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Title Purple Heart

Date c. 1942-1945

Primary Maker Dennis Thomas Bosio Sr.

Medium (a-b) Copper alloy, silk, gold plating, enamel, non-magnetic white metal

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leather, velvet

Description (a) Purple Heart awarded to Dennis T. Bosio, Sr. with a (b) service

ribbon and (c) lapel button in (d) original case for his service in WWII. (a) A

United States Purple Heart with a gold heart shaped medal with a profile relief

bust of George Washington in the center of the medal with a purple enamel

background. A shield with Washington's family coat of arms is above the bust.

Embossed text on the back reads, "FOR / MILITARY / MERIT." It has a silk purple

ribbon with a white edge stripe. (b) The service ribbon is a silk purple ribbon

with a white edge stripe. (c) The lapel button has a purple ribbon with a white

edge stripe. (d) Printed in gold on top of case: "PURPLE / HEART."

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (a: overall length x width of medal): $3 \frac{1}{4} \times 1 \frac{3}{8}$

in. (8.3×3.5 cm) Primary Dimensions (b: overall length x height of service

ribbon): $1 \frac{3}{8} \times \frac{3}{8}$ in. (3.5×1 cm) Primary Dimensions (c: overall length of lapel

button): $\frac{5}{8}$ in. (1.6cm) Primary Dimensions (d: overall length x height x width of

case): $6 \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times 3 \frac{1}{2}$ in. ($16.5 \times 2.5 \times 8.9$ cm)