

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

COMMANDER DANIEL J. SEENEY, UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer aboard the U.S.S. ERIE following the torpedoing of that vessel by an enemy submarine on November 12, 1942. Although suffering from severe bruises and burns, Commander Sweeney, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, climbed to the isolated stern of the ship through a hole blasted in the deck and side by the explosion of the torpedo. Here, blocked by raging fires from burning oil, he courageously defied intense heat and suffocating fumes long enough to set 'ready' depth charges on 'safe' before being forced to abandon the vessel because of a rapid spread of windswept flames. By his alert presence of mind and fearless initiative he undoubtedly helped save the ERIE from disastrous damage and further loss of life."

For the President,

(Signed) Frank Knox  
Secretary of the Navy