

**SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE**  
**OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET**  
**HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER**

In the name of the President of the United States, and by direction of the Secretary of the Navy, the Commander South Pacific Area and South Pacific Force takes pleasure in awarding the

**PURPLE HEART MEDAL**

to

**LIEUTENANT MATTHEW JOHN BOUTERSE, II (CHAPLAIN  
CORPS), UNITED STATES NAVY**

for injury received as a result of enemy action  
in the South Pacific Area on August 9, 1942.

*W. F. Halsey*  
**W. F. HALSEY,**  
**Admiral, U. S. Navy.**