

Millard E. Smith Wins Army Award

WITH THE CALVARY IN BERLIN. — Sergeant Millard E. Smith, 25, from 100 Dilling street, Kings Mountain, N. C., was today awarded the Bronze Star Medal in a ceremony on the 16th Calvary Group parade grounds at Berlin, Germany.

His citation reads: Sgt. Millard E. Smith, Headquarters and Service Troop, 6th Calvary Reconnaissance Squadron (Mech) for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 1 August 1944 to 5 May 1945. Sgt. Smith performed the duties as net control operator of the S-3 tactical net. During the period the Squadron was serving as Army Information Service for the Third Army, Sgt. Smith transferred and received a hundred messages daily despite interference from German "jamming" stations, overcrowded net and other obstacles to successful radio communications. During periods of relief from combat he assisted in instructing reinforcements for the troops. Sgt. Smith's devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and merits great praise.

Sgt. Smith attended the 6th Calvary Radio School in Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. With the 6th Calvary, Sgt. Smith landed in Northern Ireland two years ago. Training there for seven months he then proceeded to England and from there to Normandy 9 July 1944 and participated in five campaigns: Normandy, France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe.

He is with the 6th Calvary now in Berlin, Germany, helping maintain a 24 hour mounted security patrol of



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the entire American sector. **LYNN IN TEXAS**
Sgt. Smith attended East School at Kings Mountain. T-5 William H. Lynn, route one, His aunt, Mrs. Minnie Webb, lives Kings Mountain, N. C., of the 1614 at 100 Dilling st., Kings Mountain, Engr. W. S. Co., the son of N. T. N. C. Lynn, route 1, Kings Mountain, N. C. Sgt. Smith was formerly with the C., was formerly employed by Neis-Cleveland Cloth Mills at Shelby, N. C. Iler Mills, Inc., served overseas

months and took part in 4 campaigns and received the following decorations: Good Conduct medal, ETO ribbon with four battle stars.

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Liberalism
Back in America's colonial days before the Revolutionary war when everybody was underprivileged, there were only three freedoms. Everybody had a right to work hard, save as much as he could of his earnings and use his head as profitably as possible in business. If you have a taste for long words you might call the three freedoms industry, frugality and ingenuity.
Politics in those days were all full of rich-man vs. poor-man problems, same as now. They were, to be sure, better decorated with pretty English but the issues were about the same: What will we have to work with? If we do well, how much can we keep, and how much will be taken by the government? Government in those days was the English king, of course.
Lovers of Freedom
People who thought the king ought to show more liberality called themselves liberals. In theory the king owned the land. In reality he held a tight rein over his subjects. He taxed them plenty and his subsidized buying concern paid little enough for what they produced. A liberal, in those days, was a man who wanted government to loosen up a bit in favor of the individual.
Affairs of the people were not changed very much by the Revolution. Colonies changed into states and new issues arose but still there was an over-all government. In this over-all government were people who had power-lust, or else feared to trust the common people with vital decisions. Opposed to these power-hungry folk were the liberals, still plugging for personal liberty.
Liberals Won Out
The liberals were right. Time has proved beyond a doubt that people act better and live better and make more progress materially and spiritually when they have more freedom. Since the United States became a first-class power in record time, the world's wealthiest and happiest people, the word "liberal" has been popular here. A liberal, to us, is one who wants the individual to be free.
Through the same historic periods America has had reactionaries. They were the people, in colonial days, who wanted the king to rule them. After the Revolution, the same element wanted an iron-rod rule in Washington—something like a dictator. Small wonder that reactionaries have always been unpopular in America, people who howl against the system and try to grab power for themselves.
Try to Swap Labels
Reactionaries in America today are smart. They have learned one lesson well. They are very sure of one thing: they have a bad name. They know also that the word "liberal" is an asset. Accordingly they have adopted the term "liberalism" and call themselves liberals. This is the very same political element that supports more government rules and less liberty for individuals.
By the same strategy, this political element has begun to call people reactionaries who hold precisely to the liberal teachings of Thomas Jefferson. Don't let anybody tell you that government control of everything, and the destruction of individual freedom and opportunity, is the liberalism that Americans think so highly of—nor that it is liberalism at all. It is a counterfeit road sign designed to misdirect American thinking away from the ways of freedom.

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