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Thinks that William Phillips was with COSSAC in fall of 1943. Reber came up in late May or early June. Was on Murphy's staff in the Mediterranean.

I was in Tunis on invasion day and then went to Caserta.

Reber was at Granville. Douglas MacArthur with them. Murphy-Political adviser for Germany; Reber was called Political Officer.

Murphy had dual role--adviser to Ike and then a job at lower echelon under Wickersham. He was a political advisor to Clay and head of Political Division.

For administrative purposes our Political Advisor office set up as a special Staff section.

Ivone Kirkpatrick succeeded Peake. I think he was Political Adviser only. Reber left in January. I came up then and handled Reber's work. SHAEF Mission (France) handled part of Reber's work and Caffery took over much of the other. I became liaison officer between Caffery and Embassy.

As time went on we had more inside than outside work. We got many strange requests. For example one fellow wanted to know whether he should write his congressman about a promotion. In another case the Judge Advocate wanted to know if they could court-martial two soldiers for going to Poland without permission.

We were out on some of G-3 Planning. I served on J.I.C.

Thinks that the British pushed the political adviser thing. They were accustomed to such an arrangement. Army skeptical at first toward the end military people wanted us. Patton asked Murphy to give him somebody.

When Reber left I took over the remnants of his French responsibilities. Some time we had a question on the Dutch and Belgians.

U.S. Group Control Commission continued. Was at Hoechst. Murphy always stayed at SHAEF while control commission stayed elsewhere.

When Clay set up Berlin, his Hq. was one echelon down. We would try to get things done through him and if that failed we would try again at Frankfurt.

We were always at C of S mtgs in Versailles. We were advisory in civil affairs but never operative.

After we got to Germany, Clay dealt pretty much b with Washington. McNarney more and more a troop commander. Our office at USFAT continued to deal with anything which dealt with political matters. French question handled just as much.

Some advice on political matters given by CCS. Took political advice here. British had great influence on increased closer relations between state Dept and military. Jumbo Wilson never acted on political matters without calling U. S. political adviser In.

In Algiers, my situation not very good. The seniroy peopler with the French Committee were Ed Wilson and others on his staff. I as Murphy's deputy was pulled in by Peake.

After the liberation of Europe and establishment of missions we had close relationship with ambassadors. Murphy and I made tour of liberated areas just before SHAEF was dissolved.

Czechoslovakia -- army wanted to pull out just after war ended. When I couldn't get anywhere on that side I cabled State Dept and they came through with a request that we stay.

Those of us who had served in Eastern Europe wanted the army to go on to Berlin and Prague. After all we had troops almost in Prague. Glad we got Russians off from Denmark.

I don't remember about Bornholm.

Do you know story about armistice term. Negotiations for armistice term held so tight they forgot they had them. Wrote some new ones. Thinks probable that Phillimore wrote the terms.

How we operated (1) Low level papers sent to us. Tried to write agreed minutes with British opposite number; (2) informal advice at C of S daily -meetings. Bedell would let us talk. (3) personal relationships, with various military people; (4) formal occasions when Ike or Bedell asked for opinion; (5) Murphy had frequent chats with Smith; (6) instructions from State Dept to present views--not as often as might think; Hull shied away from mixing with military.

When I first went to see Bedell, someone said state your point quickly and stand firm. He barked at me but then behaved all right. Ike gave him the bulk of the detailed work to do. He ran the Hq.

Marshall delegates work more than Ike. I worked for Bedell in Moscow. Marshall was there several weeks. When 6 came he stopped all business. Would have two or three old fashioned and then would talk about anything but business. Wanted his advisers to give him advice. He asked me once about a certain point. I gave him both sides. He said I don't want a discussion, I want to know what to do. I then gave him a conclusion and hoped I would be right.