

MEDAL FOR BRAVE SEAMAN.

Given by Taft Personally, for Rescuing a Shipmate from Drowning.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—President Taft personally presented to Chief Electrician William E. Snyder, attached to the scout cruiser Birmingham, to-day a medal of honor for heroism and courage in saving the life of a bluejacket who fell overboard from the warship while at anchor in Hampton Roads last January. The thermometer was near zero and a strong tide was running, but Snyder dived into the water and rescued his shipmate.

Snyder, who is from South Bethlehem, Penn., appeared at the White House in uniform just prior to the meeting of the Cabinet. In presenting the medal, President Taft said:

"Mr. Snyder, it has become my very pleasant duty to present to you a medal of honor to commemorate your courage in saving the life of a comrade who doubtless would have lost his life had you not gone to his rescue. Attempted rescues in such cases are frequently attended by the death of both, and it gives me great pleasure to present to you on behalf of the Government of the United States an evidence that you are a worthy member of the United States Navy."

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