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AG 200.6 (E) - Jacoby, Leslie E. (O)

SUBJECT: Award of the Silver Star.

TO : Colonel Leslie E. Jacoby, 0-12300, Field Artillery, Headquarters 5th Tank Destroyer Group, United States Army.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Section I, Circular 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Section I, Circular 56, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 27 May 1944, you are awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action on 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. During a critical action after the closing of the Falaise pocket at Chambois, when numerous enemy tanks and armored vehicles were attempting to escape and were often breaking through forward elements of the lines, tank destroyer action became critical. You displayed outstanding gallantry in action, going from position to position gaining first hand knowledge and directing tank destroyer actions. Frequently under heavy machine gun, rifle and artillery fire, you worked to commanding positions where you could determine the exact progress of the battle. Your efforts in providing ample tank destroyer protection for all parts of the line, both day and night, gave great encouragement to other troops holding the position. The result of the action at Chambois netted more than 5,000 enemy tanks, armored vehicles, guns and other vehicles destroyed, extensive destruction of enemy personnel, killed or wounded, and more than 15,000 prisoners captured by the Division which you were supporting. Your aggressiveness, untiring devotion to duty and utter disregard for your personal safety, reflect great credit upon yourself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

WADE H. HAISLIP
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding