

Private Harvey Francis Smith
Service Number C100423

Harvey Smith, 26, of Arnprior, Ontario, was killed in action pn April 6, 1945, outside Almelo, a Dutch town of 35,000, as his platoon of the Algonquin Regiment, suffered an enemy counterattack near Wierden, Netherlands. His platoon leader, Lieutenant Robert Louis Richard of Ottawa, who was killed in same action is also buried in Holten Canadian War Cemetery.

Born on April 10, 1919, Harvey was the son of George and Ethel Smith who also had two daughters, Jessie and Sybil, and a younger son, Clifford, on the family dairy farm outside of Stewartville, near Arnprior, Ontario.

When he enlisted in June, 1942, he was working as a millman for Consolidated Pulp and Paper company near Montreal, Quebec. He got army training in Ottawa, Cornwall, Chicoutimi, Camp Borden and Valcartier. He arrived in Britain on Dec. 24, 1944 and was in the forestry corps before transferring to the Algonquin Regiment. He fought in North West Europe until his death in April, 1945.

The Canadian Army awarded Private Smith, the 1939-45 Star, the France-Germany Star, the War Medal 1939-45 and the Canadian Volunteer Service medal.