

CANADIAN in the UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Signalman First Class Douglas Albert MUNRO United States Coast Guard - MEDAL of HONOUR (USA)

- Born in Vancouver, British Columbia on 11 October 1919.
- Killed in action on 27 September 1942 at Point Cruz, Guadalcanal.
- Accredited to Washington.

Signalman Munro was awarded the United States Medal of Honour: “for extraordinary heroism and conspicuous gallantry in action above and beyond the call of duty as Petty Officer in Charge of a group of 24 Higgins boats, engaged in the evacuation of a battalion of marines trapped by enemy Japanese forces at Point Cruz, Guadalcanal, on 27 September 1942. After making preliminary plans for the evacuation of nearly 500 beleaguered marines, Munro, under constant strafing by enemy machine guns on the island, and at great personal risk of his life, daringly led 5 of his small craft toward the shore. As he closed the beach, he signalled the others to land and then, in order to draw the enemy’s fire and protect the heavily loaded boats, he valiantly placed his boat and its two small guns as a shield between the beachhead and the Japanese. When the perilous task of evacuation was nearly completed, Munro was instantly killed by enemy fire, but his crew, 2 of which were wounded, carried on until the last boat had loaded and cleared the beach. By his outstanding leadership, expert planning and dauntless devotion to duty, he and his courageous comrades undoubtedly saved the lives of many who would have perished. He gallantly gave his life for his county.”

Medals of Signalman First Class Douglas Albert MUNRO, Medal of Honour

Medal of Honour (Navy) - American Defense Service Medal with Bronze Letter ‘A’ (signifying naval service) - American Campaign Medal - Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 3 bronze stars - World War II Victory Medal - Coast Guard Expert Rifleman Medal.

