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REPORT ON OSS ACTIVITIES
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1944

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Attached are reports concerning OSS personnel, Washington appointments, the four theaters of operation, ETO, NATO, METO and FEBO (SEAC, China, and Detachment 101) and reports on the following Branches: Communications, Field Photographic, Foreign Nationalities, R & A, Security Office and Schools and Training. Other Branches are not covered separately because it was believed their activities would more properly be treated under the respective theaters in which they operate.

This report attempts to organize the material in terms of theaters subdivided by branches, and of certain Washington activities. As the system improves, an attempt will be made to relate the activities of the branches in the respective theaters and of the branches here, to the number of personnel assigned and to the amount of money expended. Thus, in viewing what has been accomplished from month to month there will be some basis for gauging the effectiveness of the efforts being made.

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TOTAL STRENGTH REPORT FOR OSS PERSONNEL

Number assigned (exclusive of personnel temporarily attached to OSS) as of: 29 Feb. 1944
date

TYPE OF PERSONNEL	UNITED STATES				OVERSEAS							OSS GRAND TOTAL
	ON DUTY		TRAINING		TOTAL	ETO	NATO	METO	FETO	OTHER	TOTAL	
	IN MDW	OUT MDW	IN MDW	OUT MDW								
ARMY* OFFICER ENL. MEN TOTAL	243 1159 <u>1402</u>		14 40 <u>54</u>		257 1199 <u>1456</u>	320 1124 <u>1444</u>	204 798 <u>1002</u>	188 674 <u>862</u>	142 324 <u>466</u>	29 127 <u>156</u>	883 3047 <u>3930</u>	1140 4246 <u>5386</u>
NAVY OFFICER ENL. MEN TOTAL	143 225 <u>368</u>		1 0 <u>1</u>		144 225 <u>369</u>	37 81 <u>118</u>	17 15 <u>32</u>	24 36 <u>60</u>	18 26 <u>44</u>	4 6 <u>10</u>	100 164 <u>264</u>	244 389 <u>633</u>
MARINE OFFICER ENL. MEN TOTAL	19 36 <u>55</u>		-- <u>0</u>		19 36 <u>55</u>	9 7 <u>16</u>	6 3 <u>9</u>	5 3 <u>8</u>	3 0 <u>3</u>		23 13 <u>36</u>	42 49 <u>91</u>
COAST GUARD OFFICER ENL. MEN TOTAL	-- <u>0</u>		0 20 <u>20</u>		0 20 <u>20</u>							0 20 <u>20</u>
TOTAL SERVICE OFFICER ENL. MEN TOTAL	405 1420 <u>1825</u>		15 60 <u>75</u>		420 1480 <u>1900</u>	366 1212 <u>1578</u>	227 816 <u>1043</u>	217 713 <u>930</u>	163 350 <u>513</u>	29 127 <u>156</u>	1002 3218 <u>4220</u>	1426 4704 <u>6130</u>
CIVILIAN VOUCHERED SPECIAL TOTAL					1768 338 <u>2106</u>	196 96 <u>292</u>	5 151 <u>156</u>	8 115 <u>123</u>	3 58 <u>61</u>	-- -- <u>--</u>	212 420 <u>632</u>	1982 758 <u>2740</u>
OSS GRAND TOTAL	3928		80		4008	1870	1199	1053	574	156	4696	8870
*WACS OFFICER ENLISTED TOTAL	(Included in above totals)					3 61 <u>64</u>	1 27 <u>28</u>				4 88 <u>92</u>	8 88 <u>96</u>

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SIGNIFICANT APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL CHANGES

DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1944

- Lt. Colonel Wm. P. Davis, III, Chief, SO Branch (15 Feb.)
- Major Samuel T. King, Executive Officer, Operational Groups
- Captain Percy C. Madeira, III, designated by War Department as Liaison Officer for Intelligence between MID and OCS vice Dr. Sterling A. Callison (21 Feb.)
- Mr. F. Bayard Rives, Area Operations Officer, WE, vice Major George Sharp (1 Feb.)
- Lt. Colonel Harry S. Aldrich, assigned to staff of the Deputy Director Intelligence Service, as Executive Officer, vice Lt. L. B. Flinton, USNR (14 Feb.)
- Mr. Russell P. Place, Area Operations Officer, ME, relieving Mr. C.E. Williams (18 Feb.)
- Mr. John Howley, Acting North African Theater Officer during the absence of Major H.M. Chapin (14 Feb.)
- Mr. Sherman Kent returned to Washington and resumed his duties as Chief of the Europe-Africa Division of R & A; Mr. Richard Hartshorne, Acting Chief is relieved. (26 Feb.)
- Lt. (j.g.) Arch C. Gerlach, Acting Deputy Chief of Map Division, R & A, in the absence of Lt. (j.g.) Leonard Wilson (16 Feb.)
- Ensign Robert. J. Voskuil, Acting Chief Cartography Section, in the absence of Ensign H.V.B. Kline (16 Feb.)
- Sgt. Eugene Kingman, Acting Chief Construction Unit of Cartography Section, in the absence of Robert H. Coffin (16 Feb.)
- 1st Lt. Harold E. Lenosker, Recorder of the Board of Officers, vice Captain Walter J. Wellman (10 Feb.)
- Lt. Commander Edward A. Bacon, USNR, and
- Lt. L. B. Flinton, USNR, assigned to CE Branch (14 Feb.)

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SUMMARY OF PROGRESS OF OSS ACTIVITIES DURING FEBRUARY, 1944

Some of the activities in the field have shown substantial progress during February. Of these certain ones may be worthy of special mention, as follows:

1. In the European Theater basically all the activities of the Theater are pointed toward D Day and relate to preparation rather than operation during the intervening period. All the major plans seem to be proceeding satisfactorily, with equipment and personnel needs substantially fulfilled and our two radio stations ready to operate. R & A is now active in numerous fields, so many in fact that there is a question whether it should not begin limiting itself to specific objectives. Air activities show signs of improvement with 22 aircraft already available; and highly favorable comments have been received on the improvement in quality of GI intelligence. MO and to a lesser extent MU are the only branches in the European Theater concerning which we have no real information.

2. In the North African Theater the number of intelligence missions within North Italy and France has been expanding. Matters of unusual interest include a highly organized pouch service out of France through Spain and the organization of a Spanish Desk to develop these operations. Air activities during the month of February were completely frustrated by the lack of plane facilities to carry containers. A development of interest in this Theater is the agreement pursuant to which MO has become

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an autonomous unit within the FWD structure conducting black propaganda activities, particularly in the forward areas. Perhaps the outstanding difficulty noted was the fact that because of the shortage of agent sets 60% of the drops of agents scheduled for March had to be cancelled. However, this is being worked out successfully by Communications.

3. In the Middle Eastern Theater our mission with Mihailovitch has been withdrawn pursuant to agreement between the U. S. Government and the British, but our operations with the Partisans are on an expanding scale. In Greece, one of our representatives in the military mission was instrumental in negotiating the truce between the principal resistance groups.

4. As to the Far Eastern Theater, little reporting can be done on SEAC. In China there has been a clarification of the SACG-SSS relationship pursuant to which SSS and the Navy will each have individual commands and each report to General Tai Li direct. All but two of the seven camps in China started under the direction of Capt. Miles will be henceforth strictly Naval operations. Missions into Indo-China seem to be held up by political considerations among the various French groups there. Detachment 101 is still the major base of our operations in FETO and is discussed at considerable length in the attached report.

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Among the Washington Branches there is nothing of momentous significance to report. At the present time, there has been some difficulty in evaluating the work of R & A, i.e., deciding which items are of special importance, but arrangements are being made with that Branch to obtain a clearer presentation and analysis of the work performed.

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REPORT****FEBRUARY, 1944****I. GENERAL**

The personnel strength of OSS in ETO totaled 1,685 on 28 February, representing an increase of 304 since 30 January 1944.

INTELLIGENCE**II. SI****A. Sussex Plan**

The adaptation of the Sussex Plan presented 28 January and discussed in the January report was approved by the Commanding General of the Theater 10 February.

The four members of the Sussex Pathfinder Mission were dispatched to France on the night of 8 February. Subsequently, on the 22nd and 23rd of February, two signals have been received from the Pathfinders in France. This advance contingent of the Sussex Mission is operating in France at this time solely for the purpose of finding safe landing points for the Sussex agents who will go into France in advance of D-Day.

A meeting of the Sussex sub-Committee was held on 17 February to determine the last possible date on which information must be received from the Pathfinder Mission in order to dispatch Sussex teams during March. All of the equipment for the agents and most of their clothing have been gathered together.

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Seventy-nine Sussex agents are now in training at TS-7, and 96 are now in England (82 operators and 44 W/T operators.) The Sussex contingent is almost complete, with only 24 agents needed, most of them already recruited in North Africa. In late February 17 men were dispatched from there for Sussex.

Detailed cover stories have been prepared for the first nine Sussex teams, four of which will be American teams. Briefing for the first group of Sussex agents commenced in late February and will continue until all the men are dispatched. Information on towns where they will be landed has been gathered from the French, and a black list for each of the first towns has been obtained through X-2.

Negotiations continued in connection with the proposed use of "ascension" and the handling of intelligence received by the use of such equipment. (Ascension is a means of picking up extremely weak radio signals from our agents or resistance groups through the use of steel tape recorders installed in our aircraft dispatched over enemy territory specifically for that purpose.)

B. Other Special Plans

1. Proust Plan.--As a direct result of discussions with General Donovan during his visit in London, a reserve pool of 50 French agents is being recruited for the use of field intelligence in France after D-Day. This project, under the direction of Col. Heave, will be referred to as "Proust." Ten of the fifteen men recruited

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during February are already in vigorous training.

2. Laber Section

(a) Mission Varlin.--One of the first two Mission Varlin agents who landed in France for the purpose of establishing labor contacts with resistance groups died as a result of injuries after a safe landing had been reported. The mission is to continue, however, and a W/T operator is being trained to lighten the burden on the comrade of the man who was lost.

(b) "Faust B" Plan.--Consideration is being given to integrating the "Faust B" plan for the penetration of Germany with Mission Varlin. The "Faust B" agents may be dispatched from Switzerland, provided they can be dropped or landed in France, and make their way to Switzerland.

3. Norwegian Group.--The Norwegian group of nine students and five staff members were given a week's training in February -- the first of a two-part training program.

4. Respecting the "Octopus Project," training of men qualified to act as organizers on the continent under the direction of American staff officers has reached the stage of training at the Freehold training area. A group of six will receive general SI indoctrination, with special emphasis on undercover techniques.

C. Strategic Intelligence

1. Four agents sets and two Signal Corps converters were delivered to BRAL (the intelligence section of the

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French Committee of National Liberation) during the month. Also during February, a BRAL agent established contact with OSS in Switzerland, and as a result a new chain of intelligence communications will be established from French resistance movements to London through OSS Switzerland.

2. Arrangements have been completed for SI participation in the British-American-Norwegian intelligence agreement under the terms of which SI will contribute instruction personnel and W/T sets in return for all telegraphic intelligence received (except purely Naval intelligence). W/T messages from Norway are now being received regularly through Broadway.

3. In the interest of future operations in Belgium, a detailed white list is being prepared. As the Luxembourg military intelligence service is closely tied in with the Belgian and British services, information secured from Luxembourg will be available to OSS when the request to receive military information from the Belgian service is settled. Plans for a Belgian project similar in its objectives to the Mission Varlin are under discussion and show promise of materializing.

D. Reports

1. Extremely favorable comments have been received from Admiral Limpenny, of the Economic Section of M16, on the improvement in the quality of SI intelligence over the last three months. A copy of his memorandum has

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been forwarded to Washington.

2. The dissemination of political intelligence will henceforth be restricted to a maximum of eight to ten reports a week which are to be of the highest quality. The remaining reports will be turned over to the Research and Analysis Branch in London, which in turn, will make them available.

3. An SI laboratory has been established.

III. X-2

The training of counter-espionage officers and enlisted men for the SCI teams has continued in London. The required personnel is on hand and total 35, including 15 for the Army Group, 10 for the 1st Army, and 10 for the 2nd Army.

The desk personnel there are concentrated on the preparation of special counter-espionage handbooks which are to be used by the Allied Forces. As part of their training, some of the SCI team members are assisting in the preparation of the handbooks. SHAEP (Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces) has indicated that some additional SCI field teams may be required and the necessary plans are being made. Consideration is also being given to the responsibilities and work of the X-2 Branch in enemy and enemy-occupied territories once those territories come under Allied control.

All necessary vehicles have been secured from ETO, and all other supplies are either on requisition from ETO or Washington.

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There have been preliminary conversations with SHAEP concerning the Central Counter-Intelligence Bureau which SHAEP is proposing to create when Germany is occupied, for the purpose of coordinating counter-intelligence information and policy. Section V of MI-6 and the X-2 Branch of OSS are the two agencies recognized by SHAEP for cooperation in planning and executing this program.

IV. RHA

RHA Branch was in the midst of a reorientation of functions during February and any description of its activities can be only tentative. Until recently the fact that active military activity in the European Theater was limited largely to the Air Force tended to limit RHA to servicing Washington, cooperating in research work of British agencies, and establishing liaison with Allied and U.S. agencies in the intelligence field. During February the entire staff worked on recurrent items, such as answering requests from Washington, reports for other OSS branches, lectures to Civil Affairs and OSS personnel, and liaison work. Current intelligence reports were prepared for Ambassador Winant and G-2 including the political annex for the weekly G-2 intelligence Report. The Economic Warfare Division of the U.S. Embassy, of which the Intelligence Division is jointly staffed by FEA, State Department, and OSS continued to channel all American liaisons with the British Ministry of Economic Warfare and to process economic intelligence for American Army clients. Reports have been completed concerning Russia, including Soviet requests for, and British shipment of,

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non-ferrous metals, and an interim report on the Ministry of Economic Warfare's estimate of Soviet oil refining capacity in 1940.

Plans were made for developing the general economic work for RAA so that other U.S. agencies in the field can have the benefit of our economists' knowledge. For many months RAA personnel have contributed to the Basic and Zonal Handbooks, which are published as a joint product of British Political Warfare Executive and OSS.

As of 29 February the extent of RAA's contribution to Civil Affairs had not been defined. RAA personnel took part in the Civil Affairs training program at Shrivenham, and it is hoped that RAA will have more than a reporting and evaluation function in connection with Civil Affairs, SHAHF (C-5).

Plans are being formulated for joint intelligence teams of FWE and RAA personnel. RAA now hopes to provide a minimum of two men or three each for France and Germany. Ultimate participation will depend on the RAA personnel available when the teams move into the field with the Army. They will form part of teams to be on 24-hour duty once operations begin, and should be capable of making appreciations of intelligence on the spot. Finally, an RAA representative will be assigned to the Appreciations Section of the Psychological Warfare Board at SHAHF headquarters.

Special work is being done for the American members of the European Advisory Commission, which includes Ambassador Winant and General Wickersham.

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Additional personnel arrived in London during the month, including a company of geographers who are to set up a Geographic Research Unit.

Until recently, MA London limited itself to servicing purely U.S. agencies and carrying on cooperative projects with British agencies. With the arrival of more personnel, the current tasks will become easier to perform and new opportunities can be exploited, especially after the start of military operations, which bring with them the chance to undertake the type of field work now carried on in the Mediterranean Theater.

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VI. SO

A. Jedburgh Plan

Jedburgh training continues according to schedule. The entire complement is practically filled. 41 W/T operators and 50 officers are being trained as Jedburgh leaders, and are all located in the main school at Peterboro. During the past month their morale has improved considerably. Late in February the school was inspected by General Deelittle, Allen and Novins.

One overnight exercise and a four-day field exercise were completed during February in the area known as Henley. One of the objects of the exercise was to test and put into practice communications in the field.

The Jedburgh W/T set is now working out more satisfactorily and the W/T operators are encouraged about its performance. There is an adequate supply now on hand.

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A memorandum outlining proposed activities of resistance groups in assisting an opposed invasion of the continent was submitted to the G-3 section 1st U.S. Army. An "SOE/SC" plan was also prepared and is expected to be incorporated in the 1st Army plan.

B. Scandinavian Project

This project is primarily for the purpose of obtaining military information for special operations and providing aid to resistance groups in enemy occupied areas in Scandinavia. No further information is available.

VII. AIR ACTIVITIES

Fifty-eight sorties were flown during the February month period, of which twenty were successfully completed. In contrast to this figure, only eighteen sorties were flown in the January period, eight of which were successful. The February sorties accounted for the delivery of 240 containers to resistance groups in France.

Twenty-two of the thirty-two Liberators assigned are now based on the airdrome at Alconbury. At the end of February, the remaining ten were being modified and were to be delivered within a few days.

The Airdrome at Watten, Norfolk, to which USS squadrons were dispatched, was found to be unsuitable for operations until runway repairs and lighting installations have been made. Operations will continue from the Airdrome at Alconbury until the repairs at Watten have been completed.

Two hundred thirteen enlisted men and four officers arrived at Holme on 12 February from the United States, to man the

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air operations packing station. It was found necessary to turn down 23 who were found to be unsuitable, and replacements will be obtained in the Theater. Arrangements have already been made to recruit 58 additional enlisted men and 6 officers for this work in the Theater. Delays in construction postponed the completion date for the work at Area N, the packing station, from 27 February to 5 March.

During the month there was an investigation of the possible use of helicopters as a means of delivering and picking up agents behind enemy lines. After a discussion with Commander Peat, who is in charge of helicopters in the European Theater, it was concluded that models now available are not suitable for current OSS needs.

To supply resistance groups, three million rounds of carbine ammunition have been promised by Procurement and Supply in Washington. Fifteen thousand OSS rations and 6,850 carbines are being procured for delivery to resistance groups. Two thousand five hundred medical kits requisitioned in February must arrive in London by the first of April.

VIII. MO

General information with respect to MO organization and activities in this theater was not available during the month of February.

A mission known as the "Sioux Mission" was cleared with the Acting Chief of the Northern European Section of the State Department. The State Department informed Ambassador Johnson, in Stockholm that it had knowledge of the objectives of the

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mission and had approved it subject to his concurrence. In this connection, it was decided that Mr. Longren should go to Stockholm to explain the mission in person to Mr. Johnson.

The introduction into Germany and other countries of a work on Hitler has been planned. A "scientific edition" is suggested, the origin being assigned to a neutral country; it is said to require a psychiatrist in order to give it an authoritative character.

IX. MU

At the end of the month, the personnel situation of this Branch was eleven on hand, six recruited, and twenty to be recruited.

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces formally approved the Maritime Unit's plan to obtain and use four SC's and three PT's, but the latest information is that the allocation of specific boats to MU has been disapproved. The procedure authorized is that MU shall file any plan necessitating the use of craft with SHAEF which, upon approval, would request the Commander of the U.S. Navy in European waters to furnish the vessel.

The training group at Oxford is preparing to move to "The Cottage", a large barge with accommodations for twelve, on a river close by the sea, near Suffolk, where the group will have facilities for more advanced and realistic training. There the maritime organization has set up what is known as L-Units, consisting of individual teams to attack water-borne targets, including enemy ship and dock facilities, cables, etc.

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NO operations in ETO are divided into three categories:
 viz: "A" operations - pick-up missions of clandestine maritime ferrying; "B" operations - direct attacks by American Naval or Military under-water swimmers (under G-3 SHAEF); "C" operations - sabotage attacks accomplished under water, which are performed by resistance groups or in closest cooperation with such groups (under authority of SOE/SO).

"B" operations are contemplated for the "L" unit at the present time, with one in late April and four or five in May.

X. OG

Request for authority from G-3 ETOUSA to recruit an OSS Polish OG of five officers and twelve enlisted men was sent in this month.

A plan was prepared for the use of the Norwegian OG's in the event of German Forces' withdrawal from Norway.

At the present time the OG's are undergoing special training. Their morale is high and improving.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Station Charles (for SO, including Jedburgh)

This station, now complete, is communicating with the mobile units now on exercises in the field, and considering the lack of experience of the crews, the work has been satisfactory. There is a plan to pick up the Norwegian schedules later on.

B. Station Victor (for SI, including Sussex and X-2)

This station has not yet been completed. However, it could put five transmitters on the air in a few hours, if necessary.

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With the allotment of frequencies approved by the W/P Board, the plan is to arrange a schedule with Africa 101 to handle direction finding (DF) traffic.

C. Agents' Equipment

With respect to Guessex equipment, an adequate supply is reported to be on hand. With respect to Jough, the British are to supply the sets and they also report an adequate supply.

A new type agent set is being received at the present time from the United States. These are found to be far superior to the old in many ways, both mechanically and electrically.

A conference was scheduled in mid-February with Lord Sondharat to collaborate with SIS in the assignment of agent frequencies.

XII. SERVICES AND SUPPLIES

A standard operating procedure for supply was submitted at the end of February. It sets forth the desired procedure to be used in the requisitioning, delivery, and storage of all supplies.

Word was received from Washington that, in the future, OSS in London would receive adequate information as to the contents and ultimate destination of cargoes. This is regarded as of great help and will expedite the delivery of cargo to the user. It resolves a problem respecting which Services in London had previously complained.

XIII. OTHER BRANCHES

A. Field Photographs.

Work being done during February included: a) setting up a small camera for the agent training section; b) experimental work in connection with OSRD; c) the coastal command project,

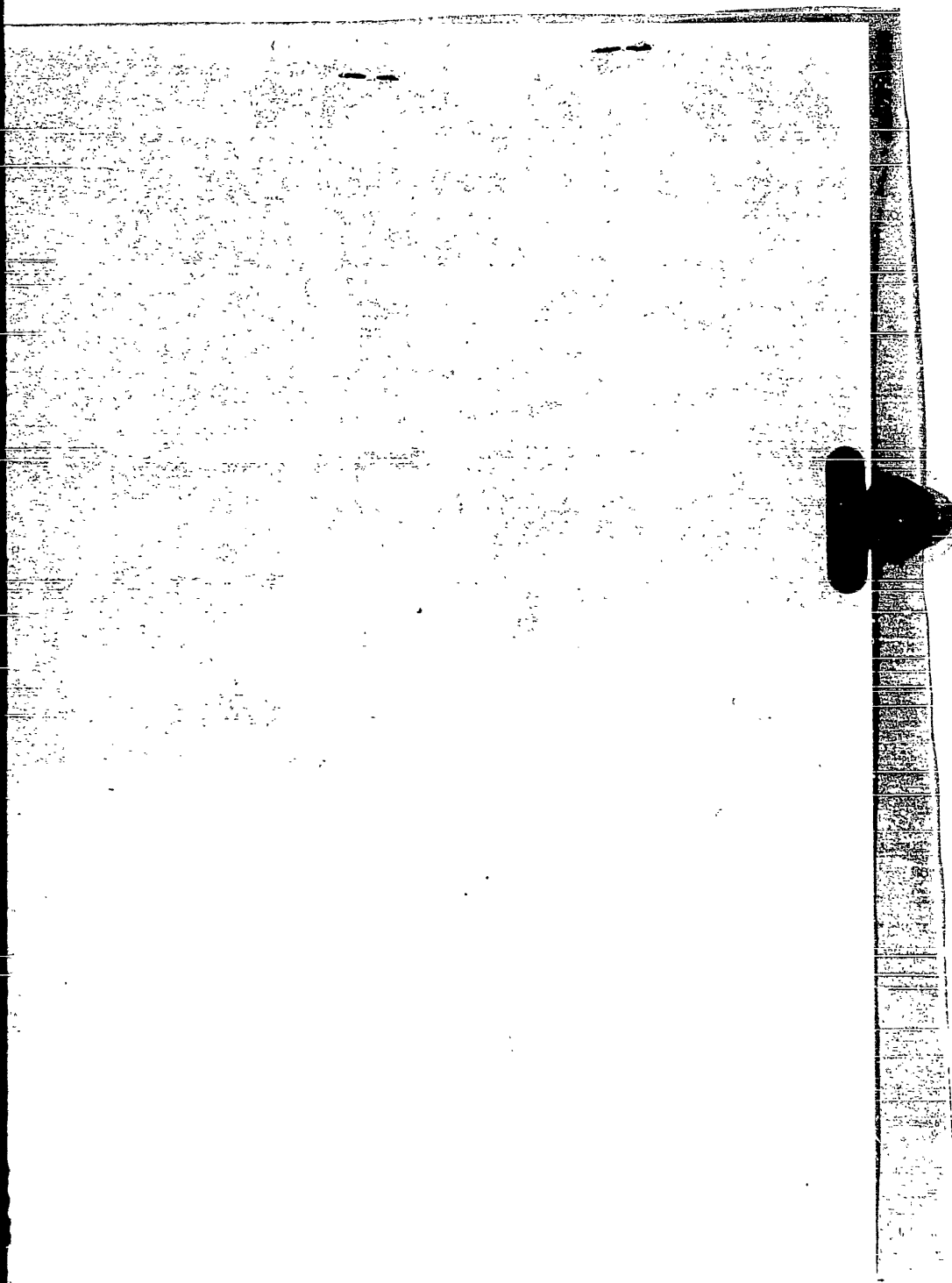
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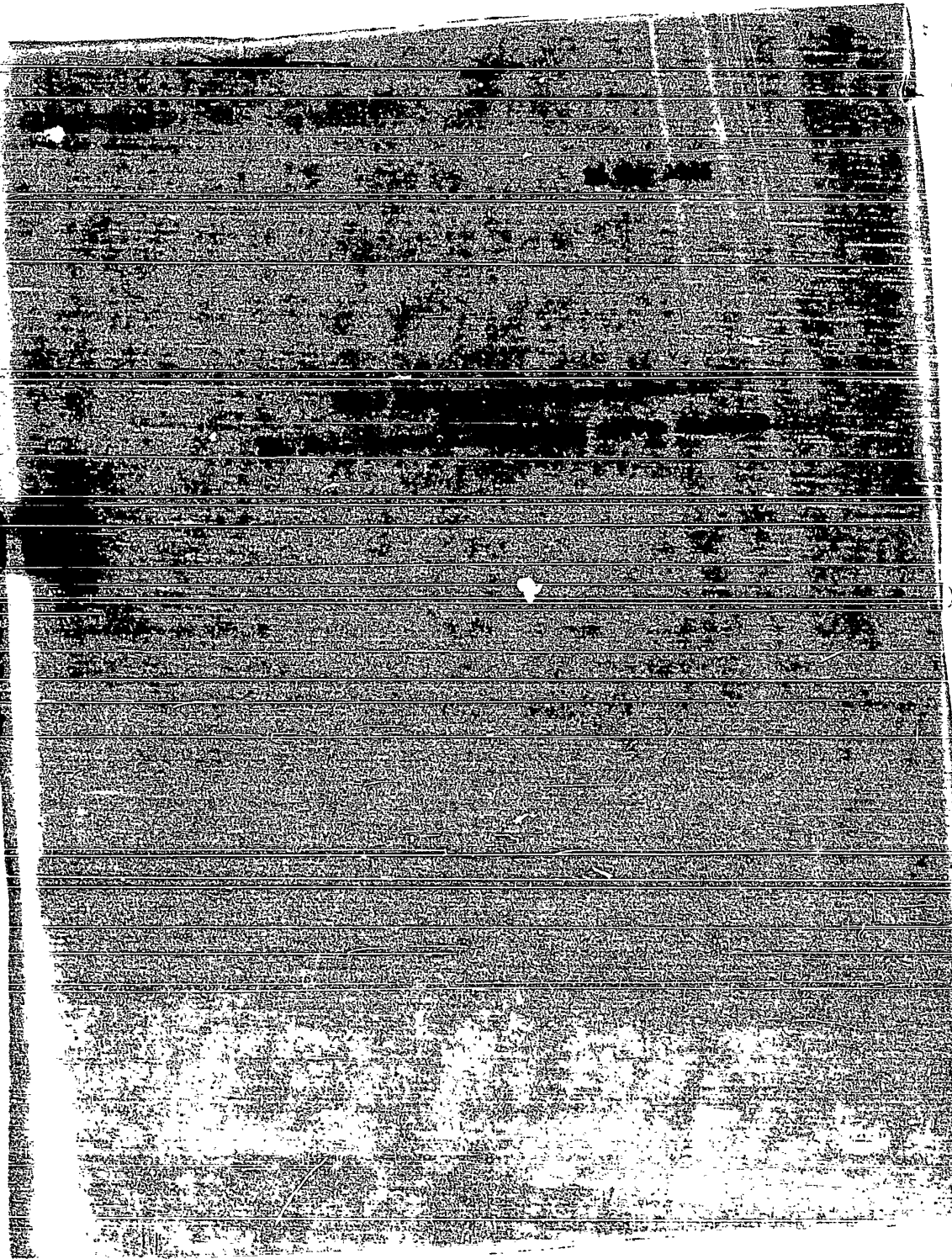
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now in its second phase, in which they are shooting at bases in the United Kingdom.

With the idea of covering the forthcoming invasion, a tentative story policy was set up which would: a) show German fortifications; b) photograph the training of Naval personnel in the various types of assault craft; c) cover the air softening up of the channel defenses; d) deal with the actual invasion itself. The first two phases are almost entirely completed with material presently available.

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Report of CAG 2200 is the new Army Theater staff
 which was established on February 2. For the present,
 the operations in the Balkans will continue to
 be under the Middle East with general
 operations section at Allied Field
 Headquarters. Intelligence activities will con-
 tinue to be under the British. Thus the OSS opera-
 tions will be directed from the Cairo office
 and the independence. The decentralization is
 due to the necessity of dealing with the Balkans
 and the complicated wireless set-up now centered

INTELLIGENCE

Intelligence Missions in this Theater encompass a wide-
 range of work, which has been covered on a regional basis
 since. A chart has been prepared and is attached, setting
 forth the available data concerning the specific intelligence
 missions which have been reported upon by name.

A. Yugoslavia.--(Eisason missions with the Partisan
 Forces, including the SI mission under Major Weil, are
 discussed under SO).

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Daily reports are now being received from Partisan territory. In Yugoslavia, at the present time, there are four missions, all of them operating radio stations and furnishing effective intelligence concerning the effect of bombings on targets, target possibilities, German activities and political trends. There is also under way a program to send four meteorological teams into Yugoslavia to establish weather stations. Only one has thus far been despatched out of Bari, having departed for Vis in mid-February.

The Yugoslav desk prepared for distribution reports on the Yugoslav situation in the Middle East, as well as the Weekly Yugoslav Intelligence Summary; and issued reports concerning the development of troop movements in the North Adriatic and in Slovakia.

A tentative list has been submitted by the Bari office scheduling for the immediate future eight SI parties with destinations in Yugoslavia. A meeting was held with Force 133 and other interested agencies to discuss air priority, and OSS was successful in securing the highest priority for the teams which have been scheduled but not despatched.

B. Greece.--All Greek missions have been heard from during the month. At the present time there are six intelligence ~~teams~~ within occupied Greece, and contact is daily being maintained with Athens. One is on an island in the Aegean reporting on shipping and setting up a mail route; the others are furnishing radio communications from Northern Greece and in the area near Athens.

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Plans and negotiations continue for a mission into Epirus, which is EAM territory.

The new base set up in Cyprus is discussed further under Maritime Activities (infra). Nearby it, a spy ring, with a radio, had been discovered but no harm had yet been done.

One OSS lieutenant has been awarded a Silver Star for gallantry in action in aiding in the evacuation of American and British civilian personnel from an Aegean island.

C. Albania.--Communications with our chief Albanian agent were broken during the month and two attempts to reach his base by sea, from Bari, failed. A third attempt by the newly equipped ship "YANKEE" made a successful sortie and brought back a great deal of important intelligence of a military, political and geographic nature.

D. Africa.--After much consultation, it has been decided that the headquarters of the Africa Section would remain at Accra, with a liaison officer at Cairo. The former field chief at Accra has been appointed Deputy Chief of SX, the new branch which combines the functions of SI and X-2 in Africa.

The long-scheduled Industrial Diamond Smuggling (IDS) conference with the British finally took place at the end of the month at Accra, and plans were formulated for more effective control. The conference concluded that there

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should be an advisory committee on diamond security; that publicity and rumors should be used to deter smuggling, and steps taken to check the carrying of diamonds by sea and air. By our efforts, action has been taken by the British authorities to exercise more effective control with respect to the diamond problem in the Gold Coast.

Communications have once again been established with our agents in the Cape Verde Islands, through the helpful cooperation of the British SIS and the British foreign office.

In the recent MID spot check of intelligence reports, the Africa Section ranked second in the OSS with a rating of 281 percent on the basis of four components.

E. ~~Asia East~~ Outstanding achievements of the Near East Section have been a complete report on the penetration and exposure of three Axis espionage groups working in Iraq, a running account of inside political activity in Iraq as it affects both local politics and the overall plan for Arab union, and timely reports on Palestine and the increasing Jewish tension.

Two hundred one reports were received during the month, and the section led the OSS in the latest MID spot check securing a rating of 314.9 percent for the four components: 1) definitely valuable, 2) confirmed or probable, 3) current, 4) originality. The average for all SI reports was 229.9 percent.

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F. Operational Targets Section (BARI).--This section has done extensive work on the Balkans, having completed 143 mosaics covering airfields there and in Hungary, together with a special airfield report on the Zagreb area, all for the 15th Air Force, A-2. Intelligence was also developed concerning 27 emergency landing grounds in Yugoslavia as far as Budapest, together with photo-interpretation work for Force 133, covering the Dalmatian coast. In addition, the organization cooperated with the Acting Chief of Staff of A-2 and A-3 on close ground intelligence covering the Anzio beachhead.

Targets requested by Partisan Headquarters were submitted to the 15th Air Force. According to recent reports the findings have been that the Partisans know more about the condition of targets, frequently from experience, than we can get from information that seeps out of the country. It is believed, however, that we can assist by indicating the intelligence targets we are anxious for them to destroy.

G. Labor Section.--Arrangements have been made for contact with various Arab labor organizations in the Middle East through an Egyptian labor leader who is making an official trip through the area.

Training in small arms and close combat is being given the two men of the mission (PERICLES) which will go into Greece to work with LA, and they will soon be ready to leave.

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One nominee was secured from the Greek Seamen's Union.

The proposal to establish a separate underground organization for intelligence in Crete was not favored by the British IRLB, since adequate intelligence is already being secured from there.

K. Reports Section.—Favorable comments have been heard with respect to OSS reports, the IRLB representative stating that the number in the "useful" category were definitely on the increase, and indicated that they considered our economic reports of great value, filling out an important gap in their own intelligence which is predominantly military.

Reports for recent months may be compared as follows: December 282, January 407, February 500. With respect to January, they covered the following subjects: Yugoslavia (57); Greece (55); Albania (48); Bulgaria (45); Iraq (25). ~~Other~~ sources were: Istanbul (126); Near East (96); Bari, Yugoslavia and Greece (over 50 each).

In addition, Bari reports, which are separate, are given as 21 for the last week in January, 74 for the week ending 5 February, and 64 for the week ending 12 February.

III. X-2

X-2 has been obtaining and cataloging material on personalities. An unusually complete file of German Intelligence Service records on German and Japanese agents were purchased from a German agent in Istanbul, and photographs of these

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records have produced a considerable number of names formerly unknown to this section and the British.

An agreement was reached between MO and X-2 regarding the type of publicity to be given the desertion to the Allies of the Axis agents in Istanbul.

IV. R.A.A

R.A.A projects under way include Balkan and Middle East intelligence summaries, air intelligence summaries, current intelligence on Balkan railroads, and a continuing study of Greek shipyards and timber supplies. Material is also being analyzed for a report on ship-building and repair facilities in Greece.

An experimental Hungarian Intelligence Summary was drawn up and has been submitted to Washington for comments and suggestions; also a memorandum was prepared concerning the Dalmatian coast, requested by military government authorities in North Africa. General information was collected on Middle East affairs and Russian activities in the Middle East, and also on the military geography of Greece.

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VI. SO

The principal and perhaps only important activities of SO relate to Yugoslavia and Greece.

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A. Yugoslavia.—According to a report from Lt. E. G. Wilson, the Partisans now have ten corps headquarters, and we shall have at least one officer with each of these. There are now nine American officers with Tito. Major Weil went into Yugoslavia as senior/^{SI}liaison officer on February 27. At the present time we must rely on the British air force to arrange for the transportation, but the British are cooperative and have suggested that more officers be brought in. All principal costs for this activity are being paid initially by the British.

Lt. Green, also in Yugoslavia, has reported that the Partisans are greatly encouraged by the recent sorties and are enthusiastic over Allied aid. One of our senior representatives in Yugoslavia (Farish) has transmitted an official request from Tito's Ministry of Information that a party of two visit America to establish an exchange of information.

Captain Mansfield was evacuated from Mihailovitch territory and has reported on his observations in the field. Since the British have decided to withdraw their mission to Mihailovitch, the Director has ordered our sole remaining liaison officer to return with them. The matter of American intelligence officers in Mihailovitch territory is still being considered.

B. Greece.—Lt. Wilson's report states that there are eight important corps areas in Greece, and an Allied military man with each. We have at least one officer available for each

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() of the missions. At the present time, guerrilla activities are quiet. A truce among the various Greek guerrilla groups was finally signed on February 29th. From information available, the possibility is that the Greek organizations will go home and not fight among themselves. Colonel Woodhouse, head of the Allied Military Mission to Greece, has sent several messages that without the help of Major Wines he could not have had the success he did with arranging the agreement ~~among the guerrillas~~. It bore the signatures of the three bands (EAM, EDES and EKA), Colonel Woodhouse and Major Wines.

There is another mission in Greece composed solely of American officers operating in the Evros section, in an attempt to organize and mediate between guerrilla groups there. It also has as its second mission to destroy the bridges on the main railroad line leading north. In addition, one man has been working on the caique supply line to and from Greece; he reports that the route has now been laid out and part of it gone over. During February it was not in use pursuant to a ruling by the British Navy.

G. Albania.--Captain Lloyd Smith has "gone in" alone to rescue the three remaining nurses who force-landed in Albania. When he has accomplished this mission, he has specific targets which he intends to sabotage, and will try to find out what can be done to organize the guerrillas.

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VII. AIR ACTIVITIES

During the month, 17 planes (all British controlled) made 74 successful sorties out of 150 flights flown -- 100 tons of material and nine persons were dropped. Two hundred fifty sorties are planned for March, April, and May and a minimum of 10 Fortresses are needed.

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According to Lt. E. G. Wilson's report, there are several phases to MO work which are being carried out in this Theater. One of these is "rumors," which are agreed upon at a weekly meeting attended by OSS and PWE. Of the number used, one-third to one-half are invented by our group. They have had some success in producing riots and the surrender of individual aviators.

There is also at the present time a black news service which is sent by radio from Cairo in Morse code. This is made available to some thirty publishers of underground newspapers in Greece. It appears to come from within Greece and the source is not supposed to be American. Each broadcast contains from 600 to 800 words. Our SI and SO men in Greece are contacting publishers and advising them of this service. In addition, an agreement has been reached with PWE to work jointly on black pamphlets. The plan is to prepare and smuggle these into the Balkans to be distributed to the German and Quisling forces and certain groups in Rumania, Hungary and Bulgaria. There will not be mass distribution. There is also a proposal to send an MO liaison to Tito's headquarters and to recruit a few officers to be sent to the PWE school.

Arrangements have also been completed here for the reprinting of four pages from Life Magazine to be sent to Cairo for use in the Theater to secure desertion of German soldiers by exploitation of the facts with reference

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to good treatment received by German war prisoners in this country. This material, plus collateral data, will be sent, piecemeal, by air pouch.

Besides the activities specifically covered above, there are plans jointly with OWI to prepare special material to be dropped by Force 133 to the Yugoslav Partisans, including monthly news summaries. The Partisans are proving anxious to receive American material and therefore several hundred copies of "YANK" with a Serbo-Croat translation have been prepared to send in.

Also, recently, information has been obtained from Yugoslav refugees at the Suez Camp which will enable MO to intensify its work in the Dalmatian Islands. In addition to the work above, OSS and ~~British~~ PWE have joined in steps taken to coordinate a BBC and American radio warning to Slovene war criminals.

IX. MU (Including Shipping Operations SO)

Shipping Operations and activities take similar forms in the two principal areas in which MA is operating, i.e., in the Adriatic and the Aegean seas.

A. Yugoslavia.--In general, the shipping work out of Bari consists of maintaining and operating supply vessels to Yugoslavia and establishing maritime points on the Dalmatian coast to receive personnel and supplies.

According to the report from Lt. E. G. Wilson, OSS has managed to gain control of 37 Yugoslav ships from 30 to 150 ton capacity each, which now constitute a shipping service

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between Bari and the Dalmatian Coast. These are manned by Yugoslav crews. We work with the British at Bari and have an officer located at Vis to supervise at that end. Supplies have been shipped to the Partisans by this service, consisting principally of small arms, munitions, food and medicines. Recent reports indicate that one British and nine Partisan vessels left for Vis, carrying 796.6 cargo tons, including heavy AA guns, jeeps, etc. This is in connection with the joint OG-British operation. Early in February, Partisan vessels were loaded and despatched from Monopoli, carrying 613.5 cargo tons. Also, a schooner left for the same area loaded with barbed wire, while in still another week, five more Partisan vessels and one British LTC were despatched, carrying 425.9 tons of cargo. Judging by these reports, it may be concluded that the average sent during the month is in the neighborhood of 500 tons per week. A sticker bearing the British and American flags is being placed upon goods delivered to the Partisans. (A sketch of it was forwarded here.)

The shipping service is also being used to bring back refugees on return trips. Recently, there were three cargo schooners returning from Greece bringing a total of 955 refugees.

3. Greece.--The principal maritime operations in this area continue to be that of supplying various bases by the use of caiques. At this time there are two marine bases

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located in the Aegean, i.e., Boston and Dublin; also, there is a large maritime base located in Cyprus at Karavastasi on the northwest coast of the Island. In a report dated 21 February, from Cairo, it has been stated that there was at present 22 caiques in operation, the largest being 25 tons and the smallest 3½ tons. To break a supply bottleneck, a 120-ton cargo schooner has been requisitioned for one month. Several new caiques have been secured, with the plan of installing new engines in them.

At the present time there is a plan under way that, with one fast boat available, raids can be made upon the German caiques operating in the Aegean. This is especially important since the Germans occupying the various islands in the Aegean are greatly dependent upon these supplies transported by the caiques.

A successful attack on ten enemy torpedo boats by British was made possible by intelligence supplied by one of our missions in the Aegean.

X. OG

A training area for a special group of the Greek contingent has been opened at Manfredonia on the Italian Coast, where intensive work on D-Day plans is being carried on.

X. VI

Twenty officers and 191 enlisted men, including OG's and British Commandos, under the command of Lt. Col. Churchill, are now based on the Island of Vis. Since the Germans occupy most of the islands, and threaten Partisan supply lines, they

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have been sent to Vis to help keep the supply lines open.

During the month the report has been received that the Partisans have put up fortifications on the Island with pill boxes, anti-tank guns, etc. The presence of Allied troops is helping the morale of the people. If Vis is successfully held, the units plan to conduct raids on enemy garrisons, ammunition and shipping hidden among other islands. A reconnaissance party from Vis, led by an OG officer, landed on the neighboring island of / Hvar on February 20. No enemy shipping was found and the enemy was too strong for the raiders to attack. However, valuable intelligence was secured.

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XI. COMMUNICATIONS

The most significant feature of Communications is that new weather report circuits were successfully inaugurated between Vis, Bari and Cairo. Reports were retransmitted with respect to weather information to the 15th Army Air Force in Bari and then by radio to the airfields in Cairo.

The new OSS radio agent school near Cairo is now in full operation. It is well arranged in the villa, with eight on the faculty. As of the middle of February, there were 32 operators who graduated and 76 were taking the course. 23 men from SI had graduated, with two now taking that course.

The weekly number of messages appears to run approximately 500.

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Normal supply functions have been carried on and a ~~headquarters established at Bari~~, with Major Eugene Davis as Services Officer. It is becoming increasingly apparent that Bari requests for supplies of all kinds -- housekeeping, operational and for the guerrillas -- cannot be satisfactorily met by the supply services of the Middle East. Cairo's own requirements will soon be greater than the stocks in hand.

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SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE MISSIONS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GEOGRAPHIC AREA</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>IN PLANNING STAGE</u>	<u>PROGRESS DURING FEBRUARY</u>
A. WEATHER STATIONS - YUGOSLAVIA				
Station A (Calif. Amet)	Yugoslavia	To furnish weather information		Despatched to Bari February 3
Station B (London Amet)	"	" " " "		
Station C (Delaware Amet)	"	" " " "		
Station D (Base Amet)	"	" " " "		
B. YUGOSLAV INTELLIGENCE MISSIONS				
London	Point in Yugoslavia	A radio station.		Continues to send several daily reports re industrial organization and effect of bombings on targets.
Alum	Partisan territory in Yugoslavia.	A radio station		The reports here concern German activities, troop movements, enemy warships, & Yugoslav political developments.

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NAME	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	DESCRIPTION	IN PLANNING STAGE	PROGRESS DURING FEBRUARY
Arizona	Yugoslavia	Radio station		Team despatched along with Amet weather missions. Intelligence received re Bomb Raid in Germany.
Arkansas	Yugoslavia	Team for Partisan Territory	X	Tito's permission not yet received.
Amazon	Yugoslavia (Partisan territory)	With Alum, above, penetrated north of Rudon point, then returned to Rudon; purpose to secure needed intelligence on effect of bombing.		Reports stressed Hydro-electric targets in Carinthia and Salzburg.
C. OTHER INTELLIGENCE MISSIONS				
Craven	Island of Tinos in the Aegean	Reporting on shipping; gathering intelligence from caique officers; setting up a mail route.		Agent X-7 arrived safely on Tinos. Long report brought out on island.
Mission from Istanbul	Island off coast of Turkey		X	Little progress; delays due to Turkish authorities.
Illinois (7)	Base: Adrianople; Project on Evros Isle.	Attempt here to mediate between factions of guerrillas on this island.		Mediation not yet successful; Operator X-45 joined X-7
Enfant				Probably Cancelled.
Settler	In Greece near Piraeus; also for Athens	Agent X-6, with radio, operating in Greece.		Money and radio despatched by ship. First contact on February 27; new radio being used.

NAME	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	DESCRIPTION	IN PLANNING STAGE	PROGRESS DURING FEBRUARY
Brigand	Island of Evvia, in Greece (eventually Piraeus)	Agent X-8 arranging passage of agents to and from Greece.		X-8 returned from Evvia (and Athens) without success because Germans are putting on drive there.
Gasolene	In Kalkidike; Northern Greece	Intelligence in Salonika		Agent now back in Smyrna from Greece. Made contact with KAM when in Kalkidike; made three trips to Salonika; is going back.
Phalanx	near Salonika, in Greece	Operator X-16 with radio.		First radio communication after safe arrival in Salonika; sending weather reports; asks for camera.
Despot	near Athens in Greece			Agent X-24 arrived in Athens from Smyrna, and has returned. Not much intelligence since his return.
Oracle	in Greece, near Athens			Boat left Smyrna for Skyros, and from there Evvia will be reconnoitered; weather permitting will go on to Greece. Despot has been preparing way to go through Evvia.
Chicago	Bases: Adrianople	Interruption of traffic to prevent chrome going into Germany.	X	

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NAME	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	DESCRIPTION	IN PLANNING STAGE	PROGRESS DURING FEBRUARY
-----		Mission under Capt. Caskey for Aegean Islands, jointly with Turkish and Italian intelligence.	X	
Floka	Macedonia Base: Salonika			Agent X-50 arrived in Cyprus; will proceed north.
Horse Breeders			X	
D. <u>LABOR DESK PROJECT</u>				
Pericles	Greece	Current intelligence through Greek KAM	X	1 Greek seamen's Union nominee secured

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GEOGRAPHIC AREA</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF AGENTS INVOLVED</u>	<u>PROGRESS DURING FEBRUARY</u>
SI - AFRICA				
4-B	Belgian Congo	Intelligence	1 and 1 recruited in field	37 reports submitted. Began groundwork for an organization. (Agent ill.)
Africa #7	British West Africa, including Portuguese Guinea, Liberia, Colonies of F.W.A., including Togo-Dahomey, Ivory Coast & Senegal	Intelligence	5 and 3 recruited in field	53 reports and 11 cables. Investigation of diamond smuggling. Working out details of intra-Africa communications.
Africa #9	Angola	Intelligence	4 and 20 recruited in field	6 cables and 22 reports. Up-to-date picture of political and economic relationships of Angola to Portugal. Reports on Axis.
Africa #10	Cape Verde Islands	Intelligence	2 and 3 recruited in field	13 reports and 3 cables. Reports on military installations and troop movements. Requisitions filled for ONI.
Africa #11	Union of South Africa	Intelligence	3 and 6 recruited in field	17 reports and 5 cables. Information on operation of clandestine radio stations, resulting in its elimination. Information on diamond ring.

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<u>SI - AFRICA</u> (continued)				
Africa #12	Portuguese E. Africa	Intelligence	2 and 15 recruited in field.	59 reports and 11 cables. Information on Nazi spies. German consul at Lourenco Marques implicated in dia- mond smuggling.
Africa #20	Ethiopia	Intelligence	4	11 reports and 1 cable. Established cover. Diffi- culty: lack of organizer to head mission.
Africa #101 (DF)	Cairo (3 stations: 1 METO, 2 NATO)	Intelligence		Locating lost aircraft.

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TOP SECRET**EAST ASIA THEATER OF OPERATIONS****(SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND)****REPORT****FEBRUARY 1944.****I. GENERAL**

The Southeast Asia Theater operates under the direct command of Lord Louis Mountbatten, Supreme Allied Commander. Plans for all quasi-military operations are submitted to the "P" Division of Lord Mountbatten's headquarters for approval. SEAC relations with "P" Division have been excellent to date.

"P" Division has successfully coordinated the activities of SOE, SIS, and OSS. Coordination was impossible previously, because the two were under different commanders. The staff officer in charge of "P" Division is British Captain Garmons Williams. SOE, SIS, and OSS each has its representative on his staff. OSS has experienced a hostile attitude on the part of SOE, but relations with SIS have been frank, friendly, and coordination under "P" Division has been successful.

SEAC is now in process of moving headquarters from New Delhi to Ceylon. Present activities consist chiefly of procuring sites, setting up, supplying, procuring personnel for new bases at Colombo, Trincomalee, Kandy.

Activities which SEAC intends to emphasize are: Intelligence in all parts of the Theater, Research and Analysis, Maritime Operations of a coup-de-main type requiring light

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planes and motor boats, morale subversion, and the development of special tactics and weapons.

INTELLIGENCEII. SI

Major Schultz is the only SI representative in Delhi. He has been working with the USAAF on detailed target studies of Bangkok. Dr. Dillon Ripley is in charge of SI in Ceylon.

III. K-2IV. R & A

Lt. Colonel Robert B. Hall, Chief of R & A, has the largest, and perhaps best organized branch in New Delhi. It recently completed "Situation Report #1, "a thorough study of military operations, communications, economics, political and psychological intelligence in Burma. Further achievements consisted of compiling "P" source reports, producing a thousand file cards, largely short translations from Japanese and Chinese intelligence, etc.

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No MO representative is in New Delhi at present, nor are MO plans for DEAC being presented yet to "P" Division. Plans for this area are well organized. A special portfolio of leaflets, pictures, and other subversive material has been prepared in Washington, and samples forwarded.

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TOP SECRET**IX. MU**

General Donovan just proposed and approved a program to set up immediately in SEAC a nucleus of selected men, officers for Maritime work. Major implementation of the Maritime Unit in SEAC depends upon General's success in getting more marine, navy personnel, and boats. Lt. Fisher Howeris already in Ceylon. Chief MU problem in SEAC: obtaining fast service craft. The General's efforts may now make them available.

X. OG**XI. COMMUNICATIONS****XII. SERVICES**

This Branch is well organized, functioning smoothly. Principal recent achievement: obtaining generous shipments of supplies and blanket TCA for water shipments of personnel.

XIII. OTHER BRANCHES**XIV. WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION AFFECTING THE FIELD**

Chief Washington decision affecting SEAC is the Navy's statement of inability to provide boats for this Theater. As has been noted earlier in this report, General Donovan is now working on this problem.

Work on personnel allotments has proceeded. At present the allotment is 783. Possibly it will be increased.

(CHINA)

Colonel Coughlin, Strategic Services Officer for OSS in China, with headquarters in Chungking, has under his authority all OSS operations in this area, as well as those carried on

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by Detachment 101 in Nazira, India. He is also Deputy Director of SACO (Sino-American Cooperative Organization).

1. SACO (China)

Principal recent Washington decision affecting OSS China is the clarification of SACO-OSS relationship. OSS and the Navy will each have individual commands and each will report to General Tai Li direct. He will be asked to add another Deputy Director to SACO. OSS and Navy both agree to work toward keeping the complete SACO effort directed against the enemy and to stay outside all Chinese matters.

As a result of recent changes worked out among the three cooperating groups of SACO, all but two of seven camps in China started under the direction of Captain Miles will henceforth be regarded as strictly Naval operations. The two remaining camps, Numbers 5 and 6, will operate with OSS funds and personnel, with the cooperation of the Chinese.

Camp 6 is the Thai Group, consisting of 22 officers and men under Colonel Kharb Kunjara, Free Thai Army. They established themselves at Szemao, near the Thai border, late in January. Among them is Nicol Smith, finance officer, who wrote recently that the unit is set up in three buildings with a pagoda for the radio outfit. Townspeople are extremely friendly, the group is in excellent spirits and the Colonel had expected to enter Thailand between the 15th of February and the middle of March. Since this time certain political questions have arisen which are holding up this expedition.

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Two important Thai persons, Tularaka and Tilaka, whom we brought to Washington, agreed with the Thai Minister here that for political reasons Kunjara should not be the one to enter the country. Present plans call for an important Thai personage to be brought out of the country to establish a Thai government in exile. His escape is to be effected by submarine which it is hoped the "P" Division will make available sometime in April.

Camp 5, the "Meynier Mission," like the Kunjara Mission, is being held up by political considerations. With the blessing of Miles, French Commander Meynier, with 5 French officers, 2 enlisted men and 18 native soldiers, established themselves at Nanning some five months ago, their avowed purpose being to send SO and SI agents into Indo-China where Meynier claims to have important political connections. Operations were suspended in October, 1943, by General Petchkoff, Free French representative to China. Colonel Emblanc, Petchkoff's executive officer, explains that Petchkoff wants Meynier to coordinate the activities of his group with those of other agents which the French have in the same theater. Emblanc insists that the Meynier Group expand its work beyond intelligence and small sabotage to the larger field of organizing resistance. To be effective, says Emblanc, such resistance must be outlined within the framework of a plan which coordinates and synthesizes the efforts of all French agents and groups in the area. So far, in this matter, OSS has heeded

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the word of Petchkoff, the French official of highest authority, and has not insisted upon Meynier's following his original plan. Some useful intelligence has already been gathered by members of the Meynier Group. It is possible that the unit will accept directives from General Petchkoff and proceed to do good work.

11. DETACHMENT 101 (China)

I. General

Detachment 101 has its headquarters on a former tea plantation at Nazira in the Indian Hill country. From the hub of this central training camp, groups have radiated into the field. Their general function is the undermining of Japanese positions by all forms of harassment, widening the scope of sabotage and subversive activities, organizing Burmese resistance, and supplying intelligence to the Allied Army from behind Japanese lines.

INTELLIGENCE

II. SI

Operations from Detachment 101 began as SO activities but have developed into primarily those of an SI nature. Eight groups of from two to thirty individuals are at present keeping up a constant stream of information from inside Japanese occupied territory to various Allied Army headquarters and fighter commands.

One group, for instance, called "Forward," at present has five radio operations in the vicinity of Myithyina, Fort

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Harrison and Southern Triangle in Burma. They have one agent with whom they are in constant touch by radio who has access to all Japanese installations in northern Burma. His recent report of a trip through Mandalay, Maymyo and Sagaing contained many items of military importance, such as the location of airdrome operations, storage dumps, and other installations.

A second group, named "Oscar," is operating in the area of Mangkyi, gaining information of the Japanese in that area. This group rescued the crew of one crashed plane of the ATC.

A third group has given accurate reports on the results of air action against enemy-held Myitkyina, designated remunerative targets to the air corps, captured one Japanese lieutenant from a crashed Zero and sent him in for interrogation, and rescued two American combat pilots shot down in enemy territory.

A fourth group, called "Knothead," has four radio stations situated at various points along an important highway in the area of Mogaung-Maingkwan, an area frequently mentioned in headlines today. Their reports have been most valuable to General Boatner in maintaining his intelligence of the Japanese activities on his immediate front. They have supplied the Air Corps with pinpoint locations of Japanese concentrations and installations, and bombing results have been excellent. This group has come to grips with the Japanese in hand-to-hand combat. Two recent encounters resulted in 24 dead Japanese.

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The activities of all four of these groups are closely coordinated with allied military forces in this command and their work has received high praise from the military authorities.

Two difficulties confront SI activities in this area -- lack of adequate personnel and lack of adequate security. The intelligence section now consists of Major Aitken and, temporarily, Captain Chester Chartrand, who evaluate the information coming almost continuously from our agents in the field and disseminate it to various military officers of air and ground forces in the critical areas.

Security at present is merely the individual responsibility of persons on the post, except that a small number of Gurkhas guard the various buildings and installations at 101. The estimate for a complete section calls for a total of some 72 individuals, immediate extension of work is dependant upon the arrival of a cartographer, a security officer, a clerk to prepare intelligence summaries, and a small group of enlisted men for duty on ground defense.

Future plans, which are dependent upon the needs just outlined, call for the extension of present activities. Three groups have been trained, equipped, and made ready for operation:

- a. The "Tula" Group consists of 2 Kachins with radio to operate in the area of Bhamo-Namhkan in order to gain information of Japanese activities, installations,

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airfields. They will be put into operation by night airdrop.

b. The second, the "Demaz" Group of five Kachins, has been specially trained in the use of small prepared charges and light incendiaries for the purpose of destroying Japanese installations in the Bhamo-Katha-Mohnyin area.

c. The "Hate" Group consists of four native-appearing Anglo-Burmese, the leader of whom is a former head of the police in Lashio. Their mission is to report by radio information of Japanese activities and installations in the area of Lashio, Mandalay. They, too, will be put into operation by night airdrop.

The summary attached to the rear of this report brings us up to date on the activities of the various groups operating from 101, some of which have already been described.

III. X-2

IV. R & A

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VI. SO

Activities described under SI are, for the most part being performed by SO personnel.

VII. AIR ACTIVITIES

OSS air activities in the Far East consist exclusively of the dropping of supplies and personnel. When agents and

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supplies must be dropped into the Field behind enemy lines we borrow transportation planes and fighter escort from the nearest U. S. Army fighter command. Most of these drops have been successful, but on January 18 three C-47's, although escorted by a top cover of eight fighter planes, were approached from below and shot down by Zeros. Entire crews of two planes and all but three from the third, a total of some twenty men, were killed.

VIII. MO

At the request of General Donovan, Lt. Commander Taylor inspected the possibilities of morale operations in connection with SO operations at 101. In his opinion, opportunities are excellent. MO purpose will be to destroy the hold which the Japanese have gained over the general population in occupied Burma through terrorism and propaganda. According to Commander Taylor, the most effective type of MO operation for this theater is that which is apparently a spontaneous activity of the natives. We should supply the impetus, the organization, and the direction but natives should do the actual influencing in ways that they understand. To do this job, one good MO man should be permanently assigned to 101 to advise on operations. One highly intelligent and literate native from each of the language groups with which we shall have to work should be recruited and trained in MO principles and techniques. He will then train agents, draft and revise leaflets, advise on operations.

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Before effective MO operations can be launched, a great deal of information must be obtained about conditions in occupied territory -- some by secret agents, some by research in Delhi and Washington. Evidence of schisms in enemy ranks, low morale among Japanese or Burmese groups, taxes, regulations or any conditions causing general hardship, native superstitions, omens or prophecies, atrocities, persecutions or scandals among Japanese officers and Burmese officials, are types of information which may be used as a basis for operational procedures by MO.

The chief problems facing MO are:

1. Recruitment of key personnel with special knowledge of target areas and native languages.
2. Recruitment of native agents and assistants in U.S. and overseas.
3. Development here and overseas of a training program more adaptable to Far East special needs.

IX. MA (MU)

In late January a small party approached the Bassein area in an attempt to land a group. This party found its landing spot under the observation of a hostile vessel and returned. Another attempt will be made. Their purpose is to provide intelligence on Japanese activities and installations. Except for a rescue mission of nine officers and men from a plane forced down in the Bay of Bengal by the OSS rescue boat, this is the only specifically Maritime operation from 101 to date. However, Ensign W. B. Shepard has outlined an extensive training and operational program to be carried out when adequate

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personnel is made available. His program includes:

- a) The landing of agents along enemy coasts who may be picked up again and brought out at a later date.
- b) Reconnaissance with P.T. boats, fold boats and silent motor surf boards for night and day observation of enemy shores, shipping, installations and harbor defenses.
- c) Attacks by gun fire using P.T. boats, supplies and troops.
- d) Landing of small raiding and sabotage parties.
- e) Landing guns, in localities where natives are known to be friendly.

Five officers and 27 enlisted men are needed to carry out the Maritime plans envisaged by Ensign Shepard.

Ensign Shepard has at his disposal already one 63-foot air rescue type craft to be used for general training at the base camp. He describes as his needs two P.T. type craft, one 42-foot launch for supply vessel, 20 OSS fold boats, and miscellaneous items.

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XI. COMMUNICATIONS

Since the reports by radio from agents in the Field constitute the most important part of our SI work, Communications is the sine qua non of our network of operations. The main Communications base is at Detachment 101 with sub-bases in the Field. From the sub-bases, agents equipped with compact sending sets penetrate enemy lines and broadcast intelli-

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gence back to the sub-bases. Approximately twenty-eight reporters are now relaying information. The personnel of the Communications Section at 101 consists of thirty persons. Our network of radio intelligence could be vastly extended if personnel and equipment were increased.

In the past two months the base station at 101 has set a new record for the number of messages handled. The technical details of frequencies have now been carefully worked out so that the base station knows the frequency of every agent sending set in the Field. This means that, should a sub-base be put out of commission for any reason, the main base could receive the agent's message.

There are 45 student radio operators in training in nine different camps. Of these, seven are being trained as base station operators and 38 as agent operators.

An ever present technical problem is that of supplying adequate power to the agents sending sets. The only answer to this problem so far is the use of hand generators, which must be turned two hours for every hour of broadcasting.

XII. SERVICES

Services Branch has expanded its activities greatly over the past month. Supplies for all the Far East are sent to OSS warehouses in centrally located Calcutta and routed from there to the various detachments. In January and February there were 77 shipments, totaling 341,435 pounds. During the

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first eleven days of March, 600,000 pounds were sent.

Most of the supplies received at 101 come from Army stores for which application is made by 101 to the Theater Commander. These consist mostly of ammunition, field equipment and clothing and are supplied free of charge by the Army to OSS. Material sent from here consists chiefly then of materials difficult to get from the Army, such as communications equipment, trucks, and arms specially designed for our uses.

The \$100,000 a month, allotted by Special Funds Branch to 101 is expended in salaries to agents and other civilian employees, and for supplies and food purchased from local Nazira people.

XIII. OTHER BRANCHES

A. Training

At present there are 117 students at 101. They are instructed by a captain, a 1st lieutenant, three sergeants and four natives for Kachins, Karens and Burmans. A minor problem is that some recently arrived instructors must be given refresher courses before they begin to teach the students. The only real problem of the school at present is that of personnel.

B. Field Photographic

Headquarters for Field Photographic in the Far East are at 101. From here, one enlisted man has been sent to Ceylon to make photographic records of OSS developments in that

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area, and an officer in Calcutta has successfully completed several photographic missions from there. The chief activity is at 101 where the unit under Commander Ford is making a picture of 101 activities. According to the Peers Report, the photographers are doing an admirable job. Two are in the Field -- one having been dropped by parachute, and another having penetrated to another base by land. All activities of Detachment 101 are photographed, one photographer being killed when the ^{planes} dropping food to Commander Luce were shot down by Japanese Zeros. To date some 14,000 feet of film has been received at the Washington laboratory. It is planned to make a series of short films to show to officers and men going to the Theater to give them some conception of the conditions awaiting them. The chief need is for combat cameras.

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<u>OPERATIONS</u>		<u>LEADER</u>	<u>RADIO</u>	<u>AMERICAN AGENTS</u>			<u>REMARKS</u>
<u>GROUP</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>			<u>OFF</u>	<u>IN</u>		
"FORWARD" Nguala		Cdr. Luce	9	3	3	28	1. Maj. Wilkinson re- placed by Cdr. Luce. 2. 4 trained forces an- bushing Jap Patrols, results good, 16 Japs killed. 3. Working trained groups with radio into Myithyina-Bhamo area. 4. One agent now employed by Japs as contractor, has access to all of Burma, sending out excellent info.
"KNOTHEAD" Eastern Buhawng		Capt. Carl	6	3	5	14	1. Supplies Combat Force with all info of all Jap movements and activities in Buhawng Valley. 2. Designates remunerative targets for Air Force and ascertains results. This has been excellent and caused serious damage to the Japs. 3. Latest encounter of Kachin Lightning force under Lt. Tilly with Japs resulted in 31 dead Japs.

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<u>GROUP</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>LEADER</u>	<u>RADIO</u>	<u>AMERICAN</u> <u>OFF</u> <u>IN</u>	<u>AGENTS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
"PAT"	Charing	Lt. Quinn	3	- -	11	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rescued American fighter pilot from hands of Japs, cared for him medically until he was flown out and hospitalized. 2. Sub-agents with radio giving good info of Myitkyina and Mogoke area.
"RED"	Taro	Capt. Maddox	3		8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training Kachin 30 groups for action in Tunkin area. 2. Info of Jap activities on right flank of Combat Force.
"OSCAR"	Laukhaung	Capt. Kilton	1		7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moving South along H'Mai Hka.
"DROLM"	Etawgaw	Capt. Brown	1		2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. British group working in conjunction with our activities and Levy Force.
"HATE"	Camp	Ernie			4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Group recalled after political entanglement with Chinese in the area. 2. Group will be dropped by chute in Lashio area.
"B" GROUP	Lashio	Harry			6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No contact.
"W" GROUP	Sandoway	Jimax			6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No contact.
"RHX"	Rangoon	Rex			2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No contact.

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GROUP	LOCATION	LEADER	RADIO	AMERICAN			REMARKS
				OFF	IN	AGENTS	
"BALLE"	So. Burma	Nellie				6	1. First group of 4 - no contact. 2. Second group of 2 put in safely by submarine, thus far no contact.
"MATEO"	Brassien	Ross	2			6	1. First attempt to put ashore by boat failed due to presence of people in area. 2. Entire group not Chittagong base waiting to be put in operations.
"HEATH"	Pt. Hertz	Lt. Barnes	2	1	2	2	1. Setting up base for air warning and weather reports from all of our out stations for Air Force. 2. Liaison with British and Levy Forces.
"CHITTAGONG"	Chittagong	Mrs. Shepard	1	1	6	2	1. Present base for Marine Section on sea rescue of airmen. 2. Boat now ready for active operations.

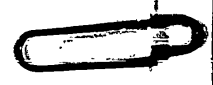
See report covering airplane accident & loss of personnel, this unit, under "B". Special Operations.

See report of sea rescue under "B". Special Operations.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Personnel.

During the month of February, total officers and enlisted men in all theaters was 665 and the total in training or transit was 292.

Personnel on duty and in training, and requested transfers, broken down by Theaters, are as follows:

	<u>On Duty</u>	<u>In Training</u>	<u>Requested Transfers</u>
NETC	59	40	4
NATO	110	6	7
NETO	281	101	59
FNTO	37	128	22
Continental U.S.	118	—	15
Continental U.S.			
Special	60	20	—

Recruitment of new Communications personnel and the number reporting for training or processing for immediate shipment reached an all-time high. The Branch is now fully recruited against the existing table of organization. At the present time training is being received in two Communications training camps, Areas C and H, where the total students in training are 93 and 92, respectively.

Supplies and Equipment.

Major items of shipment totalled in all 79½ tons, including 253 of the SSTB-1 sets (basic agent sets) and 111 RBZ receivers (radio receivers for Resistance groups). The monthly shipments of SSTB-1 portable field sets increased 96%, with the grand total shipped thus far to all theaters of 812.

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Adequate supplies of these sets for the European Theater (especially the Sussex Plan and the Jedburgh Plan) are on hand, and current shipping schedules will take care of field requirements during 1944.

The requirements for RBZ receivers in the European Theater prior to the invasion are expected to be met. One thousand such units are ready for shipment to NATO at this time.

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Field Photographic Branch

During the month of February, a total of 35 motion picture and still camera crews were used in the production of photographic reports for OSS and other war agencies. A total of 539,997 feet of 35 mm. film and 50,166 feet of 16 mm. film were processed by the Washington laboratory. The films completed during the month included the following:

"National Gallery of Art", for the National Gallery

"Spars" for the Navy - Coast Guard

"Mine Sabotage" for SO

There are at the present time units of the Field Photographic Branch working at Washington, Hollywood, Brazil, Chungking, London and China-Burma-India area. With respect to Washington, the number of camera crews employed in the metropolitan area were 18, and outside the metropolitan area 2. There were also 13 still camera crews actively engaged during this period.

In addition to photographic work, the branch has been active in iconography. They have prepared booklets on Iconography, Perspective through Jeriscope, Pilots Iconometer and Underwater Depth Determination. In addition instruments have been built for the Iconoscopic section to be used for Colonel Haskell's mission, and for SI.

The Hollywood unit has for the past 18 months been working on a highly secret project for the Joint New Weapons Committee and the Office of Scientific Research and Development. They have made a complete photographic record of all

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tests that have been made.

The photographic work on the project in Brasil is more than three-fourths completed. To date, a total of 110,000 feet has been exposed, of which 10,000 feet was processed by the Washington laboratory during the month of February. Film is being assembled and edited for a series of pictures on South America. The expenses of this project have reached an estimated \$65,000, of which the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs is paying everything in excess of \$25,000.

Concerning the China-Burma-India area, a group of two officers and eight enlisted men are working with Detachment 101. To date some 14,000 feet of film has been exposed, and it is planned to make a series of short films that may be shown to officers and men going to the theater to give them some conception of the conditions they will find there.

The reports with respect to England and Chungking are not covered in this report.

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TOP SECRET**FOREIGN NATIONALITIES**

A. An increasing demand has become very noticeable for copies of Foreign Nationalities memoranda and bulletins. When Ambassador Biddle returned recently from London he spoke of "the inexpressible value" which he found these papers to possess in connection with the work he did with the Governments-in-Exile. Similar expressions have been received from other Government representatives abroad as well as representatives of OSS.

B. The work of the Foreign Nationalities Division includes a variety of Field Studies of Foreign Political Activities in the United States. Among these are the following:

a) Foreign Nationality Group Meetings. A total of 36 Group Meetings were attended during the month of February, of which the greatest number dealt with Polish, German-American, Lithuanian, Zionist and Italian organizations. Reports were prepared upon the meetings attended;

b) Situation Reports on Foreign Political Activities and Reports from Field Representatives.

A total of 57 Situation reports were prepared, dealing particularly with middle European countries now under the hegemony of Germany. There were also reports from Field Representatives totaling 166, the

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largest number of which dealt with Yugoslav, German, Polish, Czechoslovak, Italian, Austrian and French groups.

c) Foreign Language Press Readings. 891 reports were received based upon the reading of foreign language newspapers. Particular attention was devoted to the editorials and comments appearing in the foreign language press concerning the Russian constitutional changes, the future of Slovakia, an announcement over the Vatican radio with regard to Tito, relations between King Peter and the Yugoslav Partisan Government, the Arab Nationalist Movement in North Africa, the proposed American-controlled pipeline, references to the "Peace Now" movement in the German-American press, Secretary Hull's warning to Finland to withdraw from the war, Izvestia's attack on the Vatican, and others not specifically referred to.

C. Reports Submitted During the Month.---The reports below were submitted by the Foreign Nationalities Branch during the month of February. They were distributed within OSS, to DMI, MIS, State, Justice, Censorship, etc.:

B-152 Foreign Political Issues in American Life;

B-154 Labor Council Organized to Combat Polish-American Nationalism;

#172 Detroit: A Sample of American Polonia;

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- #173 Polish Nationalism in the United States;
- B-157 Second Congress of Americans of Ukrainian Descent;
- #175 The Baltic Language Press in the United States;
- S-89 Atlantic on British and American Policy Toward Yugoslavia;
- #171 Finland's Dilemma and the Finnish-American Community;
- B-155 Carpatho-Russia, Clue to Soviet Policy? Chapter 3;
- B-156 Salvemini's Lecture Tour;
- S-88 Tibor von Eckhardt;
- B-159 A New Habsburg Publication;
- B-160 A Fascist Forgery Reappears in the United States;
- #174 Scandinavian-Language Press in the United States;
- B-153 Elections of French Deputies in the Western Hemisphere;
- S-86 Ruth Fischer on "Stalin's 'Free Germany'";
- S-87 Halifax Speech;
- B-158 The American Slav Congress Moves Leftward.

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In addition to the contributions of the JIC Weekly Summary, this Staff is preparing the PW Weekly, Daily Intelligence Summary, Oral Theater Reports, Situation Reports, Weekly Airgram to the Outposts, and special disseminations which include a new assignment during the month of editing and clearing special reports to be forwarded to the Administration Secretary of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Map Division.

The Map Division accepted requests for 107 new maps, and completed 92 during February. The requests for new maps may be broken down as follows:

Office of Strategic Services	11
(including Joint Army-Navy Intelligence Staff	19
Civil Affairs Division	14
Others	75
Joint Chiefs of Staff	21 -
Office of Naval Intelligence	8 -

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War Department (Special Services)	2
War Department (ASTP)	1
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The volume of work may be illustrated by the following figures:

Map Disbursements	21,117 titles and 38,252 sheets
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Color Prints Distributed 1,341

Topographic Models:

Requested	22 models, including 2 new models
Completed	17 " " 1 " model
In Progress	25 " " 20 " models

The most startling change in the monthly disbursement of maps has been the increase from 1,863 to 10,722 sheets sent out to the OSS field.

Of the 1,341 color prints distributed, 564 went to the Chief of Staff of the Army, and 291 to the Army Air Forces.

During the month of February, the only new model completed was No. XXXVII, North Italy Extension. In addition, however, there are twenty new models in progress as follows: Azores; Western New Guinea; Canary Islands; Northern Greece and Albania; Kamchatka; Southeast Asia, Parts 3,4,5 and 6; Kuriles; Southwestern France; Southeast Europe, Parts 1,2,3, 4 and 5; Denmark and Southern Norway; Central Norway; Greece - Crete combination; Northern Italy and Adjacent Areas.

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The twenty-two requests for new models and duplicates come from the following sources: Secretary of War 9; Chiefs of Staff 1; Canadian Army Staff 5; General Donovan 2; General Ward (Field Artillery School) 3; Special Devices, USK 1; Southwest Pacific Section G-2 1.

Europe-Africa Division.—Civil Affairs work is in progress and represents the largest single commitment of this Division. The Division has three major sub-divisions, viz. Economic, Geographic and Political. The work of all three includes the evaluation of SI documents.

Activities of the Economic sub-division include special work by the Oil Section for the State Department, a series of "struggle" studies in which there is examination of the conflicts of interest in various industries and commodities, also prepared for the State Department. In the field of agriculture, work has been done on requirements in occupied or liberated areas by request from UNRRA, FEA, and the International Division of the Army.

There has been continuous work on cartels as well as civil affairs. Respecting the latter, a number of civil affairs handbooks and projects were completed by the Geographic sub-division with respect to Germany.

The Political sub-division, divided into seven geographical sections has completed a wide variety of reports and surveys.

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During the past month commendations were received from the following: 1) men on the FMA staff, by letter; 2) the Cartel Committee; 3) the Chairman of the Heavy Oil Committee; 4) the ~~Eastern~~ Civil Affairs Division (on Italian inflation work); 5) OWI; 6) the Chief of Organizations and Propaganda Analysis Section, Department of Justice, by letter; and 7) the Department of State.

USSR Division.

As a result of expression of "great interest" by the Chief of the Division of Financial and Monetary Affairs in the Department of State, the Division is preparing a long report on Russian War Damage and Probable Reparations Claims.

Furthermore, draft copies of the Division's Bi-Weekly Situation Report are being submitted before publication to the Division of Eastern European Affairs of State for informal review and comment.

The Eastern European Branch of MID has given us complete cooperation in the preparation of an up-to-date railway map of the USSR which will be issued by the Map Division of OSS.

This Division also has received, during February, five

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special requests from high sources for "RUSH" reports. They were able to supply the information requested and to meet the deadlines. Three of the reports were prepared for JIC, as follows: 1) Publicly Announced Attitude of the USSR toward Germany; 2) The Finnish Situation; 3) The Impact of the Soviet Constitutional Change.

In addition, the Division prepared a report on logistics in Eastern Siberia at the urgent request of the Target Information Branch, Operational Division AAF, and a report, at the request of Mr. Donald Nelson, on the Magnitogorsk Ferro-Metallurgical Combine.

Far East Division.—Twenty-six important reports were completed during February, most significant of which was the topographic study of Shimushu (northeasternmost of the Kurile Islands).

The Latin-American Division, Central Information Division, and Interdepartmental Committee, though active during February, are not treated specifically here.

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TOP SECRET**SECURITY OFFICE**

During the month of February, 1,161 full security investigations were completed as compared with 1,393 for the month of January. New cases instigated are falling off, which has permitted the Security Office to reduce the number of pending security investigations -- now approximately 800; the average lapse time for investigation has also been reduced.

A trip was taken to the training areas on the Pacific Coast by Lt. Robert E. Clarke, where he outlined area precautions taken in the East for segregation, training leaves, and other pertinent matter. Security aspects for all areas visited were deemed unusually good.

Particular attention was devoted during the month to establishing security procedures in overseas transportation; 226 persons alerted were "briefed" during the month.

As a result of the joint efforts by Services and the Security Office, a change has been made in the New York--Washington courier service, utilizing Army courier facilities. This is functioning smoothly and provides good security.

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SCHOOLS AND TRAINING

1. The MO finishing school was established at Area F and plans for training all MO students there were effectuated during February. The MO school will be of three weeks duration -- two weeks spent on basic training and one on advanced training. This relieves pressure on RFU-11, making it possible to concentrate on SI, I-2 and a few SO students who are entered there.
2. Difficulties of recruitment are reported owing to the caliber of the officers recruited through personnel procurement. As a consequence, requests have been made for the transfer, either within OSS or out into general service, of some men who reported for duty.
3. During February, a total of 913 men received instruction in the various camps. The instruction program and use of the Areas may be summarized, briefly, as follows:

Area A

A-2, 69 students.

Used as a holding area for personnel awaiting security check and those awaiting transfer out of OSS.

A-3, 46 students.

Basic SO-MO course.

A-4, 46 students.

Paramilitary, to a large extent for students from the SO Branch. This course was expanded from

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two weeks to three weeks. It is regarded as an adequate program for those enlisted men who have not had their basic training.

A-5, not used.

Area B - 26 students.

There was little training here.

Area C - 112 students, including six from other branches.

Training of OSS Communications Personnel, with additional courses.

Area D - 45 students.

Paramilitary training, largely for SO personnel.

Area E - 36 students.

SI-SO basic training school, together with courses on counter-espionage and related agent work.

Area F - 252 students.

Training area for operational groups. There was a sharp drop in the number enrolled.

Area G - 80 students.

Preliminary training for Communications, pending the completion of security check.

Area H - 132 students.

The assessment school.

Area RTU-11 - 37 students. Finishing school for agent branches, predominantly SI & X-2. This area has now been relieved of MO training.

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Area WA and WF - 36 students.

The Maritime Special Swimming group who had been training at Camp Pendleton moved to Camp WA on Catalina Island. It was planned to give this group tactical exercises in off-shore approaches to land, using various devices such as surf boards, kayaks, paddle boards, etc.

Recruiting for an additional swimming group has already been started, but beyond this the future use of these areas remains still undetermined.

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