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Texas Lieutenant Is One of Two Most Decorated Men in U.S. Army

**Audie Murphy, 20 of
Farmersville Has
Won Them All**

By Associated Press

With United States Third Division in Austria, June 2 — Double honors were conferred Saturday on 20-year-old Lt. Audie Murphy of Farmersville and Greenville, Texas

Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, commanding the Seventh Army, presented the young lieutenant with the Congressional Medal of Honor for valor, and then to Murphy's astonishment took the Legion of Merit from the pile of decorations and pinned that on the young Texan.

Besides half a dozen generals and other high ranking officers, nine senators who had just landed at the Salzburg airport on a jaunt to Hitler's retreat at Berchtesgaden stood on the reviewing stand and each shook Murphy's hand.

Five other members of the Third Division also received



LT AUDIE MURPHY

decorations for bravery, with the entire division turning out for dress parade.

Murphy's Legion of Merit tied him with Capt. Maurice Britt of Arkansas as the most decorated man in the United States Army. The Legion of Merit was awarded him for continued bravery in volunteering for dangerous missions between January 22, 1944, and February 18, 1945 during fighting at Anzio, Rome

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and southern France.

As Patch pinned on the medal he said:

"I wonder if you are as nervous as I am!"

"Yes sir: I'm afraid I am," Murphy replied.

Murphy was the twenty-ninth man in the division to win the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Young Murphy is going home to Texas soon, and says he will use the back doors "because I don't go for this hero stuff. His sister, Corrine Burns, lives in Farmersville.