

French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CROIX DE GUERRES OF THE
T.O.E.¹

AND OF MILITARY VALOR

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CROIX DE GUERRE 1939-1945 CITATION

NAME CAPTAIN AUDIE L. MURPHY

BY ORDER OF THE ARMY

"COMMANDER, B COMPANY, 15TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 3D INFANTRY DIVISION, AN ELITE UNIT THAT FOUGHT WITHOUT INTERRUPTION FOR 169 DAYS FROM THE BEACHES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN TO THE BANKS OF THE RHINE. PLACED UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL, 1ST FRENCH ARMY, AT THE TIME OF THE OPERATIONS TO REDUCE THE ALSACE POCKET, IT PLAYED A LARGE PART IN THE VICTORIOUS BATTLE OF COLMAR. ON THE NIGHT OF 23-24 JANUARY 1945, IT SUCCEEDED IN CROSSING THE FECHT THEN THE ILL'L AND TO TAKE THE PRIMARY ENEMY POSITION IN SPITE OF A SNOW STORM AND HAZARDOUS TERRAIN. IT GAVE NO RESPITE TO THE ADVERSARY, CROSSED THE COLMAR CANAL TO SURROUND, THEN CONQUER, AFTER A FIERCE FIGHT, THE VILLAGE OF NEUF-BRISACH, CUTTING IN THIS WAY ONE OF THE TWO LONE AVENUES OF RETREAT OF THE GERMAN TROOPS. DURING THE COURSE OF THESE ACTIONS MORE THAN 4000 PRISONERS WERE CAPTURED."

THIS CITATION AUTHORIZES THE AWARD OF THE CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM.

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Signed: C. De Gaulle

¹*T.O.E. is a French Abbreviation for "Territoires d'Outre-Mer" which literally translates as "Overseas Territories" or, when kept in context, as "France's Overseas Territories".