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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY  
G-2 STRATEGIC SERVICES SECTION  
APO 758 US ARMY

22 January 1944

COVER: [REDACTED] (true name) Operation TROUBADOUR

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(B)(3)

1. i. [REDACTED]

75 kg  
mittel build  
oval face  
kastanienbraun hair  
blaue Augen  
rotig complexion  
42 shoes

- ii. French average
- iii. Pure French accent, slight German (speaks slowly with northern accent of Hamburg); slight Spanish.
- iv. Scar over left eye; pit in center of forehead; burn on lower inside of left leg; bayonet wound on abdomen; mole on left jaw; pimple on chin.
- v. Heavy cigarette smoker; 1 pack a day
- vi. None

2. Parents: [REDACTED]

both living at St. Etienne. Studied in public schools at St. Etienne, then, when 15 began [REDACTED], til age of 17. Then 13-10-31 entered naval school to become petty-officer at Brest on board SS Montcalm. One year there, then five in navy as volunteer until released 20-6-36 as Second Maitre. During this time served two years in [REDACTED]

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In July of 1936 left for Spain to serve in Republican army, where drove supplies between Madrid and Barcelona. End of 1938 returned to France, stayed in Toulouse, then Toulon, until declaration of war, when he joined the 5th Depot d'Equipages at Toulon as Second Maitre until June of 1940 when he was demobilized at armistice.

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Then went to parents at St. Etienne; stayed there until January, 1941; then to Paris to join the Maquis until June, 1943. In June, 1943, was captured by Germans on train at Chalon/s/Saone; they took him to Cherche-Midi Prison for eight months, on grounds of attacking a German officer. 5-3-44 was taken to Niemburg(between Bremen and Hannover), where he worked as a baker.

Escaped to Uetzen (province of Hannover), travelling on fake Bescheinigung zur Benutzung der Eisenbahn given him by girl who worked in Arbeitsamt. This and statement by employer on letterhead was all he needed. Escaped from Uetzen 17-12-45 via Switzerland.

Is not married.

Special knowledge: [REDACTED] naval supplies; slight Morse. Was once a boxer. A little boastful, but seems alert and straightforward. Knows Berlin, Hamburg, Bremen, Hannover, and Uetzen; Knows army and naval artillery. Has two brothers and sisters. Is tough and self-reliant. Subsisted by operating a black market. Escaped in load of hay.

### B. Character of Mission

Will be dropped in Niemburg area, where will orient self and then proceed south to Munich region where will remain on permanent mission. Will be dropped alone; radio operator will perhaps be sent in later. Time in northern Germany for orientation about three weeks.

Agent is coming to London for briefing, etc.

Operation will be mounted for moon-period beginning 8-9 February.

### C. Agent's cover ideas undecided.

### D.

1. True name can be used
2. " place and date of birth can be used
3. Catholic
4. Parents both dead; choose any names; assumed to be from St. Etienne.
5. Single
6. True story OK
7. " " "
8. " " " (B)(1)
9. " " " (B)(2)
10. " " "
11. On leave. Suggests 5 day leave issued by Arbeitsamt Uetzen for target city. If captured will admit to having faked his story and receive a month in the Arbeitslager. His employer to be the real one, [REDACTED]

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herewith enclosed. Also Bescheinigung zur Benutzung der Eisenbahn for this trip. He stands well with [REDACTED] says he never had or needed Arbeitsbuch; his Arbeitskarte, under true name, was given to [REDACTED] and then returned by [REDACTED] to the Arbeitsamt in Uelzen. Would like ration tickets, but can get along without them.

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