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SUBJECT: -- REQUEST FOR PROCUREMENT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL

OSS FORM 802
(Rev. 24 OCT. 1944)

TO: -- CHIEF, PERSONNEL PROCUREMENT BRANCH, OSS

24 April 1945
Date

1. FROM Operational Group Command Requisitioning Officer or Desk

2. THRU: CHIEF (or Area Operations Officer) _____ BRANCH, BY: _____

3. THRU: PERSONNEL OFFICER _____ BRANCH, BY _____

4. THRU: OSSTO--

5. NAME Lacien E. Consin	6. SERIAL NO. 01322769	7. GRADE Captain
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8. BRANCH OF SERVICE (Inf., Eng., Ord., Etc.) AUS	9. DATE OF BIRTH (Essential) not necessary	10. Physically Qualified for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gen'l <input type="checkbox"/> Lim.O'sean <input type="checkbox"/> Lim. U.S.
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11. OFFICIAL ARMY ADDRESS & ASSIGNMENT -- (Must be accurate and complete-if inductee, give Local Board No., Order No., and Board Address)
OSS, Washington, D.C.

12. INTENDED ASSIGNMENT (Full job description essential) ~~China~~ Overseas (specify, i.e. CSI, U.S. SEAC)
Hazardous duty with small combat groups in China. He will participate in raids against the Japanese and advance actions in enemy-held territory.

13. LANGUAGE FACILITY (Indicate degree of proficiency)
not necessary

14. NAME OF INTERVIEWER (Date of Interview _____)	15. PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT (SAIS) REQUESTED <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IN CASE FILES	16. SECURITY CHECK OBTAINED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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17. SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS OF SUBJECT FOR INTENDED ASSIGNMENT: (if not sufficient space add Memo)
This officer was formerly an OG. Subsequently (April 1944) he was transferred to SO-BT.

18. ADDITION TO ALLOTMENT AUTHORIZED <u>For the Director</u> Date _____ Sig. _____	19. APPROVED, OSS MILITARY PERSONNEL BOARD. (Required, if Officer) Sig. _____ Date _____
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20. SECURITY OFFICER RECOMMENDATION Contents UNCLASSIFIED 00978 Date 25 June 1977	21. CONCURRENCE IN RELEASE GRANTED BY
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Capt Lucien E. Conein. FILE No. 5025

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HEADQUARTERS
OPERATIONAL GROUP COMMAND
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

26 April 1945

SUBJECT: Parachute Training
TO : Chief, Schools and Training
FROM : Major Samuel C. King Jr, Acting in Command, OOC

1. Request that Captain Lucien K. [✓]Consin, O1322769, Inf, be enrolled in the OSS Parachute Training Class, effective this date.

2. I certify that the above-named officer in fact is in the United States on temporary duty; that subject to the approval of the Strategic Services Office of the theater concerned he will proceed to an overseas station for duty, an essential part of which will involve parachute jumping; that any change in eligibility of the above-named officer to attend the parachute course under your jurisdiction will be reported to you immediately, and that a signed copy of this report will be sent to the Director and to the Commanding Officer, Hq & Hq Detachment. I further certify that the above-named officer is not in a flying pay status.

SAMUEL C. KING JR.
Major, Infantry
Acting in Command

cc: Director's Office
CO, Hq & Hq Det.

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NAME COBLEY LUCIEN E. ASN 0-1322769 GRADE Capt
Last First MI

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH 29 November 1919 Paris France AGE 25

MARITAL STATUS Single HEIGHT 5' 11" WEIGHT 165 ARE YOU A CITIZEN? Yes

HOME ADDRESS 1905 North 10th St. Kansas City Kansas

NAME & ADDRESS OF NEAREST RELATIVE, Mrs. Jeanne Mc Bee (Aunt)
1013 Wisconsin St. San Francisco, Calif.

DEPENDENTS None
(Give number and relation; i.e., Wife, 2 Children, 1 Parent, etc.)

EDUCATION High School LANGUAGE French
Specify US & other schools R S I H Fluently
Specify Read, Speak & write

DATE OF ENTRY INTO ARMY 21 Sept 41 BRANCH Inf DATE TRFD TO OSS 3 Jul 43

ARMY SCHOOLS ATTENDED Ft. Benning OSS SCHOOLS ATTENDED W.C.T.C.

PARACHUTE SCHOOL Yes England Yes
Did you attend? Where? (US, Egypt, etc.) Did you graduate?

SO #19 PTOUSA 1 Mar 41 Graduated 13 Dec 44
Special Order Number and date of graduation.

One (1) Yes Month of April 1945
How many combat jumps did you make? Do you have any pending claim for jump pay?

NUMBER OF PROMOTIONS IN OSS 2 DATE OF LAST PROMOTION 10 Feb 45

OG UNIT TO WHICH ATTACHED Co "C" GROUP CO Capt Crumseth SPECIALTY Sabotage, Demolition
Spec Recon En Collaboration

OVERSEAS SERVICES: (State type of operations, place and date of action, etc.)

J&D Operation - RS, 16 August 1944 to 24 Nov 1944; action 19 20 21 Aug 44
at Isle Le Jourdain, Cors - 23 Aug 44 Toulouse; 28 Aug to Sept 2 44 at
Yarbonne; 18 Sept to 12 Nov 44 Static Operations against Port De Royan.

DECORATIONS AND AWARDS -- WOUNDS ---

LENGTH OF TIME OVERSEAS 21 months DATE RETURNED TO WASH. 28 Dec 44

Have you any qualifications, as a result of training or experience, which might fit you for a particular position such as radio man, medical technician, motor vehicle driver or mechanic, photographer, etc.

No

DATE: 1 May 1945 SIGNATURE: (signed) LUCIEN E. COBLEY
Capt., Inf.

REMARKS: (This space for Headquarters use only)

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HEADQUARTERS
OPERATIONAL GROUP COMMAND
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
Washington, D. C.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

9 May 1945

Number . . . 9)

1. The fol named Cs are reld fr pres asgmt and are asgd to Co "B",
Special Reconnaissance Bn, this orgn:

Maj	HAROLD P LARSON	0 408 800	Inf
Capt	FRED B AGE, Jr.	0 447 103	MC
Capt	HARRY E APGAR	01 283 894	Inf
Capt	WILLIAM G BLIDEN	0 454 202	Cav
Capt	WILLIAM L COOLEHAN	01 167 372	FA
Capt	RIEBER J GRUNSETH	01 308 635	Inf
Capt	MELVIN J HJELTNES	01 291 641	Inf
Capt	NICHOLAS P PALEDES	01 294 892	Inf
Capt	HARRY L SOLBERG	01 294 032	Inf
1st Lt	JAMES C LARSON	0 537 969	Inf
1st Lt	THOMAS A LE GARE	01 174 929	FA

2. The fol named Cs, having been asgd to this Hq in compliance
w/ orders, are further asgd to Co "B", Special Reconnaissance Bn, this orgn:

Capt	LUCIEN E CONEIN	01 332 769	AUS
1st Lt	JAMES H EDWINSTER	01 032 582	Cav
1st Lt	L. I. IRWIN	01 032 591	Cav

3. The fol named EM are reld fr pres asgmt and are asgd to Co "B",
Special Reconnaissance Bn, this orgn:

T Sgt	Alf G Arnesen	20 285 570	Tec 4	John Orisek	32 640 420
T Sgt	Julius Haas	20 262 789	Cpl	Lars S Larsen	32 259 479
T Sgt	Alvin Toso	37 081 378	Cpl	Lars Motland	32 312 707
S Sgt	Sigurd M Baro	32 424 096	Tec 5	Arne I Herstad	39 193 561
S Sgt	Steven Javaras	16 135 297	Tec 5	John J Knox	32 871 048
S Sgt	Walter H Peck	39 303 203	Tec 5	Helmer A Lund	37 327 091
Tec 3	Leif Eide	37 096 441	Tec 5	Konstantine A Salaris	31 307 253
Tec 3	Harold G Nelson	36 815-912	Tec 5	Arnold E Tvinnareim	37 558 642
Tec 3	Roy N Osthus	37 470 744	Tec 5	Hartwick E Weberg	36 626 931
Tec 4	John T. Manners	14 064 675	Pfc	Malcolm R Markson, Jr.	16 154 847

(60 #9, Hq, OG Comd, 9 May 45)

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4. The fol named EM, having been asgd to this Hq in compliance w/ SFders, are further asgd to Co "B", Special Reconnaissance En, this orgn:

T Sgt Morris J Grossman	6 551 817	Sgt William H Vanderwege	6 677 255
S Sgt Sunday B Smith	33 607 951	Cpl Dallas A McFarland	16 178 050
Sgt Robert C Roos, III	33 560 915	Tec 5 Warren G Brown	17 054 334
Sgt Warren J Smith	12 174 772	Tec 5 John E Ehrsam	37 729 536
Sgt Cecil Van Den Beldt	36 965 880	Fvt Vincent R Treul, Jr.	36 278 293

BY ORDER OF MAJOR KING:

RALPH N ELSMO
Capt, Infantry
Actg Exec Officer

OFFICIAL:

Ralph N Elsmo
RALPH N ELSMO
Capt, Infantry
Actg Exec Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
CHINESE COMBAT COMMAND (PROV)
FORWARD ECHELON
UNITED STATES FORCES
CHINA THEATER

AFO 290
23 September 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Strategic Services Officer, OSS.

1. It is especially desired to commend the OSS units that were attached to or served in-conjunction with this headquarters and those Chinese Armies and groups whose operations were coordinated through this headquarters with the Chinese Supreme Headquarters.

2. The varied and unusual type of duty performed by these units made their performance of duty most difficult. In spite of the belief of many foreigners, based upon ordinary news reports that the Chinese were finished guerilla fighters of long experience in such operations against the Japanese, there was actually little of this type of combat that had been carried on effectively for the past two years.

3. The arrival of aggressive and competent groups of officers, many with prior commando service in the European Theater, provided a great impetus to the Chinese. These young officers, with little or no prior service in China, were able to obtain the confidence of the Chinese entirely because of their military efficiency and ability to teach and produce results and to fight alongside of the Chinese in their units. The commando units overcame many difficulties and produced outstanding results during their service in China.

4. This headquarters has coordinated most of its work with these units through Colonel William R. Peers, Colonel William P. Davis, and Lt. Colonel Alfred T. Cox. All three of these officers have proven to be especially competent, cooperative, and outstanding for common sense and judgment. Because of their efforts, many of the difficulties which are inherent in coordinating military operations which are removed from the channel of military command have never even arisen.

/s/ R. B. McClure
/t/ R. B. McClure
Major General, U.S.A.
Commanding

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Date 25 April 1977

Basic: Lt. Commendation 23 September 1945 fr Major General R. B. McClure,
CG, CCC, APO 290.

1st Ind.

STRATEGIC SERVICES OFFICER, OSS CT APO 627. 1 October 1945
TO: Lt. Colonel A. T. Cox, Commanding Officer, CG, CT, APO 627.

Contents noted and forwarded with pleasure. It is directed that a copy
of commendation be made a part of the official records of all personnel
involved.

/s/ Richard P. Heppner
/t/ RICHARD P. HEPPNER
Colonel, FA
Strategic Services Officer

200.6 2d Ind. ATC/jbm
HQ OPR GP COMD (CHINA THEATER), STRATEGIC SV UNIT, WD, OASW, 29 OCTOBER 1945.

To: Captain LUCIEN E. CORBIN, O1 322 769, Infantry.

Basic communication received and contents noted with pleasure. It is
desired to add my personal indorsement to the above, attesting to the
splendid spirit of devotion and loyalty which you exemplified in so capably
carrying out your assigned tasks.

Alfred T. Cox
ALFRED T. COX
Lt Col, Infantry
Commanding

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STRATEGIC SERVICES UNIT, WAR DEPARTMENT
MISSION TO GERMANY
U. S. Forces, European Theater
APO 757

19 June 1946

SUBJECT: Captain Lucien Conein

TO: Director, SSU/WD, Washington
Attention: Chief, Personnel Branch

1. Reference is made to AMZON Cable No. 213 and Washington No. 911, above subject.

2. In the overall planning for the reorganization of AMZON and the streamlining of Services personnel (as discussed by Mr. Lewis on his recent trip to Washington), it was decided to combine responsibilities of several Services Branch officers, thus automatically eliminating the position of Mess and Club Officer.

3. Original plans called for the recruitment of two junior officers from the United States, both of whom have indicated they are not interested in the assignment offered. In addition it has become an urgent necessity to immediately assign a junior officer to conducting and liaison duties out of the Office of Chief of Mission. Captain Conein has been assigned to this task in addition to his duties as Mess and Club Officer. The time spent on supervisory control of the messes and clubs has reached the point where it entails a total of only about four or five days per month. These duties are principally accountability both for supply and cash funds connected with the messes and clubs. The duties of the conducting and liaison officer are most peculiar in nature in that no set schedule of duties can be outlined at least with respect to time. There have been individual conducting assignments that involved a minimum of a few hours of a given day and other times such conducting assignment actually lasted two or three or more days. These assignments come up at unusual times and it is imperative that we have available such junior officers to meet all demands made upon us when they actually arise. On the other hand, the essential mess and club duties may be very well "sandwiched in" between the more important duties of the conducting officer.

4. There has been some discussion as to the unreliability of subject officer for reasons unknown to the writer. While it is perhaps true that during the war no one ever took a dim view of free wheeling operations, sufficient time has indicated by daily observation both on duty and in social activities that

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subject officer now realizes that the war is over and we are only interested in that type officer personnel who have their feet on the ground. He has demonstrated from time to time since he has been on his present assignment that he can do almost any job asked of him. He has shown imagination, initiative and energy in overcoming obstacles encountered in setting up our two messes and clubs, which are currently operating with maximum efficiency and smoothness.

5. In view of the above, we are retaining subject in his new assignments.

For the Chief of Mission:

LOUIS E. KUBLER,
Lt. Col., Ord. Dept.,
Executive.

1550
Helm

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—WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
STRATEGIC SERVICES UNIT

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254 G E STREETS, N.W.
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

12 July 1946

SUBJECT: Captain Lucien Cosein

TO : Mr. Richard Helms

1. Reference is made to your requisition dated 4 June 1946, requesting a Liaison and Conducting Officer for Amazon. Such request was made by Lieutenant Colonel Kubler, Executive Officer. Further reference is made to correspondence from Colonel Kubler dated 19 June 1946, under which he suggests that Captain Lucien Cosein presently assigned as Mess and Club Officer, be detailed to fill the above request.

2. Captain Cosein was reassigned to Amazon at the insistence of high echelon War Department authorities. When serving his first tour of duty in ETC, Captain Cosein became involved with the daughter of the editor of one of the leading De Gaullist publications. The matter apparently was a serious one for when Captain Cosein was returned to the United States, French officials contacted United States Government authorities in Washington, calling to their attention the relationship which had previously existed between Captain Cosein and the aforementioned girl. Because of this situation, SSU was directed to return Captain Cosein in an innocuous position to ETC for the purpose of settling his personal affairs with the aforementioned girl.

3. The suggestion of Colonel Kubler that Captain Cosein be used as Liaison and Conducting Officer has been thoroughly discussed in Personnel Branch and with Security Branch. It is their unanimous opinion that the choice of Captain Cosein to fill this requisition would be unwise. Because of his past history of personal relationships with high French officials, and because of the fact that Captain Cosein is supposed to occupy an inconspicuous position, it is deemed advisable that he remain in his present position and not be transferred to a position where he might subject the organization to criticism and censure.

JOHN F. BLAKE
Procurement & Placement
Section

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