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GERMAN C in C SOUTH-WEST

1. Information

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2. Composition

The Mission will comprise the following:-

a. SOP: CO Lieut-Colonel THURTELL Int Corps

1 officer
5 other ranks
1 staff car
1 car 1 ton 4 x 4 and trailer

b. OSS: CO Colonel LIVINGSTONE

2 officers
6 enlisted men
1 command car
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CO Colonel FINE

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d. Total Mission will therefore be 7 Officers, 15 OR/M and 7 vehicles.

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3. Tasks

The tasks of the Mission will be:-

- a. To represent Headquarters 15th Army Group in matters connected with the enemy's attitude to Partisan problems.
- b. To supervise the enemy's implementation of instructions passed from 15th Army Group either through the Mission itself or through the delegation from C in C South-West which is to be located at this Headquarters.
- c. In the case of the representative of the Allied Commission, to carry out 15th Army Group's instructions with reference to the enemy's relationship with any Partisan problems of administration, rehabilitation, medical services and food supplies pending the arrival of Allied Forces or until the enemy forces are placed in concentration camps.

4. Move

This Headquarters will issue the necessary warning-order to the Mission to place itself in readiness to move. On receipt of notification all members of the Mission will report to G-3 Special Operations with all kit, transport and staff, prepared to accompany an enemy delegation back to Headquarters C in C South-West.

5. Administration

- a. GOR, OSS and the Allied Commission Representative will render complete nominal rolls of their Mission personnel when arrangements will be made to attach the entire Mission to this Headquarters.

- b. The Mission will be attached to a larger party from this Headquarters.

c. Transport

All British and American vehicles will be prominently marked with the Union Jack and Stars and Stripes respectively while Allied Commission vehicles will carry the Allied Commission sign. All vehicles will also carry the symbol of this Headquarters.

- d. The Mission will share the accommodation allotted to the larger delegation from this Headquarters. Further information will be given to the Mission when this point has been clarified.

e. Dress

All ranks will be in possession of regulation Service Uniform (Battle Dress) and the Commanding Officers of the three sub-Missions will also be in possession of Dress Uniform (Service Dress). The shoulder patch of this Headquarters will be worn.

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(1) SOE - To HQ SOE thence to 10 Detachment No. 1 Special Force, thence to G-3 Special Operations, this Headquarters.

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b. Messages for COMINT and CIBRETA will be passed through normal SOE and OSS channels.

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