

Branch K. Rives, Fieldale Principal, Wins Croix de Guerre

Branch K. Rives, principal of Fieldale High School, has been awarded the Croix de Guerre with silver star by the Republic of France. The medal and



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accompanying citation have just been received at Fieldale.

The Croix de Guerre is one of France's medals of honor for outstanding service in time of war. Rives was decorated for liaison work between the Americans and French covering a period of six months in 1945.

Rives entered the Army in July, 1942, and served as a captain with the Fifth and Seventh

Armies in Africa, Sicily, Italy and France. His unit took part in the invasions at Salerno and in southern France. He was awarded five battle stars signifying participation in five major battles. He was discharged as a major in March, 1946.

Except for his four years' military service Rives has been at Fieldale High School since 1936. He is a native of Dinwiddie County, Virginia. He received his A.B. degree at The Citadel, Charleston, S. C., and his master's degree at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

Rives is married to the former Miss Frances Maloy of Highland County, Virginia, and they have one child, Mary Shannon, three months old.