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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

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

LOUIS CULLEN ETHERIDGE, JR.
STEWARD FIRST CLASS
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For heroic achievement as Captain of the after
Three-Inch Gun on board the U.S.C.G.C. CAMPBELL when
that vessel rammed and sank an enemy German submarine
on 22 February 1943. Quick to act when his ship
surprised the hostile submarine on the surface and
collided with it during an attempt to ram, ETHERIDGE
coolly directed the rapid and accurate firing of his
gun, remaining steadfast at his post and scoring
direct hits throughout a vigorous engagement in
which the Captain of the U-boat was killed and other
officers prevented from assuming tactical control.
By his skilled and aggressive leadership, prompt
action and unwavering devotion to duty, ETHERIDGE
contributed to the success of the CAMPBELL in sinking
the German submarine with several of her crew taken
prisoner and upheld the highest traditions of the
United States Naval Service."

ETHERIDGE is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

For the President,

./s/ Dan A. Kimball

Secretary of the Navy