

Aaron Bank and the Early Days of
U.S. Army Special Forces

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APPENDIX A: GLOSSARY

BCRA—Bureau Central de Renseignements et d'Action (Central Bureau of Intelligence and Operations).

Conventional Warfare—Elements of Infantry, armory, air, and naval forces organized as a cohesive force typically engaged in large scale war.

Department—Administrative / Geographical division within France.

FFI—Forces Françaises de l'Intérieur (French Forces of the Interior).

FTP—Francs-tireurs, a term describing unconventional French forces.

Guerilla Warfare—Consisting of small paramilitary elements fighting within or near a specific terrain for which those fighters might also dwell.

Irregular Warfare—Elements of warfare outside standard practice of conventional forces and used interchangeably with the more widely used special operations.

MI5—(Military Intelligence Section 5)—British unit responsible for domestic intelligence work.

MI6—(Military Intelligence Section 6)—British unit responsible for foreign intelligence work.

OSS—United States Office of Strategic Services created in 1942 for intelligence and covert operations.

Partisan Warfare—Similar to guerilla warfare but typically referring to European elements opposing Germany during World War II.

Psychological Warfare—The use of truth, partial truth, and outright deception in various media elements or by persons to confuse the enemy.

Regular Warfare—Operations conducted by conventional forces.

Resistance Force/Network—Consisting of small pockets of partisans including both combatants and non-combatants.

SOE—Special Projects Operations Center run by the British.

SPOC—British Special Operations Executive created in 1940 for espionage and resistance activities behind.

Special Forces—Lower case use of this term meaning elements of warfare outside standard practice of conventional forces and used interchangeably with the more widely used *special operations* while the upper case use of this term specifically refers to the United States Army branch also known as the Green Berets.

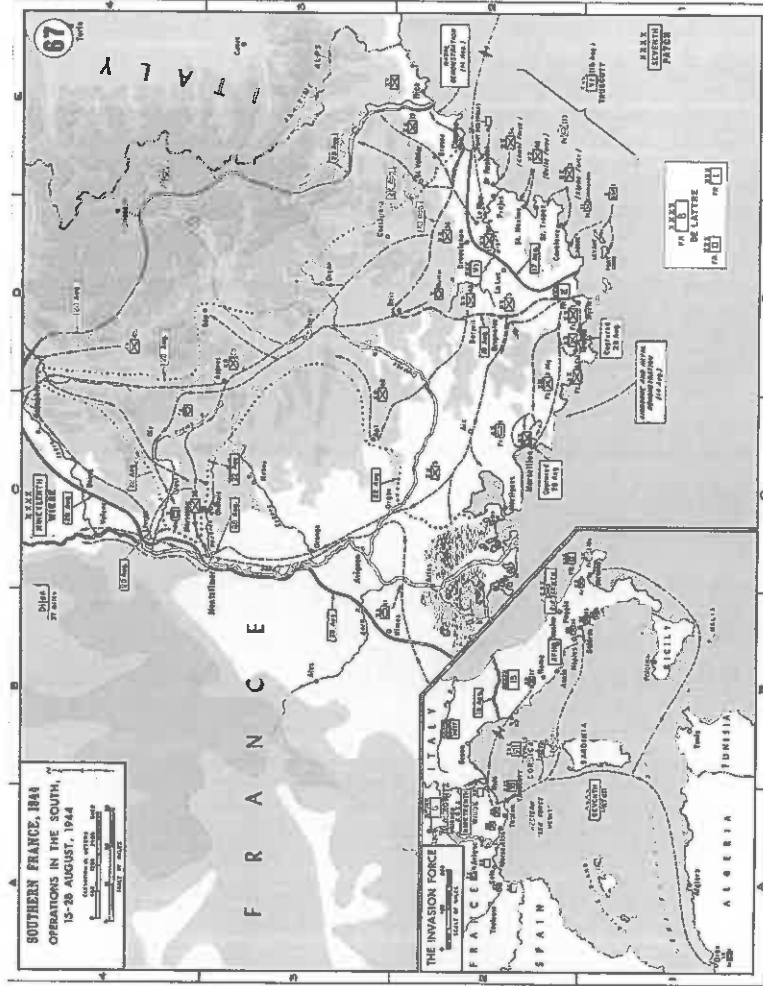
Special Operations—Military operations that work outside the norm of conventional forces.

Special Warfare—Elements of warfare outside standard practice of conventional forces and used interchangeable with the more widely used special operations.

Unconventional Warfare—Elements of warfare outside standard practice of conventional forces and used interchangeable with the more widely used special operations.

W/T—Wireless Telegraph

Map 2



Source: http://ww2db.com/image.php?image_id=6569

Map 3



French Indochina

Source: <http://www.learnnc.org/lp/multimedia/13472>

APPENDIX C: AARON BANK TIMELINE

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| 1902 | Nov 23—Born, New York City |
| 1921-22 | Attended Swedish Gymnastics Institute, New York City |
| 1930-33 | Lifeguard—Nassau, Bahamas and Biarritz, France |
| 1938 | Travel—Switzerland, England, Germany, Belgium |
| 1942 | Aug 19—Entered Army Service as a Private Dec 15—Entered Officer Candidate School |
| 1943 | Mar 15—Promoted to 2nd Lieutenant Oct 4—Promoted to 1st Lieutenant Aug 1—Joined OSS Nov 26—Left for European Theatre of Operations |
| 1944 | May 1—Promoted to Captain Jul 31 to Sept. 20—Team Packard Mission, France |
| 1945 | Jul 28—Arrived China Theatre of Operations Apr 22—Awarded Bronze Star Sep 11—Promotion to Major Dec 10—Assigned to Counter Intelligence Corps |
| 1952 | Jun 19—Appointed Inaugural Commander of 10th Special Forces Group |
| 1958 | Retired from U.S. Army |
| 2004 | Apr 1—Death |

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