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Dulles Tells Of Secret Nazi Talks

NEW YORK (AP) — Secretetails of negotiations with Nazgenerals that led to the surrender of nearly a million Germans in Italy at the close of World War II are disclosed in a current magazine article by Allen W Dulles, former U.S. intelligence chief.

Dulles was chief of the U.S. Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in Switzerland during the war. The OSS was succeeded lately by the Central Intelligence Agency. Dulles became its director, retiring in 1961.

Dulles writes in the July Issue of Harper's, as excerpted from his forthcoming book, "The Secret Surrender;" that he took the responsibility and initiative to respond to direct surrender probes from Gen. Karl F. Wolff commander of the German SS (Elite Guard) forces in Italy.

He said secrecy had to be maintained so the Allied governments could disavow him if the negotiations backfired, because a trap was being planned by the Nazis to split Russia and her Allies.

The surrender probes began coming at the end of February 1945, Dulles wrote, and culminated with the surrender of almost a million Germans in Italy on May 2, 1945.

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