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CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM

Lieutenant Colonel Arnost Kopriva, Czechoslovakian Army, for exceptionally meritorious achievement which aided the United States in the prosecution of the war against the enemy in Continental Europe as a leader of Czechoslovakian partisans, on 13 April 1945. When a unit of the Third United States Army liberated several hundred Czechoslovakian patriots, within an hour Lieutenant Colonel Kopriva and a few other leaders organized a fighting partizan unit which assisted the United States troops in securing Creussen, Germany, and in crushing a furious, tank-led German counterattack. When the United States forces continued their advance, the partisans, ably led and well disciplined, governed the town and vicinity until the arrival of the Military Government detachment. Lieutenant Colonel Kopriva's outstanding leadership, initiative and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon him and the Allied Armed Forces.

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