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- I. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS).**  
**II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.**

**I. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS).** By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is posthumously awarded to:

Private First Class Jack W. Wheeler, 36597361, Corps of Engineers, 336th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for heroism and courageous action. On 17 June 1944, near Colleville-sur-Mer, France, Private Wheeler voluntarily entered a minefield to clear a path for litter bearers to remove a wounded officer. Using his bayonet as a probe, he successfully removed two enemy mines and was in the act of uncovering a third mine when it exploded. Though his life was lost, his body shielded the wounded officer and the attending personnel, saving them from injury. The heroism and courageous actions of Private Wheeler reflect much credit upon himself and uphold the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

**II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.** By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel DeLoss H. Barber, 0121149, Field Artillery, 256th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 August 1944 to 14 February 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

Major Albert J. Vesper, 0463165, (then Captain and Major) Medical Corps, 24th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 13 June 1944 to 12 February 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Captain Harold L. Wilt, 0306129, Medical Corps, 24th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 13 June 1944 to 12 February 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain Alice G. E. Crawford, H-703601, (then First Lieutenant and Captain) Army Nurse Corps, 24th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 13 June 1944 to 12 February 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

First Lieutenant Agnes I. Bowen, N-726904, (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) Army Nurse Corps, 24th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 13 June 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

First Lieutenant Lillian A. Drill, N-761421, (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) Army Nurse Corps, 24th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 13 June 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

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First Lieutenant Katherine L. Foster, N-763886, (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) Army Nurse Corps, 24th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 13 June 1944 to 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Tennessee.

First Lieutenant Josephine M. Pasatore, N-725161, (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) Army Nurse Corps, 24th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 13 June 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Henry Gorski, 36316485, Medical Department, 24th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 13 June 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Third Grade Alfred W. Thorn, 32402218, Medical Department, 24th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 13 June 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from New York.

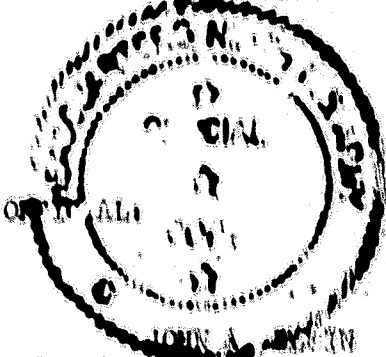
Technician Fourth Grade William H. Heints, 36234932, Medical Department, 24th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 13 June 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade Sigmund Landau, 32402166, Medical Department, 24th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 13 June 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade William Minusa, 32300003, Medical Department, 24th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 13 June 1944 to 20 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Forest E. Dunn, 35066542, Medical Department, 24th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 13 June 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:



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