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CBI was considered a “backwater” area to the OSS, when compared to the European and even the Pacific Theater of Operation, as the allied effort here was dominated by the United Kingdom in Burma, and subject to a difficult political environment inside China. Indeed, fighting Japan in China was never more than a peripheral effort for the Americans. At the end of the longest supply lines in the world, action in the CBI Theater was not decisive in defeating the Japanese. Worse, the geopolitical make-up of China worked against the US efforts, with factional strife between Communists led by Mao Zedong and Nationalists under Chaing Kai-Shek, who hated each other more than they did the Japanese.

The area was ripe for OSS operations. Some of the most distinguished OSS operatives in CBI were talented women such as the artist Jane Foster, Julia Child (later a famous chef) and Betty McIntosh. McIntosh was an experienced journalist from Hawaii, fluent in Japanese, who became acting head of Morale Operations (MO) in the CBI. The mission of Morale Operations was to demoralize the Japanese through the spreading of lies, rumors, and “fake news” in artistically done pamphlets, newspaper forgeries, and radio programs while encouraging resistance among the conquered populations. Also known as black propaganda, these activities were designed to target the person within the soldier by creating doubt and fear. While the effectiveness of these techniques was hard to quantify, they remain a part of the operational world of spies today, as part of psychological and information warfare.

After the demise of the OSS, many former OSS operatives were absorbed into either the State Department or the new Central Intelligence Agency. Allen Dulles personally recruited Betty McIntosh to work for the CIA to prevent communism from gaining a foothold in post-war Japan. By the beginning of the Cold War, the work of the OSS had demonstrated the value and necessity for a sophisticated centralized intelligence service.

FURTHER READINGS:
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Announcements:
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St. Croix Valley Civil War Round Table - 26 Mar. 2018 – 4th Wisconsin Infantry/Cavalry - 715-386-1268 - rossandhaines@comcast.net
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http://www.mnmilitarymuseum.org/
Minnesota Air Guard Museum - www.mnangmuseum.org  612-713-2523
Friends of Ft. Snelling, www.fortsnelling.org
World Without Genocide, 651-695-7621,
http://www.worldwithoutgenocide.org/
http://www.fagenfighterswwiimuseum.org
Airshow - Eden Prairie - 14-15 July 2018
www.wotn.org  952-746-6100
Military History Book Club, Har Mar Barnes & Noble: - Stoker, Strategy and the U.S. Civil War - 28 Mar. 2018 - sdaubenspeck52@gmail.com
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