

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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