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O.S.S. Society Joins Partnership in Extensive Veterans History Project

The OSS Society is now an official partner in the Veterans History Project, administered by the Library of Congress under legislation passed unanimously by the U.S. Congress in October 2000. This legislation calls for the American Folklife Center of the Library to collect and preserve oral history tapes and other historical material such as collections of letters, memoirs, diaries, maps, and photos that record wartime experiences of U.S. veterans of wars in the 20th century.



Art Reinhardt

OSS veterans and their descendants are urged to contribute records of experiences, oral and video tapes, or hard copies of oral history interviews. Please call **Art Reinhardt** at 703-709-7059 or email art@cgr-inc.com. Those wishing to contribute all other types of historic material should contact **Joseph Yager**, phone 301-541-5094 or email to Joe at hoosierjoe@earthlink.net. They may also write to Reinhardt and Yager care of the OSS office at 6723 Whittier Ave., Suite 303-A, McLean, VA, 22101-4533.

When possible, submit historical material in duplicate to be available to OSS vets currently working on an analytical history of OSS, tentatively titled: *Donovan's War: OSS Veterans Remember*.



Joseph Yager (right) interviews OSS colleague from China days, Chester L. Cooper, at an informal session with mike and recorder at kitchen table.

Yager and Reinhardt urge OSSers to take the opportunity to preserve the records of what OSS veterans did for their country over sixty years ago.

James H. Billington, director of the Library of Congress and himself an army vet, writes: "We owe our wartime veterans a profound appre-

ciation for their sacrifice and service to our nation. We also owe all our citizens an opportunity to appreciate and honor these men and women who protected our nation in the gravest of times. Together ... we can create a lasting body of documentary materials that will inform and educate our citizens in the decades ahead."

Preserve OSS Service Stories for Future Generations Now

By James W. Hudson, Former SI Officer, Spotsylvania, Virginia.

Many of you who served in OSS in World War II kept memories to yourselves for fear of revealing classified information. That was a time when your kids were growing up and had little knowledge of their parents' OSS service. But now we are well beyond the declassification of OSS history. We owe it to our own families and to American

history to give details of our service. Have informal discussions around the dinner table and living room; have one of your progeny write down facts, names, and dates. In my case, I started to write about my OSS Albania experience soon after the war. Now I am ready to publish all I can to chronicle my life as a senior SI Officer. I urge every veteran to do as much writing as possible

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Virginia Hall Accorded Legion of Valor



Virginia Hall, the OSS agent who helped train three battalions of French resistance forces to wage guerrilla warfare against the Germans was named a member of the Legion of Valor recently. Richard Rinaldo, D.S.C, sponsored her membership.

Hall was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by General William Donovan after the war. She is the only woman

awarded this medal in World War II. She has received the British OBE and the French Croix deGuerre.

Hall is the second woman to be a member of the Legion of Valor. The other recipient was Helen McClelland, a nurse in World War II. The Legion of Valor Museum is located in Fresno, California and is open to visitors. The Legion was founded as Medal of Honor Legion in 1890, and chartered by an act of Congress in 1955.

OSS in the News: Pinck Family Saga

A heartwarming father-son story recently ran in the Washington Post (June 30, 2003) about OSS Society President **Charlie Pinck** and his OSS veteran father **Dan Pinck**. Reporter Adam Bernstein writes, "It's so nice when espionage can bring a son closer to his father.

"Charles Pinck, 39, has been obsessed with spies since childhood. During World War II his father, Dan, spent 18 months in China behind Japanese lines. Today their

home is full of memories: Japanese swords, U.S. code books, one-time pads. The son stares at a black and white photo of his father, his arms around two Chinese agents and a 45 strapped to his waist.

" 'Go ahead and call it an obsession,' his son says, 'Imagine myself at 19 trying to do what he did. Shared interest, shared obsession, shared fascination...' The father exposed the son early to OSS friends with lively war careers. OSS had a greater influence on his son than even he knows. Today Charles is a private eye, specializing in corporate skullduggery but his father's war still remains vivid. Since becoming OSS Society President, he has been working with OSS members on an oral history project of society members, overseeing an e-mail discussion group, and helping edit a quarterly newsletter. Charles said that the best part of his job is when he gets OSS vets to share their stories. It's an extension he has made with his own father."

Help Wanted – by OSSers and Others

- James Hill is searching for information on **Robert (Bob) Lowe**, who was attached to Morale Operations until his cover was blown in Turkey. He was commissioned in April of 1942 as a captain and military observer in Middle East. Email jameshill@computermail.net
- John Barnhill requests information on **Jim Thompson**, U.S. Army major serving in Thailand for OSS. He asks any OSSers who were friends or associates of Thompson during his OSS days in Southeast Asia, or who have any information to please contact him: jjbarnhill@earthlink.net
- Dr. Marc Hafkin, a Bethesda, Maryland psychologist, is researching his father's participation in OSS during World War II. His father's name is **Aaron Allen Hafkin** and he knows he attended an OSS camp near Hagerstown. His father is currently 87, in somewhat ill health, and would like to get in touch with OSS colleagues. Phone 301-656-7445.

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Preserve OSS Stories *(from page one)*

with help from family and friends. And it is the duty of families of vets to extract as much information as you can. Get it into history and to the public.

Each OSS vet has a different view of the war and his part in it. My best friend, Don Rider, was in Yugoslavia, and I was in neighboring Albania, but the way we operated was totally different.

How did your dad (or mother) do his thing? Where? What problems? How did he combat them? My SI groups saved 13 American nurses from certain capture after their forced landing in Albania. My radio operator, Nick Kukich, had more to do with it than I, but I did manage to get the signatures of three of the nurses on my short snorter Albanian five-Lek note. Does your dad have a short snorter? Do you know what it is?

Time is short. Listen to details, not just broad-brush recollections, for it is in details that a good story is born. Your dad risked his life for you, perhaps as yet unborn. Now spend some time capturing every fact and nuance. The public today is interested as they consider the part intelligence will play in winning the war against terrorism. Tell the world about your guy in the rocking chair who was once gung ho, climbing mountains and dodging a ruthless enemy bent on his torture and destruction. Climb on his knee yourself, if you must, but get his story.

Oral History Guide

Jonathan Clemente tells us that he obtained guidelines for preparing oral history from the Army Center for Military History. He urges OSSers to write for these guidelines in preparing their own oral histories. Information can be obtained at the web site www.army.mil/cmh-pg under the how-to section.

Remembering 109 – Recollections of OSSers

by Bayard LeRoy King

I met Gen. Donovan on three occasions. In the spring of 1944 he visited OSS headquarters in Algiers, the 2677 HQ OSS Provisional or Magnol, as our installation in the hills above the city was known to us. At that time I was introduced to him and he chatted with me for several minutes before proceeding on his tour.

In August 1944, after the invasion of southern France, some of us were on our way north to Lyons when the general stopped at a chateau near Grenoble where OSS leaders, including Gen. Donovan, were stationed temporarily. When he saw me he walked across the large terrace, shook my hand and said: “Nice to see you again, Mr. King.” Needless to say, as a youth of 21, I was highly impressed and flattered that he even remembered my name.

In 1951, I was stationed at Lyons as vice-consul. In the absence of my boss I was temporarily in charge of the consulate when Gen. Donovan arrived to meet with leading Lyons authorities, including Raymon Aron, and to make a speech. I met him and escorted him into the auditorium. He made his speech in French, if you can believe it, although his accent was incredible. He finally got through the speech and was warmly applauded. On this occasion he gave a hint of that courage that won him the Medal of Honor in World War I. And to me he was charming and amusing after the meeting. One does not forget those moments.

The author served in SI/OSS with Frank Schonmaker and Henry Hyde. He parachuted into southern France and served with French resistance fighting five pockets of Germans in the area. He received the Croix de Guerre.

Julia Child Awarded Medal of Freedom at White House

OSSer Julia Child, master chef, author of numerous cookbooks, and noted television hostess, was selected among eleven leaders in arts, sports, politics, science, and business for the Presidential Medal of Freedom. President George W. Bush gave the awards at a White House ceremony on July 23, 2003. Due to illness, Child was unable to attend. Her niece from Colorado, Philadelphia Cousins, accepted the medal for her aunt. Fourteen other nieces and nephews of Julia also attended the ceremony. Julia’s reaction to receiving the award was anticlimactic. “I’ve never heard of it before,” she told a Scripps-Howard reporter.

OSSer Julian Niemczyk attended the award session as the guest of another honoree, former Czech President Vaclav Havel. Niemczyk, former ambassador to the Czech Republic under Havel, reports that Julia’s young relatives thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the White House. “The food table was particularly appetizing,” he recalled, “worthy of our French chef.”



Julia Child’s niece, Philadelphia Cousins, received the Freedom Medal for her aunt at the White House ceremony. With her is OSSer Julian Niemczyk, former ambassador to the Czech Republic.

In presenting Julia’s medal, President Bush noted that she had served with the OSS during World War II and had also been presented with the Croix de Guerre by the French government.

Among other honorees were Charlton Heston, head of the National Rifle Association and noted Hollywood actor, the late Edward Teller, who developed the atom bomb, pianist Van Cliburn, and John Woodin, who coached UCLA to ten NCAA championships in twelve years. He did so without allowing his players to utter one swear word or wear a millimeter of facial hair.

OSS “Black Mail” Noted in Press

The Washington Times (July 11, 2003) reported on a little-known OSS morale operation (MO) involving the use of forged German stamps on mail containing subtle anti-Hitler propaganda. The forged stamps bore the portrait of the Nazi dictator and the words “Deutsches Reich” or German Empire. Inside the envelope an additional stamp was included, a portrait of Hitler with a death skull for a face and the words “Futsches Reich” (Ruined Empire) at the bottom of the stamp. The propaganda was delivered in mailbags dropped by Allied planes on air raids over German train stations.

A similar “black mail” operation was carried out in New Delhi where a mail sack of hand-written, penciled postcards had been captured from a Japanese outpost in Burma. The cards had also been censored. An MO team including OSS Nisei spent the night changing messages to such themes as “We are starving in the jungles,” “The emperor has forsaken our country,” and “I’m leaving my family for a beautiful Burmese woman.” The cards were then re-inserted in the Japanese postal system outside Rangoon and sent on to Japan.

Carpetbagger Reunion at RAF Base in UK

By Clive Bassett



L-R: William Becker, reunion director, Ron Windh, OSS/OG Norso Group, and Sebastian Corriere, Carpetbagger President, lay a wreath at Carpetbagger Memorial, Harrington, England.

The Air Arm of the OSS, the 801st-492nd Bombardment Group, held their reunion in England, not far from the former airbase which served as their wartime home at Harrington. They stayed at the appropriately named Aviator Hotel at the wartime RAF airfield in the village of Sywell in Northhamphshire. Sywell is still an active airfield, using its existing grass runways.

The reunion was led by the Carpetbagger President Sebastian Corriere and supported by a fellow officer, reunion director Bill Becker. Over twenty of the former airmen attended, along with a similar number of friends and family members. In addition, there were representatives of the group from France and Norway. Andres Gerard, a member of an Inter-Allied mission, who parachuted into France from a Carpetbagger aircraft, also attended.

Two members of the OSS Norwegian “Norso” operational group were present: Leif Olstad and Ron Windh. Leif took part in the earlier Christopher mission to France,

and both he and Ron took part in the later RYPE mission to Norway, led by Major Bill Colby. The OGs based at Brockhall were flown to their destinations by the Carpetbagger Group, generally with great success. Unfortunately, both Leif and Ron experienced a slight delay in being able to join their comrades in the RYPE mission, by being dropped into nearby neutral Sweden! In 2003 they both were able to discuss with the Carpetbaggers this navigational error in a far different manner than they would have in 1945! The achievements of the Norso group are described in *The OSS Norwegian Special Operations Group in World War II* by Bruce H. Heimark.

The weeklong reunion included visits to Sulgrave Manor, the birthplace of George Washington; Althorpe Estates and the Princess Diana exhibition; Stratford-upon-Avon and Anne Hathaway’s cottage; the Imperial War Museum at Duxford; and the American Military Cemetery at Cambridge. On the final day the group visited the Carpetbagger Memorial, where the Memorial was rededicated. This included a fly past by an MC-130H Combat Talon 11 Hercules of the 352nd Special Operations Group, based at RAF Mildenhall.

The weather had turned to rain with low cloud cover, and all present were amazed that the aircraft had been able to locate the Memorial. A rumor went round that one of the Mildenhall ground crew had a GPS system in his pocket for the aircraft to get a fix on. How different this was to the torches and bonfires of World War II!

The group went on to their Museum at RAF Harrington and enjoyed seeing their artifacts and memorabilia. In the evening a final banquet was held. The guest speaker was Major Chris Ireland of the 357nd Special Operations Group, who gave an illustrated talk about the links of present operations to those carried out by the Carpetbagger Group.

The time came for farewells. The Carpetbaggers had concluded their third UK reunion, experiences were shared, new friendships forged, and memories reawakened.

Nuremberg Transcripts Available on Internet

The William J. Donovan collection of the Nuremberg trials, 150 bound volumes of transcripts and documents, is now located at the Cornell Law Library, Ithaca, New York. They were donated by the Donovan law firm in New York City.

The Nuremberg tribunals were established at the conclusion of World War II to mete out justice to perpetrators

of the Holocaust, with the tribunal addressing these counts: the common plan or conspiracy crimes against peace; war crimes; and crimes against humanity. The evidence not only provides glimpses of evidence related to the prosecutions, but supplementary, behind-the-scenes documentations prepared by OSS and not usually available.

The law library makes selected portions of the Donovan Nuremberg Trials Collection available to the public on the Internet. Some of the documents bear Donovan’s personal annotations and many are marked top-secret.

Book Notes

The CIA's Russians by John L. Hart. This remarkable book, which examines the motivation of Soviet spies, as well as the intelligence they produced for CIA as defectors, should be of special interest to SI and X-2 OSSers. The late John Hart, a senior CIA officer, has made a unique contribution to the study of espionage by his original research into the psyches and motives of Soviet defectors. Two major Soviet agents, Yuri N. Nosenko, dissident KGB agent who disclosed the bugs in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, and Oleg Penkovsky, one of the West's most important assets, eventually executed by the Soviets, are studied in great detail; six other cases are also analyzed. The then CIA Director Richard Helms granted Hart a year's leave to search for common denominators in the personalities of these Soviet moles and to explain their willingness to take life-threatening risks. He interviewed these Soviet defectors as well as studied their files and their discussions with agent psychologists. The result is a book that explains for the first time what makes spies tick. (Naval Institute Press)



Deceptions of World War II and *Secret Weapons of World War II*, both authored by William B. Breuer, deal with various types of deception used successfully by both Allies and Axis military to outmaneuver and confuse. OSS is widely cited in these accounts. (Wiley)



The Main Enemy by Milton Bearden, CIA veteran, and James Risen, New York Times Pulitzer Prize winner, reveals both sides of the dramatic end game of the Cold War and the risks each side took to influence its climactic finish. Double and triple agents, cyanide capsules – the KGB and CIA stopped at nothing in their quest to outspy one another in the last phases of the Cold War.



Secret Soldiers: The Story of WWII's Heroic Army of Deception by Philip Gerard focuses mainly on exploits of the 23rd HQ special troops who were recruited and trained to deceive the enemy. OSS's Douglas Fairbanks Jr., and fashion designer Bill Blass are featured in some of the documentation. (Dutton)



The Shadow War Against Hitler: The Covert Operations of America's Wartime Secret Intelligence Service by Christof Mauch. This book presents a vivid account of OSS activities and achievements, highlighting penetrating analysis of Nazi economic vulnerabilities. It is also a very careful examination of recently declassified OSS records, combined with extensive interviews with partici-

pants. A major contribution is the story of how F.D.R. employed Hitler's former propaganda chief, Ernst Hanfstengl, as a private spy working out of Ft. Myer. Dr. Mauch is director of the German Historical Institute in Washington D.C. and professor of modern history at the University of Cologne. He was also director of the OSS Oral History Project at Georgetown University. (Columbia University Press)



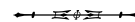
Santa Catalina Goes to War: World War II, 1941-46 by William Sanford White. For those OSSers who trained at Santa Catalina before going on to war, this illuminating scrapbook of photographs, documents, and artifacts illustrates how that one-time tourist island was transformed into a military outpost. The book reveals the isolated coves used as clandestine bases by OSS and how our commandos were taught the skills of stealth and silent killing. (Arcadia)



Searching for John Ford by Joseph McBride. OSSers who worked with John Ford, especially those in Field Photo, remember him as sometimes quixotic, overbearing, but an Irishman to the heart. The book is a biographical search of the life of this famous director, his family problems, and his work as a skillful operator in the Hollywood jungle. (Faber GBP)



Good news for OSS readers who remember Roger Hall's 1957 memoir, *You're Stepping on My Cloak and Dagger*, considered one of the funniest and most perceptive books about life in the OSS. It will be reprinted in the spring of 2004 by the Naval Institute Press. Another light-hearted account of OSS, *Undercover Girl* by Elizabeth MacDonald, was recently reprinted by Life Magazine in the Wartime Classic series.



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OSS Society members are asked to send news items, obit notices, and wartime memories to the editor:

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In Memoriam

Sara Byrne Campbell, 82, died in Fairfax, Va. after a stroke. During World War II she served in the OSS New York office. Mrs. Campbell, a real estate broker in Springfield, Virginia, is survived by five sons, six daughters, 35 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

James H. Gardiner, a former dean of the University of Utah School of Business and a member of the Kennedy administration, died in Salt Lake City in August 2003 at age 79.

Gardner, a professor of management, served as deputy assistant secretary of defense for research and engineering under President Kennedy. A Salt Lake City native, Gardiner served in the Army during World War II as a parachute infantry officer in China for the OSS. Gardner also lectured at a number of Chinese universities and developed an exchange program between the University of Utah and Nankai University in Tianjin.

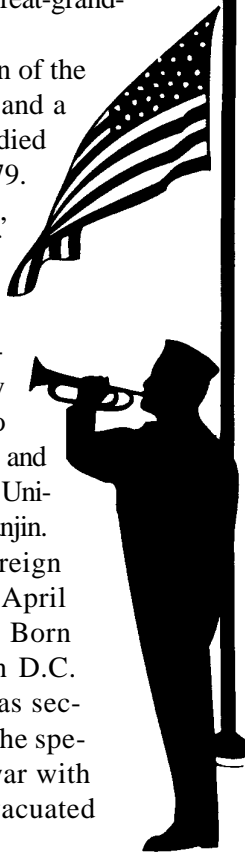
Catherine Griffin, widow of Foreign Service officer Herbert Griffin, died April 2, 2003 in Jacksonville, Fla. at age 89. Born in Toronto, she moved to Washington D.C. in 1941 and was posted to Singapore as secretary to Alfred Duff Cooper, head of the special mission to the Far East to avert war with Japan. After December 7th she was evacuated

to London where she joined OSS and helped establish the office there. Later she was posted to Cairo to open the OSS office, and subsequently to Calcutta and Kunming.

Fima Haimson, 82, died in Bartlesville, Okla. in January. Memorial services were held in July at Arlington National Cemetery. Jamison was a member of the initial 21-man contingent that created Det.101 in Burma. In company with OSS radio technicians, he created an agent field radio for Det.101's first clandestine behind-the-lines operation. Haimson was born in Lithuania and immigrated to the United States in 1940. He enlisted in the army the next year and served with OSS during WWII.

Rafael D. Hirts, 81, died of a heart attack in Towson, Maryland July 4, 2003. Born in Buenos Aires, he studied in Europe and later at Pomona College in California. His studies were interrupted by World War II and he served with OSS, parachuting behind the lines in France and later in China. He was awarded two Bronze Stars. His wife of 56 years, the former Mary Johnston, who was an OSS cryptographer, died in 2002.

Charles P. Kindleberger, 92, an economic historian who helped draft the post-World War II Marshall Plan, died July 7, 2003 of a stroke in Cambridge, Mass. A New York native, he worked



Spy Museum Happenings

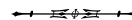
The International Spy Museum in Washington D.C. is featuring some interesting programs for the autumn season. **Judge William Webster**, former DCI, will speak September 22nd about agency directors working under fire. Israeli Major General Shlomo Gazit (ret.), will discuss clandestine intelligence issues in the Middle East on October 22nd.

Several authors will be speaking and autographing books. These include Rodney Carlisle's *The Complete Idiots Guide to Spies and Espionage* (Sept. 18), Marcus Binney's *The Women Who Lived for Danger* (Oct. 9), and Donald Markle's *Spies and Spymasters of the Civil War* (Nov. 6).

One of the most provocative programs is on the history and lure of the martini. On November 13th, Dale deGroff, author of *The Craft of the Cocktail*, will discuss the history



of this famous libation and its potent powers of intoxication, which have enticed the likes of James Bond! Discussions will follow with real martinis, caviar, and classic jazz. To contact the museum call 202-654-0982.



Lady Spies Exposed

Washington's Women Spies is a survey of the Mata Haridans who have operated in and around the nation's capital since revolutionary days. This article by Kay Shaw Nelson appeared in the May edition of *Washington Women* magazine. Kay pinpoints several OSS women in her survey: **Amy Elizabeth Thorpe**, who stole the French naval code from the Vichy Embassy in Washington; **Virginia Hall**, advertised by German intelligence as the most dangerous Allied agent for organizing French resistance; **Julia Child**, head of registry in Ceylon, later Kunming, China; and **Betty McIntosh**, (ye Newsletter editor), who served with Morale Ops in Kunming.

In Memoriam

for the Federal Reserve Bank before the war, and served with the OSS in Europe. His classic book, *Manias, Panics, and Crashes*, traced the history of major economic meltdowns worldwide. He taught at MIT until retirement. Survivors include four children and five grandchildren.

John George Kofler, 94, retired Defense Department visual informant specialist, died in Damariscotta, Me., July 26, 2003. He was also an artist and member of an avant-garde art movement in the 1960s. During World War II he served as a mapmaker with the OSS and rose to director of the cartographic drafting department. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jane Kofler of Alexandria, and three children.

Vivian Francis Logan, 80, who retired from the CIA in 1974, died from a heart attack in Springfield Va., July 16, 2003. Born in Hornick, Iowa, she did research and analysis work for the OSS in World War II. She is survived by her husband, James H. Logan.

Terence P. McGowan, a member of the original COI passed away December 28, 2000. During WWII, he served in the OSS and participated as radio direction finder and monitor, radio code operator, and cryptographer in Liberia, Dakar, Casablanca, Cairo and Bari. In September 1944, he was recalled to the States to monitor the European radio stations from the OSS special station at Bellmore, Long Island. Subsequently he was transferred to Reseda, California concentrating

on Japanese messages. He received a personal letter of appreciation from Gen. Donovan commending the loyal and effective work he had done as a member of the OSS. After the war ended he returned to his former employer, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, where he was involved with responsibilities relating to the World Trade Center. He is survived by his widow, Dorothy McGowan of Coconut Creek, Florida.

Estill Springs of Hermitage, Tenn. died July 23, 2003 at age 96. He received his M.A. degree from Syracuse University and later taught at the University of Michigan. During World War II he served in the Army with the OSS.

John Charles Wagner, 79, of North Kingsville, Ohio died Friday July 4, 2003, at his residence after a long illness. Mr. Wagner was born August 16th, 1923. He is survived by his wife, Rosemary Lenhart Wagner. They would have celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on July 6. Mr. Wagner served during World War II with the OSS in Europe. He was a prisoner of war for nine months and was awarded two Purple Hearts.

Franco Zappa (aka Foglia) died June 21 in Sondrio, Italy. Foglia commanded the Italian partisan brigade, which included 30 OSS OGs. The mission prevented German retreat from Italy and saved dams and transmission lines that furnished electricity for Milan. Condolences can be sent to Foglia's widow, Signora Adriana Zappa, via Vosconti Venosta, 15 23111, Sondrio, Italy.

Condolences

Condolences from the OSS Society go out to **Anne Mary Ingraham**, a member of the society's Board of Directors, on the death of her husband, William White Ingraham. Mr. Ingraham, a businessman and avid sailor, died at age 74 in the Alexandria Hospital in Virginia on June 16, 2003. He was commissioned a naval reserve ensign and participated in action off Korean waters in support of U.S. and U.N. troops. After the war he started his own business providing engineering and consulting service for federal agencies. He was buried with full military honors at Arlington Cemetery. His widow served in London with OSS.

Oops

Sorry about the typos in the last newsletter. Jim Ramney should read *Ranney*, Steve Page is spelled *Cage*. Barbara Podaski is *Podoski* and her nickname Zuska is really *Zuzka*. Also, the picture on page 2 did not show Erasmus Kloman talking to Al Materazzi. It was *Francis Coleman*, of Northeast Harbor, Maine who was talking with Al.

OSSer Designed Stamp

George Olden, well-known graphic artist, was the first African-American to design a U.S. postage stamp. His stamp commemorated the 100th year of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Olden attended Washington D.C. public schools and the Virginia State College where he majored in fine arts. During World War II he worked in graphics for the OSS. His work is in the permanent collection of the Amsterdam Museum in Holland.

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Information please: Anyone remember where behind the lines in China this photo of an OSS agent's radio set was taken? Let us know at the newsletter.

New England OSSers to Start Oral History Collection

President of the OSS New England Assembly, **Dan Pinck**, announces that the assembly will shortly start oral history collections. It is hoped that lineal descendants will conduct the majority of interviews.

The assembly will also take permanently injured veterans at VA hospitals in Boston on day trips, which will include visits to Ken Rendell's World War II museum where the Assembly often meets for informal gatherings.

The Assembly welcomes a new member, George LeRoy, an OSS veteran stationed in the CBI who was scheduled to make a parachute drop into enemy territory in China when the atom bomb halted all activity. He now lives in Taunton, Mass.

Info Worth a Bottle of Wine

Bob Lamborn writes: I am still scouring for information on an alleged Bari/OSS team that participated in the evacuation of 1200 U.S. POW Ploesti airmen from camps around Bucharest.

John Taylor at the National Archives tells me that following Lt. Col. James (Pappy) Gunn's great escape on 8/27/44, the next two days in Bari were devoted to devel-

oping the strategy for the B-17 airlift. "The first B-17 carried an OSS team headed by Col. George Kraigher who was instrumental in organizing the airlift," Taylor told me. My version was that there were two communications specialists in that team with two transmitters, neither of which proved operable for unexplained reasons.

I have a screenplay about this amazing POW rescue, but I'm waiting to button down some loose technical points. I make zinfandel wine in my spare time. Any of you who can explain this mystery gets a sample bottle! Thanks. bobl@napanet.net, P.O. Box 1600, St. Helena, CA 94574

More Help Wanted – by OSSers and Others

- General Donovan and select members of the OSS were detailed to assist at the Nuremberg war trials in 1945. Does anyone have any info on the names of those who accompanied Bill Donovan on this assignment? herbmosh@adelphia.net.
- N.C. Edwards writes: I am looking for information about my father, **Dr. Heath Edwards**, who served as a medic in Burma with OSS. He died in 1978. My family is composing a genealogy record of him. Write ncedwards4@nc.it.com.
- Gordon Freylon is seeking information on a relative, **Alfred Cornelius Lindley**, whom he believes was in OSS. The telephone number is 804-435-1904.