

GENERAL ORDERS)

HEADQUARTERS THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION

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Number 83)

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3 March 1945

Award of 1st Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star II

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II - AWARD OF 1ST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a 1st Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star previously awarded, is awarded each of the following named individuals:

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AUDIE L. MURPHY, 01 692 509, First Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "B", 15th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On the afternoon of 5 October 1944 near LE THOLY, France, First Lieutenant MURPHY, carrying an SCR 536 radio, crawled fifty yards under severe enemy machine gun and rifle fire, to a point 200 yards from strongly entrenched enemy who had prevented further advance. Despite machine gun and rifle bullets that hit as close as a foot to him, First Lieutenant MURPHY directed artillery fire upon enemy positions for an hour, killing fifteen Germans and inflicting approximately thirty-five additional casualties. His courage, audacity and accuracy enabled his company to advance and attain its objective. Residence: Greenville, Texas.

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By command of Major General O'DANIEL:

CHARLES E. JOHNSON,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ S.J. Rogers
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Major, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General