

# The Untold Stories of The OSS in World War II You Won't Believe!

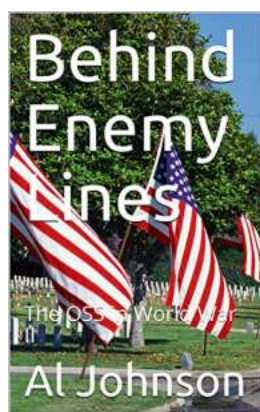
When talking about intelligence agencies during World War II, most people immediately think of the British MI6 or the German Gestapo. However, there is one agency that played a crucial, yet often overlooked, role in the war – the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). In this article, we will explore the captivating history of the OSS and its tremendous impact during World War II.

## What was the OSS?

The Office of Strategic Services was a United States intelligence agency formed during World War II. Established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1942, the OSS was the predecessor to the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) and served as the primary intelligence agency of the U.S. until its dissolution in 1945.

## The Birth of the OSS

With the escalating tensions and the U.S. involvement in the war, President Roosevelt recognized the need for a centralized intelligence agency. The OSS was created with the primary objective of collecting and analyzing strategic information on the enemy forces to aid in military planning and decision-making.



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## **The Espionage Operations**

One of the most fascinating aspects of the OSS's activities during World War II was its espionage operations. OSS agents, often referred to as "secret warriors," were meticulously handpicked for their unique skills, including language proficiency, cultural understanding, and combat expertise.

## **Sabotage and Subversion**

The OSS carried out daring sabotage and subversion missions across enemy lines. They disrupted infrastructure, destroyed enemy supplies, and built networks of resistance fighters in Nazi-occupied territories. These operations were critical in weakening the enemy's hold and gathering valuable information for the Allies.

## **Intelligence Gathering**

OSS agents were also paramount in gathering vital intelligence. They made use of their contacts, infiltrated enemy territory, and conducted covert operations to obtain information on military plans, weapons development, and political strategies. The intelligence gathered by the OSS proved to be invaluable in shaping the war effort.

## **OSS and the Intelligence Innovations**

The OSS was at the forefront of intelligence innovations during World War II. They developed cutting-edge technologies and techniques that laid the foundation for modern intelligence practices. One such innovation was the use of concealed

microphones and hidden cameras to gather intelligence through covert recordings and photographs.

## Women in the OSS

Contrary to the prevailing gender norms of the time, the OSS actively recruited and trained women for espionage roles. These courageous women served as spies, analysts, and radio operators. Their contributions were vital in securing critical intelligence and decoding enemy communications.

## OSS Legacy

After the end of World War II, the OSS was disbanded, but its legacy lives on. The knowledge, techniques, and expertise developed during the OSS era greatly influenced the formation of subsequent intelligence agencies, particularly the CIA. The OSS set the stage for a new era of intelligence operations that still shape the world today.

The Office of Strategic Services, often overshadowed by other intelligence agencies, played a pivotal role in World War II. Its contributions through espionage, intelligence gathering, and innovation proved to be instrumental in the Allied victory. The OSS was a testament to the bravery and ingenuity of its agents, who risked their lives to collect the vital information needed for strategic decision-making. The untold stories of the OSS in World War II are captivating and remind us of the sacrifices made by those who fought in the shadows.

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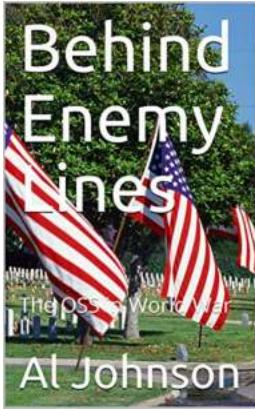
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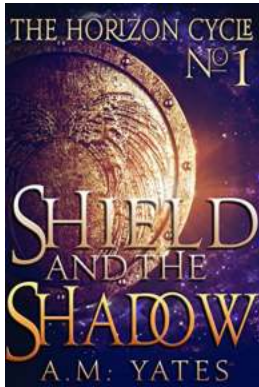
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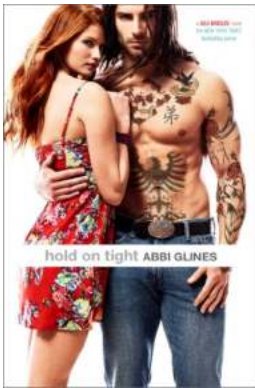


Years before the CIA was formed there was something called the Office of Strategic Services. Georgetown Township resident Al Johnson was a charter member of this clandestine group during World War II, joining forces with the French Underground and then fighting the Japanese occupation of China. The OSS conducted secret missions hundreds of miles behind enemy lines. Al Johnson who is 98 years old said one of the toughest part might have been "keeping a lid on" everywhere he was and everything he did. "It was such a hush-hush group. We couldn't talk about it when we got home on furloughs. We were strongly advised not to say anything. So for over 50 years Al Johnson had all these stories hidden away in his memory bank until one day when he received a letter from the United States government informing him the 50 years had expired and he was free to talk about his adventures in the OSS. This book was written as therapy for Al and to let his children and grandchildren know what he did during World War II.



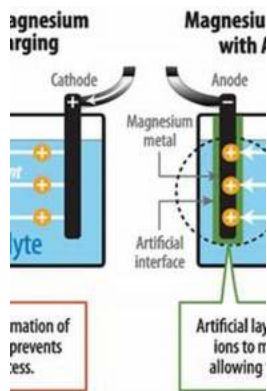
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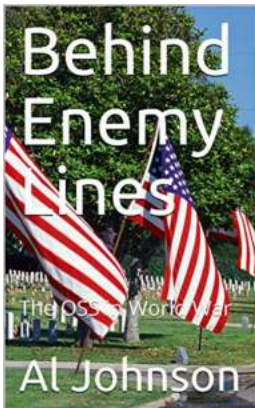
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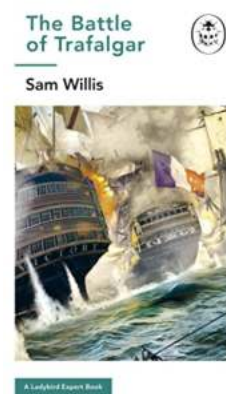
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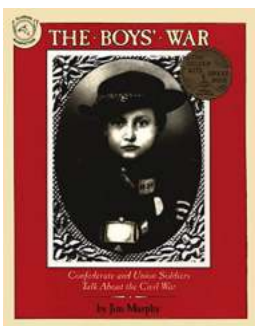
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