

# SAN ANTONIO ONLY CITY IN COUNTRY SPANISH DECORATION CONFERRED

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San Antonio is the only city in the United States where the ceremony attendant the conferring of the Spanish Condecoration has been performed, according to Col. H. M. Dichmann, who was a member of the committee in charge of the ceremonies when the decoration was conferred on Harral Ayers in recognition of his work as a leader in the Old Spanish Trail movement, on Tuesday.

There is one higher honor than the Condecoration, the Knight of the Grand Cross, but this is made by promotion only. So carefully are the honors of the order guarded the great jewel in the order given Ayres must be returned to the Spanish crown in event of his death or promotion.

The diplomatic ceremony performed here was supported by many telegrams and letters flattering in tone and most of them expressive of appreciation for the work of Ayres.