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JEDBURGH BOARD REPORT

STUDENT NO. 5 NAME CONEIN, Lucien Emile  
COURSE NO. 7 AGE 24 RANK 2/Lt.  
DATE 28.12.43. TYPE OF COMMISSION A.U.S.  
NATIONALITY AMERICAN ARM OF SERVICE INFANTRY  
UNIT O.S.S. Det.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

MILITARY TRAINING.....	<u>OVER 2 YRS.</u>	UNDER 2 YRS.
ACTIVE SERVICE.....	<u>YES</u>	NO
UNDERGROUND EXPERIENCE.....	YES	<u>NO</u>
W/T EXPERIENCE.....	YES	<u>NO</u>
JUMPING.....	<u>YES</u>	NO

BOARD GRADING

INTELLIGENCE GRADING

KNOWLEDGE OF FRENCH

D
S
F

JCB RECOMMENDATION

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SPECIAL QUALITIES

1. His civilian record is impressive..... + (0) -
2. He will be a good fighting soldier..... + (0) -
3. He will make a good organiser..... + (0) -
4. He can command others..... + 0 (-)
5. He will be popular with his associates..... + 0 (-)
6. He has a personality which will impress  
others..... + (0) -
7. He is considerate of others..... + (0) -
8. He will cooperate well..... + (0) -
9. He is tactful..... + (0) -
10. He has stability of temperament..... + (0) -
11. He is thoroughly reliable..... + (0) -
12. He has a good sense of discipline..... + (0) -
13. He will retain a steady morale throughout.... + (0) -
14. He has self-confidence..... + 0 (-)
15. He can take decisions decisively..... + 0 (-)
16. He will have enthusiasm for the work..... + (0) -

SPECIAL QUALITIES

17. He has plenty of personal initiative.... + (0) -
18. He is capable of acting independently... + (0) -
19. He welcomes responsibility..... + (0) -
20. He is capable of assuming responsibility + 0 (-)
21. He is an aggressive active type..... + (0) -
22. He has good planning ability..... + (0) -
23. He is a very practical sort of man..... + (0) -
24. He is a man of the world..... + (0) -
25. He will be determined and will  
persevere..... + (0) -
26. He is clear-thinking..... + 0 (-)
27. He uses his intelligence to best  
advantage..... + (0) -
28. He is fond of risk and adventure..... + (0) -
29. He has good physical stamina..... + (0) -
30. He is physically agile..... + (0) -
31. His motivation is sound..... + (0) -
32. He is a man of integrity..... + (0) -

GENERAL REMARKS

This man shows complete lack of any leadership qualifications and it is extremely doubtful whether he would develop any during training. His experience in the French Army and in France after the fall, as well as his French background, should be used in some capacity and it is suggested, therefore, that he would be more suited as a subordinate member of a coup-de-main party.

*N. G. P. Luby*

MAJOR,

D/PRESIDENT

For PRESIDENT  
JEDBURGH BOARD.

(P.113)

(29)

Code Name.....	Other Code Names.....	REF. MAPS	CARD NO.
Name <u>CAMBIN</u>	<u>LUCIEN EMILE</u>		<u>C.90</u>
Pre-D-Day.....		D-Day.....	
Address (i).....		(ii).....	
Hides (i).....		(ii).....	
Hides (iii).....		(iii).....	
Proof of Identity <u>U.S.A.</u>		Colour <u>AGE 29</u>	
Description: Height <u>5 FT 11 1/2 IN</u> Weight <u>11 ST 6 LB</u> build.....		Colour of Eyes <u>BLU</u>	
Distinguishing peculiarities.....			
Zones of Operations.....			
Sub-Organisers.....			
W/T Operator <u>PRINTER 1 YEAR 4 MONTHS</u>			
Experience <u>ACTIVE SERVICE FRENCH ARMY (A.T.K) 1940 - INFANTRY, US ARMY,</u> <u>1 YR NATIONAL GUARD; GUNNER ONE YR FRENCH ARMY (P.F. IN U.S. ARMY)</u> <u>2 YRS) 1 YR COMMISSIONED SERVICE IN ARMY</u>			
Remarks <u>INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE SAVOY ISERE BASSES PYRENEES PARIS</u> <u>FAIR " LILLE AMIENS TERNIER JERON CIVETH AHEING</u> <u>FLUENT FRENCH</u>			
Contents <u>UNCLASSIFIED</u>			
Date <u>23 June 1977</u>			

Unit **ME 65**

MORNING SICK REPORT

Station **Field**

Company **B**

MEDICAL INSPECTION REPORT

Date **28/11/64**

Army Rank. No.	Surname & Initials.	Completed years of Serv.	Dis- for fault duty. ex.	Disease.	Disposal M.O's.	Remarks
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01325226	J. C. Conner					
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*Diagnosed by Army for treatment*  
*W. J. [unclear]*

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Date **25 April 1977**

Signature of Order

*J. Donnelly*



3rd May, 1944

TO USE IF MAY CONCERN

... certify that 1/Lt. Ianian E. COHEN's pay  
is in order with us.



H.B. COLE, Jr.,  
Major, Cav.,  
Chief  
Quartermaster, U.S.A., Detachment.

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808716  
Date 25 April 1977

Unit..... MORNING SICK REPORT. Station.....  
 Company.. B..... MEDICAL INSPECTION REPORT. Date.. 4-7-44

Army Rank. No.	Surname & Initials.	Completed years	Rel. Ser.	If for duty.	De- fault er.	Disease.	Disposal	M.O's. Remarks & Signature.
	COHEN I.E.	24	6 <sup>10</sup> / <sub>12</sub>			Wrist/shoulder		To clinic in Hammond
Dawson Capt								

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 809785  
 Date 25 April 1977

Signature of Orderly MCO... [Signature]

Unit..... MORNING SICK REPORT. Station... Yellow Hall  
 Company.. A..... MEDICAL INSPECTION REPORT. Date.. 4 MAY 44

Army Rank. No.	Surname & Initials.	Completed years	Rel. Ser.	If for duty.	De- fault er.	Disease.	Disposal	M.O's. Remarks & Signature.
	COHEN I.E.	24	2	YES	NO	Prosthetic		To Yellow Hall
[Signature]								

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 809785  
 Date 25 April 1977

Signature of Orderly MCO... [Signature]

COMPANY... *B*... *For*... **CRIMINAL SICK REPORT.** **STATUS**.....  
**DISCIPLINARY REPORT.** **DATE** *4-17-44*  
 Army Part. No. Surname & Initials. *Walters* **REG.** **RE-** **DISEASE.** **DISPOSAL**  
 No. Initials. *Walters* **FOR** **FAULT** **REMARKS**  
*Ce.* **AGE.** **SEX.** **DUTY.** **CR.** **SIGNATURE.**

*CONFIDENTIAL, 24, 6 10/12 C* *Withheld - to clinic for exam*

*6* **CONTACTS** **RECEIVED**  
*25 April 44*  
*Signature of Capt*

Signature of Orderly NCO... *M. E. 65*

65/CR/1

To:- Lt. Colonel Carleton-Smith

*Per*... **10 Apr 44.**  
 From:- Commandant M.E.65

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1st. Lieut. L.E. CONEIN.

1. This Office has received a copy of Major Tyson's Confidential letter to Major Coxe, dated 3 Apr 44.

It is assumed that you will arrange for necessary alterations on this Officer's card.

2. Formal approval for the change of name will be required for our records.

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 Date *2 April 1977*  
 RDG/DMW

*J. W. Schubert*  
 Lt. Colonel  
 O.C. L.E.65

SHIPPING TICKET

CONSIGNOR: 1st Lt. Lucien A. Conain  
 Supply Officer 2677 Reg.

DATE SHIPPED OR DELIVERED

SHIP TO: 1st Lt. Lucien A. Conain  
 0-

AUTHORITY OR REQ. NO.

TRANSPORTATION COST OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CHARGEABLE TO  
 P/A No. \_\_\_\_\_

QUANTITY		STOCK NO.	ARTICLE	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
ORDERED	SHIPPED					
lea.			Mosquito Bar			
1 Ea.			Hoppes Gun Cleaning Kit			
1 Ea			Sleeping Bag Mt. Type			
1 Ea			Para. Jump Pants 34x34			
1 Ea			Map Case			
1 Ea			Bags Canvas Field			
1 Ea			Suspenders Rifle			
1 Ea			Wire Cutters Small			
			W/case			
1 Ea			Knives Pocket Eng			
1 Ea			Pistol Cal 22 W/silencer			
			Serial No. 118062			

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ARTICLES LISTED IN COLUMN "ORDERED" HAVE BEEN RECEIVED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED IN COLUMN "SHIPPED."

Lucien A. Conain 1st Lt J.S.S.  
 (NAME) (RANK) (ORGANIZATION)

CONSIGNOR'S VOL. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

CONSIGNEE'S VOL. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF SHEETS \_\_\_\_\_

Personal/Army No. .... Rank... T/3  
Name..... Carpenter... J.J. .... Nationality.....  
Age.....  
Identity Phrase.....

Description:  
Height..... Weight..... Colour of Eyes.....  
Physical peculiarities.....  
Scars, Birthmarks, etc.....

Experience:

✓ (1) Civilian Occupation (Job and time spent in each).  
*Electrician at Franklin Plating Co  
Columbus, Ohio for eight years part time  
two years full time*

✓ (2) Military Service and length of Service.  
1. Pre Commission. *August to*  
.....  
2. Commissioned. *No*

✓ (b) Arm of the Service. *Signal Corps*

✓ (c) Locality of Action or overseas service.....

✓ (3) S.T.S. or similar experience (Training) *five weeks at  
S.T.S. H.Q. and area in the U.S.*

✓ (4) Underground Experiences. *None*

Remarks.

(1). Experience of Foreign Parts (Continent).

(a) Intimately.....

(b) Mainly Well.....

*3*  
*cf. Jd Kan MARK file*

Code Name **5**

Other Code Names

REF. MAPS

CARD NO.

Name **CARPENTER**

**JAMES JOSEPH**

**C-19**

Pre-D-Day

D-Day

Address (i)

(ii)

Hides (i)

(ii)

(iii)

**I know a girl called Helen. She is a nurse.**

Country of Identity **U.S.A.**

AGE **20**

Description: Height **6 FT 7 IN** Weight **200 Lb** Build **TALL**

Colour of Eyes **BROWN**

Distinguishing peculiarities **SMALL SCAR EDGE OF RIGHT EYE**

Unit **ME-65**

MORNING SICK REPORT.

Station **Milton, Pa**

Company **A**

MEDICAL INSPECTION REPORT.

Date **20 APR 44**

Day Rank No.	Surname & Initials	Completed years	Rel. Ser.	If for duty.	De-fault or.	Disease.	Disposal	H.O's. & Remarks	Signature.
15/21222 1/3	Carpenter	20	1 1/2	RC.	Yes	No	Dental Carrier	Dental Clinica	

**G. Joe Van MARK file**

**Bishop Sp.**

MAS/WT/28/98.

FIVE.

To: Major Marten.

From: Capt. Mawer

SUBJECT:

Carpenter.

SENDING:

This has been Carpenter's weak point. From the moment he arrived here, we realised he would have to improve his sending if he was to be fit to go into the field. Every effort has been made to do this, and it is still quite impossible for Carpenter to send accurately at a speed of above 14 w.p.m.

RECEIVING:

Fairly good. Accurate at 18 w.p.m.

B.SET & JED.SET:

He has a fair knowledge of these sets - sufficient to work them in the field.

The only weak point is his sending, and in view of the importance of receiving messages accurately, it will be quite impossible to send Carpenter into the field as a Wireless Operator.

MURPHY CAPT. R. SIGNALS.

Requires another test.

Has been practicing + should say 15 w.p.m. with no mistakes.

9th August, 1944.

Sending with left hand.

Good.

Now OK + good with the concern.

*S. Det*

**SECRET**  
HQ & Hq DETACHMENT  
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
SQ/IE

AGO 837  
17 October 1944

**SUBJECT:** Status of Sgt. JAMES J. CARPENTER, ASN 15121222

**TO :** Commanding Officer, C.I. Section  
S. F. Detachment #12.

1. You will find herewith copy of original cable from SOSOP LONDON, Nr 6521 dated 6 October 1944 requesting investigation on Sgt. Carpenter; copy of our letter to you dated 10 October 1944 furnishing all information we had collected on this case and requesting the assistance of your staff; and our cable Nr 8554 of 10 October 1944 to SOSOP LONDON, which is self-explanatory and to which we have as yet not received a reply. The attached represent our complete file on this subject.

2. In accordance with instructions received from the Chief, Western European Section, this case is turned over to you for handling to conclusion.

**ENCLOSURES:**

- Incl 1- Cable from SOSOP, LONDON  
No. 6521
- Incl 2- Letter 10 October to CO,  
CI Section, SF Det #12.
- Incl 3- Cable to SOSOP, LONDON  
No. 8554

R. B. LACOSTE  
1st Lt., Inf  
Investigating Officer

**SECRET**

HQ & HQ DETACHMENT  
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
FORWARD  
SO/WE

APO 887  
10 October 1944

SUBJECT: Sgt James J. Carpenter, 15121222

TO : CO, CI Section, SF Det #12

1. Upon orders received from London, this office is endeavoring to locate Sgt James J. Carpenter, who was radio operator of Jedburgh Team MARK. This man left Algiers on 15 August and was to have reported to Avignon 23 September.

2. We are advised today by Capt Guillot who was in Avignon between 18 Sept and 8 Oct that Carpenter was not there but that Capt E. T. Allen had mentioned having seen Lt Conien, who was on same team as Carpenter, at Toulouse. Further, T/Sgt William Adams of Aube Mission advises today that he saw Carpenter in Toulouse around 15 Sept.

3. Capt Grell advised that two officers of S.P.O.C., Major Barbier (Br.) and Lt Bonnet, Hotel Crillon, Avignon, may possess information as to Carpenter's whereabouts.

4. Will you kindly check your records and give us the benefit of what they reflect on the subject of Sgt Carpenter's present location? If Sgt Carpenter or Lt Conien arrive at your Hq, please instruct them to report to this office immediately. It is further suggested that agents returning to you from Toulouse might be able to throw light on the matter.

5. Lt Lacoste has been assigned the mission of locating Sgt Carpenter.

PAUL VAN DER STRICHT  
Lt Col, AUS  
Chief, Western European Section

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Date 25 April 1977



30 December 1944

TO: Major Stephen C. Millett, Jr.

FROM: Lt de Roussy de Sales

Draft of Narrative for Granting of Award to:

1st Lieutenant Lucien E. Consin, Inf, O-1322769.

Lieutenant Consin coming from Algiers parachuted into France 16 August 1944 as a member of the Jedburgh Team MARK, assigned to arm and assist the Maquis in the Gers Department, in guerrilla warfare against German garrisons and convoys.

On 19 August in its first participation in a Maquis attack on a convoy at Isle Jourdain the Team captured seven prisoners.

Shortly afterwards with the general evacuation by the Germans of southwestern France the work of the Team became largely that of intelligence and liaison including trips to the Spanish border, to Agen, and to Marseilles. The most important work, however, was done in the area of Royan where in conjunction with other Jedburgh Teams this Team worked to piece together the detailed plan of the German defenses. Arrangements also were made to pass on intelligence to a squadron of French planes that made twelve successful attacks on Royan.

*Lt de Roussy de Sales*  
LT DE ROUSSY DE SALES

AWARD RECOMMENDED:

STEPHEN C. MILLETT, JR.  
Major, AG  
Chief, Western European Section

*no award*

*SCM*

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Date *26 April 1977*

80 December 1944

TO: Major Stephen C. Millert, Jr.

FROM: Lt de Boussy de Sales

Draft of Narrative for Granting of Award to:

1st Lieutenant Lucien E. Comsin, Inf, O-1322789.

Lieutenant Comsin coming from Algiers parachuted into France 16 August 1944 as a member of the Jedburgh Team (AKI, assigned to arm and assist the Maquis in the Gers Department, in guerrilla warfare against German garrisons and convoys.

On 19 August in the first participation in a Maquis attack on a convoy at Lels Jourdein the Team captured seven prisoners.

Shortly afterwards with the general evacuation by the Germans of southwestern France the work of the Team became largely that of intelligence and liaison including trips to the Spanish border to Agen and to Herselles. The most important work, however, was done in the area of Royan where in conjunction with other Jedburgh Teams this Team worked to place together the detailed plan of the German defenses. Arrangements also were made to pass on intelligence to a squadron of French planes that made twelve successful attacks on Royan.

AWARD RECOMMENDED:

LE DE BOUSSY DE SALES

STEPHEN C. MILLERT, JR.  
Major, AG  
Chief, Western European Section

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Date 25 April 1977

30 December 1944

TO: Major Stephen C. Millett, Jr.

FROM: Lt de Roussy de Sales

Draft of Narrative for Granting of Award to:

M/Sgt James J. Carpenter, AUS, 15121222.

Sergeant Carpenter coming from Algiers parachuted into France 16 August 1944 as radio operator for the "edburgh team MARK, assigned to arm and assist the Maquis in the Gers Department, in Guerrilla Warfare against German garrisons and convoys.

On 19 August in its first participation in a Maquis attack on a convoy at Isle Jourdain the Team captured seven prisoners.

Shortly afterwards with the general evacuation by the Germans of southwestern France the work of the Team became largely that of intelligence and liaison including trips to the Spanish border to Agen and to Marseilles. The most important work, however, was done in the area of Royan where in conjunction with other "edburgh Teams this team worked to piece together the detailed plan of the German defenses. Arrangements also were made to pass on intelligence to a squadron of French planes that made twelve successful attacks on Royan.

*de Roussy de Sales*  
LT DE ROUSSY DE SALES

AWARD RECOMMENDED:

*no award*

*scm*

STEPHEN C. MILLETT, JR.  
MAJOR, AC  
CHIEF, WESTERN EUROPEAN SECTION

*Does not  
pertain to  
concern*

NAME COEIN, LUCIEN E RANK 1<sup>ST</sup> LT INF ASI 0-1322769

NAME & ADDRESS  
NEAREST RELATIVE MRS. Jeanne A. McBee (AUNT)  
1637 15<sup>th</sup> STREET SAN FRANCISCO

ENTERED MILITARY  
SERVICE FROM (CITY & STATE) KANSAS CITY KANSAS

DATE OF ENTRY INTO THE FIELD 16 AUG 1944

DATE RETURNED FROM THE FIELD 24 NOV 1944

ASSIGNED AREA IN FIELD GERS - TARN ET GARRONE

NUMBER OF RESISTANCE PERSONNEL  
OPERATING IN YOUR AREA 8,000

WOUNDS OR INJURIES SPRAINED ANKLE ON LANDING

DECORATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME Carpenter James J NAME M/1st Lt SN 15121222

NAME & ADDRESS  
NEAREST RELATIVE Mrs Elizabeth Carpenter  
769 Bedford Place

ENTERED MILITARY  
SERVICE FROM (CITY & STATE) Columbus Ohio

DATE OF ENTRY INTO THE FIELD 16 Aug 1944

DATE RETURNED FROM THE FIELD 24 Nov 1944

ASSIGNED AREA IN FIELD 6ERS-TARGET GARROUE

NUMBER OF RESISTANCE PERSONNEL  
OPERATING IN YOUR AREA 8,000

WOUNDS OR INJURIES NONE

DECORATIONS ON RECORD

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REPORT OF JELBURGH TEAM MARK

16 August - 23 November 1944

1st Lt Lucien E. Conein (US)  
Lt Thevenet (Fr)  
Lt Raymond (Fr)  
M/Sgt James Carpenter (US)

AREA: Department of Gers

DATE OF DISPATCH: 16 August 1944

MISSION: 1. Go to Circuit WHEELWRIGHT in Tarne et Garonne  
2. To assist in organizing the FFI and resistance  
3. To report potentiality of these groups  
4. To act as liaison between resistance and EMFFI and obtain arms and supplies for the resistance.

TRANSPORT: Liberator Aircraft from Blida Airport, Algeria.

DROP: Drop made on third run over the field on Ground BUFFALO BILL.

After being left high and dry for six weeks, we were finally sent to France but only after a mission came to London to get orders and briefs. We believe we were sent into the field to be out of the way and cause no more trouble.

Due to the wonderful work of Ensign Daphne Park we were briefed. We left Blida, Algeria at 2030 hrs on 16 August arriving 3 1/2 hrs later over the landing grounds BUFFALO BILL. The ground was very well lit up and it was possible to see the bonfires from a great distance. It had been arranged before takeoff with the pilot, that containers, packages and bodies would be dropped, in that order. For some unknown reason the pilot headed with the wind instead of against it, thus causing us to land 6 kilometers from the landing ground. Except for a sprained ankle by Lt Conein the drop was successful. The injury was due to twisted rigging lines and failure of the pilot to cut the motor.

We hid in the field that night and left in the early morning. We walked through fields and contacted an old peasant who took us by diverse routes to a group of wounded maquis where we made our first contact. We were then taken to Hilaire, a British agent, who had been in the field for two years and controlled the armed resistance in R-4.

At the initial conference with Hilaire it was apparent that it was impossible for the team to go to Tarne et Garonne inasmuch as the military situation had completely changed within the last few days.

On the afternoon of 17 August at our suggestion Ravel alias Hexagon, alias Verdun, Regional Chief of the FFI, Rosette representing Droite LMA, Col Vincent and other leaders called a war council with Hilaire and all the Allied missions in the area. At this meeting Ravel gave orders that our maquis would not move without his personal orders. That night agents brought word that the German garrison at Auch was preparing to move to Toulouse and were coming through our area. Hilaire asked us to order the maquis to intercept this movement. His reason for this request was that he lacked sufficient power to countermand Ravel's orders and as we had just arrived from London we could give orders in the name of General Eisenhower. This done, automatically cancelling all previous orders.

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We then called a meeting of all local leaders -- Capt Parisot, Cndt Cellier, Cndt Camillio of the Spanish Maquis, and all Battalion leaders including the Group Franc of the Gers. Orders were issued to make contact with the Germans and to wipe them out on all roads. Like everything else in France, this took about 24 hours of argument before a decision was made.

At 0900 hrs 19 August the column under Capt Parisot moved out.

At 1030 hrs information was received that the Germans were moving out.

At 1100 hrs we left with Capt Mecin's column of 23 trucks, 8 civilian cars and 6 motorcycles by secondary roads to stop the Germans. It took us 6 hrs to go 100 miles due to the fact that the trucks were not running with gasoline, but with charbon de bois.

At 1730 hrs the first contact was made with the Germans at a cross-road 200 yds from Isle Jourdain. Firing commenced immediately and as we were in the first car, we rushed back, halted the men and made them get off the trucks and into the ditches.

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We then called a meeting of all local leaders -- Capt Parisot, Cmt Cellierier, Cmt Camillio of the Spanish Maquis, and all battalion leaders including the Group Franc of the Gers. Orders were issued to make contact with the Germans and to wipe them out on all roads. Like everything else in France, this took about 24 hours of argument before a decision was made.

At 0900 hrs 13 August the column under Capt Parisot moved out.

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about this battle was that the Germans had United States motorcycles, British Sten guns and automatic rifles and "recovered" American 9mm ammunition.

Incidents which occurred during the battle proved that the discipline among the German column, though beaten, was remarkable.

Next morning Hilaire asked me to go to Toulouse and negotiate with Ravanel for the entry of the Brigade of Armagnac. When we arrived in Toulouse 23 August, fighting was going on in the streets between the French and Milice. The FTP was on the outskirts of the town waiting to make their entry after having let all the Germans escape from Toulouse. Ravanel received me very coldly and finally agreed on the entry of the Brigade of Armagnac. On my way out of town one motorcycle of my escort broke down and I was left in the middle of the town. When the Milice saw the American flag flying from the car they began firing at me from the roof tops. The civilian population began to absolutely mob the car and I had to draw a gun to keep them away. I then made my first public speech. I announced in public that the American troops were 10 kilometers from Toulouse, that I was the advance guard and that we would enter the next day. At that moment I did not realize what proportions a false rumor would make. For three weeks the people were sewing American and British flags, and standing on the roads expecting the phantom column.

At this point Hilaire started using Jed Team MARK for military political work. Many secret meetings were held at which I was not present and I was sent on missions for Hilaire of which I did not have full knowledge although Lt Thevenet was fully acquainted with all the details.

On 24 August we went to Agen in an attempt to settle a political squabble between the FTPF and the FFI. While there Lt Thevenet negotiated to sack Colonel Durandel. I was informed that this move was for the good of the military situation and accordingly agreed.

Returning from Agen I informed Lt Thevenet that I would attend all future secret meetings; that I was responsible for the team; that I had an American radio operator and that under no circumstances were any telegrams to be sent without my knowledge or permission, as had been done in the past.

On 30 August we went to Besier to contact the local resistance leaders of the region and was advised they had no arms. Seeing that the situation was becoming political instead of military I advised London to prepare to disarm the civilian population who were shooting each other. This battle lasted about six days during which time our house was attacked twice by the French. Inasmuch as I had no power to disarm the civilian population I returned to Toulouse to inform Ravanel of the situation and request his cooperation. Ravanel said he would have to call a meeting of his council. I then asked for arms from London for my group of maquis. After waiting several weeks two planes arrived bringing us only four machine guns and a quantity of medical supplies.

Hilaire asked me to go to the Spanish border to check up on the situation there. I found 116 men guarding a 50 foot bridge, French officers going to and from St Sebastian, Spain. During the week over 800 Spaniards had come from Spain to France and over 1,200 Germans had gone to Spain where they were cheered and received by the Fascists. I made a report to London about this situation and told them to inform the American Embassy and the British Foreign Office. On my return to Toulouse, these facts were reported to Hilaire.

I went to Marseilles on 8 September to see General Cochet and inform him of the general situation in the FFI and particularly on the Spanish border. The General issued orders, in my presence, to create a Zone Interdite and blackout on the frontier. He also issued orders to General Bertin to cease his functions as of 12 September. All of these orders I brought back to Toulouse and turned over to Kavel.

Several days later General De Gaulle arrived. His orders were that all allied missions would quit Toulouse and return to the UK.

As Lt Thevenet had gone to Paris on a mission and had never returned, I left Toulouse with Sgt Carpenter. I teamed up with Capt Raymond of Team MARTIN and informed London accordingly. Our mission was transferred from one of aid to one of intelligence. We organized a group of agents in the Royan Sector and established our headquarters at Port d'Enveaux.

All intelligence was passed on to the Brittany Base Section in Rennes and from there to SHAEF. We also made contact with the 94th Division Headquarters at Chateaubriant where I learned they had an escadrille of French planes at Vannes. I immediately left for Vannes and made contact with the leader of the escadrille whose mission was to harass the enemy positions in our sector. I gave him necessary intelligence on the targets and arranged a means of communications by panels. When the plane would arrive over the panels and buzz twice that meant he would land at Cognac where he would pick up the latest intelligence and ask the pilots to bomb. Twelve of these missions had been carried out and were very successful.

As messages to London were not answered I went to Paris and contacted SHAEF who ordered me to return to the field and bring back all the latest intelligence. In the meantime General Delarminat took charge of operations on the Western Front and after making contact with him and other members of his staff we were told to leave for Paris as the Jed missions were no longer wanted. I completely understand this because the French Army has not won an important battle in France and it is necessary for the morale of the French Army that the French should lay on an operation completely French that will be successful.

I arrived in Paris on 13 November. Several days later, accompanied by Major Montgomery of Jed Team TONY, I went to 6th Army Group Headquarters at Vittel to report on the situation in my area. We were interrogated by G-2 and G-3 and returned to Paris 19 November. I left Paris on 24 November and arrived in London the same day.

MACUIS STRENGTH AND ARMAMENT:

<u>Personnel</u>	<u>On Team's Arrival</u>	<u>On Team's Departure</u>
Colonels	0	1
Lt Colonels	0	2
Majors	1	11
Captains	24	31
Lieutenants	46	47
Sergeants	42	46
Corporals	16	52
Men	1,097	1,843

<u>Armament</u>	<u>On Team's Arrival</u>	<u>On Team's Departure</u>
Pistols	800	1,200
Rifles	512	964
Sten Guns	300	316
Automatic Rifles	61	75
Machine Guns (light)	30	82
Machine Guns (heavy)	0	4
20mm Guns	0	8
75mm Guns	0	4
77mm Guns	0	2
105 mm Guns	0	2
Light Tanks	0	3

ENEMY SITUATION:

The enemy is strongly fortified, provided with abundant artillery amply supplied with munitions but lacking aircraft. These defenses block the ports of LORIENT, ST NAZAIRE, LA ROCHELLE and BORDEAUX and comprise of 70,000 men.

In the Royan zone is a total of 11,000 men, including reinforcements of 3,000 men who arrived from Verdon 11 November. These are all commanded by Admiral Michahelles.

65% are foreigners without any loyalty to the Reich (Poles, some Russians, some Czechs) and are ready to surrender. They form part of the garrisons of the block houses and of certain inner batteries in the fortified zone. They are brigaded with Germans.

35% are pure Germans, 2,000 of them SS and 2,500 Marines. The stabilization of the Eastern Front has raised their hopes a bit.

POLITICAL NOTES:

The mission of Jed Team MARK was not political. However, in France it is impossible to disassociate politics from the military.

1. There is no political union in France.
2. Most Comite de Liberation formed, are socialist and communist.
3. Under pressure of the CDL the FFI has, in many places, given way to the FTPF.
4. The Movement de Liberation National is trying to unite with the Front National; both keeping their charters and working together.
5. General de Gaulle is losing popularity in many corners of France. Reasons:
  - a. Food situations have not changed and in some places are worse.
  - b. Vichy laws are still enforced.
  - c. No unity.

REMARKS:

France has been occupied partially for four years and totally for two years.

The politics of Vichy have divided the country.

France has 1,000,000 prisoners, among them some of the best soldiers and leaders of France.

PERSONALITIES:

Lt Col Parisot. Killed 6 September by RAF plane landing at Francazal with equipment I had requested. A true patriot and superior leader, Col Parisot was an inspiration to all who knew him.

Lt Col Monnet. Successor to Col Parisot. Commandant of the Demi Brigade of Armagnac. Politically minded -- very pro Le Gaulle.

Major Cellerier. Commander of the 6th Chasseur Alpin Bn in 1939/40, Ex S.O.L., actual military leader of our maquis. Rendered invaluable service to Jed Team MARK. Condemned to death by the communists from the Gers.

Ravenel. Regional Chief of the FFI of R-4. A very intelligent man. Has communistic tendencies and will be appointed to the French War Ministry soon. Has said in public "The Americans and English have never had confidence in the FFI". Very anti-allied but not pro-German.

Droite. DMR R-4. A fool incapable of making decisions.

Beck. A communist who double-crossed every one around him.

Charlier. Sent from Madrid as Commander of the Frontier. Is incapable and thinks only of having a good time in St Sebastian.

Rosette. A very good man and a capable leader, can make decisions. Took over when Droite was not present. Is now assistant G-3 to the French Ministry of War.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT OF JED TEAM MARK

16 August - 23 November 1944

1st Lt Lucien E. Conein (US)  
Lt Thevenet (Fr)  
Lt Raymond (Fr)  
M/Sgt Carpenter (US)

First contact was made with the home station on the second day after landing. Communications were maintained without interruption throughout the entire mission.

No great difficulty was experienced with static and atmospherics and all wave lengths were satisfactory.

Until the last three weeks all operators at the base station gave splendid cooperation. During the last three weeks the standard of operations dropped slightly.

M/Sgt James J. Carpenter.

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Date 26 Feb 1977

**STATEMENT OF VERIFICATIONS**

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