

Hudak, Thomas

**Pfc. Thomas Hudak
Celebrated V-J Day
While on Iwo Jima, 1945**

Pfc. Thomas J. Hudak, husband of Mrs. Jeanette C. Hudak, 76 West Laurel Street, celebrated V-J Day on Iwo Jima, where he has been stationed for some months aboard a 10,000-ton Army Air Force Aircraft Repair Ship, supporting the B-29 strikes against Japan. His organization helped ready the Saipan-based B-29's for their first raid on the Japanese homeland in November, 1944, and was active in the bombing program throughout the Pacific campaign.

Pfc. Hudak is entitled to wear two bronze combat stars on the Asiatic-Pacific Theater ribbon for the unit's participation in Central and Western Pacific campaigns. During these campaigns the ship went through 20 enemy air raids and received credit for shooting down two enemy bombers.

The airman enlisted October 29, 1943, and received his basic training at Miami Beach, Fla. He is a graduate of Liberty High School and a former employe of the Bethlehem Construction Company. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Hudak, 289 West Laurel Street.

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