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REPORT DIGEST
DECEMBER, 1943

I. PERSONNEL SITUATION, 31 DECEMBER, 1943.

	Army*		Navy		Marine				Grand
	Off.	E.M.	Off.	E.M.	Off.	E.M.	Total	Civilian	Total
Allotment	337	1,097	52	83	22	15	1,606		
Recruited	356	945	25	65	6	8	1,405		
Unobligated	-19	152	27	18	16	7	201		
Overseas	269	621	25	65	6	8	994	138	1,132

* Including 64 officers and 240 enlisted men, Operational Groups.

II. INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

A. SI BRANCH

1. Division of Field Intelligence

a. General

Conversations with the British and French continue regarding details of agents, equipment, destination, clothing, documents, etc.

Discussions are under way and a memorandum produced for the Maritime Section, outlining the transportation needs of SI on D Day; also radio requirements for field units and underground reception committees.

Field exercises for the Sussex recruits were held on 4 and 5 December.

Lt. Col. Francis P. Miller was appointed Chief of the Division of Field Intelligence, with a staff as follows:

Executive Officer	Maj. Donald Q. Coster
Liaison Officer with COSSAC and with British 21st Army	Lt. Col. Charles F. Neave

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Commanding Officer, SI Detachment First Army Group	Major Kenneth Downs
Commanding Officer, SI Detachment First Army Group	Major Stacy B. Lloyd

b. Field Units Section

Arrangements have been made with SIS for a joint holding house close to an airport, when such airport has been selected.

The question of the despatch and pick-up of agents by helicopters has been postponed until the arrival of General Doolittle.

c. Operations Section

The Operations Desk has selected a large number of strategic points in France which may be centers for Sussex operations, and has classified them from the points of view of transport and communications. Many of the points selected coincide with those selected by the British, which has facilitated the preparation.

A plan is under consideration to use Switzerland as a base for transmitting and receiving intelligence from the French resistance groups.

Work continues in the preparation for the two labor representatives to depart for their posts.

d. Training Section

The Freehold property is now in a position to handle any classes and visitors that may have occasion to be there.

Lt. Allen has been assigned as Commanding Officer; Lt. Sinclair as Senior Instructor.

A staff training course took place between 19 and 25 December for eighteen SI staff members and others who came as lecturers or visitors.

The French have become extremely active in the training program, and have been sending down visitors to the school to help out with lectures on the various aspects of the various underground activities.

T.S. 7.--There are 29 students, divided into 5 classes.

Work has begun on the preliminary plans for supplies and personnel for both mobile intelligence training units. Under discussion, also, are our plans for the Norwegian-Sussex project, Labor project, and a Special Training project for X-2 students.

2. Division of Strategic Intelligence. (In previous reports this was referred to as the Planning Division.)

The work of this Division will be coordinated with Strategic Intelligence Operations of other SI/OSS missions, and with the Sussex Project. Major deVries has been designated Chief of this Division, and has departed for Lisbon to discuss operations from Lisbon and Madrid into France.

Western European Section. A new system for transmission of intelligence from the French Resistance Groups has been established, with the cooperation of the French BRAL. Also, arrangements have been made to secure samples of identity and ration cards.

Northern Europe. A secretary has been despatched to Stockholm to assist the Chief of Mission.

Central-Southern Europe. Liaison has been established with Major Denn, the British officer in charge of Albanian affairs.

Document Intelligence Section. Mr. Mazzarrini has been instructed to create this section.

Labor Section. Two representatives have been despatched to Algiers and Cairo to assist in the development of work with the Italian ITF representative who was despatched some time ago.

Mr. Waldberg has been put in charge of French affairs. He is preparing a handbook on the position of CGT in the general resistance movement.

Sgt. Jolis has been put in charge of the plans for France, which will form part of the general OSS mission under the direction of Col. Miller. He is briefing the two agents who are scheduled to depart during the next moon.

Mr. Dorfman is in charge of labor matters concerning Germany, and, in addition, is making progress in his contacts with Austrian, Hungarian and Czech labor circles.

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3. **Registry**

The breakdown of reports handled in the months of November and December is as follows:

	November		December	
OSS (SI) Reports				
Pouched via Washington (MIW)	464		445	
Cabled via Washington (SC)	9		10	
Cabled direct from foreign posts (Q)	65		96	
Pouched from Algiers (AR)	78		84	
Pouched from Madrid (SP)	188		103	
Pouched from Stockholm (SW)	43		45	
Pouched from Lisbon (PM)	24		16	
Pouched from Cairo (AC)	243		239	
Pouched from Casablanca (CA)	—		—	
		1,114		1,038
OSS (W) Reports		106		172
British SIS Reports				
B-MAN Series	331		301	
B-Most Secret	53		50	
B-E Series	380		437	
B-H Series	8		10	
		772		798
Allied Intelligence Reports				
French (FF)	1,372		1,193	
Belgian (BE)	11		388	
Polish (PO)	277		338	
Czech (C)	29		18	
Norwegian (N)	36		26	
Polish (special) (LP)	28		19	
Netherlands (NE)	49		169	
		1,082		2,151
Daily Intelligence Bulletins		90		93
Miscellaneous		787		838
Grand Totals		4,671		5,090

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4. Division of Reports Dissemination

Search continues for personnel with battle order experience or to be trained in order of battle work.

An effort is being made to practice economy in disseminations, with a view to raising the quality of reports. The first step taken is to eliminate material which has only remote interest for the consuming agencies. Conversations are being held with the proper officers of the OB section of G-2, R & A, MI6, for the purpose of reviewing the items of immediate interest to these agencies. Major Barnes of the OB section of G-2 has expressed his appreciation of the value of SI intelligence to his Section, and has offered to provide a weekly criticism and commentary on OB intelligence. Commendations have also been received from Captain Kindleberger of R & A and Captain Simone of A-2.

5. Allied Intelligence Services Liaison

a. Czech

The number of contacts has been increased during this period. A radio set has been obtained for Commander Graveson's inspection and a set has been forwarded to the Middle East for the Czechs.

b. Belgian

The usual flow of Belgian material has been augmented by a certain amount of information from the Baltic States, Poland, and Denmark.

c. Polish

We have received a set of technical documents, which are being translated. They should be of value to the Document Section and to the Training Section.

B. R & A BRANCH

1. General

During the month this Branch made its first weekly reports to Ambassador Winant, covering general, political, psychological and economic intelligence in its broader aspects. R & A now makes the following weekly reports:

1. A resume, from all OSS sources for the AC of S, G-2 and ETOUSA.

2. A resume of the Winant report referred to above.

3. Political annex to the G-2 political intelligence report.

4. Briefing for the R & A representative at the A.I.C. meetings.

5. Intelligence for the Washington office.

Collaboration with MO has been initiated within the month, with a summary of the present role of women and women's organizations in Germany.

2. Work Completed

1. Memorandum on French political situation.

2. German resistance to occupation forces, 1918-23.

3. Part III of the French Basic Handbook.

4. Effect of bombing on civilian morale, for A.I.C.

5. "The British Empire as an American Sees It" for Commander Agar, U.S.Army.

6. Editing of the political annex of the G-2 intelligence report - Italian, Swiss, Spanish and Portuguese sections.

7. Estimate of freight cars available in USSR.

8. Analysis of Captured Enemy Equipment, to estimate production rating.

9. Studies on overall damage suffered by Germany as consequence of RAF attacks.

3. Work Continuing

1. Low Countries zone books.

2. Belgian basic handbook.

3. Report on the French Region, for PWE.

4. Danish zone book.

5. Weekly reports for G-2 on Denmark, Finland, Sweden.

6. Weekly Survey on German civilian and military morale for G-2.

7. Soviet aircraft assembly plants, for Washington.

8. Microfilming of Soviet periodicals, books, newspapers.

9. Weekly Intelligence Letter, for G-2.

10. Yugoslav "Who's Who".

11. Biographical records of Partisan organization.

12. Zone book on Yugoslavia.

13. PWE German Basic Handbook.

14. Study of ball-bearing consumption in Axis Europe.

15. Revision of the Biographical Records files.

16. Handbooks on Belgium and The Netherlands.

III. STRATEGIC SERVICES OPERATIONS

A. Administration and Training

The Reception Center is ready to open and two officers of the station complement are available for duty. Major Cheever has been appointed Chief Instructor for both British and American personnel at the SOE/SO parachute school.

B. Personnel

A capable officer is about to be despatched from the U.S. and requests have been made for personnel to act as head of Finnish, Swedish, and Norwegian desks.

C. Jedburgh Plan

55 Jedburgh leaders are in training. A basic directive defining the role of Jedburghs on D-Day is in process of preparation by representatives of the Western European and Planning Sections of SOE/SO for submission to Brig. Mockler-Ferryman and Col. Haskell.

60 Jedburgh W/T operators arriving at the end of the month. Will be shipped directly to the W/T school at Henley.

D. Scandinavian Section

The Westfield Mission is still held up, awaiting signal from #444.

E. Scandinavian School

Arrangements have been made with SOE to house the Norwegian OG's (11 officers and 83 enlisted men) which have arrived. They are temporarily living at one of the lodgings belonging to SOE. It is hoped that our own training lodges will be ready for occupation by the middle of January.

F. SO Staffs

Plans are being perfected for a combined staff school for the British S.F. Staffs and American SO Staffs beginning 17th January and for combined maneuvers in the field in February.

G. Air Operations

Ten air crews are now ready for operations and six more crews will be assigned as soon as available. Three aircraft are already available for operations, eight more have been modified and are ready for delivery within the next two days and twelve are standing by for delivery to the depot for modification. There are 41 enlisted men to be recruited in ETO and 263 coming from OSS Washington. Work on the Packing Station is scheduled to commence on January 3. A house has been acquired and a list of the necessary furnishings has been submitted. The house and packing station will be ready for activity by February 1st.

H. Supplies

An agreement has been negotiated between representatives of SOE and representatives of SO whereby SOE will furnish the bulk of the equipment required by SO for delivery to Resistance Groups and SO is to proceed to requisition certain US items and other items in short supply.

I. Operations

Owing to unfavorable weather conditions, operations for the December moon period have had to be postponed. One agent of the Western European Section has returned after successfully completing his mission in the field.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

A. Station Charlie

It is anticipated that some of the circuits will be operated before the first of the year. The antenna masts are completed. The Scandinavian circuits will be taken over immediately.

Several of our officers have been performing duties at Stations 53 A and B, actually operating these circuits.

Sufficient personnel is on hand to cover full operations and the plan is to take over a few circuits at a time, to permit us to feel our way. It is anticipated that there will be no difficulties in connection with taking over our communication commitments for this station.

B. Station Victor

Progress is slow. All possible means are being used to meet the target date and we expect to be well into the installation of the radio gear around the first of the year. If it should become necessary to operate before construction is completed, preparations have been made to carry on with the mobile and portable apparatus which are on hand.

C. Mobile Units

Officers and crews have been designated from personnel recently arrived. Permission is being requested to attach our special force signal detachment to the First Army. The units to handle SI and X2 traffic are being formed at Station Victor and will be sent to the First Army with SF Detachment.

D. Message Center

The addition of six personnel and two telecrypton machines has improved the situation a great deal. In general, the total strength up to date is 24 officers and 183 enlisted men.

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V. FIELD PHOTOGRAPHIC BRANCH

As a general order has been issued by the British Government banning photographic equipment to the armed forces, the following arrangements have been made which will permit the Field Photographic units to continue their work:

1. A monthly quota of film and paper is to be established.

2. Field Photographic will take over the requisitioning of all supplies required by R & A Photograph Project and other branches using photographic equipment.

3. An officer has been despatched to the U.S. to establish a monthly supply channel.

Arrangements have been made to attach a camera unit to the invasion forces under Admiral Stark.

The Iceland Coastal Command Unit has been recalled, due to certain conditions. A second unit has departed for the coastal command station at Gibraltar, and will travel to Morocco and the Azores on a project.

The project for taking ultra-highspeed pictures of new explosives, in Yorkshire, is completed.

All important documents from the other branches in London are being microfilmed and stored in a safe place, in view of the possibility of a London blitz.

Two crews are being despatched to the Cairo mission.

The crew attached to the Experimental Detachment G-2 Fifth Army in Italy has returned.

A number of OSS films have been collected, to be shown along with training films, taking in the European Theater by both the British and American Armies.

The Reproduction Branch has executed 44 missions during the period.

The Projection Room was opened on the 17th December. The list of the films available has been circulated to the various Branches, and the room has been in constant demand since its opening.

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	Army*		Navy		Marine				
	Off.	E.M.	Off.	E.M.	Off.	E.M.	Total	Civilian	Grand Total
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

*Including 64 officers and 240 enlisted men, Operational Groups.

II. INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

A. SI BRANCH

1. General

The numerous new staff members who arrived recently have now been assimilated, and plans for the future are developing satisfactorily.

The total Sussex Plan was presented and approved, with the exception of transportation plans.

Formal liaison has been established with G-2, and plans are under way to establish similar liaison with the First Army.

During November more cables of intelligence were despatched to Washington than during any previous month.

The discussions which have been continuing for many months with the MA's attached to the office of Ambassador Biddle have finally been made the subject of a memorandum satisfactory to OSS, London, from General Sibert, newly appointed G-2.

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2. Registry

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Pouched from Algiers (AR)	92		78	
Pouched from Madrid (SP)	116		188	
Pouched from Stockholm (SW)	84		43	
Pouched from Lisbon (PM)	23		24	
Pouched from Cairo (AC)	274		243	
Pouched from Casablanca (CA)	44		-	
		1,027		1,114
OSS (W) Reports		272		106
British SIS Reports				
B-MAN Series	413		331	
B-Most Secret	74		53	
B-E Series	255		380	
B-H Series	20		8	
		762		772
Allied Intelligence Reports				
French (FF)	1,515		1,372	
Belgian (BE)	297		11*	
Polish (PO)	255		277	
Czech (C)	23		29	
Norwegian (N)	76		36	
Polish (special) (LP)	21		28	
Netherlands (NE)	14		49	
		2,201		1,802
Daily Intelligence Bulletins		93		90
Miscellaneous		974		787
Grand Totals		5,329		4,671

*Approximately 300 reports as yet unaccessioned.

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3. Allied Intelligence Services Liaison

Routine and useful liaison has been maintained with the Czech, Dutch, Belgian, Luxembourg, and Polish Intelligence Services, from which a large number of reports have been received.

The Polish Intelligence has given us assurance that they will assist us in the procurement of much necessary equipment for the Sussex Plan.

Liaison with BRAL continues satisfactorily, and a large volume of reports is being received. Nine spot news cables were sent to Washington during the month. Four agent's radio sets were delivered to the British for transmittal to France, together with instructions for their use. In return, we will receive from the British large-scale maps of the principal French cities and a very useful map of the electric power "Grid" system in France.

4. Division of Field Intelligence

a. General

Work was completed on the Sussex Plan, which was presented as mentioned above, and a schedule of activities for the Sussex Mobile Field Unit and the ground transportation were arranged. Plans were made for securing supplies and equipment for the units when actually in the field.

b. Operations Section

At the end of the month eighteen students were in training for Sussex activities, with the expectation that additional French candidates would arrive from North Africa.

X-2 and the CE Section of BRAL have been requested for biographical records of pro- and anti-United Nations individuals in metropolitan France, which information will form part of the general study being executed for this area.

In addition to the long-range Sussex Plan, other plans are under way for more immediate operations.

Two staff members of the Section have attended courses on contemporary conditions in France which were given by French officers now attached to BRAL.

The number of cables from Switzerland is

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increasing, which has necessitated the working out of a new system for evaluating individual sources.

c. Training Section

(1) General

Eleven enlisted men from Washington have been assigned to this Section, and with this personnel more efficient management will be possible. Two of the men were assigned to the London office to set up records of personnel and supply; the remaining nine were assigned to the various schools.

Conferences with the British continue, which will result in the proper handling of problems which will come up when the training "Sussex" plan is completed.

(2) The Freehold

Work continues on this property and it is now possible to house 21 officers and 10 service personnel. When completed, it will house a large field staff, which will be necessary for the exercises planned in early December. Work has been begun on a pistol range, arsenal, and photographic laboratory.

(3) T.S. 7

There were three groups in training during the month. Service personnel has been assigned to the school for weapons and close combat courses, preparation of charts, administrative procedure, and motor transport.

(4) Mobile Intelligence Training Unit

Much preliminary work has been done, aimed at the training of the Mobile Intelligence Unit which will go into the field in connection with the Sussex Plan.

d. Air Despatch

Conferences with the British continue. It has been agreed that a holding house for agents should be established close to the despatching airport, and a search for suitable premises is under way.

5. Division of Planning and Projects

a. Long Range Planning

A number of recruits are being interviewed

constantly for the Octopus Project, and some of them have been assigned to various members of the staff for gradual indoctrination into this work.

b. Northern Europe

The Norwegians in London have made efforts to secure personnel for the Norwegian Sussex Plan.

We continue to furnish COSSAC with reports on Norway.

A man has been despatched to Sweden, but no news has been received of his arrival.

c. Western Europe

Preliminary contacts have been established with certain German circles, with a view to developing a list of screening agents.

Contacts are being continued and developed with the various Spanish information circles in London.

d. Italy/Albania

Italian and Albanian affairs are being closely followed, through our liaison with British Intelligence officers and agencies and by personal contact with Italian and Albanian personalities.

Both Cairo and Washington have asked us to concentrate on Albanian affairs for projects which are planned for that area, and both offices are being kept advised.

e. Labor Section

Work continues on the tripartite plans for infiltrating agents into France, Holland, and Belgium. Two men for France have been trained and are ready for despatch. One agent should be ready for departure to Belgium in December A possible agent for Holland may be recruited in Algiers.

Reports from Germany on general labor conditions have been received. Preliminary contacts have been made with trade union representatives in the Rhine Valley, which will help in the preparation of Labor Project No. 6.

6. Division of Reports Dissemination

The expansion of quarters and of personnel has

permitted a reorganization of this Division on a sounder functional basis.

The Reports Division and Registry have adopted a new numbering system in coordination with the North Africa Theater and the Washington Office, which will result in considerable improvement in the coordination of dissemination practices.

B. R & A BRANCH

1. General

Direct contact has been developed with the various Army groups in this theater, with a view to supplying them with the necessary basic information. We have amassed basic material on phases of German political and administrative organization and, with the cooperation of X-2, we are working on the Paris area along the same line. In this connection, we have been granted direct access to the files of PID for the first time.

For CA-COSSAC, R & A plans to obtain basic information on the present situation in France.

The Acting Director of the Branch has produced a pamphlet on France which will be one of a series under the title, "Army Talks." These pamphlets will be guides to Army discussion groups. The Acting Director also gave a lecture on the United States to the British at Southend-on-Sea.

Liaison continues successfully with PID, FORD, BBC, and CA-COSSAC.

Work continues on the Political Annex for the G-2, Periodic Report and on the weekly reports concerning German military and civilian morale.

Washington's decision to "reproduce" the PID handbooks has resulted in a series of conferences aimed to assist Washington to get out the best possible version.

2. Work Completed

a. Report on the German Civil Service, for PID.

b. Report on German morale, for Strategic Intelligence Branch, G-2, Etousa.

c. Despatch of annual statements of Belgian

banks, French underground newspapers, pamphlets, and leaflets.

d. Report on evacuation methods in the Netherlands, for Washington.

e. Two lists of French industrial organizing committees, for Washington.

f. In cooperation with EWD, a breakdown of the PW figures which appeared in the **Times** in November 1943, for Washington.

g. Several MEW reports and a quantity of Soviet printed matter, supplied by M.O.1, for Washington.

3. Work Continuing

a. PWE handbooks for the French Region.

b. PID zone books for Denmark and Yugoslavia.

c. Weekly reports on Denmark, Finland, and Sweden, for G-2.

d. Reports on Soviet aircraft assembly plants, for Washington.

e. Weekly political commentary, for G-2.

f. Weekly reports, for General Sibert.

III. STRATEGIC SERVICES OPERATIONS

A. General

34 officers reported to London, of which 22 have been selected for training as staff officers and are receiving the preliminary SOE/SO activities course.

B. Air Operations Section

1. Packing Station

Surveys for plans and sites are going forward. The camp site survey is completed and construction will be commenced, with the deadline as 1 February.

2. Aircraft

Four aircraft have been received and only minor

modifications are necessary to put them into immediate operation.

C. Western Europe Section

Adverse weather made it impossible to carry out operations planned for the November moon. These have been postponed until the early days of the December moon period.

Satisfactory radio communications were maintained with the field, and reports concerning the potentialities of French resistance groups are being prepared for the confidential use of Admiral Stark.

Numerous meetings were held for the purpose of briefing the first inter-allied mission for the French Maquis, for the December moon period.

One of our staff members met with a French general, recently arrived from France, who gave much useful information on the paramilitary potentialities of the French resistance groups.

D. Scandinavian Section

A successful mission has been completed by one of the S.C. boats based on the Shetlands.

All members of the Westfield Mission are trained and ready to leave upon receipt of final instructions.

E. Training Section

1. General

Eleven instructors reported, of whom nine will join the instructors' course in Scotland for Jedburgh operations and two will be assigned to the combined Student Assessment Board.

There are now 39 U. S. students in training in the British schools who can be useful as either agents or instructors upon completion of their training.

2. Jedburgh Plan

The training area will be ready about 1 January and eleven British instructors and ten American instructors will be on duty 22 December. The station complement, consisting of 210 officers and men, will be prepared to report 10 December.

The Selection Board, consisting of three British officers and one American officer, is examining 20 British candidates for Jedburgh leaders.

37 British radio operators are in training and 33 French operators are expected within a week.

55 U. S. Army officers and one Marine Corps officer have been recruited as Jedburgh leaders and are awaiting transportation in the United States, as well as 57 Army enlisted men and 7 Navy men who have been recruited as radio operators.

3. Reception Center

The station complement is procured, and the station will be ready for occupancy on 15 December.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

A. General

COSSAC has given us a provisional allotment of frequencies to cover mobile operations. The mobile equipment is on hand and sufficient staff is available.

B. Station Charles

The Sea Bees are still at work on the station, erecting masts and putting up antenna.

Orders have been placed for a Tele-Printer circuit and a private telephone line to the London office. Tele-Printers, tape-punching machines, and code and cipher machines are now available.

With the arrival of additional personnel, the station is now in a position to take over operations of part of our northerly commitments.

C. Station Victor

Arrangements have been made to quarter some of the Naval personnel assigned for duty.

D. Message Center

The staff has been increased by a Chief Petty Officer and four enlisted men.

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Allotment	373	678	52	83	22	15		1,223
Requested	297	627	26	28	5	1		984
Unobligated	76	51	26	55	17	14		239
Actually Overseas	93	66	17	28	5	1	62	210

*This Army allotment figure includes 64 officers and 240 enlisted men of the Operational Groups assigned to this theater.

II. INTELLIGENCE SERVICES--SI BRANCH

A. General

The visit during the month of General Magruder and Colonel Miller has been of considerable value to the branch, especially in the field of planning and the coordination of activity with the Washington office.

One of the main problems of the office was to maintain a proper balance between the immediate requirements for the Sussex Plan and the long-range work for the whole theater.

The arrival of General Cochet has been of great help and coincides with an indication that the French may be able to furnish the required number of personnel for the Sussex Plan during November and December.

A settlement of the situation regarding the liaison of the SI Branch and of the Office of the Military Attaché of the Biddle Embassies with Allied Intelligence Services has been obtained.

Friendly relationship has been established with

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the new A.C. of S. G-2, and relations with Broadway and the Allied Services have been maintained on a friendly and profitable level.

The shortage of personnel is still felt acutely in both the divisions of Planning and Projects and Reports Dissemination.

B. Personnel and Administration

The Branch has been strengthened during the month by the arrival of Lieutenants Kirkpatrick, Brittenham, and Katek. Commander Lester Armour has been made Coordinator of Plans and Operations. The return of Major Lloyd from North Africa is expected momentarily.

C. Registry Report for September and October

With a total personnel of eleven, the Registry is now better staffed than it has ever been, but the volume of work continues its steady increase and the Registry is also receiving additional demands from the other OSS branches, with the result that additional staff will soon be required.

The breakdown of reports handled during the two months is as follows:

	September	October
OSS (SI)	982	1,027
OSS (W)	83	272
British	920	762
Allied	2,303	2,201
Daily Intelligence Bulletins	90	93
Miscellaneous	711	974
Grand Totals	5,089	5,329

D. Division of Field Intelligence--Operations Desk

The immediate problem of recruiting for the Sussex Plan has taken the majority of the Desk's time. Coordination of the work in Washington, North Africa, and London is progressing.

Excellent relationships continue with the BCRA,

to whom we are supplying certain escape materials. They are supplying us with excellent information.

At a meeting on October 30, attended by General Sir Marshall Cornwall, Sir Claude Dansey, Colonel Westmacott, General Cochet, Colonel Passey, Colonel Bruce, and Major Maddox, the tripartite character of the Sussex Plan was formally established and steps were taken to tighten and speed up the work under way.

The Desk has established contact with the operations and training personnel of Broadway who are assigned to the Plan. The staff has been acquired, and the necessary maps and guides of France have been secured.

E. Training

1. General

Legal delays regarding the lease for training quarters has held up the training. However, staff courses have taken place over the weekends of October 9, 16, and 30.

Inspection has been made of a new property for a training school for Sussex recruits. It has been inspected by the French and ourselves. It should be ready for the first course on November 8.

In the meantime, personnel from our office is receiving training with the British, both in formal schools and in special weekend courses.

2. Selection of Agents

The first Selection Board was held for Sussex agents over the weekend of October 22. Of the thirteen candidates, eleven were approved. They represent men of high caliber, and promise to turn out as efficient agents.

3. Curriculum

The following curriculum for Sussex agents has now been established:

Conditioning Course	2 weeks
Parachute Course	1 week
Basic Course	4 weeks
Leave	1 week
Finishing Course	1 - 6 weeks

Attempt is being made to secure French participation in training, and one or two instructors have been promised.

F. Air Despatch and Supplies

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4. Central Europe

Contacts with Yugoslav nationals is being maintained, also with Polish and Czechoslovak nationals. Through the Polish, contacts have developed with Hungarians, Rumanians, and Bulgarians.

5. Italy/Albania

Because of increased activities in this area, arrangements have been made to report by cable to Washington, Algiers, and Cairo. Assistance is being given to the X-2 Branch in connection with a list of Italian personalities which is being prepared--also to the Office of War Information on certain information desired from Italian sources.

I. Labor Section

1. General

Throughout the month a series of meetings, luncheons, and discussions have taken place with representatives of the various international labor organizations. As a result, a plan has been submitted for work with underground groups in Sudetenland, Poland, and Hungary. Also, a plan to establish channels of communication into Germany through the French CGT has been considered and approved.

2. France

Progress has been made in preparing the two agents to proceed to France.

3. Belgium

It is understood that an agent is en route from the United States.

4. Italy

Final security approval has been secured on two representatives of the ITF who, it is hoped, can be despatched to Italy for work with their own Labor group.

J. Division of Reports Dissemination

The Division continues to keep abreast of the

incoming material, although a proper evaluation of the quality of reports has not yet been accomplished. In the interest of qualitative analysis, we are attempting through liaison with the British to hold meetings where reports are discussed, as well as the technique of evaluating reports, the reliability of the various Allied Intelligence organizations, and other matters affecting reliability. Also, much thought is being given to the question of evaluation of the reliability of our own agents' reports.

K. Allied Intelligence Services Liaison

1. Norwegian

Considerable material is now being received, much of which is of interest to ONI. Several reports turned out to be of great value and, as a result, Lt. Kitchen of ONI has attempted to establish closer liaison with the Branch.

2. Dutch

The presence of Dr. van Mook and General Dyxhoorn in London gave us an opportunity to discuss questions of Dutch intelligence, and to obtain their collaboration both in securing information and in projected operations. With Dr. van Mook, we are keeping abreast on Far Eastern developments.

3. Belgian

Contact is being maintained with several members of the Belgian Service, and we are now receiving W/T reports from that area.

4. French

Relationship with this source is becoming more frequent and regular, and arrangement has been made for a group of OSS officers to inspect the Dissemination Office of the French Intelligence.

Since October 1, W/T reports from France and a new series from the Balkans have yielded a number of spot intelligence cables for Algiers, Cairo, and Washington. To improve our relations with this source, converter tapes

are being supplied regularly, and we are arranging to supply two signal corps converters and about 150 radio tubes.

5. Polish

Meetings are being held to establish, if possible, collaboration between the two offices in Istanbul and other points.

L. American Official Contacts

The A.C. of S. A-2 has gone over the OSS intelligence received from France on the results of daylight bombing on French morale. Our assistance has been asked in the procurement of information on German aircraft production and wastage of German fighter strength in engagements with American squadrons.

A series of meetings has been held with General Sibert, the new A.C. of S. G-2, in which the work and plans of the SI Branch have been explained. At a meeting on October 30 an agreement was reached in General Sibert's office with the Military Attache of the Biddle Embassy whereby the present relationship between SI and the Allied Intelligence Services would be continued.

INTELLIGENCE SERVICES--R & A BRANCH

A. General

The main activities of this Branch during the month are as follows:

1. Establishing closer relations between R & A, London and G-2, ETOUSA.

2. Cooperation with PWE on the Civil Affairs Handbooks.

3. Special aid given to Ambassador Phillips in connection with the situation in France.

1. Major Jackson's Strategic Intelligence Section of G-2 has requested an estimate of the German fighter

airplane strength on two future dates. The cooperation of R & A, Washington enabled us to prepare an answer to the question, which has been most appreciated. It was given to Major Jackson on the date requested. In addition to this report, we have given to Major Jackson a report on German tank production, German half-track production, and German tire production.

2. The cooperation with PWE continues most satisfactorily. Should Washington decide to give up plans for producing their own handbooks for most of the countries in this theater, the four men we have working with PWE can be most useful.

3. Ambassador William Phillips, who is in London on a special mission for the President, has requested us to assist him in matters of information, particularly relating to France.

We have secured for him through SO a text for the constitution of France, prepared by a large resistance group in the occupied zone.

Individuals in this Branch are constantly penetrating and maintaining liaison with various Allied Intelligence Services throughout the area, as follows:

American Intelligence Committee
British Censorship
PID
PWE
Civil Affairs Department
Belgian News Agency
EWD
MEW
The Fighting French Commissariat of Information
Soviet Relations Commission
MOI
EOU
Damage Assessment Group

One of the officers has continued his contact in the teacher training program under Lt. Commander Herbert Agar, and has completed the first draft of a pamphlet on "Plans of an Organized Peace," as part of a proposed program for American Army education in this theater.

Another officer is on a speaking trip for the British Army education program in Scotland. His subject has been talks on "America and Americans," using a large map supplied by OWI and some excellent illustrations. His talks are followed by questions which indicate that great interest is shown in American life among the British troops. His experience on this lecture tour gives him a very good opinion of the British men in service toward matters American.

The library has been used continuously by an increasing number of visitors, who in recent weeks have represented MO, SI, X-2, EWD, G-2, ONI, CIC, CAD, SOS, FO, PID, and FORD. The supplement to the catalogue of R & A reports available has just been circularized to thirty-nine American and British officials.

The following materials have been sent to Washington:

(a) List of nitrogen fixation plants in Unoccupied USSR
(b) Higher personnel of All-Union administrative bodies (third installment)
(c) MOI Britanskaya Khronika (British Chronicle)
(d) Information on new railroad lines in North European and Volga areas, USSR
(e) Soviet War News Weekly
(f) MOI Soviet Intake Report
(g) Installments 2-8 of Sir Walter Citrine's diary of his trip to USSR
(h) Rates of Wastage of War Material
(i) War Office Notes on the Red Army, 1940
(j) War Office Short Notes on the Red Army, revised, 1942
(k) Handbook of Factories and Factory Directors of USSR
(l) Air Ministry, Soviet Air Force Western Russia. Estimated Approximate Strength in Aircraft
(m) MOI, The New National Synthesis in the Soviet Union
(n) Intercepts from British Postal and Cable Censorships
(o) Reports on Aircraft Factories Numbers 21, 31, 39, 47, 84, 89, 125, and 153.

The work with MEW on the revision of tank and plane production estimates is a continuing project.

III. PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE OPERATIONS--SO BRANCH

A. General

The proposal to attach SO Staff Sections to G-3 Army Group and Army Headquarters has been approved by the Chief of Staff, ETOUSA.

It is agreed that the Signals Detachments for Army Headquarters proposed and submitted to A.C. of S. G-2 and G-3, while adequate for SO, are not sufficient for the requirements of other branches. It was therefore agreed that additional facilities would be necessary to cover the needs of OSS branches which may be represented at Army Headquarters.

The request to transport supplies by air to resistance groups and to establish a packing station has been approved by the Commanding General, ETOUSA.

B. Scandinavian Section

Four members of the 444 Mission are completing their training and will be ready to depart on November 15. It is hoped that the Chief of Mission will proceed not later than November 7.

The three S.C. boats have left Base II on their way north.

A paper has been prepared and submitted to the Commanding General requesting transportation to England of a group of Danish-speaking operatives who are being recruited in Washington.

C. Western Europe Section

This section has been strengthened by the arrival of an officer who will be assigned to the French Desk.

Two agents have arrived in the field. All

arrangements for their reception worked satisfactorily. It is not expected that they shall be heard from in some time.

At the request of two agents who have been in the field for some time, thirteen containers have been despatched, which included money and all types of supplies.

Negotiations are continuing concerning the despatch of certain liaison missions to France. These will be sent in cooperation with the British and French services.

D. Air Operations Section

The Commanding General, ETOUSA, instructed the Eighth Air Force to furnish OSS one squadron (twelve) of B-24 aircraft to be made immediately available, and another squadron approximately December 1.

A joint meeting was held at Bovington between the RAF, the United States Eighth Air Force, and OSS representatives to further plans coordinating joint operations.

The aircraft assigned are in the process of being converted as the crews are being trained for OSS activities. It is expected that some sorties will be made during the November moon period. Before this time, it is anticipated that proper communications between London, the packing station, and the airdrome will have been arranged.

E. Planning Section

The Commanding General, ETOUSA, has approved the organization and training of the thirty-five first line Jedburgh teams and fifteen reserve teams.

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE OPERATIONS--MO BRANCH

Conversations have proceeded with PWE, OWI, and OSS officers regarding the collaboration of the three units in future activities.

Mr. Rae Smith has proceeded to Washington to collaborate with MO Branch headquarters on the question of personnel recruitment and equipment for MO operations in the theater.

Staff is being set up which will supervise the conduct of psychological warfare in this theater. As soon as this staff is set up, it is the intention to proceed to specific plans for MO operations, either independently or as part of a joint effort with PWB, which was so successful in the North African campaign.

IV. TRAINING

A. General

The following groups are in training for the various sections:

Western Europe	-	8
Scandinavian	-	3
Labor	-	2
SI	-	1 instructor, at the Finishing School

B. Reception Center

Due to the shortage of materials, this Center will not be ready for occupancy until November 15.

C. Jedburgh Training

The School located at Peterborough has been requisitioned, and it will soon be put in shape for occupancy. Details for training procedure have been completed and submitted to the Chief of OSS for approval.

V. FIELD PHOTOGRAPHIC BRANCH

The Chief of the Branch is absent in North Africa and Middle East Theaters, with a view to determining their photographic needs.

A crew is being despatched to join Colonel Huntington's mission with the Fifth Army in Italy, sending all exposed material direct to Washington.

A crew has been despatched to Iceland on a mission for the Coastal Command.

A crew is on loan, operating under the direction of Colonel Frank Capra, at Woollacombe, for the purpose of making a film depicting the western approaches to Europe, the obstacles to be encountered, and our counter-measures for each one of these obstacles.

The Coastal Command has decided to produce a series of pictures, each one covering a phase of the work done by the Coastal Command, and also a picture covering anti-submarine operations.

The SI Branch has requested a film depicting the method of despatching agents.

The Communications Branch film has been assembled in chronological order, and we are awaiting the completion of the final station in order to finish the film.

It has been decided to send the Mediterranean film to Washington for final assembly, due to the shortage of personnel in this theater. Our agreement with the Admiralty demands that they shall have any portions of this film which will be suitable for training purposes.

The Reproduction Division has accomplished fifty commissions during the month.

Lt. Juran is still on his assignment with the North African Photo Reconnaissance Group.

In order to be certain that our field photographers can accompany airborne missions, it was decided that each should have a course in aerial gunnery. This activity has been going on for the past two months, and the third and final group of photographers completed their aerial gunnery course during the month.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

A. General

Tests are still being carried on in Colonel Pickard's laboratory on the most modern types of communications equipment. Lt. Commander Simpson has joined in the discussions and has been of much assistance in informing us of the latest developments. He will leave some samples for our examination and experimentation.

It is noted that the British are giving consideration to the thought of postwar use and disposition of radio facilities now being used for communicating with clandestine stations.

In view of this fact, it might be well if OSS would develop a plan for the postwar use of the equipment which we are now installing and which will be in the field of territories about to be liberated.

B. Station Charles

This station, as it nears completion, has been visited by the Chief Signals Officer, ETO, Deputy Signals Officer, and many OSS officers. It is expected that a construction battalion crew will be assigned toward the completion of the antennae on or about November 8. The majority of the material required for the final construction is already on the site. It is estimated that finishing touches will be completed by the first of December. Under the present schedule, until the arrival of personnel the station will be unable to operate, since the staff is insufficient to take over the Scandinavian commitment. It may be necessary to borrow personnel to handle these operations, as the station is committed to take over the northern schedules on December 1. It is hoped, however, that the arrival of OSS personnel can be accelerated so that this will not be necessary.

Steps are being taken to obtain coding machines for use between Station Charles and London, preliminary to the establishment of the station message center.

C. Station Victor

The Ministry of Works has promised materials

and a large number of men to be on the job within the next few days. A total of sixty men will be employed. We will be unable to operate the station before the first of the year. This is dependent on our being able to install and wire our own radio gear, with OSS personnel.

D. Message Center

Traffic is still very heavy and personnel insufficient to carry it.

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SI BRANCH REPORT

Personnel

The staff has been increased to a total of fourteen, as follows:

Army	Navy	Civilians
Major Maddox	Lt. Comd'r Drawbridge	Mr. Pratt
Major Lloyd	Lt. (j.g.) Fossel	Mr. Kirkpatrick
Major DeVries		Mr. Shaw
Major Walker		Mr. Marlin
Captain D'Oench		Mr. Mazzarrini
Captain Gurfein		
Captain Caffery		

A prolonged transportation freeze continues to obstruct the effort to build up the staff to actual requirements.

Training and Operational Plans

Pending official authorization, we are going ahead with G-2 and the British in three-way conversations.

Further conversations with the British have clarified the training plans and the schools should get under way by 1 October, SI to provide certain instructors, agents, and equipment. Recruiting will take place in the United States and North Africa, and the problem of securing recruits from American Army units in England is being studied.

While giving full consideration to the planning and organization of the military phase of SI work immediately ahead, it is also necessary to keep under consideration the long range as concerns Germany and Central Europe. The building up of a section in this Branch for the planning of this work is a primary responsibility.

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Liaison with Allied Intelligence Services

Although faced by many problems of jurisdiction, policy, and liaison, progress is being made and certain agreements have been reached in tentative form. It is recognizable that, being based on English soil, the British will wish to hold the dominating position, which hampers and restricts our activities at present.

Attention should be directed toward a coming stage of work in which an American service need no longer be dependent upon England as a base. It is to be noted, however, that information secured from one sources inspired an R.A.F. raid on an experimental plant in Germany.

French LS

The French chief desires to deal with only one American agency, viz. the Secret Service, and that his information will be available to other United States agencies through this.

The chief of this service has offered to take over to France an SI observer to report on general political and economic conditions.

It is clear that the good will of this organization will be of increasing importance in the work ahead and especially after the establishment of an American bridgehead.

SI London has never been able to lend any material assistance to him, but it is hoped that this situation can be rectified. It is necessary to keep close connection and coordination with SI policies in Algiers and London, both of which are under the jurisdiction of the French chief. A transmitter for Algiers has been cleared with London and Washington and is now being handled by the Communications section.

This service continues to make available the greatest volume of information of any secret intelligence agency in London. In the month of August this will run to 7,000 single-spaced mimeographed pages, not counting special maps and photographs. An arrange-

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ment has been made to obtain French political reports and also brief dispatches received daily by WAT. The first batch of these was received on 31 August.

Norwegian Services

Plans are under discussion for us to cover certain vital arrangements in Norway which are not covered by the British.

The Norwegian "E" office has furnished materials, including a ninety-page report listing the entire personnel of the Quisling party officials. An arrangement has been completed for the microfilming of the Norwegian index files of disloyal people in Norway.

Some of the materials received from Washington have been delivered to the Norwegian service, but the remainder have been withheld temporarily, pending other developments. Several of the Minox cameras are actually being used be agents in Norway. The microfilming of cross indexes is proceeding.

Dutch Services

With the arrival of Major DeVries, it has been possible to establish definite relations with Dr. Van Meek and other officers of the Dutch service. Arrangements are under way to secure information on the development of plans in Far Eastern areas.

Jugoslav Services

Useful information has been received on the current political crisis and general conditions in Jugoslavia, some items of which were passed on to Ambassador Biddle's office. During the month, liaison was established with the chief of the Jugoslavian Military Intelligence in London.

Polish Services

Ambassador Biddle was informed of the agreement reached between OSS Washington and the chief of the

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Polish Intelligence. Certain R & A reports have been promised him.

Steps are being taken to provide contact with his representative in Istanbul. A request has been made for the establishment of Polish representation in Algiers to work with Colonel Eddy.

Belgian Services

Frequent conversations are held with the chief of the Belgian Intelligence Service and we are receiving copies of the Belgian Intelligence reports. These are of considerable length, but much of it is out of date.

Labor Affairs

1. France

Discussions are continuing with SOE and French labor on further implementation of plans, and a message has been dispatched to France for this purpose. A French representative has gone to Algiers for the CGT along with one of our men who is returning there. French underground papers have been received and dispatched.

Meetings have been held with the trade union leaders in London to discuss plans for the dispatch of a mission into that country.

2. Germany

A card file on German railroad representatives has been completed.

Reports via Sweden have been received and dispatched.

Arrangements have been made for a report on German emigre labor groups.

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3. Belgium

Meetings have been held with the trade union leaders in London to discuss plans for the dispatch of a mission into that country.

4. Czechoslovakia

Meeting have been arranged between OSS and the head of the Czech railroad men. Reports have been received and dispatched on Czech trade union leaders, also Sudeten leaders where a rather promising opportunity is developing. At present, it seems to involve a promise of funds to enable one person to come out via Stockholm or Istanbul for further discussion.

5. Spain

A meeting was held with IFTU on the Spanish problem and a reply dispatched to their representative in Spain.

6. Scandinavia

Meetings have been arranged for Scandinavian leaders to meet labor representatives in England.

7. Holland

Arrangements are under way to dispatch a mission into this country.

8. Poland

Three conferences with Polish sources have been held to discuss the matter of furnishing radios and supplies for unions and the Socialist Party.

9. Italy

Close liaison has been maintained with SIS and SOE

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	June	July	August
Allied Intelligence Reports	449	1,354	2,286
Daily Intelligence Bureaus	90	90	90
Totals	3,490	4,118	4,732

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regarding Italy. Our Italian mission in Algiers and Washington has been kept advised. Continuous contact has been maintained with Italian and Albanian elements in London.

Progress is being made in the compilation of personality files for both Italy and Albania. Two agents have been recruited, and there is a possibility of recruiting four men by our Cairo office, as a result of our meetings with the Albanian elements in London.

10. Miscellaneous

Liaison with certain South American elements in London has been achieved. Spanish and Portuguese have been cleared with the Spanish representative on his way from Madrid to Washington.

A special course of lectures is being carried on for the staff members, closely associated with operations. These lectures are being given by Commander Strawbridge, Mr. Hyde, Captain Tyson, and Major Lloyd.

Experimental work is in progress on various devices having to do with communications and transmission.

A New Zionist contact in London has suggested certain informational contacts in Istanbul.

Reporting Board

The weekly Strategic Summaries are receiving comments from the Branch heads and members of the staff. The British are furnishing us very valuable service in commenting frankly on the validity of our reports. Their comment is sometimes in praise, sometimes scathing, but the result will be to improve the quality of our reports and our ability to estimate their value.

Documentary Summary for June, July, and August

	June	July	August
SI Reports	1,172	971	823
OSS "WW" Reports	764	1,030	582

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SO BRANCH REPORT

Personnel

Major Joseph Brooks has been designated Acting Chief of the SO Branch during the temporary absence of Colonel Vanderblue.

Captain Lawrence Jacobs, II was designated Acting Executive Officer.

Lt. Colonel Walter M. Giblin was temporarily relieved from assignment to SO and appointed Acting Executive Officer, London Mission, OSS.

Colonel C. S. Vanderblue departed on temporary duty to Washington.

Major R. Doderidge was promoted, 6 August.

Major C. W. Edwards reported for temporary duty from Cairo.

Lt. (j.g.) Fisher Howe reported back to special Marine course.

Western Europe

Three agents were briefed and dispatched into the field. Four recruits are about ready for field work, and a fifth is on the way from North Africa.

Conferences have been held on the problem of the financing of field personnel.

Initial conversations have taken place with the Fighting French regarding the dispatch of an observer. The French are enthusiastic over the idea. Conferences

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have been held by representatives of SO, SOE, and French trade unions, and a plan of action was agreed upon.

Conferences were held with the Planning Section relative to SOE's requirements for RCA receivers. As a result, fifteen sets were furnished the French section and three to the Dutch.

French underground leaders have been dispatched to Algiers for conferences with General DeGaulle.

Scandinavia

Three Norwegian officers have been sent to the United States.

Meetings have been held with SOE regarding the type of vessel necessary for Scandinavian work. The matter will be discussed with Admiral Stark.

An inspection has been made of camps and training establishments for use in connection with training OG's for Scandinavian work.

Planning

Details have been submitted to G-2 and have received tentative approval. Discussions are under way in the hope of clarifying the position of SO with respect to other Branches.

The OSS proposals recommended by General Barker were finally approved by the Theater Commander and a directive was issued to the Commanding Officer, OSS Detachment ETO U.S.A., to plan with AC of S, G-2, and G-3, the organization of SO staffs to determine the number of groups to be organized and trained, and to secure the necessary personnel.

An outlined plan was prepared, detailing the extent of support which the resistant groups could give to the military operation under consideration.

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Air Operations

This particular section is awaiting action by our Air Corps as to aircraft and the "unfreeze" in order to recruit personnel.

Supplies

It has been determined to stock-pile supplies and equipment for 150 agents, 35 operational teams, and 1,000 resistance groups (personnel of each resistance group--100). The above policy is to be implemented when approval of overall plans and projects has been received from the Theater Commander and the JCS.

Training

Request has been made to acquire property within twelve miles of London to be used as a reception center for agent personnel arriving in the Theater. Approval has been secured in principle from G-2. The British are very anxious for us to supply instructor personnel to the total of twenty-two to replace British personnel being sent to other Theaters to organize schools.

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COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH REPORT

Progress on stations "Charles" and "Victor" is satisfactory in spite of the difficulties in securing scarce materials.

Station "Charles'" strength will be four officers, twenty-nine ratings.

Station "Victor's" strength is expected to be eight officers, ninety-five enlisted men.

Two civilians have reported for duty and will be assigned to the Victor station message center. With new officers and civilian personnel picking up these duties, the pressure on the message center has been considerably reduced.

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R & A BRANCH REPORT

General

The preparation of the Civil Affairs Basic Handbooks is of immediate interest to R & A and PWE. This work was planned last spring and approved in April. Administration and liaison problems are being worked out. The primary task of R & A men assigned to PWE is to recognize factual differences between the British books already completed, but subject to correction, with the American books which are now approaching completion.

The assignment of R & A men to work on the premises of PWE reduces the staff available to handle requests and miscellaneous assignments received from Washington. The existing London staff will do its best, pending the enlargement of staff requested.

Relations with ISTD are also in the process of development. Two of our men visited Oxford in the interest of establishing a better working basis with this department. While the ISTD has cooperated fully with our requests and we have supplied much material to them, there still remains ample room for better correlation of work between ISTD and ourselves. It is suggested that (a) each should be kept informed as to the other's work in progress and (b) material should be exchanged at a much earlier stage of work than has been the practice up to now.

For this purpose, one of our R & A men will be assigned full time for liaison with ISTD. Also, it is planned to send an ISTD liaison officer to Washington.

Individual Assignments

R & A representatives covered twenty-two meetings

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with British units in the course of a special tour of the Anglo-American brain trust. They were much impressed with the willingness of British troops to discuss freely and fairly the problems of Anglo-American cooperation. Work is in progress to assemble the mass of material secured from G-2, PWE, OWI, ONI, and FCC on psychological warfare, and to make this available in the London Office so it will be of real value to the Theater Commander.

Two tasks absorb much time: (1) Research into fundamental factors affecting German policy. (2) Research on German civil service. Both tasks are connected with the Basic Handbook for Germany.

Liaison has been established with Mr. Gifford, Commercial Secretary of the British Embassy in Russia, now present in London, who has agreed to discuss any phases of Soviet economy which we may wish to take up with him.

Estimates of the number of locomotives and freight cars in free U.S.S.R. have been made, at the request of Washington.

Reports on the various automobile factories in Russia have been made at the request of Washington.

A report on Brittany has been prepared--also a report on the punishments inflicted by French and German courts during 1942 and 1943.

The following materials were sent to Washington during the month:

1. Shipments to U.S.S.R. via Persian Gulf. ~~of~~ Persian reports on the Caspian Sea.

2. Reports on railroads in Northern European U.S.S.R.

3. Biographical information, Belgium.

4. Memoranda on DeVlag and AGRA, Belgium.

5. Information on German administration in the Netherlands.

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6. A booklet published by the Belgian Office of Information: "Twice in a Lifetime, Belgium 1914-1940."

7. Digest of two memoranda on U.S.A. and British relationships.

8. Resume of meeting with members of Czech State Council on the Sudeten-German problem.

9. Two pamphlets by Wenzel Jaksch, Sudeten-German leader.

10. Five reports on the Russian automobile factories.

11. Twelve maps of Russia.

12. Three reports on Russian armament factories.

13. John Stroud, The Red Air Force. John Stroud, U.S.S.R. Air Fleet.

14. Numerous short notes on economic developments in Russia, with comments by M.E.W.

During the month much time was spent in moving the Branch to 70 Grosvenor Street.

Requests for information have been received from:

1. USAAF--French Air Fields.

2. Military Sub-Committee--German Administration.

3. British Air Ministry--OSS Maps and Surveys.

A technique for estimating German armament production from serial numbers and documents from captured enemy equipment has been established, at the request of OEW.

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FIELD PHOTOGRAPHIC BRANCH REPORT

The Reproduction Section has been transferred to this Branch and all photographic endeavors, with the exception of the microfilming effort at Oxford, are being consolidated in the interest of economy.

Factual and photographic material has been secured from Ireland and a report to the Navy will be made for Admiral Stark and Admiral King. Liaison has been established with the Office of Science Research and Development for the photographing and compilation of film reports of new weapons.

The material secured in the Mediterranean is in the "rough cut" stage. The commentary is now being written and will be edited by the Office of War Information and the British Ministry before final narration and scoring of the picture is attempted.

New photographic equipment has been received and is now being tested. All new equipment will be thoroughly tested before it is sent out on operational ventures.

Work is in progress on secret projects for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, for the Combined Operations and for the Northwest African Reconnaissance Wing as requested by Colonel Elliott Roosevelt, Commanding Officer.

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