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Subj: Air crews taking part in OSS Operations.

To: Commanding Officer
94th Bomb Group - APO 559, U.S. ARMY

1. Colonel F.A.V. Hartbrodt, A-3, 8th Air Force telephoned our offices yesterday to advise us that it would be necessary to recall the two B-17's and their crews who have been working on a special project on loan from your organization. Colonel Hartbrodt stated that this was brought about by reason of a new redeployment order, and in no circumstances could either of the crews be permitted to return to Copenhagen for the completion of the work which they have been doing.

2. The purpose of this memorandum, therefore, is to acknowledge to you the receipt of Colonel Hartbrodt's order, and to thank you for making these men available to us on a highly important operation which was approved by SHAEF last Fall.

3. The first group consists of the following officers and men:-

1st Lieut. Ralph L. Smith.
P/O Raymond H. O'Conner.
P/O Marvin R. Edwards
S/Sgt. David Jack
Sgt. Dominic J. Rossi
Sgt. Joseph Henry, Jr.

These men have actually served this organization in various capacities since last December. While assigned to the 492nd Bomb Group they worked on OSS operations of supplying men and materials to the resistance forces, and from VE-Day until July of this year they were engaged in ferrying of OSS operatives and air freight to forward installations throughout Europe. In July of this year they were transferred to your group and continued their assistance to this organization in the special project mentioned above.

4. It is my understanding that all of the personnel mentioned herein were entitled to return to the United States when the 492nd Bomb Group was redeployed, and all volunteered to remain in this theatre in order to continue the operations

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in which they had taken great personal interest.

5. It is my desire to commend these men for excellent services to this organization, and to thank them, through you, for their willingness to be of continued service after the disbanding of their former unit, and to express my appreciation to you as their Commanding Officer.

6. It is with great pleasure that I learn, through Colonel Hartbrodt, of the new redeployment programme which will return them to the United States immediately.

JOHN A. BROSS
Colonel, A-C.,
Commanding.

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