

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE COMMANDANT (PHM)
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WASHINGTON

21 December, 1943

To: Ensign Raymond J. Evans
Via: DCGO, 12th Naval District
Subj: Navy Cross

1. I have noted with great pride that the Secretary of the Navy has awarded you the Navy Cross in recognition of your extraordinary heroism as member of the crew of a Higgins boat assisting in the rescue of a group of Marines surrounded by enemy Japanese forces on a beachhead of Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands. I take this opportunity to congratulate you for this well-deserved recognition of your valor, skill and outstanding devotion to duty.

2. Also I wish to express my deep appreciation for the approbation and credit that your exceptional performance of duty has brought to the Coast Guard.

R. R. WAESCHE
Commandant

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DCGO 12th Naval District
5 January, 1944
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To: Ensign Raymond J. Evans
Forwarded with pleasure.

PHILIP F. ROACH

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the NAVY CROSS to


RAYMOND J. EVANS, CHIEF SIGNALMAN
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for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For extraordinary heroism as member of the crew of a Higgins boat assisting in the rescue of a group of Marines surrounded by enemy Japanese forces on a beachhead of Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on September 27, 1942. Although he knew that his boat was to be used for the purpose of drawing enemy fire away from other craft evacuating the trapped Marines, EVANS, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, volunteered as member of the crew. Gallantly remaining at his post during the entire evacuation and with every other member of his crew killed or wounded, he maintained control of the boat with one hand on the wheel and continued to fire his automatic machine gun with the other, until the last boat cleared the beach. By his great personal valor, skill and outstanding devotion to duty in the face of grave danger, he contributed directly to the success of his mission by saving the lives of many who otherwise might have perished.”

For the President,


Secretary of the Navy.