

LLOYD McCORMICK IS HELPING KEEP B-29 BOMBERS IN AIR

LOCAL BOY ON JOB AT SUPERFORT- RESS BASE IN MARIANAS

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XXI Bomber Command Hdq., Guam — (Delayed — Corporal Lloyd McCormick of Newton, Illinois is one of hundreds of enlisted men at a huge Superfortress base in the Marianas whose diligent efforts have made it possible for the giant B-29 bombers of Major General Curtis E. LeMay's XXI Bomber Command to strike regularly at the heart of Japan's war industry.

Corporal McCormick is an armanent worker in a combat unit commanded by Brigadier General Emmett O'Donnell, Jr., who led the first B-29 striking force from Saipan to bomb Tokyo aviation industries on November 24, 1944.

"The work of Corporal McCormick and his fellow soldiers is directly responsible for the success of the B-29's in bombing Japan's war industries," General O'Donnell said in congratulating them. "These men realize their responsibilities in the pre-mission tasks of insuring the maximum chance for safe return of the air crews.

"Without the spirit of teamwork which has been exhibited by every man, our pioneering job, which is only beginning, could not have been a success. They have given their services fully and in complete disregard for personal comforts and pleasures in lieu of hard work and long hours."

An additional tribute has been paid Corporal McCormick and the others for their toil in constructing their B-29 bases. They arrived last August and September and, since aviation engineers were busy with the high priority task of airstrip building, they constructed homes for themselves and for the aerial combat crews who arrived later.

Corporal McCormick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. McCormick, live at 407 East Morgan Street, Newton. He was graduated from NCHS in 1942. He entered the Army in March, 1943. A brother, Sergeant Paul E. McCormick, is stationed with the Marines in the states.