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Real Hero to Reel Hero

The name of Murphy is an honored one. If you have any other ideas, prepare to defend yourself or notify your next of kin. No matter where you go in the world, you will find a Murphy but there is only one Audie Murphy. To give him his full title, he is Audie L. (for Leon) Murphy, who was born at Kingston, Texas, on June 20, 1924 - a great day for the United States of America. Audie is the Murphy who came out of World War II with the title of the most-decorated G.I. His gallantry won for him the Congressional Medal of Honor, three Purple Hearts, two Silver Stars, the Legion of Merit and the Croix de Guerre (French) and nine other decorations. You will have gathered from this that Audie is audacious.

They say that real heroes are born. However, reel heroes are made. And Audie now is in the process of being made into a reel hero. Because the roots of the Cagney and the Murphy clan are implanted deep in the ould sod of Erin, Actor James Cagney invited Audie to his home in Beverly Hills. Neither Cagney nor Murphy had any idea of a movie career for the young hero. But when Audie was seen here and there in Cagney's company, offers began to pour in from movie producers. Cagney advised him to consider some of the best, but Audie weighed them and turned

them down. Some time later, however, he came to Cagney and announced that if the Cagneys wanted him, he would be willing to give the movies a whirl. That is why Audie Murphy, the real hero, is in the Actors Laboratory in Hollywood today, learning the stuff that makes the reel hero. There is a stiff aptitude test to be taken before admittance to this school, which, incidentally, is accredited by the Veterans Administration under the G.I. Bill of Rights, but Audie passed it with flying colors.

These photos show you the various stages of the metamorphosis of Murphy as he goes through the mill having his diction polished, learning to fence and to do the other things that give the coating of glamour that must be worn by the successful movie actor. Audie will wear it over his own shining coat of genuine heroism.