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NAVY CROSS AWARDED TO MESS ATTENDANT DORIS MILLER

The President of the United States has awarded the Navy Cross to Doris Miller, Mess Attendant First Class, U. S. Navy, for heroism displayed during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941.

He was cited "for his distinguished devotion to duty, extraordinary courage and disregard for his own personal safety during the attack."

Miller was commended by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox on April 1, and he has received an advancement in rating since the attack on Pearl Harbor. His commendation from the Secretary stated that " While at the side of his Captain on the bridge, Miller, despite enemy strafing and bombing and in the face of a serious fire, assisted in moving his Captain, who had been mortally wounded, to a place of greater safety, and later manned and operated a machine gun until ordered to leave the bridge."

Miller was born October 12, 1919, at Waco, Texas, and first enlisted as Mess Attendant Third Class at Dallas, on September 16, 1939. His next of kin is his father, Conery Miller, Route 1, Box 339, Waco, Texas.

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