

## AAF Technician Badge, 1942-1947



**A sterling silver Army Air Force Technician badge with one bar. It was worn on the left pocket flap.**

An army-wide letter, known as Adjutant General Instructions 421, dated November 16, 1942 established the badge. Changes Number 10, January 1943, to AR 600-35, put the badge into more conventional authorization paperwork by listing the badge and its bars. The initial specification issued by the Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot, number 304Q and dated April 3, 1943, was essential to having the badges made.

AR 600-80, February 1943, described this badge exclusively but provided no additional data from the establishing letter. Regulations specifically excluded the engraving of qualification dates on the backs of bars, in contradiction to the practice called for with weapons qualification badges. To earn a badge soldiers had to graduate from an appropriate course and perform his duties for 6 months. In November 1944 the War Department added three additional bars for remote controlled turrets.

Authorized qualification bars are:

<b>Bar Wording</b>	<b>Authorization Date</b>	<b>Bar Wording</b>	<b>Authorization Date</b>
AP Armorer	Jan 11, 43	Photographer	Jan 11, 43
AP Electrical SP	Jan 11, 43	Photo Lab Tech	Jan 11, 43
AP Hydraulic SP	Jan 11, 43	T'Ret & Sight SP	Jan 11, 43
AP Instrument SP	Jan 11, 43	Radio V-I Mech	Jan 11, 43
AP Mechanic	Jan 11, 43	Radio V-I Obs	Jan 11, 43
AP Machinist	Jan 11, 43	Radio Mech	Jan 11, 43
AP Metal Worker	Jan 11, 43	Radio Operator	Jan 11, 43
AP Power Plant SP	Jan 11, 43	Teletype Mech	Jan 11, 43
AP Propeller SP	Jan 11, 43	WX Forecaster	Jan 11, 43
AP Welder	Jan 11, 43	WX Observer	Jan 11, 43
ACS Radio SP	Jan 11, 43	RC Turret Mech	10 Nov, 44
Bombsight Mech	Jan 11, 43	RC T Mech Gunner	10 Nov, 44
Link Trainer Instr	Jan 11, 43	RC Turret Rep	10 Nov, 44
Parachute Rigger	Jan 11, 43		