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Captain John S. *Aug. 24* Wright Is Awarded *1945* Bronze Star Medal

Captain John S. Wright of Newton was recently awarded the Bronze Star medal in ceremonies in Italy. Presentation was made by Brigadier General George I. Back. The citation reads in part as follows:

John S. Wright, captain, Signal Corps, 3200th Signal Intelligence Service detachment," is awarded the Bronze Star medal "for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from June 1, 1944, to May 8, 1945. By his rare technical skill, his leadership and enthusiasm and his proficiency for organization, Captain Wright's accomplishments during this period contributed substantially to the successes of American signal intelligence activities.

"Through his familiarity with all aspects of a highly technical problem, he developed new techniques and procedures used to analyze German army radio traffic as well as establishing signal intelligence to counteract measures of the Germans to increase their signal security. His commendable services reflect great credit upon himself, his organization, and the Army of the United States."

Before entering the service in 1942, he was an instructor in the Newton Community high school and Illinois college at Jacksonville. He received his training at Camp Wood, Missouri, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and Washington, D. C., going to England in 1943, and to North Africa six months later. From Africa he went to Naples, Italy, following up through Rome and Florence with the Fifth army.