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SUBJECT: MO Radio Project "ROCKPILE"  
TO : The Director, Psychological Warfare Division, SHAFB  
FROM : Chief, MO Branch, OSS-ETO

1. OBJECT: To undermine Wehrmacht morale and to enhance conflict between Wehrmacht and S.S..
2. METHOD: From their precarious position in the mountains of Yugoslavia, the remnants of a cut-off battalion try to:
  - a. Contact regimental Hq. and fail to procure assistance.
  - b. To tell her colleagues in the Wehrmacht how they were wantonly sacrificed by their regimental command, while S.S. troops pulled out safely.

The cover is: The cut-off battalion has taken position in what the commander believed to be a safe place. Soon they are attacked by partisans, and though victorious, their loss of men is severe, and they see themselves forced to move away. In spite of their urgent appeal for supplies, nothing is done by Hq. to help them. Oberleutnant Tillmann behaves in an exemplary military fashion throughout, reporting every time that his battalion could perform useful and important military operations if given reinforcements and supplies. Unrest spreads among his men which he first tries to suppress by force. An expedition to provide food by attacking a village fails. During the fight with the villagers, Oberleutnant Krieger is killed; he was the most ruthless of the officers, and assigned by Tillmann to suppress any attempt at mutiny. After this episode and when food reserves have given out completely, mutiny breaks out. - Tillmann fades out of the picture and Cpl. Huber comes on the air. He talks about the betrayal of the men by the S.S. and regimental Hq. and also reveals the ghastly story of their predicament. The listeners are left in the dark about the bitter end of this unit as the batteries of the transmitter run out.

3. SUBJECT MATTER: The commandant of this lost battalion, Oberleutnant Tillmann, starts his transmission with routine reports regarding his position and urgent requests for ammunitions and other supplies. Besides two orders to fight on and furnish headquarters with intelligence on enemy movements nothing is forthcoming from Hq.

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From the third message on there is no reply altogether. Tillmann carries on with routine reports and his requests become more and more urgent from message to message. Their position deteriorates rapidly and eventually mutiny breaks out. Corporal Huber takes over and gives vent to the outraged feelings of the men who feel that their lives have been sacrificed in vain.

4. TARGET: It is aimed at Wehrmacht in general and in particular at units which have been ordered to make a stand to the last and are in danger of being cut off or annihilated unless relief comes forth.

5. TRANSMISSION: Shortwave as used by German army units.

6. DURATION: 7-9 transmissions, between 2 and 5 minutes each to be made at irregular intervals over a span of a week.

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