 13. (Final instructions from London will determine the recruiting objective. Colonel Haskell will visit Washington to arrange for final coordination and instructions.)

Area Low Countries

Personnel On post - 2, In process - 1. (See above; this group will be coordinated with the French group.)

Area Germany (including Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Poland)

(There is as yet no approved plan for this area based on London.)

Personnel On post - 0, In process - 14 (The balance needed will depend upon the approval of the plans now in process).

Area JEDBURGH PLAN

Personnel On post - 171, In process - 9, Balance needed - 15.

Area AIR OPERATIONS GROUP (This project covers the recruiting of personnel for operations and an air packing station to supply resistance groups in Western Europe).

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Personnel All the required personnel have been made available by the War Department, and are due to report on 12 January.

2. North Africa Theater

Personnel On post - 93, In process - 51. (Further recruiting awaits authority from the theater.)

Achievements

1. Plans for SO operations in Southern France have been completed and submitted to the Planning Officer for approval.
2. Plans for attacking German communities in Northern Italy are being developed.
3. A new mission of great promise--a follow-up on the Macgregor Mission which was brilliantly concluded in November--has been undertaken under the direction of Lt. Commander John M. Shaheen. For security reasons, the objectives of this mission cannot be disclosed.

3. Middle East-Central Africa Theater

Personnel On post - 92, In process - 129, Balance needed - 0.

(A rearrangement of objectives for this theater has been necessary, due to the elimination of Yugoslavs, Greeks, and Albanians from the recruiting program, replacing military and combat personnel with undercover civilians.)

4. China-Burma-India Theater

Personnel On post - 107, In process - 83.

(Activities in this area await the arrival of General Donovan in Washington for clarification and implementation.)

B. MO Branch

1. European Theater

Personnel On post - 2, In process - 125. (Recruiting is temporarily suspended, pending clarification.)

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tion of MO position in the European Theater.)

Achievements

1. Progress has been made toward filling the requirements of recommended names for 30 specialists for PWB, FUSAG.
2. Progress has been made in the procurement and delivery of a mobile printing unit, together with personnel for PWB, FUSAG.

2. North Africa TheaterPersonnel

On post - 22, In process - 19. (Further recruitment is held up, pending new allotments.)

Achievements

Two projects are in the organizational stages--one concerning a mission in the Iberian Peninsula, the other to carry on a program of subversion against the German forces in Italy.

3. Middle East-Central Africa TheaterPersonnel

On post - 18, In process - 7, Balance needed - 33.

Achievements

Overall and Special MO Programs have been approved in Washington and have been forwarded to the Strategic Services Officer for Theater Command Approval. These Programs cover MO operations in Greece, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, and Hungary.

As a result, the major effort henceforth will be to recruit Bulgarian and Hungarian personnel, as there are definite limits on Greek and Yugoslav personnel imposed by the Theater Commander.

4. China-Burma-India TheaterPersonnel

On post - 0, In process - 134, Balance needed - 106.

Achievements

1. Overall and Special Programs are either in the process of formulation or approved by the Planning Group, covering the target areas in this theater.
2. A combined SI-MO project has been drawn up which involves a transmitter in the Aleutian Islands. Technical problems have

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been worked out with Communications Branch, and the practicality of the project has been definitely established.

3. An eminently qualified chief for operations in Occupied China has been recruited and Theater Command Approval secured for transportation to the theater.

4. A competent chief for operations in Thailand has been secured and will leave for the theater as soon as transportation is available. In the meantime, he is preparing special leaflets and other media which will be adopted to the Thailand operation.

5. Sumatra operations in close cooperation with SI are being considered in Washington and will be worked out in the field.

6. A substantial portfolio of leaflets, cartoons, pictures, and other subversive material has been prepared through the cooperation of Visual Presentation and will be transported to the theater around the first of March.

C. MA Branch

1. European Theater

Personnel On post - 1, In process - 2, Balance needed - 70.

Achievements Two plans have been approved by the Planning Group, covering D and D-X Days for Western Europe and Scandinavia. Pending the final approval of this plan, a number of training officers have been sent to the theater in previous months.

2. North Africa Theater

Personnel On post - 2, In process - 0. (It has not yet been established that the plan contemplated will be of value to the armed forces, and until such time no recruiting objective can be established.)

3. Middle East-Central Africa Theater

Personnel On post - 0, In process - 0, balance needed - 15. (This personnel is required for two plans, based on Yugoslavia and Turkey, both of which are in the discussion stage.)

**SECRET****4. China-Burma-India Theater****Personnel** On post - 0, In process - 48, Balance needed - 30.

OSS activities in this theater will be closely coordinated with the headquarters of Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, who is establishing headquarters in Ceylon, at which point Maritime operations will be based.

**D. OQ Branch****Personnel** A total of 17 officers and 19 enlisted men have reported for duty; and 18 officers and 110 enlisted men have been requested from the Personnel Branch.**Achievements** As a result of agreement between OSS and General Chapman of the Airborne Command, OSS participated in the airborne maneuvers in North Carolina. There were 18 officers and 84 enlisted men, under Major Cox--three teams being parachuted behind "enemy" lines and, after establishing communications with base headquarters, accomplishing their missions. The work of our unit was commended by the officers conducting the maneuvers.**IV. OTHER BRANCHES****A. Schools & Training Branch**

During December several changes occurred in the facilities operated by Schools & Training, which are briefly, as follows:

1. The Assessment School (Area S) was established and put into operation. An estate in Fairfax, Virginia was rented for this purpose.
2. A new school was established on one of the Catalina Islands off the coast of California, for the purpose of accommodating an expected expansion in maritime training.
3. A finishing school for MO students was established at Area E-3.

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Although the instructor situation has greatly improved and the extreme shortage of personnel somewhat overcome, it is still one of the major difficulties of the Branch. Another factor that has caused considerable difficulty is the lack of suitable grades for both officers and enlisted men in the schools and camps.

At the present time, the following schools are in operation:

Area A--A-2 was used during the month as a holding area; all student personnel were given some training during their stay. A-3 was used for the Basic SO-MO course. A-4 was used for paramilitary training, mostly for SO students. A-5 was used as a Finishing School for SO students.

Area B--This area is composed of two camps, designated as B-2 and B-5, both of which were used during December exclusively for the final stages of OG training.

Area C--Area C is the OSS Communications School, with some training also being given in weapons, drill, physical training, etc.

Area D--This is a Paramilitary School, similar to that at A-4.

Area E--Another house was obtained during December and designated as the new E-1 school. Basic SI-X2 training will be held at E-1 and E-2 (although during December E-2 was used for MO training). E-3 was used for SI training during December, but will be set up as the new MO Finishing School.

Area F--This area is used for OG preliminary training, after which the students proceed to Area B for final training.

Area M--This area, near Chicago, is another Communications School. Training here is more in the preliminary stages than at Area C.

Area RTU-11--This is the Finishing School for all agent branches.

Area S--This area was established during the month as the new Assessment School. A course of three days' duration is furnished, during which

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time students are tested by experts in the psychological and psychiatric field, to determine their fitness for training.

Area WP--This area is located near San Diego, California, and is used for maritime training.

Area WA--This is the new area on Catalina Island which was acquired during December. It is to be used for maritime training, and will afford a more permanent location than Area WP.

The following is a summary of the number of students and instructors during the month:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Instructors</u>	<u>Students</u>
A-2	4	80
A-3	7 (plus 3 on loan)	63
A-4	16 (plus 1 on loan)	35
A-5	3 (plus 2 on loan)	67
B	(27 OG instructors)	110
C	4 (plus 14 Communications instructors)	62
D	6 (plus 1 on loan)	43
E	8 (plus 2 on loan)	32
F	(17 OG instructors)	161
M	(17 Communications instructors)	30
RTU-11	5	24
S	1 (plus 5 on loan)	15
WP	(7 MA instructors)	40
WA	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	54 Schools & Training instructors (plus 96 instructors from other sources)	762

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**SECRET****B. Field Photographic Branch****1. Washington Office****Area** Washington, D. C., Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, New York**Personnel** 12 civilian employees  
78 officers and enlisted men**Achievements:**  
1. Twenty-nine motion picture and still camera crews were employed on work for OSS and the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs.  
2. The sound recording studio was used on thirty-one occasions.  
3. The still picture laboratory completed the job of making 29,000 contact prints for Major Tolstoy.  
4. Work was completed on the picture entitled, "Abrasive," for the Eighth Air Force, and the following pictures were in various stages of production:

<u>Title</u>	<u>For</u>
"National Gallery of Art"	National Gallery of Art
"Spars"	Navy, Coast Guard
"Communications"	OSS, Communications
"OSS Activities Report"	OSS
"Maneuver Report"	OSS, Operational Groups
"Army Air Forces"	Army Air Forces
"Explosives"	OSS, SSO
"Marine Sabotage"	OSS, SO
"Mine Sabotage"	OSS, SO
"Under Water Operations"	OSS, MA
"Lambertson Unit"	OSS, MA
"Films for North Africa"	

**2. European Theater****Area** London (special assignments to Algiers and Cairo)**SECRET**

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Personnel 5 officers  
27 Navy enlisted men

Achievements The office in London has been cooperating with Coastal Command combined operations OSRD and all branches of OSS within the European, North African, and Middle Eastern Theaters.

3. China-Burma-India Theater

Area Chungking, China

Personnel 5 Navy enlisted men

Achievements Exposed color motion picture film has been received from this theater, covering the activities of OSS.

Area Burma-India-China

Personnel On post - 5 officers, 9 enlisted men  
Balance needed - 1 officer, 5 enlisted men

4. Other Areas

Area Brazil

Personnel 3 officers  
9 Navy enlisted men

Achievements 1. Camera crew: on location at various places in Brazil forwarded 12,000 feet of exposed negative film to the Washington laboratory for processing. The print of this film was sent to New York for cataloging and assembling by Field Photographic personnel.  
2. A number of one-reel subjects concerning Brazil are almost complete.

C. Communications Branch

Personnel European Theater:  
On post - 206, In process - 106  
North Africa Theater:  
On post - 76, In process - 35

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Middle East-Central Africa Theater:  
On post - 45, In process - 56

China-Burma-India Theater:  
On post - 22, In process - 184

Achievements

1. During December, Communications officers and enlisted men in all theaters increased about 100%.
2. Total tonnage to all theaters increased approximately 22%.
3. The total shipment of SSTR-1 portable field sets increased approximately 90%.
4. Five specially schooled Radar officers have been fully trained and are being processed to the various theaters (two to China-Burma-India).
5. Ten civilian instructors are being processed for transportation to the China-Burma-India Theater.
6. The recruitment of code clerks and message center personnel is better in hand than at any previous time. Other recruiting is also progressing favorably.
7. The Branch has sent into the field a cryptographic specialist from our Message Center to make a thorough check-up on cryptographic and cipher security in all theaters.

D. Security OfficeFull Security Investigations

Security reports written	1,250
Provisional approvals issued	117
Disapprovals issued	51
Full security investigations initiated since 1 December	1,350

December was the biggest month to date, from the standpoint of both completed investigations and requests for security clearance.

A considerable period of time was given to perfecting the procedures of liaison with security overseas and between the respective overseas Security Officers, to the end

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that within the framework permitted in the respect of overseas theaters, the general policy of the Security Office will be duplicate wherever Security functions.

In two fields particularly the Security Office made substantial progress during December. The first was in the field of briefing personnel about to go on special assignment or overseas. 253 persons were briefed, individually or in groups, civilian and military.

The second major achievement was the setting up of records relating to all personnel in training at areas in the vicinity of Washington.

A re-survey of physical security in all Washington buildings was made during the month and several new procedures put into effect. Inspection of areas was continued at frequent intervals.

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## PERSONNEL PROGRAMS REPORT

1 December 1943

Washington

	Army		Navy		Marine		Total	Civilian	Grand Total
	Off.	E.M.	Off.	E.M.	Off.	E.M.			
Allotment	178	911	137	389	25	10	1,564		
Recruited	191	923	117	198	19	16	1,464		
Unobligated	-13	-12	20	105	6	-6	100		
On Duty	178	841	114	198	19	16	1,366	1,790	3,156

Overseas

Allotment	937	3,579	163	189	39	21	4,928		
Recruited	784	2,384	121	113	17	12	3,431		
Unobligated	153	1,195	42	76	22	9	1,497		
Overseas and in Process	771	2,314	67	122	18	14	3,306	408	3,714

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1 December 1943

**Theaters**

ETO (Including 64 Off., 240 E.M., O.G.'s)

	Army		Navy		Marine		Total	Civilian	Grand Total
	Off.	E.M.	Off.	E.M.	Off.	E.M.			
Allotment	344	1,101	52	83	22	15	1,617		
Recruited	344	849	35	52	6	8	1,294		
Unobligated	0	252	17	31	16	7	323		
Overseas	182	253	26	52	6	8	527	118	645

MTO (Including 26 Off., 165 E.M., O.G.'s)

Allotment	171	803	25	20	13	5	1,037		
Recruited	154	501	26	8	6	1	703		
Unobligated	17	295	-1	12	7	4	334		
Overseas	111	449	13	8	6	1	589	128	716

MSTC (Including 62 Off., 453 E.M., O.G.'s)

Allotment	240	842	28	9	2	1	1,122		
Recruited	154	764	25	27	3	3	976		
Unobligated	84	78	3	-18	-1	-2	146		
Overseas	115	426	15	27	3	3	589	100	689

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	Army		Navy		Marine		Total	Civilian	Grand Total
	Off.	E.M.	Off.	E.M.	Off.	E.M.			
allotment	145	481	55	77	2	0	760		
Recruited	128	252	32	17	1	0	430		
Unobligated	17	229	23	60	1	0	330		
Overseas	54	79	10	17	1	0	161	28	189

**OTHER AREAS**

allotment	6	13	3	9	1	0	32		
Recruited	4	11	3	9	1	0	28		
Unobligated	2	2	0	0	0	0	4		
Overseas	4	11	2	9	1	0	27	0	27

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REPORT DIGEST  
NOVEMBER, 1943I. PERSONNEL SITUATION, 30 NOVEMBER 1943

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Appointments

Office of the Director--Charles S. Cheston, (1) Acting Assistant Director, in the absence of the Director, and (2) representative of the Director in coordinating cover arrangements for all branches.

Office of the Director--Colonel John H. F. Haskell, Operations and Plans Officer.

Office of the Director--Colonel Charles S. Vanderblue, OSS Chief Inspector, Europe-Africa.

Executive Office--Lt. Colonel O. C. Doering, Jr., Executive Officer.

Executive Office--Ensign Edwin J. Putzell, Jr., USNR, Assistant Executive Officer.

Secretariat--Captain Duncan C. Lee, Chief.

Secretariat--Ensign James B. Donovan, Chief of Legal Division.

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--Ensign John D. Wilson, ETO, vice Gerald E. Miller.  
 --Edward H. Dodd, Jr., MECATO, vice Lt. W. T. M. Beale.  
 --Major Howard M. Chapin, NATO.  
 --Colonel Atherton Richards, OSS Theater Officer.  
SI--Lt. W. T. M. Beale, USNR, Executive Officer.  
SI--Rudyard Boulton, Acting Special Liaison Officer with FCC.  
R & A--Dr. Harold C. Deutsch, Liaison Officer with MO Branch,  
 and Acting Liaison Officer with Planning Staff.  
R & A--Raymond Deston, Acting Chief of Central Information  
 Division, vice Wilmarth S. Lewis.  
R & A--C. Burton Fahs, Acting Chief of Far East Division.  
R & A--Miss Cora DuBois, Acting Assistant Chief of Far East  
 Division.  
R & A--Jesse H. Shera, Branch Security Officer, vice  
 Lt. William Applebaum.  
CD--Lt. Commander H. S. Morgan, USNR, Chief.  
CD--Lt. L. B. Flintom, USNR, Executive Officer.  
CD--Lt. Commander E. E. Pratt, USNR, Assistant Chief of  
 Document Intelligence Division.  
CD--Mrs. Francis M. Tchitcherine, Assistant Chief of Censor-  
 ship Division.  
SSO--Lt. Colonel Edward L. Bigelow, Executive Officer.  
SSO--Lt. Colonel W. P. Davis, III, Chief, Staff.  
SSO--Lt. Colonel Kenneth H. Baker, Planning Officer.  
SSO--Lt. Edward J. Green, USNR, Personnel Officer.  
SSO--Captain Dale O. Allison, Training Officer.  
SSO--Lt. George J. Fannon, Materiel and Supply Officer.  
SSO--Stoddard Hancock, Administrative and Fiscal Officer.  
SSO--Russell P. Place, Security Officer.  
SO--Major J. Freeman Lincoln, Acting Chief.  
EW--Lt. Dennis J. Roberts, USNR, Acting Chief.  
OQ--Captain Samuel C. King, Acting Chief, vice Major Joseph E.  
 Alderdice.  
Security Office--Lt. Robert E. Clark, USNR, Chief of Head-  
 quarters Division, vice Captain Charles J. Brown.  
Transportation Office--Lt. Commander Andrew G. Carey, USNR,  
 Transportation Officer.  
Registry--Mrs. Margaret Griggs, Registrar.  
Budget and Procedures Branch--Edward Saunders, Chief of Budget  
 Division.  
Budget and Procedures Branch--Thomas Hodet, Assistant Chief of  
 Budget Division.  
Budget and Procedures Branch--Lt. Tom Bolton, Acting Chief of  
 Management Analysis Division.  
Budget and Procedures Branch--Mrs. Elinor Reans, Acting Chief  
 of Procedures Division.  
Budget and Procedures Branch--Benjamin Olsen, Assistant Chief  
 of Procedures Division.

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## II. INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

### A. SI BRANCH

#### 1. European Theater

<u>Area</u>	London	
<u>Personnel</u>	On post	53
	In training and waiting transport	9
	Recruited	15
	Total	77
	Balance needed	15
<u>Reports Received</u>	By pouch	2,992
	By cable	28
<u>Achievements</u>	1. Approval of the elaborated Sussex Plan. 2. Training courses and schools established for Sussex Plan recruits. 3. Initial conversations undertaken regarding the establishment between OSS and Russian intelligence groups.	
<u>Area</u>	North Central Europe (Germany, Austria, Scandinavian countries, Baltic states, and Poland)	
<u>Personnel</u>	On post	16
	In training and waiting transport	1
	Recruited	4
	Total	21
	Balance needed	19
<u>Reports Received</u>	By pouch	69
	By cable	40
<u>Achievements</u>	1. A detailed report on Russian Battle Order was received by MIS, with the following comment: "The document has proved very valuable in our studies. The information has subsequently proved to be quite accurate. For example, we learned of a number of units for the first time and some of these have been confirmed by other independent sources."	

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2. Contacts have been established with officials of a satellite Axis country and there is promise of military information and the effort to withdraw this country from the war.

Area Low Countries (Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg)

Personnel

On post	4
In training and waiting transport	7
Recruited	1
Total	12
Balance needed	15

Reports Received 28, plus weekly operational letters from the chief of the Low Countries desk in London.

Achievements

1. Arrangements have been made for our office to work closely with the Netherlands intelligence unit in Lisbon.
2. A man has been recruited as a likely leader for a task force going into Belgium on D-Day.

Area France

Personnel

	London	Algiers
On post	8	8
In training and waiting transport	2	5
Recruited	3	1
Totals	13	14
Balance needed	29	30

Reports Received Weekly operational letters from the head of the French desk, both London and Algiers.

NOTE: Intelligence reports from both of these areas are supplied directly to G-2 of the Army forces in both areas.

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**2. North Africa Theater**

**Area** Spain

**Personnel**

On post	18
In training and waiting transport	8
Recruited	0
Total	<u>26</u>
Balance needed	2

**Reports Received** 343

**Quality of Reports** Third highest rating by MIS.

**Achievements** An agreement between the U.S. embassy in Madrid and OSS, which has been the basis of long discussions, was finally ratified during the month.

**Area** Portugal, Azores, Madeira

**Personnel**

On post	10
In training and waiting transport	1
Recruited	0
Total	<u>11</u>
Balance needed	5

**Reports Received** 285

**Quality of Reports** Second highest according to MIS.

**Area** Italy/Albania

**Personnel**

On post	140
In training and waiting transport	18
Recruited	21
Total	<u>179</u>
Balance needed	16

**Reports Received**

By pouch	47
By cable	4

NOTE: The majority of reports from this area are made directly to G-2, AFHQ.

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Achievements

1. Two native recruits who had been sent on a mission to Naples organized resistance groups and contributed to the fall of the city.
2. An agent captured in Sardinia was taken to a prisoner-of-war camp in Central Italy, escaped and made his way to an advanced post north of Naples, bringing accurate information on the disposition of certain German units in Italy, German military traffic, and German defenses at the Sangro River.
3. A Corsican mission produced an intelligence survey of the island, giving complete lists of Axis collaborators and persons qualified to give information on enemy activities. The report also covered the local political situation and logistic data on Corsica as a base for intelligence operations.

Area

French and Spanish Morocco, including Tangier

Personnel

On post	7
In training and waiting transport	1
Recruited	0
Total	8

No figure can be given for the balance needed because of revised plan of operations, details of which are not complete.

Reports Received

164

3. Middle East-Central Africa TheaterAreaAfrica, excepting French and Spanish Morocco and Algeria

Angola

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<u>Personnel</u>	On post	7
	(Personnel requirements complete)	
<u>Reports Received</u>	By pouch	22
	By cable	15
<u>Quality of Reports</u>	ONI reported verbally that Angola reports were excellent and that OSS is the best source of information.	
<u>Area</u>	Belgian Congo	
<u>Personnel</u>	On post	1
	In training and waiting transport	0
	Recruited	0
	Total	1
	Balance needed	1
<u>Reports Received</u>	By pouch	0
	By cable	3
<u>Achievements</u>	As our representative has only recently arrived, nothing can be reported regarding achievements.	
<u>Area</u>	Cape Verde Islands	
<u>Personnel</u>	On post	2
	(Personnel requirements complete)	
<u>Reports Received</u>	By pouch	5
	By cable	7
<u>Quality of Reports</u>	ONI states that we are their only source of information on this area, and their comments are favorable regarding reports received.	
<u>Achievements</u>	Battle Order information was brought up to date.	
<u>Area</u>	Ethiopia	
<u>Personnel</u>	On post	2
	In training and waiting transport	1
	Recruited	1
	Total	4
	Balance needed	1

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Achievements: Nothing can be reported regarding achievements, since safe means of communication are not established.

Area Portuguese East Africa

Personnel

On post	3
In training and waiting transport	0
Recruited	<u>1</u>
Total	4
Balance needed	1

Reports Received

By pouch	54
By cable	19

Achievements

1. Further valuable evidence uncovering German and Italian espionage organizations at Lorenzo Marcus was received.
2. A survey was made of the German-owned Seisel plants.

Area British West Africa (Liberia, Ivory Coast, Gold Coast, Togo Dahomey), French West Africa, and Portuguese Guinea

Personnel

On post	5
In training and waiting transport	3
Recruited	<u>0</u>
Total	8
Balance needed	2

Reports Received

By pouch	42
By cable	16

Quality of Reports

MIS gave the following evaluations: Definitely valuable--58.8%; Secondary interest--23.5%; casual interest--11.8%; worthless--5.9%.

Achievements

1. One of our agents exposed a dangerous situation by which Axis agents were able to travel from

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Africa on American planes.  
 2. Developments took place with the British for a plan to uncover smuggling activities.

<u>Area</u>	Union of South Africa	
<u>Personnel</u>	On post	4
	In training and waiting transport	0
	Recruited	<u>1</u>
	Total	5
	Balance needed	2
<u>Reports Received</u>	By pouch	119
	By cable	7

Africa #101:

<u>Area</u>	Rufisque Field, French West Africa, Algiers, Cairo (no area restriction on long-range operations)	
<u>Personnel</u>		<u>SI Communications</u>
	On post	11      14
	In training and waiting transport	8      1
	Recruited	<u>5</u> <u>0</u>
	Totals	24      15
	Balance needed	33      15
<u>Reports Received</u>	General	
	By pouch	9
	By cable	69
	Technical	60
<u>Quality of Reports</u>	As most of these reports are technical, no evaluation is possible.	
<u>Achievements</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Two suspect stations, one in Yugoslavia and one in Rio de Oro, were located.</li> <li>2. Liaison was established with London and British Radio Security Service through the Yugoslavian Committee in London.</li> <li>3. The opening of the Radio Intelligence</li> </ol>	

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Unit in North Africa, which will form the hub of radio intelligence in all Africa.

4. Active participation in an operation which resulted in the capture of Nazi parachutists.
5. ATC planes lost between Natal and Africa were guided to base by our activities.

Near East:

Area Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Transjordan, Iran, Iraq, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, and Afghanistan

Personnel

On post	21
In training and waiting transport	2
Recruited	<u>1</u>
Total	24
Balance needed	11

Reports Received

By pouch	72
By cable	18

Achievements

1. Complete information secured, including frequencies, hours, and call signals, on an extensive German radio network planned for and partly in operation throughout the Near East and North Africa. The mission was a combined operation with the British in Baghdad.
2. Complete coverage from Cairo and Beirut of the recent Lebanese crisis.
3. Information secured on the arms seizures in Palestine.

Southeastern Europe:

Area Yugoslavia, Greece, Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia

Personnel

On post	23
In training and waiting transport	24
Recruited	<u>0</u>
Total	47
Balance needed	3

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<u>Reports Received</u>	Greek Desk	65
	Hungarian Desk	190
	Bulgarian Desk	120
	Yugoslav Desk	200
	Map Section	<u>58</u>
	Total	633

Quality of Reports

The latest MIS evaluation gave Cairo the highest rating, stating that 71.4% were of definite value.

Achievements

1. Two more teams have entered Greece.
2. Agreement has been reached whereby our teams in enemy-occupied countries will have their own independent means of communication.
3. An advanced base was established at Bari, where quarters have been rented and to which six personnel have been despatched.
4. An SO officer, who led an expedition to rescue 17 U.S. fliers stranded in Greece, brought back valuable information on Greek guerrilla activities in the area.

Labor DeskArea

All areas.

Personnel

On post	18
In training and waiting transport	3
Recruited	<u>0</u>
Total	21
Balance needed	5

Reports Received

By pouch	217
By cable	33

Achievements

1. A recruiting trip has secured 25 approved agents, who are now in training for work in Austria and Germany.
2. Two agents were despatched from London to France.

**SECRET****4. China-Burma-India Theater**

**Area** China, Japan, Burma, Thailand, Indo-China, Malaya, and Indonesia

**Personnel** Plans are made to recruit a total of 138 military and 30 civilian agents and operatives for these areas.

**Achievements** At a recent meeting in New Delhi attended by the Director, plans have implemented to set up an Intelligence Service in connection with SEAC and SACO.

**B. FM BRANCH****1. Reports of Foreign Nationality Group Meetings**

43 meetings were covered, involving the following nationality groups:

Carpatho-Russians  
 Hungarian-American Federation  
 U.S. Foreign Affairs Committee  
 Slovak League of America  
 American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born  
 Assyrians of Chicago  
 Arab-Syrian Colony of New York  
 Rumanian Episcopate  
 Polish-American Liberals  
 American-Soviet Friendship  
 United Committee of Ukrainian-American Organizations  
 National Council of Jewish Women  
 Russian-American Society  
 American Friends of Yugoslavia  
 Austrian Labor Committee  
 Sons of Italy  
 "Aktions-Komitee"  
 United Committee of South Slavic Americans  
 American-Slovene Council  
 National Epirotic Liberation Society  
 Victory Committee of German-American Trade Unionists  
 American-Lithuanian Council

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Rumanian-American Alliance for Democracy  
Polish Women's Alliance  
Polish Organizations in New York and New Jersey  
Italian-American Section, OWI  
Greek-American Labor Committee  
Society for Prevention of World War III  
Mazzini Society  
American-Baltic Society

2. Situation Reports on Foreign Political Activities in the United States

121 reports were received, covering the following groups:

- Arabic
- Austrian
- Hungarian
- Carpatho-Russian
- Czechoslovakian
- French
- German
- Greek
- Italian
- Latvian
- Lithuanian
- Palestinian
- Polish
- Rumanian
- Russian
- Spanish
- Ukrainian
- Yugoslavian

3. Reports from Field Representatives

96 reports were received, covering the following groups:

- Austrian
- Belgian
- Carpatho-Russian
- Czechoslovakian
- Danish
- Estonian
- French
- German
- Hungarian

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Italian  
 Palestinian  
 Polish  
 Rumanian  
 Russian  
 Spanish  
 Ukrainian  
 Yugoslavian

4. Foreign Language Press Readings

<u>Area</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publications Received</u>
Western Europe	Albania	2
	Bulgaria	2
	Carpatho-Russia	2
	Estonia	2
	Greece	8
	Hungary	10
	Poland	4
	Lithuania	4
	Croatia	3
	Rumania	6
	Russia	4
	Serbia	1
	Ukraine	1
	Slovenia	2
Near East	Arabia	7
	Armenia	6
	Palestine	5
North and Central Europe, including Italy	Czech	5
	Slovakia	6
	Denmark	3
	Holland	1
	Finland	8
	Germany	18
	Italy	25
	Norway	3
	Sweden	3

5. Reports Submitted by FN to ONI, MIS, State,  
Justice, Censorship, etc.

34 reports were disseminated, covering the following:

Reactions to the Moscow declarations  
 Relationship between Dr. Hodza and  
 President Benes  
 German Reactions toward a "hard" peace

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Masaryk's opinion on Czech-Hungarian relations  
 Greek-American reactions to the Greek Civil War  
 Polish anti-Moscow plans  
 Dodecanese-American activities  
 Ban Subasich's opinion on Yugoslavian affairs  
 and the National Army of Liberation  
 Arab-Americans and the Lebanon crisis  
 The American-Jewish conference  
 The Free World Congress

### C. R & A BRANCH

#### 1. General

In spite of the fact that this branch moved from the South Building to the War Annex during the month, it was able to maintain the production level of October and in several divisions the output over October was increased.

#### 2. Current Intelligence Staff

a. JIC Summary--In accordance with a directive of the JCS this division continues to submit material.

b. PW Week--This work continues under the editorship of Mr. Schlesinger, who condenses R & A reports on political subjects.

c. Daily Intelligence Summary--The Summary has continued to appear without interruption during the month.

d. Current Intelligence Series--Two reports were issued during the month.

e. PW Room--It is proposed to revise the list of individuals authorized to use the PW Room, in the hope of making its contents available to a larger number of persons from all branches.

#### 3. Map Division

During the month, 96 map requests were accepted, 108 were completed, 22,226 maps were received, 479 reproduced and 3,258 catalogued.

The Map Information Section selected, arranged, recorded and packed 2,837 maps on two and a half days' notice for the use of the Joint Chiefs at outside war conferences.

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The Topographic Models Section reported 53 models in preparation.

#### 4. Europe-Africa Division

The Psychological War Subdivision has been carrying on studies for HQ, the State Department, the out-post offices, CAD, and various original studies.

The Topographic Intelligence Subdivision participated in the preparation of Planning Guides for Northern Italy. At the request of the Theater Commander, a report was prepared covering 59 cities and towns in Yugoslavia. Various reports were prepared on Germany, France, Hungary, and the Balkans.

The Economic Capabilities Subdivision undertook various studies for the Cartel Committee and numerous original studies. New contacts were made and new relations established.

#### 5. Far East Division

This Division completed a study for the Office of Occupied Areas, Naval Operations, in answer to a request from Captain Pence, and was requested to prepare another study. It is anticipated that this will lead to further productive relations with OOA. The Division also completed a summary for Mr. Donald Nelson of the War Production Board. Liaison was established with the Weather Bureau and the Weather Division AAF.

#### 6. USSR Division

New studies were started, and a special report (a summary of the Russian war potential) was prepared for Mr. Donald Nelson of the War Production Board before his departure for Moscow, and for which was received a very fine letter of commendation. A revised summary was issued, which the Joint Intelligence Committee published under its own imprint, with only minor changes. It is imperative that the Division have access to the large amount of hitherto unavailable information which probably now will be obtainable from the Russians themselves--particularly in view of the Moscow Conference.

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**SECRET****7. Interdepartmental Committee**

8,000 issues of original publications and 8,714 issues of publications on microfilm were received.

3,111 issues of original publications were loaned to 17 agencies, and 61,947 issues duplicated on microfilm and distributed to 49 agencies.

Reference service was furnished to representatives of 5 agencies, and special language and reference assistance was furnished Foreign Economic Administration in connection with a special mission.

**8. Central Information Division**

Due to the fact that R & A is now assembled in one location, a sharp increase has been reflected in the use of the Censor Material Unit. The Accessions Sub-Unit handled a total of 6,480 documents; the Analysis Sub-Unit indexed 3,068 documents; the Documents Control Sub-Unit handled 16,288 items; and the Cables Sub-Unit processed 3,650 cables.

The library was used 1,150 times by the OSS staff and ten other agencies. During the month 3,065 titles were circulated.

Pictorial Records processed 3,000 photographs, furnished 4,889 prints to OSS outposts, and procured 30,012 items (21,600 from the British Admiralty, 707 from the Yale unit, and 7,705 unsolicited and from collectors).

Cooperation between X-2 and Biographical Records has been successfully established. Similar arrangements were made with the Economic Warfare Section of the Department of Justice.

**III. STRATEGIC SERVICES OPERATIONS**

SSC replaces PWO, and was reorganized during the month by Mr. Joseph Scribner, Deputy Director. It is divided into staff sections and operating branches, as follows:

Special Operations--Major J. Freeman Lincoln,  
Acting Chief  
Morale Operations--Lt. Patrick Dolan, Acting Chief

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Maritime Unit--Lt. Dennis J. Roberts, USNR, Acting Chief  
Operational Groups--Captain Samuel King, Acting Chief

A comprehensive organization chart has been issued  
for SSO.

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1. European Theater

<u>Area</u>	Scandinavia
<u>Personnel</u>	On post 4 (Personnel requirements complete)
<u>Achievements</u>	Lt. Commander Vetlesen has arrived in London to take up his duties, inasmuch as the project will be implemented from London.
<u>Area</u>	London (Training Mission)
<u>Personnel</u>	On post 18 In training and waiting transport 0 Recruited 1 Total 19 Balance needed 3
<u>Achievements</u>	Although we are three short of the required personnel objective, we are advised by the London Office that the number sent will be satisfactory.
<u>Area</u>	Iberian Peninsula
<u>Personnel</u>	On post 1 In training and waiting transport 4 Recruited 1 Total 6 Balance needed 0
<u>Achievements</u>	As this mission is designed to make a preliminary study and set up communications to support our French operations, no concrete achievements can be recorded.

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Area France, Low Countries, Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Poland

Personnel

On post	46
In training and waiting transport	37
Recruited	<u>9</u>
Total	92

(Final instructions from London will determine the objective)

Area European Theater (Jedburgh Plan)

Personnel

On post (staff)	47
In training and waiting transport	124
Recruited	<u>27</u>
Total	198
Balance needed (operatives)	44

## 2. North Africa Theater

Area North Africa Theater

Personnel

On post	66
In training and waiting transport	15
Recruited during November	<u>6</u>
Total	87

Achievements The Macgregor Mission, led by Lt. Commander John M. Shaheen, was brilliantly concluded.

## 3. Middle East-Central Africa Theater

Area Middle East-Central Africa Theater

Personnel

On post	85
In training and waiting transport	94
Recruited	<u>75</u>
Total	254
Balance needed	40

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1. The senior American liaison officer with the Yugoslav Partisan Army drafted a confidential report on the military and political situation in Yugoslavia.
2. The chief of the OSS Mission to Turkey visited Washington and clarified the potential requirements for penetration of Hungary, Rumania, and Bulgaria.

4. China-Burma-India Theater

<u>Area</u>	China-Burma-India Theater	
<u>Personnel</u>	On post	107
	In training and waiting transport	45
	Recruited	25
	Total	177

Achievements

The visit of General Donovan to this Theater during the month brought about a large-scale reorganization of all OSS activities in the Theater and established the basis for future operations and the full utilization of men and equipment now available in the Theater.

B. MO BRANCH1. European Theater

<u>Area</u>	European Theater	
<u>Personnel</u>	On post	15
	In training and waiting transport	25
	Recruited	110
	Total	150
	Balance needed	180

Achievements

1. The main activity of the MO Branch in this Theater has been to set up for the Supreme Allied Command an

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organization which will function in the field under the Psychological Warfare Branch. These operations will be divided into three main categories: (a) Agent operations (b) Base operations--radio, leaflets, rumors. (c) Plans for D-Day operations. 2. The operational activities of the Branch consist chiefly in planning and collaborating with the British in the creation and dissemination of rumors and subversive leaflets.

## 2. North Africa Theater

<u>Area</u>	North Africa Theater	
<u>Personnel</u>	On post	28
	In training and waiting transport	10
	Recruited	<u>12</u>
	Total	50
<u>Achievements</u>	<p>1. All of the personnel of this Branch were assigned to the Psychological Warfare Branch, in which capacity they have been distinguishing themselves as individuals in present campaigns.</p> <p>2. Plans are under foot to set up MO operations based on North Africa and controlled by MO for D-Day operations independent of the PWB.</p>	

## 3. Middle East-Central Africa Theater

<u>Area</u>	Middle East-Central Africa Theater	
<u>Personnel</u>	On post	8
	In training and waiting transport	28
	Recruited	<u>6</u>
	Total	42
	Balance needed	38
<u>Achievements</u>	<p>Lack of transportation has seriously impaired the ability of MO to achieve much in this Theater.</p>	

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During the month it was decided to despatch Lt. Dolan to take over as Chief of MO in the Middle East. With him will go a complete staff, which will be augmented by agents for Yugoslavia, Greece, Rumania, Hungary, and Austria.

#### 4. China-Burma-India Theater

<u>Area</u>	China-Burma-India Theater	
<u>Personnel</u>	On post	2
	In training and waiting transport	22
	Recruited	25
	Total	49
	Balance needed	191
<u>Achievements</u>	The functions of MO in the Far East have been determined during November. Due to lack of personnel, no specific operations have been undertaken.	

#### C. OG BRANCH

During November the allotment was increased from 153 officers and 875 enlisted men to 179 officers and 1,137 enlisted men.

During the month 12 officers and 75 enlisted men reported for training; 20 officers and 148 enlisted men have been alerted for shipment overseas; 34 officers and men participated in airborne maneuvers in North Carolina; 18 officers and 173 enlisted men left camp for overseas destination.

#### D. MARITIME UNIT

The operations in this branch are mostly in the planning stage. Only two theaters have embarked personnel, who will serve as nuclei for the final organizations in the theaters.

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<b>Area</b>	European Theater	
<b>Personnel</b>	On post	4
	In training and waiting transport	1
	Recruited	<u>1</u>
	Total	6
	Balance needed	346
<b>Area</b>	North Africa Theater	
<b>Personnel</b>	On post	2
<b>Area</b>	China-Burma-India Theater	
<b>Personnel</b>	On post	0
	Recruited, in training, and waiting transport	<u>46</u>
	Total	46
	Balance needed	14

There has been no recruiting for theaters other than the China-Burma-India Theater, pending the time when the plans under discussion are approved.

#### IV. OTHER BRANCHES

##### A. SCHOOLS AND TRAINING BRANCH

During November plans were made to increase the training facilities. Recommendations were received for schools on the East Coast--one near Jacksonville, Florida, and a holding area for candidates in the vicinity of Fairfax, Virginia.

The following schools are in operation at the present time:

Area A--This Area is divided into four separate units: A-2, A-3, A-4, and A-5, of which two are holding areas, one the SO-MO Basic School, and the other a Paramilitary School.

Area B--This is composed of two camps, B-2 and

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B-5, which are used exclusively for Operational Groups, including some Jedburghs.

Area C--Area C is used for Communications. Students in this area are also given some training in small arms and demolitions.

Area D--This is a Paramilitary School, similar to that at A-4. During November the majority of the students were Naval personnel of the non-agent type, who were being trained for service in the Far East.

Area E--This is the area for the Basic SI-X2 School.

Area F--Preliminary training for the Operational Groups takes place in this area. After two weeks at Area F, the OG's are moved to Area B for completion of training.

Area RTU-11--This is the Finishing School for all agent branches.

Area M--Area M, located near Chicago, Illinois, is devoted to Communications training.

The following is a summary of the number of students and instructors during November:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Instructors</u>	<u>Students</u>
A-2, A-5	(OG training officers)	125
A-3	13	71
A-4	15	71
B-2, B-5	(OG training officers)	117
C	25	34
D	6	30
E	12	44
F	(OG training officers)	90
RTU-11	3	48
M	11	104
Totals	85	734

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**B. FIELD PHOTOGRAPHIC BRANCH****1. Washington Office**

**Area** Washington, D.C., Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, New York

**Personnel** 79 officers and enlisted men  
12 civilians

**Achievements** During November, 24 crews were employed on jobs for OSS in Washington, Maryland, West Virginia, and New York; 41 sound recording jobs were done by our sound technicians; still crews were assigned on four occasions. The following are motion pictures finished or in production:

**FINISHED**

"Washington, D.C.," for the State Department.

"So that Men May Fight," for the Navy Department.

"Sea Bees," for the Navy Department.

"Aerial Pickup," for OSS-SO.

"OSS Activities Report," for OSS.

"War Department Report," for the War Department.

"Aerial Mines," for the Navy Department.

**IN PRODUCTION**

"Spars," for the Navy, Coast Guard.

"Communications," for OSS-Communications.

"Marine Sabotage," for OSS-SO.

"Mine Sabotage," for OSS-SO.

"Abrasives," for 8th Air Force.

"Under Water Operations," for OSS-Maritime.

"Films for North Africa."

"Lambertson Unit," for OSS-Maritime.

**2. European Theater**

**Area** London

**Personnel** 5 officers  
27 enlisted men

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Achievements

(This group has been assigned to the Strategic Services Officer, who will report on their progress)

3. China-Burma-India Theater

Area Changking, China

Personnel 1 officer  
5 enlisted men

Achievements (This unit has been assigned to the Strategic Services Officer, who will report on their progress)

Area Burma-India-China

Personnel 5 officers  
9 enlisted men

Achievements This unit has just arrived, and one shipment of color motion picture film has been sent to Washington.

4. Other Areas

Area Brazil

Personnel 3 officers  
9 enlisted men

Achievements Three camera crews on location at various places in Brazil forwarded over 11,000 feet of exposed negative film to Washington for processing. This is a joint undertaking with the C.I.A.A. to make a pictorial record of Brazil's contribution to the Allied War Effort.

C. COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH1. European Theater

Area European Theater

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<u>Personnel</u>	On post	49
	In training and waiting transport	229
	Recruited	<u>16</u>
	Total	294

**2. North Africa Theater**

<u>Area</u>	North Africa Theater	
<u>Personnel</u>	On post	55
	In training and waiting transport	51
	Recruited	<u>6</u>
	Total	112

**3. Middle East-Central Africa Theater**

<u>Area</u>	Middle East-Central Africa Theater	
<u>Personnel</u>	On post	40
	In training and waiting transport	52
	Recruited	<u>6</u>
	Total	98

**4. China-Burma-India Theater**

<u>Area</u>	China-Burma-India Theater	
<u>Personnel</u>	On post	17
	In training and waiting transport	125
	Recruited	<u>58</u>
	Total	200

<u>Tonnage, All areas</u>	Shipped	47.21
	Ready for shipment, awaiting theater approval	<u>30</u>
	Total	77.21

Achievements, All Areas-1. Personnel on post increased 20%.  
Personnel in training or waiting  
transport increased 30%.  
2. Total tonnage to all theaters  
increased 10%, including a large

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shipment of equipment sufficient to establish three base stations in the Far East.

3. A new training camp, Area M, was opened near Chicago, with a capacity for 300 students.
4. Fifty high-speed Air Corps radio operators have been obtained for the London operation.
5. Sub-bases were established at Bari, Brindisi, Casserta, and Naples.
6. Work continued at Station Charles in London, and the wasts were nearly completed during the month.

#### D. SECURITY OFFICE

##### Full Security Investigations

Security reports written	1,034
Provisional approvals issued	123
Disapprovals issued	66
Full security investigations initiated since 1 November	1,235

##### 1. European Theater

<u>Area</u>	London	
<u>Personnel</u>	On post	3
	In training and waiting transport	2
	Recruited	<u>0</u>
	Total	5

##### 2. North Africa Theater

<u>Area</u>	Algiers	
<u>Personnel</u>	On post	1
	In training and waiting transport	5
	Recruited	<u>2</u>
	Total	8

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**SECRET**3. Middle East-Central Africa Theater

<u>Area</u>	Cairo	
<u>Personnel</u>	On post	6
	In training and waiting transport	2
	Recruited	<u>2</u>
	Total	10

4. China-Burma-India Theater

<u>Area</u>	China-Burma-India Theater	
<u>Personnel</u>	On post	0
	In training and waiting transport	2
	Recruited	<u>1</u>
	Total	3

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## PROGRESS REPORT

1 November 1943

Personnel Washington

	Army		Navy		Marine		Total	Civilian	Grand Total
	Off.	E.M.	Off.	E.M.	Off.	E.M.			
Allotment	177	629	137	303	25	10	1,281		
Recruited	165	799	88	137	22	10	1,221		
Unobligated	12	-170	49	166	3	0	60		
On Duty	157	766	88	137	22	10	1,180	1,835	3,015

Personnel for Overseas

Allotment	928	2,494	173	189	39	2	3,844		
Recruited	700	2,157	79	85	12	5	3,038		
Unobligated	228	337	94	104	27	16	806		
Overseas and in Process	429	1,186	81	172	16	14	1,898	261	2,159

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## PROGRESS REPORT

1 November 1943

Personnel Theaters

ETO (Including 64 Off., 240 E.M., O.G.'s)

	Army		Navy		Marine		Total	Civilian	Grand Total
	Off.	E.M.	Off.	E.M.	Off.	E.M.			
Allotment	373	678	52	83	22	15	1,223		
Recruited	297	627	26	28	5	1	984		
Unobligated	76	51	26	55	17	14	239		
Overseas	93	66	17	28	5	1	210	62	272

MTO (Including 26 Off., 165 E.M., O.G.'s)

Allotment	203	746	25	20	13	5	1,012		
Recruited	132	544	15	4	5	1	701		
Unobligated	71	202	10	16	8	4	311		
Overseas	99	413	10	4	5	1	532	50	582

METO (Including 62 Off., 453 E.M., O.G.'s)

Allotment	229	771	28	9	2	1	1,040		
Recruited	174	697	17	26	1	3	918		
Unobligated	55	74	11	-17	1	-2	122		
Overseas	83	210	12	26	1	3	335	45	380

FEIO

Allotment	103	253	55	77	2	0	490		
Recruited	88	220	17	25	1	0	351		
Unobligated	15	33	38	52	1	0	139		
Overseas	49	64	8	17	1	0	139	11	150

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**Personnel Theaters (continued)****OTHER AREAS**

	Army		Navy		Marine		Total	Civilian	Grand Total
	Off.	E.M.	Off.	E.M.	Off.	E.M.			
Allotment	6	46	3	0	0	0	55		
Recruited	4	13	4	0	0	0	21		
Unobligated	2	33	-1	0	0	0	34		
Overseas	0	0	4	9	1	0	14	93	107

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WASHINGTON OFFICE  
REPORT DIGEST, OCTOBER 1943

## I. PERSONNEL SITUATION

<u>Branch</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
Intelligence Services	Colonel J. R. Forgan, Acting Deputy Director
R & A	Mrs. Faith A. Senior, Chief, Censor Materials Unit
X-2	Major John J. McDonough, Acting Chief
X-2	Lt. Colonel Sidney S. Rubenstein, Deputy Chief
SO	Charles N. Fisher, Far Eastern Area Operations Officer
Services	2nd Lt. Hunter L. Fulford, Personnel Officer
Communications	Major Charles S. Perry, Administrative Officer for Supply
Communications	Lt. John C. Lewis, Assistant Administrative Officer

## II. INTELLIGENCE SERVICES—SI BRANCH

A. European Theater

Area: London

Personnel:	On post	44
	Awaiting transportation	4
	In training	0
	Recruited	7
	Total	55
	Balance needed	37

Reports:	Received	3,058
	Evaluation (Made in London)	

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- Achievements:**
1. Approximately twenty French civilians were recruited in North Africa for the Sussex Plan.
  2. A new directive approved by the Joint Chiefs of Staff clarifies the position of SI with British and other Allied governments.
  3. Arrangements were completed to secure radio reports received by the French Intelligence Services.
  4. A considerable increase in staff was made during the month.

**Area:** North Central Europe (including Germany, Austria, Scandinavian countries, Poland, Balkan states, and U.S.S.R.)

**Personnel:**

On post	14
Awaiting transportation	2
In training	1
Recruited	<u>3</u>
Total	20
Balance needed	20

**Reports:**

Received	70
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Evaluation (Broadway rating) 71% valuable, 13% of little value, 8% adverse criticism, 8% no comment.

- Achievements:**
1. Detailed Battle Order report, "German Troops in Norway," was much appreciated by MIS.
  2. A confirmation from this office was accepted by MIS, covering the recent shift of a Panzer Division from Italy to the Russian front.

**Area:** France

**Personnel:**

On post	5
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**SECRET****Personnel (continued)**

Awaiting transportation	5
In training	0
Recruited	0
Total	<u>10</u>
Balance needed	0

**Reports:**

Weekly Summary Letter

**Achievements:**

Theater approval was received for three men to proceed to their post.

**Area:**

Low Countries (Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg)

**Personnel:**

On post	3
Awaiting transportation	2
In training	0
Recruited	0
Total	<u>5</u>
Balance needed	0

**Reports:**Received 20  
Evaluation--Good, some Excellent**Achievements:**

An interesting fourteen-page report concerning the conditions in the Netherlands East Indies was secured from an Italian naval vessel which was surrendered to the Allies in Colombo. It is the first report received by this office from the Netherlands East Indies since the Japanese occupation.

**B. North African Theater****Area:**

French and Spanish Morocco, including Tangier

**Personnel:**

On post	7
Awaiting transportation	1
In training	2
Recruited	0
Total	<u>10</u>
Balance needed	0

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**Reports:**  
 Received 290  
 Evaluation--Good

**Achievements:** Satisfactory coverage of territory.

**Area:** Italy (including Albania)

**Personnel:**

On post	128
Awaiting transportation	15
In training	11
Recruited	<u>23</u>
Total	177
Balance needed	18

**Reports:**  
 Received 53  
 (The bulk of reports were made to G-2,  
 AFHQ)  
 Evaluation (Rated by AFHQ)

**Achievements:** Communication channels were opened with agents in Switzerland and North and Central Italy.

**Area:** Portugal

**Personnel:**

On post	9
Awaiting transportation	2
In training	0
Recruited	<u>0</u>
Total	11
Balance needed	4

**Reports:**  
 Received 320  
 Evaluation--Rated second highest by MIS

**Achievements:** Lisbon activities were investigated by Colonel Gridley of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who, it is believed, has reported favorably.

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**SECRET****Area:** Spain

**Personnel:**

On post	17
Awaiting transportation	6
In training	2
Recruited	<u>0</u>
Total	25
Balance needed	2

**Reports:**

Received 417  
 Evaluation--The quality of reports has suffered somewhat, due to the recall of our principal agent.

**Achievements:** In spite of reduced staff, the field is being completely covered.

**C. Middle East Theater**

**Area:** Southeastern Europe (including Yugoslavia, Greece, Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia)

**Personnel:**

On post	21
Awaiting transportation	10
In training	7
Recruited	<u>3</u>
Total	41
Balance needed	9

**Reports:**

Received 103  
 Evaluation--Excellent  
 (Detailed Battle Order reports continue to arrive almost daily. These reports are one of the main sources of this information for MIS.)

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- Achievements:**
1. Three additional teams, consisting of an agent, a W/T operator, and an interpreter, have been sent to Greece or are en route to the station.
  2. The recruiting of Greek-Americans and Yugoslavs has been completed.

**Area:** Near East (including Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Egypt, Transjordan, Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Afghanistan)

**Personnel:**

On post	22
Awaiting transportation	1
In training	1
Recruited	<u>2</u>
Total	26
Balance needed	17

**Reports:**

Received	134
Evaluation--(Spot check, ONI, 67% valuable) (Spot check, MIS, 37% of definite value; no reports considered worthless)	

**Achievements:** An extensive German espionage ring was uncovered and broken, in cooperation with the British CICI in Baghdad.

**Area:** Africa south of the Sahara Desert--  
Belgian Congo

**Personnel:**

On post	1
Awaiting transportation	0
In training	0
Recruited	<u>0</u>
Total	1
Balance needed	1

**Reports:** None received, due to illness of agent.

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**Achievements:** An understanding has been reached with the State Department regarding the replacement of the OSS representative, which should increase the effectiveness of the mission.

**Area:** British West Africa, Portuguese Guinea, Liberia, Tago-Dahomey, Ivory Coast, Senegal

**Personnel:**

On post	5
Awaiting transportation	1
In training	0
Recruited	0
Total	<u>6</u>
Balance needed	2

**Reports:**

Received 72  
 Evaluation—Satisfactory (Spot check, MIS, 27% of definite value, 47% of secondary interest, 25% of casual interest, and 1% worthless)

**Achievements:**

1. A complete suspect file on Liberia, the Cape Verde Islands and Portuguese Guinea was compiled and started.
2. Certain previously unavailable information from the RAF Fortnightly Intelligence Review was obtained and commended by G-2.

**Area:** Angola

**Personnel:**

On post	6
Awaiting transportation	0
In training	0
Recruited	0
Total	<u>6</u>
Balance needed	0

**Reports:**

Received 146  
 Evaluation—Satisfactory

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(Requisitions desired by the Washington office have been substantially filled)

- Achievements:**
1. A comprehensive report on the island of Sao Tome has been made. It is the first report of this kind submitted by an American agency to be received.
  2. An up-to-date picture of Axis organizations in Angola was reported.
  3. Closer relationships between OSS and the State Department and British representatives have been established.
  4. Certain effective rumors harmful to the Axis representatives were circulated.

**Area:** Cape Verde Islands

**Personnel:**

On post	2
Awaiting transportation	0
In training	0
Recruited	0
Total	<u>2</u>
Balance needed	0

**Reports:** Received 8

**Achievements:** During the month preparations have been made to secure interesting information.

**Area:** Union of South Africa

**Personnel:**

On post	3
Awaiting transportation	1
In training	0
Recruited	0
Total	<u>4</u>
Balance needed	0

**Reports:** Received 56  
Evaluation--Very good

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**Achievements:** A reorganization of the field personnel has been effected which will improve reporting from this area.

**Area:** Portuguese East Africa

**Personnel:**

On post	3
Awaiting transportation	0
In training	0
Recruited	0
Total	3
Balance needed	0

**Reports;**

Received	52
Evaluation-- <del>Excellent</del>	

**Achievements:**

1. A member of the German intelligence organization who was securing shipping information has been removed through the efforts of OSS.
2. The seizure of the Italian SS Gurasaleme was brought about by the activities of our agents.
3. The recall of the Italian consul general who was opposed to the Bagdolio government was engineered.
4. Controls have been set up to prevent gasoline and oil from going to the enemy, or enemy submarines.

**Area:** Ethiopia

**Personnel:**

On post	2
Awaiting transportation	0
In training	0
Recruited	2
Total	4
Balance needed	1

**Reports:**

Received	11
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**SECRET****Reports (continued)**

Evaluation--Four items received from one agent are excellent. (R & A evaluation--Valuable, especially in the light of the fact that they are the only reports so far received that have not come through British Intelligence)

**Area:** PROJECT 101  
Rufisque Field, Dakar, French West Africa, Algiers, Payne Field, and Cairo

**Personnel:**

On post	23
Awaiting transportation	5
In training	5
Recruited	3
Total	46
Balance needed	36

**Reports:**

Received	734
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Evaluation--The majority of these reports are technical, being concerned with information on our direction-finding network.

**Achievements:**

1. Location data on two suspect stations, Yugoslavia and Southeast South Africa, has been registered.
2. Monitoring for the RAF has been valuable.
3. Much aid has been given to the Communications Branch by the Algiers station on engineering and technical problems.

**D. Far East Theater**

Due to extensive reorganization of plans for this Theater, it has seemed unwise to issue a monthly progress report.

As soon as the reorganization has taken place, a background report will be submitted for each area in the

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Far East Theater and subsequent monthly progress reports will be submitted.

INTELLIGENCE SERVICES--R & A BRANCH

A. Europe-Africa Division

- Achievements:
1. A report is being prepared for the Civil Affairs Division and UNRRA on the raw materials in occupied Europe, with special reference to controls which could be set up for their distribution and use.
  2. In collaboration with G-2, A-2, and ONI, a study of the military consumption of petroleum in Axis Europe has been instigated.
  3. For the Quartermaster General and UNRRA, a study of estimated requirements for stockpiling of food, clothing, and medical supplies for the liberated areas has been undertaken.
  4. A preliminary analysis of data on captured German pay books has been completed.
  5. The following studies have been completed:

Africa

"French Policy in Tunisia Towards Italians, Jews, and Arabs"

"European Refugees in Africa"

"Analysis of the Growth of Anti-American Sentiment in Northwest and Central Africa"

"Private Trade in French West Africa"

"American and British Economic Agencies in North Africa--Responsibilities and Policies"

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"French Africa's Contribution to the War Effort"

"Administrative Treatment and Improvement of Axis Prisoners"

Balkans

"Resistance in Greece"

Central Europe

"Compilation of Handbook Data for Hungary"

"Poland and Czechoslovakia"

Italy

"Italian Labor as an Instrument of Psychological Warfare."

"Italian Anti-Fascist Parties"

Near East

"Iran and Her Neighbors"

"Conflicts and Agreements of Interests of the United Nations in the Near East"

6. Commendations have been received from the following: MEW, Enemy Oil Committee; Colonel O'Neill, MIS; OWI, Civil Affairs Division; State Department, Near Eastern Desk; School of Military Government; Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Department.

B. U.S.S.R. Division

Achievements: Extensive report on all phases of Russian capabilities.

C. Latin-America Division

Achievements: 1. New contacts have been opened with the FEA and the Department of the Interior.

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2. Commendation has been received from the FEA on a paper, "Argentina and the UNRRA."

**D. Central Information Division**

Reference Section--Censor Materials Unit

- Achievements:**
1. During the month censorship intercepts increased 37%--average daily intake: 2,000.

Reference Section--Documents Unit

2. During the month the unit handled 9,433 documents. 4,023 documents were indexed.
3. Documents handled by the Control Sub-Unit increased 20% to an all-time high of 17,713.

**Library**

**Achievements:** There were 2,150 visits, by OSS and 18 outside agencies.

Circulation	-	2314 titles
Books catalogued	-	612
Cards added	-	1439
Microfilm received	-	158 rolls

The Cables Sub-Unit processed 3,295 cables.

**Biographical Records Section**

**Achievements:** There were 8,192 regular additions to the Central Biographical File. There were 130 requested reports, an increase of 50% over the previous month. These requests included special reports prepared for ONI, FEA, State Department, SI, X-2, and other branches of OSS.

**Pictorial Records Section**

**Achievements:** Current receipts for the month included 124 microfilms released from the British Admiralty, 1,435 negatives from Yale

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University and 5,570 from other sources.  
6,474 new prints were placed in a permanent  
collection. There were 11,000 items  
distributed during October, mainly to the  
Army and Navy.

**E. Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of  
Foreign Publications**

Achievements:	Original publications received	-	2,617
	Microfilm issues	-	8,881
	Original issues, distributed to 17 Government agencies	-	2,589
	Microfilm prints, distributed to 39 agencies	-	64,908

**F. Map Division**

Achievements:	Requests received	-	675
	Loans--		
	Titles	-	674
	Sheets	-	849
	Gifts--		
	Titles	-	15,469
	Sheets	-	26,983
	Collection on hand--		
	Titles	-	257,626
	Sheets	-	461,225
	Maps catalogued--		
	Titles	-	1,969
	Sheets	-	31,174

**G. Cartography Section**

Achievements:	Requests--		
	OSS	-	28
	JCS	-	32
	ONI	-	17
	War Dep't	-	3
	JANIS	-	23
	CAD	-	5
			<u>108</u>
	Maps Completed	-	84

**H. Topographic Models Section**

Achievements:	New models requested	-	6
	Duplicate models requested	-	18

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There were 37 models acquired, of European areas. There were three models photographed by the Special Services Branch of the U. S. Army. Large Kodachrome reproductions will be produced and sent to all Army posts throughout the world. They will appear as features of "Newsmag."

I. Special Photography Section

Achievements:	Requests received	-	37
	Number of titles	-	111
	New mats produced	-	44
	Number of prints	-	493

INTELLIGENCE SERVICES—FM BRANCH

Achievements: 1. There were 36 field studies of foreign political activities in the United States, covering the following nationalities:

Slovak (Catholic)  
 Polish  
 Rumanian  
 German  
 Slovene  
 Italian  
 Serbian  
 French  
 Dodecanese Islands  
 Norwegian  
 Southern Slav  
 Czechoslovakian  
 Austrian

2. There were 144 situation reports received, covering the following political activities:

Albanian  
 Arabic  
 Austrian  
 Bulgarian  
  
 Carpatho-Russian  
 Czechoslovakian  
 Finnish

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**SECRET****Achievements (continued)**

French  
 German  
 Greek  
 Italian  
 Lithuanian  
 Norwegian  
 Palestinian  
 Polish  
 Rumanian  
 Russian  
 Swedish  
 Ukranian  
 Yugoslavian  
 Miscellaneous

3. There was a total of 616 reports on foreign language press readings, based on readings from foreign publications of the following countries:

France  
 Portugal  
 Spain  
 Albania  
 Bulgaria  
 Esthonia  
 Greece  
 Hungary  
 Poland  
 Lithuania  
 Croatia  
 Rumania  
 Russia  
 Serbia  
 The Ukraine  
 Slovenia  
 Arabia  
 Armenia  
 Palestine  
 Czechoslovakia  
 Denmark  
 Finland  
 Germany  
 Italy  
 Norway  
 Sweden

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**SECRET****Achievements (continued)**

4. There were 35 reports submitted by the FN Branch, to the following organizations:
  - OSS
  - ONI
  - MIS
  - State Department
  - Department of Justice
  - Office of Censorship
5. The Foreign Nationalities Handbook has received appreciation from MIS, Counter-Intelligence Section, HQ, and from the State Department.

**INTELLIGENCE SERVICES—FIELD PHOTOGRAPHIC BRANCH**

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| <b>Area:</b>         | <b>U.S.A.</b>  |
| <b>Achievements:</b> | 19 crews were employed on 27 individual jobs.  |
| <br>                 |  |
| <b>Area:</b>         | <b>Brazil</b>  |
| <b>Achievements:</b> | Three crews worked on the film of Brazil's contribution to the Allied war effort, a joint undertaking with CIAA. |
| <br>                 |  |
| <b>Area:</b>         | <b>Chungking</b>   |
| <b>Achievements:</b> | A camera unit has been assigned to Captain Miles.  |
| <br>                 |  |
| <b>Area:</b>         | <b>London</b>  |
| <b>Achievements:</b> | Five officers and twenty-seven enlisted men have been assigned to Colonel Bruce.                                 |

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**SECRET**Moving Picture Laboratory

Achievements: The quantity of film handled was as follows:

For OSS	- 441,736 ft.
For other Government agencies	- 125,626 ft.

Still Laboratory

Achievements: Negatives developed - 80 rolls  
 Contact photographs in process - 29,000

## III. STRATEGIC SERVICES OPERATIONS---SO BRANCH

A. European Theater

## Training Program

The original objective was 22 instructors, of which 18 have been recruited. The London office has advised that 18 will be sufficient.

Area: Scandinavia

Personnel:

Number embarked	- 4
Balance needed	- 0

Area: Western Europe

## General--

Personnel:

Number embarked	- 3
In training	- 38
In process, other than training	- 48
Recruited	- 0
Total	- 94

(No aggregate total can be indicated, pending final advice from London as to requirements)

## Jedburgh Plan--

Personnel:

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On post	5
In training	183
Recruited	<u>289</u>
Total	477
Balance needed (see above)	

B. North African Theater

## Personnel:

On post	4
In training	23
Recruited	<u>8</u>
Total	35

(The balance needed will depend upon the requirements of the Theater Commander for French- and Italian-speaking personnel.)

C. Middle Eastern Theater

## Personnel:

Embarked	31
In training	38
Recruited	38
In process, other than training	<u>41</u>
Total	148

Final objective: In addition to the authorized T/O of 66 officers, 83 enlisted men, the following additional personnel is required as soon as possible:  
246 officers  
271 enlisted men

D. Far East Theater

## Personnel:

In training	9 U.S.
	16 Free Thai
Recruited	16 Free Thai
In process, other than training	3 U.S.

Maximum objective during the next four months: 45 officers, 205 enlisted men.

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The Maritime Unit training formerly conducted at Area D has been discontinued. The area is now being used to train naval personnel in paramilitary operations.

New schools will be established, one on the East Coast at a suitable location and one on the West Coast in the San Onofre area. This latter school will come under the direct supervision of the California office.

Students

Operation A-2, A-5 (Training OG)	281
Operation A-2 (Holding)	162
Operation A-5 (Holding)	17
Operation A-3	55
Operation A-4	57
Operation B-2 (OG Holding)	215
Operation B-2 (OG Training)	127
Operation B-5 (OG Holding)	198
Operation B-5 (OG Training)	220
Operation C (Communications personnel)	41
Operation C (Agent personnel)	34
Operation D (Maritime personnel)	6
Operation D (SO personnel)	115
Operation E	42
Operation F (OG Training)	278
Operation F (Communications)	18
Operation F (Communications)	75
Operation RTU-11	42
Operation M	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,007</b>

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**SECRET**Instructors

Area A-2, A-5	--	(OG Training Officers)
Area A-3	7	
Area A-4	18	
Area B	2	
Area C	25	
Area D	3	
Area E	15	
Area F	--	(OG Training Officers)
Area RTU-11	4	
Area M	<u>11</u>	
Total	85	

## V. COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

A. General

## Personnel:

On post	
Officers	29
Enlisted men	<u>102</u>
Total	131

In training or transit	
Officers	49
Enlisted men	<u>343</u>
Total	392

## Tonnage:

Shipped during October	-	41½
Ready for shipment, awaiting theater approval	-	<u>30</u>
Total		71½

B. Message Center

## Personnel:

Code clerks shipped out	7
Code clerks in training	19
Code clerks recruited	<u>5</u>
Total	31

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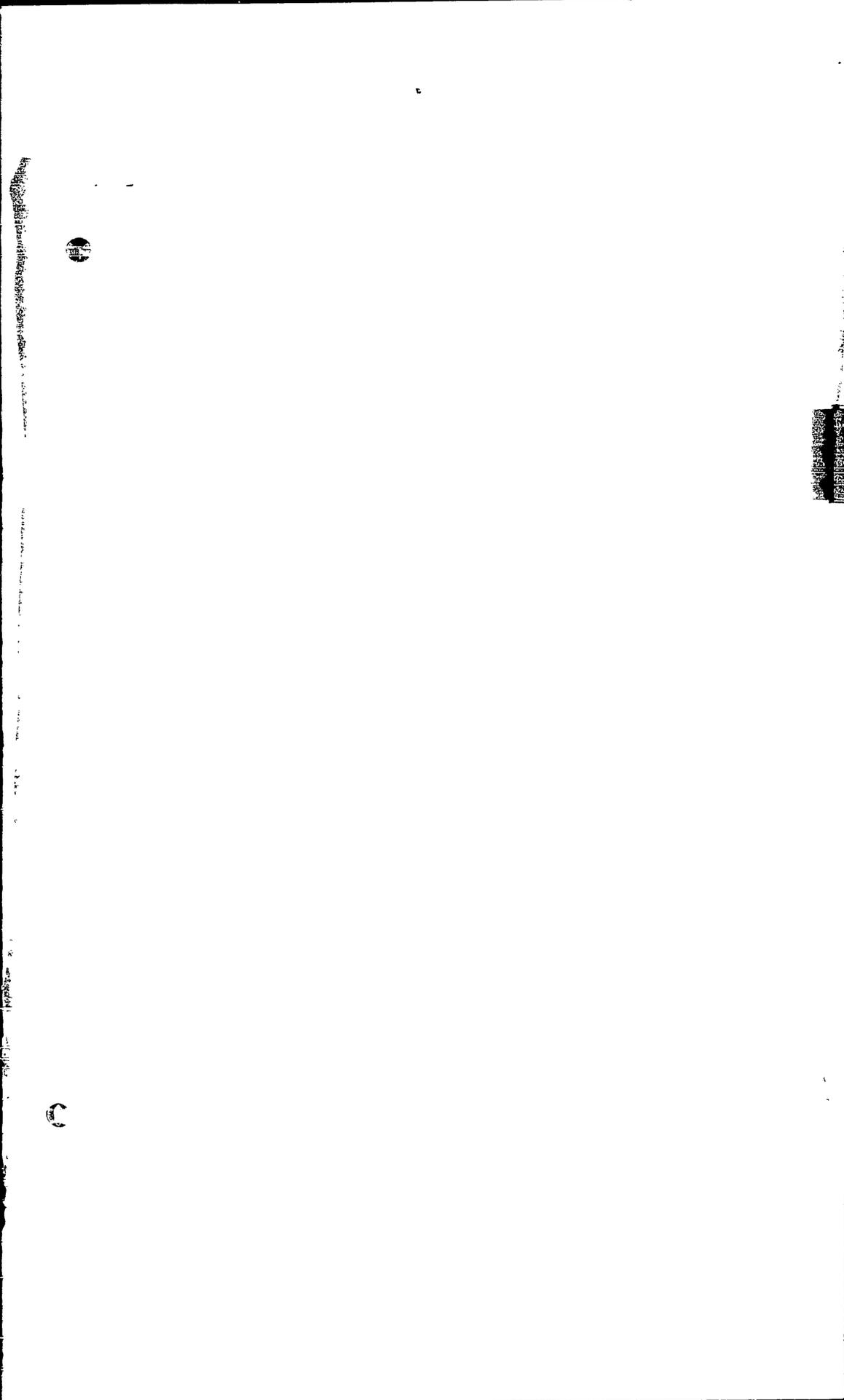
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Messages Handled: 4,190

Achievements: Personnel overseas increased 10%. Progress has been made in the development and manufacture of portable field sets and hand generators for the field. Various Communications officers have put in time at the manufacturing plants with instructions to stay at the plant until all problems were solved.

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## WASHINGTON OFFICE REPORT \* SEPTEMBER

**SECRET**PERSONNEL

Total OSS personnel has increased during the month from 4736 to 5663.

Washington staff has increased from 2610 to 2936; personnel overseas and in process has increased from 1284 to 1628.

Those in training have increased from 842 to 1099.

In the theatres the increases have been as follows:

		<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>
ETO	Allotment	1043	1127
	Recruited	776	846
	Overseas	239	323 (including 166 civilians)
NATO	Allotment	1096	1148
	Recruited	672	688
	Overseas	537	534 (including 88 civilians)
METO	Allotment	962	1069
	Recruited	754	828
	Overseas	140	176 (including 40 civilians)
PETO	Allotment	301	417
	Recruited	269	402
	Overseas	69	141 (including 11 civilians)

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**SECRET**SeptemberAPPOINTMENTS

SO	Lt. Colonel Wm. P. Davis, III, P.A., Planning Officer, SO
SO	Mr. Charles N. Fisher, Assistant Area Operations Officer, P. E.
SO	Lt. Edward J. Green, Personnel Officer - Acting
SO	Capt. Ernest B. Henriksen and Lt. Andrew Kobal, Assistants to Army Personnel Procurement Officer
SO	Lt. Colonel R. L. Salzman, Chairman, SO Board of Review
REA	Mr. Woodrow Borah, Deputy Chief, L. A. Division
REA	Mr. Henry B. Hill, Chief, Western-Europe Section, Europe-Africa Division
REA	Mr. Richard T. Stebbins, Acting Chief, Italian Section, Europe-Africa Division
REA	Mr. Henry Sterling, Chief, Industrial Locations Section, Europe-Africa Division
REA	Mr. Richard Howland, Chief, Pictorial Records Section, Central Informa- tion Division
REA	Mr. Henry P. Janson, Chief, Special Intelligence Section, USSR Division
REA	Mr. John S. Curtiss, Chief, Morale Section, USSR Division
Training	Col. J. A. Hoag, Chief, Schools & Training Branch, vice Lt. Col. Kenneth Baker, relieved
MO	Mr. Edmond L. Taylor, MO Officer and Special Representative of Office of Research and Development for the South East Asia Theater

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MO	Major H. S. Little, Far East Area Operations Officer
MO	Mr. Edward Cushing, European Area Operations Officer
MO	Mrs. Verani Taylor, Acting North African Area Operations Officer
MO	Lt. Donald McGranahan, Acting Middle East Area Operations Officer
MO	Major J. B. de Sebour, Personnel and Training Officer
MO	Major Frank Falkner, Procurement Officer
MO	Mr. David H. Winton, Assistant to Acting Chief, MO
MO	Mrs. Evelyn Schubert, Supervisor of Registry -- Files and Mail
PW Staff	Lt. Commander Kenneth W. Hinks - Chief
New York Office	Mr. John C. Hughes, Chief, New York Area
R&D	Dr. Allen Abrams, Executive Officer, Office of R&D
Board of Officers	Lt. Col. Edward W. Gamble, vice Colonel Stuart R. Carswell, relieved
PWO	Mr. Joseph C. Scribner, Acting Chief
MU	Lt. Comdr. R.H.L. Sexton, USHR, Acting Chief, vice Comdr. H.G.A. Woolley, RM
MU	Comdr. E.G.A. Woolley, RM, OSS Liaison Officer with Chief, Combined Operations Representative, Washington, D. C.
Security Office	Archbold van Beuren, Executive Officer
"	Henry S. Prescott, Chief, Personnel Investigation Division

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Security  
Office

Andrew W. Sexton, Chief, Service  
Records Division

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Capt. Charles J. Brown, Chief,  
Headquarters Division

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Miss Dolly Corbin, Administrative  
Officer

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## OSS ACTIVITIES

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September

Sardinia - Three OSS Officers with communications equipment were dropped in Sardinia prior to the successful invasion. Two officers accompanied General Roosevelt by sea.

Of the three officers flown in, two had never jumped before. They found the Italian Commander of the Island and put him in W/T communication with Padoglio. The result has been published in the newspapers. Gen. Roosevelt reported of the C.O.:

"I cannot praise too highly the work of Lt. Col. \_\_\_\_\_ of OSS. He has been superb. You could not ask for a better man for work of this type. I would request his services again, if I were asked to carry out an operation of this type, at some future time."

Corsica - Two OSS teams were active in the invasion of the Island. Two officers and communications men accompanied a British Officer by air. The second team proceeded by sea. Details of their activities have not been received.

Italy - OSS units attached to the 5th Army are penetrating the German lines and bringing back valuable information.

France - W/T communication have been established with London. In Southern France, money and supplies have been dropped by air.

Turkey - Ambassador Steinhardt, in a recent interview, praised highly the OSS Mission and its work.

Samos - 1400 pounds of medical equipment, destined for the relief of the garrison and civil population, was flown to Cyprus and transported by Calque to the Island.

North Africa & Italy - A very small but effective group of M.O. men covered both campaigns. By an efficient method of establishing advanced bases, and leap-frogging from one important town to the next. It was possible to keep advance bases abreast of the attacking troops.

Radio, newspaper, and cinema establishments were taken over immediately and put to work for the United Nations. Information, especially from prisoner of war interrogations, was evaluated and put to immediate use.

7,000,000 leaflets were printed and distributed each week.

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Close coordination was established and maintained with O.W.I., P.W.E. and P.W.B. throughout the African campaign and is continuing in the Italian campaign.

London - A brilliant piece of sabotage has been executed by one of our men. Details have not been received.

Jugoslavia - Senior and junior OSS Officers are now with the Forces of Tito and Mihailovitch. Communications from both camps have been of inestimable value in estimating the strength and effectiveness of these partisan groups. In both camps our officers have participated in operations against the enemy. A landing field in Tito's area has been located.

Greece - Two officers were dropped safely during the month.

Far East - A very large cargo, including an aircraft rescue boat and crew, tons of motor and communications equipment was dispatched during the month.

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INTELLIGENCE SERVICES**SECRET**SI - AFRICA

The SI branch has instigated a new form on which to report SI activities to General Donovan. Heretofore, these reports having been made by project, the new report is by area and all related projects in that area are reported on in a single report.

The basic report covers the following items: area, projects and dates of approval, purpose of projects, SI personnel required, other personnel required, funds required, non-recurring and monthly brief histories.

The monthly progress report gives the following information: area, SI personnel on post, SI personnel required, reports received, quality of reports, expenses, difficulties, recommendations.

In this report I will compress the reports received for General Donovan and give you a brief history of each project, the OSS personnel on post, and the number of reports currently received.

BELGIAN CONGO

The first representative departed on 30 August 1942 and returned in April 1943. On 13 February 1943 another man was sent to the area and reports have not yet been received.

BRITISH WEST AFRICA, LIBERIA, IVORY COAST, GOLD COAST, TOGO, DAHOMI.

The first project for this area was dated 2 April 1942 and involved the establishment of a base in Nigeria. Two representatives were stationed at Lagos until the North African landings, after which the office was closed and the representatives transferred. Two more agents were dispatched on 2 July 1942 but no reports were received until August 1943. As a result of their activities I have several outstanding pieces of intelligence work carried out, including the exposure of Axis communications between Liberia and the Ivory Coast.

SI personnel on post, 2. Reports received during September, 38. Quality of reports not yet determined.

PORTUGUESE GUINEA

The history of this project is the same as for the preceding.

Personnel on post, 1. Reports received, Sept., 3. Quality of reports - too early to judge.

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**SECRET**PORTUGUESE WEST AFRICA

Brief History - First project approved 16 February 1942 and the first agent arrived 7 December 1942. An outstanding job has been done in uncovering Axis organizations and a communications center in that area. A proposal to stop enemy activity is now under consideration. SI personnel on post - 3, one needed. Reports received - 43 pouch items and 26 cables. Quality of reports - excellent.

AREA FRENCH WEST AFRICA

Brief History - Same as for preceding two areas. SI personnel, two representatives. Reports received, September, 5. Quality of reports not graded.

AREA ETHIOPIA

First two representatives departed April 1943 but due to a change in plan these men were not placed in the field until an American minister was credited to Ethiopia, so no reports were received until October 1942. SI personnel - one on post, one on route, one needed. Reports received have been verbal from one representative who returned. Quality of reports not graded.

AREA ANGOLA

Brief History - First project approved 15 Oct. 1942. First agent arrived October 22, 1942. SI personnel, 5. Reports received, 27 pouch items, 7 cables. Quality of reports not graded.

CAPE VERDE ISLANDS

Brief History - First project approved 2 Feb. 1943. First agent arrived 13 June 43. SI personnel, 2 civilians. Reports received two cables. Quality of reports not graded.

AREA UNION SOUTH AFRICA

Brief History - First project approved July 1942 and first agent arrived on job 25 September 42. SI personnel, three. Reports received during September, 64 pouch items, 40 cable items. Quality of reports not graded.

GENERAL PROJECT FOR AFRICA, 101

AREA RUEISQUE AIRFIELD, FRENCH WEST AFRICA, ALGERIA, CAIRO, EGYPT.

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This project, which is a DF project, was intended to be approved on 23 June 1943. The original team, consisting of 6 members, was sent to Robert's Field, Liberia, in the late fall of 1942 to investigate the existence of clandestine radio transmitters in that area. Their operations have conclusively proven that there is no longer any danger from such activities in that area, and they have been transferred to Rufisque Field, French West Africa.

The Algier's installation was started on or about 10 July 1943 and was in operation on 6 August 1943.

The Cairo installation was started on 31 August 1943 and the first bearing was taken on 19 September 1943.

This office has received from these stations a very substantial amount of radio intercept and location data which is invaluable as background material for future operations.

ETO - LONDON

The details of this report are better known to the London office than they are in Washington.

NORTH CENTRAL EUROPE INCLUDING GERMANY, AUSTRALIA, THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES, BALTIC STATES, POLAND, AND USSR.

Brief History - The first project was approved in January 1942 and the first agent arrived on the post in March. Since that time a total of 17 fully trained SI agents have gone to Sweden, 15 of whom are now working in Sweden.

Among the outstanding intelligence achievements are the following:

- (1) Detailed and continuous observation of German transportation of troops and war materiel through Sweden. This continued until the time the transit privilege was abolished. It is believed that our reports serve to stiffen the attitude of the British and American governments in their dealings with Sweden on the transit question. The British assure us that these reports are by far the most detailed and accurate obtained from any Allied intelligence agency.
- (2) Exceedingly valuable Battle Order intelligence was secured. For example, a German division headed to unlocated was reported by us as being in Denmark in June 1943. Recently our reports on the strength and disposition of the Russian Airforce have been highly commended by G2.
- (3) The State Department has recently commended

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a series of reports on political and economic conditions in Italy which were obtained through our Italian contacts in Sweden.

SI personnel on post, 14; training, one; recruited, 4; balance needed, 21. Reports received, September, 127. Quality of reports, British evaluation, 34% valuable, 3% untrue; MIS evaluation, 33% valuable, 42% secondary interest, 25% of casual interest, zero worthless. Note: The time lag appears to be the chief factor in lessening the value of these reports.

NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG.

Brief History - Although there are no projects in this area for the past 8 months, a steady flow of military, political, and economic intelligence has been received from the Dutch mission in Washington. The Battle Order reports obtained have proved to be very accurate and of recent date.

Whenever specific military, economic, or political information is needed prompt cable service is had through the Dutch military mission in London. SI personnel on post, 3; waiting transportation, one; balance needed, 5. Quality of reports, excellent.

AREA FRANCE

Brief History - Under authority of JCS 170, the French desk was established in Algiers early in 1943. Since that time it has been operating with inadequate personnel consisting of 5 persons, and due to this fact the reports received have been meager. However, we do know that four agents' radio sets have been placed in the occupied territory from which messages have been received.

The desk has reported only to American force's headquarters rather than to Washington. Some of these reports have come via the JICA but never directive.

The French desk in London is better stocked, 5 members on post and another 5 waiting transportation.

Reports received from Algiers, none direct; from London, bi-monthly operational reports and a large volume of intelligence reports both by pouch and cable.

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**SECRET**NORTH AFRICAN THEATREAREA SPAIN

Brief History - The first project for this area was approved in the spring of 1942 and the first reports began to arrive in the summer. Since that time a large and sufficient network has been established and five networks are being set up to bring information originating in France.

A special group was set up to procure maps, city plans, and marine charts. During September this station reported on the port facilities, landings, beaches, roads, bombed targets, and fortifications. SI personnel on post, 15; waiting transportation, 4; in training, one; balance needed, 5. Reports received, September, 446. Quality of reports, excellent.

PORTUGAL, AZORES, AND MADEIRA

Brief History - The first project was approved on 26 June 1942 and the first reports came in July 1942.

In spite of a very small staff, this area has been covered by an effective chain from which a steady stream of valuable information has been secured. Also many valuable Axis propaganda films have been secured and forwarded to Washington. SI personnel on post, 10; waiting transport, 2; balance needed, one. Reports received, September, 280. Quality of reports, MIS evaluation, 50% valuable, 40% good, 10% old.

AREA FRENCH AND SPANISH MOROCCO INCLUDING TANGIER.

Brief History - The original project for this area which antedated the establishment of OSS was absorbed in the JCS directive 170.

The valuable work done prior to the North African invasion has been acknowledged by all interested parties.

Since the JCS directive, the majority of the reports are submitted directly to JAF. SI personnel on post 7, waiting transport, one; balance needed, 3. Reports received, September, 145. Quality of reports, very good.

AREA ITALY/ALBANIA

Brief History - First project approved 8 Sept. 1942. First agent arrived in the field 25 Feb. 1943.

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and the first report was received on that date.

An SI representative landed in Sicily with the first wave of assault troops and although wounded helped capture an enemy pillbox and Italian prisoners from whom he secured valuable information. This man was the first to enter Palermo and personally receive the surrender of the Italian commanding general.

In July a Captain and Lieutenant with four enlisted men with them entered Sicily at another point and arrested the Prefect of Police, the Mayor of the town, and 70 Italian Secret Police agents. They also took over the police records from which they secured valuable CE information. This same party proceeded to enter Enna where they were able to arrest many prominent Fascists.

In August two SI men entered enemy territory to gather intelligence and in the course of their mission were fired on and captured by German patrols; with the exception of one officer who was wounded the members of the mission escaped and brought back extremely valuable information.

In August, a Captain with several enlisted men captured the Lipari archipelago, capturing 48 Axis prisoners and partly burned volumes of the Italian Navy secret code.

SI personnel on post, 56; waiting transport, 49; in training, 36; balance needed, 54. Reports received, September, 72. Quality of reports, excellent.

During September an OSS detachment under a Captain and a Lieutenant received the doubtless surrender of the islands Stefano and Ventotene. Ninety-five Nazi prisoners were taken.

SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE - YUGOSLAVIA, GREECE, BULGARIA, ROUMANIA, HUNGARY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

Brief History - JCS directive 166/3/D was approved on 27 May 1943. A survey mission was sent to Cairo previous to the approval of the JCS directive on 1 Feb. 1943; the chief of mission remained in Cairo.

Two other key men arrived 18 February 1943 and 13 March 1943, one of whom proceeded to Istanbul to head our mission in Turkey. Other personnel to staff the mission arrived soon after.

The first official report was received 26 April

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The first duty of the mission was to make satisfactory arrangements with the British missions already in the field both in Cairo and in Turkey.

During the last two months reports have increased in volume and quality, and a large amount of Battle Order information has been received by cable.

It is believed that two missions have already arrived in Occupied Greece and three more teams are prepared to leave. SI personnel on post, 15; waiting transport, 5; in training, 3; balance needed, 27. Reports received, September, 47. Quality of reports, excellent; partly political summaries and Battle Order cables.

FAR EAST THEATREJAPANESE OCCUPIED CHINA

Brief History - Although there are 20 projects in abeyance only one has been verbally approved by General Donovan.

The project has turned in approximately 200 reports covering political and economic information, and a list of personalities has been gathered.

These reports have been uniformly good though limited in scope due to many internal obstructions.

AREA JAPAN

Quite recently the Japanese desk has been established and projects are under consideration.

Operations in this field will necessarily have to be largely through China and it is expected that part of the China personnel will be used in connection with these projects.

It is anticipated that Koreans, Japanese, and Chinese will cooperate with the OSS missions as the projects are approved and put into operations.

AREA INDC CHINA, THAILAND, BURMA, AND MALAYA.

Brief history - The first project was approved verbally 9 May 1943.

To this date no personnel or agents are operating in the field, but 4 American and 4 Thai agents have been recruited and are in training.

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The only directive reports received have come through the office of the Fighting French with whom liaison has been established.

AREA SUMATRA

Brief History - The first project was approved 12 May 1943. Three American and 5 Indonesians are enroute to operations base.

LABOR DESK

AREA THE LABOR DESK \* FUNCTIONS IN AREA

Brief History - First project approved in November 1942 and the first agent arrived on post January 1943 and first reports coming in during February.

SI personnel on post 16, waiting transport, 4; balance needed, 7. Reports received, approximately 700 intelligence reports have been received since March of which 60 were received in September. Quality of reports - the majority of the reports are on general intelligence on which we have favorable comments from the British.

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FOREIGN NATIONALITIES BRANCH**SECRET**

During the month this branch made 33 reports on foreign nationality group meetings.

Seventeen reports were made on foreign political activities in the United States, 18 field reports covering foreign group activities throughout the country.

The Foreign Language press readings covers newspapers and magazines from all European countries.

Thirty special reports on requested material were produced during the month.

A confidential FN handbook in handy reference form was made available and distributed during the month. Sixty-eight have been distributed within OSS. The Department of State has asked for 20 copies, the Counter-Intelligence Group of MI 26 copies, the Department of Justice and OI 11 copies. The handbook is 185 pages and gives data and statistics on foreign nationalities groups in the United States.

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COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH**SECRET**

398. Personnel on post, 130; in training or transit,  
Equipment shipped, 304 tons - 64 $\frac{1}{2}$  September.

## Theatre situation:

	<u>On Duty</u>	<u>Training</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Materiel in tons</u>
ETO	25	207	27	74
NATO	46	74	10	74
METO	36	34	12	73
FETO	13	83	70	<u>83</u>
				304

During the month there was a 25% increase in personnel overseas and a 300% increase in tonnage shipped per month.

The Washington message center handled 3947 messages.

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**SECRET**FIELD PHOTOGRAPHIC BRANCHAREA WASHINGTON

During the month a total of 41 crews were engaged on 17 different jobs for OSS, War Department, State Department, Navy, and OWI. Personnel on post, 79; balance needed, 25. Quantity of film produced, 773,000 ft.

BRAZIL

Three crews are actively engaged in filming Brazil's contribution to the Allied War Effort. This is a joint project with the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs.

Personnel on post, 12. The three camera crews are taking film in Sao Paulo, Menas, Mimasgerias, Belo, Horizonte, and Rio de Janeiro.

Bad weather during the month of September has made it impossible to expose much film.

CHUNKING, CHINA

A crew of one officer and 5 enlisted men has been assigned to Captain Miles.

A few reels of film have been assembled showing the arrival of OSS missions in that area and various positions of the training program. Further information on this project will have to be received from Captain Miles.

CHINA, BURMA, INDIA

A crew of 4 officers and 9 enlisted men under the command of the branch chief commander, John Ford, are enroute to the theatre.

LONDON

Five officers and 27 enlisted men have been assigned to this mission and are reported directly to the mission chief.

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**SECRET**WASHINGTON OFFICE REPORT  
OSS ORDER OF BATTLE

## Headquarters Detachment Figures

	OFFICERS			ENLISTED			CIVILIAN	
	Army	Navy	Marine	Army	Navy	Marine		
<u>OVERSEAS</u>								
North Africa	82	6	6	377	2	1	61	537
Middle East	38	7	1	49			45	140
Europe	44	14	5	37	22		117	239
Far East	34	2	0	28	5	0		69
South Africa	2	1	1	2			32	38
Orders Requested Overseas Pool	52	12		140	26	11	20	261
TOTAL	252	44	13	533	55	12	275	1284
<u>CONTINENTAL U.S.</u>								
Duty	177	104	12	629	221	11	1456	2610
Training	167	7	3	600	19	12	34	842
GRAND TOTAL	596	155	28	1862	295	35	1765	4736

The above chart indicates the deployment of OSS personnel.

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Appointments during August

Mr. Joseph M. Scribner - Acting Chief, SO  
Capt. J. Freeman Lincoln - Acting Deputy Chief, Operations  
and Deputy Chief, SO  
Mr. Russell Place - Acting Executive Officer, SO  
Major Preston James - Assistant Chief, Europe-Africa Div.  
R & A  
Mr. Maurice Halperin - Chief, Latin American Division, R&A.  
Ensign Hibbard V.D. Kline - Acting Deputy Chief, Map  
Division, R & A  
Mr. George M. Saharov - Chief, Transportation Section,  
U.S.S.R. Division, R & A  
Capt. Frank L. Ball - Executive Officer to Chief, Services  
Comdr. H.G.A. Woolley, R.N. - Chief, Maritime Unit.

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**SECRET**WASHINGTON OFFICE REPORT  
AUGUST 1943Intelligence Service ReportSI: North Central European Division

There are nine fully trained agents in Scandinavia. There are four more ready to go as soon as the the transportation freeze is lifted. These agents have sent in valuable information on order of battle in Norway and Denmark. This information has been recognized by G-2 and the British Intelligence who were particularly gratified by the location of one German Division which had not been placed prior to reports from this area. Other valuable information on German submarine production, and train requisition for German troop movements, results of Allied bombings on Germany, recent disturbances and events in Denmark, and Miscellaneous economic and political items on the enemy.

Operations are under way to increase staff, by fully trained and qualified men, as soon as a bridge head has been established on the continent. One of the specialists on Germany has been loaned to the Italian Desk and is to be sent into Sicily.

A file of names of firms, and individuals that have been identified with pro-Nazi or anti-Nazi activities has been set up for Norway, Finland, and Germany.

Near East Section:

The following reports have been received from Palestine.

1. Completion of report on Zionist-Arab problem.
2. Act of violence against Non-Hebrew, Jewish press.
3. Palestine's war prosperity and the postwar period.
4. German's in Palestine.

The following reports have been received from Teheran:

1. Iranian political parties and forthcoming elections.
2. Iranian press summary.
3. General situation in Iran.
4. Industry in Iran.

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**SECRET**Turkey:

Numerous reports have been received from Turkey during the month regarding the situation in the Balkans, also the following:

1. Turkish non-cooperation with the British.
2. Lebanon parliamentary allotment.
3. Turkish Army, and travel conditions in the Izmir area.
4. Interned U.S. fliers.

General-Near East

Information has been received on the following subjects: enemy parachute landings, Polish equipment, Middle East Petroleum situation, Assyrian leaders and Russian propaganda, Japanese propaganda in Iraq. Results of interview with Nuri Pasha and other prominent Iraqis, Armenian communists in Lebanon, Fall of British prestige in Syria-Lebanon, Political tricks in Lebanon and Preliminary survey of Syrian elections.

Southeastern European section:

Reports circulated through the month of August:

Bulgarian troops in Yugoslavia, Yugoslav government in exile and their action against the partisans, Sloven sources about the activities of the "Liberation Front", a review of the situation within Yugoslavia based on present Yugoslav diplomatic communications, Mr. Milichevich in Sicily, Rumanian oil industry.

Greece:

First priority has been given for order of battle intelligence.

Recruitment for the field has enlarged in scope due to the fact that now we are able to recruit American-Greeks for field operations.

In addition to the extensive study based on order of battle information from Greece, studies have been made on German military administration in Greece, Radio situation in Greece and other communications, Food shipment for distribution in Greece in cooperation with the Lend-Lease Administration and the Department of Agriculture.

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A set of maps of Greece was dispatched to Cairo also file equipment and other needs for the office. Plans have progressed for dispatching additional desk men to the area.

Recruiting goes on both in the area and in this country.

Bulgaria:

Work is in progress on "Military notes on Bulgaria-Airfield".

Rumania:

Work was completed on "Military notes on Rumania-Airfield".

One of our men and his group of Rumanians departed September 1.

Yugoslavia:

The final report on the Yugoslavian Guerilla groups has been completed also "Suggestions for SI work in Yugoslavia" and "Suggestions for MO work in Yugoslavia".

Guerilla operations in Eastern Bosnia is in progress of preparation.

The recruiting of Yugoslavian personnel continues.

Czechoslovakia-Hungary:

Conferences are in progress with Czechoslovak officials, OWI, and the Department of Justice personnel, particularly on Slovak questions.

Recruiting and training of personnel continues.

Italian Section:

Projects for the following areas have been approved by the Director: Eritrea, Piedmont and Liguria, Venice Triume, and Zara, Loroardy.

Considerable personnel is in the field and has performed valuable services during the Sicilian campaign and the invasion of Italy. For reasons of security it is impossible to give details with this report.

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Africa Section:

Reports are currently received from the following areas: Portuguese Guinea, Angola, Cape Verde Islands, Portuguese East Africa, French West Africa, and Ethiopia.

Of the seventy two men recruited for this area, forty nine are already in the field or en-route to the field.

The field organization breaks down to nine staff officers and 29 field personnel.

Western European Section

Portugal:

Valuable reports on: Order of battle, Political and economic situation in Portugal and occupied countries, and complete reports on the recent political upheavals within Portugal are being received.

Spain:

Voluminous reports from many agents strategically distributed in the area are being received.

Switzerland:

Much valuable material has been received covering the recent Italian unconditional surrender, French resistance groups, on German order of Battle, and on the transport of German troops and materials to Italy in recent weeks.

Projects are underfoot to penetrate France and Germany from this area.

France and Belgium:

There is no change in the situation in these areas.

London Desk:

The transportation freeze continues to hamper the all out effort toward reinforcement of the European Theater.

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Liaison has been established with the fighting French and we are now receiving fighting French Reports in numbers. It is expected that we will shortly receive reports from other French organizations. (Giraud) Our relationship with the exiled governments in London is still the subject of discussion with the office of G-2 and the U.S. Theater Commander.

Attempts are being made to secure permission to send approximately 17 men to London immediately. Of these men four will go by air and the balance by fast steamer.

X-2 Branch:

Due to the recent organization of this branch and the subsequent increase in personnel both staff and field, a report will not be available for the month of August. It is hoped that a complete report can be furnished for the month of September.

R & A, FN Report:

Due to a change of the report form these two branches have not yet been able to report for the month of August. The September report will include any significant activities during August.

In connection with the services of R & A the following is a report of an interview between Major General Gladeon, M. Barnes, assistant chief of Ordnance, United States Army, and one member of the Washington office of OSS:-

In the North African and Sicilian campaign, it occurred to General Barnes, shortly before the drive started, that it was of prime importance to locate the garages in enemy held territory and, if possible, get the names of the proprietors. He instructed his officers to request this information from OSS in Washington. It was promptly furnished in complete detail.

General Barnes said "Tell General Donovan that because of this OSS service, every tank, jeep and truck that broke down in these areas knew the location of the nearest garage and was able to avail itself, instantly, of the proper tools and, frequently, skilled personnel. This one service was of tremendous assistance in advancing our forces in the campaign, and I am 100% sold on OSS."

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## PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE OPERATIONS

SO: J. M. Scribner acting Chief.European Theater

In spite of transportation freeze and the congestion in the Washington Office and the training branch, the recruitment of qualified personnel continues, of agents, radio operators, Officer observers, and Jedbergh teams for use in countries occupied, or other wise, in Western Europe.

The total recruited as of August 31 are as follows:

Officers 14	)	
Enlisted men 26	)	For operations
Civilians 10	)	

Officers 19	)	
Enlisted men	)	Recruited for Staff

In training there are:

Officers 4	)	
Enlisted men 12	)	For operations
Civilians 7	)	

Officer 1	)	For Staff
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Ready for transportation there are:

Officers 6	)	
Enlisted men 5	)	For operations
Civilians 6	)	

Officers 5	)	For Staff
Enlisted men 8	)	

Personnel ready for departure:

Officers 3	)	
Enlisted men 3	)	For operations
Civilians 1	)	

Officers 15	)	For Staff
Enlisted men 2	)	

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**SECRET**North African Theater

Recruiting, training, supplying, and shipping  
50 men for North Africa at the request of the Theater  
Commander is continuing:

Officers 21 )  
Enlisted men 31 ) For Operations  
Civilians 1 )

Officers 18 )  
Enlisted men 2 ) For Staff  
Civilians 2 )

In training there are:

Enlisted men 16 )

Ready for Embarkation there are:

Officers 12 )  
Enlisted men 26 ) For Operations

Officers 2 ) For Staff

Personnel dispatched to date:

Officers 1 )  
Enlisted men 2 ) For Operations

Officers 15 )  
Enlisted men 1 ) For Staff

Middle East Theater

There have been recruited:

Officers 25 )  
Enlisted men 63 ) For Operations  
Civilians 9 )

Officers 25 )  
Civilians 4 ) For Staff

In training there are:

Officers 5 )  
Enlisted men 17 ) For Operations  
Civilians 1 )

Officers 3 )  
Civilians 1 ) For Staff

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Middle East Theater (Cont'd)**SECRET**

## Ready for embarkation:

Officers 7 )  
 Enlisted men 17 ) For Operations  
 Civilians 8 )

Officers 3 )  
 Civilians 2 ) For Staff

## Personnel already shipped:

Officers 8 )  
 Enlisted men 3 ) For Operations

Officers 12 ) For Staff

Far East Theater

Immediate transportation has been secured for 43 personnel, 70 tons of equipment, one 63 foot U. S. Navy aircraft rescue boat, 20 cases of ordnance, approximately a half a ton of miscellaneous equipment, 13 jeeps, and 6 trailers.

In spite of allotment restrictions recruitment is continuing.

## Total recruited to date:

Officers 60 )  
 Enlisted men 108 ) For operations

## Personnel in training:

Officers 12 )  
 Enlisted men 37 ) For operations

## Personnel ready for embarkation:

Officers 9 )  
 Enlisted men 45 ) For Operations

## Personnel shipped to date:

Officers 34 )  
 Enlisted men 32 ) For Operations

MO, Lt. J. Dolan, Chief

A study of the whole MO situation has been under way during the month. The Psychological Warfare Staff and the Director have many proposals under consideration.

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**SECRET**European Theater

An agreement has been reached with FWE and SOE for close collaboration and the pooling of resources. The main problem in this territory is to bring the MO representation in the Theater up to required strength.

Total number recruited to date:

Officers 3     )  
 Civilians 1    ) For Staff

Personnel ready for embarkation:

Officers 3     )  
 Civilians 1    ) For Staff

North African Theater

MO representatives are active in the field. However, reports have not yet been received in Washington. There is a great necessity for additional personnel and for personnel qualified in German and Italian, especially. Only two representatives for this area have been recruited.

Middle East Theater

An agreement has been reached with the British to use their radio facilities and channels have been established for rumor dissemination in the Balkans, through the Istanbul Mission. The greatest need is for additional personnel and equipment mainly short wave radio sets, printing presses, paper, filing cabinets, safes, medical supplies, and vitamin concentrates.

Only one officer has been recruited to date.

Far East and Pacific Theater

During the month a comprehensive survey was made for MO operations in three branch areas of the Far East and Pacific Theaters, namely South East Asia, Occupied China, and North Pacific waters. Outlines thereof were submitted to the Director, the Planning Group, and the Chief of the Planning Staff in Washington.

A great deal of emphasis has been placed on the securing of qualified personnel for MO work in the Far East.

Steps were taken to procure radio equipment for the operation of "freedom stations" and Japanese printing presses for the printing of subversive literature.

Pending decision on MO activities in this area, MO is not now engaged in any specific operation.

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**SECRET**MU Branch

Great strides have been made in recruiting, training, and securing of materiel by MU Headquarters, Washington.

European Theater

Plans have been made for the early dispatch of an officer and a master sgt. to study the needs for the Maritime Branch, OSS London. They will report also on needs for personnel, instructors, and for the Maritime Unit Training School, or Schools, to be operated in England.

Operations in this theater which are now contemplated include:

a. The ferrying of agents into Norway and possibly into France and the Low Lands. Plans are being made to requisition from the Navy in Washington 3 sub-chasers for use by OSS London.

b. Operations are contemplated in Maritime sabotage to be controlled by OSS London and to take place anywhere within the Theater. The officer now enroute to London will report on the various need for personnel and materiel to carry out these plans.

Total recruited, for staff only:

Officers 5        )  
Enlisted men 9    )

Personnel in training:

Officers 6        )  
Enlisted men 9    )

North African Theater

Personnel including officers and men have been allocated to set up a training school at or near Algiers for the training of agents for use in projects to be developed as a result of the survey which will be made by the Deputy Director of Psychological Warfare Operations in the near future.

Total recruited:

Officers 4        )  
Enlisted men 11   ) or Staff

Personnel ready for embarkation:

Officers 3        )  
Enlisted men 11   ) For Staff

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North African Theater (cont'd)**SECRET**

Personnel already shipped:

Officer 1 ) For Staff

Middle East Theater

A MU officer has cabled from Cairo the necessity for a Greek speaking officer to take charge of 3 Naval enlisted men and 1 Marine for operational work, at the Caique loading base in this theater.

It is proposed to establish a Maritime Branch and Training School in that area.

Total Recruits to date:

Officers 4 )  
Enlisted men 13 ) For Staff

Personnel in training:

Officers 3 )  
Enlisted men 13 ) For Staff

Personnel shipped to date:

Officers 1 ) For Staff

Far East Theater

In the Far East Theater plans are being made for the almost immediate departure of 5 enlisted men and an officer to crew a fast surface craft which is being shipped to Colonel Differs Command.

The officer in charge will make a complete report to Colonel Differs on their proposed activities and will act as liaison officer between Colonel Differs's command and this office so that operational activities may be planned and supplies and personnel processed in the near future.

Total recruited to date:

Officers 1 )  
Enlisted men 5 ) For Staff

Personnel ready for embarkation:

Enlisted men 5 ) For Staff

OG BranchEuropean Theater (Cont'd on next page)**SECRET**

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European Theater (cont'd)

Total recruited to date:

Officers 17 )  
Enlisted men 137 ) For Operations

Officers 3 )  
Enlisted men 1 ) For Staff

Personnel in Training:

Officers 17 )  
Enlisted men 122 ) For Operations

North African Theater

Total recruited:

Officers 31 )  
Enlisted men 250 ) For Operations

Officers 1 ) For Staff

Personnel in training:

Officers 12 )  
Enlisted men 97 )

Personnel shipped:

Officers 19 )  
Enlisted men 119 ) For Operations

Officer 1 ) For Staff

Middle East Theater

Total recruited:

Officers 19 )  
Enlisted men 172 ) For Operations

Officers 3 ) For Staff

Personnel in Training:

Officers 19 )  
Enlisted men 124 ) For Operations

Officers 3 ) For Staff

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**Middle East Theater (cont'd)**

**Note: In the above figures one-half of the total French speaking group is destined for North Africa and one-half for other theaters.**

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AUGUST 1943

**SECRET**Communications BranchPersonnel

	On Duty	Training	Requested	Vacancies	Total Allt.
<u>European Theater</u>					
Army Officers	6	19	1	11	37
Enlisted Men	24	179	34	0	222
Navy Officers	3	0	0	1	4
Enlisted Men	20	14	0	16	30
Totals	33	212	35	28	293
<u>North African Theater</u>					
Army Officers	7	8	0	3	18
Enlisted Men	29	67	10	3	109
Navy Officers	2	1			
Enlisted Men	2				
Totals	40	76	10	6	132
<u>Middle East Theater</u>					
Army Officers	4	8	0	7	19
Enlisted Men	5	34	6	1	46
Totals	9	42	6	8	65
<u>Far East Theater</u>					
Army Officers	3	11	8	0	
Enlisted Men	6	40	125	0	
Totals	9	51	133		193
GRAND TOTAL	91	381	184	42	698

Language Qualifications of those in Training:

French	- 22	Russian	- 2
Italian	- 14	Greek	- 2
German	- 11	Chinese	- 5
Spanish	- 14	Slovak	- 4
Polish	- 6	Swedish	- 3
Norwegian	- 3		

The following, 1: Arabic, Turkish, Czech, Finnish,  
Sicilian, Japanese, Hungarian, Dutch.

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**SECRET****(Language Qualifications Cont'd)****Awaiting Security Approval or Orders:**

16 Officers  
95 Enlisted Men

**Awaiting Transportation:**

25 Army Officers and Enlisted Men  
14 Navy Enlisted Men

**Equipment - Shipment to All Areas**

Agents Sets SSTE-1 - - 76  
Agents Sets S-35 - - 20  
500 watt. base transmitters - 7  
100 watt. base transmitters - 8  
Communications receivers - 44

**Total Tonnage to All Areas - 22**

**Achievements**

1. Station Charles in London was completed and work immediately commenced on Station Victor.
2. Shipment of agents sets during the month increased 33 per cent. Testing and packing of equipment for the largest single shipment to be sent to any theatre was undertaken in our warehouses preparatory for dispatch to the Far East.
3. Arrangements completed for procuring a 3/4 ton and a 2 1/2 ton mobile unit.
4. Recruitment of personnel has nearly doubled.
5. The Research and Development Department overcame the problem of filtering the noise out of hand generators and this matter is now considered successfully taken care of.
6. The SS/TR-1 receiver has undergone improvements and new orders have been placed.
7. Considerable quantities of communications training equipment has been purchased and dispatched to the camps and the training centers in the theatres.
8. The first prismatic bombing devices were dispatched by air to the Middle East.

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