

Smith, Arthur F.
Elmer
LeRoy
Dorothy

Highly Lauded

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Called on before his battalion to receive an award for fine work in the performance of his duty, Pvt. Arthur L. Smith, above, stationed with an anti-aircraft unit at Camp Stewart, Ga., is a proud man today. Pvt. Smith was the recipient of a cash award and letter of commendation from his regimental and his battalion commanders for "outstanding performance" in completing the training obstacle course in two minutes, 2 seconds under full field pack and carrying his rifle, gas mask and other equipment.

The letter of commendation which this Bethlehem soldier received was signed by Brig. Gen. O. L. Spiller, commanding at Camp Stewart, and by Lt. Col. Roy Brackman, in command of the battalion to which Pvt. Smith belongs. Col. Brackman said that the young soldier "brought honor upon yourself, your battery and your battalion."

Pvt. Smith, writing to his mother, Mrs. Edna Smith, of 638 Jischke Street, Bethlehem, described his surprise when his unit was paraded with the band and he was called out "front and center" to receive his award from the colonel. He said he was not aware he was to receive it.

Mrs. Smith has three sons in the service, Arthur, Elmer and LeRoy, and a daughter, Dorothy, in the WAC. Arthur's wife is a WAC, also.

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