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1st Lt.
(Army)

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 2677th REGIMENT
 OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES (PROV.)
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Von Ripper

AG 201-P-Von Ripper, Rudolf C. (Off)

15 May 1945

SUBJECT: Decoration.

TO : Deputy Director, Personnel, Office of Strategic Services,
 Washington, D. C.

In compliance with memorandum, OSS, Subject: "Decorations", dated 5 April 1944, the following information is submitted:

- a. ✓ RUDOLF C. VON RIPPER, 1st Lt., Inf., O-2056087
- b. Oak Leaf Cluster for the Silver Star.
- c. Silver Star, Purple Heart and one Oak Leaf Cluster.
- d. 4 November 1943.
- e. Four true extract copies of General Order #90, Headquarters 34th Infantry Division, dated 6 May 1945. No copies of citation received.
- f. Major General Bolte.
- g. Presentation cannot be made at this time as Lt Von Ripper is on a mission at a secret destination. Presentation will be made by Colonel Glavin upon his return.
- h. Not posthumous.
- i. None.
- j. Award is made for services while with the 34th Infantry Division.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

*Print to OSS,
 asfd to OSS, 29 Jan 1945*

JOSEPH L. PALOSKY
 2nd Lt., AUS
 Asst. Adjutant

1 Incl:
 True Extract Copies G.O.#90, Hq 34th Inf Div

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HEADQUARTERS 34TH INFANTRY DIVISION
 UNITED STATES ARMY, APO-34

GENERAL ORDERS)
 :
 NUMBER 90)

6 May 1945

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AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR THE SILVER STAR -- SECTION I

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AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR THE SILVER STAR - SECTION I

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster for the Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual:

RUDOLF G. VON RIPPER (02056087), First Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Office of Strategic Services, Mediterranean Theater of Operations (then 2680th Headquarters Company, IFW, Allied Force Headquarters). For gallantry in action on 4 November 1943, in Italy. Left with only two platoons of riflemen, Lt Von Ripper's Company dispatched one platoon to the right and the other to the left in an attempt to encircle an enemy held town and the rocky crag on which it was located. When stopped by intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire, Lt Von Ripper who had assumed command of the platoon on the right, organized a 12 man patrol, advanced in the face of withering machine gun fire and drove the gun crew from their weapon. He then led his patrol in a maneuver which encircled the objective and brought the patrol behind the enemy positions. Shouting to the Germans to surrender, Lt Von Ripper received a burst of small arms fire and grenades in reply. Deploying his men in a covering movement, Lt Von Ripper and one of his men advanced in the face of intense enemy fire and killed 2 and wounded 3 of the enemy, took 11 prisoners and captured numerous enemy weapons. The courage and exemplary leadership displayed by Lt Von Ripper were inspirational and a credit to the military service. Home address: Smith Ridge Road, New Canaan, Connecticut.

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BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BOLTE:

JOHN D. FORSYTHE
 Colonel, GSC
 Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Dee M. White
 /t/ DEE M. WHITE
 Lt Col., AGD
 Adjutant General

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

Joseph L. Palosky
 JOSEPH L. PALOSKY
 2nd Lt., AUS

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T H E A T E R S E R V I C E R E C O R D

Date _____

- 1. NAME Rudolph G. Von Ripper
- 2. GRADE Captain
- 3. SERIAL NO. 02056087
- 4. DATE OF BIRTH 29 Jan 05
- 5. PHYSICAL CONDITION _____
- 6. THEATER USFA BRANCH SI
- 7. LENGTH OF SERVICE IN THEATER Months
- 8. PROCURED 5 Feb 45 U.S. (Date) THEATER x
- 9. COMMENT OF THEATER SECURITY OFFICER _____

See Attachment

- 10. EDUCATION Art Academy, Duesseldorf
- 11. LANGUAGES Spanish, French, German, Italian, all well
- 12. SPECIAL SKILLS _____
- 13. PRINCIPAL CIVILIAN EXPERIENCE Artist
- 14. MILITARY OR NAVAL EXPERIENCE PRIOR TO OSS G-2, 34th Div. Asst
AG/S G-2, 34th Div.

15. RECORD OF SERVICE WITH OSS

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<u>Dates</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Duty</u>
5 Feb 45-20 Aug 45	SI - Italy	Capt	Intelligence O
21 Aug 45-	SI - Austria	Capt	Intelligence O

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16. RATING

	Super-ior	Excel-lent	Very Satis-factory	Unsatis-factory
MOTIVATION, energy, effort, initiative, interest in assignment			✓	
PRACTICAL INTELLIGENCE, Speed and accuracy of judgment, resourcefulness in solving problems		✓		
STABILITY, emotional control and maturity, absence of nervous symptoms		✓		
ABILITY TO WORK WITH OTHERS, teamwork, tact, absence of annoying traits.			✓	
LEADERSHIP, organizing ability, ability to win cooperation.		✓		
PHYSICAL ABILITY, agility, daring, ruggedness, stamina.		✓		

17. REMARKS (Be sure to record outstanding accomplishments and weaknesses)

Outstanding in field work but too restless for staff work.

18. COMPLETE REASONS FOR RETURN TO U.S. *point discharge system*

19. RECOMMENDATIONS (a) Do you recommend his further use in SSU? *No*

(b) If so, in what capacity? _____

20. PAPERS accompanying returned personnel (Never to include this form)

- 1. _____ 3. _____ 5. _____
- 2. _____ 4. _____ 6. _____

21. PAPERS being pouched to U.S. - SSU (Including this form)

- 1. ✓ _____ 3. _____ 5. _____
- 2. _____ 4. _____ 6. _____

PREPARED BY: *Alfred C. Ulmer Jr*
(Immediate Superior Officer)

BRANCH CHIEF: *Alfred C. Ulmer Jr*

PERSONNEL OFFICER: *Ruth C. Bradyfield*

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<u>St. Tom</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>4/5</u>	<u>AWB</u>	
2.			<u>4/5/46</u>	<u>AW</u>	<u>Please make a complete copy of this set of papers & send with attached to AWB</u>
<u>AP</u>			<u>900</u>		
3.			<u>4/5/46</u>	<u>AWB</u>	
<u>AWB</u>			<u>1040</u>		
4.	<u>106</u>				<u>(pls note classification. Recommend case be handled gingerly but with care</u>
<u>St. J.F. Blake</u>	<u>North Bldg</u>				
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RUDOLPH C
VON RIPPER
File

Each comment should be numbered to correspond with number in To column.

A line should be drawn across sheet under each comment.

Officer Designations should be used in To column.

Each Officer should initial (check mark insufficient) before further routing.

Action desired or action taken should be indicated in Comments column.

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HQ UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA
STRATEGIC SERVICES UNIT
WD MISSION TO AUSTRIA
APO 777 US ARMY

20 March 1946

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Record

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TO : The Director
Strategic Services Unit, War Department
Washington 25, D. C.

Transmitted herewith is the Theater Service Record of the following named officer who has been transferred to your command:

Captain Rudolph C. von Ripper, 02 056 087

FOR THE CHIEF OF MISSION:

- 2 Incls.
- 1 TSR
- 1 Comment of Security Officer

Ruth E. Bradfield
RUTH E. BRADFELD
Administrative Officer

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COMMENT OF THEATER SECURITY
 OFFICER

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Due to the fact that Capt. Von Ripper was until a few years ago a resident of Europe, his security in SSU/Austria has not been altogether satisfactory. He is an intimate acquaintance of many Austrian aristocrats and is well known in society circles. Von Ripper is reported to have sided with one particular party in Austrian politics, thereby creating the possibility that SSU/Austria would be reprimanded by the U.S. Army for his partisan activities, and that SSU relations with other Austrian political parties would be damaged.

Kelly O'Neall
 Kelly O'Neall
 Lt. (j.g.) USNR
 Security Officer

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SEPARATION PROCESS
(Please Type or Print)

Date Interviewed 15-4-46 OSS Branch SI Put in Pool NO YES/NO

Name of Interviewer W. Blake

Name RUDOLPH C UONRIPPED Rank CAPT. ASN 09056087
(First) (Init) (Last)

Date of Birth 09-1-05 Yrs. Service 1NF Arm of Service INF Source of Comm. DIRECT Auth. to live in Town _____

Present Address _____ Phone _____

Home Address NEW CENNAEN CONN Phone _____

Length of Service Overseas 35(28) Months Service 44(37)

No. of Points 116 Desires to remain in Army No

Duty performed with OSS _____

FOR ACTION: MOS _____
Changed to _____

Recommendation: Trf. To _____ Br. Control # _____
Trf. To Naval Command _____

COMMENTS: Period Discharge - File to Hiller 16-4-46

FINAL ACTION: Return to Army _____ For Rotation and Reassignment _____
For Reassignment _____ Discharge on Age _____
Discharge on Pts. 116 Discharge (Other) _____

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HQ UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA
SSU WD, MISSION TO AUSTRIA
APO 777

19 March 1946

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Records

TO : The Director
Strategic Services Unit, War Department
2324 F. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Transmitted herewith Officer Qualification Card (WD AGO Form 66-1) on the following named officer, relieved from attached this organization and returned to your command per Letter Orders Hq USFET, dated 8 March 1946:

Captain VON RIPPER, Rudolph C. 02 056 087

FOR THE CHIEF OF MISSION:

- 4 Incls:
- 1 WD AGO Form 163
- 1 WD AGO Form 66-1
- 1 201-File

RUTH E. BRADFIELD
Administrative Officer

201- Von Ripper, Rudolph C. (O) 1st Ind.

WD CASW SSU 25th & E Streets, NW, Washington, D.C. 16 Apr 46.

TO: Hq United States Forces In Austria, SSU WD, Mission to Austria
APO 777.

Receipt acknowledged.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CARL V. CASH
Captain, AC
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
U. S. FORCES, EUROPEAN THEATER

BJW/dt
APO 757
8 March 1946

G 300.4 (8 March 46) 3-493

SUBJECT: Orders (Stat Code KB)
: Personnel Concerned.

1. The Theater Commander directs as necessary in the military service that the personnel named below, Strategic Service Unit, War Department Mission to Austria, proceed from their present station to Le Havre, France, thence by first available surface (1958-C-152) transportation to the United States, reporting on arrival to the Port Commander, Port of Debarkation, for movement to Washington, D. C. Upon arrival thereat the personnel named below will report to Strategic Service Unit, War Department Reception Office, Room 110, North Building, 5 and E Street, Northwest, Washington, C. C., for further instructions. The officers named below are relieved from further assignment and duty in this theater, VOMR: 28 March 1946. This is a permanent change of station.

Captain RUDOLPH C. VON RIPPER, 02058087, AUS, (ASR 104)

* **
2. Travel by surface, mail, and/or motor transportation is directed. The provisions of par 26, AR 35-4820, 19 April 1945, as changed, will apply for the above named officers while traveling outside this theater.

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5. TCMT. TDN. PCS. 60-115, 114, 500 P 431-02, 03, 04, 07, 08 A 212/0425.

6. Auth: USFA cable, P-4022, 5 March 1946.

/s/ E J Wheeler
/t/ B. J. WHEELER
Major, AGD
Asst. Adjutant General

TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

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E. HOSKINSON
st Lt TC

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1st Ind.

AG/mh

ASF, NYPE, CAMP KILMER, NEW RUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY, 10 April 1946.

TO: Commanding Officer, Strategic Service Unit, WD Reception Office Room 110, North Building, 25 and E St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

1. CAPT RUDOLPH C VON RIPPER, 02058087, AUS, arrived at the New York Port of Embarkation, 10 April 1946.

2. Above named Officer WF by rail fr this Sta to SSU, WD Reception Office, Room 110, North Building, 25 and E St, N.W., Washington, D.C. RUAT to the CO for further instructions. EDCMR, 10 April 1946.

3. PCS. TDN. TO will furn nec T. 601-31 P 431-02, 03, 07, 08 A 212/60425.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

J. E. Hoskinson
J. E. HOSKINSON
1st Lt., TC
Asst Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS 34TH INFANTRY DIVISION
 UNITED STATES ARMY, APO-34

Von Ripper

GENERAL ORDERS)

6 May 1945

NUMBER 90)

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 AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR ----- SECTION II
 AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL ----- SECTION III
 AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL ----- SECTION IV
 AMENDMENTS TO SECTION V, G.O. NO. 84, CS ----- SECTION V

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR THE SILVER STAR -- SECTION I

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster for the Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual:

*Original
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RUDOLF G. VON RIPPER (02056087), First Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Office of Strategic Services, Mediterranean Theater of Operations (then 2680th Headquarters Company, IPW, Allied Force Headquarters). For gallantry in action on 4 November 1943, in Italy. Left with only two platoons of rifle men, Lt Von Ripper's Company dispatched one platoon to the right and the other to the left in an attempt to encircle an enemy held town and the rocky crag on which it was located. When stopped by intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire, Lt Von Ripper who had assumed command of the platoon on the right, organized a 12 man patrol, advanced in the face of withering machine gun fire and drove the gun crew from their weapon. He then led his patrol in a maneuver which encircled the objective and brought the patrol behind the enemy positions. Shouting to the Germans to surrender, Lt Von Ripper received a burst of small arms fire and grenades in reply. Deploying his men in a covering movement, Lt Von Ripper and one of his men advanced in the face of intense enemy fire and killed 2 and wounded 3 of the enemy, took 11 prisoners and captured numerous enemy weapons. The courage and exemplary leadership displayed by Lt Von Ripper were inspirational and a credit to the military service. Home address: Smith Ridge Road, New Canaan, Connecticut.

AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR - SECTION II

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

JULIUS N. MASON (33845933), Private, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 133rd Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 5 February 1945, in Italy. When the Infantry company to which he was attached as medical aid man suffered heavy casualties during a daylight attack against the enemy, Pvt Mason, disregarding the intense enemy shellfire and machine gun fire, crawled over the battlefield and administered aid to 12 casualties. Working much of the time in full view of the enemy and constantly subjected to enemy fire directed at him, Pvt Mason remained on the open field for almost eight hours rendering first aid and helping to evacuate the men. Although he several times narrowly escaped death, Pvt Mason worked on until the field was cleared of the wounded. Pvt Mason's courage and devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the lives of several of these men and his actions are a credit to the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Home address: 409 West Diamond Avenue, Hazelton, Pennsylvania.

PAUL E. HEINEMAN (01312677), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "F", 133rd Infantry Regiment. Home address: 66 Noble Street, Delaware, Ohio.

ROBERT L. CULLISON (17129329), Private Infantry, Company "F", 133rd Infantry Regiment. Home Address: St. Louis, Missouri.

CHARLES F. NORTON (42119112), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "F", 133rd Infantry Regiment. Home address: Lockport-Olcott Road, Olcott, New York.

For gallantry in action on 5 February 1945, in Italy. Although almost the entire platoon became casualties as a result of extremely heavy enemy fire, Lt Heineman, Pvt Cullison and Pfc Norton and three others pushed on and attained

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their objective. Lt Heineman dispatched one of his men to bring up a machine gun, but his man was killed before he reached his destination. The enemy then concentrated terrific machine gun, mortar and grenade fire on the position and Pvt Cullison and Pfc Norton were severely wounded and the remaining two men were killed. An enemy force of eight men counter-attacked to regain their position but the three defenders engaged the enemy force and drove them off with accurate fire from their carbines and rifles. Twice again the enemy counter-attacked but were driven off by the officer and the two wounded men. Only when it became apparent that reinforcements would not be able to reach them did the three man group withdraw. The courageous determination displayed by Lt Heineman, Pvt Cullison and Pfc Norton were exemplary and reflect the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

EMMETT L. HAYS (38212937), Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 133rd Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 1 October 1944, in Italy. During an attack on an enemy occupied hill, Pfc Hays was severely wounded by an enemy mortar shell fragment and the intense enemy fire pinned the company down and inflicted four other casualties in the lead platoon. Disregarding his own wounds, Pfc Hays went to the aid of the casualties and finding one very seriously wounded, picked him up and carried him about 300 yards to the bottom of the hill and administered first aid. Two of the other casualties were carried down by riflemen. Pfc Hays then returned, crawled forward under machine pistol fire which barely cleared his body and with the aid of another rifleman, dragged the wounded soldier back about 25 yards and with the assistance of his comrade, carried him down the hill and administered first aid. Pfc Hays' courage and unselfish devotion to duty were inspirational and reflect the highest traditions of the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Home address: Little Rock, Arkansas.

FIDEL P. AZCONA (35572248), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "C", 133rd Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 15 September 1944, in Italy. During an attack on a strongly defended enemy position and when the platoon became pinned down with heavy casualties from intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire from the front and right flank, only Sgt Azcona, acting platoon sergeant, and about 18 of his men reached the barbed wire entanglement protecting the enemy emplacements on the hill. As he started through the barbed wire entanglement, Sgt Azcona saw that his men were not following. He stood erect, brandished his pistol at the enemy, rallied his men and urged them forward. Firing his pistol at the enemy, Sgt Azcona charged the remaining distance. Inspired by his fearlessness, the men of the platoon followed, firing their rifles from the hip, forcing the enemy to flee, leaving two of their dead and a heavy machine gun behind. Before Sgt Azcona had time to organize defensive positions, an enemy force of about 20 Germans counter-attacked but were driven off by the inspired men. Sgt Azcona's courageous leadership was a key factor in the successful attack and his actions reflect credit upon the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Gary, Indiana.

AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL - SECTION III

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

CYRIL R. RAYMOND (20701274), First Sergeant, Infantry, Service Company, 133rd Infantry Regiment. For heroism not in action on 27 March 1945, in Italy. Sgt Raymond was directing a number of men attempting to extinguish a fire which had broken out in the rooms they had been occupying when two loaded carbines left in one of the blazing rooms commenced firing, endangering the lives of the men fighting the fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, Sgt Raymond dashed into the blazing room, found the guns and although the gun stocks were burning fiercely, carried them outside to where they could no longer be of danger. The bravery and quick actions of Sgt Raymond enabled the men to continue work in comparative safety and extinguish the fire. Home address: 801 West Kirkwood Street, Fairfield, Iowa.

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL - SECTION IV

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

JAMES H. JOHNSON (37044471), Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 133rd Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in combat from 20 October 1943 to 4 April 1945, in Italy. Home address: Humboldt, Iowa.

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THOMAS L. WOLFE (37044700), Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Service Company, 133rd Infantry Regiment. For meritorious services in support of combat operations from 10 February 1943 to 30 March 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: Newton, Iowa.

JOHN W. HARRISON (W2109788), Chief Warrant Officer, Army of the United States, Headquarters 125th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious services in support of combat operations from 1 August 1942 to 31 March 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: Princeton, Minnesota.

WILLIAM F. BULLIS (O1169043), Captain, Field Artillery, 151st Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in combat on 28 January 1944, in Italy. Home address: 583 West 177th Street, New York, New York.

ROBERT R. JACOBSON (O410856), Lieutenant Colonel, Ordnance Department, 734th Ordnance Company. For meritorious services in support of combat operations from 16 April 1945 to 2 May 1945, in Italy. Home address: 5231 11th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

DEAN K. TORNEY (O418420), Lieutenant Colonel, Quartermaster Corps, 34th Quartermaster Company. For meritorious services in support of combat operations from 16 April 1945 to 2 May 1945, in Italy. Home address: 204 5th Avenue Southeast, Little Falls, Minnesota.

AMENDMENTS TO SECTION V, G.O. NO. 84, CS - SECTION V

So much of Section V, General Orders Number 84, dated 29 April 1945 as awarded a Bronze Star Medal to each of the following named individuals and as reads "Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 133rd Infantry Regiment", is amended to read "Infantry, Company "F", 133rd Infantry Regiment":

Technician Fourth Grade Donald G. Kranich, 37042911
 Technician Fifth Grade Lee R. Whitener, 34172213
 Private First Class Ofus R. Maynor, 35214469

And so much of Section V, General Orders Number 84, dated 29 April 1945 as reads "Wesley E. Ganghart (37043458), Staff Sergeant" is amended to read "Wesley E. Banghart (37043458), Staff Sergeant."

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BOLTE:

JOHN D. FORSYTHE
 Colonel, GSC
 Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

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 DEE M. WHITE
 Lt. Col., AGD
 Adjutant General

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VON RIPPER, Rudolph C.		Capt	0-2056087	AUS
Name		Rank	ASN	Branch
Telephone		Date of Rank	17 MAY 45	
Room No.	ROME		Asgd To:	S1
Remarks:	Age	Date of Birth		
<p>Reled fr asgmt & dy 34th Inf Div & asgd to OSS Wash DC w/sta outside continental limits of US. Joined on DS Caserta 29 Jan 1945 per Ltr O Hq FIFTH ARMY APO 464 US Army.</p> <p>(DS Caserta) Prom temp Capt AUS per P 6 SO 137 Hq MTOUSA eff 17 May 45 DS Rome to dy per Ltr O Hq USFET; 15 Apr 46 (Pcs)</p> <p>Dy to DS pending asgmt to Sep C Ft Devens Mass per par 9 SO 92 (EDCMR 24 Apr 46) Departed; 19 apr 46 S1-MT RP</p>				
25944	Home address Smiths Ridge Road, New Canaan, Conn.			

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WAR DEPARTMENT
 19 April 1946

Par. 9. DP each of the fol-named officers is rel'd fr asgmt and dy indicated is asgd to Separation Center listed for record purposes only (no travel involved in connection therewith). WP to his home shown and revert to inactive status on date specified, under auth indicated, not by reason of physical disability. Lv granted as shown. WD AGO Form 53-98 auth. AUS apmts held continue in force during present emerg, plus 6 months unless sooner terminated DP. AUS-AC apmts terminate on EDCMR date. PCS: TDN. TPA. 601-32 P. 431-02, 03, 07, 08, A 212/60425. All dates 1946 unless otherwise indicated.

NAME AND EDCMR	RELD FROM	LV AND EFF DATE	HOME AND EFF DATE REL AD	SEPARATION CENTER	AUTHORITY FOR RELIEF
CAPT RUDOLF O VON RIPPER 02056087 24 Apr 46	OASD WD Strategic Services Unit Washington DC	59 da off 20 Apr 46 1 da tvl off 19 Apr 46	New Canaan Conn off 17 June 46 (MA) Smith Ridge Road New Canaan Conn	Ft Devens Mass	HR 1-1

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

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 RELIEF FROM ACTIVE DUTY
 OFFICER PERSONNEL

OFFICIAL:
 EDWARD F. WITSELL
 Major General
 The Adjutant General

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
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AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR THE SILVER STAR -- SECTION I

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BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BOLHE:

JOHN D. FORSYTHE
 Colonel, GSC
 Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Dee M. White
 /t/ DEE M. WHITE
 Lt Col., AGD
 Adjutant General

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

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SECURITY OFFICE
Investigation Report

Subject: VON RIPPER, Rudolph Charles (1st Lt. - AUS) Date: 19 February 1945

To: HQ. & HQ. Det.

Number: BB 1314

- 1. Investigation directed by: JCO'D
- 2. Sources of information:
- 3. Remarks:

ORIGINATING OFFICIAL --- Lt. Comdr. Geo. G. Parry

We are sending a Summary in this case, directly to the Security Officer in the field, and are asking him to determine its disposition, advising this Office of his decision.

4. Recommendations:

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By [Signature]
Security Officer [Signature]
J. G. O'Donnell
FMC

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Symbols

- WP -- Will proceed without delay thereto.
- TCT -- The TC will furnish the necessary transportation.
- IGF -- It being impracticable for the Govt to furnish

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HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT
 OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
 24th and "F" Streets, N. W.
 Washington, D. C.
 9 February 1945.

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1. The fol named Off, having been asgd to this hq in compliance with orders, are detailed to dy w/Branches as indicated:

- 1ST LT LEWIS BROWN, O1 O15 124, QMC, MO (CBI), 6 Feb 45.
- 1ST LT RUDOLPH C VON RIPPER, O2 O56 087, AUS, SI (NA), 29 Jan 45.
- 2D LT EDWARD A EVANS, O1 587 953, QMC, SP PROJ (US), 3 Feb 45.

2. 1st Sgt Morris Friedman, 32 086 762, having been trfd to this hq in compliance w/orders, is asgd to MO (CBI) and atchd to Casual Sec, Hq Det, for rat and qrs, reporting 8 Feb 45.

3. Pfc George Reim, 12 057 948, having been trfd to this hq in compliance w/orders, is asgd to R & A (CBI) and atchd to Casual Sec, Hq Det, reporting 8 Feb 45.

4. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, dated 30 Jun 44, as amended, the fol appointment of EM, this orgn, is announced eff this date:

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
Pvt Joseph Santora 33 603 733

5. Under the provisions of WD Cir #280, dated 6 Jul 44, Tec 4 Charles A Bacon Jr, 17 077-213, now absent sk at Walter Reed GH, is reld from asgd to this hq and trfd, atchd unassigned, to Det of Patients, Walter Reed GH, Wash, DC. EDCMR: 12 Feb 45.

6. Tec 4 Joseph Latini, 32 484 295, SSN 060, is trfd in gr to RC, Fort Dix, NJ. EDCMR: 13 Feb 45. WP reporting upon arrival to the CO thereat for appropriate reassignment.

TCT. IGF rat and in accord w/AR 30-2215, the QMC will issue one (1) meal ticket for one (1) man for one-third (1/3) of a day a/r not to exceed \$1.00 per meal if served on a ry dining car or a/r not to exceed \$0.75 elsewhere. TDN 501-31 P 431-02 A 0425-25.

AUTH: VO, Classification & Repl Br, TAG, 9 Feb 45.

7. Confirming verbal auth previously granted and IGF rat and qrs, FD, under the provisions of Sec I, AR 35-4520, dated 24 Feb 43, will pay the fol named EM, this hq, fifteen (15) days in advance auth monetary alws in lieu thereof eff 9 Feb 45.

507-51 P 411-07 A 212/50502 and 501-74 P 414-01 A 212/50425.

NAME	GRADE	ASN
John F Carlos	Sgt	12 080 991
Harry L George	Pvt	35 436 853

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SO #35 HQ & HQ DET (9 Feb 45) contd

8. Lv of absence is granted the fol named Off as indicated:

<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>DAYS LV</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE O/A</u>
MAJ WILLIAM A MAYHEW O 479 275 AC	15	13 Feb 45
MAJ LOUIS L RAFFERTY O 443 006 AGD	5	12 Feb 45
MAJ ROBERT E WOLF O 472 040 MC	4	17 Feb 45
CAPT PAUL N-FONTAINE O 298 025 CAC	2	10 Feb 45

BY ORDER OF COLONEL FITZ:

WALTER J. WELLMAN,
 Major, C. A. C.,
 Adjutant.

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HQ. U. S. FORCES IN AUSTRIA
DETACHMENT A, C.S.S. AUSTRIA
APO 777

23 September 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO : Captain Rudolf C. Von Ripper

During your period of service with the Central European Intelligence Section of the Office of Strategic Services, you undertook one of the most complex and difficult tasks to be found in the organization. Your confidential duties required the constant application of considerable technical knowledge and specialized experience, untiring effort, the highest degree of trustworthiness and security, and a deep sense of personal responsibility for the work and for your associates in it.

You are warmly commended for your successful completion of this exacting assignment. Your unremitting devotion of all your energies, your intelligent appraisal of constantly changing conditions and unforeseeable obstacles, and your quick and practical decisions and actions, contributed heavily to the accomplishments of the Office of Strategic Services in providing military intelligence of high value to the Armed Forces of the United States.

In expressing the appreciation of the Office of Strategic Services, I wish to add my personal gratitude for your unfailing cooperation and support in the work, and for the very real privilege of service with you.

HOWARD M. CHAPIN
Lt. Colonel AUS

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT
 Office Ass't Secretary of War
 WD Strategic Services Unit
 2324 F. Street, N. W.
 Washington, D. C.

NOTIFICATION TO CLEARANCE OFFICERS: After this date no Funds or Property should be issued this officer.

15 Apr 46

SUBJECT: CLEARANCE

TO : Whom It May Concern

Under the provisions of C-9 Par 10b (4) (a) AR 210-10 dated 26 August 43, I certify that **Captain Rudolf C. Von Ripper, Inf, 02050087** is not indebted to the United States or any of its agencies or Instrumentalities nor responsible or accountable for any Government property incident to his tour of active duty at this station during the period to **15 Apr 46** except as follows:

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112 No. Bldg	Lt. Blake	16-4-46	<i>J. B. [unclear]</i> Lt CAC
103 Ctl Bldg	Property Board	16 April 46	W. Ester
112 Ctl Bldg	SO Supply	16 April 46	Colonel, CAC
132 So. Bldg	Security	16 April 46	Chairman SSU Property Board
317 So. Bldg	Special Funds	16 Apr 46	<i>C. H. [unclear]</i>
1281 Q. Bldg	Medical Division	16 April 46	<i>Andrew [unclear]</i>
2202 Q. Bldg	SI Br Clearance	Fr 1/16/46	<i>ASST SSU [unclear]</i>

I Certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief I am clear of responsibility for property, equipment, mess bills and personal telephone calls pertaining to the above organization, and that I am free of indebtedness to civilian concerns in the vicinity.

Rudolph C. von Ripper

(Name) Rudolf C. Von Ripper
 Captain, Inf.

and (was) (was not) furnished Government quarters during the period of his duty at this headquarters from : _____ to: _____

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

W. V. [unclear]
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AG 201-P-Von Ripper, Rudolf C. (Off)

15 May 1945

SUBJECT: Decoration.

TO : Deputy Director, Personnel, Office of Strategic Services,
 Washington, D. C.

In compliance with memorandum, OSS, Subject: "Decorations", dated 5 April 1944, the following information is submitted:

- a. RUDOLF C. VON RIPPER, 1st Lt., Inf., O-2056087
- b. Oak Leaf Cluster for the Silver Star.
- c. Silver Star, Purple Heart and one Oak Leaf Cluster.
- d. 4 November 1943.
- e. Four true extract copies of General Order #90, Headquarters 34th Infantry Division, dated 6 May 1945. No copies of citation received.
- f. Major General Bolte.
- g. Presentation cannot be made at this time as Lt Von Ripper is on a mission at a secret destination. Presentation will be made by Colonel Glavin upon his return.
- h. Not posthumous.
- i. None.
- j. Award is made for services while with the 34th Infantry Division.

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FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Joseph L Palosky
 JOSEPH L. PALOSKY
 2nd Lt., AUS
 Asst. Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A. P. O. #164, U. S. Army

BTS/veg
29 January 1945

Subject: Change of Status of Officer.

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To: 1ST LT RUDOLPH G. VON RIFFER, O2056087, AUS, 34 Inf Div.

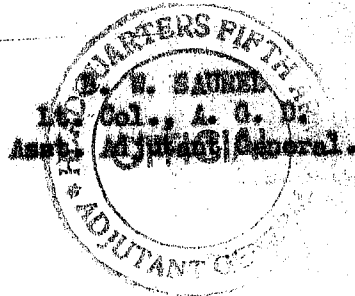
1. You are relieved from asgmt and dy with 34th Inf Div, are asgd to the Office of Strategic Services, WP. PCS.

2. You are placed on DS with 2677th Regt, OSS (Prov). WP, Travel by air, auto, Govt RT or rail is auth. No per diem. TDN. 61-121 P 431-02, O3 212/50425.

3. Auth: Messageform, Hq MFOUSA, 2 Nov 1944, file AG-201-P-Von Ripper, Rudolph G. (G).

By command of Lieutenant General TRUSCOTT:

201-Von Ripper



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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
 A. P. O. #464, U. S. Army

AG 210.3-AM

BWS/reg
 29 January 1945

Subject: Change of Status of Officer.

To: 1ST LT RUDOLPH C. VON RIPPER, 02056087, AUS, 34 Inf Div.

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