

On the Lighter Side this Veteran's Day

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AS DEPRESSING AS THE NEWS may sometime seem these days, it was suggested that something on a lighter note would be welcome and appropriate this Veteran's Day. So, we did some digging

through old newspapers and other publications and came up with a few clips, ads, artwork, and other light-hearted material that might make your day better. Enjoy – and don't forget to thank a veteran for their service!



An early ad which was published around 1950 for Lux Toilet Soap and endorsed by Audie's first wife, Wanda Hendrix. The ad includes a cropped and reversed picture of the married couple from their movie SIERRA. The inset picture comes from the movie still shown above.
-Ad contributed by David Williams

"For all-over Lux Loveliness I use this big BATH SIZE" says Wanda Hendrix

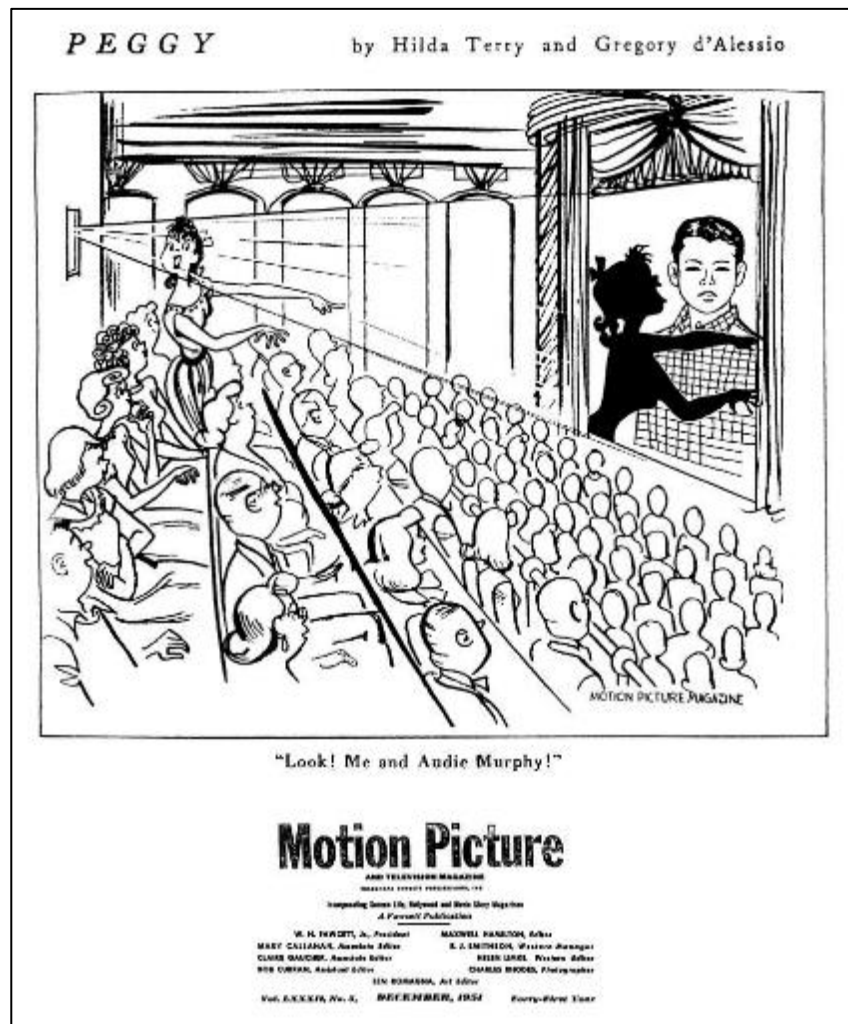
"It leaves skin fresh—really sweat!" says this charming Lux Girl

9 out of 10 Screen Stars use Lux Toilet Soap



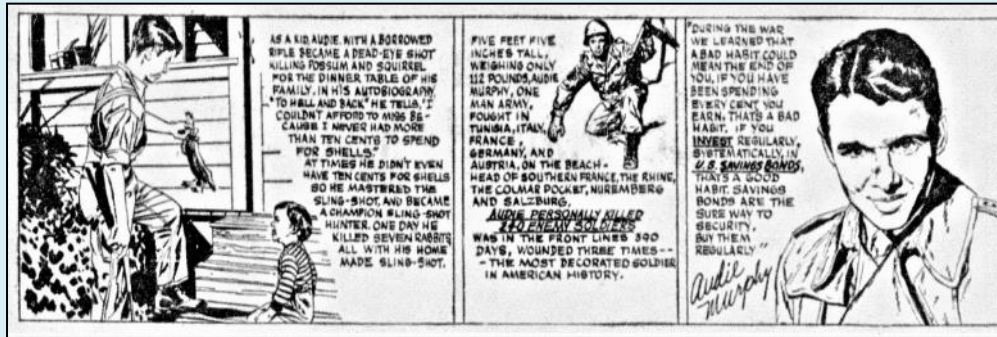
-The late Charles Schultz was a friend of Pulitzer Prize Winning Bill Mauldin who was a friend of Audie Murphy and who worked with Audie during the movie THE RED BADGE OF COURAGE. This cartoon was originally printed as a Veteran's Day tribute on November 11, 1993.

-Contributed by M.D. Marks



Printed December 1951 by Motion Picture and Television Magazine.

-Contributed by Dave Phillips.



AS A KID AUDIE WITH A BORROWED RIFLE BECAME A DEAD-EYE SHOT KILLING FOBSUM AND SQUIREEL FOR THE DINNER TABLE OF HIS FAMILY. IN HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY "TO HELL AND BACK" HE TELLS, "I COULDN'T AFFORD TO ANGE BE- CAUSE I NEVER HAD MORE THAN TEN CENTS TO SPEND FOR SHELLS." AT TIMES HE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TEN CENTS FOR SHELLS SO HE HARTHELD THE SLING-SHOT AND BECAME A CHAMPION SLING-SHOT HUNTER. ONE DAY HE KILLED SEVEN RABBITS ALL WITH HIS HOME MADE SLING-SHOT.

FIVE FEET FIVE INCHES TALL, WEIGHING ONLY 112 POUNDS, AUDIE MURPHY, ONE MAN ARMY, FOUGHT IN TUNISIA, ITALY, FRANCE, GERMANY, AND AUSTRIA, ON THE BEACH- HEAD OF SOUTHERN FRANCE, THE RHINE, THE COLMAR POCKET, WÜRMBERG AND SALZBURG. **AUDIE PERSONALLY KILLED 140 ENEMY SOLDIERS** WAS IN THE FRONT LINES 300 DAYS, WOUNDED THREE TIMES-- THE MOST DECORATED SOLDIER IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

"DURING THE WAR WE LEARNED THAT A BAD HABIT COULD NEAR THE END OF YOU, IF YOU HAVE BEEN SPENDING EVERY CENT YOU EARN, THAT'S A BAD HABIT. IF YOU INVEST REGULARLY, SYSTEMATICALLY, IN **U.S. SAVINGS BONDS**, THAT'S A GOOD HABIT. SAVINGS BONDS ARE THE SURE WAY TO SECURITY. BUY THEM REGULARLY."

Audie Murphy

Audie Savings Bonds Cartoon #1

-Contributed by M.D. Marks



AUDIE MURPHY, WAS BORN JUNE 20, 1924, THE SECOND ELDEST IN A FAMILY OF NINE CHILDREN. AUDIE SUPPORTED HIS MOTHER AND EIGHT BROTHERS AND SISTERS BY WRITING HIMSELF CUTAS A BARNWID'S HELPER.

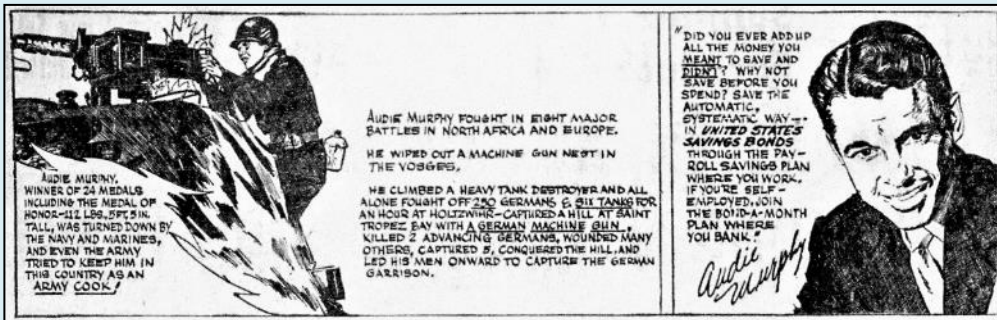
IN HIS OWN LIFE'S STORY "TO HELL AND BACK" AUDIE WRITES ABOUT "MY ONE PAIR OF OVERSIZES WHICH MY MOTHER WOULD WASH AND DRY EVERY NIGHT TILL THEY SHRANK TO HALF-SIZE." AUDIE MURPHY, TEXAS SHARK BAITER'S SON, BECAME THE MOST DECORATED SOLDIER IN AMERICAN HISTORY--EARNING 24 MEDALS, INCLUDING THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR, DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS, GAVEWIDE STAR, BROWNIE STAR, PERSHON LEAGION OF HONOR, POLISH CROSS DE GUERRE.

"G.I.'S IN WORLD WAR II, LIKE EVERY ONE ELSE, TALKED AND DREAMED ABOUT THE FUTURE. I DID TOO. I DECIDED TO MAKE THE BEST INVESTMENT IN MY FUTURE, IN MY FAMILY'S FUTURE, AND IN THE FUTURE OF MY COUNTRY. I STARTED SAVING WITH **U.S. SAVINGS BONDS** HOW ABOUT YOU?"

Audie Murphy

Audie Savings Bonds Cartoon #2

-Contributed by M.D. Marks



AUDIE MURPHY, WINNER OF 24 MEDALS INCLUDING THE MEDAL OF HONOR--112 LBS., 5FT. 5IN. TALL, WAS TURNED DOWN BY THE NAVY AND MARINES, AND EVEN THE ARMY TRIED TO KEEP HIM IN THIS COUNTRY AS AN **ARMY COOK**.

AUDIE MURPHY FOUGHT IN EIGHT MAJOR BATTLES IN NORTH AFRICA AND EUROPE. HE WIPE OUT A MACHINE GUN NEST IN THE VOGES. HE CLIMBED A HEAVY TANK DESTROYER AND ALL ALONE FOUGHT OFF 200 GERMANS. G. SET TANKS FOR AN HOUR AT HOLTZWILR--CAPTURED A HILL AT SAINT TROPEZ BAY WITH A GERMAN MACHINE GUN. KILLED 2 ADVANCING GERMANS, WOUNDED MANY OTHERS, CAPTURED 5, CONQUERED THE HILL AND LED HIS MEN ONWARD TO CAPTURE THE GERMAN GARRISON.

"DID YOU EVER ADD UP ALL THE MONEY YOU MEANT TO SAVE AND SPEND? WHY NOT SAVE BEFORE YOU SPEND? SAVE THE AUTOMATIC, SYSTEMATIC WAY-- IN **UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS** THROUGH THE PAY-- ROLL SAVINGS PLAN WHERE YOU WORK. IF YOU'RE SELF-EMPLOYED, JOIN THE BOY-A-MONTH PLAN WHERE YOU BANK."

Audie Murphy

Audie Savings Bonds Cartoon #3

-Contributed by M.D. Marks



AUDIE MURPHY PERSONALLY KILLED 140 ENEMY SOLDIERS, WAS IN THE FRONT LINE 300 DAYS, WAS WOUNDED 3 TIMES. ONLY AUDIE AND A SUPPLY SERGEANT WERE LEFT FROM HIS OWN COMPANY AT THE END OF THE WAR, THE OTHERS WERE EITHER KILLED OR WOUNDED.

AUDIE ROSE FROM PRIVATE TO COMPANY COMMANDER IN 30 MONTHS--COMMISSIONED LIEUTENANT ON THE BATTLEFIELD BY A COLONEL WHO SAID, "YOU ARE NOW A GENTLEMAN BY AN ACT OF CONGRESS. SHAVE, TAKE A BATH AND GET THE HELL BACK INTO THE LINES!"

FRON THE PERSONAL QUESTION-- BUT WHAT HAVE YOU TO SHOW FOR YOUR PAST YEARS WORK? SAVED ANYTHING? I DO IT THE EASY WAY, THE WISE WAY, THE SAFE WAY, THE BEST WAY. I BUY **U.S. SAVINGS BONDS** REGULARLY. WHY DON'T YOU? BUY THEM WHERE YOU WORK OR BANK.

Audie Murphy

Audie Savings Bonds Cartoon #4

-Contributed by M.D. Marks

Audie Murphy promotional series for US Savings Bonds during 1955 in newspapers.



Original scratchboard portrait used to develop later artwork for Audie Murphy's 1956 movie, *TO HELL AND BACK*.
-Contributed by M.D. Marks



A thank you to Audie L. Murphy for his service to his country, Veteran's Day 2021.
-Artwork by Richard L. Rodgers