

Smith, Peter H.

**Purple Heart Award
For Allentown Gunner**

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Staff Sergeant Peter H. Smith, who barely escaped death when forced to bail out of his Flying Fortress while returning from a raid on Frankfurt, Germany in October has been awarded the Purple Heart.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Smith, Allentown, he is now in a hospital somewhere in England. Although his parachute was riddled by Nazi bullets, he succeeded in landing with only a broken pelvis bone.

An aerial gunner, Sergeant Smith received his wings last March at Salt Lake City, Utah. He entered the service a little more than a year ago, and was sent to Atlantic City for basic training.

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