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CIA Director Praises OSS Contributions on 61st Anniversary Observance

With the men and women of the Central Intelligence Agency, I am honored to mark the 61st anniversary of our wartime parent, the Office of Strategic Services. Established by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1942, a time of grave danger for America, OSS would prove to be a great and resourceful defender of liberty.

In conditions of global conflict, the patriots of OSS gathered and analyzed important information about the strength and plans of the Axis powers. Difficult as that job was, they assumed another, tougher still. From bases overseas, they set out—alone and with local allies—to reduce the strength of the enemy and frustrate his plans.

In Europe and Asia, OSS gave direct support to those resisting tyranny. And with that material support came something else, no less vital: the knowledge—the reassurance—that the fighters behind the lines did not fight alone, that beside them stood free peoples everywhere.

The contributions of OSS to victory in World War Two were the product of exceptional effort and profound sacrifice. They were also the result of remarkable teamwork, of an organization that drew for talent on the diversity of America and valued its clerks and administrators no less than that scholars, scientists, and warriors.

William J. Donovan, who carried with him a history of valor and a preference for the bold, called OSS “an unusual experiment.” For CIA, that experiment is a foundation on which we continue to build. In its courage, creativity, caring, and spirit—in its willingness to try what had not been tried before—OSS remains a powerful source of inspiration.

Having the OSS family gather at CIA headquarters in June of last year is an event I will always remember. And the deeds of OSS—performed in the cause of freedom—are something America will never forget.



CIA Director George Tenet before Donovan statue at CIA Headquarters



A Message From Our President



I am very pleased to report that the Internal Revenue Service has approved our application to be classified as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. This means that all donations made to The OSS Society during the 2003 calendar forward are tax deductible. Our \$50 annual dues are not tax deductible. However, any amount above the \$50 level is

considered a donation and is deductible. If you made a donation or would like to make a donation, please be sure to deduct this amount as a charitable contribution.

The OSS Society depends upon the generosity of its members to carry out its mission. If you would like to make a donation in the form of a planned gift or bequest (or if your company provides matching funds for gifts to charitable organizations), please contact our McLean office for more information.

I am also pleased to report that our annual dues notice resulted in double the number of contributions from life members. If you have not paid your annual dues or wish to become a contributing life member, please do so now. Eighty-three of our regular members have not paid their 2003-2004 \$50 annual dues. If you are among them, please send your payment immediately.

On other fronts The OSS Society is also moving forward. We are in the process of planning a series of co-sponsored educational events with the International Spy Museum in Washington, DC. In response to many requests for membership cards, we are designing a new membership card that you should receive shortly. We are continuing to attract many new members, particularly lineal descendants, as evidenced by the list of 31 new members elsewhere in the newsletter. Our internet discussion group continues to grow. It now has more than 400 members. (If you would like to be added to it, please send an email request to ossociety@aol.com.) Our web site, www.ossociety.org, attracts many inquiries from all over the world. The OSS Society is exploring the possibility of holding a reunion next May to coincide with the dedication of the World War II Memorial. We will send additional details as they become available.

Finally, with our 501(c)(3) status in hand, we are about to embark on an ambitious fundraising campaign and have initiated the process of being included in the Combined Federal Campaign. We have even discussed the possibility of opening an OSS Club in Washington, DC, similar to London's Special Forces Club.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any suggestions or comments regarding our mission.

Yours faithfully,
Charles Pinck

Memorial Meeting Planned for Italian "War of Liberation"

By Albert Materazzi

On March 25th, 1944, in deepest secrecy, the Germans executed Italian-American members of the OSS team Ginny, despite the fact that the men were in uniform assigned to a military mission at Ameglia near the Italian Riviera.

The men were buried in a common grave, two sites marked by bronze plaques. Donovan's Devils, a group of Italian OG vets, have decided to replace the plaques with marble markers marking the 60th anniversary of what the Italians now call "The War of Liberation." A commission has been established to coordinate ceremonies all over Italy. The Ginny Mission is a part of this program. Both Italian and American military, together with high government officials, will participate.

If any OSSer is considering a trip to Italy, keep March 25, 2004 in mind. Ameglia is near a major highway and can be reached in about two hours from either Milan or

Rome. The weather is generally mild. I will be coordinating from the Washington area and will keep you posted. This is all very gratifying to me since I planned the Ginny Mission and was in charge of the boat party from which they were launched.



AFIO Symposium Held

The Association of Former Intelligence Officers (AFIO) held its 2003 National Intelligence Symposium, "The Changing Face of Intelligence" in September at CIA and NRO headquarters. Discussions included a variety of subjects: intelligence achievements, achievements of technology in the war on terrorism, CIA challenges, and homeland security.

AFIO member General William B. Webb presented the CIA Museum with a rare book, *The Spirit of Yen-an*, written by OSSer, Chinese scholar, and linguist John Colling.

Detachment 101 Reunion Held In Kansas City, Missouri

By Alger C. Ellis



Left to right: Banquet participants Nang Ja from Burma, Viscount John Slim, Pete Lutken, and Mary Jean Eisenhower.

The 21st National Reunion of Detachment 101 was held in Kansas City Mo., Sept. 4-7, 2003 at the Marriott Hotel. Thanks to 101 President Oliver A. Trechter and his charming wife, Carolyn, and to Julian and Peggy Niemczyk, this was a delightful four-day reunion beginning with an elegant reception in the Marriott Harvest Room where members and guests renewed acquaintances and enjoyed refreshments and companionship—a great beginning to a thoroughly delightful weekend.

On Friday the group visited the Truman Presidential Museum in Independence, a memorable recall of Truman's years in the office - the ending of the war with the A-bomb and the beginning of the Cold War years. We visited the steam packet *Arabia*, salvaged after having been buried in a farmer's cornfield for 132 years. The *Arabia* was sunk in 1856 after striking a submerged tree in the Missouri river. When the river changed course, the packet was buried about 45 feet upriver. Material salvaged included remarkably preserved frontier supplies of mid-19th-century America.

At the general membership meeting later, the first speaker was Viscount John Slim, associate member of 101, retired British Special Air Service officer, and son of the World War II commanding general, British 14th army, Burma. He gave an account of his recent trip to Burma, noting that the political situation there is critical and there is little hope of improvement in the near future. A welcome addition to the reunion was Nang Ja, a district superintendent of the crop substitution program in Burma. She described the program and its positive impact on the Kachin people.

About 100 members and guests attended the reception banquet at the Marriott, where twelve-ounce Kansas City steaks were the *piece de resistance!* Events started

with a representative of the Kansas City mayor's office reading a proclamation welcoming 101 to his town. The guest of honor and speaker of the evening was Mary Jean Eisenhower, granddaughter of President Eisenhower, CEO of People to People International. She paid tribute to 101 and its place in military history. Oliver Trechter introduced Ed Wrenn as the new 101 president. Allen Richter awarded plaques of appreciation to Frank Devlin, Allen Richter and Charles Bruce, survivors of the 21 men who founded 101 in 1942. Viscount Slim spoke briefly on the traditions of special operations and paid special recognition to Pete Lutken and Stewart Power for their work on the Kachin Crop Substitution Program. Plaques were awarded to Oliver Trechter for his leadership as president of 101 and John Dempsey for his work as judge advocate general.

Concluding the evening's business was the posthumous presentation of the OSS Society's Distinguished Service Medal to Lt. Gen. William R. Peers, U.S. Army Ret. The award recognizes General Peers' 37 years of service to OSS, CIA, and the U.S. Army. John H. Waller, OSS Society Board Chairman, made the presentation to General Peers' daughters, Barbara Ann Hicks and Christina Neely Sajdyk. Waller addressed the distinctive service of General Peers, the history and heritage of Detachment 101, and its impact on present-day U.S. military special operations programs in Afghanistan and Iraq.



Williams R. Peers in the CBI theater, circa 1943

The concluding event of this memorable evening featured Steve Miller's Kansas City Band, which held our rapt attention with great renditions of the swing and jazz tunes of the 1940s. Try as many did, there were no broken bones or dislocated hips as we danced and gyrated the remainder of the evening. It was a great ending to a memorable weekend.



Book Notes

Get Out Any Way You Can: The Story of the Evacuation of House Seven by Charles E. Taber. In March 1975, with America's days in Vietnam numbered, CIA ops officer Charles Taber was charged with evacuating Vietnamese employees from House Seven, where the agency's radio propaganda force worked. Taber was successful in transferring over 1300 employees and families to Phu Quoc Island refugee camp. Simultaneously, the Saigon Embassy fell and Taber was told to "Get out any way you can." This is the story of one man's small but exciting role in the final exodus of Americans from Vietnam. (Infinity Publishing Company)



The Georgetown Ladies Social Club: Power, Passion and Politics in the Nation's Capital by David Heymann. This is a gossipy history of four well-known Georgetown hostesses: Susan Mary Alsop, wife of columnist Joseph Alsop; journalist Sally Quinn, married to Ben Bradlee; Kentucky Sen. John Cooper's wife, Susan Mary; and Evangeline Bell Bruce, wife of diplomat David Bruce, onetime head of OSS-London. While most of the book is high style gossip, the chapter on 'Vangie Bruce deals briefly with her career in London with OSS and the work she did processing agents going into France. She was introduced to Bruce by another OSSer, Fisher Howe, who calls himself "the stupid cupid." The book captures the essence of a much headier Washington, when dinner parties and glittering intellectual salons helped shape political power. (Atria)



Intertwined Lives: Margaret Mead, Ruth Benedict, and Their Circle by Lois W Banner. This is the story of a genuine, loving, long-lasting spiritual connection between two outstanding anthropologists. It includes numerous anecdotes that illuminate the intellectual and romantic bond between these women. The book will be of interest to OSSers who had the privilege of attending Mead's lectures on un-



derstanding the people and culture of Far Eastern countries involved in OSS programs. Mead's husband, Gregory Bateson, is also mentioned. He was an MO agent in the CBI theater. (Knopf)



Intelligence and War: Knowledge of the Enemy from Napoleon to Al Qaeda by John Keegan. The book traces the developments in military intelligence collection and use from the days when it took Admiral Horatio Nelson three months to find Napoleon's fleet, finally tracking the French ships to Egypt. Keegan follows the early development of accessing intelligence, from the invention of the telegraph to present-day electronic systems. A good read on the evolution of military spying. (Knopf)



Partners at the Creation: The Men Behind Postwar Germany's Defense and Intelligence Establishments by James H. Critchfield. This book is an historic first full account of the American and German postwar efforts to shape the intelligence and military structure of the new Federal Republic.

Critchfield himself brings validity to the operation. Highly decorated for his military service as the battalion commander who led a final assault across France and Germany in 1945, he later joined CIA where he became the principal U.S. officer responsible for overseeing the creation of the new German intelligence system.

Critchfield operated in a secret compound in Bavaria where he worked with former members of the German army general staff. There are many references throughout the book to OSS covert action which took place during World War II and which added to the building of the new system. These included Alan Dulles' early work on Switzerland with German sources, and agents crossing the borders to escape Soviet takeover. (Naval Institute Press)



Women Spies Featured in American Legion Magazine

OSSer **John Lyons** of Wichita, Kansas submits an article on "Shadow Women" appearing in the November American Legion magazine, which pays tribute to America's Mata Haris from the American Revolution through World War II. **Virginia Hall** of OSS was perhaps the most outstanding American woman spy. The Germans knew her as the Limping Lady because she had a wooden leg, which she carefully concealed while operating with the French Underground.

Julia Child is also mentioned in the article for her work in the registry in China, and others are noted in the book, *Sisterhood of Spies, the Women of the OSS* by **Elizabeth McIntosh**. E. Peter Earnest, retired CIA agent, now director of the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C., says, "Despite the inherent dangers, women have always played an important role in our espionage community." His museum devotes considerable space to moles of the female variety.

Remembering 109 – Recollections of OSSers

By Steve Pearsall

The William J. Donovan story is the stuff legends are made of. I became acquainted with him and his exploits by listening to Donovan's friend, Corey Ford, relate



Steve Pearsall and Corey Ford - circa 1952

endless stories about their years together at Columbia University and with the OSS. I met Wild Bill Donovan in his law offices New York City in December 1952. Here is how that happened:

In 1952, I was a college senior living as a guest of Corey Ford in his extraordinary home in Hanover, New Hampshire. Corey was an unofficial resident writer at Dartmouth College. He is best known as a humorist, but his writings also included many books on what he called "unorthodox warfare" and a biography of Donovan, published posthumously in 1970.

In order to graduate I needed to complete a thesis for the history department. Corey suggested that I write about the OSS. Our government was beginning to declassify OSS documents and he assured me there would be some thrilling stories to be told. To add authenticity, I needed source material, i.e., to interview people who were in the service and could validate the information I was gathering. Corey said, "Why don't we have a chat with Bill Donovan?" I gasped!

Corey and I took a train to New York City just before Christmas, 1952. We stayed at the Algonquin, and the next day arrived at Donovan's Wall Street office mid-afternoon. Here's what I remember of that meeting, looking back exactly 50 years.

"Wild Bill" didn't appear wild. He was shorter than I had pictured him and thickset. He had a fabulous smile and a quiet charm that his pale blue eyes belied. He showed me his book collection that covered two walls and it seemed that they were all on intelligence service and espionage. I didn't see a law book. We then sat facing each other and soon were discussing the OSS story like old friends.

My primary interest was in his activities between the two world wars and how he ran an unofficial information-gathering office out of his Georgetown home. I asked him why the United States during the '30s was so deficient in intelligence gathering and almost totally dependent upon the British. Donovan warmed to that question and told me how he had traveled throughout Europe during the '30s, especially Germany, and had watched with mounting concern the growing turmoil, reporting his observations directly to President Roosevelt. He said "The United States military strategy was too much like a power play over tackle. What we needed and what the OSS ultimately accomplished was to use quarterback deception in the backfield."

My hour with Bill Donovan passed swiftly. His secretary reminded him that he was late for an appointment. Donovan replied that he needed another minute with Mr. Pearsall. Later, I learned that I had kept President-elect Eisenhower waiting.

My meeting with Bill Donovan was a landmark moment in my life. Several of the history professors later pestered me endlessly with questions about Wild Bill. They admired him too.

Steve Pearsall, now retired from an American trading firm that took him on business throughout the world, lives with his wife at Incline Village, Nevada, near Lake Tahoe.

How About a Donovan Stamp?

Dorothy Ringelsbach, whose husband served in OSS, has the following suggestion for a Donovan stamp. "I think it is time for Gen. Donovan to receive national acclaim for the work he did during World War II, through the founding of OSS and all that was done by OSS volunteers worldwide. It is suggested that the U.S. Postal Service honor this man whose dedicated service in war and peace is still alive in the hearts of all who served him.

"If we can have stamps honoring cartoon characters as well as the entertainment world, I believe we should honor this man who did so much for our country."

To voice your support, please write to the U.S. Postal Service, c/o Stamp Management, Stamp Advisory Committee, 476 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 4474B, Washington, D.C. 20260-6756.

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

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In Memoriam

Helen Elizabeth Allen, 88, died in Bloomington, Minn., October 2, 2003. In WWII she worked with the Corps of Army Engineers in the Panama Canal Zone and was later recruited by the OSS. After the war she joined the CIA and served posts in Washington, Europe, and Latin America for 30 years.

Frank Alvaro, 88, a retired printer for the Washington Post, died November 15, 2003 in Tampa, Fla. He was born in Lyons, N.Y. and was a paratrooper during WWII, serving in France in the OSS.

Derk Bodde, 94, who for more than 50 years wrote influential books on China that included eyewitness accounts of Mao's revolution, died Nov. 3, 2003 in Philadelphia, Pa. During World War II he served with OSS. After the war he was the first Fulbright Research Fellow to work in China.

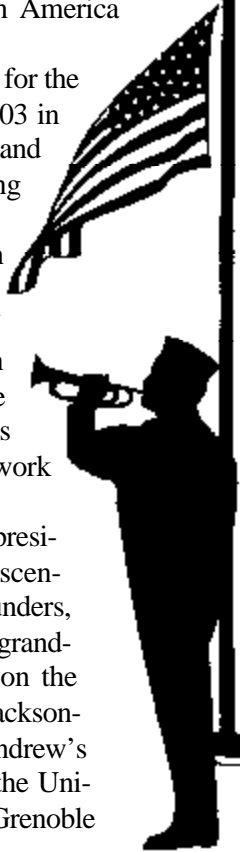
Albin Pasteur Dearing, former president of the U.S. Arts Council and the descendant of one of Jacksonville, Florida's founders, died at 94. Mr. Dearing was a great-great-grandson of Isaiah D. Hart, whose name is on the bridge leading people into the heart of Jacksonville. Mr. Dearing graduated from St. Andrew's School in Sewanee, Tenn. He attended the University of Florida and the Universite de Grenoble in France.

During WWII, Mr. Dearing served in the 82nd Airborne, 517 Parachute Regimental Combat Team. One of the original members of the OSS, Mr. Dearing was awarded the Purple Heart, two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars, and the Croix de Guerre for leadership in the liberation of Le Muy, France.

After the war, he served as president of the U.S. Arts Council and Albin Dearing Inc., a New York public relations firm. In 1950, Mr. Dearing returned to the Armed Forces intelligence service and was involved in the Korean War. He was awarded the Air Medal for his work behind the enemy lines.

Grace Reuter Dunlop, 86, died in Naperville, Ill. Born in Brooklyn and a former resident of New Hyde Park, N.Y., she served with OSS during World War II. She loved to dance and paint, and was a devout member of the Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Reuter.

Joseph R. Ellicott, 86, died in May of 2003 at Westport, N.J. A former mayor of Alpine, N.J., he re-



ceived the Silver Star for valor as a P.T. boat commander during WWII. He started out in the South Pacific, serving with Lt. John F. Kennedy. Later, he was transferred to the ETO where he undertook clandestine missions with the OSS, ferrying agents from England to occupied France via P.T. boats. He also participated in D-Day aboard P.T. 72. He was awarded a Bronze Star, and Navy and Marine Corps medals. After the war he returned to Alpine and was later elected mayor. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Peggy (Eagle) Findlay, 85, of Westport Harbor, R.I. died in October of 2003. During the war, she worked for the OSS. Later, she was active in many charitable organizations. She visited female prisoners on Rikers Island, N.Y., monitored court proceedings in New York City, was an organizer of Planned Parenthood, and transcribed books into Braille for the blind.

Franklin L. Ford, Harvard historian and Dean of the University's Faculty of Arts and Sciences during the tumultuous '60s, died at a retirement home in Lexington, Mass. He was 82. Born in Waukegan Ill., Professor Ford was graduated from the University of Minnesota before serving in WWII with the Army Signal Corps and the OSS. After the war, Prof. Ford received masters and doctors degrees from Harvard and received Fulbright and Guggenheim fellowships for his research, most of it devoted to modern German history. He was the author of *The Robe and the Sword* among other historical books.

Dr. William Roy Green, 83, of Chattanooga Tenn., died July 30, 2003. He graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine and interned at Washington D.C. General Hospital. He served with OSS-101 in Burma and later went to China. After the war he began his practice of pediatric medicine in Chattanooga, retiring in 1986.

Catherine Griffin, 89, widow of Foreign Service officer Harbart Griffin, died in Jacksonville, Fla. on April 2, 2003. During the war she was posted to Singapore as secretary to Alfred Duff Cooper, leader of the British Special Mission to the Far East. She was a Canadian citizen. After Dec. 7, 1941, she was evacuated to the U.S. by freighter. She was "loaned" to the OSS to help establish the London office. She was then posted to Cairo to open the OSS office there. She later served in Calcutta and Kunming.

In Memoriam

Henry Waino Jarvinen, 86, an intelligence analyst who retired from the CIA in 1976 and then taught cello and worked part time as a musician, died Sept. 9, 2003 at a nursing home in Gettysburg, Pa. He had Parkinson's disease and had broken his hips. Mr. Jarvinen, who moved from Kensington to Fairfield, Pa. in 2000, was a native of Worcester, Mass. and a graduate of Wesleyan University. He received a master's degree in German from Columbia University. He taught German and English in private schools before enlisting in the Army to serve during WWII. He was assigned as an intelligence linguist to the OSS. He joined the CIA after the war and was assigned to Finland and the East European desk. Survivors include three sons.

Col. Roy K. Jonkers, AF ret., whose career in the intelligence field spanned almost 60 years, died October 14, 2003 at age 76. The last of his many intelligence positions was as executive director of AFIO.

F. Patrick Kelly, 95, who died October 29, 2003 in Cambridge, Mass., did administrative work for the Foreign Service from the late 1940s until 1968. During WW II he served in Europe with the OSS. He is survived by four children.

Richard P. Laing, 93, a cowboy poet and WWII veteran of the OSS, died in Santa Fe, N.M. of a heart attack. Born in Fort Worth and raised in California, he later became an oilman and rancher in Texas and New Mexico. He was a horse soldier in the 1930s at Fort Riley, Kansas. During his tour with OSS he won three Battle Stars for service in China, Burma, India, Europe, and Africa. Writing cowboy poetry was his favorite pastime.

George S. Leisure Jr., 78, a partner in the New York law firm of Gen. William Donovan died in August of 2003, in Jacksonville, Fla. He was the son of George S. Leisure, one of the founders of the Donovan firm. A Harvard Law School graduate, he served in the Navy in WWII and with the CIA in the 1950s.

William Macomber Jr., 82, died Nov. 19, 2003 at his Nantucket, Mass. home. He was a former ambassador to Jordan and Turkey. He was a marine officer assigned to OSS during WWII, parachuting into France to work with the underground, and he later worked in Burma with Detachment 101.

Mayo J. McAllister, 82, of Leewood, Kan. died May 26, 2003. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, a son, and three grandchildren. During WWII he did research in the Special Weapons Branch, Army Air Corps, and was assigned to the OSS. After the war he

worked as sales engineer for the W.B. Fry Co. in Kansas City. He was an amateur radio operator.

Gottfried Felix Merkle, 98, died June 24, 2003 of pneumonia at College Hill, Ohio. During the war he served with the OSS. He was a German linguist and had been professor of Germanic languages at the University of Upsala in New Jersey.

James F. Moran, 86, died June 3, 2003 at Hospice House, Concord, N.H. He was a WWII veteran of the U.S. Army, assigned to OSS serving in the CBI theater. Family members include his wife of 59 years, Cecelia, and one son, both of Concord.

Allen E. Polson, 83, who served with the OSS Detachment 101 in Burma, died May 1, 2003 in Barrington, R.I. His OSS unit operated in the Naga Hills in Burma, teaching and equipping Kachin tribesmen in guerrilla war tactics against the Japanese.

Albert Robichaud, 87, died in Dallas, Tex. of natural causes. During WWII, he served with the OSS in the CBI theater. He later was transferred to London to work with the French underground. France awarded him the Croix de Guerre for his efforts in establishing a carrier pigeon route for reconnaissance between London and France.

Helen Hart Sayre, 82, died of cancer at the home of a daughter in Durham, N.C. She was the wife of the Rev. Francis B. Sayre Jr., who for 27 years was Dean of the Washington National Cathedral. Mrs. Sayre, a graduate of Vassar College, had lived for a year in China with her father, Adm. Thomas Hart. She returned to Washington and was a researcher for the OSS during WWII. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, who lives in Vineyard Haven, Mass.

Curtis C. Schultz died June 6, 2003 in Milwaukee, Wis. At the beginning of World War II he joined the Signal Corps and was assigned to 101/OSS in Burma. He parachuted behind Japanese lines in the Burmese jungles with Peter Lutken and his team. He received several medals including the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Pacific Theater Medal, and China Service Medal. After the war he became a radio broadcast engineer. Later he built and operated the first radio station for the Navajo Nation in Ramah, NM.

Irene "Mickie" Stone died on November 7, 2003 in Palm City, Fla. She was born in 1923 in Racine, Wis. During World War II she served with OSS in Washington, where she met her husband, Captain Robert Stone, USN.

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In Memoriam

Archibald G. Thompson, 91, of Wayne, Penn., a Main Line realtor and sportsman, died at Bryn Mawr hospital of a heart attack October 22, 2003. Mr. Thompson grew up on Rittenhouse Square in Philadelphia and an estate in Ardmore. He was educated at the Haverford School and St. George School in Newport, RI. His two half-brothers were the grandsons of department store magnate John Wanamaker. Mr. Thompson's son, Charles, said: "My father was born into old Philadelphia society whose best traditions he believed in and continued."

During World War II, he served with the OSS in Washington. After the war he sold residential real estate on the Main Line for McMullin and McMullin Realtors until he retired in the 1970s.

Laurence A. Tisch, 80, the self-made New York billionaire who was hailed as a white knight for saving CBS, Inc. from a hostile takeover and then reviled for diminishing what was once the nation's premier broadcasting network, died Nov. 15, 2003 at the New York University Medical Center. During World War II, Mr. Tisch served with OSS.

George D. Thornton, 84, logistics procurement officer with the CIA, who retired in 1973, died of cardiac arrest November 15, 2003 at Mary Washington

Hospital in Fredericksburg, Va. During World War II he served in the Army in the Washington area with OSS.

Philip R. Ugiss, 79, died Sept. 8, 2002 at Brush Prairie, Clark, Wa. He was in the Signal Corps and the OSS in the CBI field. He parachuted into Malaya with the team from 101. The plane crashed and his six companions died. He buried them and began the walk back to Burma. Natives found him three months later only three miles from the 101 base. After the war he served with the Army reserve for 30 years, retiring in 1951. He is survived by his widow, Francis Duncan-Ugiss.

Buck Monroe Williford, 81, died May 10, 2003 at his home in Midland, Tex. Williford served in North Africa and Italy with the Signal Corps and the OSS from 1941 to 1945. He received a citation for his participation in the Allied victory at Anzio and his work in the European theater. He joined the CIA after the war. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Quita Lee Williford.

Percy Lawson Withers, 83, died May 29 in Winston-Salem, N.C. Mr. Withers entered the Army in 1942, serving in China with the OSS. He was later recalled to active duty in Korea with the Counter Intelligence Corps. After the war he settled in Goldsboro, N.C. where he was active in civic affairs. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, two daughters, and a son.



First U.S. Officer to Enter Paris After V.E. Day Remembered

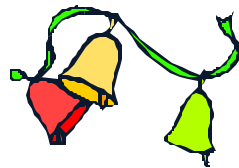
John W. Mowinkel, 82, retired Foreign Service Officer, died on May 7, 2003 in West Palm Beach, Florida. A soldier, journalist, diplomat, businessman, and raconteur, Mr. Mowinkel was born in Genoa, Italy where his father represented the Esso Petroleum Company. He attended St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H. and the Le Rosey School in Rolle, Switzerland, and graduated from Princeton University in 1943.

During WWII, Mr. Mowinkel served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps assigned to the OSS. A day before Gen. DeGaulle and his Free French entered Paris on August 25, 1944, Mowinkel and Lt. Col. Ken Downs drove

to Paris, and, as Larry Collins and Dominique Lapierre described in their book *Is Paris Burning?*, the two American soldiers "liberated" the Hotel de Crillon.

The Collins-Lapierre book describes the event vividly. When the two American officers walked into the Crillon, they found 176 German officers and men who obviously had failed to connect with the general German withdrawal. Lt. Col. Downs asked Lt. Mowinkel to disarm the Germans, who preferred to surrender to Americans rather than the French resistance that had taken over Paris prior to the arrival of French forces.

Mr. Mowinkel was the first U.S. officer to enter Paris during the liberation, and was decorated with the Silver and Bronze Stars as well as France's Croix de Guerre. After the war Mr. Mowinkel worked as the regional editor for *U.S. News & World Report* in Rome and Paris. In 1950 he joined the Foreign Service. Mr. Mowinkel is survived by his wife Letizia (nee Crostarosa) of West Palm Beach.



Help Wanted – by OSSers and Others

• Paul McCue is writing a biography of the British SOE agent from Mauritius, **Amedes Maingard** (code-named Samuel) of the SOE Shipright Circuit. He served with OSS and Jeds in the Vienna/Poitiers region, France. McCue would also like info on OSSers **R.M. Anstett, L.J. Walters, Major J. Glidee, L. Bourgoïn (KIA), and Lts. Blackwell and McCarthy**, all on OSS/SOE circuit. Email pmmccue@aol.com.

• Stephen Bullock is looking for information on **Richard Gibson** who seems to have had an extensive career in OSS with assignments in Ecuador, later Egypt, and in the CBI theater rescuing Allied POWs from Japanese camps. After V-E Day he served in NSA and the Library of Congress. Telephone 315-433-4830 or Email steve.bullock@carrier.utc.com.

• Richard Rodgers writes that he would be most interested in learning if anyone knew his father, **John R. Rogers**, who died in December of 2001. He served as a special OSS agent in France and Germany, as far as his son knows. He later joined the CIA and retired in Washington, DC. Email 'lateuse'rogers@gts-gss.com.

• Chloe Steinberg-Grant writes: My wife's grandfather worked for OSS in 1943 as a designer-illustrator. We would like to know if there are any surviving products of his work that we could scan or obtain. His name is **Isador Steinberg**. Write voxpathuli@sbcglobal.net.

• Mrs. Dale Harrell writes: My father, **Stephen B. L. Penrose** served in OSS in 1940-44 with Whitney Shepardson, Richard Helms, Frank Wisner and others. My family would like to hear from families of those who might have served in Middle East operations or others with my father. Please contact Mrs. Harrell at daleharrell@hotmail.com or Polly Colby at gmacolby@aol.com.

• I am seeking information about my uncle, **T5 Gerald Ottersland**, who was with the OSS Norso Group—team leader William Colby. My uncle was killed in a plane crash in the Orkneys (March 21, 1945) on Operation Rype, Norway. My grandmother gave me his medals, since I was named after him. Taking care of his memory is an honor for me. Gerald Ottersland gerott@frisurf.no.

• A request from Jeff Doerr: I am seeking information about my great uncle, **Alexander Scott Lockwood**, who served with OSS behind the lines in France and operated thirteen cells in Paris. His cover in France was that of a railroad inspector. He was awarded the Croix de Guerre and French Legion of Merit. Please email me at jeffreysdoerr@aol.com.

• David Alvarez seeks information on OSS/SSU contacts with the Catholic Church known as Pilgrim's Progress and Bloomingdales, including two OSS officers, **Huntington Harris** and an individual known as **Vanderhoef** or **Vonderhoef** Contact David at dakvarez@stmary-ca.edu.

• Jeremy Kewley writes from the UK that his mother, Marjorie Eleanor Beattie, was a clerical administrator for SOE. As part of the liaison work she was transferred to **Lt. Col. Lewis M. Gable's** OSS office in 1943-44 in the Baker Street headquarters of SOE. Gable was responsible for planning agent and ammo drops to French resistance via the carpetbaggers in Harrington, UK. When Kewley's mother died, he discovered a number of photos of Gable and staff. He would like to find out more about Col. Gable. He would also like to share the wartime photos with Gable's family or colleagues. Write him at 21 Chevin Road, Milford, Derbyshire, DE56 0QH, UK.

• J.J. Barnhill is researching the **James Thompson** OSS story and would like to hear from anyone who worked with Jim while he was behind the lines in Thailand, or his work after the war, when he was creating a worldwide market for Thai silk. jjbarnhill@earthlink.com.

• I am trying to contact WWII vets who were part of the **OSS Field Photographic Units**, especially the ones who worked in the ETO. Contact Phil Duvall at duvallpa@montreal.edu or 828-669-8012 ex 7113.

• My father and I live about three miles from the **OSS parachute container packing station, in Holmewood**, near Peterborough, England. We would like to find out more of the activities of OSS here. We have found many types of ammo used in small range firing at the site. Write Colin and Ian Dewey, ian@deweyi.freeserve.co.uk.

• I am a professor of history at Northwestern University, interested in the career of **Rene Dussaq**, an OSS Jedburgh operating in 1944. I am also interested in contacting his widow, **Charlotte Dussaq**. Ken Alder: Email alder@northwestern.edu.

• My father died when I was one year old and my mother died over 20 years ago, before I could get much information on details of Dad's WWII experience. His name was **Paul Heegard-Jensen**, and he was stationed in Italy with OSS, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant. If anyone knew him, I'd love to hear about him. Jack Jensen: Email jackjensen67@hotmail.com.

Memo from Reich Commissioner for Occupied Holland: Déjà vu?

John Taylor, our trusty archives agent, has submitted the following German document dated Berlin, August 29, 1941, captured by British intelligence in Holland, and passed to OSS/X2 in London:

“The German embassy in Washington reports that the American press is continuing to concern itself deeply with revolts allegedly rising in the occupied regions. Leading anti-German agitators are already making concrete proposals as to how German morale could be subverted and hatred stirred up against the German army of occupations. The New York Herald states that the Dutch have collected all kitchen knives and axes and are secretly whetting them for the day they can start terrific bloodshed among German soldiers.

“These tendentious reports and this atrocity propaganda reflect not only the Anglo-American hopes that the policy of starvation is successful, but allow one to suspect also that the American Fifth Column, under direction of Col. William Donovan, is taking part in this business. President Roosevelt himself has declared that the revolt in occupied regions against Germany will be one of the main weapons for conquering Hitler. The American press is also speculating on security, on aid to Russia and England, and on sabotage in occupied regions. It can be assumed that acts of sabotage against the German army of occupation are to be systematically fostered by the Americans not only by propaganda, but as soon as the Donovan organization is trained, by smuggling agents in and financing the operations.”



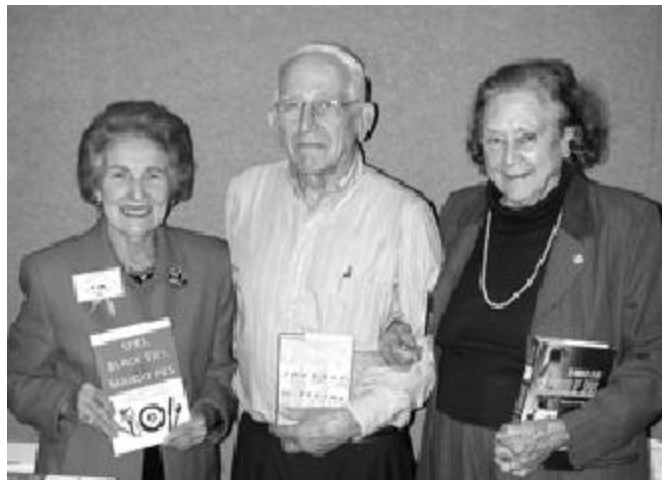
USSOC Change of Command Held at MacDill Air Force Base

Gen. Bryan D. Brown, first Army aviator to make four stars, took over the U.S. Special Operations Command from Gen. Charles Holland at a Change of Command ceremony held September 2, 2003 at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida.

The ceremony paid tribute to the “glorious and honorable achievements” of the men and women of USSOC, which traces its lineal ties to OSS. One of the speakers was Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. Because of the new responsibilities brought on by the war on terrorism, USSOC today also conducts operations to destroy terrorist networks worldwide.

OSSer **Caesar Civitello** attended the ceremony and notes that the USSOC command patch, the gold spear against a background of black with braided border, was once the insignia of OSS Special Ops.

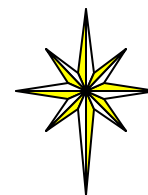
Book Signing at CIA Family Day



Books by and about OSS/CIA were on sale at the annual family day at Langley this fall. Among the authors signing books were Barbara Colby, a member of the CIA Family Advisory Board, who coauthored a delightful book, *Spies, Black Ties, and Mango Pies*, stories and recipes from CIA families all over the world: OSSer Dan Pinck, who wrote *Journey to Peking: A Secret Agent in Wartime China*; and Elizabeth McIntosh, OSS/CIA, author of *Sisterhood of Spies: The Women of the OSS*.



*Happy
New Year*



WWII Vet Honored for OSS Czech Mission

At the Veterans’ Day celebration in Manhattan, Montana, a local World War II hero received a Distinguished Flying Cross for his rescue of OSS personnel from Czechoslovakia in 1944—among 35 other Air Force missions. **Eugene Kennedy**, then a lieutenant in the 815th bombardment squad, was ordered to fly OSS personnel and equipment into a soggy grass airstrip at Tri DUBY behind German lines, and return to Italy with people rescued from the area, including downed flyers and evaders, a very risky endeavor, conducted in secret.

The award was presented to Kennedy after 50 years, three of those years involving considerable investigation of military records and help by his comrades from World War II.

Sterling Hayden Out of Uniform: An Anecdote From His SOE Trainer

Hollywood actor Sterling Hayden, who was being trained by the SOE in the UK prior to Pearl Harbor, is recalled by his then boss, Ray Wooler of Nova Scotia, Canada:

As early as November 1941, Wild Bill Donovan, convinced the United States would join us at our low point in the war, wanted to have an American copy of SOE. He visited England and we eagerly agreed to train his volunteers.

Never slow to move, he acted quickly and, in early December 1941, I found myself training their first arrivals at our parachute training school near Ringway, Dunham House in Altrincham.

One of the trainees struck me as outstanding; his name was Sterling Hayden, an actor who completed his course on the evening of 7 December.

We retired to the mess for a beer and to listen to the 6 pm BBC news. It was all about the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor. "Now we are in it altogether," shouted out an excited Hayden and, excusing himself, disappeared into

his room. On his return, to my amazement, he was wearing his uniform. As the United States was neutral, all American trainees wore civilian clothes.

"Brought this from a part I played," he explained, "just in case." He begged to be allowed to go down the local pub dressed in his uniform. Despite the fact that this was strictly forbidden for security reasons, I relented, saying I would escort him, but only on the condition that he professed to be, and acted like, a military attaché from the U.S. Embassy in London who was visiting friends in Manchester.

He played his part very well, and Sterling Hayden was therefore probably the first American to be seen in uniform in that area. The news of Pearl Harbor was on everyone's lips, so the reception he received was more ecstatic than I anticipated. I soon realized that getting him home sober would be a hard job, complicated to no small degree by the "glad eye" he was receiving from the pub's female patrons. It was a night I will long remember. I was pleased to learn later that he acquitted himself with note in the OSS.

New OSS Society Members

We welcome these OSS vets and lineals who have joined the Society.

Susan Altieri (Otto Feher), Avon Lake, OH

Richard Bellgardt II (Richard E. Bellgardt), Wood Dale, IL

James L. Boals III (OSS veteran), Lancaster, PA

William J. Chandler (Fitzhugh Horton Chandler), Washington, DC

Nicole Cleaveland (Gilbert English), Arlington, VA

Mary Penrose Colby (Stephen B.L. Penrose Jr.), Madison, WI

Barron G. Collier II (Miles Collier), Cody, WY

Lloyd B. Conley (OSS veteran), Allison Park, PA

John G. Connell Jr. (OSS veteran), Alexandria, VA

Alton O. Crawley Jr. (Alton O. Crawley Sr.), Ellicott City, MD

Mark D'Attilio (Carmine Arnold D'Attilio), Woodbridge, VA

John D. Dempsey (OSS veteran), Stuart, FL

Mary E. Dickinson (Edward T. Dickinson Jr.), New York, NY

James W. Elliott (OSS veteran), Jasper, AL

Dr. James Fahs (Dr. Charles Fahs), Fairfax, VA

Roger Hall (OSS veteran), Wilmington, DE

James R. Hill (Robert Melvin Low), Washington, DC

Herbert H. Harrell Jr. (Stephen B.L. Penrose), Annandale, VA

Harvey A. Hutchinson II (William E. Hutchinson Jr.), Mobile, AL

George H.M. Leroy (OSS veteran), Taunton, MA

Emily McEwan-Fujita (Joseph E. McEwan), Wood Dale, IL

Harold R. McMahan (OSS veteran), Westlake, OH

Phyllis Michaux (OSS veteran) formerly Phyllis Sullivan, Paris, France

Alan F.D. Potter (Philip B.K. Potter), Haymarket, VA

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Elizabeth R. Richard (Susan Smith), Potomac, MD

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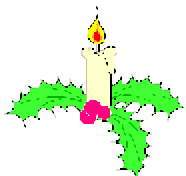
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Who is he?



Mrs. Mary Previte, who was the 13-year-old in this picture, would like to know if anyone can identify the man with the mustache. He was a member of OSS Team Duck who rescued Mary and the five other younger children in the photo from a Japanese prison in Weihsien, China, September, 1945. The picture was taken in Weihsien shortly after the rescue.



OSS Plaque Available

Two types of OSS stainless-steel plaques are available for mounting on the wall or for a grave marker. The flat-backed version is six inches in diameter and is priced at \$95 plus \$10 shipping. It can be used as a wall decoration or a paperweight. The grave marker, designed with a 24-inch stainless steel rod and flag holder, costs \$159 plus \$20 shipping. To order call: CR Bronze Works, at 866-681-3352. The address is 1142 East 135 South, Lindon UT 84042. Email: www.crbronzeworks.com

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