

Toronto Apr. 4—Bearing two nicknames, "Tiger" for his enthusiasm in battle, and "Monty" for his resemblance to his famed leader, and wearing two decorations for heroism from two nations in wars, the general-storekeeper and postmaster of a little Ontario village came home for a brief leave today. He is Major George Arthur Welsh of Sunderland, aviator and Croix de Guerre winner of the last war, anti-tank gunnery in this war. He received the D.S.O. from his "namesake", General Montgomery, in Sicily, and is home to take part in the coming Victory Loan campaign. He arrived in Toronto with 15 other officers and 57 other ranks early today.

"The fighting at Ortona was as fierce as the battle that is raging now around Cassino," said Major Welsh. "Our six pounder guns stood up magnificently. Never misfired once. Those German Mark 6 tanks are overrated. Our guns shot right through them. It was not unusual for soldiers to fight for 24 hours or more. In Sicily we fought for three days and two nights without sleep.

"Brushes with death? Well, once we heard Germans talking over a stone wall and we shouted to them to come out. Twenty-one Germans appeared with their hands up. The four of us started to move them down the road when three German motor bombs exploded among them. I and two others survived. I was not even scratched," he said.

Took 500 Prisoners

On another occasion his battery captured 500 prisoners.

He bears a small wound on his right hand from flying shrapnel received at Ortona. In the last war his plane was downed over Belgium and dogged the Germans for 42 days. King Albert pinned the Croix de Guerre on his breast,

On the outskirts of Leonforte, Sicily, where Royal Canadian Engineers had thrown a bridge over a

gap in the road. Major Welsh commanded anti-tank gunners who destroyed pill boxes and positions at a junction called "Sticky Corner".

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