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LT. CHARLES W. ROTZELL

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Lt. Charles Rotzell Given Silver Star For Heroic Action

Word was received yesterday by Mrs. Romaine Heard Rotzell of North Fifth Street, Bangor, that her husband, Second Lt. Charles W. Rotzell, of near Belfast, has received the Silver Star Citation by direction of the President of the United States.

According to the citation, the award was given for gallantry in action in Holland Nov. 2 and 3, 1944. The regiment with which he was working as a medical officer crossed a stream and due to heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire was unable to move supporting medical groups over the stream. In face of extreme danger and with no consideration for himself, according to the citation, he directed the evacuation of 46 wounded men. He personally prepared numerous litters and reconnoitered the route over which the litter bearers were to carry the wounded men out.

So successful were his efforts that the lives of innumerable men were saved. He was presented the citation on the First Army front in Europe Dec. 13 and at the same time he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant.

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