## Bureaus of Ungentlemanly Warfare

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### Introduction

- Special Operations Executive
- Office of Strategic Services
- Female staff profiles
  - D-Day Girls
  - Code Name: Lise
  - Sisterhood of Spies

### **Odette Hallowes**

- Most highly decorated WWII spy
- Non-normative female SOE agent



https://hannah-howe.com/eves-war/odette-sansom/

## Violette Szabo

- Two missions
- Case study for female field agents



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Violette\_Szabo

#### Vera Atkins

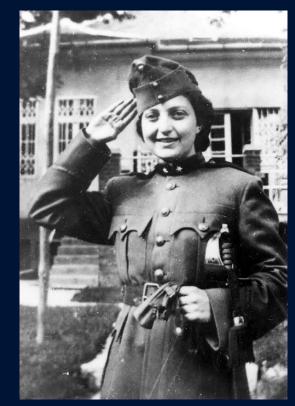
- Powerhouse of the SOE
- Normative female experience



https://www.sttammanylibrary.org/blogs/post/women-in-history-vera-atkins/

## Hannah Szenes: Beyond Vichy France

- Palestinian Palmach
- Betrayal



https://www.yadvashem.org/from-our-collections/hannah-szenes.html

## Betty MacDonald

- Project Black Mail
- Atomic Bomb Broadcast



https://www.cia.gov/stories/story/spy-girlbetty-mcintosh/

### Maria Gulovich

- North Star of the OSS
- Normative Field Agent



https://twitter.com/CIA/status/879503072648736768

# Marion Frieswyk

- Research and Analysis
- Innovations in Cartography



https://www.cia.gov/stories/story/marion-frieswyk-the-first-female-intelligence-cartographer/

## Comparative Analysis

#### **Special Operations Executive**

- Fieldwork
- Proximity
- Fluid network of branches
- Military strength

#### **Office of Strategic Services**

- Domestic office work
- Geographic separation
- Distinctly separated branches
- Academic strength

## Conclusions

- Opportunities for women in intelligence
- Effective use of female employees
- Public recognition vs. relative obscurity

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