

APPENDIX III Awards and Citations.

## APPENDICE 15

A. Purple Heart.Footnote 19 - Roster of KIA, Wounded,  
and Missing VC-81

1. Lieutenant William Benjamin Morton, U.S.N. of Charleston, West Virginia, for wounds received in action against Japanese heavy surface forces in Battle for Leyte Gulf (Battle off Samar) on 25 October 1944.
2. Merton Clay Cole, ARM3c, 655 11 99, USNR, of Portland, Oregon for wounds received in action against Japanese heavy surface forces in Battle for Leyte Gulf (Battle off Samar) 25 October 1944.
3. Michael Dennis Sweeney, ARM1c, 606 25 13, USNR, of Fall River, Massachusetts for wounds received in action against Japanese aircraft over Lingayen Gulf 6 January 1945.
4. Bertram Anthony Mc Donald, Jr., ARM1c, 372 30 98, USN., of Cheyenne, Wyoming for wounds received in action from Japanese anti-aircraft fire over Iwo Jima, 17 February 1945.
5. Merle Eugene Haase, RM3c, 723 36 17, USNR, of Fremont, Ohio for wounds received in action as a result of Japanese anti-aircraft fire over Iwo Jima, 17 February 1945.
6. Lieutenant (junior grade) Leon Steven Conner, USNR, of Bufala, Alabama, killed in action against Japanese heavy surface forces in Battle for Leyte Gulf (Battle off Samar), 25 October 1944.
7. Lieutenant (junior grade) John Francis Sargent, USNR, of Dedham, Massachusetts, killed in action against Japanese aircraft over Lingayen Gulf, 6 January 1945.
- \* 8. Lieutenant (junior grade) James Mc Cready Huston, USNR, of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, killed in action by Japanese anti-aircraft fire over Chichi Jima, 3 March 1945.
9. Donald "E" Bullis, ARM3c, 860 85 71, USNR, of Hudson, Michigan, killed in action against Japanese heavy surface forces in Battle for Leyte Gulf (Battle off Samar), 25 October 1944.

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10. Louis King Hill, AMM2c, 393 57 88, USN, of Camby, Oregon, killed in action against Japanese heavy surface forces in Battle for Leyte Gulf (Battle off Samar), 25 October 1944.
11. George Hunter Neese, AMM3c, 312 41 53, USNR, of Cassville, West Virginia killed in action against Japanese aircraft over Lingayen Gulf, 6 January 1945.