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CONFIN. Lucien S.  
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**CITATION**

LEON E. CONEIN, OI 322 769, Captain, Infantry, Army of the United States, is awarded the **McMURDO STAR MEDAL** for meritorious service during the period 1 August 1945 to the cessation of hostilities on 17 August 1945, when he commanded a command 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 upon 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 the 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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*Conein*

23 January 1946

SUBJECT: French Decorations

TO : The Adjutant General  
War Department  
Washington, D. C.

1. Enclosed herewith are true copies of orders awarding the Croix de Guerre with Bronze Star to Captain Lucien E. Conein, O-1322769. Also enclosed is a statement in duplicate by Captain Conein relative to Lend Lease activity.

2. Permission is requested for the acceptance by Captain Conein of this decoration.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

MARY A. BOWMAN  
2nd Lt., WAC  
Citations Office

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DEMI - BRIGADE  
DE L'ARMAGNAC

ETAT-MAJOR

B R E V E T .

CITATION A L'ORDRE DE LA DEMI-BRIGADE.

CORBIN Lucien  
Capitaine de l'Armee des Etats-Unis d'Amerique.

Volontaire pour faire partie des  
"Jed-Borroughs" des son arrivee dans le  
maquis ou il a ete parachute, s'est impose  
par son courage. Au combat de l'ISLE-JOURDAIN  
qui a dure plus de 24 heures, au cours duquel  
260 allemands dont deux colonels ont ete faits  
prisonniers, a ete un exemple de courage,  
d'allant et d'entrain. A fait des prisonniers  
de sa main et rendu d'eminents services par  
par son audace et son sang-froid.

Pour copie conforme.

P.C. le 15 Janvier 1945.

Le Lieutenant-Colonel MONNET  
Commandant la Demi-Brigade "ARMAGNAC"

Cette citation donne droit  
au port de la Croix de Guerre  
39/44 avec etoile de bronze

A TRUE COPY:

*Mary A. Donovan*  
MARY A. DONOVAN, 2nd Lt., WAC

14-00000

17 January 1946

(Date)

**C E R T I F I C A T E**

I have not participated in negotiations for Lend Lease allocations, nor made any recommendations to any agencies authorized to act on such recommendations. I am not a member of any board, rearmament committee, or other agency charged with Lend Lease negotiations, recommendations for, or the allocation of Lend Lease materials.

*Lucien D. Conein*  
Lucien D. Conein, O-3322769  
Captain, Infantry

AGPD-C 201 Conain, Lucien E.  
(23 Jan 46) 01 322 769

1st Ind.

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ED, AGO, Washington 25, D. C., 25 February 1946

TO: The Director, Strategic Services Unit, Office of the Assistant Secretary of War, 25th & S Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C.

1. The War Department has no objection to the acceptance of French decoration by Captain Lucien E. Conain.
2. Subject decoration has been approved and made a matter of official record in the War Department.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Albert Hilliard

Adjutant General

2 Incls  
Incl #1 Lend Lease Certificate  
Incl #2 French Citation

~~2nd Ind.~~

~~CITATIONS OFFICE, SSU, WAR DEPARTMENT, Washington, D. C., 28 February 1946~~

~~TO: Captain Lucien E. Conain~~

- ~~1. Attention is invited to first indorsement.~~





*Conlin*

14 December 1945

**SUBJECT: Presentation of Decoration**

**TO: Commanding Officer  
Hq. and Hq. Detachment  
SSU, Washington, D.C.**

✓ 1. The Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain Lucien E Conlin, 01322769, United States Army, by General Orders Number 191, Headquarters China Theater, 20 October 1945, was presented by Brig. General John Magruder in a presentation ceremony in Washington, D.C. on 13 December 1945.

**WILLIAM B DEEN  
Captain, AGO  
SSU Citations Officer**

COEIN No. //

By General Order Number 191, Headquarters China Theater, 20 October 1945,  
the Bronze Star Medal was awarded to:

C I T A T I O N

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