

RICHARD LANGFORD SMITH, son of Richard Smith, was a student at Wycliffe College at the time of his enlistment. He first joined the 34th Battery, C.F.A., in Oct. 1915, but afterwards transferred to the 63rd Battery, where he became Sergeant-Major and later Lieutenant. He reached France in March, 1917, being appointed to the 5th and later to the 8th Siege Battery, and was in active service for a year, mostly in the Vimy-Lens area. He also fought at Passchendaele.

On April 17, 1918, Langford died suddenly of heart failure. He had gone to bed as cheerful as usual, but next morning, when his batman went to call him, he could not awaken him. He had passed away peacefully in his sleep. A brother officer ran to a nearby dressing-station for a physician, who came immediately, but all efforts at resuscitation failed. His own rector, Rev. (Captain) Lawrence Skey, who was serving as a Chaplain, was within reach, and took charge of the funeral service. Langford was buried in the beautiful Ablain St. Nazaire valley behind Vimy Ridge. He was counted a cool and daring officer, and for some particularly good work at the Battle of Passchendaele he had been recommended for a decoration.

Both at school and college Langford was prominent in athletics, especially in baseball. He was also a noted Rugby player both at P.C.I. and at the University of Toronto.