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SILVER STAR

"For meritorious achievement. Captain Bottcher's patrol was attacked by a vastly numerically superior enemy force. Constantly exposed to enemy machine gun, mortar and small arms fire, he directed his men so successfully that the attack was repulsed. As the fighting subsided, he arose, and, as he began directing the assembly of the patrol for movement to a stronger position, he was mortally wounded by the burst of a mortar shell. Captain Bottcher courageously gave his life in concern for the welfare of his men."

The decorations will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Ninth Service Command, Fort Douglas, Utah, who will select an officer to make the presentation. The officer selected will communicate with you concerning your wishes in the matter.

May I again express my deepest sympathy to you in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

*Edward F. Witsell*

EDWARD F. WITSELL  
Major General  
Acting The Adjutant General