

Starke Jr, Edward W.

**Lt. (jg) Edward Starke
In Charge of Group
To Destroy Ammunition**

Lt. (jg.) Edward W. Starke, Jr., USNR, who graduated from Lehigh University with a B. S. degree in chemistry in 1943, has one of the most important jobs of all on Yokosoku Naval Base, second largest Japanese Naval base which was occupied by U. S. naval forces last Thursday.

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Lt. Starke is officer in charge of a group of expert gunner's mates off the battleship USS Indiana, and assigned to the 4th Regiment, 6th Marine Division, as demolition and bomb disposal unit. Their job was to see that all Japanese ammunition, small arms and large guns were destroyed as soon as they hit the beach at Yokosoku Thursday morning, August 30.

The young Naval officer is a graduate of Ridgewood High School, Ridgewood N. J. He was a chemist for the Bethlehem Steel Company before entering the Navy in November, 1944. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Starke, 23 South Highwood Avenue, Glen Rock, N. J.

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