

**Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution  
Proudly "Spotlights" our Patriot of the Month for August 2010**



**Elmer Nelson**

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**Elmer was drafted into the Army on October 26, 1943. His basic training was at Camp Blanding, Florida. A member of the 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, he departed for England from Camp Miles Standish, Massachusetts.**

**Elmer landed on Omaha Beach on July 13, 1944, and fought all the way across Europe. He saw duty in England, France, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Lichtenstein, and Czechoslovakia. He also fought in the Battle of the Bulge.**

**On July 25, 1944 after the fall of St. Lo, France while on a hill in St. Lo, Elmer was within ten feet of Generals Eisenhower, Bradley, Patton, Montgomery and Prime Minister Churchill. He was discharged on January 11, 1946 at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, with the rank of Private First Class.**

**Elmer received the Purple Heart with 2 clusters as he was wounded three different times.**

**On October 23, 1940, Elmer and Mildred Frances Stone were married. They have three children. He was drafted into the Army when his oldest child was only one year old. Elmer and Mildred have twelve grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.**

**Elmer owned and managed the Nelson Lumber Company for forty years. He is a member of the Carpenter Street Baptist Church and the Moberly Veterans of Foreign Wars.**