

Texte De La Deliberation

MEETING OF 08 JULY 1948

The year nineteen hundred forty-eight and the eighth of the month of July at 1700 hours. The municipal council has been assembled at the normal meeting place, under the presidency of Mainaur Bathisi Henri, Mayor of the Commune. All the members were present at this meeting.

The mayor was part of the council come to Ramatuelle in pilgrimage 10 July 1948 of American Lt. Audie Murphy. Pilgrimage to review the exact spot where, a certain 15 Aug. 1944, at dawn, Murphy dug a hole in the soil of France at Pampelonne Beach and to visit the place where his best buddy was killed by the Germans a few moments after the disembarkation.

I indicate that Lt. Audie Murphy, the most decorated soldier in the American Armed Forces during the course of the Second World War, has the right to be recognized for the great courage that he displayed.

15 Aug 1944, Audie Murphy and his buddy were holed up in a foxhole swept by bullets on a rising that was being fought over in a clearing in the woods in "Boues" at Ramatuelle. The Germans moved a white flag in front of them. Murphy's friend left the hole to accept their surrender and he was cut down by fire from a machine gun and fell down dead onto Murphy. Half crazy with rage, Murphy left the safety of shelter and practically alone, liberated the hill from the enemy, killing many.

This exposed, the mayor proposes to the council, to name Lt. Audie Murphy an honorary citizen of Ramatuelle.

The Council.

Given the agreement.

Given the recognition of our gratitude that Lt. Audie Murphy possesses, Lt. Audie Murphy is awarded the title of Honorary Citizen.