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60th Anniversary Celebration of OSS at Agency Headquarters Planned June 6-8

June 6, 7, and 8, 2002 will be special days for the OSS. The Central Intelligence Agency and The OSS Society have designed a series of events to honor OSS officers and to celebrate the many OSS achievements.

CIA Director George Tenet will kick off the anniversary events on Thursday evening, June 6, with a remembrance at the OSS Memorial Wall and a ribbon-cutting ceremony opening a new exhibit called "The Office of Strategic Services: America's First Intelligence Agency." A reception follows in the CIA atrium/exhibit area. The registration fee is \$30.

A day-long conference will take place on June 7 in the CIA auditorium. You will hear OSS veterans, historians, and authors discuss OSS origins, theater operations, and the impact on today's intelligence operations. There will be ample time for discussion.

The following evening, June 8, The OSS Society will conclude the festivities with a banquet at the Tyson's Corner Marriott. The fee for the banquet is \$80 per person. You will receive individual invitations to all three events. Hopefully, the first week of June is already reserved on your calendars. The featured speaker will be announced later.

Rooms may be reserved at reduced rates for OSS Soci-



Working on OSS 60th: Charles Pinck, OSS Society, and Toni Hiley, Curator, CIA Exhibit Center, are coordinating anniversary preparations. (Fred McIntosh photo)

ety members by calling 1-800-228-9290. Please mention the hotel name, date and the code "OSS."

Toni Hiley, CIA museum curator, asks vets to remember a humorous or meaningful experience in their wartime OSS experience. She wants to include these reminiscences in a booklet for the 60th anniversary. Write it on a single page of copy and send to Toni Hiley, Room 4F50, CIA, Washington DC 20505 or fax to 703-482-3414 by the April 30 deadline.

Memorial to Lady Spies



An opening reception for the tribute entitled "Clandestine Women, the Untold Stories of Women in Espionage," was held March 26 at the memorial building for Women in Military Service for America (WIMSA) at Arlington Cemetery.

The display features, among other women in covert action, the OSS' **Virginia Hall**, who won the Distinguished Service Cross for her work behind the lines in France During WWII; **Julia Child**, who served in OSS/CBI theater in the registry office; and **Marlene Dietrich**, who worked with OSS in London, singing over the OSS black radio station beamed at German soldiers.

The exhibit, which will be open through December 2002, is open to the public.

Remembering 109

Recollections of OSSers

by Virginia Stuart



“He’s going to what?” “A girl on the flight to China with 109!” Disbelief was evident as we assembled at Washington National Airport on the blazing hot morning of July 25th, the “we” being eleven VIPs, two enlisted men, and me - a 23-year-old female of OSS/SI Registry.

Following assignment in Cairo, I had orders for Kunming SI, was packed and ready, when sudden closure of CBI for civilians cancelled my transportation. SI Director Whitney Shepardson, smiling, said to me, “Well, the General is flying to China in a few days ...” I persuaded him to ask the General if he would take me to China.

The General arrived, greeted everyone cordially and, met me for the first time. With the direct gaze of his intense blue eyes he welcomed me warmly. His total lack of male chauvinism set the mark for the trip. So, flying first class with 109, we were off.

First stop: Gander, Newfoundland and a VIP welcome and dinner.

16 July London: Winston Churchill voted out of office!

27 July: Departed London. Marseilles: breakfast. Naples: lunch; staff came from Caserta to meet 109. Athens: dinner and takeoff; engine trouble forced return; the only replacement, a cargo plane with bucket seats. 109: “Okay, get it ready!” Quick change. Cairo: midnight and staff at airport for 109.

28 July Bahrain: 7a.m. - hot, dull, gray. In the GI mess, the General turned to me: “Virginia, do you have any money?” Yes, and, at 25 cents apiece, we had breakfast of gray coffee and oatmeal as cold as it can get in the desert heat. Karachi: dinner; Bombay: midnight refueling; still on bucket seats.

1 August New Delhi: Departure at dawn for China. Flying the Hump, the General sent for me to talk before arrival in Kunming. He told me he enjoyed having me on

the flight; asked about my family, college, and my goals after China. I told him I loved travel and adventure, and hoped eventually to be married.

Neither of us had any idea on that flight into China that I was winging my way to romance, marriage, and a lifetime of unimaginable adventure. When the war was over, I would go to Shanghai, marry Colonel Gilbert Stuart of the Chinese Nationalist Army and live in Peking before returning home.

Later in New York, General Donovan invited us to dinner to meet Gil, knowing of his experience in China and close work with OSS.

Many years later, I met David Donovan, his son. We talked about the General and why 109 had agreed to take me to China. The General’s beloved daughter, Patricia, was tragically killed in an auto accident. She would have been about my age. David nodded. “That had a lot to do with it,” he said.

(Editor’s Note: Virginia Stuart lives in Providence, Rhode Island, with her husband, Elisha H. Harris II. They were married in 1991. Colonel Stuart, the only foreigner to serve in the Chinese army, died over 30 years ago.)

Collection Donations

OSSer **Walter L. Pforzheimer** recently donated his extraordinary library collection of 15,000 books to the Beinecke Library at Yale University, and **Julia Child** has given her extensive cook book collection to Harvard. Julia has moved to Montecito, Calif. from Cambridge, Mass. where she donated her house to her alma mater, Smith College, and her kitchen to the Smithsonian.

Join OSS Internet; Website to Follow

The OSS Society recently established a discussion group on the Internet. To date, we have 185 members. Messages are posted daily and have addressed a wide array of issues. For example, a recent *Washington Post* article reported that volunteers are repairing damage at Camp Pleasant, which served as an OSS training camp.

Erik Oistad asked for anyone who knows his father, **Leif Oistad**, to send a 80th birthday message to him.

Dr. Jeff Georgia inquired about information regarding Medal of Freedom recipients. (Jeff’s father, **W. Scudder Georgia**, was one such recipient.)

The Society uses this discussion group to inform members of upcoming events and administrative issues. To join this group, please send a request to ossociety@aol.com.

In the very near future, our new web site will be up and running at <http://www.ossociety.org>. We hope this site will attract new members for the Society and provide extensive information about the OSS to the public. We welcome your suggestions for the web site as it develops.

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Book Notes

The Devil's Doctor, the story of Felix Kersten and the secret plot to turn Himmler against Hitler, is an amazing book by The OSS Society's Chairman, John H. Waller. Little has been written about Kersten, a talented physiotherapist who, under threat of harassment, became Heinrich Himmler's "magic hands" to relieve him of excruciating stomach pains by massage. Kersten was in a unique position from which to gather information to be passed on to OSS. According to reviews, "*The Devil's Doctor* is one of the most readable histories ever published of espionage, conspiracy, and intrigue that formed the backdrop against which the war's military campaigns were fought. John Waller writes credibly and authoritatively on the subject." The book represents terrific historical research, plus a fine writing style. Congratulations, John! (Wiley Publishers)



Korea: Frozen Hell on Earth: a Platoon Sergeant's Diary of the Korean War 1950-51, by Boris R. Spiroff. The author served in OSS in the ETO and was awarded the bronze star for behind-the-lines action against the Nazis in Yugoslavia. The book he wrote years later, while serving as a platoon sergeant, relates his personal experience in the Korean conflict. As he explains, "It is about trials and tribulations, hardships, heartaches, hazards, and disappointment endured by gallant American soldiers and their ability to endure the adversity of a bloody, cruel, and miserable war." (American Literary Press, Baltimore, Md.)



Targeted by the CIA: An Intelligence Professional Speaks Out on the Scandal that Turned the CIA Upside Down, by S. Peter Karlow. After service with OSS field operations in WWII, in the course of which he lost a leg, Karlow joined the CIA and was wrongly accused of being a Soviet mole by James Angleton. Only after years of turmoil he was finally exonerated and was finally cleared, compensated and decorated. (Turner Publishing Co., Paducah, KY.)



World War II: OSS Tragedy in Slovakia by Jim Downs is the story of the ill-fated OSS Dawes Mission in the Slovak national uprising in the Tatra Mountains, caught behind enemy lines when German SS divisions overran the rebel-held territory. Most of the team was captured. A Slovak schoolteacher, Maria Gulovich, led the rest to safety after an heroic escape over the winter mountains. The book has many fine illustrations and is a stirring wartime account of OSS in action. (Lieftrink Publishers, Oceanside Cal. - not yet on market.)



X2 Lives! In the last newsletter, we carried a review of Tim Naftali's book, *X2*. Book stores were swamped with OSSers anxious to read all about this super-secret branch. Unfortunately, there were no books; in fact one store reported the book had been suspended. We got back to Tim, who said he was both amused and delighted. He hasn't finished writing it yet! In fact, he's still finishing up one on Krushchev and the Cold War. *X2* will be finished in the autumn. Stay tuned!

Donovan Foundation Under New Management

The William J. Donovan Memorial Foundation (DMF) no longer exists under that name. It was transferred to the Pilgrim Foundation, Inc. at 122 East 58th St., New York City. This society was founded in 1903 to foster better understanding and brotherhood between Americans, British, and other English-speaking people. This foundation will keep the memory of General Donovan alive by creating a special lecture series in his name which will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Tony Blair.

The Donovan Memorial Foundation was founded in

1981 at the suggestion of Geoffrey Jones, then president of the OSS vets. The first DMF chairman, James Withrow, a senior partner in Donovan's firm, created the foundation to perpetuate Donovan's memory and spirit, his vision and concern for the cause of freedom, especially his lifelong desire to educate the American public in the importance of intelligence functions to America's security.

According to Jeff Jones, the DMF's continuity will be assured by John R. Drexel IV and William vanden Heuvel, military aide to the General in Thailand.

New Society Officers' Election This Month

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of The OSS Society will be held April 20 to elect new officers, immediately following the annual meeting of the Society's membership that day.

The Society has lost the steady hand of President Mark Pretzat, who stepped down on March 16, and was succeeded by Charles Pinck. Mark is an attorney specializing in corporate law.



Charles Pinck, above and father, Dan, right, behind the lines in China, 1944



His father served in OSS in the CBI Theater. Our treasurer, Arthur Reinhardt, is also stepping down on April 20, due to pressure of outside work. Art is an OSS/CBI veteran.

Charles Pinck, president of the Georgetown Group, an investigative company that provides services for law firms and corporations, has been nominated president of the society.

Charlie began his investigative career with the Research Group, a political consulting company. He was also instrumental in the creation of the Detective Information Network, an innovative agency that was among the earliest to use the internet for investigative purposes.

Charlie, a Boston native, attended the Roxbury Latin School and Washington and Lee University. His father, Dan

More OSS Documentaries

Scholar Rasmus Hamburg is working on a documentary film in Germany about the OSS anti-Nazi underground work. He understands that there were more than a hundred OSS teams on underground missions inside Hitler's heartland. "Very important to this documentary are the links to German resistance, particularly around Stauffenberg," he writes. If any OSSer in that field can help, his e-mail is: rasmus.hamburg@t-online.de.

After the war, OSS General William Donovan was a special assistant to the prosecution team at the Nuremberg war trials in 1945-46. During this time he collected trial transcripts and documents that helped convict Nazi war criminals, as well as his own original photographs, letters, sketches, and notes from OSS data. In cooperation with Cornell University, which houses the collection, the website of Rutgers University Journal of Law and Religion (www.lawandreligion.com) is now putting online much of this material for the first time. The initial installment of the Nuremberg Project will be *The Nazi Master Plan: The Persecution of the Christian Churches*.

Pinck, served in the OSS in China behind enemy lines on the coast near Hong Kong. Dan is the author of *Stalking the History of OSS: An OSS Bibliography* and the forthcoming *Journey to Peking: A Secret Agent in Wartime China*. He is president of the Boston Chapter of The OSS Society.

Nominated to succeed Arthur Reinhardt as Treasurer is Willis S. Georgia III (Cos), a highly-trained financial advisor with Virginia Asset Management in Winchester, Va. Cos graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology. He is a member of the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table, recognized by industry as the standard of excellence in financial services.

Cos is active in his community and enjoys piloting single engine airplanes and hot air balloons. He lives in Stephens City, Va. with his wife, Anita, and two children.

His father, W. Scudder Georgia Jr., was with Commo and served in China as a civilian. He trained Korean agents in commo techniques as part of the team of OSS agents destined to assist Syngman Rhee's provisional government to take over the country after Japan's defeat.



Willis S. Georgia III, above and W. Scudder Georgia, Jr., left, during war in Kunming



The story of Milwaukee Attorney Aaron Tilton's efforts to track down and bring to justice Dr. Karl Von Krauch of I. G. Farben, Germany's huge pharmaceutical firm, is now being filmed. This firm was accused during the war of laboratory experiments on women and children prisoners. The OSS sent Tilton to investigate I.G. Farben in 1945 in Germany, where he seized the records which supported the claims that Farben collaborated with the Nazi regime. He was also able to capture Von Krauch, who was tried at Nuremberg and found guilty of crimes against humanity. Tilton's daughter, Terri, is writing and producing the film, titled *Manhunt in Heidelberg*.

A new movie, *The Quiet American*, based on Graham Greene's novel of the same name, revolves around a cynical British journalist and opium addict (played by Michael Caine) who has spent 29 years in French Indo China and has an increasing resentment of Americans in Vietnam. Part of that resentment includes his rivalry with a young OSS operative (played by Brendan Frazer) over a beautiful Vietnamese woman.

Oh So Special Spring Social

The OSS Society spring luncheon was a great success at Gadsby's Tavern in Alexandria, thanks in part to the hard work of Anne Mary Ingraham, events chairman, who is retiring from that job, and will be missed.

Guest speaker Milton Bearden, former CIA/COS in Pakistan, discussed the involvement of the CIA from 1979-1989 in Afghanistan which led, in part, to the collapse of the Soviet Union. The job of stabilizing the country was left unfinished and Bearden indicated that the Agency should go "back to the future" and bring back OSS tactics.

Attendees who enjoyed reminiscing in the historic inn where George Washington once lunched, included among others: Herb Avedon, Warren Cooper, Sam Draculich, Craig Fender, grandson of Willis Byrd, Bob and Mary Furman, Ann Gallagher, Margot Glavis, Elizabeth Gomez, Nancy Harding, Sam Halpern, Dick Helms, Aloysia and Virginia Hamalainen, Fisher Howe, Kitty Huntington, Guy Martin, Al Materazzi, Betty and Fred McIntosh, Walter Mess, Frank Mills, Catherine Nelson, Margaret Newsham, Helen Parker, Charlie Pinck, Barbara



Swapping war stories: Guy Martin left, who escorted Nazi spy Fritz Weideman from Kunming to the U.S. after the war and Fisher Howe, right, who set up the London OSS office exchange reminiscences with Betty McIntosh, MO/CBI at the Spring Social.

Podoski, Mark Pretzat, Stephanie Rader, Art Reinhardt, the Jack Singlaubs, McKim Symington, John and Barbara Waller, Marie Waller, and Carol Whitney.

New Members Join OSS Society

We welcome the following OSS vets and lineals who are joining the Society. We hope to see each of you at the upcoming CIA 60th and OSS Society reunion on June 6-8, 2002.

Linda Allen Ballou, Circleville, OH (kennel owner and groomer), daughter of **Guy Dallas Allen** who served in North Africa.

Mark Bangsboll, Fayetteville, GA (US Army Officer), son of **Lt. Col. Leif Bangsboll** who served in Washington, Denmark, and Berlin.

Deborah Berlin, Highlands, NC (garden design and installation), daughter of **Jacob B. Berlin**, Jedburgh and SI, who served in Europe and China.

Edmond Brodie, Brooklyn, NY (National Director of Recruitment, Ernst & Young), son of **Captain David Brodie**, who served in Italy, CBI, and China.

Daniel F. Cassidy, Raleigh, NC (archaeologist), son of **David S. Cassidy**, a cryptographer/communication specialist with Det. 101 in Burma, who later went to China.

Elisabeth Singlaub D'Antoni, Barbing, Germany (English instructor and translator), daughter of **Maj. Gen. John Singlaub**.

Jeff Georgia, Bethesda, MD (physician), son of **Willis Scudder Georgia, Jr.**, who served in North Africa and China and was a Medal of Freedom recipient.

Willis S. Georgia III, Stephens City, VA (financial advisor), son of **Willis Scudder Georgia, Jr.** (see above)

Lawrence Ibsen, Bronxville, NY (Commissioner, NYS Parole Board), son of **Philip Ibsen** who served in Washington D.C. and CBI.

James E. Jordan, Jr., Phoenix, AZ (sales and marketing), son of **1st Lt. Rudolf Jordan**, SO, CBI & China.

Dong Kingman, Jr., New York, NY (communications consultant), son of artist **Dong Kingman** who served in MO, Washington, D.C.

Betty Lussier, Pacific Palisades, CA (development consultant), OSS vet, who served in X-2 branch from '42-'45 in Europe and N. Africa.

(William) John McCoy, Arlington, VA (retired), OSS veteran, served in CBI and China.

Dawn B. Meyers, Circleville, OH (tax commissioner agent, State of Ohio). She is the granddaughter of **Guy Dallas Allen** - see listing for Linda Allen Ballou.

John T. Milton, Palm Beach, FL (attorney), son of **Capt. Stavis Milton** who served in the Balkans and Greece from Oct. '43 to Aug. '45.

Ellen Morgan, Washington, D.C. (student), granddaughter of **Lt. Col. William James Morgan** who served in Washington, D.C., Europe, and China.

Lt. Col. Allen R. Richter, OSS vet, Jupiter, FL (retired), served in Washington, D.C. and CBI with the COI and Det. 101.

R. L. Scriven Richardson Tex., OSS/Navy, ETO/CBI Theaters.

Frank Snyder, Wilmington, NC

Sam Spector, Rome, GA

Claire Whitney, Alexandria, VA (attorney, Dept. of Justice), daughter of **Captain Burke Emerson Whitney** who served in Europe, North Africa, and China.

Carol Whitney, Richmond, VA (homemaker), daughter of **Capt. Burke Emerson Whitney** (see above)

In Memoriam

Dean J. Adinamis, 88, a funeral director whose firm has served Chicago's Greek Orthodox community for two generations, died December 29, 2001 in Evanston, Ill. He joined the Army in 1942 and spent most of the war years in Washington, D.C. with the OSS.

Lief Bangsboll, 83, died November 20, 2001 in Ontario, Canada. He was recruited by the OSS to run covert operations in Denmark where he was born. After extensive training in Canada, England, and OSS schools in Virginia, he jumped into Denmark and spent 13 months leading resistance operations against the Nazis for which he was awarded the DSC.

Richard Brown Baker, died January 21, 2002. He graduated from Yale and attended Oxford as a Rhodes scholar. During the war years he worked in Washington, D.C. as a research analyst in the OSS, later with CIA. He died at his home in Shelby, Vt. He was a noted art collector.

Milton Berger, 87, an international economist with the Department of Commerce, died December 6, 2001 in Fairfax, Va. He practiced law in New York City before WWII, and during the war he served in the Army Signal Corps, attached to OSS. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Dorothy Berger of Falls Church, Va.

Marjory Kennedy DePuy, Far East specialist with OSS and CIA, died March 15 at a Front Royal, Va. retirement facility. She joined OSS in 1945 and served in the CBI theater, tracking Japanese troop movement. Later in CIA she became a division chief in the Far East department. She traveled with her late husband, General William E. DePuy on his military assignments abroad. She is survived by three children.

John Gardner, 80, founder of Common Cause, died in Palo Alto, Cal. in March. During WWII he joined the Marine Corps and was assigned to OSS in Italy with SI. His career spanned more than half a century. He was a college professor, an intelligence officer, a philanthropic foundation executive, an author, cabinet official, and advisor to presidents. He is best known for founding of Common Cause in 1970 and is remembered by many OSS colleagues as a great leader and friend.

Phillip Lerner Gore, 90, died February 17, 2002, at his home in Washington, D.C. Gore, a leader in civic and charitable organizations in the district, was a graduate of Princeton and George Washington law school. During the war he served with the OSS and received the

Legion of Merit. He is survived by a son, Michael Gore of Winchester, Va.

Ma Go-liang, a member of the MO staff in Kunming, China during WWII, died in California, January 11 from pneumonia. He was a liberal magazine editor in Shanghai when he was recruited by OSS to write MO material against the Japanese. After the war he continued his writing, but the Communist regime forced him to leave China. He settled in Cupertino, Calif. with his wife, Si-sun and son, Ma Yong-zi. He continued to write popular books, published in Shanghai, until his death.

Edward Cameron Hitchcock, 88, retired official with CIA and its predecessor, the Central Intelligence Group, died May 26, 2001, in Rockville, Md. Serving with the 9th AF in Europe during the war, he joined the ex-OSS Research and Analysis branch when it was absorbed by State. He was an honorary member of The OSS Society.

Lee Stretton Houchins, 75, died March 4 in Arlington, Va. A retired naval commander and veteran of the Korean War, he later taught history at Georgetown University. His father was a member of OSS in Calcutta. Houchins was a lineal member of The OSS Society and a board member. Survivors include his wife, Chiang-Su, and a daughter, Robin Tucker.

Perdita Schaffner MacPherson died in January, 2002, at her home in East Hampton, N.Y. She worked for OSS during the war as secretary to James Angleton in London, also at Bletchley, the British cypher center, and later in Germany.

Edwin J. Martin, 75, retired State Department foreign service officer, died of pneumonia January 12, at his Washington, D.C. home. A government economist, Martin served during the war with OSS in Washington, D.C.

Malia Guirey Natirbov, CIA analyst, died of a heart attack on January 13, 2002 while vacationing on a cruise ship in the Caribbean. Mr. Natirbov, of McLean, Va., was born in Siberia and immigrated with his family to New York in 1923. He was graduated *magna cum laude* from Georgetown University and joined OSS during WWII. He was sent to England, then Italy, where he was part of a team assigned to parachute into Hungary to establish contacts with Hungarian partisans. He also served with the 5th Army in Austria under General Mark Clark, as his Russian liaison officer and interpreter.



In Memoriam

Dr. John Norman, 89, professor, poet, and educator, died January 13, 2002, in Ridgefield, Conn. A noted expert on fascism, at the start of WWII Dr. Norman was recruited by OSS and served as a field representative debriefing refugees from Nazi Germany, including Thomas Mann, the Nobel Prize winning novelist. He later became the first professor to create and teach a college course in U.S. intelligence and espionage. His study on the rise of fascism in Italy led to knighthood from the Italian Government. His wife, Mary Lynett Norman, writes, "My husband was very proud of his service in the OSS."

The death of **Malcom G. Rippeteau**, December 29, 2001, was reported by his wife, Virginia, from Evanston, Ill. She writes that he was proud of his service in the OSS and always wore his OSS lapel pin. She has now given that pin to their granddaughter who is a registered lineal member of the Society.

Sam H. Schurr, 83, an energy and minerals economist, died March 4 in New York. Dr. Schurr came to Washington, D.C. before the war with the National Bureau of Economic Research, where he was recruited for work with the OSS as a research economist. Survivors include his wife, Sally, of New York.

Warren T. Tarrant, 90, died December 21, 2001 at Goodwin House, Falls Church, Va. A University of Wisconsin graduate, he served with the OSS/SI field detachment for which he was later awarded the Croix de Guerre. After the war he returned to Washington, D.C. with the SSU Registry. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery. He is survived by a cousin, Mrs. R.W. Macauley.

Leroy Thompson, Jr., 88, Army signal officer in the CBI, died February 22 at Walter Reed Medical Center of pneumonia. He was a communications consultant for the CIA after retirement from the Army reserves. He was a member of The OSS Society.

Nicholas Aristides Vanikiotis, born in 1924 in Portland, Ore. He was the son of Greek immigrants. He volunteered for duty with the OSS in 1943 and spent the next year in Yugoslavia and Greece operating behind enemy lines as a member of the Unit B, Second Contingent OG's. He died April 28, 2001, in Portland.

Vernon A. Walters, 85, retired Army Lieutenant General, intelligence officer and diplomat who was Deputy Director of the CIA and U.S. Ambassador, died February 10 in Palm Beach, Fla. A linguist, he spoke French, Spanish, Italian, German, Dutch, Portuguese, and Russian, translating for President Eisenhower and French President de Gaulle at a meeting in Paris. CIA Director George Tenet, describing Walters' career said, "He was an honest patriot of enormous talent, with his remarkable knowledge of the world and his passion to see it change for the better. He will remain an example of what the very best in our field must be."

Harold Weisberg, 88, a prolific writer, labor investigator, and State Department analyst, died February 21 at his home in Frederick, Md. During the war he served in the OSS.

Errata: In the Winter newsletter, the middle name of Guy Dallas Allen was misspelled. His wife, L. Helen Allen, died a month before her husband, in Circleville, Ohio. Survivors are two daughters, Linda A. Ballou, an OSS Society member, and Patricia A. Taylor.

Jed Memorial in France

A memorial plaque honoring the OSS Jedburgh team Ammonia was recently dedicated in St. Nathalene, France, where the Jeds parachuted to join the French Resistance. The memorial plaque was designed by French artist Alain Carrier, who worked as a teenager with this group.

The team was U.S. Jeds **Sergeant Jacob Berlin** and **Capt. MacDonald Austin**, along with Raymonde LeCompte, French Resistance. Berlin, the last remaining team member, was accompanied to St. Nathalene by his wife, two of his five children, and a grandson. LeCompte was represented by his daughter.

The entire village turned out for the ceremony, recalling how the Ammonia team had been hidden behind false walls by day and fed truffles at night, risking their lives to bring freedom to France.



Al Materazzi Honored by Italian Partisans

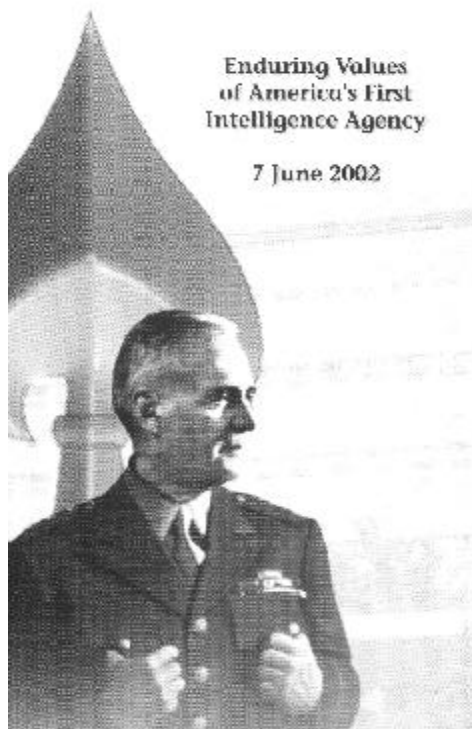
Albert R. Materazzi was recently named honorary member of the Associazione Nazionale Partigiani Italiani (ANPI) for his distinguished service as operations officer for the Italian-American OG's.

Materazzi notes that there were three OG units in the Mediterranean area which were combined into the 267th Special Recon Battalion. He worked with the 15th Army Group headquarters, later moving into Florence. All three OG units earned the Distinguished Unit Citation.

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OSS Lapel Pins Available

OSS lapel pins are now available in exchange for a \$20 contribution per pin to The OSS Society. The new pin is a red and gold replica of one given to all OSS members at General Donovan's request in 1945 to provide identification of OSS personnel and also commemorate their service in WWII. "I am deeply grateful for your loyal and effective contributions," he wrote at the time.

Please make your check payable to The OSS Society, Inc. and mail it to Charles Pinck, 1073 Papermill Court, Washington, D.C. 20007.



Any Victor Vets?

Email from: jtulley1761@com-cast.net:

I would like to hear from any member who served at Station Victor in Hurley, England during 1944. Also those who were at Area C during the latter part of 1944 and into 1945.

Wanted - Preferably Alive

It's not often that a newspaper obituary reporter is looking for a live one! Adam Bernstein, obit reporter for *The Washington Post*, is looking for Roger Hall. "If it's possible to find him still alive, I might write a profile of him." Hall is the author of that irreverent book, *You're Stepping on my Cloak and Dagger*, a brash account of his life and hard times with the OSS. Anyone out there remember Hall? DOB 1919, OSS London, Norso Op, OG's? If so, contact Bernstein at bernsteina@washpost.com.

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