THE PURPLE HEART & WOUND CHEVRON

A Working Bibliography of MHI Sources

The Purple Heart is conferred for wounds in action while serving with the armed forces after 5 Apr 1917. It descends from the Badge of Military Merit, which was established by George Washington in 1782 and reestablished and revised in 1932. Eligible, at that time, were those WWI veterans awarded wound chevrons or meritorious service citations.

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GENERAL SOURCES


Purple Heart

Lists in chronological order the dates, individuals, and incidents of each award by all armed services.

Officer awarded PH for meritorious service.

And earlier editions.

U.S. War Dept. General Order No 3, dated Feb 1932. 1 p. MilPub-GO.
Authorized & named the modern version of the award.


Origins and early history.


Concise survey.

See also:
-AWC Curricular Materials, especially G-1 course, 1920-40, and material on relationship of awards to morale.

WOUND CERTIFICATE, WWI

Issued to soldiers of AEF wounded in action. A wound chevron was then authorized on their jacket sleeve. For those soldiers who died of their wounds (or were killed in action), the modified certificate went to their next-of-kin. See:


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Procedures for pre-1932 wounds appear on p. 3.

_____ . GO 6, dated 12 Jan 1918; GO 53, dated 27 May 1918; and GO 64, dated 3 July 1918. MilPub-GO.

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