

EVANS

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GUADALCANAL

NAVY CROSS by Comdr. SoPac Force & Area--Ltr. Feb.  
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"For extraordinary heroism and distinguished service as a volunteer member of the crew of a Higgins boat used in the evacuation of a group of Marines from a beachhead on Guadalcanal, Island on Sept. 27, 1942. EVANS, although he knew that his boat was to be maneuvered into and exposed position for the purpose of drawing enemy fire away from the other boats being used to rescue the trapped Marines, courageously volunteered as a member of the crew. The lightly armed boat was made a target for the enemy fire during the entire evacuation, at the close of which

EVANS was the only member of the crew who had not been killed or wounded. He then maintained control of the boat with one hand on the wheel and continued to fire upon the enemy by operating a Lewis Automatic machine gun with the other. His gallant action taken without regard for his own safety, contributed directly to the highly successful rescue, and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service."

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