

MILITARY CROSS

LIEUT. ANGUS SMITH DECORATED FOR VALOR IN FRENCH CAMPAIGN

*FINISHES ASSIGNMENT WHILE SERIOUSLY
WOUNDED*

The Distinguished Service Order has been awarded to a Brigadier, five Lieutenant-Colonels and eleven majors; the Bar to the Military Cross to two Captains; the Military Cross to eleven captains and sixteen lieutenants, and included among the latter group appears the name of Lieut. W. A. P. Smith, of Lindsay.

Lieut. William Angus Paul Smith M. C., of the Canadian Armoured Corps, was born at Lindsay, Ont. on July 4, 1915, and resided at Toronto at the time of his enlistment. He was taken on strength of the Canadian Active Army on Nov. 11, 1939, served Overseas from Oct., 1940 to March, 1941 and again proceeded Overseas on Nov. 9, 1941. He was commissioned on Sept. 11, 1943. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.J.

Smith are his next-to-kin and reside at 32 King St. Lindsay.

His citation reads: "On June 8, 1944 regimental headquarters and a reconnaissance troop with one squadron of a Canadian armoured regiment were at le Bout Cachard in support of a Canadian Infantry brigade. Information was brought in by a French civilian that there were a number of the enemy in the vicinity who had been left behind and were carrying out sniping, sabotage and generally delaying the operations. Lieut. Smith, reconnaissance officer of the armoured regiment was detailed to take his light tank to investigate and bring back all possible information. He located the enemy position and proceeded to attack it, coming under heavy machine gun and rifle fire. He

pressed forward the attack relentlessly and in doing so received a severe gun shot wound in the right arm. Despite his injury he continued to press forward until he had ascertained the exact position of the enemy and their approximate strength. He then returned to regimental headquarters and despite the fact that he was suffering from severe wounds and shock he refused to accept medical treatment until he had passed on detailed information which later resulted in the enemy being cleared from the location and twenty seven of them killed or captured. Throughout the operation this officer displayed great courage, coolness and exemplar leadership and has been a star

of inspiration to those under his command."

Mr. and Mrs. Smith received word a short time previous to the present announcement that their son had been wounded but details were not completely revealed until recently.

A brother, Sgt. A. G. Smith is also in the services having served

overseas for the past four years. He is attached to convoy duty. He frequently was in touch with his brother previous to the latter going to France.