

NAVY CROSS



NEIL L. ROGERS

Private First Class, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve
2nd Battalion, 4th Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade
Guam, Marianas, 21 July 1944
Born: Union City, Pennsylvania
Entered service at: Warren, Ohio

Citation:

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Navy Cross to Neil L. Rogers (832201), Private First Class, U.S. Marine Corps, for extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty while serving in a Platoon of the Second Battalion, Fourth Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, Third Amphibious Corps, during action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Guam in the Marianas Group, on 21 July 1944. Carrying a flame thrower, Private First Class Rogers sprayed an enemy pillbox with fuel which failed to ignite and, although wounded, braved hostile fire to crawl to the pillbox and ignite the fuel-soaked position with matches. By his heroic action, he destroyed the enemy pillbox, killed five of the Japanese and prevented them from inflicting numerous casualties on the men of his platoon. His great personal valor and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Rogers and the United States Naval Service.