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COUNT J. A. DOBRSKI

B. S.-E. writes:

An unusually wide circle of friends in this country, in Western Europe and the United States will be saddened by the death of Julian Dobrski. Julian was a true citizen of Europe, for his father came from an old Polish family settled for many years in France, and his mother was an Italian lady. Educated in Paris, where his older contemporaries and close friends included Jean Monnet and René Pleven, he came to London between the wars to represent a celebrated French silk house. Here he soon acquired a firm if objective affection for this country, and applied for British nationality, his passport arriving a few days before the outbreak of war in 1939. His knowledge of Europe and of foreign languages, and the Torquemada-like intricacy of his powerful and well-trained mind soon caught the eye of Laurance Grand, and within a short time he found himself a commissioned officer in the British Army with the *nom de guerre* of Dolby and one of the founder members of the infant Special Operations Executive.

Posted to Cairo to help with the infiltration of Italians into Southern Europe, he was parachuted into Rhodes together with Earl Jellicoe after the Italian armistice in September, 1943, to obtain a surrender of the Italian commander. Julian was no longer young. He landed, alone, with a broken leg, in the no-man's-land of a battle between the Italian and German troops. Hiding himself away, he managed in the end to cross the lines and get himself to General Campione. But the Germans had overpowered the Italian forces and all Campione could do was to secure a safe conduct for Julian and Lord Jellicoe back to Cairo, where he spent the rest of the war in charge of S.O.E.'s operations in the Aegean, eventually liquidating S.O.E.'s exceedingly involved operations in Greece.

For nearly 20 years Julian was, in London, in Brussels and then in Geneva, the Eastern Hemisphere representative of a vast American concern in the field of electronic communications, in which his charm and his unequalled knowledge of Western Europe stood his employers in good stead.