

Masters, Vincent L.

**Vincent L. Masters Now  
A Staff Sergeant**

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SAN JUAN, P. R. — Promotion of Vincent L. Masters, 29, of Bethlehem, Pa., to the rank of staff sergeant in the Army Air Forces was announced today at the Antilles Air Command Headquarters.

Entering the Army July 8, 1941, at Allentown, Pa., Sgt. Masters joined the present unit in September, 1941. He was promoted to private first class May 1, 1942; to corporal Aug. 16, 1942, and to sergeant July 22, 1943. Sgt. Masters now is stationed at one of the South American air bases guarding the vital approaches to the Caribbean area.

Born July 26, 1914 at Nazareth, Pa., Sgt. Masters is the son of Mrs. Edward Horne, who resides at 635 Washington Avenue, Bethlehem. He was graduated from Nazareth High School in 1933.

Planes of the Antilles Air Command, of which Sgt. Masters is a member, fly daily patrols over an area 44 times that of Pennsylvania,

extending from the western tip of Cuba to the sweltering equatorial belt of South America.

Palm-fringed AAC air bases are strategically located on small volcanic islands and in the midst of lush tropical jungles, forming a protective barrier for the gateways to the three Americas.

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