

## 8th AF Head Decorates 26 At Bergstrom

Major General Samuel E. Anderson, commanding general of Eighth Air Force with headquarters at Carswell Air Force Base, highlighted his visit to Bergstrom Thursday by presenting 26 awards to members of the 27th Fighter-Escort Wing.

In the presence of some 3,000 Bergstrom airmen who faced a raw norther during a parade and review, Gen. Anderson presented nine Distinguished Flying Crosses, seven Bronze Stars and five Air Medals to officers and airmen here.

**THESE AWARDS WERE** presented for combat service with the 27th Wing, which recently returned from a seven-month tour in Korea.

Five awards were presented to members of the base skeet team for winning the national all-gauge five-man service team championship at Dallas last August.

Gen. Anderson, who arrived at Bergstrom Thursday at 11:24 a. m., was greeted by Colonel C. T. Edwinton, 42nd Air Division commander, 27th Wing Commander Colonel Raymond F. Rudell, and Lieutenant Colonel David N. Harmon, acting base commander. Nine other key officers were present. The 571st Air Force Band and a color guard were on hand.

During his one-day stay the general and his party of six officers toured the base. They inspected several organizations and were shown the Wherry Housing project, Scandinavian room—a room offering physical conditioning and steam baths to fighter pilots. Also visited were air division headquarters, maintenance control hangar and the new skeet range.

**RECEIVING AWARDS** were:  
Distinguished Flying Cross—Major Joseph R. Waters, Captains Floyd A. Murdoch and Melvin F. Peterman, First Lieutenants Alton A. Pendleton, Robert P. Butler, James W. Spry Jr., Second Lieutenants William A. Rowland C. Won and Donald R. Aasen.