

## Two Local Men With B-29's Based In The Marianas

HEADQUARTERS, XXI BOMBER COMMAND, GUAM - (Delayed) - Two men from Teaneck, New Jersey are among the ground specialists of a B-29 organization based in the Marianas who took up the unfamiliar task of air base construction in addition to their regular duties, and who have received a special commendation from Brigadier General H. S. Hansell, Jr., Commanding General, XXI Bomber Command.

With the aviation engineers absorbed in the priority task of completing the giant airstrip, ground echelons were called upon for the unusual assignment of building administrative and service facilities as well as living quarters. Men whose regular jobs were those of clerk-typists, medical technicians, truck drivers and chemical warfare instructors, moved in on the area of battle wreckage and, in less than 20 weeks, B-29 Superfortresses were bombing Tokyo from the completed Marianas base.

"You carried on your official work with efficiency above the usual under rugged conditions," General Hansell said. "In addition, with hard labor, ingenuity, and a kind of stubborn will that typifies the spirit of American pioneering, you made with your own hands a place to live and a place to work, overcoming obstacles which were not foreseen."

The Teaneck men are:

Sergeant John M. Mayer whose wife, Mary, and mother, Mrs. Katherine Mayer, live on South John Street. Prior to entering the service in March, 1941, he was employed by Englewood Hospital at

Englewood, New Jersey. A brother, Philip, is serving with the Army in the European theatre.

Technical Sergeant Bernard A. Legacy whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander J. Legacy, live at 119 Oakdene Avenue. He was graduated from high school in Washburn, Wisconsin in 1939, and entered the service in September, 1940. A brother, Rubert, is serving with the Army in the European theatre.

## Now Sgt. Dietrick

Marine Sergeant Peter J. Dietrick, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Dietrick, 190 Oakdene Ave., Teaneck, N. J., has been promoted to that rank at El Toro, Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Ana, Calif., where he is a mechanic in a fighter squadron.

## S-Sgt. Everett Jones Returns From Pacific

NEWPORT, Ark., Feb. 15.—Marine Staff Sergeant Everett R. Jones, 23, veteran of nine months' service in the South Pacific war theater, is now assigned as an aviation mechanic with the service squadron, at the large U. S. Marine Corps Air Facility near here.

He is the son of Mrs. C. H. Hal-John, 764 Cedar Lane, Teaneck, N. J., and enlisted in the Corps November 26, 1940. The youth has served in Samoa, New Hebrides, New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, the Fijis and New Zealand.

Jones holds the Presidential Unit Citation for the First Marine Air Wing, having been in combat on Guadalcanal from Oct. 9, to Dec. 13, 1942.

He was wounded Nov. 13, 1942, when an enemy shell exploded nearby, and shrapnel entered his left leg and right foot. At the time, Jones was at the Henderson Field auxiliary air strip, and was interestedly watching a dogfight between our planes and enemy ships.

It was a good fight, with Major Joe Foss, Marine air ace, taking a big hand. Twenty-one enemy ships attacked, and all were brought down by our fighters, says Jones.

The Marines got a big laugh out of finding papers on a downed Jap pilot indicating that Henderson Field was in Japanese hands.

## Ensign Joseph Borst

Kenneth Joseph Borst, son of Mr. Michael J. Borst of 974 Darion Ter., Teaneck, N. J., was commissioned an Ensign in the Naval Reserve and designated a Naval Aviator recently at the Naval Air Training Base, Pensacola, Florida.

Having completed his intermediate training at the "Annapolis of the Air," he will be ordered to duty either at an instructor's school for further training or at an operational base.

Prior to entering the Naval service, Ensign Borst attended Syracuse University for two years.

## Fire Controlman Schomaker

Among those graduating from an intensive course of Fire Controlman training at recent Great Lakes Service Schools exercises here was William P. Schomaker, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. August J. Schomaker, 1015 Warren Parkway, Teaneck, N. J.

This Bluejacket was selected for his specialized training on the basis of his recruit training aptitude test scores. Graduates from the twenty specialized courses taught at the Service Schools are sent to sea, to shore stations, or to advanced schools for further duty.

## Corp. Engel Graduates

Corporal Ernest E. Engel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl H. Engel, of 1310 Princeton Road, West Englewood, has been graduated from the Army Air Forces Central Instructors School at Laredo Army Air Field, Laredo, Tex., and is now fully qualified to become an instructor at an aerial gunnery school.

## "Swede" Lindholm

Cornelius "Swede" Lindholm Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Lindholm, of 1095 Alicia Avenue, West Englewood, a junior at Lehigh University, has been elected captain of the 1944 wrestling team and will lead the Engineers into the 41st annual Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association championships to be held Feb. 9-10 at Lehigh.

One of the most popular men on the campus, Lindholm is undefeated in dual competition to date, and on him Lehigh is pinning its hopes for an individual championship. Weighing 145 lbs., Lindholm has been competing in the 155-lb. bracket, but will drop back to his proper division for the tourney.

Besides being an outstanding wrestler, Lindholm is a star soccer and baseball player, and has won his varsity award in all three sports. As a forward on the soccer team last fall he captained the Brown & White booters and during the summer he was acting captain of the baseball team, thus making him one of the few to captain three sports in the recent history of the University.

RINGE ..... Captain Charles L. Ringe Jr. of 4112 Winthrop Road, Teaneck, flight surgeon with the Army Air Forces for 17 months in Alaska, and injured when his plane crashed, is convalescing at the Valley Forge General Hospital at Phoenixville, Pa.

## ENDS TRAINING



Elizabeth Backer Seaman First Class, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Backer of 56 Genesee Avenue, West Englewood, recently completed training at Hunter College and Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa. A graduate of Teaneck High School, Seaman Backer will be reassigned after a short furlough at home.

## T-Sgt. Jane Kraft Wears Meritorious Service Badge

HEADQUARTERS, AAF SERVICE COMMAND, Italy.—Technical Sergeant Jane Kraft of the Women's Army Corps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Kraft, 600 Chestnut Avenue, Teaneck, New Jersey and formerly employed as a secretary in New York City, recently was authorized to wear the Meritorious Service insignia.

The insignia is a gold wreath badge worn on the right sleeve. It is similar in design to the Meritorious Service plaque awarded to her WAC company for its "superior performance of duty" during the first six months of 1944.

For the past year and a half in North Africa and Italy the company has handled communications and vital supply information at this headquarters—control center for Air Service activity in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

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## KILLED IN ACTION



First Lieutenant Denniston Averill of Englewood, husband of the former Dorothy George of West Englewood, was killed in action December 20 in Belgium. Lieutenant Averill, company commander in an Armored Division of Patton's Third Army, was a Teaneck High School athlete and honor student. Besides his wife he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Bess D. Averill of Englewood and a 7-month-old son whom he never saw.

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