

Hutchinson Jr, William S.

Hutchinson Promoted to Lieut.-Colonel

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A surprise promotion to the rank of lieutenant colonel was given to William S. Hutchinson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Hutchinson Sr., 56 West Market Street, by General Mark Clark Fifth Army commander, in Italy Christmas Day.

In an elaborate Christmas Day review, Hutchinson was one of 11 to



LT. COL. W. S. HUTCHINSON

be promoted and decorated by General Clark.

Recuperating from shrapnel wounds of the ankle received Nov. 28, Hutchinson was placed on a jeep and taken to the front line Fifth Army headquarters completely unaware that he was to be given his fifth promotion since entering service in September, 1941.

Lieutenant Colonel Hutchinson, a graduate of Lehigh University in 1936, held a commission in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and upon entering the service was quickly promoted to first lieutenant and then to captain.

He was sent to North Africa last

April and was promoted to major upon leaving the country. While engaging in the Sicilian campaign he was awarded the Army Silver Star for gallantry in action.

Working in conjunction with Colonel William Darby's Rangers, he engaged in the Italian campaign, being forced out of action Nov. 28, when he was wounded. He was recently awarded the Purple Heart Medal as the result of his injuries.

The new lieutenant colonel is a member of the chemical warfare

division, having trained at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Washington, D. C., Edgewood Arsenal, Md., and Camp Gordon, Ga., before entering foreign service.

A son, William, 3rd, was born Dec. 26 to Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Sara Stauffer Hutchinson.

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