President Truman yesterday awarded the Distinguished Service Medal to Stephen T. Early in recognition of his 12 years as White House press secretary.

The President personally presented the medal to Early in the presence of the entire White House staff in the rose garden of the executive mansion grounds.

In doing so Mr. Truman read the Presidential citation which praised Early “for remaining at his post at great personal sacrifice and with a fine sense of duty and devotion” to both the late President Roosevelt and to President Truman.

The citation also said that Early “was of great assistance in helping to arouse the Nation in the days of its unpreparedness to a sense of...”