

*Elliott Jr., Roland A.*

## Awarded French Decoration



COL. ROLAND A. ELLIOTT JR.

## Luxembourg Duchess Witnesses Decoration of Col. R. A. Elliott

HEADQUARTERS, IX AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND, LUXEMBOURG: Colonel Roland A. Elliott, Jr., West Chester, Commanding Officer of the 1586th Quartermaster Group, Aviation, has been awarded the French Croix de Guerre with Palm "for services rendered France during its liberation."

Presentation of the decoration was made by General A. F. M. Dody, Commanding General of the French Garrison at Metz, in the presence of Grand Duchess Charlotte of Luxembourg.

Colonel Elliott's organization, since its activation in January, 1943, has hauled the record total of 648,334 tons of bombs, munitions, gasoline, and other supplies for the Ninth Air Force, covering 16,610,152 miles in the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland, Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Austria.

In addition, his unit hauled almost 52 million gallons of 100 octane aviation gasoline to fighter and medium bomber air strips. During March 1945 alone, when Allied Armies were sweeping across Germany, the 1586th carried a record of 11,562,705 gallons of aviation gasoline, enough to keep one medium bomber wing in the air constantly.

A native of Bethlehem, Pa., Colonel Elliott attended Lehigh University for two years before receiving an appointment to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point in 1929. He was graduated from West Point and commissioned a second lieutenant in 1933.

Colonel Elliott is married, and his wife, Mrs. M. E. R. Elliott and daughter, Barbara Jane, age six years, reside at 524 Walnut Street, West Chester Pa.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Elliott, 711 Prospect Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

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