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I--Award of Silver Star--Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

WILLIAM E. DePUY, 0410595, Major, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 19 November 1944 in the vicinity of Hinckange, France. During the crossing of the Nied River, Major DePuy, Regimental Operations and Training Officer, under extremely heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, reconnoitered approaches to a bridge site. After completing the reconnaissance, he personally led the leading elements of the Infantry forward, enabling the first troops of the 357th Infantry to cross the river. Later, at risk of his life, he led a successful tank assault upon the enemy and took an active part in engaging the enemy in small arms battle at close range. During this action, he captured eleven enemy soldiers. Major DePuy's aggressiveness, courage and inspiring leadership were material factors in the successful accomplishment of the Regimental mission. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from South Dakota.

CHARLES W. RYDER, JR., 024951, Captain, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 19 and 20 November 1944 in the vicinity Bockange, France. During the advance of the 357th Infantry, Captain Ryder, preceding the column, made a reconnaissance in Bockange, France. Having observed an enemy convoy in the town, he immediately signaled tanks carrying infantrymen to advance. From a commanding position, Captain Ryder directed tank fire which stopped the entire enemy convoy. He then, at risk of his life, led the tanks and infantry in an attack on the town in which four enemy were killed, two wounded and 35 captured. The next day, while again in advance of the column, Captain Ryder advanced through direct enemy rocket fire, killed one man of the enemy bazooka team and caused the other members to flee. Captain Ryder's gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

ALEX J. GALLA, 01310693, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 8 September 1944 in the vicinity of Avril, France. When an infantry motorized patrol was ambushed by a numerically superior enemy force, numerous casualties were sustained. First Lieutenant Galla, Platoon Leader, with the aid of companions, attempted to recover the vehicles. They drew enemy fire which endangered the lives of wounded men in the immediate area but he, voluntarily and at risk of his life, moved to a distant field in full view of the enemy, diverted their fire upon himself, which allowed the vehicles to be recovered by other members of the patrol. He then assisted a shell-shocked victim to the Aid Station and gave the Medical Officer the location of other wounded men. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.



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II--Award of Bronze Star-- Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

ROLAND SANDAU, 37155030, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 8 June to 27 November 1944. Entered Military Service from South Dakota.

By command of Major General VAN FLEET:

JOHN C. WHITCOMB,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

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