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**C I T A T I O N**

CAPTAIN LUCIEN E. CONEIN, 01 322 769, Infantry, Army of the United States is awarded the BRONZE STAR MEDAL for meritorious service during the period 1 August 1945 to the cessation of hostilities on 15 August 1945, when he commanded a commando team composed of American, French and Chinese personnel with the mission of gathering intelligence and harassing the enemy in French Indo-China. Captain Conein was responsible for the selecting, training and organizing of this team as well as the planning of the attacks on Japanese headquarters and garrisons of French Indo-China, and the successful execution of the mission. Captain Conein in planning the mission made, seven days prior to the operation, a reconnaissance of the route to be taken by his team through territory heavily covered by Japanese patrols and garrisons. The intelligence which he gathered on this reconnaissance was of inestimable value to the success of the mission and in the minimizing of casualties in his forces. When he was threatened by attack from Japanese forces and advised to abandon this area by local military commanders, he chose to remain and defend his position against advancing columns of Japanese coming from the north and west. On 9 July 1945, Captain Conein led his forces in a successful attack against Japanese garrisons and headquarters of the 22nd Japanese Division. After a twenty-three hour forced march through enemy held territory, he successfully attacked the other Japanese garrison and then safely retreated into Chinese territory. These counter-attacks upon the enemy discouraged and disorganized their forces and stopped their advance toward the threatened portion of China. His actions were exemplary and inspired all that served with him, not only his own men, but the local commanders who did not believe that a counter-attack could be successfully accomplished. His achievements reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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