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REPORT ON OSS ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1944

1. The section on SACO has been omitted from this report since no material has been received covering its activities during the month of August.
2. The section on commendations, Appendix D hereto, has been expanded to provide an index to all commendations noted in the body of this report.

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SUMMARY OF OSS ACTIVITIES  
DURING AUGUST 1944

As the Allies drove to the approaches of Germany during August, OSS action inside France may be regarded as having come to fruition. Not only was the break-through in Normandy enhanced by reason of the availability of detailed intelligence and the destruction of enemy communications by French Resistance units with which OSS teams were in league; but also the German forces were already well beaten in many areas before the arrival of the Allied spearheads, which often had very little to do beyond accepting surrender. The Seventh Army, landing on the Mediterranean Coast, was similarly benefited and made comparable progress, so that it became unnecessary to execute many of the plans prepared in expectation of a long campaign.

Even so, the work of SI and OG teams in southern France constituted a substantial achievement. Of all battle order information available before D-day (15 August), almost four fifths were credited to OSS. Many messages answering specific inquiries by AFHQ and the Seventh Army were radioed directly to the command ship of the invasion fleet en route to France. Outstanding intelligence provided by OSS during the campaign included the plans for defense of Marseilles and information on the fortifications of Lyon.

The Jedburghs were more versatile than ever. They, too, captured German defense plans--those for St. Nazaire and

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Lorient; they aided U.S. airmen downed in enemy territory and they served as guides for the Allied forces reaching their areas. This was all in addition to their customary activities with the FFI.

With the great victories won in France, the supply requirements of the FFI decreased accordingly. Deliveries therefore declined almost to the level of June, and it was clear that the trend would continue, as more and more missions were flown to Belgium, Denmark and Norway.

At least 150 men went into enemy-held France during August, most of them OG's from England. Some SI and OG personnel still awaited dispatch, but at the same time a considerable number of men once behind the German lines were already back in friendly territory. In many cases this was caused by the various Allied advances: 24 Sussex and five Proust agents were reported thus overtaken in northern France, as well as comparable numbers of SO agents in the same territory and SI agents along the Mediterranean. Other men, however, were less fortunate. The Sussex teams lost seven agents to the enemy and the Proust teams one; of the SO agents, one was killed in action, two taken prisoner and one reported missing. Five OGs were killed, including one group leader.

Several new field units went into France with the Allied forces. SI and SO detachments accompanied the Ninth Army and an X-2/SCI team previously formed in Italy (see July report, pp. v, 112) came ashore in the south with the Seventh

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Army. An MO field unit arriving on the continent was attached to the 12th Army Group.

OSS set up headquarters in Normandy towards the middle of the month, but plans were later made to transfer the base to Paris. X-2/SCI personnel were already active in Paris since the first days of liberation, making a valuable contribution to the work of the "T" Force.

With the war entering a new phase in the West, planning and preparation were concentrated on the penetration of Germany. The main SI effort, utilizing agents with labor backgrounds, was under way with the dispatch of four Faust teams, and more agents were ready to move out during September. SO plans, however, were not so far advanced, except for penetration via Scandinavia. Against the day when the Allied armies would cross into Germany, it was arranged for X-2 staffs to be attached to the forces of occupation.

In Italy an X-2/SCI unit earned high praise for its aid in the arrest of a number of agents whom the Germans had left behind in Florence. The effectiveness of the short-range OSS intelligence teams was underlined during the month when OSS was given complete control of agent infiltration for the Fifth Army. A highway bridge below Pesaro on the Adriatic coast was demolished by MU personnel in another successful Ossining operation (see June report, pp. 8, 59, 60; July report, pp. v, 53), and for the first time an OG team was dropped into Northern Italy. However, the supply situation

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of the Italian patriots deteriorated seriously with the diversion of all available aircraft to the support of the Polish uprising in Warsaw.

The significance of OSS activity in the Balkans became evident upon the Russian knockout of Romania. By the end of the month an OSS team had entered that country to arrange the evacuation of a large number of U.S. airmen and other Allied personnel previously held as prisoners of war and to exploit the abundance of intelligence material laid open to the Allies.

The Independent American Military Mission (see July Report pp. vi, 35), led by Col. Huntington, entered Yugoslavia and established itself at Marshal Tito's Headquarters. In the meanwhile an SO team serving the MAAF Air Crew Rescue Unit (see July Report pp. vi, 51) was dropped into Chetnik territory, where it located more than 250 men, almost all of them U.S. flyers, and arranged a rendezvous with planes of the 15th Air Force which brought them to Italy.

In Greece, where a German withdrawal appeared imminent, an SI team went into operation under a plan calling for continued activity after the end of hostilities. OGs participated in guerrilla attacks on railroad trains, truck convoys and German headquarters in Greece, while enemy defections and withdrawals were reported in circumstances indicating that MO materials had found their target (see July report pp. v, 53).

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As the Russian armies headed for central Europe, SI teams prepared to penetrate Austria, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. Two teams intended for Austria were at an advance base in Slovenia in late August, while a team charged with penetration of Hungary proceeded to its advance base with Col. Huntington's mission. One team was ready to go into Czechoslovakia during September and additional agents were being trained to be sent in later.

In Asia there was a continuation of previous trends. Det. 101, maintaining its operations through the monsoon in Burma, delivered 425 tons of supplies by air, killed nearly 400 Japs and captured 23. Two of its patrols, however, were strafed by friendly planes, one patrol while in combat with the enemy.

In China, AGFRTS agents were collaborating with the 14th Air Force more closely than ever. In many cases they took front-line positions whence they guided 14th Air Force planes by air-ground radio in strafing and dive-bombing attacks which took a heavy toll of Japanese personnel and equipment. AGFRTS sabotage operations were successfully initiated with the demolition of two Jap planes at an air-drome in Canton. To obtain intelligence through the Communist guerrilla network in North China and Manchuria, an R&A officer was dispatched to the headquarters of the northwest border government at Yen-an.

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OSS operations in SEAC were largely stymied by withdrawal of submarines assigned thereto by the Eastern Fleet. However, air transportation will be made available to an advance detail designated to reconnoiter the Mergui Archipelago for the purpose of establishing a clandestine operations and communications base. For the 20th Bomber Command raid on Palembang, SI prepared escape materials to be used by air crews in the event of being forced down.

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The following points appear to be outstanding in the report prepared by the European Theater Office:

- a. Supply deliveries to the FFI decline as demand abates; more supplies diverted to Low Countries (pp. 2,15.)
- b. Increase in OSS strength behind enemy lines, counterbalanced by overrunning of 29 SI agents and loss of eight to enemy (pp. 1-3,5,6.)
- c. Dispatch of four Faust teams to Germany (pp. 3, 4,6.)
- d. Accomplishments of X-2/SCI with T Force in Paris (pp. 2,3,8,9.)
- e. Capture of enemy defense plans for Lorient and St. Nazaire by U.S. Jedburgh (p. 14.)
- f. Supply deliveries into Denmark and Norway (pp. 14-16.)
- g. SI detachment with 9th Army in France, and SI liaison with First Allied Airborne Army (p.4); MO field unit in France with 12th Army Group (p.18.)

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EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS REPORTAUGUST 1944**I. GENERAL**

OSS support of military operations in France from ETO reached a peak about mid-August with 225 agents and CGs active behind enemy lines as compared with approximately 100 OSS representatives so operating at the end of July. SI, SO, and X-2 Field Staffs had been on the continent since late June or early July with the 12th AG, 21st AG, 1st and 3rd Armies; additional SO and SI detachments accompanied the 9th Army to France during August and a special SI liaison unit was attached to the First Allied Airborne Army. So rapidly did the Allied campaign in France progress, however, that by month's end 29 SI agents and a considerable number of SO representatives had been overrun; others had completed their missions and the FFI gave evidence of shortly releasing the remaining SO personnel attached to their organization. Meanwhile, OSS planning and operations in ETO were becoming increasingly directed toward Central Europe.

Resistance Activity

As in previous months, the most successful operations in which OSS played an important part concerned French Resistance activities. During August French Resistance assumed the proportions of a national uprising. SO, acting under the direct control of General Koenig,

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more than doubled the number of its representatives working with French partisans. Five groups of OGs, totalling 83 persons (one group of 5 persons had been previously dropped) were parachuted into territories in middle and southwest France for sabotage and counter-sabotage purposes. Sixty agents (an increase of 21 during the month) and some 30 American officers and W/T operators with Jedburgh teams were operative behind the lines; by 22 August whole areas in southern and central France--Lot, Tarn et Garonne, Haute Loire, Loire et Cher--had been liberated. By September, with the German rout established, many Partisans had joined with Allied forces to continue the fight.

Although the acute demand for supplies for these groups had abated somewhat by 1 September, the OSS packing station again turned out a record number of containers - 13,470 against July's 13,387 and the year's total of 42,275. Fewer supplies were dropped in France during the month - 6,061 containers and 2,218 packages as compared to July's 8,974 containers and 3,064 packages - but a good deal of material was diverted to Low Country sorties with good effect. Danish resistance in particular proved a serious harassing factor to German troop movements.

#### Intelligence

Reports from the field and commendations from General Sibert AC of S, G-2 of 12th AG, and Colonel Conrad, AC of S ETCUSA, attest to the useful work done by SCI units in August. During the first few days of the liberation of Paris, SCI personnel who formed the basis of the Paris "T" force contributed invaluable aid to all the

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Services as the only communications link between Paris and London. They were also instrumental in establishing and operating an interrogation center shortly after the Americans entered the city.

SI agents have continued to expand their activities throughout the fluid period of rapid Allied progress - 15 SI representatives were added during the month to the 54 behind the lines on 1 August and a record number of intelligence messages was handled by Station Victor over the period. Of the SI agents, 29 were overrun (24 Sussex and 5 Proust) and 8 lost to the enemy by 1 September. The remaining Sussex and Proust personnel were to be dropped in areas of northeast France yet to be liberated.

#### Continental Base

Continental OSS Headquarters were established, under the direction of Colonel Bruce, at St. Pere sur Mer in Normandy; CO is Colonel Alfred D. Reutershan. The first convoy of 22 vehicles and 37 personnel arrived on 13 August. By 1 Sept. plans were being made to transfer this base to Paris.

#### SI Plans for German Penetration

One of the most important developments for OSS intelligence was the new direction and impetus given the SI Faust Plan. Conceived in January as a plan for infiltrating men with labor backgrounds into Germany, the plans were formalized during August into a project approved by SNAEW on 19 August. In general it envisages early introduction of at least 30 agents (as teams of 3) to establish an

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espionage network in Germany through infiltration by parachute or via Resistance Group aid into ten target cities. Twenty-six Labor Division agents were already available and ready for dispatch. By the end of August, 4 missions were well under way; during the first week in September, the PK Mission reported a safe landing in the first direct penetration of Germany from the UK by OSS.

As a parallel development to the Faust Plan, SI also projected its Twilight Program. This provides for an espionage network in Germany in the post-combat period in anticipation of an early break of controls within that country. Intelligence aims are directed particularly toward smashing Nazi underground resistance during the occupation period.

## II. SI

Total personnel 310 including 191 civilians.

SI divided its efforts in August between a continued and expanding support of Allied military operations in France and planning for the early penetration of Germany. Intelligence reports emanating particularly from the Chartres region were of such value as to receive a commendation from the AG of S G-2 Forward Hdq.

In addition to SI field staffs already with the 21st AG (formerly FUSAG and 1st Army), and the 3rd Army on the continent, the 9th Army detachment has become operational in the field. A liaison officer was attached to PAAA Headquarters; his responsibilities include making available from time to time teams (composed of a French, an American officer and a W/T operator) to jump or land with airborne missions.

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Nine Labor Division representatives have been dispatched to OSS continental headquarters to assist the three assigned to 1st, 3rd Armies and USAC in July; two others are with the 7th Army in southern France. Eight French officers have been assigned to the 3rd Army unit.

Direct military support to the SI field teams was provided by SI agents in accordance with:

1. Sussex Plan

Six additional Sussex agents were infiltrated during August bringing the total to 50. Of these, by 1 Sept., 24 had been overrun and 7 lost. Four more Sussex team operations were projected for the coming moon period; among the recovered Sussex teams 3 are to be sent to the field again either under Sussex or Marquise plans. SHAEF furnished ten more points, both British and American.

2. Missions drawn from the Proust Pool

Five Proust agents, in place by August, have been overrun by the Allies this month - four of them returned and one lost. Of the Midiron Mission, initiated during July to establish agents in five localities south of the Loire, all 8 are now in place, 4 of them infiltrated this month. A suitcase full of valuable documents was received from these agents for CE. Both Varlin Mission agents were overrun by the American Armies when they went into Paris. The Marquise Mission, initiated during the month, projects placing 10 teams, of one observer and one W/T each, in Maquis regions in the northeast part of France. Four of these agents were placed during August.

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Summary. Summary statistics indicate that a total of 69 agents had been placed in France by some time in August, an increase of 15 for the month. Of these 29 had been overrun by 1 Sept., and 8 had been lost (through arrest or execution); 40, including the 8 missing, remained on the continent. Messages received during the month totalled 477 (365 intelligence and 112 operational) as compared to July's 421.

### 3. German Plans

Faust B. As indicated in the introduction, this plan received new impetus during August with SHAEF approval to the formalized request to establish an espionage network in Germany. Twenty-six agents were trained and available but, as the sole Branch with a developed plan and the personnel for German penetration, SI felt that more recruits would be needed. Specific projects approved include: The Marguerita Project, which contemplates the despatch of 4 agents - 2 Americans and 2 Stateless - into Germany via Switzerland where they will create a chain with the assistance of the ISK group. Anticipated despatch date is the latter part of September. Martha Project. This envisages the despatch of 2 agents into Germany via Switzerland with the assistance of the Neu Beginnen Group. The agents are now being given final briefing. PK Mission, jointly undertaken with Baker Street, includes 3 agents to be infiltrated into Germany near the Swiss border. (A cable received in early September states they were infiltrated safely.) Downend Mission, a joint SI-SO Central European Division project.

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Twilight Program. This is the result of discussions begun in July on an Emergency Plan in the event of an early German collapse. As projected, in an unfinished state, it is designed to create an intelligence network, relying largely on labor contacts, in Germany in the post combat period.

The Bacon Mission (placing of a Danish agent in Germany to circulate, establish contacts) is expected to be carried out during September.

The Brewers (penetration of Vienna and Bavaria by 2 civilians for the purpose of obtaining military, economic and political intelligence) will probably be carried out during October.

The Meta Project (Penetration of southern Germany for military, economic, political intelligence) is the least advanced of the plans. The latter part of October is the earliest target date possible for despatch.

#### 4. Other Projects

The Polish personnel recruited for the Eagle Plan (designed for the penetration of Germany) are currently training in Scotland. The Plan Melanie is the result of discussions with the Dutch Intelligence and envisages the early despatch and operation of American and Dutch officers into Germany from Holland. An OSS/Belgian Surete Mission was active in France during the latter part of August organizing intelligence chains for operations in Belgium, and preparing to move into Belgium with the advancing armies. The Græg Plan, covering proposed operations in Denmark was approved by the US minister at Stockholm, and was being pushed by our Swedish representatives.

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SI Training. During the month an SI School and Holding Center was set up temporarily at Annonville. (It was to be moved later as the Paris Base was established.) A program was also projected for placing SI agents in P/W cages as German prisoners. So far 3 agents have done this: useful information for Faust operations resulted.

### III. X-2

Total personnel 134 including 38 civilians.

#### 1. SCI Personnel

X-2 personnel in the Field were regrouped during August, with the 62nd, 31st and 54th SCI units originally dissolved and re-attached to the 12th AG. Headquarters were then established at Rennes, from where special task forces were despatched as required. On 24 August the Paris "T" force, whose basis was largely a special SCI unit of 3 officers and 10 EM, accompanied forward elements of the Army into the French Capitol. By 1 Sept. all SCI personnel was working with the "T" force in Paris (with the exception of SCI liaison officers with 21 AG, and 1st and 3rd Armies) and it was subsequently decided that all X-2/SCI personnel were to be attached to G-2, Communications Zone Base (at Paris) rather than to 12 AG. From the Paris pool thus established, liaison officers are attached to the 1st and 3rd Armies and Task Forces will be despatched to forward areas as demanded. At 1 Sept. X-2 had 23 officers and 37 EM SCI personnel with Armies in France and deeper in Europe. (This figure doesn't include EM attached to 69 X-2/SCI unit in southern France.)

The outstanding quality of X-2 work from Cherbourg to Paris during August has already been mentioned. SCI personnel were

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recognized as the mainstay of Paris "T" Force operations, both in CE work and the running of the interrogation center; SCI initiative was responsible for the disclosure of important enemy sabotage plans when it acquired the use of a French network built up for the penetration of the enemy service. On the Italian front the British especially commended the SCI/Z unit for apprehending, in conjunction with its British opposite number, 16 agents in the Florence area.

As a result of a Paris meeting and as formalized in an X-2 Branch Order, the X-2 Branch has established a Continental base in Paris to be attached to G-2 Communication Zone. (This base will be subordinate to London.) It is proposed that two SCI sections operate from this base, one for France and the other for Germany.

2. Relations with corresponding U.S. and Allied Agencies in the Field

X-2/SCI personnel in Paris is working closely with the French Military Security and Police Authorities. The head of the DSM (Department de Securite Militaire) has requested an X-2 liaison officer in the DSM offices in Paris and has agreed to have X-2 officers go on special missions in rear areas to follow through on CE matters in cooperation with his local officers.

3. Future Plans

Germany, as the prime target area, was the subject of much planning. Arrangements were made for attachment of X-2 staffs to the American control authorities and to the troops of occupation. Long-range operations are to be initiated as soon as representatives under diplomatic or commercial cover can gain entry into liberated areas.

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In addition the SCI/Z organization in Italy is anticipating new CE responsibilities in Austria and elsewhere in Central Europe and is planning accordingly.

#### IV. RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

Total personnel 215 including 128 civilians.

On 15 August the first independent R&A detachment left for the continent with the OSS Forward Echelon. By 1 Sept. various R&A personnel were attached to Communication Zone, 3rd Army and 12th AG; 17 members were being processed to join the OSS Forward Hq. when it moved to Paris; 6 members were ready for despatch, jointly with X-2 representatives, to the "T" force for immediate operations.

R&A contributed to long range planning during the month by initiating discussions which led to proposals by the three OSS intelligence branches for focussing the work of their Berlin outposts primarily on the needs of the American staff of the Allied Control Council. Liaison with other OSS branches has been close with effective servicing of SO, SI and X-2 field units.

R&A is taking joint action with SI in the selecting of intelligence targets and the establishment of a combined Reporting Board for the Berlin office. An editorial committee has also been set up to formulate plans for the periodical which will form the main vehicle of R&A publication in Berlin.

Specific August achievements were:

Political Division. Twelve members of the political staff are on detached service with particular assignments with G-5 SHAEF, PWD/SHAEF, PWD/12AC, PWD/TUSA and PID. The Low Countries Duty Room

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was discontinued, but weekly consultations between R&A and Low Country experts were substituted.

Economics Division: Military Intelligence. The Economic Objectives Unit tentatively accepted responsibilities for the Strategic Bombardment Evaluation Survey, Army Air Force Research Unit. Servicing of airforce target information requests continues.

Economics Division: Civil Affairs. The Relief and Rehabilitation Section continued drafting of reports on food supply and utilization in the Netherlands, Denmark, Belgium and France, and contributed further toward its joint research with UNRRA on consumer goods requirements in Western Europe. The Post-Hostilities section is drafting plans and undertaking research for the work to be performed at the instigation of the Allied Control Council.

Geography and Map Divisions. The Geography Division has completed two projects for G-5 SHAEP: an inventory on displaced persons in Western Germany, and information guides on communications, water supply, etc. in that country. The division has also been divided into two units - French and German with work in both progressing on the geographic implications of French territorial demands on Germany.

Eastern Europe Staff and Far Eastern Staff. The Eastern Europe Staff spent the bulk of its effort during the month on the collection and analysis of intelligence material on the USSR, and interrogation of Russian P/W or other persons (fliers, etc.) who had recently returned from Russia. The Far Eastern Staff compiled additional data on Thailand, Indo-China, Malaya and Japan.

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Central Information Division. The Intelligence Procurement, Special Services and Intelligence Appraisal Units were dissolved and their duties centralized in a new Intelligence Section, subdivided into Intelligence Procurement and Intelligence Distribution.

V. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BRANCH AND CENSORSHIP DOCUMENTS BRANCH

1. R&D

Total personnel 30 including 1 civilian.

R&D's operational achievements for August include furnishing "letterdrops" and luggage to the SI Branch and issuing 21 complete clothing outfits to MO. Identification photographs were made for various branches; 6 documents and 125 rubber stamps were manufactured for CD. It was anticipated that R&D would shortly move its operations to the continent.

2. CD

Total personnel 9 including 4 civilians.

In general CD efforts during August were directed towards furnishing documents and cachets to SI and BCRAI for operational use. Valuable documents, left by the Germans, have been obtained in liberated areas on the continent; CD anticipates moving to France shortly.

VI. SO

Total Personnel 783 including 39 civilians.

As previously stated, SO's support of Resistance Activities has been its most sustained and outstanding contribution to Allied progress in France. Intensive planning, during August, was undertaken to continue these operations in Germany proper via penetration

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from many directions; small scale operations of a resistance nature were already taking place at the approaches to Germany. However, owing to lack of personnel and other factors, by 1 Sept. few of the German penetration plans were ready for actual implementation.

#### SF Detachments

On 3 August #13 SF detachment was attached to 9th Army and is now on the continent along with the detachments previously joined to Army and Army Group headquarters. #11 SF Detachment is presently divided into six light detachments, one of which is now located in Paris. At the first of the month a Rear Link was established in SFHQ to expedite the handling of requests from SF detachments in the field.

#### Resistance Activities

##### 1. French

Subsequent to the SHAEF directive of 31 July, General Koenig assumed complete control of operations in support of French resistance. SO personnel may be released shortly from all duty with the FFI. However, during August 4 officers of SFHQ were attached to EMFFI to form a liaison section of that organization. Plans from FFI headquarters were carried out by:

##### a. Agents

At the end of August 60 agents (including 1 killed in action, 1 missing in action and 2 P/W) were listed in the field. Of the 62 infiltrated altogether during the year, 21 had been added in August. Such reports from the field as: "20 August, trapped 50 German lorries and 800 soldiers. Haute Loire

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liberated," or "Carmaux, with a garrison of 300 men was attacked, subdued and held in spite of several counter-attacks" illustrate very inadequately the extent of the SO agent achievements.

b. Jedburghs

During August, operations of the Jedburgh teams steadily increased in importance as the Allied Armies continued their advance. In addition to the regular and effective Jedburgh work of organizing and training resistance forces behind the lines, the 30 Jedburgh American personnel in the field supplied information on bombing targets, aided and guided Allied airmen shot down over France, and acted as guides and intelligence officers for Allied armies after the latter caught up with them. A total of 21 Jedburgh teams containing American personnel were despatched from the UK in August; 24 teams already were in France. Six American personnel from 4 teams returned to UK. Capture and delivery to the Allied Armies of the plans of all German defenses for Lorient and St. Nazaire by one of the American Jedburghs serves to illustrate the outstanding work performed by these units.

2. Danish and Norwegian

Successful resistance operations on a small scale were initiated in Denmark in August, including attacks on railways which seriously hampered German troop movements. For the first time air operations by planes operating under OSS control were undertaken, with almost 20 tons of material supplied to Resistance elements (via

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sea and air) and two persons, a W/T operator and liaison officer dropped. Agents in Norway have received supplies totalling 16½ tons from Col. Malchen's group of Liberators operating out of Leuchars Field. Recent sabotage acts in Norway have centered on oil and petrol stores.

#### Air Operations

A smaller quantity of supplies was dropped to RGs under the direction of the Air Operations Section in August than in July (6457 containers against the previous 8,984). However, more sorties were made by the OSS-assigned 801st Bomb Group (694 compared to July's 590 - some were pick-up missions), and activities were more diverse (with numerous sorties flown over Denmark, Norway and Belgium as well as France). At the month's end 69 American planes were in operation at the Harrington airfield including 4 C-47s; 156 bodies were dropped into enemy-occupied territory and 14 picked up. The third large-scale daylight mission to southern France was carried out 1st August by the 3rd Heavy Bomb Division of the 8th USAAF when 192 aircraft dropped 3,200 containers. (See chart on following page) By month's end however, it was estimated, according to Army advices, that air operations during September would decrease considerably or permanently cease.

The OSS packing station worked at peak capacity again in August, turning out some 15,470 containers against the year's total of 42,275. Containers on hand at the end of the month totalled 3,135. Conclusions were also reached during the month at S A F and S F H Q on the overall known supply situation. Using tonnage figures based on

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July 1944	France	Belgium	Denmark	Norway	Total
Sorties (successful or unsuccessful)	581	4	0	5	590
Bodies	64	3	0	0	67
Containers	8,914	12	0	48	8,974
Packages	3,034	5	0	25	3,064
Tot. tonnage supplied to RGs	1,132½	1½	0	6½	1,140½
A/C missing	4	0	0	0	4
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August 1944	France	Belgium	Denmark	Norway	Total
Sorties (successful or unsuccessful)	629	26	9	29	693
Bodies - Dropped	136	20	0	0	156
Picked up	14	0	0	0	14
Containers	6,061	188	44	144	6,437
Packages	2,218	70	0	62	2,350
Tot. tonnage supplied to RGs	503½	27 3/4	4 3/4	15	551
A/C missing	2	0	0	0	2
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Totals 1944	France	Belgium	Denmark	Norway	Total
Sorties (successful or unsuccessful)	2,184	30	11	42	2,267
Bodies	282	53	0	0	315
Containers	21,843	688	44	240	22,815
Packages	7,630	195	0	96	7,921
Tot. tonnage supplied to RGs	2,509 3/4	88 3/4	4 3/4	27 1/2	2,630 1/2
A/C missing	12	4	1	0	19*

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a ceiling of 20,000 containers per month (which is the packing station's maximum produce) it was decided that supply requirements for France during the remainder of 1944 would total 5,300 tons.

Westfield Mission

The Sepals-Perianth operation of the Norwegian division has reported from the field. About 2½ tons of supplies and equipment have arrived at the outpost, and operations are under way with 14 persons at their posts. Six Danish liaison officers are ready for immediate despatch to the field; six more will be ready for despatch by the end of September.

Other Projects

The Downend Mission (joint SI-SO) for German penetration from Sweden is ready for the field, and it was believed the agents could be despatched during the next moon period. Plans for infiltrating agents into Germany via Denmark, Belgium, and Holland are in an exploratory stage. The chief of the Central European Division had scheduled a trip to MEDTO to discuss plans for Austrian infiltration.

OGs

French and Norwegian. Six groups of OGs have been dropped in France since inception, five of them in August. Of these one group comprising 11 officers and EM returning to UK on 19 August after completing a mission in Brittany designed to prevent Nazi sabotage against a railway viaduct. Seventy-two OGs remained in the field at the first of September. OG operations were largely centered in central and southwest France - Haute Vienne, Indre, Dordogne, Cantal - and their efforts integrated with the fighting of the

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Maquis. Certain groups also were dropped to protect important communication and power installations from Nazi sabotage. These missions all were successful. On 13 August word was received of the death in action of Captain William Larson, CO of the OG Percy Reg. Only one Norwegian group and 5 officers and 15 EM of a French group remained in the U.K. at the end of August.

Polish. The two Polish Groups were continuing their training at STS 63 in preparation for special work in Northern France.

#### VII. MO

Total personnel 172 including 95 civilians.

Field Operations. The first MO, PW Field Unit of 5 men, operating under the special PWD-SHARP directive of July which designated MO as the sole agent for the preparation and dissemination of black propaganda, arrived on the continent 5 August and was attached to 12th AG. Steps were immediately taken to recruit, screen, and brief agents for infiltration. Through the cooperation of the French BCRA a large number of French agents were recruited and operations (many aimed at leaflet distribution behind enemy lines) begun. In addition, SFAHQ approved the projected despatch of 2 teams comprising 7 men - 3 Americans and 2 French officers - to France for operations with the Maquis. At month's end these teams were briefed and ready to go.

Leaflet and Radio. Operating under the July directive, MO leaflet output was increased substantially with 38 projects completed and despatched for dissemination in the last two weeks of August.

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MO base London, after clearing with DCRA, forwarded quantities of these leaflets to the continent; many were distributed through SFHQ facilities.

By 30 August negotiations were almost completed for secret radio facilities in Paris to be utilized exclusively by MO for black propaganda purposes.

Future Plans. A Low Countries operation, conceived in conjunction with PWE and with the cooperation of the Belgian Surete, is projected, to be based either on London or OSS-MO Forward Headquarters. Two trained Belgian officers have been recruited and will be ready for the field in 15 days. An MO move to the continent was being planned and certain organizational changes were to be completed: MO was to consist of four sections: Intelligence, Creative, Production, and Special Operations.

#### VIII. MU

No report available.

#### IX. COMMUNICATIONS

Total personnel 695 including 9 civilians. Only the 1-15 August report available.

In general Communications reports an intensely busy period with a record breaking number of 122 intelligence messages handled and reports from SI field staffs totalling 114 messages in, 583 out and 52,956 groups transmitted and received by OSS Signal Detachments for the first 2 weeks of August. The Message Center handles an average of 6,000 to 7,000 groups daily; a new cipher section has

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achieved a speed-up in message handling at Station Victor.

Field Detachments

The original grouping of Signals Detachments with 1st, 3rd Armies, FUSAG and 21st AG has been revised with a regrouping of SI and X-2 activities under 12th AG; 4 detachables from that group and one from 3rd Army are currently available. The 21st AG circuit was discontinued on 15th August.

X. FIELD PHOTOGRAPHIC

Total personnel 42 including 6 civilians.

The special OSS project for comprehensive film coverage of European areas of strategic and tactical interest has superseded the documentation of OSS activities as Field Photo's number one priority assignment. Four still crews and one air crew (consisting of an officer and two photographers each) are operating as self contained units; work has already begun in France photographing fortifications, harbours, etc, in cooperation with R&A who assist in selecting targets. Central Headquarters in Paris for development of still film are to be established and personnel on the project is to be attached to 9th Air Force for transportation and cover. Work on documentation of OSS activities has necessarily been curtailed, with available personnel continuing on photographic coverage of SO as detailed in July's report. A still picture record is being shot simultaneously to supplement written material for the OSS war diary.

Other Projects

The Coastal Command project has been completed and is in the hands of Headquarters, Washington. SHAF's request for the Combat

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Photo film has been fulfilled although material made by the Navy combat photo team is still being processed, handled through censorship and shipped to Washington by the Field Photographic Branch. The Agent Training Program Film is continuing, while the Welfreighter Project has been completed and turned over to SO.

#### XI. SECURITY

Total personnel 15 including 6 civilians.

Heightened travel clearance traffic was reported throughout the month with many rush requests for SHAEF Military Permits in connection with travel to the continent. A newly adopted SHAEF policy makes it possible to arrange with the American Embassy to extend passports of American civilians for continental travel instead of clearing through the State Department, Washington.

#### XII. SERVICES

Total personnel 303 including 52 civilians.

As previously stated, an Advanced Echelon Hq. was established on the continent 13 August; two lifts have been despatched to that headquarters. Services was preparing for the movement, en masse, of much OSS personnel to the continent in September. Additional achievements for the month include the setting up of a program which will result in supplies being obtained more quickly from army supply authorities in ETO.

Changes: On 29 August the Adjutant's office was detached from Services Branch and established as a section of the Director's office.

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1. The report prepared by the Mediterranean Theater Office contains the following items of outstanding interest:

a. France.

- (1) Valuable intelligence provided Seventh Army invading southern France. (pp. 22,23, 27,28,35).
- (2) Microfilm of defense plans flown to troops attacking Marseilles. (p. 30).

b. Italy.

- (1) OSS in complete control of agent infiltration for Fifth Army. (p. 25).
- (2) X-2/SCI unit aided arrest of stay-behind agents in Florence. (p. 36).
- (3) Disappointing performance of ICU's at Florence. (pp. 23,24).
- (4) Decline in supplies to patriot bands because of diversion of air lift to Warsaw. (pp.23,29).
- (5) First OG team in Northern Italy. (p.24).
- (6) Success of Ossini, III, on MU operation on the Adriatic Coast. (p. 41).

c. Balkans

- (1) Col. Huntington's mission to Yugoslav Partisan Headquarters. (pp. 31,32).
- (2) Aircrew rescues from Yugoslavia, Romania, and Bulgaria. (pp. 37,38,39).
- (3) OG successes in Greece. (p. 43).
- (4) Adequate effectiveness of MO against German garrisons in Greece. (p. 40).
- (5) Dealings of OSS/Istanbul with Romanian peace delegation prior to surrender. (p. 47).

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1. a. So rapid was the advance of the 7th Army in Southern France that our carefully prepared plans for a long campaign had for the most part to be abandoned. OSS made valuable contributions to this advance in the form of intelligence, of supply to the Maquis and through the action of OGs and SO teams. The harrying activities of the Maquis groups were a large factor in initiating the rapid German withdrawal, demonstrating the effective use that could be made of the comparatively few hundred tons of arms and supplies dropped by SPOC, which was staffed by the British and OSS.

Small detachments, operating with each of the three divisions of the 7th Army, were set up to organize a series of combat intelligence teams similar to those which proved so useful in Italy. The teams were made up of over-run agents of previously established French SI teams and by newly recruited personnel. They went behind the German lines on short missions to report enemy strength and disposition. The value of our intelligence contribution was testified to by the Commanding General of the 36th Division who commended our detachment leader for the information furnished on the fortification of Lyon and for other valuable assistance. Within three weeks of the

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invasion, however, Colonel Gamble was turning his attention to the problem of the penetration of Germany as the next phase in the campaign.

b. It is interesting to note that Colonel "Jock" Whitney was captured while observing the work of our detachment with the 3rd Division.

c. At the end of the report period operations were continuing successfully although they were hampered by a shortage of vehicles.

2. The principal reverses suffered during the month were:

a. The drastic limitation on air lift, resulting from the diversion of Italian-based planes to supplying the patriots in Warsaw, has meant that very few teams or supplies were sent into resistance groups in northern Italy. One crucial battle along the Genoa-Piacenza road proved abortive because the patriots could not be resupplied with needed arms. General Donovan has proposed that planes from Great Britain be diverted to Italy to fill this need for greater lift but, inasmuch as we are dependent upon the British for supplies and for the packing of these supplies, procuring of planes from Britain will not solve the whole problem.

b. The Intelligence Collection Units comprised of the personnel of several branches that were sent to Florence proved to be a failure. Lack of sufficient personnel resulted in totally inadequate coverage of the city. Further teams of

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this sort are planned for other cities in Northern Italy but if these teams are not manned and thoroughly trained before the cities are liberated, we will fail to capitalize on our contacts with resistance groups and, therefore, will not obtain the considerable volume of documentary material that is undoubtedly available.

c. A diplomatic flurry was caused by the unauthorized arrival in Bari of three representatives of General Mihailovich who came out on a plane that was evacuating American airmen. The British representatives were upset by their unexpected appearance at the time of Prime Minister Churchill's visit to Italy. Mr. Murphy of the State Department took the matter calmly and the affair has blown over with the detention, apparently incommunicado, of the three representatives. However they will be allowed to present a formal statement of Mihailovich's need for ~~additional~~ arms, and of their views of the situation in Yugoslavia.

B. Accomplishments of Outstanding Interest.

1. OSS made one of its most important contributions to the military effort when it furnished personnel and communications facilities used in the evacuation of 1,100 airmen from Rumania. Full details of this rescue mission are not yet available. At the same time when the rescue personnel went into Rumania a permanent OSS advance headquarters was set up at Bucharest. One team has been sent out from this headquarters to assess damage to the Ploesti oil fields at the request of the 15th Air Force.

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OSS has also played a similarly important role in the evacuation of airmen from Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, details of which will be available in the near future.

2. The establishment of Company D and the diversion to Siena of a considerable part of the Caserta personnel has enabled the creation of a well-rounded OSS unit which is contributing materially to the intelligence of the 5th and 8th Armies. Prior to the establishment of Company D small detachments had been operating with these Armies, conducting short-range intelligence patrols. The expansion of our resources has enabled us to build up the number and coverage of these short-range teams, and also to channel more quickly to Division G-2's, intelligence received from long-range teams that are operating in Northern Italy. These intelligence reports are distributed in daily bulletins which have been highly praised by the Armies and by AAI.

3. As a recognition of our methods of training, briefing and infiltrating of agents for short-range intelligence, General Howard, G-2 of the 5th Army, has turned over to the OSS complete control of agent infiltration for the 5th Army. We will get requests for information from the Divisions and Corps directly. When the 2nd and 4th Corps handled their own agents they were improperly briefed and many were lost. OSS is now performing a similar function for the Polish 5th Corps of the 8th Army.

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**SECRET****C. Organizational Developments.**

1. General Donovan's visit to the theater, which was timed with the invasion of Southern France, had as one of its consequences the development of plans for the partial merger of ETO and MEDTO for the purpose of continued operations in France and for the penetration of Germany. Colonel Toulmin has been designated Balkan Area Commander, while Colonel Glavin's position remains unchanged as Mediterranean SSO. The detachment currently with the 7th Army will probably come under the jurisdiction of ETO in the near future.

2. 28 August Colonel Glavin met with the head of OSS in Switzerland, at Annemasse, after a trip through territory still lightly occupied by the Germans. A temporary advance base was established at Annemasse and W/T communications with Caserta were set up. Arrangements were made for an increase in supply drops to resistance groups in the border area between Switzerland and Italy, and for pouch service from Switzerland to Caserta. On his return trip Colonel Glavin brought with him two American airmen who had taken refuge in Switzerland, and plans were made for the evacuation of more than a thousand others. These plans will be developed in cooperation with MAAF.

3. Company D, upon the completion of operations in Northern Italy, will thenceforth be concerned with the penetration of Central Europe, while Bari will act as rear headquarters for operations in the Balkans and will send up personnel for work in Central Europe. A small forward base north of Bari on the east coast of Italy will probably be established.

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4. Plans have been prepared looking to the establishment of a series of SI detachments for reporting economic and political intelligence on the liberated areas in Northern Italy. These detachments of one or two men will act as headquarters for agents who will report on political groups formed in their respective cities.

5. AFHQ through Generals Devers and Noce has indicated a desire for greater control over the administration of OSS activities. General Noce has directed that a complete report of the strength of OSS in the Mediterranean and its disposition be made at an early date.

INTELLIGENCE

II. SI (NATO personnel: 84 officers, 164 enlisted men, 65 civilians; total 313. METO personnel: 39 officers, 37 enlisted men, 70 civilians; total 146.)

A. French Section

The work of the combined French Spanish Desk came to a climax during August, with a peak of 21 operating W/T stations reporting a steady volume of valuable intelligence. A total of nine personnel drops, which included 15 agents and 13 W/T operators, went in during August. Some of these stations operated only a short time before they were over-run by the advancing Army, but the contribution of the French Desk to 7th Army intelligence may be estimated from the statement by an officer of G-2 that 35 percent of the "valuable" intelligence material used by the 7th Army was furnished by OSS. Colonel Glavin quotes Colonel

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Parry, G-2 of the 7th Army and Colonel Langemin, G-2, 6th Army Corps, as saying that approximately 79 percent of all O/B material used by the invading forces originated with OSS. The quality of the French chains, particularly intelligence furnished by Durrance, has been very high.

London reported that "coverage of the 9th and 11th Panzer movements is highly regarded by SHAEF." This coverage represents some of the best work done by the French intelligence teams, but is equalled in other instances, as for instance Millen's penetration of the Eisenbahn Direction. The Desk has forwarded a constant flow of 7th Army requests for information on troop movements, road blocks and mines, and transportation conditions. In many instances these requests were answered even before they were received in the field by the forehanded direction of some of the team leaders.

A letter has been received from M. Soustelle of the Direction des Services Speciaux, which guarantees the regularization of the status of the Frenchmen who have been working for us, and assures them of proper reward for their contribution to the common effort.

An organization of French Nationals, with connections in Germany, have put their services at our disposal. We have agreed to supply, equip and train personnel, and to direct the intelligence resulting from their operations. Two members of this group have gone forward to join Mr. Hyde and to commence the activation of their proposals. Several of the teams already in the field

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have begun preparations for the penetration of Germany. These plans will be put into effect as rapidly as conditions permit.

B. Italy

The five teams reporting regularly to the Italian SI Desk continued to send in information on German battle order, location of guns and ammunition dumps, the status of rail transportation, bombing results and detailed descriptions of patriot activities and strength. They report that North Italian patriot groups number more than 30,000, at least half of whom, however, have no arms. A proposal is under consideration to dispatch a liaison group to the North Italian Patriot Command to regularize the flow of intelligence and distribution of supplies to these groups.

The diversion of aircraft to supply Warsaw and bad weather prevented the delivery of any additional agents or W/T operators to the Italian chains during the report period. However, two supply drops were made.

A number of specific questions from the 5th, 7th and 8th Armies have been answered and particularly valuable information was furnished concerning the movement of the 90th P.G. Division, which was followed to Northwestern Italy despite German efforts to conceal its movement. There have been a series of heavy German drives against patriot groups, which have hampered the activities of our chains.

The proposal to close the Palermo base brought protests from ONI and the American Consulate General in Palermo so the

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closing order has been rescinded. A number of political and economic reports were received from Palermo and Rome. Personnel dealing with military reports have been transferred to Siena for the more expeditious processing and dissemination of this material.

C. Switzerland

Swiss-based intelligence chains sent out a large number of items during August, almost all of which were concerned with German battle order. Diminution in the flow of the intelligence can be anticipated because of the arrest of two of the principal agent organizers, and the increasing attention to political matters evidenced by others.

Discussions are under way between Bern and Caserta concerning the dispatch of SO personnel to destroy a plant on the Swiss-German border making fuel for one of the German secret weapons. The air forces are unwilling to bomb the plant because of the possibility of bombs falling in Switzerland. Two W/T operators for a new radio station on the Swiss-Italian border are ready to go in. They are awaiting word from Bern as to where and when they should be dropped. This Desk has also been hampered by the difficulties of the air lift during August.

A courier who came through the 5th Army lines in late July brought with him microfilm plans for the defenses of Marseilles. These were flown to the troops attacking that city, and proved to be of value in assisting in its capture. Arrangements have been made for regular pass words for agents making the trip from Switzerland to Allied territory.

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**SECRET****D. Central Europe**

1. Germany-Austria. The German-Austrian Desk plans to use a large number of PWs willing to work for the Allied cause, as agents, for blind drops in Austria. It is felt that lack of time precludes normal recruiting procedures and although there may be losses among these agents, any return from them will be at low cost to OSS. Fourteen agents are now under training and more are being sought. A list of safe contacts has been obtained from Austrian officials. This list is to be shared with the British who also intend penetration of this area.

2. Hungary. The Flues team, which will recruit and dispatch agents from Yugoslavian bases, went in with IAMM. Three agents are being briefed at Bari and additional PWs are being sought to act as agents.

3. Czechoslovakia. Training of new agents for the penetration of Czechoslovakia continued in Bari, with one team ready to go. Another team continues its training but may be delayed in its departure because of difficulties in recruiting a W/T operator.

**E. Yugoslavia**

The Independent American Military Mission to Marshal Tito, which arrived on the Yugoslavian mainland, was occupied with establishing living arrangements and meeting their British and Russian counterparts, as well as the members of the Marshal's staff. Lack of radio personnel precluded the development of original intelligence, but arrangements are being made

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for the dispatch of teams for Central Europe from Yugoslavian bases, as well as for the collection of additional Yugoslavian intelligence with the help of Tito's staff.

OSS members of the BMM have been transferred to the jurisdiction of Colonel Huntington, but are to remain at their present posts. They are continuing their normal liaison duties.

F. Albania

The Pola unit was reintroduced into Albania during August, where it set about the reestablishment of its intelligence chain. An SO representative with the FNC military mission returned to Bari. Seventy translations of Albanian documents were made and 28 reports from the field were disseminated.

G. Air Section

The Air Section received a plaque from the 5th and 304th Wings of the 15th Air Force and a letter of commendation from Major General N. F. Twining, of the 15th Air Force, for assistance rendered through the preparation of safe area maps. A commendation was also received from the 205th Bombing Corps of the RAF for outstanding intelligence planning in relation to mine laying and bombing operations on the Danube. The work of the Air Section continues at a diminishing pace as preparations are made for the return of its personnel to Washington for assignment elsewhere.

H. Greece

A revised version of the Young Plan, called the Young Plan Jr., which formulates a program for SI activities in Greece during the post-hostilities period, was put into operation with

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the dispatch of the first team. The program is to be smaller and more clandestine than the first proposal suggested. However, it is believed that the establishment of a forward base at Athens and the improved coverage which will result from a closer direction and possible consolidation of existing teams will enable a valuable intelligence service to be rendered.

There has been a heavy flow of mail and an increasing number of economic reports from the teams in the field. Three hundred eighty one reports were issued during August. A reconnaissance was made by members of the Helot team through the Laconian area to report on the devastation caused by the recent earthquake there. The Horsebreeders team reports that one third of the rolling stock in their area is now useless as a result of sabotage which they have encouraged. This sabotage is being carried on with the primitive materials available such as sand. The mission members feel that even more useful work could be done if emery were available.

There was apparently an effort on the part of the British liaison officers to channel SI contacts through the ALO's and to reveal to Force 135 the identities and locations of our SI teams in Greece. This move was resisted vigorously on our part on the grounds that OSS was intended to be an independent agency.

#### I. Labor Desk

Two teams of four men each were landed at an advance Slovenian base 27 August. Both of these teams are intended for Austria, and two additional men will be sent from London to

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strengthen OSS representation in this important area. The Pericles mission, attached to ELLAS headquarters, continues to transmit a series of valuable reports, including confirmation copies of official cables relating to the negotiations concerning EAM participation in the Greek government. Twenty seven reports have been issued on the basis of these cables from the field.

J. Other Cairo Intelligence

1. Near East. There has been a beneficial exchange of viewpoints between the field and Cairo as a result of the circulation of personnel which has taken place. This exchange will make for a better understanding of mutual problems, and for improved reporting. A roving field representative has been sent to Syria and Palestine. The new minister to Saudi Arabia will, apparently, be cooperative. Intelligence from Ethiopia will be channelled from Cairo, and efforts will be made to improve the coverage there through direct contacts.

2. Turkey. New personnel has been sent to the field, and supplies have been received for the Erdine base.

3. Africa. The IDB investigation and our interest in diamond smuggling is now dead. A report has been sent in on air routes in Africa.

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**L. North African Posts**

Information furnished by the Tunis office brought about the discharge of six Fascist employees of the local Air Transport Command unit. We have been asked to check 500 of their employees through our private sources of information. Tunis is concentrating on the development of intelligence chains and making a number of studies on Tunisian politics, and the Italian situation. Casablanca prepared 34 reports on Moroccan economic and political matters.

**M. Reports Section**

The Command Ship of the invasion force going into Southern France was furnished with a radio set to which was sent a series of last minute messages on coastal defenses and anti-parachutist obstacles in Southern France. Ninety three messages were transmitted in this fashion, which were said to have been the most valuable last-minute source of information. Many of these were in answer to specific questions put to OSS by G-2, AFHQ, or by the 7th Army. As a result of the rapid advance of the 7th Army, the forward Reports Section which was contemplated was not formed. However, our advance units have continued to receive reports which were of interest to the divisions to which they were attached.

The Reports Section of Italian SI has been moved from Caserta to Siena which will eliminate a considerable loss of time. This group will process not only the long-range intelligence reports, but also the reports of the combat reconnaissance units and will put out the daily intelligence bulletin which is

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circulated among the division G-2s of the 5th and 8th Armies.

Cairo has been preparing an economic briefing manual which will provide guidance for agents reporting economic materials and more useful intelligence for the increasing number of government agencies who are availing themselves of OSS reports. There has been a continuation in the steady increase in reports originating in Cairo, and the office now feels that it is working at top efficiency.

III. X-2 (NATO personnel: 20 officers, 26 enlisted men, 35 civilians; total 81. METO personnel: 5 officers, 3 enlisted men, 13 civilians; total 21.)

The SCI unit attached to the 7th Army took with them complete evidence on 7,000 suspected persons. This unit has proved to be of great value to the 7th Army, and additional personnel has been requested. High praise was received from G-2, CI of AAI, for the SCI unit in Florence, which collected intelligence and assisted in the apprehension of a number of stay-behind agents. Commendation was received also from the Allied Military Governor of Rome on the reports of the X-2 Branch. The last of the known German W/T sets there has been seized.

The Turkish break with Germany will free some personnel for work on Japan and satellite regions. The problem of preventing anti-Nazi Germans who have been useful to us from being returned to Germany by the Turks is still unsolved.

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- IV. R&A (NATO personnel: 22 officers, 12 enlisted men, 9 civilians; total 43. METO personnel: 5 officers, 8 enlisted men, 3 civilians; total 16.)

R&A target analysis section prepared 11 special reports and briefings, summarizing all current intelligence on roads, railroads, power, telecommunications, fuel and ammunition depots for SPOG. This work dropped off rapidly after the invasion.

A number of reports on Italian Party Programs, British policy in Italy, and interviews with key Italian political figures have been made. This work will be continued despite the reduction of staff that is being planned for the post-hostilities period. Preparations were made to send certain personnel to France and to other regions in the near future.

Cairo prepared a report on personalities connected with Ploesti oil fields, as well as the usual weekly intelligence summaries on Greece and Yugoslavia. The Central Intelligence files and the R&A library have been combined and there has been a great increase in the use of these files by other Government agencies in the region.

- V. CD & R&D (NATO personnel: 8 officers, 16 enlisted men, 3 civilians; total 27. METO personnel: 4 officers, 6 enlisted men, 0 civilians; total 10.)

Relations between CD and R&D continue good, and the two offices have handled an increasing volume of documentary work. A German seaman's passport, which was the subject of six weeks study, together with 50 sets of cover documents, was produced.

R&D has been operating 20 hours a day to take care of the burden of work. It is now located in Rome.

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## OPERATIONS

VI. SO (NATO personnel; 110 officers, 116 enlisted men, 14 civilians; total 240. METO personnel; 25 officers, 23 enlisted men, 2 civilians; total 50.)

A. Greece

The liaison officers in Greece report a widespread Andartes drive to eliminate Germans from the Evros region. These drives have been greatly assisted by American leadership. More than 200 Germans were captured, and the railroads in many places have been destroyed as a result of Andartes action.

Colonel West, senior American Liaison Officer, has recommended the extension of EDES territory to include major German targets. This recommendation has not yet been acted upon. One officer made a tour of the area devastated by the Germans and is making a report on the medical needs of the 20-30,000 Greeks.

B. Yugoslavia

SO can be considered to have withdrawn from Yugoslavia inasmuch as the SO liaison personnel attached to the British Military Mission have been formally transferred to the IAMM which is precluded from performing special operations. However, they will remain at their present stations and will continue their liaison and reporting activities.

An Air Crew Rescue Unit, under MAAF, has been formed to expedite the evacuation of stranded American airmen in South-eastern Europe. Its first large scale operations involved the sending in of four OSS representatives to Mihailovich territory on 2 August. These men directed the preparation of an airfield

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and furnished communication facilities necessary for the evacuation of 225 American flyers, as well as 57 of other nationalities, who were brought out on the 9th and 10th of August. An additional five OSS men have been sent into Partisan-held territory to make similar evacuation arrangements. On 29 August a large group was sent to Rumania and the evacuation of more than a thousand airmen held in Bucharest was begun. Full details on this exploit will be found in next month's report.

C. Operational Supplies and Packing

More than 300 gross tons of supplies to the Maquis were dropped into Southern France during August. The sharp decrease occurring at the end of the month pointed to the rapid liquidation of the operational supplies program. The packing station is soon to be closed, and reopened in Italy. Investigators have been sent to France to determine the cause of parachute and container failures.

D. SPOC

Incomplete reports from SPOC are summarized under the discussion of the OGS and in the Air Operations section.

E. Air Operations

The following air operations were carried out in August:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Bodies</u>	<u>Tons of Supplies</u>
S. France	142	369 (total SPOC deliveries)
N. Italy (to 25th)	33	33
Yugoslavia	42	17
Greece	3	2.2

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VII. MO (NATO personnel; 7 officers, 8 enlisted men, 21 civilians; total 36. METO personnel: 2 officers, 8 enlisted men, 12 civilians; total 22.)

Cairo MO inaugurated its first radio programs with 5-times daily broadcasts in Greek and German from Turkey. The programs presumably originate inside Greece and emanate from Germans now on the Allied side and from a reformed Greek collaborationist. The German program is purely subversive, while the Greek program carries news, sabotage instructions and warnings to collaborationists.

The MO mission, "Ulysses," on Evvia, reports further desertion of German garrisons in Greece, perhaps as a result of their efforts. They are publishing two daily underground papers, one in Greek and one in German, which ELLAS forces are distributing throughout the mainland. The Greek newspaper contains news broadcast from Cairo and the German one contains true and false news and general subversive material. One German garrison was evacuated after an MO ultimatum issued over the signature of the leader of the Andartes forces. A number of surrendering Germans have been found to have MO pamphlets in their possession.

Colonel Mann's visit to the Mediterranean theater has resulted in new plans being prepared for continued MO operations on the continent in line with further military developments. A large part of the Cairo staff has been transferred to Bari, from which base they will concentrate on the Balkans. Tito's forces have expressed great interest in MO materials and requested large supplies for distribution within Yugoslavia.

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The rapid course of the war in France has nullified the distribution points of MO materials there. It will be necessary to devise new techniques for distribution, or to use agents. Perhaps materials can be sent in from Switzerland or dropped from aircraft if the war goes on long enough.

Twenty three items are now being produced by the Rome MO staff, and London has ordered copies of their materials for distribution through a newly opened channel on the continent. This cooperative effort will undoubtedly be continued as a result of Colonel Mann's visit.

VIII. MU (NATO personnel: 11 officers, 29 enlisted men, 0 civilians; total 40. METO personnel: 6 officers, 9 enlisted men, 0 civilians; total 15.)

MU's northern base at Ancona conducted a successful sabotage operation and an important intelligence mission during August. Ossining III, which had been attempted twice before, involving the destruction of a bridge behind the German lines between Fano and Pesaro, was accomplished 16 August. Fourteen men were landed by rubber boats. During the 25 minutes that it took to place the charges they observed a number of German vehicles and troops moving across the bridge. The charge was blown and photo reconnaissance the next day showed that traffic was piled up behind the unrepaired bridge. The Germans have now largely diverted traffic from this important route, partly as a result of our harassing operations. Other raids are planned.

Four agents were sent in to bring back information on the Gothic line defenses and returned with an engineer who knew intimately and pinpointed for the 8th Army, 45 kilometers of the

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Gothic line from Pesaro inland, as well as coastal defenses north of Cattolica. The information was put to immediate use by the Polish Corps, which sent forward an armed reconnaissance patrol the next day.

The two crash boats have finally arrived in the theater. One is being sent to Ancona for use on the Adriatic coast, while the other will be used in the Tyrrhenian Sea.

IX. OG (NATO personnel: 98 officers, 688 enlisted men, total 786.)

A. France

The 12 Operational Groups in France, one of which had been in two and a half months, were all cooperating closely with the Maquis in a series of harassing actions against the retreating Germans. No complete account of their activities is possible at this time. However, all of these groups were active in destroying communication facilities, power lines, railroad and road bridges, and in ambushing convoys of German troops. Four men were reported to have been killed.

B. Italy

The first OG team into Northern Italy was dropped along with seven tons of supplies on 11 August. This team landed safely and is in contact with an Italian resistance group controlling the territory from Torriglia to Bobbio. German Fascist troops are making every effort to wipe out this patriot group. Six men were slightly injured during the landing and the radio was lost, but a nearby SI radio is being used for communication with Corsican base.

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C. Yugoslavia

OG patrols participated in two raids which the British conducted against the island of Korcula.

D. Greece

More than 175 Germans were killed by guerrilla attacks in which OG's participated. Three railroad engines were destroyed, and there were three raids on truck convoys in addition to an attack on the German headquarters in Yannitsa where five houses were mined and destroyed. One section is to be brought out because of illness of its members.

X. Communications (NATO personnel: 39 officers, 45 enlisted men, 19 civilians; total 103. METO personnel: 11 officers, 50 enlisted men, 11 civilians; total 72.)

Plans for a comprehensive Italian network were drawn up and put into effect. Direct traffic between Company D and Bari is now possible, which will reduce considerably the delay experienced in the past in getting agent messages from the field to the front line headquarters where the information is used. The problem of communications between the 5th and 8th Army detachment and their headquarters at Company D is still unsolved. Equipment has been moved from Rome and Algiers to San Leuccio.

A sub-installation has been put into operation with each of our detachments with the 7th Army. These stations pick up directly broadcasts from Algiers, thus saving the time required by courier service from our headquarters.

Cairo traffic is up sharply. This station is now handling 28 field circuits. Supplies and personnel were sent to Bari.

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- XI. Services (NATO personnel: 23 officers, 186 enlisted men, 49 civilians; total 258. METO personnel: 3 officers, 65 enlisted men, 2 civilians; total 70.)

Personnel shortages continue to hamper the operations of the Services Division at all centers, particularly at Algiers. A revised T/O for Services has been submitted and it is hoped that it will be favorably acted upon.

The personnel at Cairo have now been assigned to OSS Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, attached to Headquarters USAFIME for duty, which regularizes their status, and means that they can be moved freely without the necessity for obtaining orders from the War Department, Washington.

- XII. Schools & Training (NATO personnel: 13 officers, 32 enlisted men, 1 civilian; total 46. METO personnel: 3 officers, 13 enlisted men, 0 civilian; total 16)

The Schools & Training program was hampered by the damage to one of their training planes, but continued the instruction being given to French and British as well as our own representatives. There were 8 graduates of the communications school. The parachute school at Algiers has been closed.

XIII. Other Branches

- A. Special Funds (NATO personnel: 7 officers, 6 enlisted men, 5 civilians; total 18. METO personnel: 1 officer, 0 enlisted men, 1 civilian; total 2.)

Reciprocal aid may soon be used in Italy, so that all finances except the vouchered American civil payroll may be met through reciprocal aid. Rome is in the process of paying all

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claims to agents as recommended by the special investigating committee and approved by Colonel Glavin. French agents have created the same problem as those in Italy where they have run into debt. The same procedure will be used to settle these claims.

- B. Security (NATO personnel: 8 officers, 7 enlisted men, 8 civilians; total 23. METO personnel: 2 officers, 7 enlisted men, 3 civilians, total 12.)

A Field Security Officer has been created. His function will be to act as a roving inspector and to redistribute personnel as needed. The withdrawal of guards loaned by AFHQ on a temporary basis has created additional problems.

- C. Medical Office (NATO personnel: 4 officers, 1 enlisted man, 1 civilian; total 6. METO personnel: 3 enlisted men.)

A dispensary has been established at Caserta headquarters, and medical facilities at the various bases are operating efficiently. A number of medical kits were prepared for use in Greece, and a quantity of medical supplies has been obtained for use when Greece is freed.

- D. Field Photographic. (NATO personnel: 2 officers, 8 enlisted men; total 10. METO personnel: 1 enlisted man.)

Two Field Photographic men were sent on the mission to Rumania where they filmed the evacuation of more than 1100 American airmen, the entry of the Russians into Bucharest, and bomb damage scenes. They were the only cameramen on this historic mission.

Three photographers were attached to a division of the 8th Army which were the first Allied troops to enter Florence.

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These men were turned back by enemy fire after they had exposed 500 feet of film. A script is being made of OSS combat reconnaissance patrols which are attached to the 5th and 8th Armies. Field Photo is hampered by a shortage of personnel which limits the full development of their potentialities.

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REPORT OF ISTANBUL MISSION

The Istanbul Mission was largely occupied with problems arising from the break of Turkey with Germany, and with the dispatch of teams to Rumania and Bulgaria.

The rupture of relations with Germany created a problem in the disposition of German or Austrian nationals who had been of assistance to us. Turkish authorities wanted to return these men to Germany proper. The Turks were initially uncooperative, but arrangements were finally made whereby several anti-Nazi Germans were sent to the Middle East and the balance were interned in Turkey.

Several members of a Rumanian peace delegation informally approached OSS prior to the coup of 23 August. We confined our activities solely to contact work and kept the American Legation fully informed of the tenor of the conversations. These individuals were useful to us in obtaining intelligence items and in making arrangements for the entry of an OSS team into Rumania. Lt. Comdr. Wisner went into Rumania along with a number of newspaper men 1 September, with the balance of the team scheduled to follow him shortly. British agencies, which had been planning a similar forward movement, were prevented from doing so by orders of their Foreign Office. Preparations for an overland mission to go to Bulgaria had been completed by the end of the month, and the team was expected to move in momentarily.

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**SI BRANCH - FRENCH DESK**

**CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

NAME	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	DESCRIPTION	NO. MEN	PROGRESS DURING AUGUST
CROCUS "Amatele"	S. France (Valence, Grenoble Lyon area)	Intelligence mission & W/T station	4	Only contact is through a British station. When a supply drop of new crystals and plans was attempted on 30 August, there was no reception committee present.
"Lucie"	Aix, Brignoles region			Mission was given important pre-invasion assignments by AFHQ. Reported on anti-parachute obstacles at Lohay, anti-tank walls and gun emplacements in the target area, and on German traffic. They were over-taken by the American army 19 August, and then sent to the Franco-Italian border.
"Fetalia"	Nimes- Avignon area			Reported the location of a field used for trials of a flying bomb near Aix, and on German activities in the ports of Marseilles and Nice. On 25 August made an unsuccessful attempt to move up the Rhone.
STOILE "Astatic"	SW France	Intelligence and liaison mission	5	Two American officers, 1 French officer and 2 radio operators went into a resistance group on a joint mission with the Ministry of War on 10 August. Has sent out excellent intelligence, but is mainly interested in PFI activities.
"Camille"	SW France	" "	" "	Station has been instructed to report to American Army Headquarters.
"Ewlett"		" "	5	17 August 2 American officers and 3 French radio operators were dropped north of Begiers. No contact yet established with "Astatic"
GRAPFRUIT "Mendez"	Toulon	Intelligence	2	Has been off the air for most of the month. Only 2 reports on the defenses east of Toulon. Taken by the Germans before the invasion began.

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MATHILDA		Intelligence mission		The chief agent of the Mathilda Group returned 10 August. An American EM was sent in to a Maguis group to prepare for Lyseunder operations.
"Gopher" formerly Loire				New radio equipment was sent in 10 August. On 27 August the operator went off the air as he was in contact with the desk head.
"Mascara"				
"Wolf" (Antelope)	Greoble			Reports mostly on Maguis activities in Greoble area, but has identified troop movements. Also serves as an underground railroad for American aviators.
PANCAIE	SW France	Intelligence mission	2	Unable to establish W/T communication. Pouch received via Madrid.
PERRY PARTING				
"Balliercroft" Lynn		Intelligence mission	7	W/T operator was parachuted into area 6 August. Identified Friss Hagen tank regiment and other armed elements retreating through Lynn. Reported on defenses and German plans for rear guard action. Moving toward Belfort Gap.
"Mallery" Rhone near Montelmar				W/T operator was dropped 6 August. On August 19 started transmitting intelligence, continued until 25 August when post was captured by Germans and the operator was killed.
"Millon"				Received communication from SHAW on coverage of activities of the 11th Panzer Division. Reported on train movements in the southeast, pinpoint locations of important headquarters. After the invasion, moved east toward lower Rhone, to be sent to a forward division.

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PHENY PAKING

"Simpson" Rhone formerly valley "Martings"

Intelligence mission

"Simpson" Lyon

PUMPKIN Lyon

Intelligence mission

"Brazil"

"Marguerite" Lyon

SWEETPA "Goodyear"

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Reported directions of movements of important units leaving Marseilles. Valuable report on coastal defenses and artillery emplacements. Was overtaken by American army on 24 August and now serves as an outlet for the head of the desk.

Moved north to the Lyon region about 14 August. Supplied important information on train movements, reports on defenses, munition dumps and factories. Many of its agents have been sent north towards the Solfero Gap.

The chief agent was evacuated 6/7 August. Important documentary intelligence on SE coastal defenses and information on V-1 and V-2 was brought out. After an unsuccessful attempt to return by air, the agent left Algiers 31 August to go to 7th Army headquarters.

Reported 0/8 on southern France of considerable value until the W/T station and 4 members were seized by the Germans on 18 August. The station continued in operation until the 18th.

Followed movements of part of the 8th Panzer Division which moved by way of CO Maigleobahn, report 4 on traffic in Rhone valley.

Two agents and W/T operator were dropped 3 August to gather tactical intelligence behind the enemy lines. After sending one intelligence report, they were over-run by Americans at Apt. Now being briefed for future missions.

Cancelled because military authorities prohibited supply drops to territory which would soon be over-run.

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SPANISH R-SIG CHAINS

AAK "Anita"	E. of Lyon			Reported on enemy convoys, defenses and mining of roads in answer to requests from forward echelons. Supply drop received 31 August. Ordered to fall back toward Alsaac.
"Barbara"	Marseilles			Came on the air for the first time 2 August - reported train movements, location of 9th Panzer, 180th Division and 22nd Artillery regiment. Will leave for Marseilles to report to American army.
RMO "Boeing"	Farbes		3	Two Spanish radio operators, 1 French Lyseur agent and supplies were dropped on 12 August. An operator took in the signal plan for "Hardrock"
"Irina"			3	Chief of RMO chain, radio operator and arms expert sent in. Station is on the air.
RMO & AAK "Eytremic"	Pyrenees Orientales		3	Came on the air the 6th of August.

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**SI BRANCH - ITALIAN DECK**

**CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

NAME	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	DESCRIPTION	NO. MEM	PROGRESS DURING AUGUST
APPLE	Genoa to Italian Riviera	Intelligence mission	4	Moved to Acqui-Nervi-Ligure-Bresella area, has reported regularly since 16 August on troop concentrations, location of depots. Has established contact with local patriot leaders. 17 items.
APRICOT	Lake region	Military intelligence	2	66 items. Reported Geering division's return to Germany; location of gun positions on Gothic line; new bridges on the Po, railroad targets and depots. Has arranged pick-ups for 3 OG teams.
CHERRY (formerly Montreal)		Intelligence mission		Mission chief is planning to move to Lucco for collaboration with patriot groups.
CITRUS	Turin	Intelligence mission	2	24 items. Reported location of part of San Marco Division, bombing information on newly built bridges, railroad traffic through Brenner.
CURRANT (formerly Beading)	Genoa	"		Mission chief, an Italian officer, was arrested 21 August. Is now a prisoner of the chief of the underground in Genoa.
DATE	Valais & Carnic Alps	"	3	Released by Partisans and returned to base.
GUAVA 1		"		Has made radio contact through Switzerland. Delivery of new radio delayed by bad weather.
GUAVA 2	Milan	"	3	First and only contact 15 August.
KINOSTON	LaSpezia	"	2	Nothing has been heard from this mission.
MEAL	Parma Piacenza	Military intelligence & evacuation of underground leaders.	3	7 items. Reported on defenses of Gothic line. German attack on patriots. Not heard from since 5 August.

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<b>NELSON</b> (formerly Youngstrom)	Genoa	Intelligence mission	3	Not heard from since 29 June.
<b>ORANGE</b>	Turin	"	3	97 items. Sent in Q/B in Torino & Piedmont, movement of the 90th Panzer Grenadier. Reported location of Fascists Intelligence Headquarters.
<b>PEAR</b>	Venice	"	2	6 August was the last contact. Mission chief reported arrested by Germans.
<b>PLUM</b>	"	"	"	Reached base 31 August. Released from Partisans through intervention of AME.
<b>PRIGLY PEAR</b>	"	"	2	Gathering tactical information not far behind the enemy lines.
<b>QUINCE</b> (formerly Looat)	Genoa	"	2	97 items. Reported location of war plants, ammunition depots, movement of 188th Division to France. Coordinates activities of other Bastia-based missions.
<b>RAISIN</b>	Bologna	"	3	On the air for the last time 26 July. W/T operator and radio captured by Germans.

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<b>PEACH</b>	Belluno Udine	Military Intelligence	"	Waiting until Strawberry is sent in.
<b>PINEAPPLE</b>	N. Piedmont	Intelligence mission	"	Numerous attempts failed because of adverse weather.
<b>STRAWBERRY</b>	NW Italy	"	"	

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NAME	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	DESCRIPTION	NO. MEN	PROGRESS DURING AUGUST	
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<u>CONTINUING OPERATIONS</u>					
AJAX	Aetole, Aetarnania	Intelligence mission	2		First contact made on 12 August.
ATHLETES		"	3		Most of the equipment was ruined in landing. Supply drop planned for 29 August.
BRIGAND-STYGIA		"			Brigand personnel returned to the Greek Army and Navy. First mail from Stygia, containing some first-class items, received 22 August. Gergen operator communicating until replacement arrives.
CRAYON	Tinos	Shipping intelligence	3		Radio operator sent as replacement. Agent offers valuable operational services to our boats.
DAGO	Rhodes	Reconnaissance	4		Arrived in Smyrna from Rhodes.
DESPOT	Athens	Intelligence mission	4		Continues to send a number of reports.
ELEPHANT	Zervas Hq.	"	3		Regular contact established. No more complaints from ALO.
FLEECE	Larissa	"	2		Arrived at destination. Contacted Cairo through Horsebreeders on 16 August.
FLOKA	Maedonia	"	1		No radio contact; reports continue by mail.
GASOLENE	Salonica	"	2		Mail has been dispatched to Cairo.
GORGON	Corfu	"	2		Arrived safely at Euboea. One agent has gone to Athens on reconnaissance trip.
HELIOS	Dodecanese	"	5		Agent left Alexandria 27 August for Cyprus.

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		<b>SI BRANCH - GREEK DESK (Cont.)</b>		
HELLOT	Laeonia	Intelligence mission	4	New radio and other supplies successfully dropped 30 July. Continues to report.
HORSEBREEDERS	Pelion	"	"	Agent has returned from trip through Thessaly plain where he posted additional sub-agents and planned another network. Reports that 1/3 of rolling stock at Larissa put out of commission by workers following his instructions. Working with Ulysses, MO.
IRON	Khakidiki	"	2	Upon arrival of radio operator, being sent 1 Sept., the mission will go into Bulgarian occupied territory.
MOLOSSOS	"	"	"	Radio expert was dropped 29 August to aid in setting up their radio.
ORACLE	Athens	"	"	Good flow of intelligence by radio.
PERICLES	"	Labor Desk project to survey resistance strength, secure assistance of RAM	4	Transmitted copies of important cables relating to negotiations for RAM's participation in the government, also sent excellent reports of political and military intelligence.
TALANK	Salonika	"	2	Insists that it is not necessary to be withdrawn.
SETTLER	Attica	Intelligence	3	Settler and Despot are collaborating.
SIMONS	"	Special project to obtain German secret weapon.	"	Now in Smyrna, will be sent to Horsebreeders, then to final destination.

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SI BRANCH - GREEK DESK (Cont.)

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SPRINGFIELD Bulgaria

Intelligence mission

22/23 August were dropped in Evros. Contact established with representative of Bulgarian Partisans who will assist them in penetration of Bulgaria.

VLACH Athens

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Agent and operator finally met and contact established with base.

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BANKERS Athens

Will probably be dropped.

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Will be the last mission to be sent in.

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	<u>Austria</u>			<u>SI BRANCH - CENTRAL EUROPE</u>
FERN		Labor Desk pro- 4 ject to penetrate Austria	4	Landed at advance Slovenian base 27 August.
FISHER	N. Slovenia	Penetration of Austria	5	Went into N.W. Yugoslavia 27 August.
TUNIC		Labor Desk pro- 4 ject to penetrate Austria	4	Landed at advance Slovenian base 27 August.
	<u>Hungary</u>			
FLUES			5	Landed at advance base in Drav area 26 August with IAMA.
	<u>Romania</u>			
HAMMERHEAD	Bucharest		7	Flew into Bucharest 29 August, further personnel to be sent in later.
				Still held up because of weather conditions. Scheduled for early September
	<u>Austria</u>			
	BUNN (IVY)	Labor Desk pro- 2 ject to penetrate Austria.	2	On way from London.

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**SI BRANCH - YUGOSLAVIA**

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NAME	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	DESCRIPTION	NO. MEM	DETAILS
ALUM	Slovene Parti- san Hq.	Intelligence	7	Reported on enemy movements and installations in Trieste-Gorizia area.
MULBERRY	Croatian Parti- tisan Hq.	"	5	Reported on morale of German and satellite troops, covered movement of the enemy in Croatia. Headquarters was attacked and most of the mission's personal equipment was lost. Evacuated.
OAK & PALM	Partisan Naval Command	"		Presumed to be sending intelligence.
PIKE	Istria	"		Merged with Mulberry, and as a sub-team of that mission was sent to Istria where an increased enemy concentration has been reported.
REDWOOD	2nd Partisan Army Corps Montenegro	"	2	Had to change position frequently due to enemy attacks. Supplied excellent target information in Montenegro.
YELLOWTAIL	Serbia	"		First report gave a picture of Chetnik and Bulgarian positions in Serbia.

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ASH	Veivodina	3
WALNUT	Slavonia	3
WILLOW	Macedonia	3

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NAME	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	DESCRIPTION	NO. MEN	PROGRESS DURING AUGUST
				<u>SI BRANCH - ALBANIA</u>
PRAT		Intelligence Mission		One man infiltrated 14 August.
PERRY	PEZA	"		That dropped 26 July. An additional man went in 14 August.
POLA	Borshi	"		One man was infiltrated 14 August. 26 August the leader and W/T operator returned

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ALICE	France	Drome	Liaison and sabotage operations	15	Blow bridge on Chabeuil-Great highway. After attacks on AA installations at Montmeyran, the enemy moved out. In 2 ambushes on E.H. 7, 16 Germans were killed and several vehicles destroyed. Little resistance so the Section moved back to Grenoble to contact E.F. Staff. One resupply.
BEISI		Ardecho	" "	15	Participated in raid of Ferrieres - 16 Germans killed. Reported Maquis activities and bomb damage. On 29 August 1 CG was killed and another wounded when strafed by Allied planes. One resupply.
EMILY		Lot	" "	15	Section destroyed important lines of communication. Reported intelligence. Has asked for medical equipment and supplies for distribution.
HELEN		Ardecho	" "	15	Were dropped 29/30 August.
JUSTINE		Vercoires	" "	15	Worked with Maquis in attacking enemy garrison near Grenoble (180 Germans killed, 4 taken prisoner). Section divided into teams of 3 men to cut all communications and power lines in district. Forwarded intelligence reports on transport and supply routes to 7th Army. On 27 August, with 11 straggled fliers, contacted E-3 of 46th Division.
LAFAYETTE		Ardecho	" "	15	Dropped the night of 29/30 August.
LOUISE		Ardecho	" "	15	22 August the section was working with Maquis in laying ambushes to hinder the retreating Nazis. Section killed 100 Germans, destroyed 1 tank, other vehicles and machine guns.

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**CG BRANCH (Continued)**

**CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

**France**

**NANCY**

**Savoie**

Liaison and sabotage operations

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Operated in Briancon-Mont Genevre region 20 August. Maquis reported to be well organized. Part of the section is working with Maquis as demolition experts. Blew 2 road bridges on Hodone-Lallesbourg road. Because of lack of supplies, tactics were changed to harassing the enemy. Issuing intelligence direct to American forces.

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Two CG's were killed while attacking German motorcyclists of the 11th Panzer Division. Numerous ambushes and attacks in conjunction with Maquis at Mosmet - 60 prisoners taken. 2,000 Germans reported to have surrendered in Oustrou on 20 August. The Section is assisting in reorganizing the Maquis.

**Ardege**

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Reported doing a good job on the Spanish border. No direct radio contact. A lieutenant, second in command, was reported killed.

**Basses-Alpes**

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Blew 4 bridges on the Verdon and mined 2. Laid ambushes on Route Napoleon and R.N. 96. Contacted Allied forces on 24 August and were ordered by General Patch to undertake a new mission with Maquis along the Italian border.

**Ardeche**

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24/25 August were dropped. Are working with Maquis in destroying communications in the Rhone valley.

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Joined M.A.J. Coz 1/2 September

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<u>Greece</u>	22	Liaison and sabotage operations	One patrol destroyed a locomotive and several rail-road cars the night of 1 August near Linokladhi. Enemy casualties were reported. Participated in 2 other raids in conjunction with the British
<u>Italy</u>	16	" "	Team was dropped the night of 11/13 August. Reported on 16 August that 6 men were slightly injured and the radioes lost in landing. Has made contact with Resistance Group.

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Yugoslavia Vis

22	" "	Patrolled Peljesso Peninsula from 31 July to 3 August while the British shelled Koroula.
48	" "	Another patrol supported the British by landing on 14-25-46 August while they attacked Koroula.

PENDING OPERATIONS

Italy  
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NAME	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	DESCRIPTION	NO. MEN	PROGRESS DURING AUGUST
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SO BRANCH - GREECE

IONIAI	Greece	Hospital	2	Leader making reconnaissance trip in Voreia Samia area where Germans have destroyed 30 villages and caused much suffering. Medical supplies to be sent in shortly.
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LIAISON OFFICERS

SEIN	WAS, Hq.	Senior American Liaison Officer	2	Continuing liaison functions, commanded CGs on train raid 19 August.
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"TRUFFLE"	N. Greece	Liaison Officer	1	Continuing liaison functions.
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ABOUL	"	"	1	"
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"BOODLE"

BUICK	Near Aegean	"	2	"
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"PORTIA"

"SHEPHERD"	Epirus	"	2	"
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"LILLIAN"

CHICAGO	Eyros	SO Mission	2	Remaining member of mission recalled at end of month. Mission leader directed local Andartes in uprising which drove Germans from Eyros district.
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<u>CONTINUING OPERATIONS</u>				
<u>SO BRANCH - YUGOSLAVIA</u>				
ABBEVILLE	Serbia	Liaison with Partisans	2	New sub-mission, was part of Spike.
ALTMARK	Bosnia	"	1	
CUCKHOLD	Slovenia	"	4	The mission is under the command of an American officer. 3 members of mission entered 16 May. 1 other dropped 26 May.
DARINK	Slovenia	"	2	50 men landed as members of Anglo-American mission.
DEPOSIT	Montenegro	"	1	50 representative went in 19 July.
FLOTSAM	Slovenia	"	3	Under command of an American officer. Leader evacuated 22 July, to return 15 August.
FURGUS	Bosnia	"	1	50 representative went in 16 April. 3 men dropped on 20 August, 2 were dropped on 28 August to aid in ACHU.
GRISHA	Slavonia	"	2	New sub-mission
HALLYARD	Serbia	Evacuation of American air-men	4	Personnel dropped 2 August; 350 airmen evacuated from Chetnik territory.
RELATOR	Bosnia	Liaison with Partisans	1	Mission established 10 April.
SPIKE	Macedonia	"	4	During this period 2 men were dropped.

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NAME	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	DESCRIPTION	NO. MEN	PROGRESS DURING AUGUST
				<u>NO BRANCH - CAIRO</u>
ULYSSES MISSION	Greek Mainland	General NO Activities		First press reported distribution of hand bills, stickers, Greek and German underground newspapers.
"EMPOZ"		Newspaper		First edition of Greek newspaper sent into the field.
"DER DIMME MICHEL"		Newspaper		First edition of German underground paper went to press.
"MAGYAR NEM ZST"		Newspaper		Second edition went to press.
"PROGT"		Fake POW newspaper		Second edition is nearing completion.
BROADCASTS				On 25 August the black station started broadcasting to German troops in the Balkans from a point on the Turkish coast.
LEAFLETS & STICKERS				Leaflets and stickers were dropped into Greece. 10 new German stickers were printed.

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DETACHMENT 101

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Note by Reports Officer

The report prepared by the Far East Theater Office contains the following outstanding points:

- a. Commendation from CG 10th A.F., noting that 60 percent of combat missions are based on Det. 101 intelligence. (pp. 66,67).
- b. Det. 101 troops killed 396 Japs (p. 67), captured at least 23. (pp. 68, 69).
- c. 325 tons of supplies dropped by planes based on Dinjhan (p. 69), 100 tons by planes based on Myitkyina. (p. 70).
- d. Two patrols accidentally strafed by AAF and RAF. (p. 68).

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FAR EAST THEATER OFFICE**SECRET**REPORTAUGUST, 1944DETACHMENT 101I. General

Three commendations have been received by 101 during the month of August. The first was a detailed commendation from Major General Howard C. Davidson, Commanding U.S. 10th Army Air Force. General Davidson credits 101 for indispensable aid in Target Information, Damage Assessment, and Assistance and Rescue of Pilots and Air Crews Forced Down Behind Enemy Lines. The second was a cable from Grunnert of the 14th <sup>British</sup> Army ~~(XXXXXXXXXX)~~ which gives appreciation to Colonel Peers for the information which 101 has been giving this unit. The third was a certificate from General Merrill to W/O Robert R. Rhea, making Rhea a member of Unit 5307 which has been awarded the Presidential Citation.

A further letter of appreciation for 101's services came from Colonel R. H. Baker, Commanding Officer of the Air Transport Command. Colonel Baker describes several occasions in particular on which 101 has brought members of his Command from behind the enemy lines in the jungle and the occasions on which OSS information has resulted in the detection of Japanese

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radio direction finders and radio broadcasting units.

101's outstanding operational achievement was killing 396 Japanese during the month of August, making a total of 1922 in all. As to intelligence, the record can best be judged by the commendation from Major General Davidson who says, "OSS furnished the principal intelligence regarding Japanese troop concentrations, hostile natives, stores and enemy movement. Up to March 15, 1944, some 80% of all combat missions were planned on the basis of intelligence received from this source. Since then the percentage of direct air-ground support missions has increased and missions based on OSS intelligence now average about 60% of the total."

II. SO Army: 56 Off. 101 EM Navy: 3 Off. 3 EM Civ. 2

All SO activities increased during the month of August in spite of heavy monsoon rains interfering with operational and supply drops. Intelligence, description of enemy communications and supply lines and a record toll of Jap casualties were achieved in spite of the monsoon. In its monthly report SO notes four outstanding points:

(a) General Davidson's letter commending 101 for saving fliers;

(b) A letter from the 10th Air Force commending 101 for furnishing 60% of all aerial targets in North Burma;

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(c) With the capture of Myitkyina, much time has been saved. Planes which cannot get to their targets, land their load at Myitkyina Airport until returning to India.

(d) During this month we have had the misfortune of having two of our patrols strafed by the American Air Force and R.A.F. One patrol was strafed while in actual combat with the Japs.

The following is a general summary of the main operational units now in the field:

AREA I.

Major Sherman B. Joost, Commanding. Base headquarters have been moved from Kwitu to Sima. Capt. La Zum Tang, a Kachin with a British commission, now has a native force of 650 being trained and equipped for field services in October. This Captain's total strength will ultimately be 2,000 natives. Operations from this area are responsible for killing 36 Japs, wounding 1, and capturing 1 during the month of August.

AREA II.

Capt. Laurence F. Grimm, Jr. is commanding the combined forces of the Pat and Knothead Groups with temporary headquarters at Tailum. Base headquarters were then moved

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farther South, only one day's march from the landing strip "Broadway." Activities in Area II resulted in death of 350 Japs, 22 captured, 1 wounded, with only 1 Allied wounded.

AREA III.

Major Patrick Maddox is Commanding Officer with base headquarters at Singaling Hkamti, sending sub-units farther South. One sub-unit under Capt. Peter Lutken is patrolling the enemy side of the Mandalay-Myitkyina Railway gathering intelligence on Jap movements. Other units are covering movements of Japanese moving from the Imphal sector and a newly organized group will report from the area West of Indaw, Pinwe and Mawlo. The box score from this area is 10 enemy killed, 10 wounded, 1 Allied wounded.

AREA IV. (Myitkyina)

Capt. Evan J. Parker is Commanding Officer of 101 activities here. Patrols are being led throughout the section west of the Mandalay-Myitkyina Railway to pick off Jap stragglers going South. Supplies are temporarily stored in order to facilitate drops to forward bases.

III. Air Activities

August has been a record month for air drops from 101. From Dinjhan, 95 planes dropped 650,000 lbs. of supplies to

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units in the field, and from Myitkyina 12 planes dropped 200,000 lbs.

IV. Communications Army: 7 Off. 58 EM

The reorganization of communications for field groups described in the last report are well under way. This month the Cryptographic Section handled 235,000 groups. The chief need of this Branch is in personnel in the crypt section.

V. Supplies Army: 2 Off. 7 EM

In general the supply situation is the same as it was last month, that is, larger amounts of everything are required because of expanding field operations and the arrival of many cargoes from the States in the nick of time. The approved OSS catalogue is now being drawn upon. With the increased help recently received and the promise of several more urgently needed enlisted men, supplies should run smoothly.

VI. Finance Army: 2 Off.

101 expenses from Special Funds continued to increase during August. The chief items were for cash for secret operations by agents in the Burma campaign. Chief items of

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expense were as follows:

Salaries of agents	Rs. 100,000
Supplies	150,000
Cash for secret operations, payment of native soldiers, etc.	160,000
Subsistence supplies	25,000
Building Costs	35,000

Additional personnel for the Finance Section must be forthcoming if the work of the Section is to be carried on. At least 200,000 dollars a month is needed now and additional funds will be needed later.

#### VII. Schools and Training

Capt. Thomas Baldwin is now in charge of this branch. The School at present has 6 instructors. The segregation of students by race will continue. A new course for agents now in force takes approximately 6 or 7 weeks. "L" Camp is now being used as a Reception Camp where a short intelligence course is given.

#### VIII. MO Navy: 1 Off. Civ: 1

The majority of MO efforts will be of the "white" variety until we are able to reach those sections of Burma where "black" political targets exist. At present we point out targets to OWI and assist in preparing "white" leaflets.

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It is encouraging that this month requests have been coming in from the field which shows that the agents are MO conscious. A request was made from a field outpost for a leaflet urging Burmans in one section to disregard requests of a Japanese officer for them to leave their homes when the Japs retreated. 10,000 copies of this leaflet were printed and dropped on the day following the request.

IX. R&D Army: 1 Off. 1 EM Civ. 1

A parachute streamer for conveying propaganda has been completed and shipped to 202 where appropriate characters will be inscribed and used in occupied territory. A request from MO Chungking for means of stamping an impression of a red hand on various materials has been fulfilled. Requirements were for a stamp pad that would give the greatest number of impressions without having to be re-saturated; that would not discolor the user's hands; and that could readily be concealed. A booby trap aerial delivery container has been developed. It will be dropped to groups of Japanese troops continuously on the lookout for supplies dropped to our people. Work is progressing on adaption of M3 submachine gun to use as a launcher for rifle grenades. This Branch now has 5 men on duty at 101.

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Work has continued on the preparation of the 101 intelligence file. Work has been completed on the intelligence message reporting outline and on an outline for the field giving information on trails and roads. Persons returning from the field have been interviewed and students going into the field have been briefed. 85 map orders have been processed. The Branch is very short of typists, clerks, file clerks and map and aerial photographic personnel.

XI. Field Photographic Navy: 1 Off. 6 EM

During the past month Field Photographic members have been active in Burma, Assam, and Ceylon. They have covered the siege of Myitkyina; accompanied patrols and photographed all operations at Lt. Martins' camp, 20 miles south of Myitkyina; photographed operations at Area I; and continued work on the photographic history of 101's light plane squadron.

XII. Security Army: 1 Off.

This Branch complains that its activities have been hampered by lack of transportation. This Branch approves the segregation of students and agents in training, and promises that with recently acquired transportation, these camps will

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be checked more often. This Branch says that it is slowly getting the records of the Gurkhas and setting up a filing system. Five Gurkhas and 2 Anglo-Indians have been discharged and returned to Calcutta where they will be kept under surveillance. This Branch is occupying itself in part with "motor accidents involving native bullocks" and with making a fire equipment survey of all camp areas.

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1. The material supplied by AGFRTS as a basis of the attached report was prepared in the form of a summary of OSS assistance to the AAF since the inception of the organization.
2. The report prepared by the Far East Theater Office contains the following outstanding points with respect to activity during August 1944:
  - a. Tactical intelligence radioed directly from front-line posts to 14th Air Force planes which inflicted heavy losses on Japs (p. 76.)
  - b. Sabotage work begun with two Jap planes destroyed by SO agents (p. 75.)
  - c. R&A officer dispatched to Yen-an to tap new intelligence through Communist guerrilla network in North China and Manchuria (p. 81.)
  - d. Pilots rescued by Chinese guerrillas passed through Jap lines to AGFRTS units (p. 77.)

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## FAR EAST THEATER OFFICE

## REPORT

AUGUST , 1944

AGFRTSI. General

The latest AGFRTS report dated 12 September concerns itself chiefly with a summary of OSS assistance to U. S. Army Air Forces in China from February 1944 to August 1944, most of which has been covered in previous accounts.

II. Operations

Although AGFRTS is essentially an intelligence collecting agency, it also aids the 14th Air Force by operations. The most encouraging achievement up to September 12 was destruction by sabotage of 2 enemy airplanes on ground at White Cloud air-drome, Canton, on August 2. This exploit was carried out by OSS personnel attached to AGFRTS and by Chinese trained in OSS schools. A recent cable (Oct. 4) indicates that such operations are increasing. Major Dow, working with two teams of AGFRTS and SACO personnel, has created road blocks, blown up bridges and abutments, destroyed ferries and set fire to barricades in the areas of Ping-lo, Chungshan, Lengshan, Tamtong, and Kweih sien.

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ACFRTS agents' activities are reported from Leiyang on August 20: An officer with agent radio took up position 100 yards from Japanese front lines. Spotting a large compound used as Japanese Army forward headquarters, he radioed to 14th Air Force for dive bomb attack. He directed bombers by setting up panels on his own position. Planes attacked. As bombs dropped, several hundred Jap soldiers ran from compound for hills. Following with field glasses ACFRTS officer directed flight leader by radio to points where most Japanese were concentrated. Scores were killed. He then spotted a Japanese mortar causing heavy casualties among Chinese troops, again called for air support, and our planes destroyed mortar and crew. An hour later he directed planes to a sizable Japanese concentration which airmen strafed with heavy casualties. Under cover of these operations Chinese soldiers crossed the stream and occupied a wide area.

On September 2 when Japanese threatened Chinese forces at Lingling an ACFRTS officer with 2 OBS enlisted men went forward in a jeep equipped with radio. The team reported damage to installations, intelligence on Japanese troop dispositions, strength and movement. As the Japanese closed in, our Air Force was kept constantly informed and targets designated. The team stayed on after Chinese military headquarters had departed,

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keeping up a steady flow of intelligence. They withdrew with rear guard after Japanese had penetrated town. This AGFRTS group provided only intelligence available to our air force.

It is believed that each month AGFRTS agents are rescuing from 5 to 10 U. S. fliers who have bailed out in China.

All Chinese guerrilla bands are constantly on lookout for fliers to pass on to local AGFRTS units. One fighter pilot rescued by Chinese being carried in a closed sedan chair when his party ran squarely into a column of 1,000 heavily armed Japanese troops. Chinese carried on with no indication of alarm. Flier was borne right by column, some members of which brushed against his chair as they strode along. Flier reached an AGFRTS radio station and was brought out safely.

### III. Intelligence

Col. Hall reviews the character of OSS contributions to the Air Force as follows:

(a) The daily "Sitrep". This intelligence summary, a production of AGFRTS own network, is on General Chennault's desk each morning for his staff meeting. It is unquestionably the most dependable daily intelligence report regularly available in China area.

(b) AGFRTS weekly summary.

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- (c) AGFRTS monthly report.
- (d) Individual reports from OSS and AGFRTS.
- (e) Hot radio flashes sent by the dozens every day to Commanding Officers of tactical units.

Since beginning of Japanese offensive in Siang River Valley, in May 1944, AGFRTS field liaison teams have been principal source of ground intelligence to 14th Air Force in operations supporting Chinese ground forces. Where this support has been of the close-up variety, it has been the only source of intelligence. In this campaign, the tactics and strategy of the Japanese were characterized by the infiltration of small groups of infantry and cavalry deployed over a wide front, the development of a complex system of communications over roads and trails and the many waterways in the lower TUNGTING Lake and SIANG River valley areas and an extraordinary dispersal of supply installations in forward and intermediate areas. Under these conditions, it was essential that the 14th Air Force be provided with intelligence from ground forces actually in contact with the enemy, and it was the function of the AGFRTS liaison officers to obtain and forward this intelligence.

As the campaign developed and Chinese ground forces fell back, AGFRTS liaison teams were able to keep the 14th Air Force fully informed as to each change in the situation. On many

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occasions liaison teams moved forward into front line positions to spot targets for supporting aircraft, and to talk aircraft into the target.

In addition to providing intelligence for close-up air support, AGFRTS liaison teams provided much intelligence of a general nature, covering such points in enemy order of battle, lines of communication, supply arrangements and so on. This data made it possible for higher headquarters in the Air Force to assess with some degree of certainty enemy capabilities, and so to make requisite plans. Again, this data was not available from other sources.

In addition to the services listed above, AGFRTS field teams provided intelligence of a strategic nature. In particular, essential information was forwarded on the following points:

- a. Enemy shipping on the Yangtze River.
- b. Enemy shipping at Amoy and Wenchow.
- c. Enemy troop movements in the Shanghai area.
- d. Enemy troop movements in the Hongkong-Canton area.
- e. Enemy installations throughout occupied eastern China and French Indo-China.
- f. Bomb damage from long range, strategic missions.

To summarize, since its establishment AGFRTS has provided the 14th Air Force with the tactical intelligence on

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eastern China and French Indo-China essential to the operations of this Air Force. This intelligence has been of extremely high quality and it has permitted the 14th Air Force to support Chinese ground forces to a degree otherwise impossible.

Colonel Hall shows that AGFRTS contributed 50% of the combined 14th Air Force AGFRTS intelligence and 33% of the combined intelligence contributed by all agencies in the theater.

#### IV. Communications

Main communications network established by OSS for AGFRTS consists of an administrative control station at Kunming, an AGFRTS base station at Kweilin, a station at Calcutta and a circuit into the sub-supply base at Assam.

Overall communications structure as now in operation for the use of AGFRTS with equipment furnished by OSS resolves into the following communications network: Agents, some of which use SSTRL's, transmit intelligence into sub-sub-base stations which in turn feed the information into the three sub-base stations at Wutu, Kukong, and Nanning. These sub-base stations transmit the intelligence into AGFRTS headquarters at Kweilin. From Kweilin the composite intelligence is then transmitted to the OSS Station at Kunming where the information is decoded and transmitted to 14th Air Force by OSS personnel. OSS Kunming station not only acts as message center for traffic from AGFRTS Kweilin station but also as a means of handling

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supply problems between AGFRTS and OSS supply base at Calcutta and sub-supply base in Assam. When Kweilin was endangered by Japanese advances a radio-equipped base was provided to AGFRTS headquarters so that the unit could move out and still keep in touch with Kunming.

V. R&A

New intelligence sources developed by R&A are being placed at forward points to work with SI and AGFRTS. One R&A officer has been dispatched to the north-west border government headquarters at Yen-an. He is expected to tap extensive new intelligence through Communist guerrilla net spreading through North China and Manchuria. Another staff member is being sent to Kweilin to prepare reports on situation in South and East China and to help brief material from AGFRTS forward bases.

VI. MO

Main effort of MO during past month has been to counter-act rumor mongering of enemy agents. A check has been completed on enemy inspired rumors and whenever practicable truth has been given out as antidote. Specific rumors received from Colonel Mann in Washington and from General Vincent have been released. Six Chinese students oriented in MO work were sent into Canton to repeat rumors and gather intelligence. They were expected to report at end of August.

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Captain Paul Frillman, Chief of AGFRTS sub-base in 3d War Area, reports completion of first school held in this area for training Chinese agents. Twenty agents, each with 3 to 5 years experience as intelligence agent for Chinese army, were provided by General Ku, trained by AGFRTS. These agents are now going forward into occupied areas.

A new AGFRTS Agent-Operator School is under way at Pingshek to serve 9th and 7th War Areas. Training schedule will be based upon experience at Yolo Shan and experiments carried out with Chinese student-soldiers by Mr. Sturdevant in Captain Frillman's area.

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Note by Reports Officer

The report prepared by the Far East Theater Office contains the following outstanding points:

- a. SI, SO and MU projects blocked by withdrawal of submarines (pp. 83, 87, 88.)
- b. Advance operations and communications base in Mergui Archipelago to be established by reconnaissance party using air transportation (p. 88.)
- c. Escape route charted and rescue arrangements made for 20th Bomber Command crews in event of being forced down in raid on Palembang.

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REPORT

AUGUST , 1944

SEACI. General.

Colonel Heppner's mission report states that such general topics as policy decisions, relations to United States and British military and civilian organizations and means by which Washington can further OSS activities in the field will be covered personally by Commander Taylor, acting head of "P" division who is now in Washington.

II. SI Army: 7 Off. 2 EM Civ. 16

The SI Branch has given service to the 20th Bomber Command by preparing a brief for pilots and crews of airplanes raiding Palembang. A complete escape route was charted and arrangements made to pick up any survivors. Two SI projects had to be withdrawn because submarines were unavailable. Two projects are pending in which agents will be dropped by air. Other activities have consisted of the recruiting of four natives for Malaya operations, monitoring Bangkok government radio broadcasts and making the usual reports.

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The Reports Section made two reports of particular interest, one on escape routes, the other an analysis of information obtained through interrogation of prisoners. This analysis included much detailed information on Japanese garrisons and defenses, harbors and shipping, air patrols and airdromes, railways, highways, oil fields and social and economic data.

Attached to the SEAC Report for August is an excellent letter by Emmett J. McCarthy telling of his last day with Merrill's Marauders.

III. R & A Army: 1 Off. 2 EM Navy: 1 Off. Civ. 6

This Branch prepared eight reports on various subjects ranging from "Some Hints on the People of Sumatra" to "Notes for Bandersnatch." The Map Division answered 46 requests. The New Delhi unit continues to service other OSS Detachments and Branches, and the R & A representative at Trincomalee is at work.

IV. MO. Army: 2 Off. 2 EM Navy: 1 Off. Civ. 8

Four MO projects have been approved by the Operations Theater: JN-27, Glottis, Windpipe and Kidney. JN-27 is a recent project to establish a black radio station at Camp "Y" to simulate Japanese stations broadcasting to the Japanese or to the native peoples of occupied countries.

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chief obstacles to MO operations continue to be absence of production facilities and the limited contact with areas into which we must operate.

V. Services Army: 12 Off. 59 EM Civ. 1

Construction on establishments at Colombo, Galle, Trincomalee and Kandy continues. A large number of new personnel has been received and additional Gurka guards procured. A welcome import was the badly needed demolitions which arrived in Ceylon. We have also received word that a number of vehicles arrived at Calcutta which, as soon as they reach here, should eliminate most of our present transportation difficulties.

VI. Communications Army: 4 Off. 16 EM Navy: 1 EM Civ. 2

This Branch has completed the new transmitter station. It is utilizing personnel from the British 12th Madras Engineers. All directives to Communications Planning Group Special Programs have been complied with or will be complied with at the proper time. A report on the status of each program will follow at a later date. This Branch continues to help the British in direction finding activities. The chief need is for a transmitter somewhat larger than the SSTR-1 in order to work out our higher frequencies. The traffic of Kandy headquarters sent through the Army net work was 40,200 groups.

VII. OG Army: 1 Off. 1 EM

Members of this branch continue to improve camp and

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training facilities and to conduct reconnaissance of the area within a 25 mile radius for use in training. A special program during August was a two week course in Amphibious Indoctrination for a special SO group.

VIII. Special Funds Army: 2 Off.

Total expenditures during August were \$1,627.89.

IX. Medical Army: 1 Off. 10 EM Navy: 1 Off.

There are no reportable diseases this month. We continued a thorough inspection of the existing facilities at Clodagh, site of our new assessment school, and made recommendations for entirely new sanitation facilities which are at present inadequate. Arrangements have been made with the Institute of Bacteriology in Colombo to train medical technicians in certain aspects of entomological field work which should prove of great value. We have word from Calcutta that supplies have reached there and will be sent on.

X. Visual Presentation Army: 1 EM

While General Stilwell was occupying the OSS cottage at 404 Sam Berman made a series of water color portraits and caricatures of the General and members of his staff. The General was very pleased, had them photographed and is sending them to his friends and family. Among the concrete results during the past month are 21 3' color charts of Japanese Army, Navy, Marine and Air uniforms; MO comic-strip ideas;

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a 4' color chart of Japanese field guns, howitzers, mortars and grenade throwers; and the first of a series of 21 color charts of Japanese merchant ships. This Branch requests a bi-monthly message from Washington stating what requests Washington has received from Visual Presentation in the field and the status of their fulfillment. Another pressing need is for personnel. Visual Presentation has a large building with room for 8 to 10 people occupied at present by Mr. Childs alone.

XI. MU Army: 1 Off. 2 EM Navy: 3 Off. 7 EM

Operation DURIAN, the objective of which was to land agents on the western coast of Thailand, failed because of the withdrawal of the submarine. During this month extensive training has been carried out at Trincomalee base. About 40 Chinese, Burmese, Thai, Malayan and Sumatran agents there will receive basic MU courses under the direction of Commander Lee and Mr. Boehl. This Branch has suffered from the withdrawal of submarines. The project "JUKEBOX" is off unless the party can embark from an Australian base. "BANDER-SNATCH" is postponed for at least another month and "CAPRICE" was removed from the "RIPLEY II" mission. It is not believed that this withdrawal is due to any discrimination against OSS but to decisions affecting the entire movement of the fleet.

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The only other difficulty is in equipment and personnel. Small boat compasses, hand-bearing compasses, waterproof flashlights and LCRs are badly needed. There are only 2 officers and 2 enlisted men who are strictly KU - SEAC.

XII. Board of Review

The Board of Review is now established on a part-time basis. No items of business affecting finance escape the attention of one or more members of the Board. Steps are being taken to make the necessary accounting, inventory reports, etc.

XIII. SO Army: 7 Off. 1 EM Civ. 3

SO activities for August were devoted to planning and to recruiting and training of personnel for the following projects:

1. BALMORAL -- The establishment of advance clandestine operational and communications base on the southern part of the Mergui Archipelago. After this project was ready for the field, the operation was suddenly cancelled when the Eastern Fleet called off the submarine assigned to us. This project has been replanned and will continue with an advance reconnaissance party being put ashore by airplane. If the reconnaissance is favorable, a submarine will put ashore additional personnel with supplies for 3 months.

2. ARISTOC -- An advance base in Northern Thailand. Personnel for this project has been obtained and are now in training.

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3. BALONE -- The establishment of a base in South Burma. Personnel for this project are in training and will be dropped into south Burma in October.

Relations with corresponding U. S. and Allied agencies remain firm. SO's chief present difficulty is the lack of specialized personnel who speak Burmese, Karen, Thai and Malay. The factor which affects morale is the lack of parachute pay for SO parachutist officers. It is still hoped that this will be cleared up.

XIV. Field Photographic Navy: 2 Off. 2 EM

This Branch has established relations with other agencies such as the 20th Bomber Command, the Strategic Air Forces, the Royal Netherlands Navy, etc. and has made tests on periscope photography. The difficulties are lack of equipment and personnel. The Air Officer has been busy establishing liaison with various air forces in this area. He has already obtained photographs from the Photo Reconnaissance Unit which will be of value to future OSS operations. PRU placed many photographs of the areas involved in the ARISTOC operation at our disposal and arranged a secret American PRU -- the operation 'CALAMANDER.' The Air Officer is making arrangements to obtain weather information from a network to be established by the 10th Weather Squadron in India, who will train meteorologists to be dropped into our advance bases.

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**TOP SECRET**XV. Operational Planning Office

On July 20, 1944 Mr. Scofield was made Operational Planning Officer with Ensign Graves as Assistant. The present status of Operational Planning is as follows:

ARDGOUR

Country: Burma  
 Objective: Intelligence  
 Transportation: Air  
 Status: General project approved by the Operations Committee

ARISTOC

Country: Thailand  
 Objective: Establishment of base  
 Transportation: Air  
 Status: Basic plan completed.  
 Approved by "P" Division.  
 Transportation scheduled.  
 Implementation Plan in progress.

BALMORAL

Country: Burma  
 Objective: Establishment of base  
 Transportation: Air and s/m  
 Status: Operational Plan completed  
 Operation under way.

BALONE

Country: Burma  
 Objective: Intelligence  
 Transportation: Air  
 Status: Basic Plan in process.  
 Submitted to "P" Division.

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**TOP SECRET**BANDERSNATCH

Country: Sumatra  
 Objective: Intelligence  
 Transportation: S/m  
 Status: Operational Plan completed.  
 Awaiting Fleet approval.

CAIRNGORM

Country: Malaya  
 Objective: Intelligence  
 Transportation: Air  
 Status: Basic plan completed.  
 Approved by Operations Committee.  
 Further development of plan suspended until further decisions on feasibility.

CALAMANDER

Country: Thailand  
 Objective: Intelligence  
 Transportation: Air  
 Status: Operational Plan completed.  
 Operation under way.

CAPRICE

Country: Sumatra  
 Objective: Establishment of communications base  
 Transportation: S/m  
 Status: Operational Plan completed.  
 Transportation laid on.

JUKEBOX

Country: Malaya  
 Objective: Intelligence  
 Transportation: S/m  
 Status: Basic Plan completed.  
 Approved by "P" Division.  
 Further planning suspended.

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Country: Straits of Malacca  
 Objective: Intelligence  
 Recruits  
 Transportation: S/m  
 Status: Approved by "P" Division.  
 Revision approved by Operations  
 Committee.  
 Plan in abeyance until personnel  
 recruited.

RIPLEY II

Country: Sumatra  
 Objective: Intelligence  
 Transportation: S/m  
 Status: Operational Plan completed.  
 Transportation laid on.

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## OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

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## TOTAL STRENGTH REPORT FOR OSS PERSONNEL

Number assigned (exclusive of personnel temporarily attached to OSS) as of: 31 August 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	230	46	156	90	522	538	371	78	231		1218	1740
ENL. MEN	938	265	244	269	1716	1897	1408	216	410		3931	5647
TOTAL	1168	311	400	359	2238	2435	1779	294	641		5149	7387
NAVY OFFICER	106	10			116	69	47	23	31	15	185	301
ENL. MEN	165	28			193	88	55	27	42	25	237	430
TOTAL	271	38			309	157	102	50	73	40	422	731
MARINE OFFICER	11	5			16	15	9	7	5	3	39	55
ENL. MEN	10	17			27	6	3	1	0	7	17	44
TOTAL	21	22			43	21	12	8	5	10	56	99
COAST GUARD OFFICER	Included in Navy				14					25	25	39
ENL. MEN	7	7			14					25	25	39
TOTAL	7	7			14					25	25	39
TOTAL SERVICE OFFICER	347	61	156	90	654	622	427	108	267	18	1442	2096
ENL. MEN	1120	317	244	269	1950	1991	1466	244	452	57	4210	6160
TOTAL	1467	378	400	359	2604	2613	1893	352	719	75	5652	8256
CIVILIAN VOUCHERED	2198	189			2387	337	0	27	15	3	382	2769
SPECIAL	335	39			374	168	225	121	99	4	617	991
TOTAL	2533	228			2761	505	225	148	114	7	999	3760
OSS GRAND TOTAL	4000	606	400	359	5365	3118	2118	500	833	82	6651	12016
*WACS OFFICER	(Included in above totals)				4	9	2	1			12	16
ENLISTED	0		3		3	85	27	0			112	115
TOTAL	1		6		7	94	29	1			124	131

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Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ '93 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PERSONNEL CHANGES AND APPOINTMENTS

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1944

- Lt. Comdr. Frank G. Wisner, USNR appointed Chief, OSS Mission, Istanbul vice Lt. Col. Lanning Macfarland relieved, eff. 10 August 1944; Special Order No. 80 issued 16 August 1944.
- Weston Howland appointed Assistant in office of First Asst. Director, eff. 18 August 1944; Special Order No. 84 issued 20 August 1944.
- Archbald E. Van Beuren appointed Security Officer vice Mr. Weston Howland, eff. 18 August 1944; General Order No. 81 issued 20 August 1944.
- Maj. Richard H. Oliver, CAC, appointed Recorder of the Board of Officers, vice Capt. Harold K. Lenocker, AGD, relieved, eff. 7 August 1944; Special Order No. 2 Rev., Supp. 9, issued 16 August 1944.
- Lt. John W. English appointed Executive Officer of Field Photographic Branch and authorized to sign all papers prepared for signature of Chief or Acting Chief, FP, eff. 2 August 1944; Branch Order No. 1 issued 10 August 1944.
- Lt. E. Ray Kellogg appointed Acting Chief, Field Photographic during current absence overseas of Comdr. John Ford, USNR eff. 19 April 1944; Special Order No. 5, Supp. 2 issued 10 August 1944.
- Mr. James Cooley appointed Executive Officer SSO and Lt. Col. Edward L. Bigelow relieved, eff. 9 August; Office Order No. 13, issued 12 August.
- Lt. (jg) Robert E. Clark appointed Deputy Security Officer.
- Maj. Charles J. Brown, AUS appointed Special Asst. to Security Officer.
- Andrew W. Sexton appointed Chief, Service Records Division, eff. 22 August 1944; Security Office Order No. 1 Supp. 2 issued 28 August 1944.
- John G. Robinson appointed Chief, Headquarters Div., eff. 22 August 1944; Security Office Order No. 1 Supp. 2 issued 28 August 1944.



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Frank M. Chapin, vice Henry S. Prescott resigned, appointed Chief, Personnel Investigations Div., eff. 22 August 1944; Security Office Order No. 1, Supp. 2 issued 28 August 1944.

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**SECRET**TRANSPORTATION STATUS

The following number of persons were moved to the port of embarkation:

<u>Period</u>	<u>ETO</u>	<u>NATO</u>	<u>MEMO</u>	<u>FETO</u>	<u>OTHER THEATERS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
July 31 to Aug.6	157	25	0	2	0	184
August 7 to 13	16	3	1	21	1	42
August 14 to 20	43	17	2	6	3	71
August 21 to 27	4	11	1	14	0	30
August 28 to Sept.3	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>29</u>
	233	59	4	55	5	356

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**SECRET**AUGUST MONTHLY REPORT OF CARGO STATUS  
FOR SERVICES BRANCH

<u>COMPLETED AUGUST</u>				<u>% TOTAL FOR AUGUST</u>		
<u>THEATER</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>CU VOL.</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>CU VOL.</u>
EUROPEAN	148	720,862	33,925.49	28.63	25.05	25.08
FAR EAST	179	877,089	38,154.8	34.62	30.48	28.19
MIDDLE EAST	49	50,935	2,370.9	9.48	1.77	1.75
NORTH AFRICA	119	1,200,798	59,098.0	23.02	41.73	43.68
MISCELLANEOUS	22	27,611	1,757.4	4.25	.97	1.30
TOTALS	517	2,877,295	135,306.59	100.00	100.00	100.00
CANCELLED	24					
	541	2,877,295	135,306.59			

<u>COMPLETED JULY</u>				<u>% TOTAL YEAR TO DATE</u>		
EUROPEAN	160	4,428,888	114,602.1	32.43	47.68	42.74
FAR EAST	122	1,268,397	40,529.60	27.77	24.52	28.02
MIDDLE EAST	37	28,866	1,436.2	10.48	3.53	2.64
NORTH AFRICA	135	1,355,913	74,201.49	23.33	23.09	25.15
MISCELLANEOUS	10	2,614	153.0	5.99	1.18	1.45
TOTALS	464	7,084,678	230,923.1	100.00	100.00	100.00
CANCELLED	20					
	484	7,084,678	230,923.1			

<u>COMPLETED YEAR TO DATE</u>			
EUROPEAN	823	9,568,679	412,565.19
FAR EAST	705	4,921,871	270,473.8
MIDDLE EAST	266	708,768	25,449.1
NORTH AFRICA	592	4,634,284	242,780.1
MISCELLANEOUS	152	236,943	13,995.9
TOTALS	2,538	20,070,545	965,264.09
CANCELLED	177		
	2,715	20,070,545	965,264.09

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**SECRET**CURRENT SHIPMENTS

	<u>AUG</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>FEB</u>
EUROPEAN	90	112	105	82	99	32	67
FAR EAST	267	199	146	189	66	63	62
MIDDLE EAST	36	58	63	57	51	31	54
NORTH AFRICA	108	106	92	98	82	54	38
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>30</u>
TOTALS	520	491	424	421	421	201	252

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23 September 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: The Director

FROM : Secretariat

SUBJECT : Report of Branches of the Office of Strategic Services for the Month of August 1944.

1. The monthly report for August 1944 covers the progress of OSS Branch operations in Washington as well as special problems arising in the field and awaiting solution by the Washington branches.

2. The report is set up to conform with JCS 155/11/D in that the Intelligence Service, Strategic Services Operations and Other Branches are divided by colored tabs while each branch under these categories is tabbed in white.

a) Secret Intelligence

(1) Scandinavia

An arrangement has been made with the British in Stockholm whereby full and detailed information on Denmark is secured.

(2) Switzerland

Plans are being formulated for an expansion of services in Switzerland. Courier service has been resumed between Washington and Bern.

(3) Africa

Although our representatives in the Union of South Africa secured by secret means important features of the State Department "Broderbond report," (a report on the most influential and effective subversive group in the Union), little credit has been accorded us by the Department despite recognition of this achievement by the legation staff in the field. It is recommended that one additional man be recruited to assist the Chief of this mission.

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From the Belgian Congo there is a recommendation that OSS and the State Department establish a *modus vivendi* providing OSS operators with greater support. An instance of this lack of cooperation appears in the non support of the Consul General when one of our agents was declared *persona non grata* by Congo authorities.

The Angola mission reports again that no action by the Portuguese on a visa request is delaying the arrival of a much needed staff member.

Although cable and pouch facilities are expected to be cut off from the Cape Verde Islands in the near future and one man has been recalled, the other representative will remain on his post until February.

(4) Far East

The critical need for agents and translators familiar with the Japanese language, order of battle techniques, and organization of the Japanese army continues to impede operations, particularly in the Order of Battle Section.

b) Foreign Nationalities

During July representatives of FN Branch attended 14 group meetings of foreign political groups in the United States. The Branch received 86 situation reports on foreign political activities in the U.S., in addition to 91 reports from its field representatives. During the month 681 press readings were filed by the Princeton Office. Special attention was paid in the foreign language press to the following subjects: Dumbarton Oaks Meeting; Satellite Reactions to the Rupture of Turko-German Relations; Progress of Polish-Russian Negotiations; The Russian Mission to EAM; Schemes for the Revision of German boundaries.

c) X-2

Under the order broadening X-2 responsibility for vetting, a total of 1167 cases were vetted, including non-citizen personnel, overseas personnel and new

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applicants. The control file has been checked and expanded so that now it is a complete index of all CE information available in X-2/Washington. An indoctrination course has been instituted for secretarial and desk personnel in Washington, emphasizing especially processing of X-2 field information.

d) R & A

An increased production program for the Joint Strategic Survey Committee and other agencies of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has been cleared. At present shifts of personnel within the branch have enabled it to carry this load, but unless the freeze is lifted it will be increasingly difficult to complete this program.

A proposal for expanding its activities in the Central Pacific has been forwarded to Admiral Nimitz. This proposal involves the transfer of a small group to that area. Although there is no official OSS unit in the Southwest Pacific Command, a member of General MacArthur's staff has recognized the usefulness of Far East Division reports in that area.

e) OP

A new policy adopted by the Office of Censorship restricts the subject of censorship reports to security matters. This has resulted in a heavy reduction in the number of reports received by the branch. Personnel released by the closing of the long range D/F stations operating under Africa 101 will be returned to the U.S. and released or transferred to mobile operations in France with the Seventh Army. Changed membership of the Radio Advisory Committee has brought about closer cooperation and interest by other Washington branches in the material from FBQ Co., Inc.

f) Special Projects

The Air Forces have announced that they will conduct tests on the gadget developed by the branch and known as the Merlin project.

A rehearsal of the Campbell project was held with representatives of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Navy, the Army Air Forces and OSS present. A 300 foot, 5000 ton freighter was sunk by one of the television and radio controlled A-2 boats.

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**SECRET**g) ~~SO~~

A report from the Mediterranean theater indicates that the problem of supply for air drops to Resistance units inside France has become acute.

From the Far East a report from AGFRTS tells of such unsatisfactory delivery of explosives and other SO material as to seriously curtail activities. The sum total of supplies delivered during June amounted to a half ton of dynamite and 50 explosive caps. Procurement and Supply has advised that a supply of liapets has been dispatched to Kunming, and AGFRTS has been told to draw on these. Plans are being drawn up to supply 50,000 Resistance groups in the Far East, including 20,000 in Thailand.

Trained personnel in ETO will be screened in the near future for possible assignments to the Far East.

h) ~~MO~~

The T/O in the Mediterranean provides for few enlisted men and in order to carry out the projects assigned the branch, it has been necessary to use men borrowed from SI. One enlisted man, who was largely responsible for organizing and running a print shop turning out millions of leaflets weekly, has been recalled to Washington by SI. A loss such as this, as well as the danger of similar actions, may jeopardize MO activities in this area. It is reported that no supplies of any kind have been received since this unit has been in operation, except for one shipment of engraving zinc. Electrotypes, Hallicrafter radio receivers, match pads, and miniature printing presses ordered over a period of months have not been received. MO in this theater has no radio.

Within a few weeks final approval of the MO plan for the North Pacific is expected. In this event equipment and a small group of personnel can be dispatched immediately. By the middle of September a plan will be presented to the Theater Commander, Central Pacific for his approval. It is believed that most of the equipment and some personnel could be dispatched upon approval of the plan. MO has now recruited 30 Japanese for the Marigold and Collingwood projects and will continue recruiting until 60 of such production personnel have been found.

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1) MU

Special Maritime Group #2 has completed its training at Nassau and will proceed to Cuba to work with the Navy in testing harbor defense installations against swimmers.

Special Maritime Group #3 recently returned from ETO will be dispatched to Nassau for further training. Upon completion of training they will be sent to SEAC for duty.

j) OG

A plan is now being considered to screen out 400 of the 800 OGs now in MEDTO. Only men highly qualified for special jobs in Germany, German-held or German-dominated countries will be held. The OGs screened out will be considered for CBI and if unsuitable will be transferred to the Army or elsewhere in OSE.

The training of the group on the West Coast is almost completed and they will be ready for shipment to the theater approximately the middle of September.

k) Field Photographs

A total of 13 motion pictures were completed during the month, as well as three German news reels edited at the request of Presentation Branch.

The submarine cameras have been completed and 24 mounts will be shipped to ETO after they are checked. A completed periscope has been submitted to the General Counsel so that it may be patented.

All photographic personnel have returned to Washington from Brazil. Title and custody for the photographic equipment used in this mission has been transferred to CIAA. The fifth and sixth of a series of short films for distribution in the United States and Brazil are being completed in New York City.

Five 16 mm color subjects were completed by the Los Angeles unit. Several short slow motion picture films were completed on the 1175 aviation rocket.

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**1) Presentation Branch**

A total of 53 projects were completed by the Presentation Branch during August among which were the Campbell project, a brochure on portable apparatus for take-off and landing of reconnaissance planes from a suspended cable, a preparation of dummy and editorial advice for the Seventh AAF magazine, and a handbook for OSS civilian personnel destined for overseas.

**2) Schools & Training**

During the month there was a further decrease in enrollment in the areas in the continental United States and an expansion of Schools and Training responsibilities in the theaters. The recent directive, giving this branch full responsibility for training overseas, will take some time to become effective since to date this work has been in the hands of the branches concerned. Although General Order No. 37 provided for a training officer in overseas theaters of operation, such officers have not been appointed to the knowledge of Washington headquarters of the branch.

During the month instructors from the branch attended experiments conducted by R & D in a new area to acquaint themselves with the devices used and their effectiveness. Field Photographic photographed the experiments for a training film of these devices.

The Basic Military Training Course of Area A-2 was closed for several weeks and A-2 was used only as a holding area. At the end of the month sufficient personnel was found to start a new course. At Area A-4 the sharp decrease in students for the Paramilitary Course indicated probability that this may be discontinued shortly. A small SO group was housed there but no training was conducted at Area A-5 during the month. A new area, WOTC, was opened up on the West Coast to provide a central headquarters for all training personnel on the West Coast and to provide a pier on the mainland for the OSS crash boat and housing for the crews. The decreased need for Area WP has made it advisable to discontinue this camp. A recommendation to that effect has been submitted. The future planning for Area WP is difficult to determine, due to lack of information from the branches on their requirements.

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n) Field Experimental Unit

A complete outline of the training schedule for FEU personnel on the West Coast has been completed. At present FEU is working in groups each located in a different city and engaged in carrying on investigations in that particular area.

Recruiting of agent personnel is being carried on by Col. Eifler on the West Coast, but it is believed that only a portion can be done in that area and the balance will have to await permission for Col. Eifler to enter Hawaii.

o) Services

Administrative service is undergoing a complete revision due to changing conditions in the European theater. It is believed that operations in Washington and the continental United States will be considerably increased by these changes.

Consideration is now being given to the policy involved in reduction of personnel now employed.

Arrangements have been made for a series of conferences with the State Department, FEA and URRMA to discuss the various problems connected with the processing and transfer of personnel overseas.

p) Security

A total of 1269 complete security investigations were written up and 814 new cases were initiated during the month.

q) Communications

The total of personnel has increased approximately 7 percent during the month, and the increase in overseas shipment of communications equipment has risen 133 percent.

r) New York Area.

The lease of the Staging Area has expired, the release was signed and all further obligations of OSB in connection with this project are at an end.

s) San Francisco Area

From the West Coast a recommendation has been received that a Personnel Procurement Branch officer

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be stationed either at the San Francisco office or in the West Coast territory. One of the difficulties under which the West Coast area is operating is that frequently men are shipped to Los Angeles without prior notification of that office. It is believed that the explanation is a failure to clear through the North American Theater Officer in Washington.

Delia T. Pleasants  
Acting Reports Officer

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**SECRET**COMMENDATIONSI. Commendations Appearing in the August Monthly Activities Report.A. ETO

1. From Gen. Sibert, A.C. of S of G-2 of 12th A.G. and from Col. Conrad, A.C. of S, ETOUSA: Commendation on the useful work done by the SCI units who formed the basis of the Paris "T" force. (p. 2).

2. From the A.C. of S, G-2, Forward Headquarters: A commendation on the SI intelligence reports, particularly those from the Chartres region. (p. 4).

B. MEDTO

1. From G-2 of the Seventh Army: A statement that 35 per cent of the "valuable" intelligence material used by the Seventh Army was furnished by OSS. (p. 27).

2. From Col. Parry, G-2 of the Seventh Army and Col. Langemin, G-2 of the Sixth Army Corps: A statement that approximately 79 per cent of all O/B material used by the forces invading southern France was supplied by OSS. (pp. 27 and 28).

3. From Maj. Gen. N. F. Twining of the 15th AF: A commendation for assistance rendered by the Air Section of SI in preparing Safe Area Maps. (p. 32).

4. From the 205th Group of the RAF: Commendation for outstanding intelligence planning in relation to mine laying and bombing operations on the Danube. (p. 32).

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5. From G-2, CI of AAI: Commendation for the SCI unit in Florence which collected intelligence and assisted in the apprehension of stay-behind-agents. (p. 36).

C. FETO

Det. 101

1. From Maj. Gen. Howard C. Davidson, C.G. of the 10th AF which credits Det. 101 with valuable information on target intelligence, damage assessment and assistance to downed air crews. (p. 66).

2. From Grunnert of the 14th British Army: A cable of appreciation for the information supplied by Det. 101. (p. 66).

3. From Col. Baker of the ATC: Letter of appreciation for the aid Det. 101 provided to airmen forced down behind enemy lines and assistance in locating Japanese radio direction finders and radio broadcasting units. (p. 66).

II. Commendations Received Directly by the Secretariat.

A. ETO

1. From heads of Battle Order and Movements Section, chief users of our intelligence at SHAEF Forward: Appreciation of the value and timeliness of our reports.

B. WASHINGTON OFFICE

1. From Maj. Gen. Maxwell, Asst. Chief of Staff, G-4: Information furnished by OSS both in personal conferences and in prepared studies has been most helpful.

2. From Donald M. Nelson (at that time Chairman, WPB): Thanks for prompt and valuable assistance given by

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R&A in collection and preparation of various documents  
on China which will be of great help to his work in  
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