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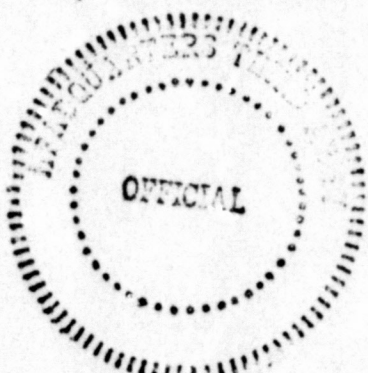
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AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Colonel GEORGE B BARTH, 011241, Field Artillery, ** Infantry Regiment, 906th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. During the period 27-28 October 1944, this officer's command was preparing to attack the town of MAIZIERES LES METZ, FRANCE. In order to assure the success of the impending action, he made a detailed personal reconnaissance of each squad and platoon in the assembly area and on the line of departure, continually exposing himself to heavy artillery, mortar, and close-range small arms fire. On the morning of 29 October, he was present at the line of departure of the assault platoon which was to attack in the most critical sector. While encouraging the men of that platoon he exposed himself without regard for his own safety, and five minutes prior to the time the attack was to be launched, was seriously wounded by enemy mortar fire. Although suffering intense pain, Colonel BARTH refused to be evacuated until after the assault platoon had reached its initial objective, during which time he continually encouraged and directed the officer and men about him, inspiring them into displaying such courage and determination that the attack was a complete success. The heroic self-sacrifice displayed by Colonel BARTH before the officers and men of his organization exemplifies the highest traditions of the service and was unquestionably responsible for the capture of the entire town of MAIZIERES LES METZ, FRANCE.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



HUGH J. GAFFEY,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.

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