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IV - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.

By direction of the president, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following individual:

Paul U. Avritt, OI 178 691, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 30 August 1944, in the vicinity of Beaurepairre, France. Lieutenant Avritt, while flying behind the enemy lines, noticed that a "Spitfire" had been hit by antiaircraft fire while strafing an enemy column, and was being forced to make a landing in an open field that was entirely controlled by the enemy. Lieutenant Avritt, completely ignoring all personal danger and aware that he was in enemy territory, made an emergency landing, rescued the uninjured pilot and returned him safely to the Division Artillery Air OP Strip. Next of Kin: Mrs Gon Avritt (Mother), South Eighth Street, Weatherford, Oklahoma.

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By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE
Brigadier General, GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ W. G. Caldwell
/t/ W. G. CALDWELL
Colonel, AGC
Adjutant General

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