



*Missouri Society Daughters of the American
Revolution*

**Patriot of the Month; August, 2008
Dorothy Willis Ehrett**

The members of the Armstrong Chapter NSDAR are pleased to nominate Dorothy Willis Ehrett of Moberly, Missouri as a MSSDAR Patriot of the Month.

Dorothy graduated from high school in Paducah, Kentucky in 1935 and from nursing school in Cairo, Illinois in 1941. She was working as an RN when the United States entered World War II. In October, 1942, she enlisted in the Army Nurse Corp (ANC) for the duration of the war. She reported to Station Hospital, Erie Proving Ground, Lacarne, Ohio and later saw duty at the Station Hospitals in Fort Knox, Kentucky and Fort Hayes, Ohio.

Dorothy received overseas training at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey and left for the ETO (European Theatre of Operation) on February 22, 1944 where she served for 21 months. She was with the

67th General Hospital while in England. After D-Day, June 6, 1944, Lt. Willis and her outfit crossed the English Channel landing on Normandy Beach where she served as a battlefield nurse in a tent hospital behind the front lines; following the troops across France and into Germany. She was with the 50th Field Hospital. As the troops advanced, the team would pack up their hospital and move to be nearby and care for the wounded as they were carried into the tent hospital from the battlefield. Working at the rear of the front lines, Dorothy and her comrades were subject to several air raids. Following her discharge from the ANC on February 20, 1946, she relocated to Chicago. Dorothy received the American Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, and the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.

While in Chicago, Dorothy met and married Lloyd Ehrett and they moved to Moberly, Missouri in 1959. During Dorothy's nursing career, she worked in the operating room as a scrub nurse and a circulating nurse, in delivery, newborn nursery, obstetrics, emergency room, clinics, doctor's office, county health department and served as director of nurses.

Dorothy and her husband, now deceased, were the parents of two sons and have one daughter-in-law and one grandson. Always giving of herself and willing to help anyone, Dorothy is a member of the Central Christian Church in Moberly.

The Armstrong Chapter NSDAR and the Missouri Daughters thank Dorothy for her service to our country.