

Wrong addresses even more terrifying

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The war between the Islamic State and the rest of the world usually seems far removed from us here in the U.S., but with the publication of a list of home addresses for 100 of our service members, the fight could hit a lot closer to home.

This "kill list" - including locations in Colton, Spokane and Bonners Ferry - was published by the Islamic State Hacking Division, which called for lone wolf-type attacks from their "brothers in America" against service members in their own homes.

"Now we have made it easy for you by giving you addresses," they wrote in the post online. "Kill them in their own lands, behead them in their own homes, stab them to death as they walk their streets thinking that they are safe."

We suspect it won't be quite so "easy" - some members of the military on the list have responded with a "bring it on" attitude.

Unfortunately, not everyone who lives at the addresses published is prepared for that. For one woman in Spokane, who recently moved with her three children into a home rented from a service member on that list, it's a downright nightmarish possibility.

The Pentagon has issued a message on steps for soldiers to take to protect their social media accounts - where it is believed the ISHD got most of the information - and their homes from attacks by ISIS or others. The message suggests checking the peephole in doors before letting anyone in, holding "family meetings" on security and limiting posts on social media sites like Facebook and Twitter that might include personal information.

"Think before you post," one recommendation read. "Always assume everyone in the world will be able to see what you are posting or Tweeting, even if the site limits your posts to your friends and family."

Good advice even if you aren't in the military.

Thankfully we've got local law enforcement that's aware of the situation.

"We have been in contact with the property owner, and we're working closely with them to monitor the situation," said Whitman County Sheriff Brett Myers told KLEW-TV, adding that they have increased patrols in the Colton area.