

Description: This document is pointing out that FUSAG and its commanders' names need to be included on documents regarding the order of battle so that FUSAG appears legitimate. It also states that the information of General George S. Patton being the Commanding General of FUSAG needs to be released "by special means" (through double-agents to German authorities).

Date on document: June 3, 1944  
From General Bull to Chief of Staff  
Subject: "Release of Commanders' Names by special means"

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- b. The release by SPECIAL MEANS only (there will be no publicity) of Lieutenant-General George S. Patton as Commanding General, FUSAG.

**III CONCURRENCE**

6. G-2 Division.

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 J. P. PAISLEY  
 Major, AGD  
 2 AUG 1945

H.R. BULL,  
 Major-General, G30,  
 AG of S, G-3.

Approved c/s informed  
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SUPREME HEADQUARTERS,  
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE  
G-3 Division

201-X - each name  
X-322 - each unit  
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SUBJECT: Release of Commanders' names by special means

TO : Chief of Staff

I DISCUSSION

1. At TAB A is a list of Commanders, the release of whose names by special means was approved by the Chief of Staff on 5th May, 1944.
2. This list has been reconsidered and it is recommended by the AG of S, G-2, that Lieutenant-General Ritchie's name be omitted.
3. The order of battle of the forces threatening the PAS DE CALAIS is at TAB B. It is considered that a Commanding General, FUSAG, should be made known to the enemy in order to support the establishment of FUSAG as an operational field command in the eyes of the enemy.
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III CONFORMANCE

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