

MR. EDMUND C. JILLI
Department of the Army Civilian, Retired (Deceased)



Mr. Edmund Jilli began his federal service as a research analyst in the Office of Emergency Management in Ecuador and Honduras in 1943. He soon changed fields, and by 1945 was working as a Field Agent with the US Strategic Bombing Survey and Field Intelligence Agency/Technical in Germany. From 1946 to 1950, he worked as a Special Agent/Case Officer in Vienna and was promoted to Chief of Operations, Land Salzburg Sub-Detachment, 430th CIC Detachment, and US Forces Austria. In addition to Human Intelligence (HUMINT), this office was responsible for de-Nazification and liaison with Allied and neutral intelligence services.

From 1951 to 1955, Mr. Jilli was the Deputy Director and Operations Officer of the jointly staffed Detachment 35 at Salzburg, Austria, which carried out clandestine HUMINT and Counterintelligence (CI) operations. He transferred to Dachau, Germany, in 1955 for

one year to be the Assistant Operations Officer, 522nd MI Battalion. The 1955 treaty neutralizing Austria forced Detachment 35 to relocate to Germany.

In 1957, Jilli transferred to be Chief of the Paris, France, Field Unit, 513th MI Group, until 1960. His responsibilities included sensitive liaison and coordination with the French intelligence agencies and briefings of Allied service representatives at the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, US Army Europe, level. He then relocated to Fort Holabird for instructor duty in the FOI Department of the US Army Intelligence School. He specialized in area orientation pertaining to HUMINT activities in Europe and drafted guidelines which were later adopted as Department of Defense policy guidance.

From 1962 to 1965 he was Chief of the Operations Branch, G2 US Army Southern Command (SOUTHCOM), Panama. He was responsible for intelligence programs and operations, liaison, and coordination and exchange of information with US and Allied intelligence staffs throughout the SOUTHCOM area of responsibility.

Jilli returned to Europe in 1965 to be Assistant to the Operations Officer, Headquarters, 513th MI Group at Oberursel until 1968. In 1968, he transferred to the 430th MI Detachment, 66th MI Group in Munich. He returned to the United States in 1971 and was once again an instructor at the Intelligence School, which was by then located at

Fort Huachuca. He was responsible for CI clandestine operations, also known at that time as Offensive Counterintelligence Operations.

Upon retirement from DoD service in 1973, Mr. Jilli accepted a part-time job with the US Department of State, serving as an Escort/Interpreter for foreign dignitaries invited by the US government.

Mr. Jilli was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1988. He passed away on 26 May 2012.

