

Dunbar Captain Given Silver Star For Battle Heroism

Captain Warne R. Parker, Jr., then a first lieutenant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warne R. Parker of Dunbar and husband of Mrs. Georgia Parham Parker of Charlotte, N. C., has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in Germany with an infantry unit on October 6 and 7.

The citation stated, in part, that Lieutenant Parker "commanded a company which neutralized 11 enemy pill boxes in the Siegfried Line during one day's fighting. The following morning, the enemy launched a vigorous counterattack which threatened to recapture the ground which they had lost the previous day. With comparatively few troops at his disposal, Lieutenant Parker utilized them very skillfully. At the risk of his life, he exposed himself in order to direct the supporting artillery and mortar fire at the attacking enemy. As a direct result of his courage, outstanding leadership and heroic daring, three hostile tanks were destroyed and the counterattack was repulsed with heavy casualties inflicted on the ranks of the enemy. For this action on the Siegfried Line, Lieutenant Parker was awarded the Army Silver Star for his courage and outstanding leadership."

A graduate of Connellsville High School, Class of 1934, he attended Mount Union College and was employed by the American Steel & Wire Company before he joined the Pennsylvania National Guard infantry company at Donora. He trained at Camp Livingston, La., and was graduated from the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., in 1942. He

The Department's annual truck crop report placed lettuce first in acreage value among 12 principal crops, carrots ranked second.

Lettuce averaged \$525 an acre, and carrots \$420. Onions netted \$405.

The overall acreage of commercial vegetables dropped to 34,550 from 36,240 acres planted in 1943 and the corresponding income shrank 18 per cent below last year.

Mrs. W. B. Smith Dies.

Mrs. Christina C. Smith, 49, of Midway, Greensburg, R. D. 2, died Wednesday. The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis of Trauger, she leaves her husband, W. Berl Smith; one son, William Wayne; a brother, S. W. Ellis of Carnegie, and two sisters, Mrs. Anna Krynicky of Calumet and Mrs. Mary Kaulick of Bobtown. The funeral service will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at her home.

participated in the French invasion and was wounded in the capture of St. Lo after which he was hospitalized in England, later rejoining his unit. He was promoted to a captaincy since he rejoined his outfit, Company 3, 119th Infantry, 30th Division.

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