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WITH THE FOURTH INFAN-TRY DIVISION—For exceptional services rendered during the liberation of France, Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth R. Lindner, of Bethlehem, Pa., has been awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palm by the Provisional Government of the French Republic.

Colonel Lindner is a battalion commander of the 4th Division which stormed ashore on D-Day in Normandy, spearheaded the Normandy breakthrough, liberated Paris and became one of the first units to cross the German border and drive a wedge into the Siegfried Line.

The citation accompanying the award commended Lindner for "exceptional services of war rendered in the course of operations of the liberation of France". It was signed by General Charles de Gaulle, president of the French Provisional Government.

In addition to the French award, Col. Lindner has received the Silver Star for gallantry in action, the Bronze Star Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

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"His mother, Mrs. Emma Lindner, resides at 432 Montclair Avenue, Bethlehem, Pa. In civilian life Lindner was a grane operator with the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. He joined his present unit, the 12th Infantry Regiment June 19, 1941.

April 20, 1945