

Gaydos, Richard J.

**Cpl. Richard J. Gaydos  
With Honored Unit**

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER STATION, England—Cpl. Richard J. Gaydos, of 621 Hillside Avenue, is an aircraft armorer in the high-scoring 352nd Mustang Fighter Group, which recently received the coveted War Department's Distinguished Unit Citation "for extraordinary heroism, determination and esprit de corps in action against the enemy." The decoration accompanying the citation is a gold-framed blue ribbon, worn on the right chest, the only decoration so worn.

Cpl. Gaydos is part of a team of ground personnel consisting of mechanics, armorers, engineers, clerks, cooks and other specialists whose combined efforts have been instrumental in the success of the group, which has destroyed close to 800 enemy aircraft, both in the air and on the ground. Statistics show that it takes 22 men on the ground to keep one plane in the air.

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