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## Home Front Is Tougher Than War for Bashful Texas Hero

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Lt. Audie Murphy, one of the two most decorated men in the U.S. Army, Friday was convinced that wartime life in the United States is as rough as a jeep with square wheels.

The biggest ax hanging over the wavy-haired head of the 20-year-old "one-man army" was the fact that he stars Friday at his own homecoming. To the bashful little officer, this prospect was about as enjoyable as bobbing for apples in boiling oil.

"I'm as shaky as Hirohito's dreams," he declared.

These things happened to Murphy:

1) His new shoes didn't fit so he innocently decided to purchase a larger pair in Dallas. He was told he would need a shoe stamp. Murphy thought a shoe stamp was something that stamped out shoes. He is still wearing that tight pair.

2) He saw his first gasoline coupon and realized with sudden shock that money, indeed, isn't everything. He

postponed plans for purchasing an automobile.

3) He wanted to buy a small can of meat. He was told he would need red points. So he had to be content with a can of chicken a la king. He spilled a gob of a la king on his trousers and every one of his 728 freckles paled as he stated: "If it takes points for pants, I'm a gone goose."

4) Shortly after he arrived here Thursday from San Antonio, his sister, Corinne Burns of Farmersville said: "Congressional Medal of Honor or no, I'm still the boss."

5) A boy seeking autographs handed him a pencil. Just as the lieutenant started to sign, the boy asked:

"Hey, you aren't a member of the Arabian army, are you?"

"No", said Murphy.

"Then give me back my pencil," the boy declared. "I'm hunting an Arabian."