

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the BRONZE STAR MEDAL posthumously to

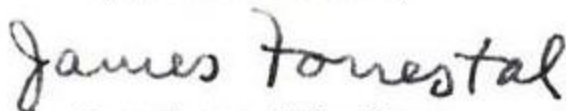
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GEORGE V. BABCOCK,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For heroic achievement while serving with the Second Amphibious Tractor Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Gilbert Islands and in the Marianas Islands from 20 November 1943 to 15 June 1944. Aggressive and determined, Private First Class Babcock participated in the daring assault operations in both these strategic areas, repeatedly driving his amphibious tractor in on the enemy beaches despite the savage barrages of merciless fire maintained by the Japanese throughout the assault phase. Mortally wounded by an enemy shell while executing a difficult landing on the beach at Saipan, 15 June, Private First Class Babcock, by his courageous initiative, expert skill and resolute fortitude in the face of terrific odds, contributed essentially to the success of our landing operations on these vital Japanese bases, and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.”

For the President,



Secretary of the Navy.