

Wounded Iowans Receive Awards

The navy department Saturday announced awards and commendations to five Iowans for bravery and for wounds suffered in action.

Included were:

Bronze star medal to Lieut. Comdr. Walter H. Grant, Calhoun, Tenn., husband of Mrs. Ruby N. Grant, Cedar Rapids, for meritorious performance as commanding officer of an LST in the invasion of France.

Purple heart medal to Francis L. Parker, pharmacist's mate second class, Mondamin, for wounds received at Saipan last June 15.

Purple heart to Kenneth G. Crum, pharmacist's mate first class, Pella, for wounds suffered at Saipan last June 15.

Commendation to Merle E. See, Des Moines, for bravery on the sinking of the SS Zaandam Nov. 2, 1942.

Commendation to Melvin Bettis, molder second class, Des Moines, for heroism on the stranding of the U.S.S. Pollux Feb. 18, 1942.

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