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Pfc. Andrew Gyecsek With 27th Division On Tsugen Shima

Pfc. Andrew J. Gyecsek, 948 East Fifth Street, landed with the "Appleknocker" regiment of the famed 27th Infantry Division in its initial assault on Tsugen Shima, an island of the Ryukyu group, 365 miles from the Japanese.

The smash at the Nansei Shoto Group, a key point in the vital communication center of the enemy's direction of his forces in the western Pacific, marks the second D-Day for Pfc. Gyecsek. Prior to this operation, he participated in the conquest of Saipan in the Marianas Islands.

Islands. MAY 2.3 1045 A machine gunner, he entered the Army in August 1943 and served 13 months overseas duty. He is entitled to wear the prized Combat Infantryman's badge, Asiatic Pacific ribbon with two campaign stars, and the War Department's newest award, an arrowhead given troops making an asault landing. At H-Hour, Gyecsek's unit swarmed ashore behind the poundings of Navy battleships and cruisers to add another campaign star to his ribbon.

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