

To Col. Donovan

From E. Taylor

Re: Attached letter from Col. Solborg

The British have found these 'Sibs' a valuable weapon of psychological warfare and employ them systematically on a large scale.

The content of the Sib is never left to the man in the field to invent but is fixed in England and sent out to agents by coded cable.

A committee on which PWE, SIS and SOE are all represented meets once a week to draw up new Sibs. One member of the committee has a permanent assignment to think up Sibs and all staff members who have ideas are instructed to communicate them to him. Army and Navy liaison men also communicate to him draft sibs, or sib-objectives which the services desire to launch. When a suitable list of sibs has been agreed upon and the wording discussed by the committee, the list goes to the British JIC and to the Foreign office for approval. When approved, sibs are turned over to SOE for dissemination.

My opinion is that some variation of this procedure would be advisable for us. Since the British are already in the field it is very important to check each sib with them to prevent confusion and working at cross purposes. The OWI

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raises a knotty problem in connection with sibs. They want to dabble in this work and if they insist there is no way we can prevent them. My suggestion would be to invite one trustworthy man from OWI to sit on our sib-committee and exact in return an iron-clad agreement that none of the OWI outposts men would circulate any sibs except when expressly requested by our agents to do so. We should be the distributing agency for sibs.

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1. Churchill has told Molotov that he will not start invading the Continent until 20 German towns have had their 1,000 plane raids.
2. The British have now a fleet of 2,000 submarine barges. The only trouble is that they need fine weather.
3. The British have perfected an apparatus by which a parachutist can propel himself in the air. A special corps has been formed. They're known as the bats.
4. When invasion begins the R.A.F. are going to spray every aerodrome within 300 kms. with a liquid that destroys buns. It does not attack rubber, so the R.A.F. will be able to use it.
5. A U-boat was washed up on the Virginia coast. Most of the crew had died of typhus.
6. Oliver Lyttleton has bet Sir Archibald Sinclair £10,000 he can produce more planes and bombs than the R.A.F. can use over Germany in six months. There are many side bets being made in the city.
7. The British have a new electric missile launched from aircraft which searches out gas works.
8. Two women recently escaped back to France from a brothel in Germany. They had uncovered an advertisement in 'Le Quatre' asking for women with a knowledge of German, desiring work abroad, to apply in person at a specified cafe in Paris.
9. The list of Germans to be shot after the war as retribution is being compiled from names received from people in the occupied territories, including the whole of France. Zollrat Meyer (Customs official at Noyan) has given Frac. 10,000 to the Mayor of Noyan for the Secours Nationale.
10. Large stocks of baby food and sanitary equipment are being accumulated in England to succour nursing mothers and small children in France as soon as circumstances permit.
11. The 1,000 plane raids have been so successful that the Allies have completely changed their plans and are going to strike straight at Germany with air-borne troops. Operations in France will be only subsidiary. The French people will be instructed to rise at the same time.
12. The British pulled off another commando raid last week which was not reported at all, because they didn't find any Germans there when they landed.
13. The Germans thought the invasion had begun when the commandos raided Boulogne. Troops were rushed from every part of France by their new ready-for-anything train service and by carrier aircraft. Actually the British only used 30 men.
14. The Rhine is now polluted below Cologne, because bodies and dead fish are being washed up as far down as Utrecht. The Dutch call the river Eau de Cologne.

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1. Two light armoured divisions were flown from Scotland to Cornwall overnight in exercises last week. There were only 37 casualties.
2. A British division which was due to sail for India within three days has just had its sailing orders cancelled and been told to stand by.
3. The Germans have rushed an armoured division to Bordeaux.
4. U.S. troops are coming over in the new L.17 giant landing craft. They come from Detroit, down the St. Lawrence River, via Greenland and Iceland. Of course they could only operate such a long distance in fine weather.
5. The bodies of over twenty German seamen have been washed up on the Brit channel coast. Five of them had bullet wounds in the head.
6. After the British have bombed the towns they next go for dispersal area of which they have full details.
7. Swarms of Colorado beetle have appeared in Mecklenburg.
8. The Allies are going to turn suitable Commando raids into bridgeheads, the Americans taking Brittany and the British Cherbourg peninsula.
9. The Swedish Red Cross have put forward a scheme to Hitler, suggesting an informal agreement by which the British will allow food into the occupied countries, and the U-boat campaign will be abandoned.
10. The British have given up the plan for an orthodox invasion of the Continent. The newplan "B", which Molotov has agreed to, is for an almost completely air-borne invasion.
11. All this U.S. criticism of ship-building as regards the shortage of vessels is due to the fact that the yards are now only making troop-transports.
12. The Americans have sent over a special Commando battalion of Chicago gangsters.
13. You know why Professor Ralph Fowler got his knighthood; he has perfected a simple method of separating sodium from common salt. Sodium bursts into flames in contact with water, you know. His process involves the use of a great deal of electricity, and that is why he has been to Niagara supervised the new plant. He came back just before the Cologne raid.
14. Professor Adrian knows more about electrical activities in the brain than any other man alive. He got the Nobel Prize some years ago. He has published nothing for several years. The O.M. is the highest British honour. Why did he get the O.M.?
15. Why have the British not yet used the Typhoon?
16. The people at Versailles are now awakened regularly by the shooting of German troops who have deserted in an attempt to get back to the Ruhr to see what has become of their families.
17. You notice the British always put out stories that they are going to Essen because of Krupp; actually they are going to places like Oberhausen that they give out the Essen stories because they want the intrate their Flak there. So far they have been very success

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18. Charles Darwin, grandson of Charles Darwin, invented the new cheap filter which allows only oxygen to pass through it. That is why he got his knighthood.
19. By present reckoning there is going to be a sap of two weeks without bread in Germany, between the end of the present supplies and the new harvest.
20. Food rations for foreign workers in Germany are to be cut by a third.
21. Hitler has asked Z. to meet him.
22. Z. is on the side of the peasants. He is visiting Darre.
23. The Chiefs-of-Staff issued a warning to people to evacuate Northern France, because the intelligence service had information that the Germans intend to use the local people as body shields.

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The invasion was to have been on the 1st June, but owing to a factory explosion, production of the amphibious tanks is 1,000 behind schedule.

Of the 12 bodies of German sailors washed up on the English shore last week, 9 had been shot through the head - and 8 of them were officers.

Z does not need sleep. An hour a night is enough.

Laval has agreed to lift the demarcation line in so far as it concerns German troops whenever Hundstedt demands this.

The result of Libya is that the second front will be switched to Northern France. Churchill has had to go and see Roosevelt to discuss the complete change in the second front plans following the failure in Libya. The intention had been, if Rommel had been bottled up, to start the second front in Italy. But the Germans realised the fatal danger of this, and reinforced Rommel, even at the expense of the Russian front.

Reports reaching the British about the state of morale of German troops in Northern France are so encouraging that they have completely changed their plans, and the invasion will begin much sooner than the original schedule.

Roosevelt has asked Churchill whether it will not be possible to start the invasion earlier than the 3rd September.

The Cabinet have approved the secret plan of Lord Monsell (South-East Regional Defence Commissioner) for the evacuation of south coast towns at three days' notice to facilitate embarkation of troops.

The Germans are taking the second front so seriously that they have suddenly ordered rapid completion of the aircraft carrier "Graf Zeppelin". She will be ready by the beginning of August.

The British have got a new anti-tank gun twice as good as the 88 mm. which they are keeping in reserve for the 3rd September.

The Oneissenen was so severely damaged that it's not likely she will go to sea again. That's why she has been sent to Gdynia, which is only a second rate yard.

The U-boat which put into Porrol a few days ago had taken 4 weeks to get back from the American coast. The crew were forbidden to go ashore, but five ratings escaped and are still being looked for by the local police.

Hitler has ordered an enquiry into the methods used by the Luftwaffe and U-boat services in claiming sinkings. Apparently there has been a first-class row between the G.A.F. and the Navy as a result of the last attack on a Murmansk convoy. Together they destroyed twice as many ships as Intelligence had reported.

Thousands of British leaflets from various parts of Germany are being posted anonymously to Goering. They show photographs of his facial expression after the Cologne raid.

Women factory operatives in Germany are having their hair shaved. The explanation given is the prevention of lice and typhus. Actually it is the frequency of accidents caused by hair catching

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The British have a new defensive gas which is only to be used if the Germans start gas warfare. Two separate bombs are dropped, each containing gases in themselves harmless, but which are highly poisonous in combination.

The British realize that gas is unlikely to be used except perhaps by Hitler's order in a last mad-dog outburst. It is because they realize that the only way to stop this is by instant and overwhelming retaliation that the School of Experimental Scientists in Canada has been working on a new blue gas. One of its properties is that it penetrates into the ears. It gets its name from the fact that it travels towards blue lights.

Z has refused to see Hitler.

Z's people are conducting a secret placard campaign on the lines of the English mass observation organization. 70% of the ordinary people of Germany are of the opinion that it would be better to make peace now before it is too late.

This new German offensive drive for French workers to go to Germany is a rush measure in order to get the maximum number of hostages in German hands ready for when the British and Americans invade.

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