



T. James Crotty

Lieutenant
Class of 1934

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting
this Citation to accompany the award of Bronze Star to
Lieutenant T. James Crotty
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

For service as set forth in the following Citation:

Lieutenant T. James Crotty is cited for outstanding service in connection with operations against enemy Japanese forces in the Pacific War Area from October 1941 to May 1942. Highly skilled in the handling of explosives, Lieutenant Crotty ably supervised the demolition of the U.S.S. SEALION, together with other naval, military, and important civilian establishments to prevent them from falling into the hands of the enemy during the evacuation of Manila and the Cavite Navy Yard areas in December 1941. Subsequently attached to the U.S.S. QUAIL as Executive Officer, he rendered invaluable assistance to his ship during mine-sweeping operations and the bombardment of the west coast of Bataan and, returning to Fort Mills as Adjutant of the Headquarters Guard Battalion, continued to discharge his responsibilities under extremely hazardous conditions until the capitulation of the forts in the Manila Bay area. By his courage, marked professional ability and unswerving devotion to duty throughout this critical period, Lieutenant Crotty served to inspire all who observed him and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

