



Despite several waves of **arrests** and **deportations**, some students and staff members at Jérôme Lalande High School **continued** their **commitment** by participating in the **liberation** of the Ain department.

Some students continued the fight in the **Maquis**<sup>1</sup>, in **F.F.I.** (French **F**orces of the Interior) companies or in **F.U.J.** units, notably in the **5<sup>th</sup> Company** and in the **Claude Group**, founded in 1943. Among other things, they were responsible for helping prisoners **escape**, **hiding** those who refused to participate in the **S.T.O.** (Compulsory Labour Service) and **sabotaging** communication routes.

Some also fought alongside **US vanguard** units in **battles** such as **La Valbonne** and **Meximieux**.

<sup>1</sup> **Maquis:** Term referring both to the secluded location where members of the Resistance against German occupation gathered and to the group of resistance fighters themselves.



*Figure 1: Ceremony to award the Resistance Medal to Jérôme Lalande High School and three high school students who were members of the Resistance: Gilbert Guillard (left), Jean Marinet (center), and Jacques Laprade (right) (January 7, 1947)*

Despite its small size, Jérôme Lalande High School provided a large number of students to the **Resistance**. **32** were **killed** and around twenty were **deported**. Several were **decorated** individually, and the school was awarded the **Resistance Medal** by decree on October 3, 1946.

The **early** emergence of the Resistance within the school, its **scale** and **organisation**, the significance of its actions and the large number of **deportees** and **deaths** earned the high school this national recognition.

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– *La remise de la médaille de la Résistance au lycée Jérôme Lalande*  
(Figure 1)

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