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TO : Colonel Doering

DATE: 16 December 1944

FROM : Secretariat

SUBJECT: Report on OSS Activities for September 1944

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1. Copy of subject report is forwarded herewith, assembled in final form.

2. In response to your memorandum attached hereto, the following information is submitted:

a. There are three main phases through which the preparation of subject report may be traced:

(1) Receipt of periodic reports from overseas theaters.

(2) Receipt of reports prepared by the various Theater Offices, based largely on periodic reports from overseas theaters.

(3) Forwarding of report as processed by this office.

b. The following is the chronology of subject report:

	<u>PHASE I</u>	<u>PHASE II</u>	<u>PHASE III</u>
ETO	25 Oct.	4 Nov.	29 Nov.
MEDTO	27 Oct.	2 Nov.	5 Dec.
FETO			
Det. 101	24 Oct.	1 Nov.	13 Dec.
SACO	24 Oct.	1 Nov.	13 Dec.
AGFRIS	24 Oct.	2 Dec.	13 Dec.
SEAC	16 Oct.	1 Nov.	13 Dec.
SUMMARY, APPENDICES and ADDENDUM	-----	-----	13 Dec.

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c. From this chronology it appears that the preparation of subject report was delayed in the first and third phases. The first phase was completed about 10 days or two weeks later than it should have been, while the third phase lasted about two and one-half weeks more than normal. The latter delay -- i.e. the delay in this office -- was caused by pressure of work requiring prior disposition. However, this delay in preparing the processed or summarized reports does not mean that the distributees of those reports did not have the information available to them, since the raw field reports were distributed immediately upon their arrival in Washington (Phase I.) It was only the finished product which was not in their hands.

d. The work of this office in the third phase, i.e., forwarding processed reports as a follow-up to the raw reports, may be described as follows:

(1) Checking reports prepared by Theater Offices against those received from overseas, for purposes of both completeness and accuracy. For the September report this involved approximately 1,200 pages of reading.

(2) Discussions with Theater Office personnel concerning questions arising in (1) above, for the purpose of correcting or supplementing the reports prepared by the Theater Offices. Corrections are usually accomplished by interlineation (e.g. pp. 1,2,32,33 of the attached report.) An example of material prepared to make good a serious omission in reporting from the field may be found in the Addendum to subject report (pp. 97,98.)

(3) To call to the reader's attention the outstanding points in the materials prepared by the Theater Offices, notes are prepared by this office on the tabbed sheets preceding the main sections of the report. These notes are also used for purposes of explanation where necessary

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(e.g. pars. 2 and 3 of the tabbed sheet preceding the ETO section.)

(4) All Appendices are prepared (pp. 82-96 of subject report.)

(5) A brief summary is prepared, outlining important activities during the month and relating them not only to previous monthly reports but also to the current status of overall military operations in the various theaters.

(6) The pages of the report are numbered serially, punched and arranged for insertion in the loose-leaf binder.

3. As additional personnel become available to this office, it is believed that the monthly activities reports will be completed within six weeks of the end of the reporting period (e.g. January report completed before 15 March), and it is hoped that they will be completed a week or two earlier than that.

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To: Mr. Cheston  
Col. Doering

Attached hereto are the remaining sections of the OSS Activities Report for the month of September, prepared for insertion in the loose leaf binder previously forwarded with the ETO and MEDTO sections. All pages with Arabic numerals are intended to follow the MEDTO section; all pages with Roman numerals are intended to precede the ETO section. Thus assembled, the September report will be in final form.

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To: Mr. Cheston  
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1. Attached hereto is the ETO section of the OSS Activities report for September 1944.

2. The remaining sections will be forwarded as they are completed, prepared for insertion in the attached loose leaf binder.

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Date 13 Dec. 1944

To: General Donovan

1. Attached hereto is the OSS Activities Report for the month of September, assembled in final form.
2. The ETO and MEDTO sections were previously submitted to you.

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REPORT ON SOI ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

You have already received the raw field reports for the month of September and the Washington summaries thereof, but this compilation of such summaries may be useful. The appendices also present certain highlights of material contained in these and other related reports.

No information having been received through the normal reporting channels on the part played by the Jedburgh teams in the airborne invasion of Holland (Operation Market), a brief statement has been prepared by the SO Branch on the basis of the report submitted by one of the Jedburgh teams on its return to England. This information is presented as an Addendum to the September report (p. 26, 28). The participation of SO personnel in the said operation is discussed on page six of this report.

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**TOP SECRET**SUMMARY OF OSS ACTIVITIESDURING SEPTEMBER 1944

During September the progress of the war in the West carried OSS activities into a transitional phase. With the first incursions into hostile territory and the steady shrinkage of enemy holdings in areas friendly to the Allies, the period of spectacular action was drawing to a close: the front became relatively stable, and forces were being massed for a large-scale invasion of Germany.

To prepare adequately for its share of this task, OSS/ETO found much still to be done. As an immediate measure, a Planning Board was established with the primary duty of coordinating OSS resources and objectives in the European and Mediterranean theaters.

While the planning effort was being redoubled, the actual penetration of Germany was under way. At the beginning of the month the first of the Faust agents was parachuted safely into the interior -- the first OSS infiltration of Germany made directly from Great Britain. (See August report, p. 4.) Two more agents were en route to Germany via Switzerland and several more were to be dispatched shortly. Under the Milwaukee plan a forward base was established in Luxembourg for recruiting of agents with easily established cover. Other SI groups set up headquarters in Brussels and Eindhoven.

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Previously four Jedburgh teams had landed in Holland with the First Allied Airborne Army. Since the Dutch resistance forces were not heavily armed, there was relatively little sabotage activity, but through liaison with those elements the Jedburghs obtained greatly needed tactical intelligence. An entire team, however, was lost at Arnhem, and two other men were wounded elsewhere in the fighting.

The subversion of German morale was accelerated with the inauguration of "black" broadcasts from Paris, purporting to emanate from a German town in which the local garrison had revolted against the Nazi regime and seized control of the radio station. In addition, an MC field unit was active along the front of the 12th Army Group.

Meanwhile operations were continuing in enemy-held France, but naturally on a reduced scale, as it became clear that they were approaching completion. Although additional SI, SO and OG teams were infiltrated, the total of personnel in enemy territory had fallen by the end of September to less than one third of the peak attained in August.

There was a general decline in aerial operations for the supply of the French Resistance, but a rise in deliveries elsewhere caused an increase in overall tonnage dropped during the month. The most important single mission was flown to Warsaw by 108 planes of the Eighth Air Force which dropped approximately 120 tons of supplies to the besieged insurgents.

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SCI teams reported 45 more enemy agent cases in France and 15 in Belgium, while an outstanding accomplishment by R&A was noted in the completion of biographical files including more than 70,000 items on personalities in Belgium, Holland, Czechoslovakia and Italy. During the month, OSS established headquarters in Paris, though obliged by personnel restrictions to halve the number which it was originally intended to bring across from London.

U.S. airmen in Switzerland were evacuated to Annecy, whence they were to proceed to England and Italy. Agents based in Switzerland transmitted more than 400 items of intelligence concerning Germany, Italy and eastern France. As a result of one of these messages the MAAF furnished effective aerial support for an attack by Italian Patriots on a German-held town near the Swiss border.

However, the lack of aircraft for supply deliveries remained a major problem in Italy. The Patriots in the northwest were heavily attacked by the Germans, and six SI radio stations consequently went off the air. Elsewhere in northern Italy, SI teams were able to provide intelligence on German defense positions and troop movements. Four new SI teams were sent to the field, and three more were dispatched via southern France. At the front above Florence, three MO teams composed of German prisoners were sent into enemy

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territory, where they distributed propaganda materials and observed German morale. (The first operation of this type was noted in July report, pp. v, 52.) MO materials were also carried by OSS agents crossing the lines on combat intelligence missions. The SCI unit helped in additional arrests of enemy agents, especially in Florence, and R&A personnel began a search of Fascist offices for documents relating to Japan.

In the Balkans OSS teams were very active in the wake of the Russian victories. Personnel flown into Romania at the end of August (see August report, pp. v, 24) collected a vast amount of oil intelligence and aided in the evacuation of more than 1,300 fliers. In Bulgaria the rescue of 345 U.S. aviators was arranged by a team which had entered that country prior to the armistice. This team was later withdrawn to Turkey on the objection of the Russians, but at the end of the month it was preparing to re-enter with Russian approval obtained by General Donovan.

In Greece Noah's Ark entered the operational phase with OGS joining British and native forces in sabotaging railroads and highways in the path of the German retreat. At the same time a heavy volume of intelligence was received from the SI teams, some of them reporting from territory already evacuated by the enemy.

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In Yugoslavia there were difficulties with Marshal Tito because of the presence of Lt. Col. McDowell's team at Chetnik headquarters. Although General Donovan ordered this team to return to Bari and it did not, in any event, constitute an official mission to Mihailovich, the Partisans became significantly cool in their attitude towards the OSS mission at Tito's headquarters. Several teams which had previously entered Yugoslavia, intending to cross from there into Austria and Hungary (see August report, pp. vi, 31, 32), were stalled because the Partisans withheld permission for them to move on.

Despite these delays, the center of OSS activity was shifting from the Balkans towards central Europe. In mid-September an SI/SO team was flown into Slovakia by 15th Air Force planes which evacuated 14 fliers on the return journey. This team subsequently established contact with the Czech Forces of the Interior and began transmission of intelligence. Two more teams were soon to enter Slovakia, three were ready for dispatch to Austria and two to Hungary. Special teams, similar to the unit already active in Bucharest, were formed to enter Belgrade and Budapest when those cities would be yielded by the Germans.

On the continent of Asia, OSS activity reflected the trend of the land campaigns. The most important work was carried on in southeastern China, where the Japs had virtually smashed all organized resistance by the Chinese forces. At this juncture OSS demolition teams undertook a scorching campaign

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aimed at the enemy's routes of advance: bridges were blown, ferries burned and roads blocked by landslides. With Japanese progress thus impeded, the 14th Air Force was given time to withdraw at a minimum of both loss to itself and profit to the enemy. AGFRTS intelligence activities were also of great aid to the Air Force: liaison teams in the Ninth War Area provided many tactical targets, while a steady flow of information was transmitted from the Third War Area concerning rail movements, coastal defenses, sniping and weather. Moreover, agent networks were being developed along the coast from Chekiang province northward. Other agents were dispatched by AGFRTS and SACO to such cities as Canton, Hong Kong and Foochow. For SACO, however, the outlook was dim. In its relations with the Chinese it seemed near an impasse, and there was no word from the two SI groups which had been dispatched during June and were therefore well overdue.

In Burma, where Det. 101 moved its headquarters to Myitkyina, intelligence activity was maintained at previous levels, although there was a decline in operations against the enemy, with only 45 Japanese reported killed during the first half of the month. Meanwhile a considerable expansion of troop strength was in progress, and two agent groups, isolated in the jungle for months, were found to be safe.

In the Netherlands East Indies, OSS made a new penetration during the month, landing native agents from a British submarine. These men have established radio contact with OSS

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in Ceylon. A rendezvous had been scheduled with an agent infiltrated into Java during June (see June report, pp. 9, 79), but there was no sign of him at either of the designated pinpoints. Although the reconnaissance of the Mergui Archipelago was finally carried out (see August report, pp. vii, 88), no site was found suitable for the contemplated advance base.

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1. The following points in the report prepared by the European Theater Office are believed to be outstanding:

- a. Reduction of SI, SO and OG personnel as operations in France near completion (pp. 1-3, 6, 16, 17, 20.)
- b. Progress in infiltration of Germany (pp. 1-3, 7, 8.)
- c. Supply drop to Warsaw by Eighth Air Force planes (pp. 2, 17.)
- d. Black radio broadcasts from Paris (pp. 3, 21.)
- e. Planning Board set up to coordinate ETO and MEDTO resources for OSS work in Germany (pp. 1, 3, 4.)
- f. Headquarters set up in Paris (p. 5), and SI missions established in Belgium and Holland (pp. 1, 3, 5.)
- g. Completion of R&A personality files on Belgium, Holland, Czechoslovakia and Italy (p. 13.)

2. The European Theater Officer is seeking verification of the figures concerning supply drops to France (p. 18), which indicate an increased tonnage over August, despite a sharp decrease in the number of containers dropped.

3. Aside from the Market Operation (p. 6) OSS is understood to have had four Jeaburgh teams in the airborne invasion of Holland. Details are being sought by the European Theater Officer, and will be made available when received.

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September witnessed a turning point in OSS operations in ETO. A large part of the planning and personnel had been directed toward operations in France. With the liberation of that country substantially completed by the month's end, OSS was faced with a necessity to re-examine its objectives and organization. The problem was particularly pressing, inasmuch as preparations for work within Germany were inadequate as compared with the magnitude of the task. To these ends two immediate measures were undertaken: a Planning Board representative of the entire organization was established, and a survey of the utilization of all personnel was inaugurated. These measures are described in further detail below.

Activities in Support of Military Operations

In France, direct operations against the enemy decreased with the retreat of the Germans; by 30 September <sup>SO and a few SI</sup> 63 agents remained in the field in France compared to the August peak of 225. In the field, X-2, SI and SO staffs continued working with the 12th AG, 3rd Army, 9th Army and 7th Army (which in September was transferred to SHAEF operational jurisdiction); in addition two SI missions were successfully established in Holland and Belgium and set up daily communication with OSS London and OSS Paris. As OSS resources for penetrating Germany were being mobilized, the successful despatch of the first OSS agent from the U.K. to the interior of that

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country was effected.

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As in previous months, Resistance activities played a major role in OSS operations with material for Resistance Groups air-dropped to countries ringing the Reich proper. On 19th September, 1084 containers were dropped to the Warsaw patriots by 108 planes of the 8th Air Force, and on 17 September 2 teams and 5 tons of material were despatched to Czechoslovakian Resistance Groups by the 15th Air Force. (Clearance for the operation was obtained by OSS London.) Danish sabotage of transportation facilities also increased proportionately to the growing number of sorties flown over that country.

In France, fewer <sup>containers</sup> supplies were dropped -- 3481 containers against August's 6,061 and July's record of 8,914 -- although resistance still flared strong in areas where German troops remained pocketed. During the month 17 agents and 10 Jedburgh teams containing American personnel were infiltrated - 63 agents altogether (compared to August's 50 agent total of 90) remained in the field by 1 October. Two OG groups were dropped early in the month; of the 5 groups in the field, 4 were returned to the UK, the 5th was en route there by September's end.

Reports from the field and a letter of commendation to the SCI/Z unit from C.E.R. Hirsch, Brigadier BGS(I), Hq. AAI, attest to the continuing value of SCI work. At least 45 more enemy agent cases were reported by SCI teams in France, 15 in the Belgian area, during the month.

September saw the end of most SI agent activity in France -- although 5 new Sussex <sup>teams</sup> teams, 2 Proust/and 3 Marcel agents were

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despatched early in the month, by October almost the entire French section was in Paris. However, activity directed toward Central Europe was intense, with two SI missions and an airborne mission established in Holland and Belgium, 1 agent despatched into Germany, and 2 more on the first leg of their journey there, and at least 4 new projects aimed at eventual German penetration approved.

An important operation of the month was MO's opening on 21 September of its "black" radio station in Paris, its broadcasts beamed to Germany. Aimed at creating a spirit of revolution against the Nazis within the Reich, the program was presented for several hours nightly and was judged highly successful.

#### Organizational Changes

##### 1. The Planning Board.

The OSS Planning Board in ETO was established in September under the chairmanship of Mr. Whitney Shepardson. Aimed primarily at coordinating overall ETO and MEDTO resources for immediate penetration of Germany, the Board is also developing plans in accordance with a JCS request for OSS participation in the occupation of a defeated Germany. Thus far steps have been taken to assure liaison with MEDTO and to coordinate intelligence objectives obtained from SHAEF, ACC and other consumers. A survey of Branch plans and personnel in September indicated that 10 SO, 81 SI bodies were available and suited for German agent work; SI has set an objective of 15 agents working in Germany by 1 November and is laying extensive plans for the use of PWs and French deportees.

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Field detachments and missions to liberated countries are not set up on a Branch Basis but are representative of OSS as a whole with Branch participation.

2. Personnel Survey Board.

During the month Branch representatives were chosen to work with members of the Director's office in making a survey of OSS functions in ETO with a view to an overall reduction of OSS employees in the UK and the reassignment, where feasible, of all individuals in the organization whose present tasks were completed. Two forms have been issued which will be used as a basis of personnel evaluation. Largely as a result of the decrease in SO French activities, it was estimated that approximately 100 officers and 600 EM might be available for assignment to other theaters or release to the army.

3. SIRA Reports Board.

In early September plans for a joint SI and R&A Reports Board were presented, subsequently approved by the Chiefs of R&A and SI London, and by Mr. Shepardson. As contemplated, the Board was to be divided into three sections: Intelligence, Documents, and Administration; personnel to be contributed by SI and R&A on all levels. In general its duties would consist of making final decisions on evaluation, dissemination, editorial control, and processing of information and summarizing recommendations of its staff on target directives. By September's end a London SIRA Reports Division was being established, both offices to be under one chief. Dissemination of military intelligence to field

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detachments and SHAEF emanated from the Paris office; political and economic intelligence was prepared in London.

### Continental Bases

During September, plans for setting up the Paris office were to a great extent carried out although the severe limit placed on OSS personnel - 350 persons - allowed in the French capital created problems of organization and control, and OSS had to cut its original 700 estimate, approved by ETOUSA in July. As finally allocated between branches it appeared that ultimate OSS Paris strength would be: SI - 70, R&A - 37, SO - 25, X-2 - 25, MO - 31, Comm. - 60, Services and Administrative Branches - 102. Headquarters were established at 79 Champs Elysees and three hotels were requisitioned for billeting personnel. In addition, SI's Milwaukee Lookout, in the latter part of the month, established headquarters in Luxembourg. The Dutch and Belgian missions began functioning from headquarters in Eindhoven and Brussels in late September.

## II. SI

Total personnel 332 including 95 civilians.

SI spent the major part of its efforts in September re-orienting its facilities towards the German phase of the war. As stated in the introduction, the Dutch and Belgian missions, Melanie and Espinette, were successfully established at Eindhoven and Brussels. Both were in W/T contact with OSS Paris and London; outgoing traffic from Brussels was handled in three daily 45-minute periods. SI field detachments expanded their activities during the month with the 21st AG and 3rd Army; in addition the

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6th AG and 7th Army were incorporated into ETO. The SI detachment with the 9th Army established its headquarters at Rennes. Messages exchanged between field units and SHAEF totalled 1024 for September. Two Liberators and 2 Mosquitos were secured for the use of the SI Branch.

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

1. Sussex and Proust.

In early September 5 new Sussex teams and 2 teams from the Proust pool were dispatched to northeastern France in addition to 5 French agents comprising the Marcel mission; six French Proust agents were turned over to BCRA. By mid-September 20 agents were operating in the field compared to the 40 of late August; by September's end almost the entire French staff section handling agents was in Paris. The exact number of agents still operating in the field at 1 October was not reported. Agent messages received during September totalled 110 compared to August's 477.

2. Market Operation.

This mission consisted of an agent and W/T operator who were dispatched by the 82nd Airborne Division to Holland. Col. Verrill, acting as courier after the mission's W/T set was put out of commission, contacted Melanie and Espinette and transported valuable material and information back to Paris headquarters along with Prince Bernhard's message of appreciation to Col. Haskell for OSS' contribution in the airborne landing.

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**TOP SECRET**3. Chaos Project.

On 10 September 3 agents were despatched for infiltration into Luxembourg prior to its capture by the Allied Armies. (The agents belonged to Luxembourg Intelligence.) Although the men arrived at the front lines too late for infiltration, the 12th AG commended them for other valuable assistance rendered.

German Plans1. Milwaukee.

Milwaukee Forward established its headquarters in the Paris area during the month; its advance echelon, Milwaukee Lookout, acting as a reconnaissance unit, in late September set up a base in Luxembourg. In both places the Division's main activities were directed toward interrogation and recruiting in line with decisions reached on methods of German penetration. In general these plans involve seeking out and using as agents persons who have recently been in Germany and may presumably return there without arousing suspicions or utilizing deportees or German PWs for infiltration. The Varlin Mission was reorganized and is operating along the above lines.

2. Faust B.

The Faust plan received added impetus during September with the actual despatch of agents begun and General Bett's approval of the plan secured. Status of projects is as follows: Downend (PK) mission. On 1 September an agent was despatched by plane and landed safely in Germany. The other 2 agents of the mission are

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scheduled for despatch when some word has been received from the first. Marguerita Project. (Despatch of 4 agents into Germany via Switzerland) On 30 September 2 of the agents were despatched on the first part of their mission. Martha Project. (Projects sending 2 agents into Germany via Switzerland with the assistance of the Neu Beginnen group) Actual despatch is now dependent on completing arrangements for a safe border crossing. Carmen Project. Approved 23 September, projects infiltrating agents into the Rhine valley at the time of an airborne military operation. Siebold Project. Approved with qualifications; contemplates the eventual formation of a trade union network in Germany. Bases for projecting operations toward this end will be located with the Armies converging on Germany. Tyl Project. Submitted for approval; proposes dropping an agent of Dutch nationality into Holland to establish an underground railroad for the further infiltration of Faust agents into Germany.

3. Twilight Program.

(The establishment of intelligence operations in Germany in the event of a sudden collapse of the Third Reich.) A list of about 80 potential agents from various refugee groups in Great Britain has now been prepared.

4. Pola Negri Project.

Contemplates dropping an agent and a W/T operator in southern Poland. Despatch date - undecided.

5. Bacon Mission.

(Placing of a Danish agent in Germany to circulate, establish contacts.) Postponed until the following moon period.

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Other Projects

The Nemo Project (penetration of Slovakia) has taken on new shape as a result of a request from Slovak Headquarters asking for documentary film materials to be shown their people. An agent is being readied for penetration. The Polish school for the Eagle Project has been established. A field report from an agent states that he is successfully engaged in setting up his organization under the Grieg Project. (Organization of an SI intelligence service in Denmark.)

On 17 September 2 teams and 5 tons of material were despatched to the Czechs in support of CFI activities as part of an operation carried out by the 15th AAF. Details of the plans were arranged in coordination between London, Bari and the Czechoslovak Intelligence Service. Intelligence messages have been received from the teams landed.

Organizational Changes

1. By Branch Order #51, effective 30 September, SI ETO Hq. was established in Paris with rear echelon with OSS Hq. in London. Paris headquarters was organized into 4 units; a) Branch Staff Section. b) Intelligence Producing Section. d) Field Detachment, Operation and Administrative Section. d) Reports and Registry division. London headquarters was organized into 3 units; a) Branch staff section. b) Intelligence Producing section. c) Reports and Registry division. Training and Holding areas were to continue.

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2. SIRA Reports Division. The organization of this division has been indicated in the introduction. London SIRA's first project involves the collection of information on various French personalities to be collated into a French "Who's Who".

3. As of 25 September the Continental Division was abolished. The German and French section heads will report to Chief of Branch, Paris; Polish, Scandinavian, and other section heads to London.

4. A War Diary office was established.

### III. X-2

Total personnel 133 including 43 civilians.

#### 1. SCI Personnel.

Certain modifications took place during September in the grouping of X-2/SCI personnel as established in late August. Formerly all X-2/SCI personnel <sup>in</sup> France, comprising a French section, a German section and the X-2 Continental Base Staff in Paris were attached to G-2, Comm Z. Subsequently it was decided, however, that the X-2/SCI German section would remain attached to the 12th AG. (Major Berding, the former CO of the SCI/Z unit, has assumed command of this section.) SCI liaison staffs were attached to 1st and 3rd Armies; the X-2/SCI unit with the 7th Army was transferred to SHAEF jurisdiction while operational direction of the SCI/Z unit was shifted from AAI to AFHQ. At mid-month, X-2 had 20 officers and 32 EM SCI personnel with armies in ETO; 6 officers, 15 EM and 8 civilians were established at X-2 Continental Base, Paris.

As indicated in the introduction, X-2 maintained in September the high quality of the work begun in previous months on the

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continent. Forty-five enemy agent cases were reported in France, 15 in Belgium by SCI units. One high grade enemy agent, apprehended by SCI work, was purportedly a key organizer in a French CE network described as "the official French service on which Himmler depends".

Included in the September Progress Report is a brief summary of the activities of the SCI/Z unit over the past six months. The list of its achievements includes a total of 64 enemy agent cases (41 of them stay-behind agents) handled by the unit in that period and 4 penetrations of the German I.S. carried out; the leaflet campaign inaugurated and carried out successfully against the I.S. was commended by G-2 CI and AFHQ to SHAEF and other theaters for adoption.

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

X-2 is to furnish SCI personnel with the British forces going into the Balkans. X-2 London and its British opposite are engaging in a cooperative German desk operation under an arrangement similar to that established for operations concerning France and the Lowlands.

Future Plans

The matter of assignment of X-2 personnel to SHAEF military missions to as yet unliberated countries has been the subject of recent discussions. At present the burden of X-2 planning is directed toward Germany; the SCI/Z unit moved northward in Italy preparatory to undertaking X-2 work against Austria.

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IV. RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

Total personnel 190 including 96 civilians.

Much R&A effort was devoted, in September, to setting up a working organization at the Paris headquarters and to planning for future activities in Germany. Thirty R&A members left the UK for the continent during the month; Harold Deutsch was named chief of the R&A Paris outpost. The T-force which was scheduled to join the 12th AG arrived too late to accompany the latter out of the French capitol; so agreed instead to join Com. Z in exploiting material in the Paris area. At present, plans are being formulated via the OSS Planning Board for participation in the T-force 12th AG at an early date. Arrangements have also been made through the formation of the Combined Intelligence Objectives Subcommittee, to coordinate R&A intelligence procurement objectives with those of other agencies in ETO. Two of the R&A personnel are to join SI Field units in Belgium and Holland.

Organizational Changes

As a step towards preparing for a Berlin outpost, the Central European section of the Political Division and those members of the Economics Division (Civil Affairs) who will go to Berlin were integrated into the German Division (temporary) under the direction of Major Gordon Stewart. Members of other divisions are to correlate their work with the German Division as much as is feasible. A committee on Plans and Organization was also drawn up and substituted for the former Steering committee. Its objectives will be to maintain close liaison with the US Group, ACC and to advise on the training of personnel destined for Berlin.

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SIRA Board - See SI

Specific September achievements were:

Political Division. The character of the division changed markedly during the month with the departure of some personnel for the continent and the transfer of others to the German Division (temporary). Nevertheless the bulk of the Western European section's activity was directed toward producing a "Daily Intelligence Report on France", whose circulation included many sections of SHAEF and eventually General Koenig's staff in Paris. On 13 September the French unit terminated its participation in the OSS/PID duty room; participation in the OSS/PID Low Countries duty room was finally terminated although the unit continues to supply materials to G-5.

Economics Division. The Civil Affairs Section prepared a detailed report in September evaluating Allied experience in dealing with food and agriculture problems in Italy for the guidance of those who will be similarly concerned in Germany. The Military Intelligence Section expanded its work being performed for the Strategic Bombing Effects Survey.

Central Information Division. One of R&A's most outstanding achievements of the month was the completion, by the Biographical Records Unit, of the PID personality files on Belgium, Holland, Czechoslovakia and Italy, a total of 70,543 items. In addition, numerous other reports on German, French and Italian personalities were made and many spot requests on personality information were filled for SI, R&A, and PID. The library for Paris was despatched during the month and progress made in preparing libraries for movement to Berlin and Vienna.

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Eastern Europe Staff. The Eastern Europe Staff worked on political and economic queries sent to London by the USSR Division Washington and evaluated and processed captured enemy material relating to Russia and Russian affairs.

German Division (Temporary). In accordance with the Branch Order which created the Division, steps have been taken to bring into closer harmony the work of the Political and Economics Sections by creating teams composed of both sections which can work together on mutual problems.

Geography and Map Divisions. The principal activity of the Geography Division for several weeks has been the final preparation of 2 zone studies prepared in Washington for inclusion in PID/MEW zone handbooks of Germany. Service assignments were carried out during the month by both divisions for SHAEF G-5, MIS, UNRRA, and the Field Photographic Branch.

Paris Outpost. The R&A Branch/Paris was formally organized at 79 Champs Elysees on 16 September with the arrival of a large contingent in the city. Work thus far has been mainly directed at collecting, sorting and examining papers, documents and materials of all sorts left behind by the Germans and using the knowledge thus gained in part for briefing Civil Affairs officers anticipating assignment in Occupied German territory. Representatives of the Political, Economics, Geography, Map, Eastern Europe and Far East Divisions were installed in Paris headquarters and were in process of organizing their several Divisions. In addition, important reports on developments in France were completed.

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**TOP SECRET**V. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BRANCH AND CENSORSHIP DOCUMENTS BRANCH1. R&D

Total personnel 30 including 1 civilian.

R&D's operational achievements for September include outfitting 15 persons, including 4 women, with clothing and accessories. In addition, 8 documents were manufactured and 98 original stamps produced in triplicate. It was decided that no R&D personnel would be assigned duty in Paris. Work on German materials would continue to be based in London.

2. CD

Total personnel 9 including 4 civilians.

A forward CD echelon was established at Paris headquarters during the month to procure current intelligence and German documents; the more complicated documents will continue to be reproduced in London. A number of German documents were supplied CD in MEDTO for operations originating there.

VI. SO

Total personnel 789 including 37 civilians.

The rapid progress of Allied armies in September was responsible both for a curtailment in SO's support of French resistance activities and intensified SO planning for operations directed toward Central Europe. As the German forces retreated almost to the borders of France, intensive discussions were undertaken with the new Planning Board on dovetailing SO's French contacts and resources into a German plan. At the end of the month, many new lines of penetration were being explored.

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**TOP SECRET**SF Detachments

SF Detachments were placed under General Koenig's control in early September; their designations thereafter were to be SF Detachments (EMFFI). Future planning for the SF staffs indicates that when they cease their resistance activities in France, they will revert to SFHQ for planning and operations of resistance in the Low Countries and Germany. Since the activities of the French personnel on the staffs is to be confined to France, Army Group Hdq. agreed to indicate at what point the Allied advance can dispense with their services. In addition to Detachments serving with the 1st, 3rd, and 9th Armies and the 12th AG, the #4 Special Force Unit, with the 7th Army, came under the control of EMFFI (London).

Resistance Activities1. French.

On 6 September the liaison section, EMFFI, comprising 2 officers and 2 EM was placed on temporary duty at Versailles with SHAEF forward; its chief duties there involved maintaining liaison between EMFFI, SHAEF Forward, and SHAEF, EMFFI (London). Although on 23 September this Liaison Section was officially closed, at General Koenig's request it remained at Versailles for the balance of the month in order to attend to current FFI matters and to arrange for future liaison procedure. During the month plans from FFI headquarters were carried out by:

a. Agents. At the end of the month 46 agents were listed in the field. Of the 74 infiltrated since inception, 17 were added during September; of the total number 36 have been exfiltrated since inception (and 8 of these reinfilitrated).

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b. Jedburghs. Ten Jedburgh teams containing 19 American personnel were dispatched to the field from the UK during September bringing the total to 59 in the field. Of these, 24 American officers and 18 EM were returned to the UK by 1 October, leaving 17 still on active service.

2. Danish and Norwegian.

Resistance operations increased substantially in Denmark during the month; railroad sabotage in particular proved a serious harassing factor to German troop movements. Approximately 20 tons of material was supplied Resistance elements (via 11 successful air sorties and 1 sea operation) and 4 agents infiltrated. Agents in Norway received altogether 27 tons of supplies - an increase of 10 tons over the previous month. Nineteen persons were infiltrated as a result of the 10 successful sea sorties to that country; sabotage in general was directed against German fuel stores and supply dumps.

Air Operations

Lessening resistance activities in France was reflected in the reduced pace of OSS air operations over France during September with fewer sorties made -- 477 compared to the previous 629 -- and approximately half the previous number of containers dropped -- 3481 compared to August's 6061 and July's peak of 8914.

Very important air operations were undertaken in other areas. On 19 September 1084 containers were dropped to Warsaw patriots by 108 aircraft of the 8th USAAF; 6 of the planes were shot down on the return trip. Two hundred and sixteen containers were delivered

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	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	6061	188	44	144	6437
Packages	2218	70	0	62	2350
Tot. tonnage supplied to RGs	503½	27 ¾	4 ¾	15	551
A/C missing	2	0	0	0	2

September 1944

	France	Belgium	Denmark	Norway	Poland	Total
Sorties (successful or unsuccessful)	477	5	14	29	108	633
Bodies - Dropped	95	5				100
Picked up	151	5				156
Containers	3481	48	60	216	1084	4889
Packages	2387	30		49		2466
Tot. tonnage supplied to RGs	545½	7	½	26½	119½	698½
A/C missing	1				6	7

Totals 1944

	France	Belgium	Denmark	Norway	Poland	Total
Sorties (successful or unsuccessful)	2590	35	25	61	108	2819
Bodies - Dropped	377	38				415
Picked up						
Containers	25,324	1136	104	456	1084	28,104
Packages	10,017	125		145		10,287
Tot. tonnage supplied to RGs	3055½	95 ¾	5½	53½	119½	3329
A/C missing	13	4	1		6	25*
* 2 missing in practice		18				

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over Norway compared to the previous month's 144; 18 successful sorties were flown. (On 21 September Lt. Col. Keith Allen, Col. Balchen's number 1 pilot, was killed on an operation over northern Norway.) Approximately 900,000 forged food coupons were dropped over Germany during early September, with results that were judged highly successful.

At the end of the month 68 planes, including 4 C-47s, were operating out of Harrington airfield; on 18 September the 492nd Bomber Group finished up its formal assignment to operate exclusively for OSS. (The 492nd Bomber Group continued to operate for OSS subsequent to Oct. 1 inasmuch as the order concerning it was subsequently modified.)

The OSS packing station reduced its output with 6674 containers packed compared to August's 13,470. Containers on hand at the end of the month totalled 7589.

What appeared to be the final directive on procurement of supplies for resistance groups in ETO was contained in a letter dated 15 August signed by General Whitley, of G-3, in which he indicated that the requirements for September-December 1944 for American items had been sufficiently covered to hold in abeyance further cargoes in New York awaiting shipment to the U.K. As indicated in the August report these supply requirements for France were to be based on delivery of 5300 tons of equipment during September; it was subsequently decided to reduce the rate of supply by 500 tons each month thereafter for the remainder of the year.

Medical supplies were included in this estimate and during September

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the Medical packing program was specifically set up to provide aid for approximately 400,000 persons, supplies to be furnished in equal amounts by the Americans and British.

Westfield Mission

Radio contact with both outposts of the Sepals operations was maintained during the month and intelligence information received at Westfield headquarters. Through special arrangement in Stockholm OSS acquired access to an extensive network throughout the Reich. Plans were being made to infiltrate 2 or 3 trained men from Sweden into Germany via Norway.

Downend Mission (PK) -- a joint SI-SO project. See SI.

Operational Groups

In early September two more OG groups were despatched to the field. One group of 57 officers and EM, together with a Jedburgh team, left the UK for the Dijon area on 4 September with orders to harass the retreating enemy in that region, (Lt. Walter Larsen, a member of the unit, was later reported killed in action); the other mission of 31 officers and EM was dropped to the same area on 9 September (the CO, Captain Kielbowicz, was killed when, jumping No. 1 from the plane, he collided in mid-air with a container of shells). Altogether 8 groups were despatched to the field since inception; however, of the 5 so operating in early September, by 1 October 4 groups had been brought back to the UK, their missions accomplished, and the remaining one had been ordered to return.

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**TOP SECRET**Future Plans

Many discussions were undertaken during this period on SO's role in the German operations. Though no specific projects were formulated, plans for future operations revolved around the following media: Field detachments with the American Armies on the German border; German PWs; the use of French deportees in Germany; T-Force operations in conjunction with other OSS Branches.

VII. MO

Total personnel 178 including 99 civilians.

Radio and Leaflet

MO's outstanding achievement of the month was the inauguration, on 21 September, of its Paris "black" radio; the program has been on the air for approximately 3 hours nightly ever since and daily clearance of program material is obtained from PWD-SHAEF. Aimed at destroying the internal solidarity of the German civilian population by spreading false rumors and creating confusion, the broadcasts ostensibly emanate from the German commander of a garrison town somewhere between Berlin-Hamburg-Munich who has long disapproved of Nazi politics and interference in military operations. Although German reception to the program has not been ascertained, the Paris press picked up the initial broadcast as indicating a new revolution-ary movement in Germany. Application has been made to PWD-SHAEF for time on Radio Luxembourg for "black" operations so that the same program or another along the same lines may be projected from the most powerful continental station available to the Allies.

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Radio operations from the UK continued at Area "R" during the month. Two hundred sixty-two thousand leaflets and stickers were sent to the field for dissemination and arrangements were made for the transmission of leaflets to Prince Bernhardt, leader of the Dutch underground.

#### Field Operations

Activities and personnel of the MO field unit operating under Major Stacey Lloyd with the 12th AG expanded in September. Discussions were originally undertaken on forming a second MO field team before it was subsequently decided that one field team alone, enlarged by additional personnel, would continue operating under Major Lloyd. Liaison was established by OSS personnel with the 21st AG and work with them was projected to supplement field team operations at 12th Army Group. Contact was also made during the month with the Des Prisonnier et Deporte minister who agreed to make available to MO certain agents equipped with German papers to carry printed material and spread rumors inside Germany.

Included in the monthly report is a detailed summary from Major Lloyd on the field unit's operations for early September. The highlights of his review include a brief formulation of German plans; operations along the front were currently being carried out from three outposts - Belgium, Holland, and the main base at Luxembourg.

#### Personnel Changes

Effective 1 October Howard Baldwin became Acting Chief, MO ETO, replacing Rae Smith who retired as of that date. Major John Harris became Deputy Chief of MO Paris; Major George Dibert Deputy Chief of MO London.

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**TOP SECRET****VIII. MU**

Total personnel 9 including 3 civilians. Only the 1-15 September report available.

The Man O' War project, providing for clandestine seaborne delivery of supplies to Danish Resistance Groups was approved during the first part of September. Lt. Comdr. Guest left for Sweden to complete detailed arrangements for the first operation under this project.

**IX. COMMUNICATIONS**

Total personnel 713 including 10 civilians.

As of the 1st of October, the Branch reported that communications were being maintained between London and Paris, 12th AG, 3rd, 7th and 9th Armies and two missions. During the month the Paris Signal Office began operations and by September's end was handling circuits to the Armies and Army Group with the exception of the 7th Army which, it was anticipated, would join the net during the first part of October.

In general, Communications reported a great decrease in agent traffic for the period; the reduction of joint SO/SOE activities in France resulted in plans being made to abandon Station Charles and increase the facilities of Station Victor in order to carry the full OSS communications load.

Future plans include the preparation for clandestine operations within Germany; experiments are being made on a plane/ground communications system. It is anticipated that 250 men will be available for reassignment upon the closing of Area "C".

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**TOP SECRET**X. FIELD PHOTOGRAPHIC

Total personnel 40.

No report available.

XI. SECURITY

Total personnel 59 including 4 civilians.

During the month the Security Branch moved its forward echelon to OSS Paris headquarters. Many new applications for SHAEF military permits for travel to the continent were processed at the London base.

XII. SERVICES

Total personnel 248 including 44 civilians.

As of 30 September, Services Branch lists the overall strength of OSS in ETO at 3245 persons. In connection with the current problem of transferring and reassigning large numbers of these persons, Services in conducting the personnel survey mentioned in the introduction. Two forms were issued in September, one to be filled out by every OSS employee, the other to be filled out by the supervisor of every organizational unit or sub-unit within OSS.

In general, Services has been active during the period moving supplies and personnel from the UK to the new OSS Paris Headquarters. The work of Services in organizing the Paris Headquarters was outstanding.

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Note by Reports Officer

1. The following points in the report prepared by the Mediterranean Theater Office are believed to be outstanding:

- a. Evacuation of airmen from Switzerland (p. 26), Romania (p. 27), Bulgaria and Slovakia (p. 28).
- b. Intelligence activity in Romania (pp. 27, 28).
- c. Withdrawal of teams from Mihailovich headquarters (pp. 26, 33) and from Sofia (p. 28).
- d. IAMA's difficulties with Tito (pp. 26, 32, 33).
- e. Operations begun in Slovakia (pp. 28, 32).
- f. Operational phase of Noah's Ark in Greece (p. 41).
- g. Additional MO activities in combat zone in Italy (pp. 42, 43).
- h. X-2 achievements in Florence (pp. 37).
- i. R&A/Italy collecting intelligence on Japan (p. 39).

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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
REPORT  
FOR SEPTEMBER 1944

I. GENERAL

A. Developments of General Interest

1. a. The newly formed Operations and Planning Committee is working steadily, concentrating on moving forward toward Germany from the south. A number of city teams for the various Balkan and Central European capitols are being formed to be ready for immediate dispatch when these cities open. The proposal for the establishment of these teams was approved by Major General Lowell Rocks, and personnel to man them is being gathered and briefed. Each team is to include representatives from SI, X-2, R&A, MO, SO and Services and will vary in size according to the importance of the area to be covered. The team for Belgrade is ready for entry in that city as soon as it falls to our Allies and the Budapest unit is also complete.

Plans have been made for a new forward base to be established somewhere in the Trieste area in the event of a German collapse in Northern Italy. It will be staffed by personnel from the Central European desk and from Company D and will devote itself to Austria, Southern Germany and Hungary. If resistance continues, however, the present arrangement will be kept in force with Company D carrying on combat intelligence work, and the Central European desk devoting itself to deep penetration.

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b. Although no report was received on the French intelligence teams during September the commendation from Col. C. G. Sloan, Jr., assistant Chief of Staff G-2, AFHQ, that the intelligence from OSS teams "was extremely accurate and contributed in no small way to the success of the operation" (the 7th Army invasion of Southern France) indicates the value of OSS intelligence reporting on France. Mr. Henry Hyde, French desk chief, is now devoting his energies to the penetration of Germany.

c. Four small teams were dispatched by air to France 20 September where they are to move over the French and Italian border into Italy. These teams are termed Intelligence Collection Units and are to gather documentary materials as well as report on the political situation in the North Italian towns as they are evacuated by the Germans.

d. A base has been established at Annemasse and American airmen in Switzerland have been collected and housed in Annecy prior to their evacuation to London and Italy. OSS had complete charge of all arrangements and the evacuation is proceeding rapidly.

e. The team which was sent in to Mihailovich during August was ordered withdrawn by <sup>General Donovan in accordance with</sup> a directive from the President after Marshal Tito made a formal protest at its presence. Serbian Headquarters reported that Mihailovich called the team a "mission" and said that assistance from the Americans could be anticipated. This interpretation of the team's presence was quite erroneous, but in order to avoid further political difficulties, it was ordered to return to Bari.

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**B. Accomplishments of Outstanding Interest.**

1. The ACRU unit which was so successful in evacuating over 1300 force-landed fliers from Rumania was joined by an intelligence team from Istanbul and a Bomb Damage Appraisal unit. The group arrived in Bucharest early enough to secure a great deal of extremely valuable material and were in a position to become associated with the Russians as they moved into the city. Close relations were established with the Russian Commander and also with Rumanian Government officials, which produced a great deal of extremely valuable intelligence of all sorts. The Bomb Damage Appraisal Unit made a study of the damage to the Ploesti oil fields, and obtained valuable information of the effectiveness of our bombing program and on oil installations. We also provided personnel for a special MAAF board of inquiry which was established to investigate the alleged atrocities to U.S. airmen. The intelligence from Bucharest was so valuable that MAAF established daily plane courier service for mail beginning 28 September.

As a result of the collection of more than a half a ton of documentary material in Bucharest a problem arose as to its final disposition. Representatives of MAAF suggested that this material should be sent to the Air Ministry in London for final analysis, but Colonel Glavin demonstrated to them that OSS operated independently of Army intelligence agencies under a directive from the Joint Chiefs of Staff. As a result we turned over to MAAF documentary material dealing with operational intelligence and the balance of the materials were sent to Washington for

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further study. This problem will probably arise again in the future but it is felt that the reaffirmation of our independent position will prevent its being serious.

2. Lt. Harry Harper went to Sofia from Istanbul, leading the first party from the Allied side, while that country was still nominally at war with us. He arranged the evacuation of 345 American aviators, and was instrumental in rerouting their train from Sofia to Svilengrad to escape a bombing attack. He has been recommended for the Legion of Merit for these activities. Harper was later joined by additional personnel dropped in from Bari. The Russians objected to the presence of the group, however, and threatened to intern both the American and British intelligence representatives. General Donovan has since secured Russian approval for the continued operation of the OSS team, who have been withdrawn to Turkey in the meantime. At the end of the month word is still awaited from the local Russian military commander for permission to re-enter Bulgaria.

3. A combined SO-SI team is now successfully operating in Slovakia, in close contact with the headquarters of the Czech Forces of the Interior. They went in on 17 September with a 30 fighter escort. No signals were displayed but they took a chance and landed to find they were expected the day before. Fourteen airmen were evacuated the same day and 25 more are now awaiting rescue. The team has sent out more than 50 messages, the first intelligence of its kind from Czechoslovakia, and is now asking for arms to equip 5,000 men.

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C. Organizational Developments

1. At the end of the month the administrative control of the North African bases, Oran, Tunis and Casablanca, have been shifted to Washington, and will henceforth be handled as are the other bases in Africa.

2. It is understood that the OSS units with the 7th Army will be transferred to London-OSS as soon as arrangements can be made and that their activities will be operationally under SHAEF.

3. SPOC activities at Algiers have closed and the plant has been dismantled.

4. Plans are being made to close the Smyrna base and to transfer caique activities to one of the islands near Greece to be known as "Elba."

Thus MEDTO is closing in its boundaries, concentrating its efforts on Central Europe and Germany.

INTELLIGENCE

II. SI (NATO personnel: 85 officers, 167 enlisted men, 72 civilians; total 324. METO personnel: 40 officers, 36 enlisted men, 71 civilians; total 147.)

A. French Section

No report.

B. Italy

Four new teams were dispatched to the field, two of which began sending intelligence. Another is known to be safe although the radio was destroyed when it was parachuted in. Three other teams are in the final stages of preparation for

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dispatch to Northeastern Italy, and a fourth, which will supervise activities in Northwestern Italy and provide courier service to the 5th Army, is ready to go. Five teams were reporting in September and a total of 237 messages was received.

"Mangostine", a seven-man team composed of SI, SO and OG men to act as liaison officers with the Partisans in Northern Italy was successfully dropped in, 26 September. It is to report back intelligence gathered by the Partisans, the patriot military situation, and the allocation and direction of supplies. There has been heavy Partisan fighting in the Northwestern area in which four of our teams were involved and six of our stations have gone off the air as a result of German activities.

"Apricot" and "Citron" reported the existence of an entirely new defense line known as "Val Veneto," parallel to the Adigio River. The existence of this line has been confirmed by aerial reconnaissance. The "Apricot" and "Citron" reports were the first ground intelligence received on the new defense positions. G-2 of AFHQ said the reports of the movement of the 90th PG and information leading to the identification of the 34th infantry division and coastal defenses along the Ligurian coast were most valuable. Earlier reports of existence of an artillery repair shop and ammunition depot have subsequently been found to be accurate.

A group of 19 officers and men for 3 teams have been flown to France for the overland penetration in Northern Italy. They are to establish contact with the Partisans and are to

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report political and military information. If the Germans withdraw in the near future they will be formed into Intelligence Collection Units. There are many reports of low morale among Italian and German troops.

C. Switzerland

A helpful lift was given to the Partisan morale and OSS prestige when the MAAF supported a Partisan attack on the town of Cannobio 25 September. The town had been lost 9 September in a German drive as a result of Partisan lack of arms. One of our agents forwarded a message that the town was to be attacked, and requested air support. The supporting effort was highly successful and a number of lake steamers, one of which had 500 Fascists on board, were sunk. Seven supply drops were made to resistance groups in North Italy and one intelligence team was dropped in. Four hundred fifteen items of intelligence were received between 4 and 26 September, of which 45 percent were related to Italy and the balance to Germany and eastern France. The great bulk of intelligence pertained to battle order, and troop movements and was relayed to the 6th and 7th Army and to MAAF. There is apparent confusion among the various teams operating in Northern Italy as a result of their being dispatched and supervised by three or four different individuals. This confusion parallels that which occurred earlier during the Italian campaign as a result of a similar situation.

D. Central Europe

1. Germany-Austria. An attempt will be made to launch three teams into the Germany-Austria region in the near future.

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One will be sent to an area south of Vienna, one southwest of Munich and the other Northwest of Villach, in South Austria. These teams will be largely manned by German and Austrian deserters. Nineteen of these are now receiving parachute training. Six may be sent to France for infiltration into north Germany.

2. Hungary. The "Toledo" team which was stalled at 6th Corps Headquarters lacking Tito's permission to move, has been in part withdrawn to Bari where it will be sent into Budapest as soon as possible. The balance of the team will go into Slovakia and from there into Hungary where their activities will be coordinated with city teams.

3. Czechoslovakia. One Czechoslovakian speaking instructor went in with the Dawes team (see Outstanding Accomplishments #3) 17 September to act as intelligence officer. He has already sent out a great deal of valuable intelligence. The "Houseboat II" team <sup>has</sup> ~~been~~ sent in ~~standby~~ and will be independent of the "Dawes" mission. Col. Stoj's two teams were not allowed to enter Czechoslovakia from Yugoslavia and it is possible that we will take over one of them for our own use.

#### E. Yugoslavia

The IAMB received 5 September a letter from Marshal Tito protesting the continued delivery of supplies by the Allies to Mihailovich forces and to the maintenance of official contacts with the Chetnik leader. Concurrent with the delivery of this letter a coolness in the attitude of the Partisans toward the personnel of the American mission was noticed. Marshal Tito was

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informed subsequently that the team that had been sent to Mihailovich was to be withdrawn and it was made clear to him that this team was solely concerned with gathering of intelligence and with assisting in the rescue of Allied airmen and should not be construed as an official United States mission to Mihailovich. Despite this, operations of a number of teams which had been using Yugoslavia as an advance base for the penetration of Central Europe, continued to be restricted in their movements and were prevented from infiltrating to adjacent territories.

Preparations were under way at the end of the month for most of the IAMM personnel to move overland with the Slovak forces to Belgrade concurrently with the anticipated military developments in that area. The men continued the collection of all available intelligence and the preparation of reports on conditions in Yugoslavia.

Personnel from three of the sub-missions of the AMM were withdrawn for reassignment.

#### F. Albania.

Seventy six reports were issued during September from intelligence received from the field. Two of the teams have moved North with Partisan groups and are reporting battle order and economic information. Plans are being made for a reduction in personnel which will take place with the anticipated freeing of Albania. A city team for <sup>Tirana</sup> ~~Belgrade~~ is fully briefed and ready to go.

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G. Greece.

The first wave of the "Young Plan Junior" left Cairo for a roundabout route to Athens early in September. A second group was ready for departure the end of the month and is expected to arrive shortly after the first group. As was explained last month, the plan was made more restricted than at first anticipated and the organization will probably be a loose one.

The flow of intelligence material from Greece has become so heavy that an order has been sent to the field suggesting they transmit only the most vital information. A reduced staff had been working 16 to 18 hours a day in an effort to keep up with cable material which was so heavy that the pouch material was not processed. Several changes were made in team personnel but no additional teams were sent in during the month. Several trips were made to Greek Islands near Turkey in order to report on conditions for interested civilian agencies. Cairo will be maintained as a rear base for some time until a small headquarters is established in Athens.

H. Near East.

The Near East undercover organization is functioning smoothly, practically on a peacetime basis. One hundred eighty three reports were received, 15 by cable, the result of the work of our 28 agents and almost 300 subagents.

I. Turkey.

Istanbul SI has been virtually at a standstill this month due to the Russian occupation of Rumania and Bulgaria which curtailed all movement and communications with these

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countries, and the preoccupation of SI personnel with the Bucharest and Sofia missions which are now controlled from Bari.

The Edirne base is being closed as the liberation of Evros has obviated its usefulness. Col. Aldrich visited Istanbul to survey its activities with a view to tightening the organization.

J. Africa.

Cairo is proceeding with plans for developing an undercover SI organization in Ethiopia.

As a result of a touchy political set up in South Africa our representative there has been instructed not to pursue with local officials any matters of a counter-espionage nature, and with the IDB situation more or less quiescent, our remaining agents throughout Africa are becoming restless. As the war recedes they are beginning to wonder what their peacetime activities will be, and whether or not they will be duplicating the work of other agencies. Forty cables and 498 pouch reports have been received.

K. Labor Desk.

Four members of the Orchid-Tunic teams have been ordered to return to Bari to prepare for other operations while the remaining four men have moved to the 4th Corps Headquarters just south of the Austrian border where they are preparing to go into Austria with the aid of Partisan guides. The "Dunn" team is ready to be sent into Austria but its route is not yet established and it may be devoted to post-hostilities work with the city team which is slated for Vienna.

Twenty-three reports, largely battle order, were issued in Cairo from messages received from the "Pericles" team.

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L. Reports Section.

The head of the reports section held a conference with the various members of his staff during September to plan for the reallocation of personnel necessitated by the closing of Algiers. A large part of the personnel was sent to Bari to be used in the processing of Balkan intelligence, and a new reports section has been established at Siena to care for the needs of Company D. This section is now issuing the daily intelligence and operational bulletin, as well as special reports. These reports contained 581 items of intelligence for the first half of September as compared with 199 for the last half of August.

The Rome reports office is to be reorganized. The Italian section had come to regard itself as "SI - Italy" and during the course of time duplicated within itself the function of a reports office. <sup>Due to this overlapping</sup> It was agreed that a new head of the reports board was needed and application has been made to Washington for a well-qualified individual who can fill this position in an impartial capacity.

Rome has established close relations with various Allied agencies working there who greatly appreciate the value of our political and economic intelligence and the biographical reports we have been furnishing.

A survey of biographical data on Japanese personalities has been made and forwarded to Washington.

The Greek section reports increased from 381 to 533 during September and the total of original reports processed in

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Cairo reached a new high of 701. The problem of handling Bucharest and Sofia intelligence has been solved by centralizing this work at Bari.

M. Air Section.

A Balkan and Central European railroad interdiction program formulated by the Air Section was carried out by the 15th A.F. and the destruction of 16 main railroad bridges and 41 marshalling yards was reported. The bulk of the Air Section staff returned to Washington during September for reassignment to the Far East.

III. X-2 (NATO personnel; 21 officers, 27 enlisted men, 34 civilians; total 82. METO personnel; 12 officers, 10 enlisted men, 13 civilians; total 35)

The SCI unit attached to the 7th Army tracked down a number of German agents, who in turn furnished leads to others, as a result of information they alone possessed. It is apparent that the Germans intended to leave a well-organized body of trained intelligence representatives in the important towns of France but it is believed that a great number of them have been apprehended as a result of counter-intelligence measures that have been taken.

The SCI unit in Italy apprehended 15 new agents in September and X-2 representatives will be placed in the teams designated for the major cities of northern Italy. The Florence team established a record in the number of enemy agents run down during its first month of operation. A standard procedure for handling couriers and over-run agents has been established so

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that these men will be passed through the lines rapidly and sent to the proper OSS officer.

Cairo has continued the interrogation of several German agents and published a number of reports as a result of these interrogations. Commercial cover for seven new representatives in the Near East has been devised. New personnel is expected to arrive shortly. No X-2 representative will be moved to Greece immediately, as the desk will continue to function in Cairo for the time being.

IV. R&A (NATO personnel: 24 officers, 15 enlisted men, 9 civilians; total 48. METO personnel: 4 officers, 8 enlisted men, 3 civilians; total 15.)

The Chief of R&A was on detached duty in September acting as political intelligence officer for G-5 of the 7th Army. This important assignment was to advise the civil affairs officer on all political problems in southern France and to report on the process of liberation, the return to democratic methods, and the administrative organization in southeastern France. He was able to reinforce the official Army stand that American officers must in no way interfere with French affairs. The trip enabled him to verify OSS contentions of the importance of resistance groups and of their political and military significance.

R&A was asked to prepare an overall plan for the post-hostilities period. A shortage of personnel to fill requirements placed on the Branch is indicated, since the diversion of men to the city teams will require the greatest part of the available

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personnel. Bomb damage assessment and Japanese intelligence requirements impose additional demands that cannot be met in full unless the personnel situation is altered.

The State Department has requested R&A to fill its reportorial function in newly liberated areas in northern Italy. Two persons have already been sent to Co. D as part of the ICU team for Turin.

A start has been made on the collection of intelligence materials on Japan. The files of the Fascist Institute for Far Eastern studies have been combed for target information and for leads for individuals in Europe who can furnish further material. The Institute of Foreign Commerce has also been investigated and a bibliography of their materials has been prepared.

The continuation of the work on France and Italy has prevented the fulfillment of all requests for information on Austria and Southern Germany made by G-5, but preliminary steps towards meeting these demands have been taken. Special studies have been made on wheat storage facilities in Italy and on the milk production and consumption pattern. Special studies have also been made on the dominant political tendencies in northern Italy.

V. CD & R&D (NATO personnel; 8 officers, 15 enlisted men, 5 civilians; total 28. METO personnel; 4 officers, 6 enlisted men; total 10.)

CD assisted by R&D has issued 95 cover documents for 3 Central European missions, and is now engaged in collecting German and Austrian uniforms, insignia and decorations, and radio equipment for these projects. Because of the lack of adequate

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personnel it is hoped to combine efforts with CD London for future operations.

The initial large shipment of R&D sabotage materials was delivered to the Yugoslav Partisans and additional material is ready to go. All supplies are now being withheld, however, pending negotiations, as British SOE openly attempted to stop the first shipment, frankly stating that it weakened the British "hold" on activities in Yugoslavia.

The DF station at Casablanca was closed, the equipment stored with the American consulate, and all personnel reassigned. Three mobile DF teams have been sent to Marseilles where they will work under G-2 on counter intelligence for the 7th Army.

## OPERATIONS

VI. SO (NATO personnel: 106 officers, 114 enlisted men, 14 civilians; total 234. METO personnel: 24 officers, 19 enlisted men, 2 civilians; total 45.)

A. Czechoslovakia.

For activities of the "Dawes" team see page 28.

B. Yugoslavia.

A team of five who had gone to Croatia during August as part of an AGRU were evacuated 25 September from an area near the Hungarian border because the Partisan 6th Corps commander had ordered them not to move. The area was heavily infested with Germans coming out of Greece and the Partisan commander apparently not want to be held responsible for the safety of the members of the team. They were evacuated without having accomplished their mission of collecting the Allied airmen in the area.

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C. Greece.

The death of Major Linn M. Farish on 10 September was a sorely felt blow to OSS. Major Farish had been one of the most valuable OSS officers in the Balkan area. At the time of his death he was on a mission for the BAF reconnoitering Greek air fields for Allied use during the coming weeks. He and 11 others were killed as their airplane crashed into a mountain near Athens. He has been recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross.

Captain James G. L. Kellis received the Legion of Merit 15 September and the Bronze Star was awarded to five others of the "Chicago" mission for their work of destroying two bridges in Evros district of Greece <sup>May 30:</sup> ~~xxxxxxx~~.

The operational phase of Noah's Ark began 8 September when all AMM, OG and RSR detachments began severing railroad lines and highways to impede the German's withdrawal from Greece. Full reports on the activities are not available but reports indicate that the Germans were severely hampered with their withdrawal as a result of these operations. One report says that 400 meters of railroad line were cut while the party was under heavy German artillery fire and six bridges were demolished by other teams. 800 pounds of medical supplies were dropped to the AMM Hospital to assist Greeks in the villages that had been devastated by the Germans. A medical officer and medical technicians were also dropped in.

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D. Air Operations.

The following air operations were carried out in September;

<u>Area</u>	<u>Bodies</u>	<u>Tons of Supplies</u>
S. France	5	136
N. Italy	11	26
Yugoslavia	14	9

Lack of aircraft is still a problem in northern Italy; only two planes are assigned this area at present.

VII. MO (NATO personnel; 8 officers, 8 enlisted men, 22 civilians; total 38. METO personnel; 2 officers, 8 enlisted men, 11 civilians; total 21.)

Sauerkraut II, a second infiltration of PW's from a Company D base to an area behind the German lines, was successfully carried out 8 September. Seven men, in three teams, were infiltrated with a quantity of MO black material and were sent from Prato northward, disseminating the propaganda in bivouac areas, installations and vehicles and to gather all possible intelligence on enemy morale and troop dispositions. The men returned at the end of a three-day period, bringing back a number of accurate items of military intelligence, and reports on enemy morale. They reported seeing the Germans read and discuss the material, and the subsequent capture of six Germans who surrendered because of the propaganda they had read, demonstrates the possibilities of this type of work. Further such missions are planned in the near future.

Six hundred sixty kits were flown to resistance groups in Italy and France during September, and a drop of 200 pounds of material to the Austrian-Italian frontier was made. Some of

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the material was directed specifically to Italian Fascists and to satellite battalions, and other parts of it were directed for the German divisions. SO and SI agents going through the lines on combat intelligence missions from Company D, now carry about 500 pounds of MO material every week. There is a possibility that a production center may be established in Switzerland for infiltrating MO materials into Germany. About a ton of materials containing nearly four million items have been sent to Vis for distribution in Yugoslavia. One million copies of the 15th August edition of Das Neues Deutschland were printed in miniature and dropped over the Reich by air.

The Boston team is broadcasting daily and reports from Greek personnel indicate that the program is effective. The Ulysses team is being recalled. The Greek and Rumanian broadcasts have been discontinued, but the Hungarian broadcast is being continued and a number of printed items for Hungarian consumption had been prepared for distribution from Bari.

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

Cairo prepared for the consolidation of the bases at Cyprus, Boston, and Key West in a new location much nearer the mainland of Greece. This consolidation will release personnel and reduce the need for caiques. Shipment of food has been made to the Grecian Islands near Turkey and clothing and supplies which are held in a warehouse in Egypt will soon be shipped to the mainland. Arrangements have been made for an increase in gasoline supplies from British sources.

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The two rescue boats sent to Italy are being prepared for sea duty. One will be used by the IAMM on the east coast of Italy, and the other will be based at Naples. Directions from higher authorities limited the continuation of MU operations from the advance base of Company D.

IX. OG (NATO personnel; 100 officers, 700 enlisted men; total 800.)

A. France.

All French OG sections are now at Grenoble awaiting evacuation to Naples, where they will be screened and part of the personnel returned to the Army for reassignment. The 13 sections report that they have killed 461 Germans, taken 10,021 prisoners and destroyed 133 vehicles, 32 bridges, 11 power lines, 2 trains and 3 locomotives. They mined 17 roads and shot down 3 aircraft. They lost only 1 officer and 4 enlisted men. One officer and 9 enlisted men were wounded and 1 officer is missing.

B. Italy.

The "Walla Walla" station was off the air between the 7th and 24th of September because of German activity in the region in which they operate. Contact has been re-established and a medical supply drop has been made to them. Three men were sent in to the Pinerolo region for liaison work with a patriot organization. They were dropped 29 September in the midst of a battle between the Germans and French resistance forces. The W/T operator was killed and the set was captured, but two other men escaped. Two reconnaissance groups are ready to be dispatched to northeastern Italy to report on possibilities of dropping in combat sections in the areas. OG personnel comprises part of the

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"Mangostine" team which was in the Lake Maggiore region to maintain liaison with Partisan groups.

C. Yugoslavia.

An officer and six enlisted men who were dropped into Yugoslavia 17 September were ordered to the coast for evacuation after Partisan commanders were reported to consider the proposed operation undesirable. As a consequence the entire personnel and all the equipment from Vis have been ordered withdrawn and the men returned to the mainland for reassignment.

D. Greece.

OG patrols in Greece, 11 officers and 138 enlisted men, have been extremely active participating in Noah's Ark activities, attacking trains and enemy columns on the move. One patrol destroyed a bridge on what is believed to be the main north-south railroad line in Greece 21 September. A number of other attacks were made on railroad lines and locomotives were wrecked, and a large number of German personnel are believed to have been killed.

T/5 James Laubs, medical technician, was awarded the Silver Star, 21 August, for gallantry in the battle on the Island of Solta, 19 March. Corporal Laubs is now in Greece. Lt. John Giannaris has been awarded the Purple Heart as a result of wounds he received while going to the aid of injured enlisted men during an attack on a railroad line 9 September. Lt. Giannaris sustained more than 200 shrapnel wounds and was evacuated in a critical condition, 18 September, by a daylight Lysander operation.

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- X. Communications (NATO personnel: 37 officers, 247 enlisted men, 16 civilians; total 300. METO personnel: 10 officers, 50 enlisted men, 18 civilians; total 78.)

By 10 September 80 percent of all the French circuits had been eliminated and personnel and equipment from Cap Matifou were being sent to Caserta. There were 68 active agent circuits as of 30 September and 33 additional circuits were pending. Cairo was operating over 28 fixed circuits and handling a very heavy volume of incoming traffic, and Istanbul was maintaining 15 schedules having staffed the forward bases at Bucharest and Sofia.

- XI. Services (NATO personnel: 22 officers, 189 enlisted men, 51 civilians; total 262. METO personnel: 5 officers, 64 enlisted men, 14 civilians; total 83.)

With the release of 30 1/4-ton trucks and the vehicles which are being brought from Algiers, it is believed that we will at last have sufficient motor transportation to meet all future demands.

The mess and billeting department has been a beehive of activity due to the many arrivals but the housing situation is being satisfactorily met. Two new apartment houses have been acquired in Caserta and plans made to construct a tent area for 200 EM. Bari is meeting the situation by obtaining billets in Italian families.

Arrangements have been made for incoming cargo to be stored with the Port Quartermaster at Leghorn.

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- XII. Schools & Training (NATO personnel: 13 officers, 54 enlisted men, 1 civilian; total 68. METO personnel: 3 officers, 10 enlisted men; total 13.

The parachute, communication and paramilitary schools at Algiers have all been closed down. Further training is being carried on at training areas in Italy. The mission of the school at Cairo having been accomplished it has been closed and the personnel placed with other branches or returned to Washington.

XIII. Other Branches

- A. Special Funds (NATO personnel: 7 officers, 6 enlisted men, 6 civilians; total 19. METO personnel: 1 officer, 1 civilian; total 2.

Reciprocal aid is being established in France and when additional personnel arrives a large part of the fixed charges will be changed from unvouchered to vouchered funds. Good records are being kept of our expenditures in France and the millions of francs that were advanced to our agents there are being accounted for satisfactorily.

The status of American civilian personnel is being investigated and it is expected that almost all of them will be put on the vouchered funds payroll in the near future. One man has been left in Algiers to close out the station and it is anticipated that the Special Funds Branch there will be closed by 1 December.

- B. Security (NATO personnel: 8 officers, 7 enlisted men, 9 civilians; total 24. METO personnel: 2 officers, 9 enlisted men, 4 civilians; total 15.)

All Branch and Company Security officers report routine progress. The lack of available guard personnel constitutes a

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disturbing problem for all of the offices and a serious attempt is being made to have military authorities make an exception to the War Department ruling that no men may be drawn from Replacement Depots for guard purposes.

C. Medical Office (NATO personnel: 5 officers, 5 enlisted men, 1 civilian; total 11. METO personnel: 3 enlisted men.)

The Headquarters dispensary is now organized and supply channels, hospitalization and evacuation plans are completed. A similar dispensary should be established at Rome, and more enlisted personnel is urgently needed. Medical chests are being prepared for the City Teams from supplies left over from French operations. Maj. Carpenter, newly appointed Chief Surgeon NATO, has made a survey of medical conditions on Vis and of medical needs among the Partisans, and consideration is being given to the question of furnishing the Partisans with medical supplies.

D. Field Photographic (NATO personnel: 1 officer, 5 enlisted men; total 6. METO personnel: 1 enlisted man.)

It is planned that a cameraman accompany each of the City Teams but the present personnel of 1 officer and 5 navy EM is entirely inadequate. A film has been made of combat activities of OSS attached to the 7th Army September 5-13. This was shot at the front and shows activities of the F.F.I. Another interesting film was made of OSS activities with the 8th Army in Northern Italy showing SI and MU working with former Italian Navy assault men.

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NAME	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	DESCRIPTION	NO. MEN	PROGRESS DURING SEPTEMBER
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CENTRAL EUROPECONTINUING OPERATIONSCzechoslovakia

DAVES	Slovakia		6	4 men went into Slovakia 17 Sept. Returning planes evacuated 14 airmen. 29 Sept. 2 additional men went in. More than 60 messages were transmitted by the 29th.
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HOUSECOAT II

Intelligence unit of Dawes Group

Has produced 60 messages, much of which is valuable battle order on enemy troop dispositions around CFI territory. Additional personnel, Houseboat I, are to be sent in, also 40-50,000 pounds of supplies.

Bulgaria

SOFIA CITY UNIT

4 Group of 4 arrived in Sofia from Istanbul 9 Sept. At request of Russians returned to Istanbul 28 Sept.

SPRINGFIELD

Sofia

Joined the OSS team in Sofia on 17 Sept. Were evacuated to Istanbul 28 Sept.

Germany-Austria

MAPLE (formerly Fisher)

Advance base for penetration of Germany-Austria

4 On the move. Base to remain in Slovenia. Area may yet open up for penetration.

FERN, TUNIC, ORCHID, ROSE, 4th Corps Hq.

Labor Desk teams for penetration Germany-Austria

8 4 members are preparing to move into Austria with Partisan guides. They will operate under name "Orchid" Other 4 men will go to Slovenian Hq. to return to Bari.

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CENTRAL EUROPE (Cont.)

Hungary

TOLEDO 6th Hq.

Advance base for penetration of Hungary

Leader and one other officer withdrawn 18 Sept. Remainder of team will come out as soon as YNAL grants clearance

Rumania

BUCHAREST CITY UNIT

Sole medium through which intelligence has been transmitted from Russian General Staff. 1,190 airmen evacuated during September

REUNION (Acru)

Evacuation of airmen. With the City Unit

IMPENDING OPERATIONS

Czechoslovakia

COTTAGE

Intelligence

Will go in as soon as weather permits. Going in with Force 139 groups, but will work independently.

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Will be sent in as soon as weather permits.

PRAGUE CITY UNIT

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Being briefed.

Germany-Austria

DARE CFI Hq. Slovakia

1 To act as representative of Germany-Austria desk for collection of documents and for interrogation of possible prisoners.

DEERFIELD Garmish-Partenkirchen

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Ready to go in.

DILLON NW of Villach

5 or 6

To be dropped first available date.

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CENTRAL EUROPE (Cont.)

Germany-Austria

DUNN	Labor Desk Project	2	Has been briefed and is ready to enter the field.
DUPONT	S. of Vienna Intelligence	4	Ready to go in.
FRITZ	"	14	
MUNICH CITY UNIT		15	Status uncertain until it is decided whether area will be controlled by ETO or MEDTO.
VIENNA CITY UNIT		21	Briefing is progressing rapidly.
<u>Hungary</u>			
BOWERY I			Waiting to be flown to Slovakia from which point overland penetration will be attempted.
BOWERY II		3	Will go to Slovakia where radio will be set up. Leader will cross border and set up courier line to transmitter.

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NAME	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	DESCRIPTION	NO. MEN	PROGRESS DURING SEPTEMBER	
				SI	BRANCH - ITALY
<u>CONTINUING OPERATIONS</u>					
APPLE	Genoa to Italian Riviera	Intelligence Mission	4		Returned to the air 19 Sept., after 11 days lay-off due to enemy activity. Mission chief became separated from operator, and worked with the Patriots. Another agent has been requested. 40 items.
APPLE III	Cuneo to Savona	"	1		Dropped 26 Sept. in Liguria.
APRICOT	Lake region	Military intelligence	2		49 items. Reported: new line of defenses along Valle Venetof SS troops retiring from Liguria, except at Genoa and French border, which they intend to defend; location of espionage center for Liberated Italy. Supplies dropped 26 Sept.
CHERRY (Formerly Montreal)		Intelligence Mission			Returned to the air 24 Sept, after being off the air for a month. Now using "Quince's" radio. It is not known whether or not the radio is in the hands of the enemy.
CITRON	Turin	"	2		82 items. Reported on Gothic line, the massing of forces along the Po, strength of garrisons in 18 northern cities. Resupplied 27 Sept.
FIG		"			Team was landed in January. It never established contact with the base although other teams reported it safe. One member of team was reported to have come through the 8th Army lines 6 Sept.
GUAVA I		"			No report.
GUAVA II	Milan	"			Returned to air 19 Sept. after being off the air for a month. New radio being sent in with another team.

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SI BRANCH - ITALY (Cont.)

KINGSTON	LaSpezia	Intelligence Mission	2	No report.
MANGCSTINE	Lago Maggiore	Combined Operation - OG & SI Liaison	7	Mission was dropped 26 Sept. 29 Sept. first direct contact.
MEDLAR	Milan	Military Intelligence	3	Forced out of Bologna because of enemy action. Now at Milan.
MEDLAR III	"	"	"	Sent to the field 10 Sept. First radio contact 18 Sept Transmitting tactical intelligence to OSS Detachment of 5th Army. Coordinating Patriot activities.
MELON (formerly Youngstown)	Genoa	Intelligence Mission	4	Chief agent and 2 others came out through German lines into France and Caserte, bringing a map of installations at Imperia and information of Ligurian coast. The W/T operator is in contact with base, but it is not known whether the cipher is secure. Team is to return to original area.
ORANGE	Turin	"	3	Supplied with plastic and detonators 9 Sept. Reported movements of 90th PG from Sestrie to Turin and Udine, other troop movements at Turin & Pinerolo, many desertions from Italian divisions.
PEAR	Venice	"	2	No report.
PINEAPPLE	Cuneo & Mondovi	"	3	Successfully dropped 9 Sept. Radio damaged.
PLUM	"	"	"	No report.
QUINCE (formerly Louust)	Genoa	"	2	Forced to move because of enemy fighting.

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SI BRANCH - ITALY (Cont.)

RAISIN	Bologna	Intelligence Mis- sion	3	No radio contact since capture of W/T operator. New radio operator and equipment to be dropped.
STRAWBERRY	N. of Turin	"	3	After 6 unsuccessful attempts, team dropped 9 Sept. Established contact 26 September after repairing radio. W/T operator is to be placed with a resis- tance group. Reported the evacuation of Val Pellice, Lanzo-Cunco area.

IMPENDING OPERATIONS

CHERRY	NE Italy		1	2 unsuccessful attempts to deliver agent.
DATE II	Belluno- Udine			
PAPAYA	Franco- Italian Border	Intelligence - to direct ac- tivities of teams	19	To be divided into 3 groups. One to go to Piedmont, One to Liguria, one to Lombardy. Flown to French base 29 Sept.
POMEGRANATE	NE Italy	Intelligence		Ready for departure.

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NAME	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	DESCRIPTION	NO. MEN		PROGRESS DURING SEPTEMBER

SI BRANCH - GREECECONTINUING OPERATIONS

AJAX	Agrinion	Intelligence Mission	2		Mission was arrested by ELAS, later released, partly through the help of an American officer attached to one of the Allied missions. The agent participated in negotiations between security battalions and ELAS.
ATHLETES	Pirgos	"	3		Two unsuccessful attempts were made to drop radio equipment. The leader also took part in preliminary discussions for an armistice between Security battalions and ELAS.
CRAYON	Tinos	Shipping Intelligence	3		New radio operator arrived.
DAGO	Rhodes	Reconnaissance	4		Leader evacuated 20 August.
DESPOI	Athens	Intelligence	4		Providing spot shipping intelligence, information on troop movements and political developments.
ELEPHANT	Zervas Hq.	"	3		Target information being reported to Bari. Mission has moved its base and is following Zervas Hq.
EMERALD.	Samos	"	2		Agent and operator now installed in Samos and are reporting via Izmir. Mission will probably be of a short duration.
ELLAS	Pindus Mts.	"	4		28 Sept. the mission arrived at Mt. Pelion and will proceed westward to its destination in Pindus Mts.
FLEECE	Larissa	"	2		Supplying intelligence on German traffic from Larissa to Salonica. Involved in negotiations for the surrender of a German garrison at Myrnayos. Has over-ambitious plans for a large network.

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SI BRANCH - GREECE (Cont.)

FLOKA	Macedonia	Intelligence Mission	1	No report.
GASOLENE	Salomika	"	2	No report.
GORGON	Corfu	"	2	5 Sept. the agent brought out much information. Returned to Greece 15 Sept. and was met by an Italian known to be a spy for Germany. The spy was captured and sent to Bari, along with his collection of papers. Bari based mission.
GORGON	Mainland	"	3	Cairo based mission. Reported on shipping through straits north of Evvia. 28 Sept. another member of the mission arrived in Evvia. Party then proceeded to mainland.
HELIOS	Dodecanese	"	5	25 Sept. successfully infiltrated. Hq. are to be established on Turkish coast. Radio contact has not yet been made.
HELIC	Laconia	"	4	Tried unsuccessfully to avert civil strife. Sea operation for resupply planned.
FORSEBREDERS Mt. Pelion		"		Sent out excellent shipping information on Volo and straits between Evvia and mainland. Simmons and Ulysses at headquarters.
IRON	Khakidiki	"	2	Waiting for radio operator to arrive before setting out for eastern Macedonia.
LUCIAN	Lipso	"	2	Sailed 26 Aug. First radio intelligence received.
LYRIC	Mytilini	"		A small expedition left Boston 14 Sept. to observe conditions. Germans have evacuated the island. The mission is directed from Izmir.
MOLOSSOS	Epirus	"		Came on the air 6 Sept. Transmitted valuable target information. Resupply operation planned.

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NIKI	Final destination Athens	Intelligence Mission	4	Sailed from Boston to be ready to go into Athens when it is freed.
ORACLE	Athens	"		No report
PERICLES		Labor Desk project to secure assistance of EAM	4	Continued to report military movements of the enemy.
PHALANX	Salonika	Intelligence Mission	2	The two agents are going to work independently. 24 Sept. the caique carrying mail and money for the missions in Salonica area was reported to have been captured.
SETTLER	Attica	"	3	In financial straits.
SIMMONS	Pelion	Special project to obtain German secret weapon		Arrived at Pelion, with Horsebreeders mission. Continuing activities although it is reported that the object is no longer in the vicinity.
STYGIA	ELAS Hq.	Intelligence Mission		New radio operator left Alexandria 9 Sept. Leader and operator started work with Hq. of ELAS Regt.
VLACH	Athens	"	2	Radio contact intermittent. Have requested a new radio. Leader in consultation with air force officers for obtaining intelligence on airdromes and counter-sabotage operations.

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NAME	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	DESCRIPTION	NO. MEN	PROGRESS DURING SEPTEMBER
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SI BRANCH - YUGOSLAVIACONTINUING OPERATIONS

ALUM	Slovene Parti- san Hq.	Intelligence	7	No report.
ASH	Voivodina	"	3	Went in during September.
LAMB	Vis	Liaison & intelligence	16	Sending an increased amount of intelligence. Plane courier service established.
MULBERRY	Croatian Parti- san Hq.	Intelligence	5	No report.
OAK & PALM	Naval Command	"		No report.
PIKE	Istria	"		No report.
REDWOOD	Montenegro	"		No report.
WALNUT	Slavonia	"	3	Went in during September
WILLOW	Serbian Hq.	"	3	Went in during September.
RANGER	Mihaljovich	"	5	Reported on the move. Mission being recalled at Tito's request.

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SI BRANCH - ALBANIA

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

PEAT	NE OF TIRANA	Intelligence Mission	2	Another man waiting for favorable weather to go in
PERRY	TIRANA	"	2	Additional personnel to be sent to mission
POLA	KOSINA	"		23 Sept. an officer parachuted in to confer with the leader of the mission. 1 EM and 1 civilian were evacuated by sea 28 Sept.

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NAME	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	DESCRIPTION	NO. MEN	PROGRESS DURING SEPTEMBER
	<u>Greece</u>			
6 Patrols			147	Destroyed railroad bridge north of Salonika 21 Sept.
Capt. Eichler's Patrol	Salonika	Liaison & sabotage operations		19 Sept, with RSR and Andarte help, attacked German garrison. Ambushed and destroyed 2 trucks of enemy troops.
Lt. Peyton's Patrol	Yanitza	"		Destroyed railroad track and blew up enemy troop train 8-9 Sept. 13 Sept. wrecked another troop train.
Lt. Chumas' Patrol	Katerini	"		7 & 8 Sept. attempted to cut railroad south of Kaitesa. One man was killed, the leader was wounded and evacuated 18 Sept. 21 Sept. with RSR elements ambushed an infantry column, with heavy German casualties.
Capt. Verghis' Patrol		"		Withdrawn 5-6 Sept.
	<u>Italy</u>			
CHRYSLER	Monte Cornaggia	"		Team was dropped 26-27 Sept. First message received 29 Sept - all safe, requested resupply drop which was made that night.
FORD	Pinerolo	"	3	Mission was dropped 29 Sept. Reported on 3 Oct. that on landing near Abris, it found itself in a battle between troops and resistance groups. Leader and one man escaped. The W/T operator was killed and the radio captured by the enemy.
MANGOSTINE		(See SI Branch - Italy - a combined operation*)		

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Italy

WALLA WALLA Corregia

Liaison & sabotage operations

Off the air from 7 to 24 Sept. Reported safe by another team. 28 Sept. supplies & medicine for EM who is ill with malaria.

Yugoslavia

ADAIRVILLE

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9 16-17 Sept. team was dropped. Because of Partisan disapproval of operation, it was ordered out on 19 Sept.

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NAME	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	DESCRIPTION	SO BRANCH - GREECE	
			NO. MEN	PROGRESS DURING SEPTEMBER
IOWAY "Patallist"	Greece	Hospital	2	800 pounds of medical supplies landed at sub-mission "Maudie" for the hospital.
<u>LIAISON OFFICERS AT SUB-MISSIONS</u>				
"BOODLE"		Liaison Officer	1	Mission inspected by Sr. U. S. Officer
"BOWINGTON"		"	2	Reported heavy fighting 17 Sept. 23 Sept. the sub-mission destroyed 2 enemy vehicles. 1 FM arrived at sub-mission
"GEOFFREY"		"		Inspected by Sr. U. S. Officer
"KEARNEY"	Pernara	"		Destroyed 2 bridges and a road on Amphissa-Novpaktos road. Operating 4 soup kitchens for children.
"LAPWORTH"		"		Mission inspected by Sr. U. S. Officer.
"LILLIAN"	Corinth	"		Continuing liaison functions.
"MORTLAKE"	Elas Hq.	Sr. Am. Liaison	2	Returned to headquarters, ill with malaria, but recovering
"PORTIA"	Aegean coast	Liaison Officer		Destroyed Larissa-Volos railway line. Shelled the station at Makrykhosi.
"RENOVATION"	Zervas territory	"		Report the air field completed. One man evacuated.
"SHEPSTEAD"	Epirus	"		Continuing liaison functions.
"TRUFFLE"	N. Greece	"		20-22 Sept. cut a railway line and destroyed a bridge.

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SO BRANCH - YUGOSLAVIACONTINUING OPERATIONS

ABBEVILLE	S. Macedonia	Liaison with Partisans	2	No report.
ALTMARK	Bosnia	"	1	Being withdrawn for reassignment.
CUCKHOLD	Slovenia	"	4	Two supply drops 6 and 14 September.
DARIEH	Croatia	"	2	Supplies dropped 10 Sept.
DEPOSIT	Montenegro	"	1	No report.
FLOTSAM	Slovenia	"	3	2 members of team for penetration of Austria dropped.
FUNGUS	Croatia	"	6	No report.
GEISHA	Slavonia	"	2	To be withdrawn for reassignment. Supplies were dropped 10 Sept.
HACIENDA (AGRU)		Evacuation of airmen		Leader withdrawn to report on activities
HAYARD (AGRU) Serbia		"	5	19 airmen evacuated 6 Sept. The team was evacuated.
RELATOR	Dalmatia	Liaison with Partisans	1	Being withdrawn for reassignment.
SPIKE	Macedonia	"	4	Supplies dropped 10 Sept.

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DETACHMENT 101

Note by Reports Officer

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

- a. Decorations received by 8 officers, 1 warrant officer, 3 enlisted men (p. 64).
- b. Operational activities at minimum but intelligence flow normal (pp. 64, 65).
- c. Headquarters moved to Myitkyina (p. 64).
- d. Groups in jungle not heard from for months contacted and found safe (p. 65).
- e. Pigeons to supplement radio network (p. 66).
- f. R&D develops three new devices (p. 67).

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## FAR EAST THEATER OFFICE REPORT

SEPTEMBER, 1944

DETACHMENT 101

Personnel - Army - Off. 97, EM 180, Navy - Off. 5,  
EM 18, Civilians 3

I. General

Twelve members of Detachment 101 received commendations and decorations during the past month. Colonel Peers was awarded the Legion of Merit for having flown more than 117 hours on 28 operational missions behind Japanese lines in Burma. Captain Curl, Lt. Comdr. Luce and Sgt. Andrew W. Shaffer also received the Legion of Merit for meritorious achievement. Major Houston, Major Wilkinson, Lt. Comdr. Pier, Captain Lutkin, Lt. Richter, W/O Rhea, M/Sgt. Eng, and T/S Haimson were awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

101 achievements were limited during the past month to keeping up the normal flow of intelligence and to a minimum of operational activities. Headquarters moved to Myitkyina, an operation comparable to moving a division by air.

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Operational activities in all areas did continue. Additional numbers of American, British and native personnel were put into the field. In Area I, the HATE group, consisting of two agents who have been in the jungle and not heard from since June, were contacted. Both men were safe. The TULA group, similarly isolated for two months, was also located and found to be safe. At Captain LaZun Tang's headquarters in Area I, 1300 armed Kachins recruited in the field, are getting ready for combat duty. The radio network of Area II now feeds directly into General Stillwell's headquarters, so that all activities will be immediately reported to the higher echelon. In Area III by agreement with the 33rd brigade, 14th Army, 101 operations will be confined to the east banks of the Chindwin and will coordinate with British patrols on the west bank. The Communications section at Myitkyina has contact with all main field units as well as combat headquarters and Nazira enabling all field operations to be readily directed from this base. Casualties on the Japanese in all areas from September 1 to September 15 were 45 killed and 4 wounded. One informer who turned a British aviator over to the Japanese was captured and executed.

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**SECRET****III. Communications**

At midnight, September 30, all field traffic was taken over by our new forward base at Myitkyina, Burma. This leaves only four operating positions at 101's new base. One position is being used for working the Army circuits, one for working south (Calcutta), one for our China leg, and a spare for working intra-net stations in the Assam area (Chabua, Dinjan, and Gelekey). The present setup at Myitkyina consists of: (a) a position for contacting the three area base stations, (b) one into 101's base, (c) a standby position for our Air Warning stations, (d) and a spare position for taking over any area should that area's station go off the air.

The OSS radio network will now be relieved to some degree by the use of pigeons. They will carry: routine requisitions which take up valuable radio time, emergency messages that cannot await a regular radio schedule, and communications from various patrols and agents working deep in enemy territories where radios may be unavailable.

**IV. MO**

Mrs. MacDonald, new CBI chief MO, and her staff at New Delhi have been turning out projects suggested by officers at 101. A small printing unit will be set up at 101

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to produce leaflets and rush jobs. Larger printing orders will be sent to New Delhi. Facilities have been perfected so that MO material will be disseminated by 101 agents at least once a week.

V. R&D

R&D has developed three new devices during the past month. One is a device into which documents may be placed and destroyed should it be necessary to do away with them on short notice. Another is a stick of explosive wood which has been dropped to one of the operational groups in Burma in hopes of destroying a wood-burning locomotive. The third is a model for a parachute-locating device. It has been completed and preliminary tests conducted.

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Note by Reports Officer

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

- a. Relations improved with Navy but deteriorated with Chinese and general outlook is poor (p. 68).
- b. SI agents dispatched in June not yet heard from (pp. 68, 69).
- c. Nor has Thai group had any word from agents overdue about two months. (p. 69).
- d. Radio operators and observers dispatched to Foochow, Canton and other places (p. 69).
- e. Additional MO personnel dispatched to Canton (p. 69).
- f. SO demolition work for 14th Air Force to hold up Japanese (p. 70).

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## FAR EAST THEATER REPORT

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SACO

Personnel - Army - Off. 60, EM 74, Navy - Off. 11,  
EM 4, Civilians 53.

I. General

Relations with the Navy and other U. S. organizations have been good. Commodore Miles has assisted by transporting OSS men and materials to eastern China. Relations with the Chinese have deteriorated, the main reason being that we have curtailed expansion for SI and SO until projects now under way show results. Since this decision does not fit in with SACO plans made by General Tai Li, he does not like it. Colonel Coughlin has decided after discussion with each branch head that little can be expected of any project under SACO. This conclusion is justified by branch progress reports.

II. SI - Personnel: Army - 2 Off., 1 Civ.

Red Project Group 1, consisting of original Chinese personnel assigned by General Tai Li to us for training as agents, has not been heard from since departing to occupied territory in June. Agents may have been picked up by the Japanese or they may have had radio trouble, but the general belief is that they are too young

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Tai Li himself admitted they had failed on other missions and inexperienced to carry out their job. As for Red Project Group 2, Mr. Peters and four radio operators were dispatched September 20 for Foochow, Wenchow, Haimen and Amoy. Operators and observers for Canton, Hoihow and Kwang Chow Wan left September 25 by truck. A Chinese representative of SI has gone with them to keep contact with SO radio station in Liuchow. If Japanese take Liuchow this man will remain to act as a supply base and courier stop. Hopes are better for this project than for Red Project Number 1, but so far we have invested \$7,000,000 in Chinese currency in these two SI projects and have received no intelligence from them yet.

The Thai group has not heard from any of its agents, who have been overdue about two months.

III. MO - Army: 4 Off., 3 EM

China's outstanding modern cartoon artist, Yeh Chen Yu, has been recruited to devote half his time to SACO - MO. With the cooperation of two American cartoonists from Air Force Units, Yeh will produce pictures to be pressed at Calcutta. A radio operator and a code man were dispatched to Canton on September 10 to join SACO - MO agent in operation there since August. They will continue to spread rumors and distribute propaganda leaflets.

We have agreed to disseminate OWI weekly news sheets

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to our agent already established in Canton, and forwarded the first batch of 1,000 on September 15. Radio monitoring is being continued and plastic records are being made of important broadcasts.

SACO - MO has four personnel now in Chungking awaiting transportation to Foochow where they will establish an advance base. They will recruit agents to enter occupied territory, giving priority to agents for the Shanghai area. Eventually they will build an effective organization to disseminate rumors and leaflets in Swatow, Amoy, Formosa, and other Japanese-held areas.

IV. SO - Army: 11 Off., 2 EM

After complete failure to obtain cooperation or results under SACO, Major Dow was requested by General Vincent to hinder the advance of the Japanese on all roads leading to Kweilin and Liuchow from north, east and south. On September 21 and 22 two groups loaded with supplies left for areas of operation. They have destroyed ferries, sampans, and bridges, caused mountain slides, and generally been effective in harassing and holding up the Japanese. Both teams are still in the field. Their work is closely coordinated with 14th Air Force and Chinese 4th War Area Commanders. Twenty-four hour radio contact makes it possible to direct actual operations from headquarters where all

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information is gathered and decisions are made.

Two radio operators, Pvts. Prorok and Todd, who according to Major Dow are "the best trained and most efficient radio operators I have ever worked with" are still privates in spite of the Major's recommendations for their promotions. Major Dow says "I consider this lack of attention to such superior qualified personnel unfair and unjust."

V. COMMUNICATIONS - Army: 1 Off., 7 EM

The morale of the Communications Branch is low because of the lack of promotions.

VI. X - 2 - Army: 2 Off. Chungking, 2 EM  
6 Off. Kunming, 3 EM

September is the first month of full scale X - 2 operations.

A Japanese spy has been apprehended and turned over to the Chinese for execution. Another has been interned as a prisoner of war.

VII. R&A - Army: 2 Off.

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1. The following points in the report prepared by the Far East Theater Office are believed to be outstanding:

- a. Scorching operations impeding enemy advance (p. 72).
- b. Intelligence on coastal defenses, shipping, rail movements and weather in Third War Area (pp. 73, 74).
- c. Dispatch of agents for Canton and Hongkong (pp. 75, 76).
- d. Difficulty in training agents planted by Tai Li. (p. 76).
- e. Maintenance of tactical intelligence activity despite military defeats in Ninth War Area (pp. 77, 78).

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## FAR EAST THEATER OFFICE REPORT

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AGFRTSPersonnel - Army - Off. 26, EM, 41, Civ. 5

Headquarters at Kweilin was abandoned on 16 September because of Japanese advances. Radio communication serving General Vincent and tactical commanders at all bases in eastern China continued. Small liaison teams placed with field headquarters reported by radio details concerning the position of the enemy and the morale of the Chinese troops. Lt. Johnson was attached to a group which in 72 hours blew up a 100-foot steel railway bridge, numerous wooden bridges, a water tower, and other objectives. Major Dow impeded the enemy advance by systematic destruction of roads. Another liaison team was left in Kweilin for liaison with the 31st Army to provide General Vincent with tactical data. Several good agents will be left in Kweilin if the Japanese occupy the city.

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I. First War Area.

Captain Burch in the First War Area has excellent contacts as far afield as Mukden, and prospects for a systematic gathering of enemy publications, collection of all kinds of passes into enemy territory, and inauguration of demolition work are promising. During the months of June and July Captain Burch's team reported Japanese movements outward along the Ping-han line, helping CACW destroy some 100 vehicles and 300 soldiers. Captain Burch estimates that he can build a net of agents reporting by radio from Pukow, Pingpu, Suchow, Haichow, Kaifung, Sinsiang, Sinyang, Tsian, Tsingtao, Tientsen, Peking and even Dairen, Anshan and Mukden to a sub-base or key station in the pocket east of the Ping-han line. Personnel are available and in many cases already working in those areas.

II. Third War Area.

This area, one of the largest worked by AGFRTS, is important for future development of all phases of intelligence because of its strategic location in relation to metropolitan Shanghai, Nanking and large cities on the Chekian coast. Some twenty agents are now residing in Shanghai, Hangchow, Nanking, and other cities. Most of

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them are using land-line communications, (checking enemy shipping in the vicinity of Wenchow), and reporting daily on shipping to and from Amoy harbor, the information reaching tactical units in six hours. Our agents report feverish enemy activity in building defenses along the entire coastline between Shanghai and Wenchow and on islands in the Chusan archipelago. Thousands of coolies are being drafted for work on airfields.

An observer in the vicinity of Anking reports twice weekly on shipping along the Yangtze. Agents in the Nanking area have given especially satisfactory intelligence on railways, air and train schedules, troop trains, and rolling stock for the Nanking-Shanghai railway and subsidiary lines as well. Major Herbst's "locomotive busting boys" of the 74th Squadron have made good use of this information and hope to exploit agent intelligence on Japanese air transport between Formosa and Hanchow.

Weather information from the Third War Area is radioed to tactical units every two hours and is posted on the main weather map in twenty minutes.

Our field organizations have obtained the cooperation of Chinese guerrilla bands in rescuing American pilots, nearly 20 of whom have been rescued from enemy-held territory.

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III. Fourth War Area.

This area, comprising Kwangsi Province and French Indo-China, is covered by the Gordon - Bernard Group, the best intelligence agency now operating in the Far East. Mr. Gordon has worked carefully with resistance elements in Indo-China and reports a nucleus group of at least 1,000 ready to rise against the Japanese at a given signal. He has furnished the 14th Air Force with numerous spot targets in transportation, troop, shipping, airfields and barrack areas. AGFRTS has trained a key agent in demolition techniques and sent him to this group with a considerable quantity of explosives to be distributed for use against bridges and other targets.

IV. Seventh War Area.

Kukong is the war-time capital of the Kwangtung Province. Objectives of attack from here are Hongkong, Canton and Swatow. An average of two agents per week have been leaving for Hongkong and Canton. One of the best is a former smuggler named Harry. He reports Japanese military morale at a low ebb and business in Canton in a depressed condition. He has furnished a comprehensive account of Japanese Battle Order in the

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Canton area. He left for Canton on 21 September taking 2 SSTR-1 sets which he will operate from inside the city, sending spot target information about shipping in Whampo. (There are six enemy direction finding units in Canton. AGFRTS agents operate by remote control system whereby the set is installed in the next room or several rooms away.) Harry has agreed to furnish X-2 with a Japanese agent. He also expects to penetrate Formosa with at least one agent. Private Pak Hoy Wang, a Hawaiian born Chinese, has returned to Shaping where he has excellent guerrilla contacts.

Captain Burch says that in connection with his agent training program he has experienced some slight difficulty from Tai Li's "plants" who have applied for jobs in occupied territory. His usual technique in such cases is to give the agent a communications code designed to cause serious headaches to Tai Li's specialists. The Communications intelligence school jointly sponsored by the Seventh and Ninth War Areas now has an enrollment of 52.

A team headed by an American civilian thoroughly familiar with the people, language and customs of Kwangtung has been selected to develop liaison with communist guerrillas operating north of Hongkong, who in the past

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have rescued several 14th Air Force pilots. Aid will be given the communists in this work as well as in sabotage and other harassment to the Japanese.

Two American enlisted men stationed at different points along the coast send in daily weather reports to Kukong which relays it to the 14th Air Force.

AGFRTS' prestige with the Chinese in this area has increased because our personnel stayed on in Kukong after British Intelligence agencies had withdrawn in anticipation of Japanese advances. If headquarters is forced to shift from Kukong Captain Lynn has personnel and a 600 watt transmitter to guarantee maintenance of radio communication from any point.

V. Ninth War Area.

Despite a heart-breaking retreat from the battered Ninth War Area Captain Rosholt has faithfully continued liaison work and provided hundreds of targets for air force operations, enabling 14th Air Force planes to raid the enemy constantly. He forwarded emergency requests from Chinese Commanders to General Vincent, arranged for dropping of food and ammunition in beleaguered Hengyang and effected the transfer of money and equipment by American transport planes.

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Our SI field staffs along the Yangtze have struggled to maintain themselves, and radio contact has been kept up by B-100 sets for a distance of 250 miles. The problem of equipping and supplying these agents with funds constitutes a major difficulty. If things become worse in the Ninth War Area AGFRIS men will lead guerrilla operations. They will operate against the Japanese railway line and harass the enemy by sabotage of bridges, destruction of supply dumps, and the use of garrisons, all of which should provide a sharp thorn in the side of Japanese commanders. Lt. Col. Wilfred J. Smith in concluding his report quotes the promise, "We may not work miracles, but we will work."

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Note by Reports Officer

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

- a. Reconnaissance group found three islands of Merapi Archipelago unsuitable for base (p. 79, 80).
- b. Two groups dispatched to Sumatra by submarine (p. 80).
- c. War Department ruling against transportation of Issei to theater a severe blow (p. 81).

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Four operations were dispatched in September: BALMORAL, CAPRICE, REPLEY II, and "one other." Operation CAPRICE, located at a point 1400 miles from this base, has come on the air, and two-way communication has been established.

An Air Operations Branch has been established to coordinate operations using aircraft and to assist the Strategic Air Force and the 3d Tactical Air Force. Most of our operations will probably be airborne. This branch will place meteorologists for Army Air Forces in areas of southeastern Asia from which weather information is required.

II. SO 8 officers, 1 EM.

First phase of project BALMORAL was successfully launched on September 6 when Lts. Fine and Coutoupis with a native radio operator were landed by Catalina on

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Chance Island in the southern part of the Mergui Archipelago. This reconnaissance group radioed to submarine bringing a reinforcement group and informed them that the island was unsuitable for use as a base. The reconnaissance group investigated two other islands with the same result.

The operation ARISTOC is now ready. Four Thais and Mr. Halliday have completed training, supplies are assembled, arrangements made for air transportation and the operation will be carried out in late October. SO still badly needs administrative personnel and conducting officers.

III. MU 5 officers, 4 EM, 1 civilian.

RIPLEY II and CAPRICE:

On September 8 Captain Robert Coke and Mr. Ray Kauffman and a party of 5 natives to be infiltrated into Sumatra in two separate groups departed by submarine. There is evidence that Japanese are aware that two of the agents were landed.

IV. MO , 5 officers, 3 EM, 10 civilians.

Operation JN-27 to establish a black radio station at Camp "Y" has been approved by OWI and "P" Division. Communications Branch is assembling equipment, receiving set has been installed for temporary monitoring purposes

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and scripts have been prepared.

War Department ruling against transport of Issei to this theater constituted a severe blow to MO - SEAC plans. If the ruling applies also to Nisei the situation becomes desperate. An appeal is urged to the highest authority.

V. Field Photographic. 2 officers, 2 EM

All members of this branch are engaged in producing film dealing with escape and survival. Delivery at the earliest possible moment has been requested by the Strategic Air Force, 3d Tactical Air Force, 10th Air Force, 20th Bomber Command, and 9th Photo Reconnaissance Unit.

VI. Visual Presentation. 2 EM, 1 civilian

Twenty charts in color of Japanese merchant shipping have been prepared for Camp "Y". Mr. Paul Child, Chief of the Branch, received an official letter of commendation from Major General A. C. Wedemeyer, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Supreme Allied Command South East Asia. The commendation praised Mr. Child for his preparation of a series of charts "graphically depicting important aspects of this theater." "He produced outstanding results and very greatly contributed to the war effort."

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Number assigned (exclusive of personnel temporarily attached to OSS) as of: 30 Sept. 44  
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	237	48	133	59	476	554	382	70	299		1035	1701
ENL. MEN	949	252	230	110	1561	1895	1410	207	600		4132	5603
TOTAL	1206	300	363	169	2037	2449	1792	277	899		5167	7474
NAVY OFFICER	100	7			116	69	48	22	31	12	182	299
ENL. MEN	159	32			191	88	54	27	42	18	289	420
TOTAL	268	39			307	157	102	49	73	31	471	719
MARINE OFFICER	11	4			15	15	10	7	5	3	40	55
ENL. MEN	10	19			29	6	3	1	0	4	14	43
TOTAL	21	23			44	21	13	8	5	7	54	98
COAST GUARD OFFICER	0	1	0	0	1					4	4	5
ENL. MEN	20	7			27					12	12	39
TOTAL	20	8			28					16	16	44
TOTAL SERVICE OFFICER	357	60	133	59	609	638	440	99	330	20	1526	2140
ENL. MEN	1188	310	230	110	1808	1989	1467	234	662	34	4307	5196
TOTAL	1515	370	363	169	2416	2627	1907	334	992	54	5833	7336
CIVILIAN VOUCHERED	2260	197			2457	372	320		27	2	722	3179
SPECIAL	319	44			363	172	227	117	100	0	622	991
TOTAL	2579	241			2820	544	547	117	127	2	1350	4170
OSS GRAND TOTAL	4024	611	363	169	5256	3172	2454	457	1130	62	7266	12508
*WACS OFFICER	1		5		6	10	2	1			13	19
ENLISTED	0		3		3	84	26	0			110	113
TOTAL	1		8		9	94	28	1			123	132

\*Includes METO

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## PERSONNEL CHANGES AND APPOINTMENTS

FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1944

- Mr. John E. O'Gara appointed Acting Chief, SI Branch, during temporary absence of Mr. Reginald C. Foster, eff. 6 Sept.; Special Order No. 89, issued 6 Sept. 1944.
- Maj. A. Wayne Merriam appointed Executive Officer of Personnel Procurement Branch, eff. 8 Sept. 1944; Branch Order No. 4 issued 12 Sept. 1944.
- Lt. Col. Paul Roberts appointed Acting Chairman of Personnel Board during absence of Dr. James McConaughy, eff. 12 Sept. 1944; Special Order No. 90, Supp. 1, issued 12 Sept. 1944.
- Lt. Col. James W. Kirk, TC appointed Transportation Officer vice Maj. Reeve Hoover, Cav., and Lt. Comdr. Andrew G. Carey, USNR, relieved, eff. 12 Sept.; Special Order No. 42, Supp. 3 issued 19 Sept. 1944.
- Mr. A. Wm. Asmuth, Jr. appointed Asst. General Counsel, responsible for Finance Div., eff. 8 Sept. 1944; Office Order No. 3 issued 8 Sept.
- Capt. H. H. Hamilton, JAGD appointed Asst. Gen. Counsel responsible for Patents and Contracts Div., eff. 8 Sept. 1944; Office Order No. 3 issued 8 Sept. 1944.
- Mr. John R. Schoemer, Jr., appointed Asst. General Counsel responsible for Advisory and Research Div., eff. 8 Sept. 1944; Office Order No. 3 issued 8 Sept. 1944.
- Dr. Robert C. Tryon appointed Acting Chief of SS Planning Staff in absence of Lt. Comdr. K. W. Hinks, eff. 15 Sept.; Planning Staff Order No. 3 issued 18 Sept. 1944.
- Maj. George M. Johnson appointed Acting Executive Officer and Acting Sec'y of OSS Planning Group during absence of Col. Onthank, eff. 12 Sept. 1944; Office Order No. 1 issued 12 Sept. 1944.
- Maj. John J. Monigan appointed Alternate OSS Top Secret Control Officer, vice Maj. Duncan C. Lee, relieved, eff. 25 Sept.; Gen. Order No. 50, Supp. 1 issued 25 Sept. 1944.

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Mr. Winthrop M. Mayo designated Acting Deputy Director -  
Administrative Services during temporary absence of  
Louis M. Ream; Office Notice 21 Sept. 1944.

Mrs. Adelaid M. Hawkins, appointed Acting Chief, Message  
Center during temporary absence of Maj. John W.  
Delafield, eff. 25 Sept. 1944; Branch Order No. 4,  
issued 25 Sept. 1944.

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

<u>Period</u>	<u>ETO</u>	<u>NATO</u>	<u>METO</u>	<u>FETO</u>	<u>OTHER THEATERS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Sept. 4 to 10	15	23	4	15	11	68
Sept. 11 to 17	7	32	1	79		119
Sept. 18 to 24	19	25	-	137	2	183
Sept. 25 to Oct. 1	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>90</u>
	54	89	8	295	14	460

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<u>COMPLETED SEPTEMBER</u>				<u>% TOTAL FOR SEPTEMBER</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	106	1,640,544	45,885.3	20.00	51.22	24.79
FAR EAST	259	432,886	17,475.7	48.86	13.51	9.44
MIDDLE EAST	39	106,327	6,570.2	7.36	3.32	3.55
NORTH AFRICA	108	1,018,566	114,972.6	20.38	31.80	62.10
MISCELLANEOUS	18	4,909	222.2	3.40	.15	.12
TOTALS	530	3,203,232	185,126.0	100.00	100.00	100.00
CANCELLED	41					
	571	3,203,232	185,126.0			

<u>COMPLETED AUGUST</u>				<u>% TOTAL YEAR TO DATE</u>		
EUROPEAN	148	720,862	33,925.49	30.28	47.75	39.85
FAR EAST	179	877,089	38,154.8	31.42	23.67	25.03
MIDDLE EAST	49	50,935	2,370.9	9.94	3.47	2.78
NORTH AFRICA	119	1,200,798	59,098.0	22.82	24.08	31.10
MISCELLANEOUS	22	27,611	1,757.4	5.54	1.03	1.24
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 YEAR TO DATE</u>			
EUROPEAN	929	11,209,223	458,450.49
FAR EAST	964	5,554,757	287,949.5
MIDDLE EAST	305	815,095	32,019.3
NORTH AFRICA	700	5,652,850	357,752.7
MISCELLANEOUS	170	241,852	14,218.1
TOTALS	3,068	23,473,777	1,150,390.09
CANCELLED	218		
	3,286	23,473,777	1,150,390.09

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<u>THEATER</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>FEB</u>
EUROPEAN	73	90	112	105	82	99	32	67
FAR EAST	262	267	199	146	189	66	63	62
MIDDLE EAST	24	36	58	63	57	51	31	54
NORTH AFRICA	47	108	106	92	98	82	54	38
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>16</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>30</u>
TOTALS	422	520	491	424	421	421	201	252

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30 October 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: The Director  
 FROM : Secretariat  
 SUBJECT : Report of Branches of the Office of Strategic Services for the Month of September 1944.

1. The monthly report for September 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

A report from North Africa indicates that tighter security regulations are required in recruiting and processing personnel. It is essential that fewer persons know the identity of the agents. The report from the Belgian Congo points out that the only OSS agent in that area has had but two months' experience in the field, and that State Department representatives dominate OSS personnel. Thus it is clear the establishment of a modus vivendi by OSS and the State Department is necessary for the support and protection of OSS operators. This requirement has been reported before. The OSS representative to Angola is still awaiting a visa in Leopoldville.

The Far East Section recommends investigation of the possibility of obtaining further information in Latin America as well as the Near East and Europe.

b) Foreign Nationalities

During September representatives of FN Branch attended 25 group meetings of foreign political groups in the United States. The Branch received 114 situation reports on foreign political activities in the U.S., in addition to 106 reports from its field representatives. During the month 778



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press readings were filed by the Princeton Office. Special attention was paid in the foreign language press to the following subjects: ~~German Peace Terms~~; Evidences of German Catholic Interest in the Government of Post-war Germany; Treatment of German Prisoners in American Camps; Holland-American Opinion on German Boundaries; Present Attitude of Franco-American Papers towards Marshal Petain and the Vichy Cabinet; Agreements for the Exchange of Minority Populations in East Central Europe; The Battle of Warsaw.

c) X-2

With more personnel leaving for the field and an acute shortage of office space, the activities of the branch in Washington have been seriously hampered.

d) Research and Analysis

Considerable time has been spent in recent Washington conferences on detailed planning for RAA activities in NYO with special emphasis on the projected work with the ACC in Germany. Although the Europe-Africa Division anticipates considerable curtailment of activities at the end of the war, it is felt that clarification of future work should be undertaken immediately.

Lack of effective liaison with the Southwest Pacific Command has resulted in some confusion within the Division because of difficulty in obtaining the initial source material and in some cases lack of outlets for current production.

It is reported that recently State Department cables available to OSS have shown noticeable gaps thus hampering the work of the Far East Division for the Current Intelligence Staff and Planning Staff. Although the work of the Central Information, USSR and Latin American Divisions has been expanding, it has been impossible to recruit sufficient additional personnel to cover these fields adequately.

e) CD

From the recent Canadian conference on the problems of Censorship, CD obtained a clearer picture of activities of the various censorships and laid down plans for their future activities. On a trip to the Pacific Coast, the Chief of the Division arranged

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for liaison between the San Francisco Office and the Office of Censorship to insure the provision of necessary material for OSS on the Coast. A renewed effort was made to increase the effective dissemination of material from Bellmore and Rededa stations. It is now estimated that the relocation of Rededa station will be completed by the middle of October. Navy personnel have been withdrawn from this station thus making available to OSS eight more positions.

f) Special Projects

An AAF officer assigned to OSS is now observing the tests on the Merlin project. After the tests are completed the participation required of OSS will be determined by the AAF. A special report on the Simmons project has already been prepared for the Director.

g) Special Operations

Nothing outstanding to report.

h) Morale Operations

On 14 September MO/Washington received a cable cancelling all personnel requirements for ETO but leaving indefinite the question of whether or not this applied to FWD operations. A cable to ETO on this question was not answered. When a representative from FWD/ETO arrived in Washington, he indicated that personnel would be required for FWD/ETO. The cause of this confusion has not been cleared up, but recruiting has begun.

MO and other OSS representatives are to assist in briefing G-2 interrogators in PW camps in the U.S. The purpose of this briefing is to impress G-2 men with the importance of learning not only actual military facts but also what the prisoners believe to be the facts. It is now believed that MO and OWI will collaborate closely in the Far East to provide surrender leaflets and other propaganda items. OWI, however, claims the function of preparing leaflets not directly traceable to American sources for distribution by aircraft.

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Personnel and equipment for MO/101 are new on the way. One of the principal difficulties of MO at the present time is a regulation which forbids the entry of Japanese personnel into the Far East Theaters. It is believed that this will be alleviated to some degree if Nisei wish to enlist in the Army.

1) Maritime Unit

Special Maritime Group No. 2 has returned to Washington from Cuba after conducting a series of tests in which these swimmers attacked harbor defenses at Guantanamo Bay. The results of these tests are incorporated in a technical report by Lt. Beeth.

Special Maritime Group No. 3 is scheduled to complete training by mid-October and will depart for SEAC at the end of the month.

R&D has furnished MU with a new underwater carrying device which is now being tested at Nassau.

2) Operational Groups

Nothing special to report.

3) Field Photographic

Ten motion pictures were completed during the month, seven for OSS, one for the Navy, one for OWI and one for the Marine Corps. Three captured German news reels were edited. A total of 18 camera crews and 55 sound crews were used during the month.

With the cooperation of R&A a photographic program for coverage of military objectives in occupied Europe was begun. Some 80 still photographers will be sent to ETO to carry on this program. Possibly in addition one or more portable laboratory trucks will be sent for this purpose.

4) Presentation Branch

Forty-nine projects were completed during September. Among the most important were the following:

- (1) War Department Report on German Morale (#693).  
Film report on German military and civilian morale.

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- (2) Campbell Project--Prochure (#773). Illustrated report on the development of guided missiles.
- (3) Air Transport Command (#764). Preparation of complete lecture presentation on the organization, mission, functions, plans, and requirements of ATC -- For showing by General George to Air Staff and others.
- (4) Drafting Kits (#948). Construction of two drafting kits-- For use at Quebec Conference.

m) Schools & Training.

In RTO, Schools and Training in cooperation with SI and B&A is attempting to set up a course in economic and political reporting.

Areas A-2 and A-5 have been closed and men transferred to Area F. Area A-4 is operating on a part-time basis and it may be closed or the activities of A-5 may be transferred there. This will depend on the eventual use made of Area RTU-11. Area WP was closed at the end of the month. During September the total number of men trained at all areas including assessment schools was 1102.

n) Field Experimental Unit

Col. Eifler's TCA to visit Hawaii is the most urgent and difficult problem awaiting solution by this unit.

o) Services

A catalog of requirements is being prepared by the Procurement and Supply Branch for material which will be necessary to implement the resistance program in the Far East. Some material originally intended for RTO and MEDTO has been cancelled and will be diverted to the Far East.

p) Security

During September 719 complete security investigations were written up, a drop of 550 from the previous month. 594 new cases were initiated during September.

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**q) Communications**

The total tonnage of equipment shipped overseas dropped during September. Unfortunately shipping congestion held up some 80 tons of cargo at the PGE. The total of personnel for this branch remained at about the same level as the previous month except in the Far East where there was an increase of approximately 13 percent.

**r) New York Area**

A recommendation has been submitted to the Director suggesting an overall plan of revision for activities in the New York area. A request has also been sent to MO/Washington to review the necessity for the continuation of all personnel now engaged in the Mari-gold project. The Labor Division of SI in New York has been closed.

**s) San Francisco Area**

The Foreign Nationalities Branch in San Francisco has secured a full-time representative who will be able to expand considerably the work of this branch.

It was suggested during August that a representative of PPB be assigned permanently to the West Coast in order to prevent duplication of effort in that area. No action has been taken to date on this request. A new procedure has been instituted whereby a list of all persons known to have language or area experience in Japan, Formosa and coastal China will be forwarded to Washington. Some 440 names have already been forwarded.

When approval is received from Washington a warehouse which may also be used as a staging area, BOQ, barracks and mess hall, will be occupied and the necessary repair work undertaken.

W. B. Kantack  
Capt., A.C.  
Reports Officer

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**SECRET**COMMENDATIONS & CITATIONSI. Commendations Appearing in the September Monthly Activities Report.A. ETO

1. From C. E. R. Hirsch, Brigadier BGS(I), Hq. AAI, attesting to the continuing value of SCI work. (p. 2.)

B. MEDTO

1. From Col. C. C. Sloan, Jr., Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2, AFHQ, that the intelligence of OSS teams "was extremely accurate and contributed in no small way to the success of the operation." (The 7th Army Invasion of France). (p. 26)

2. G-2 of AFHQ said the reports of the movement of the 90th PG Division and information leading to the identification of the 34th Infantry Division and coastal defenses along the Ligurian coast were most valuable. (p. 30.)

C. FETOSEAC

1. From Maj. Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Supreme Allied Command, South East Asia, to Mr. Paul Child, Chief of Visual Presentation Branch, for a series of charts "graphically depicting important aspects of this theater. He produced outstanding results and very greatly contributed to the war effort." (p. 81.)

II. Commendations Received Directly by the Secretariat.A. MEDTO

1. From N. F. Twining, Maj. Gen., USA Commanding 15th Air Force, memorandum dated 2 Sept. to Lt. Col. Philip

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U G. Lovell, CO, Co. "C", 2671 Spec. Reconnaissance Bn, "By your resourcefulness and continuous endeavor you have cared for more than 1,000 airmen from this Air Force. In addition, you have assisted many of our planes to return to their home bases."

B. FETO

CBI

1. From Col. Dickey, G-2 of Forward Echelon, CBI, a very strong letter of commendation for the excellent assistance the OSS intelligence branches had rendered the theater in China.

O 2. From General Chennault, a very enthusiastic letter of commendation to Lt. Col. Wilfred J. Smith for the great help which AGFRTS intelligence has been to the 14th Air Force.

III. Citations Appearing in the September Monthly Activities Report.

A. MEDTO

1. Capt. James G. L. Kellis - Legion of Merit, 15 September, and Bronze Star to five others: Lt. (jg) Everett J. Athens, USNR; Gunnery Sgt. Thomas L. Curtis, USNR; Spec. (x) Second Class Spyridon G. Kapponnis, USNR; Spec. (x) Third Class Michael T. Angelos, USNR; Spec. (x) Third Class George N. Psinos, USNR, members of "Chicago Mission" who destroyed two bridges in Evros district of Greece in May. . (p. 41.)

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2. T/5 James Laubs, medical technician - awarded Silver Star, 21 August, for gallantry in the battle on the Island of Solta, 19 March. (p. 45.)

3. Lt. John Giannaris - Purple Heart as result of 200 shrapnel wounds received while going to the aid of injured enlisted men during an attack on a railroad line 9 September. (p. 45)

B. FETO

Det. 101

1. Col. Peers - Legion of Merit for having flown more than 117 hours on 28 operational missions behind Japanese lines in Burma. (p. 64.)

2. Capt. Curl, Lt. Comdr. Luce and Sgt. Andrew W. Shaffer - Legion of Merit for meritorious achievement. (p. 64.)

3. Bronze Star medal to Maj. Houston, Maj. Wilkinson, Lt. Comdr. Pier, Capt. Lutkin, Lt. Richter, W/O Rhea, M/Sgt. Eng and T/S Haimson. (p. 64.)

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**TOP SECRET**ADDENDUMNotes on Jedburgh Teams in Airborne Invasion  
of Holland (Operation Market)

Available information indicates that of the four Jedburgh teams landing in Holland with the First Allied Airborne Army, one was lost with the First British Airborne Division at Arnhem, and three have now returned to base. An additional Jedburgh team is believed to be still active in Holland.

The following notes have been prepared by the SO Branch in Washington, on the basis of the report of Jedburgh team Edward:

a. Operation Market left the United Kingdom on 17 September and landed near Groesbeek, Holland, on the same day. The operation was composed of Jedburgh teams Edward, Clarence, Claude and Daniel, comprising a total of 18 persons, of which three officers and three enlisted men were Americans.

b. The purpose of this mission was to establish contact with the Dutch underground and through liaison with them to further the airborne operation.

c. On the day following the landing, the mission obtained valuable intelligence on the military situation surrounding Nijmegen through telephone communications which had been established.

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d. Through contact with the Chief Engineer of Waterworks and Ferries in Nijmegen, very detailed information on bridges and on the possibilities of river crossings in the area was obtained.

e. For construction of an air strip near Malden, 250 workmen were supplied by the underground.

f. By this time the quantity of high level military information that was being supplied by the underground telephone information center was so great that a military information center was established there with officers from the 21st Army Group, 2nd. Army and 30th. Corps on duty.

g. At the request of the 30th Corps, arrangements were made to establish an armed resistance force of 300 men for mopping up operations.

h. About a week after the landing of the mission, friction arose between certain of the Dutch Resistance Groups, but this was ironed out without any damaging results.

i. On 28 September, the Mission Headquarters left Nijmegen, and after reporting to No. 1 SF Detachment at 2nd Army Headquarters, proceeded to Brussels where evacuation to the United Kingdom was effected the next day.

j. The Mission acted in support of the Allied Airborne units and maintained constant communication with them throughout.

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