

Hutchinson Jr, William S.

Maj. Hutchinson AUG 16 1943 Receives Medal For Gallantry

Major William S. Hutchinson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hutchinson, of 56 West Market Street, has been awarded the silver star for gallantry in action, according to word received by his wife, the former Sara Stauffer, daughter of Mrs. Charles M. Stauffer, of Prospect Avenue, today. The citation, accompanying the report, said in part:

"On July 12, 1943, northwest of Gela, Sicily, while in a forward observation post, Major Hutchinson was subjected to heavy artillery fire



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and intense small arm fire, holding up the advance of our troops. Major Hutchinson, with complete disregard of his personal safety remained in his observation post and continued accurately to direct his own fire. His outstanding courage, coolness, and professional skill resulted in the destruction of the enemy battery and advance of our troops."

Major Hutchinson is a graduate of Lehigh University, class of 1936, and was with the Mallinckrodt Chemical Company, St. Louis, Mo., before entering the Army. He went into active duty with the armed services in September, 1941. He attended the 11th course in the command and general staff school at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. He has been overseas for about four months and in April was advanced in rank from captain to major.

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