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CITATION FOR THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
(OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

First Lieutenant John A Pfitsch, 01047728, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at ***, France on 23 November 1944. In the early morning hours of 23 November a long range enemy artillery shell struck a truck loaded with 40mm and small arms ammunition setting it ablaze. A nearby gasoline truck caught fire and soon the conflagration threatened to destroy other vehicles parked in the vicinity. Lieutenant Pfitsch at once rushed to the area and drove away two vehicles which were in immediate danger, disregarding the hazards of exploding ammunition and flaming gasoline showered over the terrain by bursting gas cans. Although the heat and smoke was at a maximum, Lieutenant Pfitsch returned to assist in towing away a third truck which had become ignited, and helped to quell the flames. He then posted himself in the danger zone until the fire had been brought under control, making every effort to prevent further damage. Lieutenant Pfitsch's courageous and resourceful actions and his disregard for personal safety reflect credit upon his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Texas.