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These pictures are of Joy Lillie (maiden name Mergener) who graduated from Mercy Central School of Nursing, Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1942.

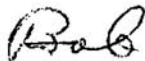
She joined the US Army as a 2LT a few weeks after graduation and after a short period of training in the united States she was assigned to a hospital ship with duty in the North Africa area. Several months later she returned to the United States for a short period and in 1943 she was sent to England for training with the Normandy invasion force. She was assigned to the 51st Army Field hospital (a 1st Division unit) and landed in Normandy shortly after D-Day. She was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for her duty with that unit and in particular for working 72 hours straight during the Normandy invasion.

She remained with the 1st Division throughout the European campaign and her hospital unit was directly involved with the battle of the bulge in Belgium.

her husband served in the US Army during WWII also, and was with another division in the European Theatre.

After return to civilian life, Joy raised a family of eleven children, one of whom served in the Viet Nam war and was severely wounded.

Joy presently resides in Coopersville, Michigan with her family.



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