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REISSUE

1. DIOGEN'S INSTRUCTIONS TO SPRING ON MATERIAL RECEIVED FROM NO. 1
2. WRITE-UP ON BRITISH DEFENCE, USING "SIMPLE TACTICS", POLISH POCKET HANDBOOK, "THE MONASTERY"

(1947)

From: MOSCOW

To: LONDON

No.: 340

26 February 1947

To SPRING[i].

In reply to No. 122[ii]. The material on tactics and organisation received from No. 1[iii] is to be sent by the next post. [D% Considering] that you have no specialists in No. 1's language, the purpose of delaying the material until the following post is incomprehensible to me. In future the despatch of such material [1 group unrecovered] is not to be held up.

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To GORSHKOV[v].

In reply to your No. 68[ii]. The write-up on British defence has been put together on the basis of obsolete material and does not contain the post-war views of the British on the concept of modern defence. By [1 group unrecovered][vi] send fuller and [2 groups unrecovered] information about the structure of modern defence from the company defensive area to the army defence zone. Report important subjects by telegraph. By the next post send the literature which was used for compiling the write-up on British defence: SIMPLE TACTICS[vii] of 1944, the Polish pocket handbook[vii] of 1945 and the book THE MONASTERY[vii] by F. MAJDALANY.

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Footnotes: [i] ^X SPRING: Unidentified covername. Also occurs as a LONDON addressee in MOSCOW's Nos. 1336, 2155 of 25, 28 January 1947 (unpublished, 3/NBF/T2140), 210, 2103 of 22, 26 February 1947 (3/NBF/T2103, 2142) and 2308 of 1 March 1947 (3/NBF/T2108).

[ii] Not available.

^X [iii] No. 1: Unidentified cover designator. Also occurs in MOSCOW's Nos. 1530 of 28 December 1946 (3/NBF/T2139), 2125 of 28 January 1947 (3/NBF/T2140) and 2103 of 26 February 1947 (3/NBF/T2142).

^X [iv] DIOGEN: i.e. "DIOGENES"; unidentified covername. Also occurs as a MOSCOW signatory in MOSCOW's Nos. 1530, 328 of 28, 31 December 1946 (3/NBF/T2139, 2136), 2125 of 28 January 1947 (3/NBF/T2140), 210, 2103 of 22, 26 February 1947 (3/NBF/T2103, 2142) and 2308 of 1 March 1947 (3/NBF/T2108).

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- Cont'd: [v] GORSHKOV: Colonel Yakov Petrovich GORSHKOV, in the UK 3 June 1945 - 11 December 1948 and 12 July 1949 - 16 July 1950. Soviet Military Attaché from at least 10 June 1947, formerly Assistant/Acting Military Attaché.
- [vi] A date, about 1 May.
- [vii] "SIMPLE TACTICS", by Lt. Col. A. KEARSEY, was published in ALDERSHOT (1st edition 1941, 3rd edition 1951). A Polish booklet, main heading "Preparing a Soldier for Combat; Observations based upon Combat Experience", was issued in the UK in 1945. "THE MONASTERY", published in 1945, describes the CASSINO battle.

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