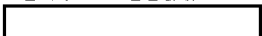


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During my research into the utilization and distribution of the "Liberator" pistol in WW2 I have learned that they were introduced into Norway by black B-24 bombers under the command of  who was recruited by OSS early in 1944. This operation (OSS) was located at Leuchars, Scotland. From there the resupply flights would make drops into Norway and at times cross over and land in Sweden for turn-around maintenance, then return to Leuchars. The operation was known as a "USAAF Air Transport Group", but this was just a cover. It has also been referred to as "38th Group".

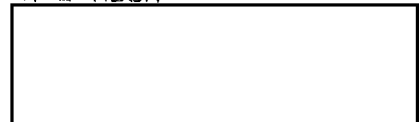
If possible, could you give me the correct title for this operation at Leuchars? I really doubt that it is still classified. Also, if one is listed, could you check the supply records of this outfit and attempt to determine how many "single shot pistols" were sent to Leuchars for further drop into Norway? This particular OSS operation started after D-Day and continued until the war terminated. Unfortunately, this operation has not received the credit it deserves.

Sincerely,

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The present Director of CIA was dropped into Norway by the other B-24 (OSS) operation located at Harrington Air Base, England.

