

Alton Lee Smith, T-30

22 July 1908 – 23 March 1987



Milton Smith, T-31

30 March 1911 – 14 December 1973



At Tech High, Milton and Alton Smith were called “Tech’s Smith Brothers” and now serving overseas in the Army they have continued to show those qualities of leadership that marked them in their high school days. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Smith, 154 N. Belvedere.

Milton is a first lieutenant with the Ninth Army in Germany. He was wounded three times – first at Mortain, France, by a mortar shell, second a slight wound several months later that only required first aid and the third time at Malmedy, where he was wounded by a hand grenade. He has the Purple Heart.

It was when Milton was returning to his outfit from the hospital in France during his last convalescence that he met his brother, S-Sgt. Alton Smith in the Medical Corps. stationed with an evacuation hospital in Germany.

“Today I probably had the greatest surprise of my life,” wrote Alton to his wife. His wife and two daughters, Sharon and Carole, live with his parents. “At 10 this morning I was called to the phone and it was Milton. He was on his way back to his outfit, and when the train stopped at a town nearby, he inquired around and found I was only a few miles away.

“The chaplain was good enough to send a jeep after him and we spent about five hours together. He hasn’t received any mail since January but expects to have a lot waiting for him.

“He looks very good and hasn’t lost any weight. He has been wounded three times, but none of them was bad. He’s feeling pretty well now.”

Milton was captain of the Tech High football team, His wife, a son, Tim, and a daughter, Joyce Lynn , live in 1824 Felix.

Alton was president of the student body at Tech, president of his senior class, and captain for three years of the baseball team.