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**The OSS in Burma, 1942-1945** Apr 11 2020  
The first and only book to cover the World War II exploits and contributions of Detachment 101-- considered by many to be the forerunner of today's Special Forces--in Burma against the Japanese Imperial Army.  
*OSS Operation Black Mail* Jul 07 2022 OSS

Operation Black Mail is the story of a remarkable woman who fought World War II on the front lines of psychological warfare. Elizabeth P. McIntosh spent eighteen life-changing months serving in the Office of Strategic Services in what has been called the "forgotten theater," China-Burma-India, where she met and worked with people as diverse as Allen Dulles, Julia Child, and Ho Chi Minh. Her craft was black propaganda, and her mission was to demoralize the enemy through prevarication and deceit, and ultimately, convince him to surrender. Betty's effectiveness stemmed from her ability to target not merely the Japanese soldier, but the man with-in: the husband, the son, the father. Her black propaganda was boldly experimental and ground-breaking; destined to play a key role in the Cold War.

**OSS for Telecom Networks** May 05 2022  
Places OSS software in the context of telecommunications as a business Gives a

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concrete understanding of what OSS is, what it does and how it does it, avoiding deep technical details Frequently relates OSS software to business drivers of telecom service providers  
**Wild Bill Donovan** Jun 18 2023 "Entertaining history...Donovan was a combination of bold innovator and imprudent rule bender, which made him not only a remarkable wartime leader but also an extraordinary figure in American history" (The New York Times Book Review). He was one of America's most exciting and secretive generals--the man Franklin Roosevelt made his top spy in World War II. A mythic figure whose legacy is still intensely debated, "Wild Bill" Donovan was director of the Office of Strategic Services (the country's first national intelligence agency) and the father of today's CIA. Donovan introduced the nation to the dark arts of covert warfare on a scale it had never seen before. Now, veteran journalist Douglas Waller has mined government and private archives throughout the United States and England,

drawn on thousands of pages of recently declassified documents, and interviewed scores of Donovan's relatives, friends, and associates to produce a riveting biography of one of the most powerful men in modern espionage. William Joseph Donovan's life was packed with personal drama. The son of poor Irish Catholic parents, he married into Protestant wealth and fought heroically in World War I, where he earned the nickname "Wild Bill" for his intense leadership and the Medal of Honor for his heroism. After the war he made millions as a Republican lawyer on Wall Street until FDR, a Democrat, tapped him to be his strategic intelligence chief. A charismatic leader, Donovan was revered by his secret agents. Yet at times he was reckless--risking his life unnecessarily in war zones, engaging in extramarital affairs that became fodder for his political enemies--and he endured heartbreaking tragedy when family members died at young ages. Wild Bill Donovan reads like an action-packed spy thriller, with stories of

daring young men and women in his OSS sneaking behind enemy lines for sabotage, breaking into Washington embassies to steal secrets, plotting to topple Adolf Hitler, and suffering brutal torture or death when they were captured by the Gestapo. It is also a tale of political intrigue, of infighting at the highest levels of government, of powerful men pitted against one another. Donovan fought enemies at home as often as the Axis abroad. Generals in the Pentagon plotted against him. J. Edgar Hoover had FBI agents dig up dirt on him. Donovan stole secrets from the Soviets before the dawn of the Cold War and had intense battles with Winston Churchill and British spy chiefs over foreign turf. Separating fact from fiction, Waller investigates the successes and the occasional spectacular failures of Donovan's intelligence career. It makes for a gripping and revealing portrait of this most controversial spymaster.

**Operatives, Spies, and Saboteurs** Jul 19 2023

Long before there was a James Bond or a CIA, the brave men and women of the Office of Strategic Services worked secretly behind the scenes during WWII, playing a key role in the Allied victory. The agency's legendary director, Major General 'Wild Bill' Donovan, recruited only the best and his expertly trained spies were at war long before D-Day. Until now, their gripping real-life missions have remained as classified as their identities. Patrick O'Donnell has tracked down and interviewed over 300 former OSS and relates their incredible stories for the first time.

### **True Stories of the OSS and CIA** Nov 18 2020

These are the TRUE accounts of the OSS and CIA. These studies were expertly written for classified use of CIA personnel. I have not edited these documents. All of these studies were classified from CONFIDENTIAL TO TOP-SECRET. Studies include; WW2 secret ops, covert action, truth drugs for interrogation, cover in unconventional operations, CIA in the

academic world, the covert collection of scientific information and spies. This is just a sampling of what is included in the book. The United States Intelligence community as known to the public is comprised of 17 agencies that work separately, and at times, in concert to conduct intelligence activities in the field of foreign relations and national security. Members of this community include intelligence agencies, military intelligence, and civilian intelligence and analysis offices within federal executive departments. Most intelligence operations are conceived and carried out by patriots in the interest of national security or during time of war. However, not all intelligence operations were successful and many were based in the theory that the end, justifies the means. At times, distasteful actions and assassinations are undertaken to safeguard the masses or protect national interest. This is not to say that all governmental intelligence operations were undertaken to safeguard the country and our

freedoms. Some were ordered by various presidents to crush their political rivals. Interestingly, the CIA is notorious for secrecy and more often than not, the agency refuses to release documents requested in a Freedom of Information Request (FOIA) or under a Mandatory Declassification Request (MDR). Here's the interesting twist. These studies contain a wealth of details and informative footnotes identifying the source. Even if you filed a FOIA for all the documents contained in the footnotes, it would take years to obtain them-if the CIA would provide the documents. So, in an unexpected turn of events the CIA has opened Pandora's Box allowing us to review information they thought would remain secret, and in some cases, would prefer remained secret. But the documents are available for review, if you know where and how to secure them. As individual stories they are indeed interesting, taken as a whole, they truly enlighten and demonstrate the enormous scope of the intelligence community.

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As you read these remarkable stories you'll gain an appreciation for the work and exploits of these men and women; and a basic understanding of how complex and daunting the world of intelligence gathering is. You may not agree with the methods employed or the outcome, but the veil of secrecy keeping intelligence Ops in the dark will be partially removed providing a rare insider's glimpse into decades of intelligence operations, the thought process of intelligence officers and the magnitude of some operations. Taken in their full context, these were truly remarkable undertakings. These stories are just the tip of the iceberg illustrating the wide spectrum of intelligence activities carried out by the OSS and today's CIA. You'll notice that some names have been blackened out and some information redacted, this was done by the CIA. These stories are as intriguing, informative and frightening as the best spy novels. In closing, you are about to enter the world of secrets, lies

and deception. Your life will never be the same.

*Beacons in the Night* Sep 09 2022 Fralin

Lindsay (f. 1916) beretter om sine oplevelser  
som agent for OSS i Jugoslavien fra maj 1944

**Behind Japanese Lines** Aug 20 2023 In early 1942, with World War II going badly, President Roosevelt turned to General William “Wild Bill” Donovan, now known historically as the “Father of Central Intelligence,” with orders to form a special unit whose primary mission was to prepare for the eventual reopening of the Burma Road linking Burma and China by performing guerilla operations behind the Japanese lines. Thus was born OSS Detachment 101, the first clandestine special force formed by Donovan and one that would play a highly dangerous but vital role in the reconquest of Burma by the Allies. *Behind Japanese Lines*, originally published in 1979, is the exciting story of the men of Detachment 101, who, with their loyal native allies—the Kachin headhunters—fought a guerilla war for almost three years. It was a war

not only against a tough and unyielding enemy, but against the jungle itself, one of the most difficult and dangerous patches of terrain in the world. Exposed to blistering heat and threatened by loathsome tropical diseases, the Western-raised OSS men also found themselves beset by unfriendly tribesmen and surrounded by the jungle’s unique perils—giant leeches, cobras, and rogue tigers. Not merely a war narrative, *Behind Japanese Lines* is an adventure story, the story of unconventional men with an almost impossible mission fighting an irregular war in supremely hostile territory. Drawing upon the author’s own experiences as a member of Detachment 101, interviews with surviving 101 members, and classified documents, Dunlop’s tale unfolds with cinematic intensity, detailing the danger, tension, and drama of secret warfare. Never before have the activities of the OSS been recorded in such authentic firsthand detail. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade imprint, are proud to publish a broad

range of books for readers interested in history--books about World War II, the Third Reich, Hitler and his henchmen, the JFK assassination, conspiracies, the American Civil War, the American Revolution, gladiators, Vikings, ancient Rome, medieval times, the old West, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

**No Bugles for Spies** Apr 16 2023 The unvarnished behind-the-scenes tale of the OSS—and the incredibly daring men and women who put their lives at stake in the most dangerous game of all. “By mid-1942, after a Washington shuffle, the Office of Coordinator of information had become the Office of Strategic Services. By then, Colonel, later General, "Wild Bill" Donovan, the "Wizard of OSS", was "sitting stop a lusty, burgeoning, dynamic organization

stamped with its own imprint". The story of how that organization grew, the sort of operatives and methods it employed, the schemes and techniques of financing its activities, and the things it was able to accomplish for the war effort still makes exciting reading, even this many years after the war. Alcorn served with the organization from its earliest days, with Donovan both directly and indirectly; his observations would indicate that the man was nearly unique in his ability to grasp quantities of detail. While Alcorn does not leave out some mention of prima donnas and other undesirable; who occasionally cropped up, and he is moderately censorious of MacArthur's refusal to let OSS operate freely in the Pacific theatre, his overall picture is one of uncommon harmony for such a complex effort. The emphasis is on people, rather than techniques, he has a real grasp of how to project human-interest material. The thrills, chills, and tears are well balanced, and the effect is exhilarating.”—Kirkus Reviews “One of the

best”—Detroit News “The thrills, chills, and tears are well balanced, and the effect is exhilarating.”

**OSS Agents in Hitler's Heartland** Mar 23 2021 This book tells the history of one of the most successful OSS operations of World War II. Three OSS agents—two young immigrants, one from Germany, the other from Holland, and a former Austrian Wehrmacht officer—in the midst of winter make a night jump into the Austrian Alps, landing hip-deep in snow at 10,000 feet. William Casey—then an OSS official and later head of the CIA—called it by far the most successful of the operations mounted from the OSS base at Bari. Thanks to this intrepid threesome, rail and road communications between the Italian front and Germany were seriously hampered and the city of Innsbruck in the heart of the Nazi's vaunted stronghold called the National Redoubt, fell to American troops without a shot being fired.

*OSS Training and Service Abroad in World War*

*II Aug 16 2020* Because of the secrecy that enveloped the U.S. Office of Strategic Services in World War II, it surprises most people, including nearby residents, to learn that spies were trained in some of the National Parks—not just spies but guerrilla leaders, saboteurs, clandestine radio operators and others who would be infiltrated behind enemy lines. What are today known as Catoctin Mountain Park in Maryland and Prince William Forest Park in Virginia played a vital role in the training of the operatives of the U.S. Office of Strategic Services. Known by its initials, the OSS was a specially created wartime military agency that fought a largely invisible and covert war against the Axis powers between 1942 and 1945. America's first national centralized intelligence agency with thousands of clandestine operatives, spies, and intelligence analysts, the OSS is acknowledged as the predecessor of the Central Intelligence Agency. With its Special Operations troops and Operational Group commandos, the



OSS is also widely considered a forerunner of today's Special Forces. From 1941 to 1945, the men and women of the OSS were part of a "shadow war," a war largely behind the scenes and often behind enemy lines around the world. Highly secret during the war and in many instances for years thereafter, that effort was designed to help undermine the conquests of Nazi Germany, fascist Italy, and militaristic Japan. The "shadow warriors" sought to supply and guide local resistance movements, demoralize the enemy through "black propaganda," and to gather intelligence and commit sabotage in enemy occupied territory to contribute to the victory of the Allies' armed forces as they overcame the totalitarian, Axis aggressors.

**Special Operations in WWII** Dec 12 2022 A brief history of secret British and American World War II organizations, their training, tools, successes, and their legacy. Winston Churchill famously instructed the head of the Special

Operations Executive to "Set Europe ablaze!" Agents of both the British Special Operations Executive and the American Office of Strategic Services underwent rigorous training before making their way, undetected, into occupied Europe to do just that. Working alone or in small cells, often cooperating with local resistance groups, agents undertook missions behind enemy lines involving sabotage, subversion, organizing resistance groups and intelligence-gathering. SOE's first notable success was the destruction of a power station in France, stopping work at a vital U-boat base. Later operations included the assassination of Himmler's deputy Reinhard Heyrich and ending the Nazi atomic bomb program by destroying the heavy water plant at Vemork, Norway. OSS operatives established anti-Nazi resistance groups across Europe, and managed to smuggle operatives into Nazi Germany, including running one of the war's most important spies, German diplomat Fritz Kolbe. All missions were

incredibly dangerous and many agents were captured, tortured, and ultimately killed—the life expectancy of an SOE wireless operator in occupied France was just six weeks. In this short history, historian James Stejskal examines why these agencies were established, the training regime and ingenious tools developed to enable agents to undertake their missions, their operational successes, and their legacy.

[The OSS in World War II Albania](#) Jan 21 2021

World War II found Albania fighting a war within a war. In addition to the threat faced from the Germans, Albania was engaged in a civil war between the Nazi-sponsored Ballists and the Communist partisans led by Enver Hoxha. While America was reluctant to get involved in the civil conflict, the United States was naturally inclined to lend support to whoever fought the Nazis—even if that meant an alliance with the Communists. On a cold November night in 1943, Dale McAdoo (code named Tank) secretly landed on the Albanian coast with a team of OSS (Office

of Strategic Services) agents, including Ismail Carapizzi, an Albanian guide and interpreter who would later be murdered. McAdoo's team, the first of many to follow, set up a base of operations in a deep water level cave on the rocky Albanian coast that served the OSS as it carried out its mission of gathering intelligence to support the Allied war effort and harass the Germans. McAdoo was joined by Captain Tom Stefan (code name Art), an Albanian-speaking OSS officer from Boston, whose assignment was to join Hoxha at his remote mountain headquarters and bond with the reclusive Communist leader to benefit the OSS. This volume describes how the OSS aided the Communist-led partisans in an attempt to weaken the Nazi cause in Albania and neighboring Italy. The book presents an in-depth look at the small core of hardened men who comprised these highly specialized teams, including each member's background and his special fitness for his wartime role behind enemy

lines. The American and British presence in Albania during World War II and the later deterioration of Hoxha's relations with Captain Tom Stefan and the OSS mission are discussed in detail. Firsthand interviews with still-living participants and extensive onsite research make this book a unique resource for a little-known dramatic piece of World War II history.

*The Dirty Tricks Department* Nov 30 2021 John Lisle reveals the untold story of the OSS Research and Development Branch—The Dirty Tricks Department—and its role in World War II. In the summer of 1942, Stanley Lovell, a renowned industrial chemist, received a mysterious order to report to an unfamiliar building in Washington, D.C. When he arrived, he was led to a barren room where he waited to meet the man who had summoned him. After a disconcerting amount of time, William “Wild Bill” Donovan, the head of the OSS, walked in the door. “You know your Sherlock Holmes, of course,” Donovan said as an introduction.

“Professor Moriarty is the man I want for my staff...I think you’re it.” Following this life-changing encounter, Lovell became the head of a secret group of scientists who developed dirty tricks for the OSS, the precursor to the CIA. Their inventions included bat bombs, suicide pills, fighting knives, silent pistols, and camouflaged explosives. Moreover, they forged documents for undercover agents, plotted the assassination of foreign leaders, and performed truth drug experiments on unsuspecting subjects. Based on extensive archival research and personal interviews, *The Dirty Tricks Department* tells the story of these scheming scientists, explores the moral dilemmas that they faced, and reveals their dark legacy of directly inspiring the most infamous program in CIA history: MKULTRA.

*Maria Gulovich, OSS Heroine of World War II* Jun 25 2021 This book tells the story of Slovak underground member Maria Gulovich’s unlikely heroism, focusing on the former elementary

schoolteacher's courageous actions in saving American OSS agents. It describes how, while trapped with the agents behind enemy lines, she forayed into enemy occupied villages to find scarce food for the starving men, spied out enemy troop strength, and occasionally obtained shelter from blizzards with terrified but kind citizens. For her heroism, the U.S. government presented her with a Bronze Star. The work includes an extensive bibliography, a map of the area held by insurrectionists, and several photographs offering a glimpse of World War II seldom seen.

*Classical Spies* May 25 2021 "Classical Spies will be a lasting contribution to the discipline and will stimulate further research. Susan Heuck Allen presents to a wide readership a topic of interest that is important and has been neglected." —William M. Calder III, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign *Classical Spies* is the first insiders' account of the operations of the American intelligence service in World War II

Greece. Initiated by archaeologists in Greece and the eastern Mediterranean, the network drew on scholars' personal contacts and knowledge of languages and terrain. While modern readers might think Indiana Jones is just a fantasy character, *Classical Spies* discloses events where even Indy would feel at home: burying Athenian dig records in an Egyptian tomb, activating prep-school connections to establish spies code-named Vulture and Chickadee, and organizing parachute drops. Susan Heuck Allen reveals remarkable details about a remarkable group of individuals. Often mistaken for mild-mannered professors and scholars, such archaeologists as University of Pennsylvania's Rodney Young, Cincinnati's Jack Caskey and Carl Blegen, Yale's Jerry Sperling and Dorothy Cox, and Bryn Mawr's Virginia Grace proved their mettle as effective spies in an intriguing game of cat and mouse with their Nazi counterparts. Relying on interviews with individuals sharing their stories for the first

time, previously unpublished secret documents, private diaries and letters, and personal photographs, *Classical Spies* offers an exciting and personal perspective on the history of World War II.

**OSS Commando: Hitler's A-Bomb** Oct 18 2020 World War Two rages on. In the conflict's darkest days, both the U.S. and Germany scramble to achieve nuclear capabilities. And if Hitler's scientists hand him the atomic bomb first, the world will be his. Hand-picked and trained by OSS chief "Wild Bill" Donovan, Captain James Cantrell is expected to do the impossible. He must parachute alone into ravaged Poland, and into the jaws of the Nazi beast, to rescue an aging scientist who's been marked for extermination. With the Russians racing to capture the same prize, one wiry and tough ex-Oklahoma cop faces the most tragically difficult choice he's ever had to make. If the SS realize the value of Professor Jahne's secrets, their war is as good as won. So the fragile old

genius must accompany Cantrell out of the country—or else he must die.

**The OSS in World War II** Aug 28 2021

*OSS Design Patterns* Dec 20 2020 The management of telecommunications networks and services is one of the most challenging of software endeavors—partly because of the size and the distributed nature of networks; partly because of the convergence of communications technologies; but mainly because of sheer complexity and diversity of networks and services. The TM Forum's Solutions Frameworks (NGOSS) help address these challenges by providing a framework for the development of management applications—those software applications that provide the building blocks for management solutions. The members of the TM Forum have elaborated many parts of NGOSS to make it practical—including in the area of information modeling, process analysis, and contract definition. This book further elaborates NGOSS by examining the challenging area of

interface design. One of the costs of deploying a new service is the cost of integrating all the necessary applications into an effective software solution to manage the service. This cost has been dubbed the “integration tax” and can turn out to be 7ve times the capital cost of procuring the management software in the 7rst place. From their long experience of the design and standardization of management applications, the authors have extracted a core set of design patterns for the dev- opment of effective and consistent interfaces to management applications. Adopting these patterns across the industry could reduce the learning curve for software - velopers and allow service providers and systems integrators to rapidly and reliably deploy management solutions and thereby markedly reduce the integration tax.

**From OSS to Green Berets** Feb 19 2021 One of the fathers of the United States Special Forces Group, Aaron Bank, recounts his experiences leading to the Special Forces

organization in 1952.

**A Spy’s Diary of World War II** Aug 08 2022

Here is the wartime diary of Wayne Nelson, an OSS officer who served in North Africa and Europe during World War II. A prewar colleague of Allen Dulles, Nelson joined an infant OSS after failing to join the Navy because of a vision disability, and he went on to serve in North Africa, Sicily, Sardinia, Italy, Corsica, and mainland France. Erudite and a skilled writer, Nelson captured intriguing observations about some of the most important spy operations of the war, and his diary entries offer a thrilling, readable and informative glimpse into the life of a spy during World War II.

**Dead on Time** Jan 13 2023 Jean Claude Guiet, born in France and raised in the US, attended Harvard aged 18 until, as a ‘naïve’ 19-year-old, he entered the US Army in 1943. As a native French speaker he was quickly assigned to SOE and the OSS (the precursor of the CIA) and parachuted into occupied France in the lead up

to D-Day. After the liberation of Paris he was sent to Indochina to organize and train tribes in the jungles of the Far East to fight the Japanese. Subsequently he worked for the CIA in Washington. Told with characteristic understatement and charm, Jean Claude's writing perfectly captures the variety of his own long and fascinating life. Much more than one man's memoirs, *Dead on Time* is a tribute to a unique generation whose lives were regularly filled with both danger and laughter.

*Sisterhood of Spies* May 13 2020 An enthralling tribute to the largely unsung women agents who worked undercover to help win WWII told with aplomb.

**Shadow Warriors of World War II** Jun 06 2022 In a dramatically different tale of espionage and conspiracy in World War II, *Shadow Warriors of World War II* unveils the history of the courageous women who volunteered to work behind enemy lines. Sent into Nazi-occupied Europe by the United States'

Office of Strategic Services (OSS) and Britain's Special Operations Executive (SOE), these women helped establish a web of resistance groups across the continent. Their heroism, initiative, and resourcefulness contributed to the Allied breakout of the Normandy beachheads and even infiltrated Nazi Germany at the height of the war, into the very heart of Hitler's citadel—Berlin. Young and daring, the female agents accepted that they could be captured, tortured, or killed, but others were always ready to take their place. Women of enormous cunning and strength of will, the *Shadow Warriors'* stories have remained largely untold until now.

**OSS** May 17 2023 "The best book about America's first modern secret service." -- Washington Post Book World In the months before World War II, FDR prepared the country for conflict with Germany and Japan by reshuffling various government agencies to create the Office of Strategic Services--

America's first intelligence agency and the direct precursor to the CIA. When he charged William ("Wild Bill") Donovan, a successful Wall Street lawyer and Wilkie Republican, to head up the office, the die was set for some of the most fantastic and fascinating operations the U.S. government has ever conducted. Author Richard Harris Smith, himself an ex-CIA hand, documents the controversial agency from its conception as a spin-off of the Office of the Coordinator for Information to its demise under Harry Truman and reconfiguration as the CIA. During his tenure, Donovan oversaw a chaotic cast of some ten thousand agents drawn from the most conservative financial scions to the country's most idealistic New Deal true believers. Together they usurped the roles of government agencies both foreign and domestic, concocted unbelievably complicated conspiracies, and fought the good fight against the Axis powers of Germany and Japan. For example, when OSS operatives stole vital

military codebooks from the Japanese embassy in Portugal, the operation was considered a success. But the success turned into a flop as the Japanese discovered what had happened, and hastily changed a code that had already been decrypted by the U.S. Navy. Colorful personalities and truly priceless anecdotes abound in what may arguably be called the most authoritative work on the subject.

**Donovan's Devils** Mar 03 2022 The stirring, little-known story of the forerunners to today's Special Forces. The OSS—Office of Strategic Services—created under the command of William Donovan, has been celebrated for its cloak-and-dagger operations during World War II and as the precursor of the CIA. As the "Oh So Social," it has also been portrayed as a club for the well-connected before, during, and after the war. *Donovan's Devils* tells the story of a different OSS, that of ordinary soldiers, recruited from among first- and second-generation immigrants, who volunteered for



dangerous duty behind enemy lines and risked their lives in Italy, France, the Balkans, and elsewhere in Europe. Organized into Operational Groups, they infiltrated into enemy territory by air or sea and operated for days, weeks, or months hundreds of miles from the closest Allied troops. They performed sabotage, organized native resistance, and rescued downed airmen, nurses, and prisoners of war. Their enemy showed them no mercy, and sometimes their closest friends betrayed them. They were the precursors to today's Special Forces operators. Based on declassified OSS records, personal collections, and oral histories of participants from both sides of the conflict, Donovan's Devils provides the most comprehensive account to date of the Operational Group activities, including a detailed narrative of the ill-fated Ginny mission, which resulted in the one of the OSS's gravest losses of the war. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for

readers interested in history--books about World War II, the Third Reich, Hitler and his henchmen, the JFK assassination, conspiracies, the American Civil War, the American Revolution, gladiators, Vikings, ancient Rome, medieval times, the old West, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

**No Bugles for Spies** Feb 02 2022 **No Bugles for Spies** chronicles the formation and important missions of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) during World War II. The OSS, created in 1942, was the first centralized agency of United States for both the civilian and military intelligence community. The mission of the OSS was to collect foreign intelligence and to sabotage enemy war efforts. Maintaining espionage, analysis, and research forces, the OSS acted as a clearinghouse for information

gathered from human and signals intelligence sources. At its peak, the agency employed 13,000 men and women. Before World War II and the formation of the OSS, the United States employed only small, select intelligence forces within the military. The Army had the Signals Intelligence Service, a surveillance and cryptanalysis force, and the Navy had its own intelligence service. Despite the recognition by national leaders that peacetime intelligence was a strategic necessity, the War Department's G-2 Intelligence Division was ill-equipped to analyze and disseminate the intelligence information it received from military operations. The outbreak of World War II in Europe prompted President Franklin D. Roosevelt to press for a more centralized and capable national intelligence service. In 1941, with the aid of representatives from the British intelligence community, Roosevelt and his advisors drafted a plan for the creation of a new United States intelligence organization. William J. Donovan was appointed

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as the first director of the OSS. Following the war, the OSS was disbanded, but, in the face of growing Cold War-threats, the Central Intelligence Agency was formed a short-time later. This edition includes a new Preface by Steve Chadde and photographs illustrating the activities of the OSS.

No Bridges Blown Oct 10 2022 A rediscovered classic of military history back in print for the seventy-fifth anniversary of the end of World War II When William B. Dreux parachuted into France in 1944, the OSS infantry officer had cinematic visions of blood-and-guts heroics, of leading the French Maquis resistance forces in daring missions to blow up key bridges and delay the German advance. This isn't the glamorized screen-ready account he expected; this is the real story. Dreux's three-man OSS team landed behind enemy lines in France, in uniform, far from the targeted bridges. No Bridges Blown is a story of mistakes, failures, and survival, a story of volunteers and

countrymen working together in the French countryside. The only book written by one of the Jedburghs about his wartime experiences, Dreux brings the history of World War II to life with stories of real people amidst a small section of the fighting in France. These people had reckless courage, little training, and faced impossible odds. This story will resonate with veterans and everyday citizens alike and it brings to life the realities of war on the ground in Nazi-occupied France.

*At the Dragon's Gate* Feb 14 2023 In the early days of World War II, a young Marine named Charles Fenn was recruited by the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) for undercover operations in the China-Burma-India theatre. Fenn knew exactly what it took to get the job done. His wartime exploits are the stuff of legend, but not even his OSS compatriots knew the full extent of his espionage activities. Fenn's skill as a spy is matched by his talent as a storyteller, and this witty, elegantly written

account of his OSS days not only adds to the historical record, it makes for a compelling read.

**The OSS and CIA** Sep 28 2021 \*Includes pictures \*Includes a bibliography for further reading "The Work of a Nation. The Center of Intelligence." When people think about the Second World War, they seldom think in terms of silence and small acts. This was a war in which the industry of entire nations was rearranged to feed fighting, and it was fought on a scale in which battles could include hundreds of thousands of combatants. Whole cities and populations were destroyed, with millions of casualties occurring at places like Leningrad. But World War II was also a conflict in which modern covert operations first hit their stride. From the jungles of Burma to the streets of Paris, spies, saboteurs, and commandos carried out missions built on secrecy and cunning. Precise, self-contained operations could be as important to the outcome of the war as acts of massive destruction, whether it involved

targeted assassinations, sabotaging key logistics, or counterintelligence to break up the enemy's own rings. At the time, most of these operations were hidden from the public since that was the only way they could be successfully carried out, but in the years since, stories about various missions have emerged. They paint a picture of incredible courage and ingenuity, whether in war zones, enemy territory, or far from the front lines. Though it might be hard to believe, the Americans did not have a covert operations organization when they joined World War II, and like the British, it took them some time to realize it could be a powerful tool. As a result, the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) was not established until June 13, 1942, six months after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Voices within the Pentagon, State Department, and White House all opposed the establishment of this new and untested organization that would carry out activities normally considered unacceptable, so officials within the OSS had to fight for the very

existence of the organization, battling through layers of bureaucracy to get the resources he needed and ensure its independence of action. They also worked hard to justify the use of covert tactics in warfare, to the extent that its leader, William "Wild Bill" Donovan, cited precedents that stretched back to the Bible. In time, all the hard work led to the growth of the OSS into an organization with over 13,000 staff and 40 offices scattered across the world. Its purposes were initially similar to that of Britain's Special Operations Executive, including espionage, sabotage, and intelligence assessments, but with time and experience, it expanded to include economic, psychological, and guerrilla warfare, as well as counter-intelligence work. And of course, it would all chart a path for the early days of America's most famous intelligence agency, the CIA. The OSS and CIA: The History of America's Intelligence Community during World War II and the Establishment of the Central Intelligence Agency

looks at the agencies' organizational characteristics, historical inception, early Cold War growth, and its recent influence. Along with pictures and a bibliography, you will learn about the OSS and CIA like never before.

Mission Yugoslavia Jun 13 2020 Focusing on the wartime activities of the U.S. Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in Axis-controlled Yugoslavia during World War II, this book chronicles American policy, plans for sending aid and agents, and the establishment of the first training bases in North Africa and the Mediterranean. OSS missions and field operations with the Chetniks and Partisans are cataloged and analyzed for the first time, along with OSS views on Yugoslav border claims against Italy and Austria, the OSS position on Slovenia in postwar Yugoslavia, and the role of Yugoslavs cooperating within the OSS.

**The OSS and Ho Chi Minh** Sep 16 2020 Some will be shocked to find out that the United States and Ho Chi Minh, our nemesis for much of the

Vietnam War, were once allies. Indeed, during the last year of World War II, American spies in Indochina found themselves working closely with Ho Chi Minh and other anti-colonial factions—compelled by circumstances to fight together against the Japanese. Dixee Bartholomew-Feis reveals how this relationship emerged and operated and how it impacted Vietnam's struggle for independence. The men of General William Donovan's newly-formed Office of Strategic Services closely collaborated with communist groups in both Europe and Asia against the Axis enemies. In Vietnam, this meant that OSS officers worked with Ho Chi Minh and the Viet Minh, whose ultimate aim was to rid the region of all imperialist powers, not just the Japanese. Ho, for his part, did whatever he could to encourage the OSS's negative view of the French, who were desperate to regain their colony. Revealing details not previously known about their covert operations, Bartholomew-Feis chronicles the exploits of these allies as they

developed their network of informants, sabotaged the Japanese occupation's infrastructure, conducted guerrilla operations, and searched for downed American fliers and Allied POWs. Although the OSS did not bring Ho Chi Minh to power, Bartholomew-Feis shows that its apparent support for the Viet Minh played a significant symbolic role in helping them fill the power vacuum left in the wake of Japan's surrender. Her study also hints that, had America continued to champion the anti-colonials and their quest for independence, rather than caving in to the French, we might have been spared our long and very lethal war in Vietnam. Based partly on interviews with surviving OSS agents who served in Vietnam, Bartholomew-Feis's engaging narrative and compelling insights speak to the yearnings of an oppressed people-and remind us that history does indeed make strange bedfellows.

**A Covert Affair** Oct 30 2021 Chronicles the iconic chef's contributions as a member of the

OSS during World War II and her efforts at the side of her husband to support an agent accused of being a spy, describing how their wartime experiences shaped their characters, relationships, and ambitions.

*OSS Commando: Final Option* Jul 27 2021 As American involvement in WW II grew imminent, President Roosevelt authorized the establishment of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the predecessor of both the CIA and military Special Operations Forces. Using military cover OSS began building a clandestine capability to combat the Axis powers, in which saboteurs, guerillas, commandos, spies and counterintelligence agents worked behind enemy lines. Captain James Cantrell, a former Chicago homicide detective, is the leader of a secret intelligence team for OSS. He is charged with protecting Operation Overlord, the top-secret Allied plans for invading France, and with ferreting out Nazi spies who are desperately attempting to uncover these secrets.

With time running out before D-Day, Cantrell must stop a cunning--and seductive--female Gestapo agent operating in London from delivering stolen Overlord information in time for Hitler to reinforce defenses at Normandy. The chase leads him through bomb ravaged London streets and across the English Channel only hours behind his prey. Parachuting into France behind enemy lines only days before the scheduled D-Day landings, his orders are to assassinate her before she reports to her contact on the French mainland. The fate of WW II hangs in the balance.

### **The OSS Norwegian Special Operations**

**Group in World War II** Apr 23 2021 The Operational Groups (OGs) are the unsung heroes of the OSS, and this story is about the Norwegian OGs, who operated deep behind enemy lines in France in 1944, and in Norway, China, and Indochina in 1945. OGs were the Infantry of the OSS. They were uniformed military personnel designed as hard-hitting units

trained to operate deep behind enemy lines to conduct sabotage upon Axis forces. The OGs were trained in parachuting, demolitions, weaponry, commando tactics, communications, amphibious warfare, and skiing.

[OSS in China](#) Jul 15 2020 Maochun Yu tells the story of the intelligence activities of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in China during World War II. Drawing on recently released classified materials from the U.S. National Archives and on previously unopened Chinese documents, Yu reveals the immense and complex challenges the agency and its director, General William Donovan, confronted in China. This book is the first research-based history and analysis of America's wartime intelligence and special operations activities in the China, Burma and India during WWII. It presents a complex and compelling story of conflicting objectives and personalities, inter-service rivalries, and crowning achievements of America's military, intelligence and political endeavors, the

significance of which goes far beyond WWII and China.

Sub Rosa Mar 15 2023 A thrilling history of the Office of Strategic Services, America's precursor to the CIA, and its secret operations behind enemy lines during World War II. Born in the fires of the Second World War, the Office of Strategic Services, or OSS, was the brainchild of legendary US Maj. Gen. William "Wild Bill" Donovan, designed to provide covert aid to resistance fighters in European nations occupied by Germany's Nazi aggressors. Paratroopers Stewart Alsop and Thomas Braden—both of whom would become important political columnists in postwar years—became part of Wild Bill's able collection of soldiers, spies, and covert operatives. Sub Rosa is an enthralling insider's history of the remarkable intelligence operation that gave birth to the CIA. In Sub Rosa, Alsop and Braden take readers on a breathtaking journey through the birth and development of the top secret wartime

espionage organization and detail many of the extraordinary OSS missions in France, Germany, Dakar and Casablanca in North Africa, and in the jungles of Burma that helped to hasten the end of the Japanese Empire and the fall of Adolf Hitler's powerful Reich. As exciting as any international thriller written by Eric Ambler or Graham Greene, Alsop and Braden's Sub Rosa is an indispensable addition to the literary history of American espionage and intelligence.

**The Secret War Report of the OSS** Jan 01 2022

**THE OSS COMBAT MANUAL Hardcover Edition** Nov 11 2022

**OSS Foreign Nationalities Branch Files, 1942-1945** Apr 04 2022 Documents consist of departmental memos and reports, correspondence with individuals, and press clippings and press reports which deal with American Jewish groups during 1942-1945, as well as issues relating to Palestine, Jews and Jewish refugees during World War II.