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SCRAPS OF

*Torpedo Two*





# Introduction

## *SCRAPS OF TORPEDO TWO*

IS A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF THIS  
SQUADRON STARTING WITH ITS  
COMMISSIONING AT QUONSET POINT  
TO IT'S RETURN TO THE STATES

U.S.A.

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# SCRAPS OF TORPEDO TWO



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# Dedication

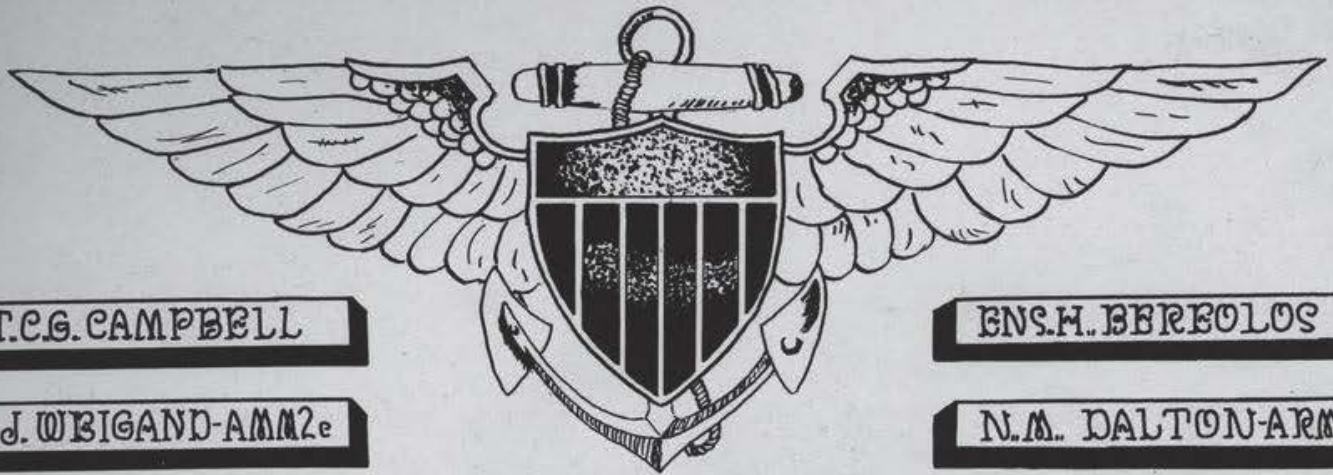


To Those Who Flew.. but..  
~Failed to Return~

WE DEDICATE

"THIS BOOK"





LT.C.G. CAMPBELL

ENS.H. BEREOLOS

A.J. WIGAND-AMM2e

N.M. DALTON-ARM2e

W.G. BUDD-ARM2e

ENS.D.M. MILLIGAN

E.T. HOFFMAN-ARM2e

P.J. OLIVER-ACMM

ENS.W.C. REISERT

E.F. STAUB-AOM1e

# IN MEMORIAM

BY LT. (JG) R.L. RAMSDELL.

OF THE GOOD IN MAN THAT WE USE  
TO JUDGE HIM BY:  
'TIS NOT HIS TONGUE,  
NOR BELIEF IN A CREED OR A WAY,  
BUT THINGS HE DOES  
AND LEAVES UNSUNG.

AND THO' ALL WILL REMEMBER 'EM, WE'RE  
ALONE AND STILL,  
THAT HE IS GONE;  
AND ALOUD I SPEAK AS THE FOOL,  
NONE COULD FORGET  
AND CARRY ON.

OF THE BROTHERS THAT COME TO MAN  
- IN WAR AND PEACE  
- BY BIRTH AND CHORE..  
THERE IS NONE THAT CAN BE IN HIS HEART,  
AS HE WHO SHARES  
THE FATES OF WAR.

FOR NOT ONE, BUT MANY HAVE SHARED  
IN WHAT HE HAD.  
OUR MINDS WERE MET.  
THOUGH WE READ WHAT HE HELPED SOW,  
LET HIM STILL BE  
OUR BROTHER YET..



**ENS. H. BERELOS**  
**KILLED IN LINE**  
**OF DUTY**



**LT. C.G. CAMPBELL**  
**KILLED IN ACTION**



**ENS. D.M. MILLIGAN**  
**KILLED IN LINE**  
**OF DUTY**

# LAST CALL



**COMBAT**  
**A.J. WEIGAND**

**AIRCREW MEN**  
**W.G. BUDD**

**MISSING**  
**N.M. DALTON**

**IN ACTION**  
**E.T. HOFFMAN**



**AMM3c**  
**ALSO MISSING IN**



**ARM2c**  
**ACTION-ENS. REISERT, CHIEF**



**ARM2c**  
**OLIVER, STAUB-AOMIC...**



**ARM2c**



"TARGET BOUND"



-ROY L. JOHNSON-

Commander U.S.N.

AIR GROUP COMMANDER -

June 1, 1943 - June 1, 1944



 **J. D. ARNOLD**   
LT. COMMANDER U.S.N.  
Commanding Officer  
JUNE 1, 1943 — JUNE 1, 1944.



- J.W. McCONNAUGHAY -

Lieutenant U.S. Navy

June 1943 - Feb. 1944



J.D. ARNOLD, COMD'R.  
U.S. NAVY  
COMMANDER AIR GROUP TWO



'SKIPPER'

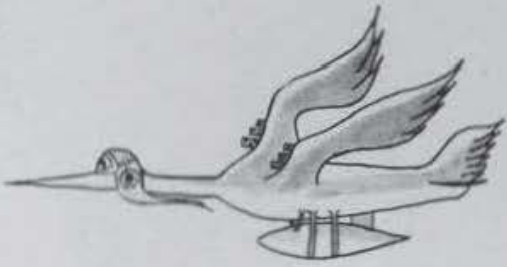
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TOOK COMMAND ON JUNE 1, 1944



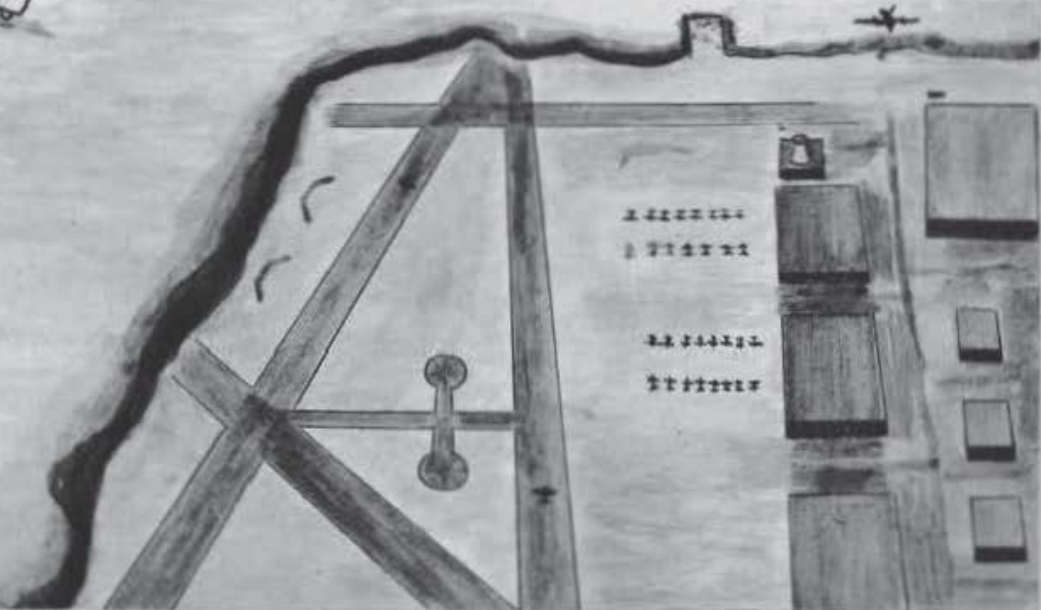
 **W. J. MOORE**   
LIEUTENANT U.S.N.R.  
Executive Officer  
FEBRUARY — 1944

# THE BATTLE OF QUONSET POINT



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COMMISSIONED  
JUNE 1, 1943



# ↓ OFFICERS ROLL ↓

## — COMMANDING OFFICER —

LT. COMMANDER J. D. ARNOLD U.S.N.

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LIEUTENANT J. W. McCONAUGHAY

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BARCLAY, J.W.	A.C.I.
SEELY, J.G.	PERSONNEL
MOORE, W. J.	ORDNANCE
BROWN, R.C.	RADAR

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CAMPBELL, C.G.	PHOTOGRAPHY
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HOOVER, F.D.	FLIGHT
SULLIVAN, K.P.	ENGINEERING

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MITCHELL ACRM	RADIO CHIEF
OLIVER, F.J. ACMM	ENG. CHIEF
MILLER, S.A. ACMM	LINE CHIEF

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RAMSDALL, R.L.	NAVIGATION
NELSON, K.A.	MATERIEL
HAMILTON, J.L.	MATERIEL
RICHARDS, L.	MATERIEL
MOORE, T.M.	MATERIEL
LANGFORD, J.R.	FLIGHT
LONG, E.T.	FLIGHT
WILSON, R.A.	FLIGHT
SCAMMEL, S.	ENGINEERING
HEPPLER, M.L.	ENGINEERING
BRANHAM, H.C.	ENGINEERING
BERNARD, H.W.	ELECTRICAL
STAUBER, V.G.	ELECTRICAL
SANSON, A.J.	ORDNANCE
GORDER, M.H.	ORDNANCE
GLASS, K.M.	ORDNANCE
BERELOS, H.	ATHLETIC
FULWIDER, J.R.	COMMUNICATION
SKINNER, J.H.	RADIO
COLBERT, W.	PARACHUTE
MESSEA, M.W.	NAVIGATION



# AVIATION



# RADIOMEN

BUDD, W.G.  
DALTON, N.M.  
FOISY, W.M.  
GERBEREUX, D.F.  
KOWAL, S.T.

PAPST, J.A.  
CLIFTON, G.L.  
DUNN, J.H.  
GARINGER, J.W.  
GREENE, A.W.  
MILLER, F.A.

LAWRENCE, G.W.  
OLEY, F.T.  
SAVKO, M. J.  
COXWELL, J.L.  
EISLER, R.I.

GEMMELL, H.B.  
HOFFMAN, E.T.  
MURPHY, J.F.  
OLSEN, F.P.  
STEADMAN, I. J.

# AVIATION



# MACHINISTS

ADAIR, J.A.  
BELMORE, W.H.  
CHERVENAK, F.  
CORRIGAN, P.H.  
CROALL, J.F.  
FALCIONE, R.N.J.

FARRELL, D.F.  
FEENSTRA, J.F.  
GENDRON, J.D.  
GORDON, W. J.  
HAINS, W.A.

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MARZUCCO, R.J.  
RAMSTEAD, G.A.

ZEH, W.L.

SPENCER, D.A.  
THIEBAUD, R.M.  
TWAROWSKI, R.A.  
WEBER, J.F.  
WEIGAND, A. J.  
WOERMBKE, J.W.



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MARTELL, G.F. AMM <sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub>  
PLYBON, C.W. AMM <sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub>  
MUSTIN, G.K. AMM <sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub>

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MAGEE, E. J. REM <sup>3</sup>/<sub>16</sub>  
BENEVIDES, J.S. PR <sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub>

GABEL, S.B. ART <sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub>  
WILSON, H. M. AOM <sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub>  
BRASSEY, M.H. AOM <sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub>  
HANBURY, W.J. AOM <sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub>

BOOTH, M.D. AOM <sup>3</sup>/<sub>16</sub>  
DOLAN, E. AOM <sup>3</sup>/<sub>16</sub>  
STAUB, B.F. AOM <sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub>

BARLOTTA, S.B. AOM <sup>3</sup>/<sub>16</sub>



## QUONSET POINT, R.I.

JUNE 1, 1944 - ON JUNE 1, 1943 OUR SQUADRON WAS COMMISSIONED. FOR MONTHS AFTER THAT DAY, WE EXPERIENCED THE HECTIC DAYS OF ORGANIZATION AND CRYSTALIZATION-NECESSARY TO MAKE A UNIT FIT FOR COMBAT- AIRCREWMEN STRUGGLED WITH TESTS TO GAIN THEIR WINGS (CAC). OFFICERS FOUND THEMSELVES DEPARTMENT HEADS WITH PLENTY TO DO. -- NIGHT FLYING -- CHANGING AND REPAIRING AIRCRAFT -- AND THE SECURING AND DISTRIBUTION OF OUR SUPPLIES MADE THE MONTHS HERE VERY ACTIVE.



"CARRIER CHECK OUT"  
— NORFOLK. —

### OFFICERS MEMORIES OF QUONSET PT.

- 1- The obstacle course.
- 2- Bull sessions in room #109 B.O.Q.
- 3- The Bachante room.
- 4- The snake pit.
- 5- That long bus ride home.
- 6- The struggle to make the first team.

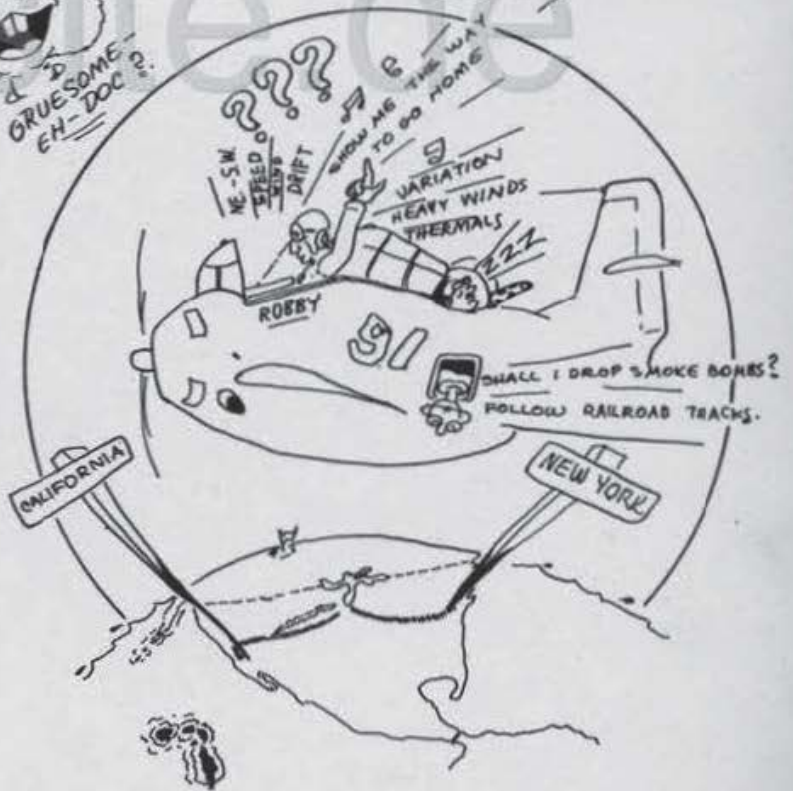
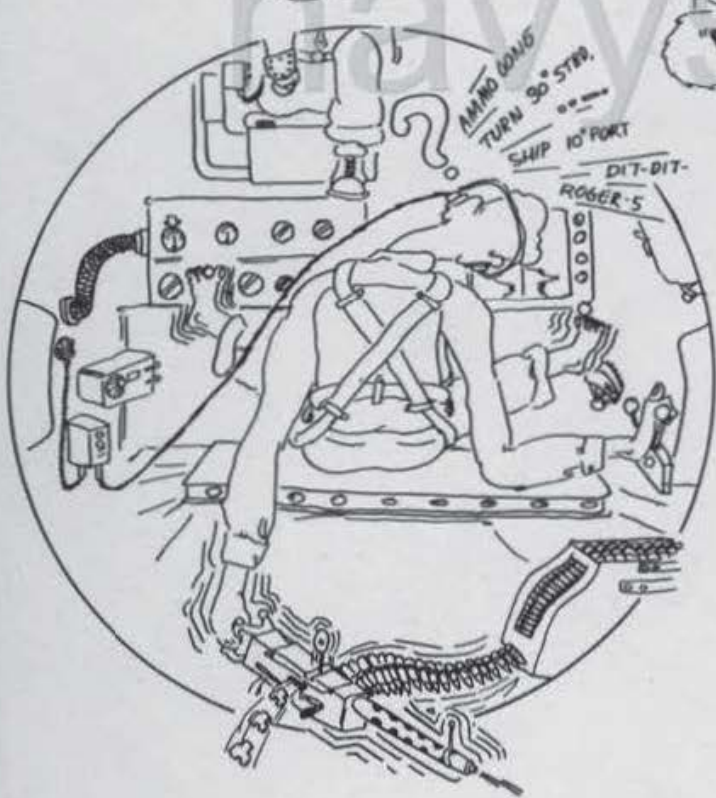


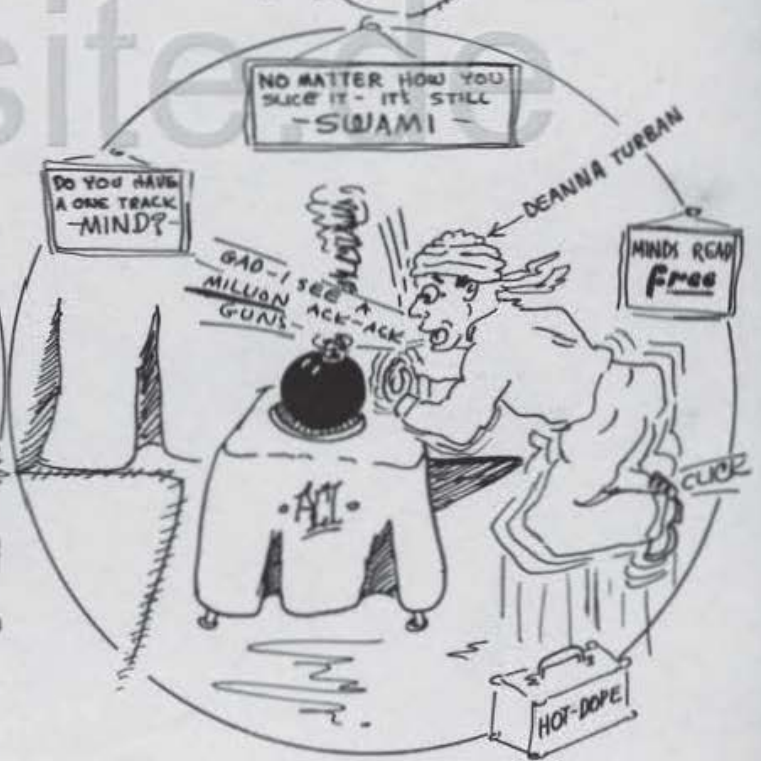
SQUADRON OFFICERS



**HO-HO!!**







# COAST TO COAST

THE BATTLE OF  
CRISS - CROSS  
~ COUNTRY ~



Santa Rosa



QUONSET



SAN DIEGO



MIDLAND



GREENSBORO



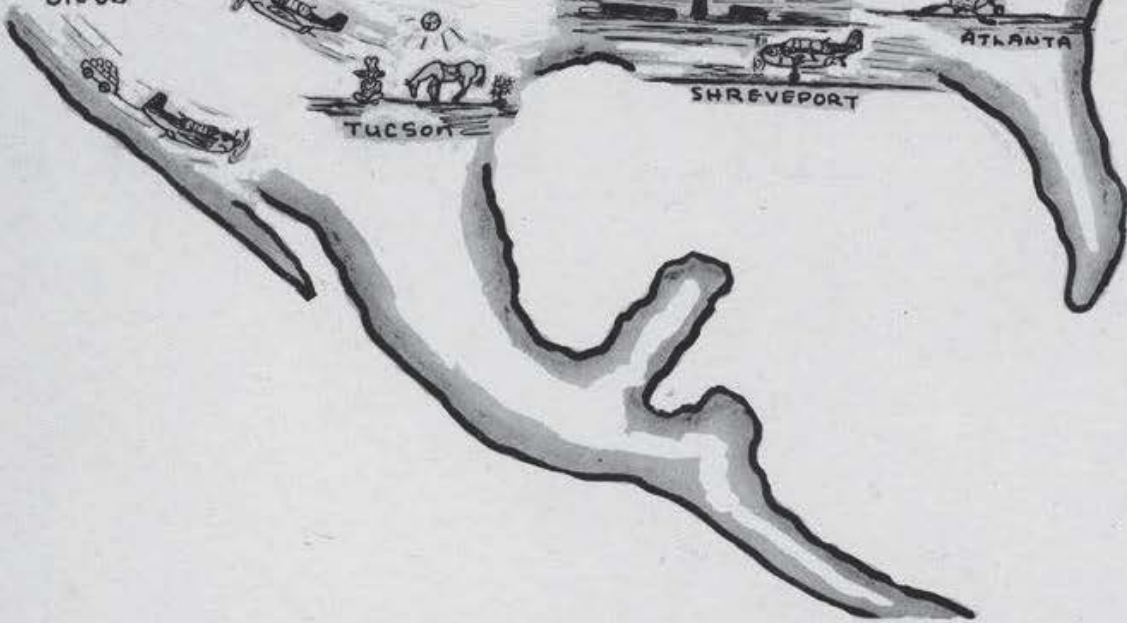
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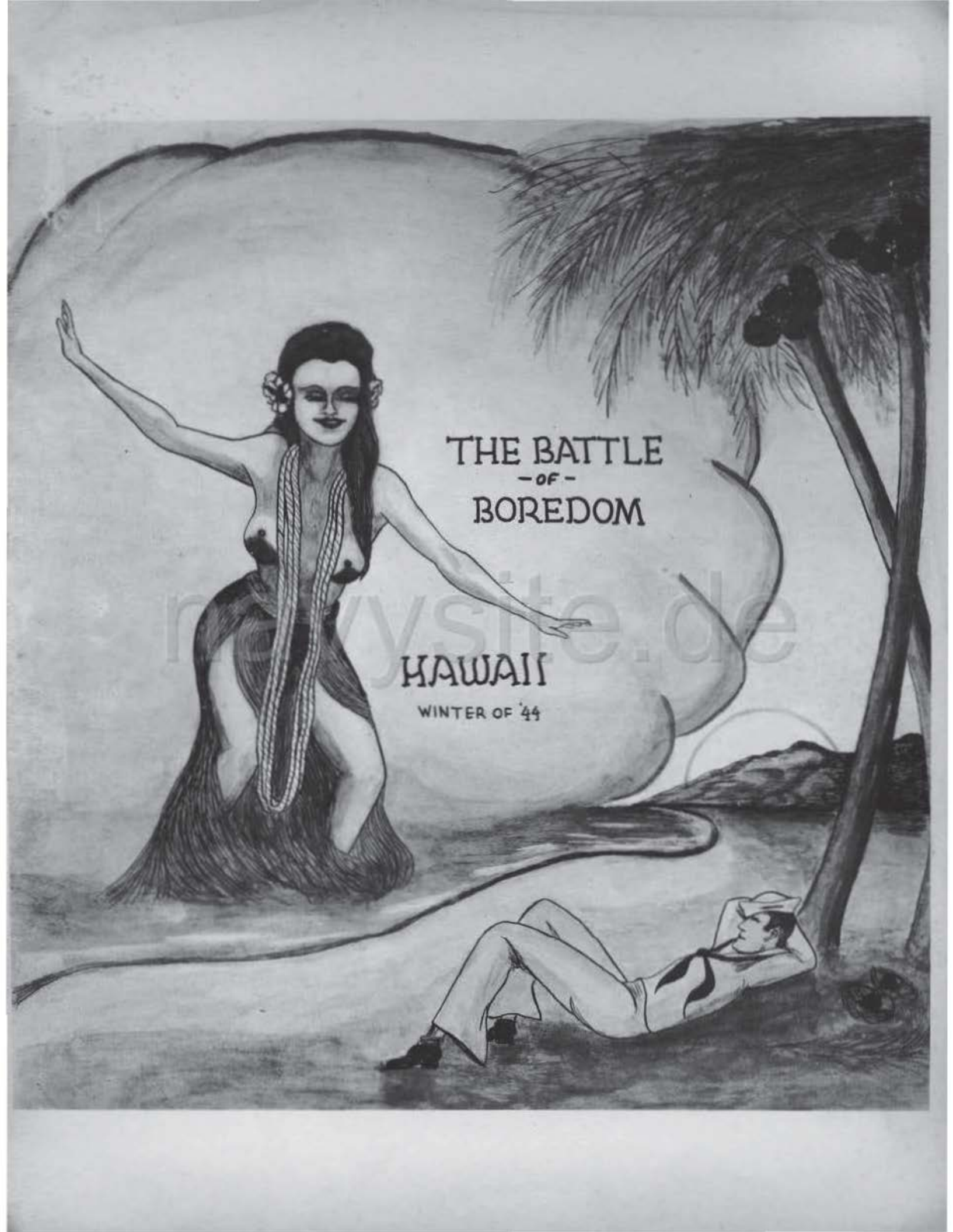


The Setting Of  
**SANTA  
ROSA**



The Pilgrimage  
to the West found  
VT-2 at a newly constructed  
base. Crewmen took over the job  
of getting planes ready for ... Combat!





THE BATTLE  
-OF-  
BOREDOM

HAWAII

WINTER OF '44

FILM'N  
FUN  
At the  
KANEEOHE  
KAPERS





-SERIOUS TALK-



-SITUATION WELL IN HAND-

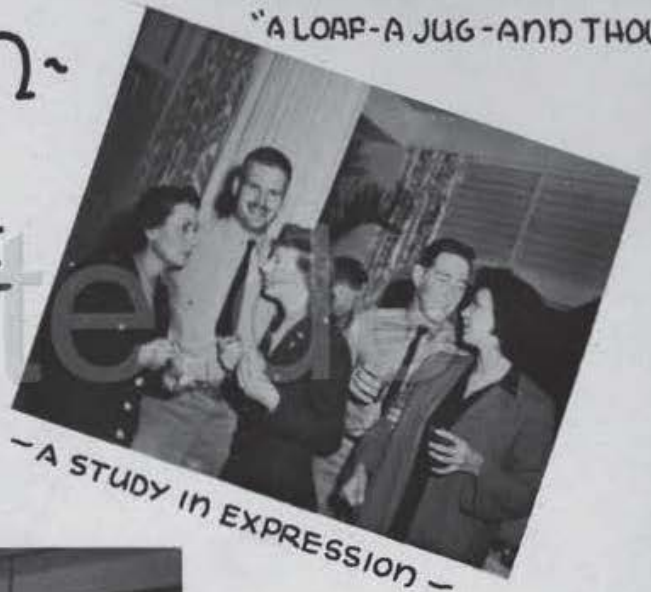


"A LOAF-A JUG-AND THOU"



WATCH THE BIRDIE!

KAN-  
-E-  
OHE



-A STUDY IN EXPRESSION-

OFFICERS



-THE' BOYS-

PARTY



'LEG ART'

Candid



'PARTY POSE'



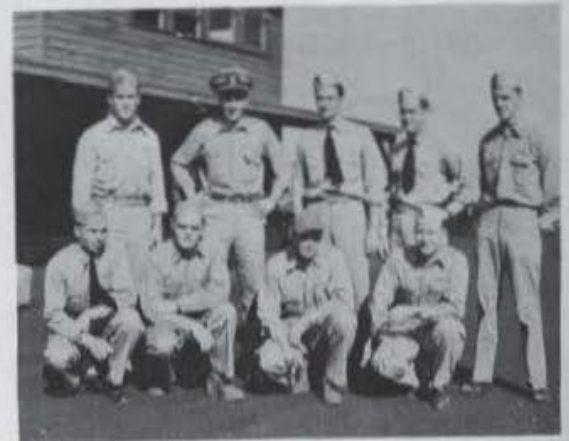
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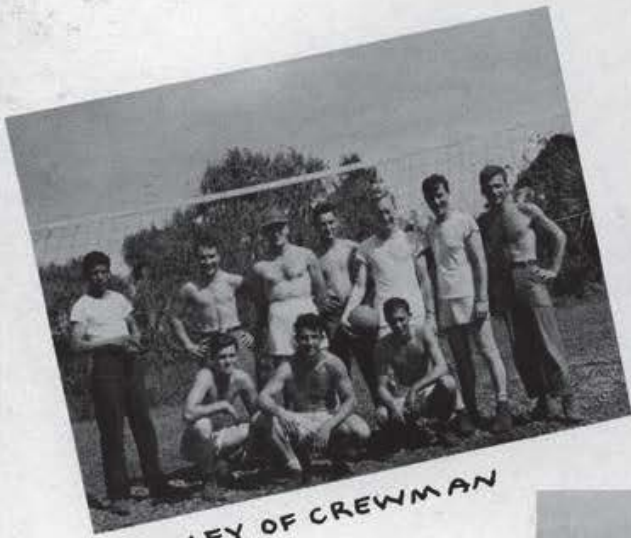
SNAP

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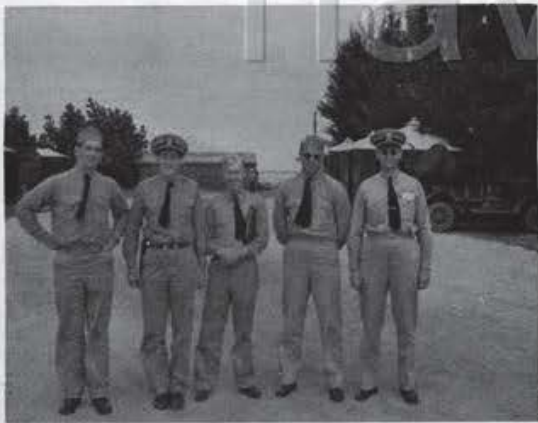
A VOLLEY OF CREWMAN



PILOTS AND THE DOG'



SOUP-RAMS-FUL.



RICH-RAMS-DOG-LANG - LINCOLN



MAC'-JACK- FRITZ



- BOUNCE DRILL-



BEER  
BUST



KANE OHE



4.0 VERSION  
-OF-  
3.2





GLASS



MC CONNAUGHAY



CAMPBELL

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NELSON



COLBERT



BROWN



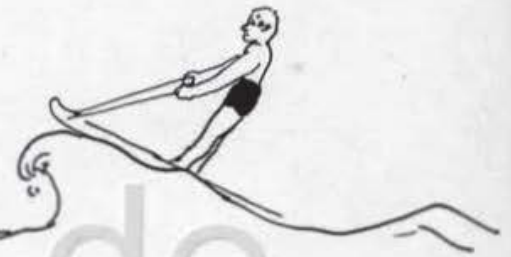
RELAXATION



BERNARD



FALCY  
AND FRIEND



FELLOWSHIP



MUSCLE MEN



RICHARDS



HAWAII'N."



"SNAP



SHOTS "





# HILO

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**JAPANESE**

**GARDENS**





**A TYPICAL HOME**



**PAPAYA TREES**

**A MODERN THEATRE**



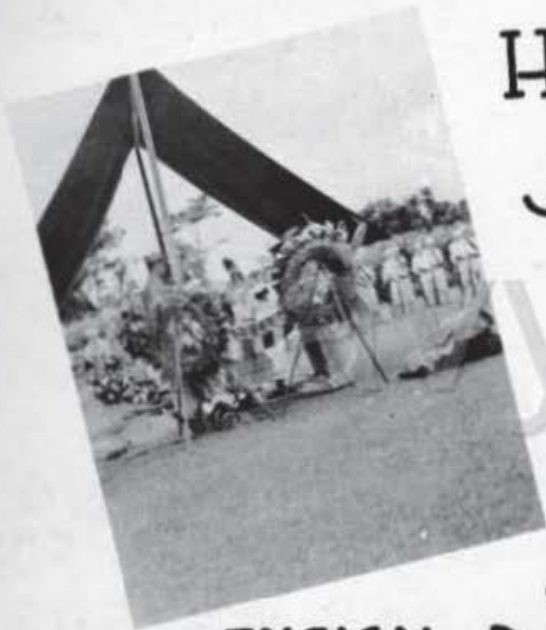
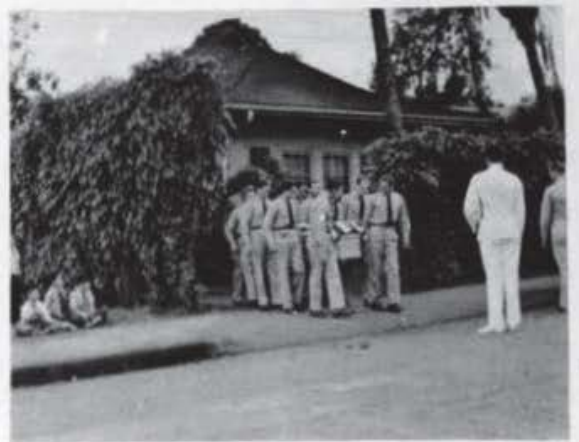
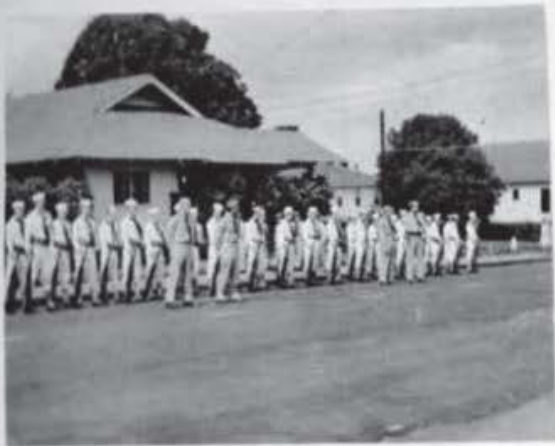
**-IN AN OLD WORLD**

**FIGHTER TEAM**



**SNOW CAP ON MAUNA KEA**

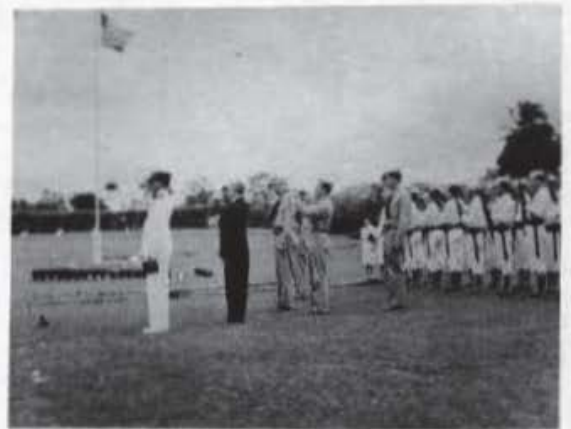




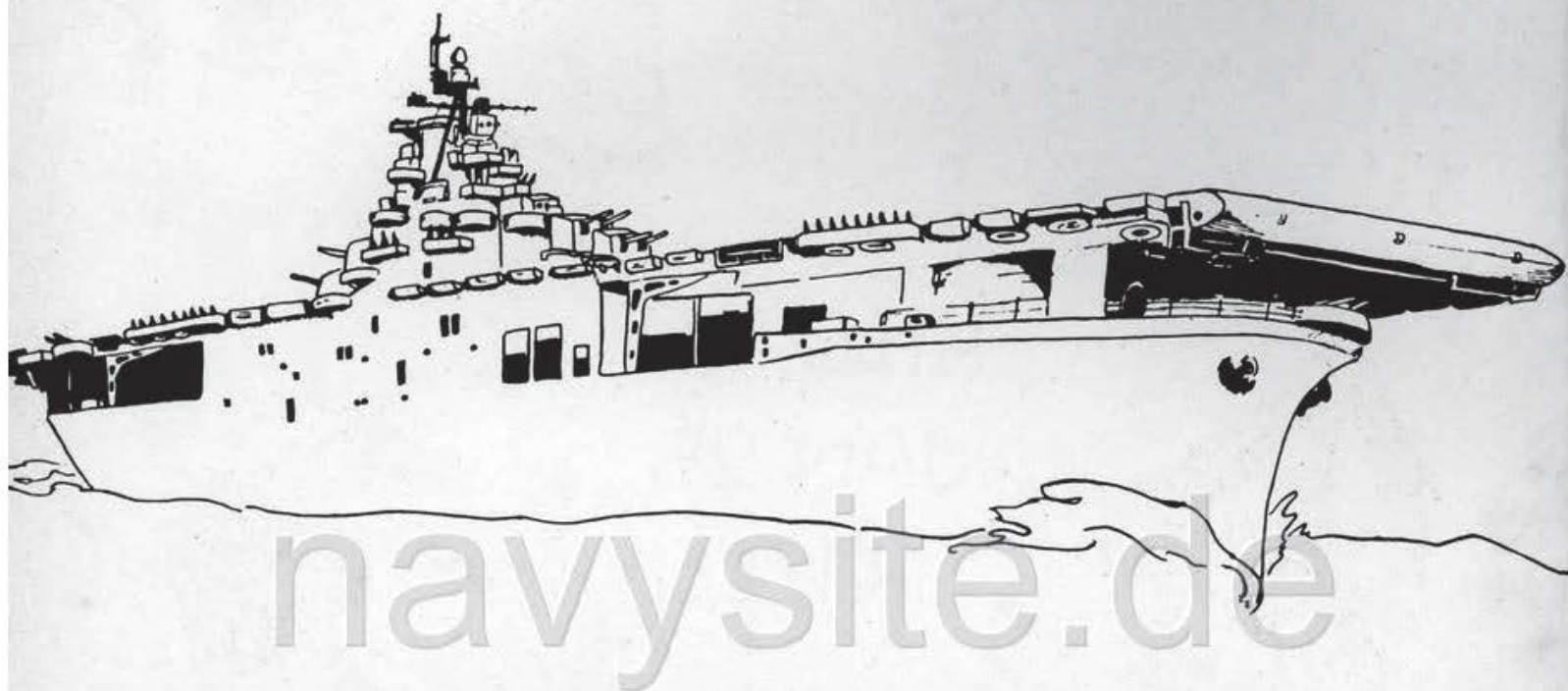
HILO, T.H.  
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1944



**SERVICES FOR  
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## OUR CARRIER



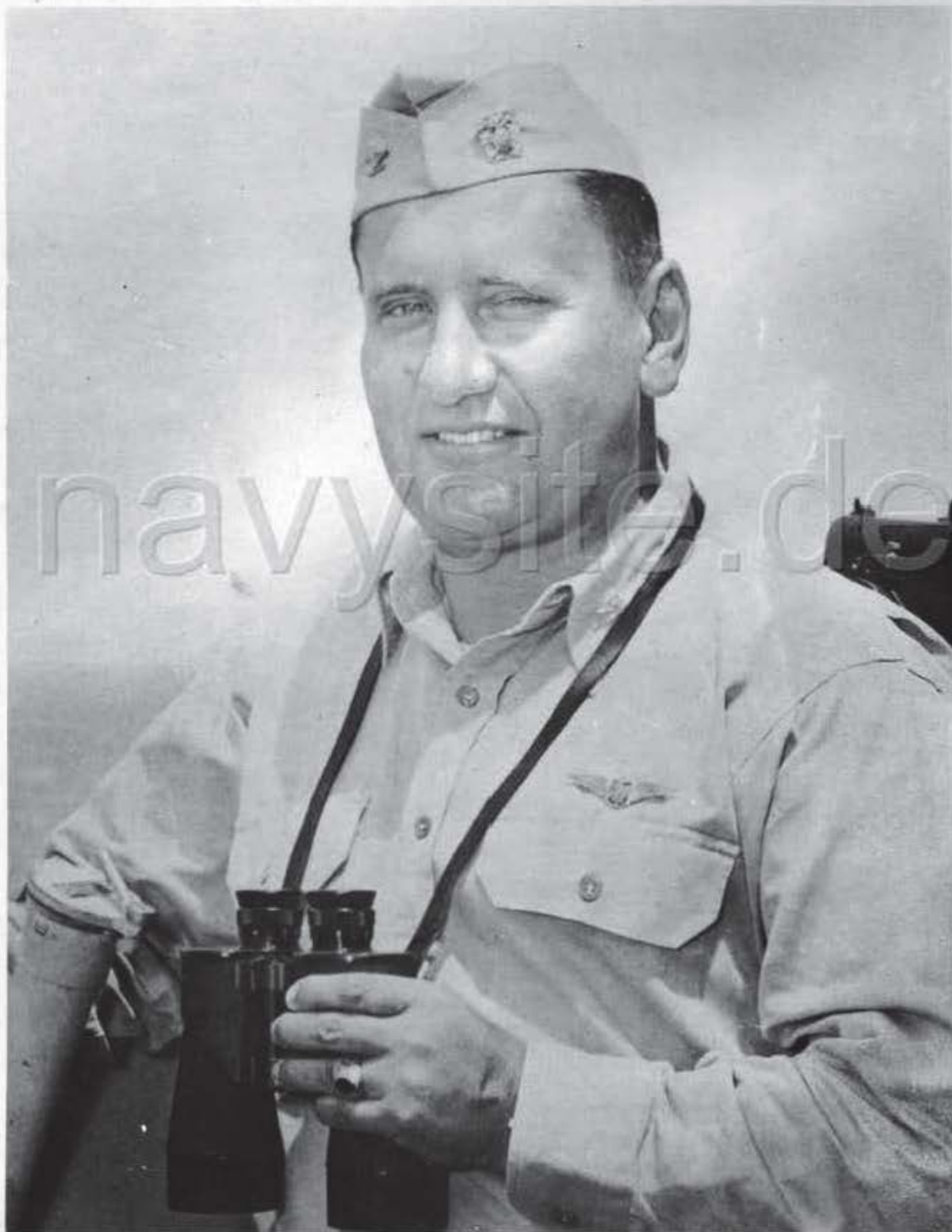
— THE PERIOD OF EXTENDED TRAINING HAD COME TO AN END AND WE LOOKED FORWARD TO OUR CRUISE IN COMBAT WATERS..

— BEING A LARGE AIR GROUP, WE WERE ASSIGNED TO A CARRIER OF THE ESSEX CLASS. BOTH THE SHIP AND THE AIR GROUP LEARNED TO COORDINATE THEIR DUTIES SO THAT OUR CARRIER COULD HAVE A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL CRUISE..



 J. I. CLARK   
ADMIRAL — U.S.N.

W. D. SAMPLE  
CAPTAIN - U.S. NAVY





BARLOTTA-RICHARDS-GARINGER



ADAIR ARNOLD DUNN



OLSEN-BRANHAM-ZEH



SPENCER-HAMILTON-CLIFTON



FEENSTRA-GLASS-KOWAL

# COMBAT



WOERMBKE-MAC-BUDD

# CREWS



OLEY-MOORE-HANBURY



WELLS-FORD-DOLAN



GEMMEL-SCAMMEL-GENDRON

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MURPHY-GORDER-BOOTH



O'HARA-CAMPBELL-SKI



APLEY-MOSSER-BURNS.



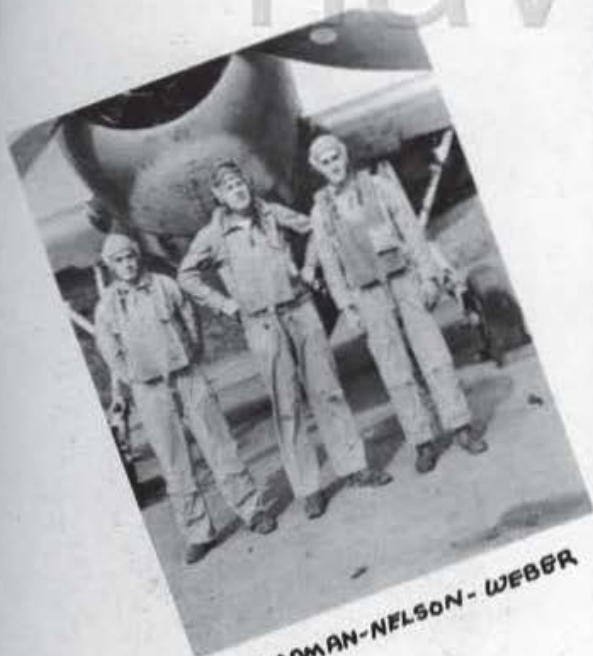
CORRIGAN-LANGFORD-LAWRENCE



HAMBURY-COLBERT-OLEY



"JOE MOORE"



STEADMAN-NELSON-WEBER

TEAM  
—FOR—  
COMBAT



FOISY-PORTERFIELD-FARRELL



GORDON

RAMSDALL

PMF-3



SAYKO

HOOVER

RAMSDALL

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FULWIDER

BEREOLOS

HOOVER





**GERBEREUX-SKINNER-WOERMCKE**



**KIRKMAN-MOORE-GULLEDGE**



**PAPST-SULLIVAN-FALCIONE**

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**COXWELL-ROBINSON-KELLER**



**STAUB-BERNARD-JENKINS**



**GREENE-FULWIDER-THIEBAUD**



**M<sup>o</sup>GILL - LONG - KELLEY**



**OBONOWSKI - HEPPLER - CROALL**



**POE - LEWIS - MUSTIN**

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**DI CIACCIA - GLENN - DUNN**



**PLYBON - STAUBER - MARTELL**



**CONARY - GJESSING**

# TALLY

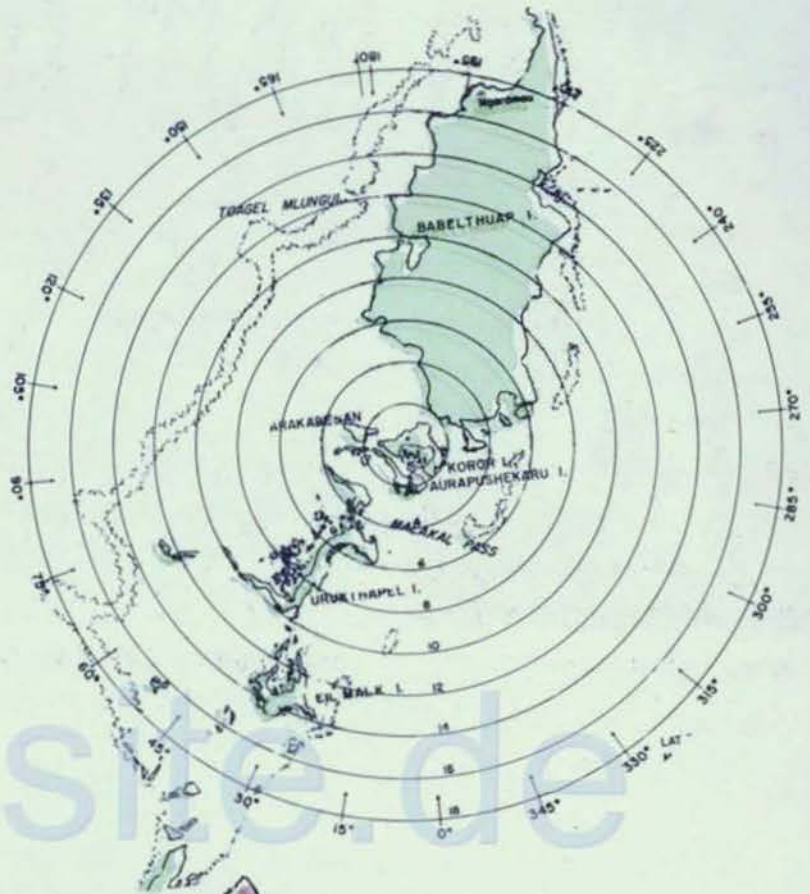
## SHIPS

Sunk Damaged

OLD DD	3	1
LARGE AK	2	1
MEDIUM AK	6	2
SMALL AK	8	8
LARGE AO	3	0
MEDIUM AO	1	1
SMALL AO	1	3
LARGE REPAIR SHIP	0	1
PICKET BOAT	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>

## AIRCRAFT

ENEMY A/C DES. IN AIR	121
ENEMY A/C DES. ON GROUND	39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>160</b>
OWN A/C LOST IN COMBAT	25



THE STRIKE AT DALAU

121 JAP PLANES

25 SHIPS

# EXTRA SO. PAC. NEWS EXTRA

## HUGE NAVAL TASK FORCE IN DARING RAID ON PALAU!

### THE STRIKE AT PALAU!

There was tension in the air as briefing started in earnest on our mission. As the days rolled by and the problem began to unfold, it was evident that our squadron had been honored (?) by being assigned the toughest job of the entire operation—that of mining the three channels most heavily defended by anti-aircraft positions. A model of the area was made up, to attempt to determine the best approach, and retirement and considerable study was put on this problem by the "Skipper" and Lt. Bin Wallace.

For two days we steamed towards the enemy stronghold of Palau undetected, but on the afternoon of the third day Richards sighted an enemy search plane out of Woleai, and although Rich gave chase, in his TBF, he was unable to overtake the enemy plane or prevent a position report being sent to the enemy base. That night and throughout the following day many "Bogey" reports were received.

We had hoped that a large portion of the Jap Fleet would be at Palau and everyone looked forward to the possibility of a major Naval engagement.

When it became known that there would probably be few ships at Palau, we knew that mining operations and resulting denial to the enemy of further use of the harbor, was the primary purpose of our mission.

With this thought in mind greater emphasis than ever was placed on the mining operations and many were the intensive briefing sessions by the "Skipper" and Bin Wallace.

During our approach to Palau it was apparent that the enemy knew that a large task force was at sea. Several enemy planes were shot down by our combat air patrols. Ships were subjected to a torpedo attack by six planes the night of the 29th. Two of these planes were shot down and the remainder withdrew after making their runs and scoring no hits.

That night there was little sound sleep to be had. The excitement of the impending battle raised everyone's blood pressure a little—it was to be our first, for some, perhaps the last.

Breakfast at 0400 was a little difficult to swallow and no one seemed hungry anyway.

The fighter sweep was launched and, immediately following, the "Skippers" division, with Kenny, Branham, Troy, Moose, and Nels all set to lay their mines—not on Truk, as the Skipper had predicted, but 800 miles further West—PALAU!

With the air full of planes—a cloud base at 1500 feet and large cumulus clouds, rendezvous in the Stygian blackness proved difficult to say the least.

Arriving over the target half an hour after sunrise, the Skipper and Moose found four Zekes waiting to greet them from above while the A/A boys on Koror and Arakabesan Islands began throwing everything from 12.9 to 40mm in their direction. A turn towards the Jap fighters with a warning burst from the Skippers' turret guns discouraged the Nips just long enough for the Skipper and Moose to start down that long, long trail lined with puffs of anti-aircraft. By jinking severely they avoided two complete 40mm barrages and miraculously escaped the 20mm which combed their fuselages. With their mines placed in the pin point spots that long trip across the lagoon offered unlimited possibilities for experimental jinking, and that's just what they did.

Kenny, Kentucky, and Nels ran afoul several Zekes as they approached but only one was enterprising enough to take a shot and he managed to perforate Branham's elevator. A large volume of A/A fire arose from Koror, but again jinking confused the Jap gunners, and the flight reached the pin point and laid their mines successfully.

The lonesome troubadour, Sinatra Porterfield, had a rather eventful and not too successful trip. Proceeding alone, near the southwest tip of Babelthuap, one son of Nippon closed in and was accu-

rate enough to chew out a piece of TBF wing with 20mm before the turret gunner Farrell managed to pour several hundred rounds into the Zeke sending him smoking into the blue Pacific.

Fritz, Wilson, and Tinker had a special mission to light a few fires and break up the planes on the field at PELELIEU. In this engagement Wilson tangled with a Zeke which fell in astern on his dive and blasted most of his oil and hydraulic lines plus cutting his instrument panel almost in two just in front of him. A disabled engine finally caused Wils to make a water landing. The rest is secret but Wils is with us again as well as his gunner. Unfortunately, Budd, the radio man, went down with the plane.

Joe Moores' division had bad luck in launching, for the Greeks' right wing hit the super structure slewing the plane over the side costing him his life as well as that of Dalton his radioman. The gunner, Chervenak was picked up by a ship. Skinners' plane failed to perform properly, forcing him to land in the ocean and the gods of luck favored Skinner, Marzucco and Gerbereux as a ship picked them out of the bath.

A search for targets indicated to Joe that most of the AK's and AO's were pretty well scattered. With fish aboard the attack was ordered. Joe, Sully and Rams headed for 3 tankers nesting close to Urukthapel, Robie and Soup chose a DD circling in the lagoon and Hepp tried an AK.

Results were uncertain because heavy A/A precluded lingering to investigate, but it is believed that either Sully or Joe hit one AO and later photographs showed two or three AO's sinking at the approximate location of their quarry.

Joe picked up enough flak to tear his right aileron almost off and suffered hits in the turret and engine so that it was nip and tuck as to whether he would get home. Soup took some small stuff in his right wing, bombay and engine but fortunately both planes had that extra something that brings you back each time.

## A STRIKE WITH SEVEN TBF'S

Strike with seven TBF's — 8 F6F's and 11 SB2C's, went off at about 1100, headed for Pelelieu to bomb the airfield and adjacent buildings. Scotty lead the division of TBF's. Flying with him were Gorder, Richards, Long, Mosser, Fulwider, and Bernard.

Apparently due to the excellent jobs done on the preceding strikes they encountered no enemy aircraft save one lone Tojo who made a single pass at Long, and only meagre A/A was found around the target.

Scotty lead the flight up the East side of the Island and across the North end until attaining a position about nine thousand feet from where he started his glide bombing run. Rich and Mickey went after a hangar North of the field, and it is believed that they each put a 500 lb. bomb right on it, while Jim had one or two very close. Mosser dug up the taxi-way with four 500 pounders, and Scotty and NoMo covered the building area just North of the field, as Gorder placed his on the runways. In retirement the turret and stinger gunners strafed the field, and then the planes headed down over Anguar where light 12.9mm A/A was encountered and repaid by a bit of strafing near the phosphate plant and docks on the West shore.

At about 1500, Joe, with Sully and Rams, set out to lay another minefield. With four fighters as escort the flight proceeded to the target area where Joe requested the fighters to go in ahead and strafe the South shore of Eil Malk which they did. Joe, Sully, and Rams followed close behind. This flight was fortunate enough to see no enemy planes or A/A and returned to the ship in a leisurely, confident manner.

The last strike was flown by Fritz, Tinker, Jim, and Rich, who were escorted by six fighters. Their mission was to attack land targets on Koror Island with one thousand pound bombs and rockets. They particularly wanted to knock out the anti-aircraft positions so that they could not again endanger the planes laying mines the next day.

The flight got off at about 1715 and proceeded up the east coast of Palau without interception. Six Tojo's and six Tony's were observed in the distance, but they did not close in and Fritz led the group in at 6000 feet where the attack was commenced. Although hits could not be accurately spotted because everyone was dodging the 20mm and 40, A/A from Koror and Arakabesan, it is believed that the bombs and rockets found the target, for the A/A reported on Koror was only meagre as compared to the "intense" of early K Day.

The first flight the next day was one of five

TBF's led by Joe Moore and including Sully, Scotty, Rich, and NoMo. They had as escort eight fighters and their mission was to lay mines in Palau or Malakal Harbor. Everything went smoothly until the mining run was commenced when the A/A began to come from Malakal and Arakabesan. Fortunately it was both light and inaccurate so that no planes were hit, and all five were able to obtain position and make perfect drops.

After dropping their mines the planes circled over Western Lagoon and headed to the East. Just outside of Urukthapel they spotted a small AK which they proceeded to strafe, and NoMo in turn picked up some A/A fire that compelled him to set his plane down about thirty miles east of Koror. NoMo was picked up but his crew, Weigand and Hoffman went down with the plane.

While Joe and Sully were circling the spot where NoMo's plane went down, they were attacked by a lone Tojo who made single passes at them without scoring a hit and then passed on. They then returned to the ship.

The second flight on this day and the last one of the Palau Strike in which Torpedo TWO participated was one of five planes led by the Skipper. This included Glass, Branham, Porterfield, and Nelson. The mission was to lay mines. Unfortunately Kenny's plane didn't have enough power to remain airborne on the takeoff, and he was forced to land in the water a mile or two ahead of the carrier, but the rest got off with a fighter escort of twelve planes.

At the target the fighters went in ahead of the torpedo planes and thoroughly strafed the North end of Koror in order to keep down the A/A. These tactics seemed well employed for the Skipper was able to lead his flight in behind them and drop his mines directly into the desired spot in the channel without too much interference from the anti-aircraft gunners. On the way back to the ship as a farewell gesture the fighters followed by the torpedo planes swooped down on Pelelieu and Anguar to strafe what remained there after two days of almost continuous bombing. Upon returning they learned that Glass and his crew had been picked up by a ship. His crewmen were Feenstra, gunner and Kowal, radioman.

On the afternoon of the second day it was announced that, that evening the ship would leave the waters around Palau and would proceed East, where striking forces would be launched against Woleai. All that was known about Woleai, was that it was an atoll midway between Truk and Palau. It had a fairly good airfield, and that from it the Japs were maintaining 600 mile patrols to the South and

Southeast. We all remembered that it was from Woleai that the Betty came and spotted the Fleet before Rich saw it and chased it part way home.

## THE SECOND STRIKE!

Torpedo TWO flew two bombing missions against WOLEAI on April 1st.

The Skipper led a strike consisting of five planes piloted by Branham, Langford, Robinson, and Stauber. They were accompanied by eleven bombers and twelve fighters and their mission was to bomb the airfield and any ships which might be in the lagoon. When the flight reached Woleai, it was disappointing to find no ships in the lagoon and only a few enemy planes on the airfield. There was a little anti-aircraft fire from around the airfield, but otherwise there was no indication of life. Each plane carried four five hundred pounders and these were distributed from East to West with the Skipper landing one in the center of the field hitting an ammunition dump. Moose put one on a warehouse South of the field and the rest of the bombs dug holes in the runway, taxi strips, and supply areas.

Fritz led six planes on a strike with Gorder, Nelson, Mosser, McCrary, and Campbell. By the time this flight reached Woleai there were no targets left to bomb except the runway. Gordie got a hit on a supply dump at the Southwest end of the field which sent up a good blaze, but the rest of the bombs appeared to do little except make holes and insure that the Japs would have to do some work before they could again run patrol planes out of Woleai.

On the afternoon of the third day, the fleet started back. It was the 1st day of April and we knew that aside from a few anti-sub patrols, which the bombers flew, there would be little to do except sleep and eat until the 7th when we were due to reach Majuro. As we looked back upon the Palau Strike, there were many who were disappointed because we had not caught part of the Jap Fleet or brought up the big ships to shell Koror and Arakabesan. However, as the days went by and more complete reports came in of the work accomplished, the picture became brighter until when at last the story in the entirety was told at Majuro we knew that we had been on one of the most important Naval missions of the current war. The torpedoes were believed to have hit either the YAMATO or the MUSASHI, Tojo's newest battleships, and bombs had sunk approximately twenty much needed oilers at Palau. Further than that untold quantities of stores had been destroyed on Koror, Arakabesan, and Malakal. And last but not least the difficult job of mining every possible entrance or exit of Palau had been accomplished, thereby denying its use by the Jap Navy for at least three months. The final Task Force communique stated that at Palau, Woleai, Yap, and Ulithi, 121 enemy aircraft and 25 ships were destroyed, as against a loss to our forces of 25 aircraft, 18 persons and NO ships.



## “PALAU ISLANDS”

BEING LESS THAN 500 MILES FROM THE  
PHILLIPINES-IT WAS THE JAPS  
MOST IMPORTANT HARBOR AND SUPPLY BASE  
AFTER **TRUK** HAD BEEN ATTACKED.



# SUNRISE

SAW THE RISING SUN HAVING THEIR SUNSET

AT PALAU

THE ISLAND IS PELELIEU VIEWED AT SUNRISE  
AS WE MADE OUR APPROACH TO KOROR IS...



# FIRES RAGE!

AT MALAKAL AS WE PUSHED ON TO  
KOROR FOR A DANGEROUS MISSION ...

# "PALAU" STRIKIE



## KORROR IS.

CAN BE VIEWED IN DETAIL IN THIS  
PICTURE., THE WHITE LINES CONNec-  
TING THE ISLANDS ARE CAUSEWAYS.

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*"Slippin" The NIPS*  
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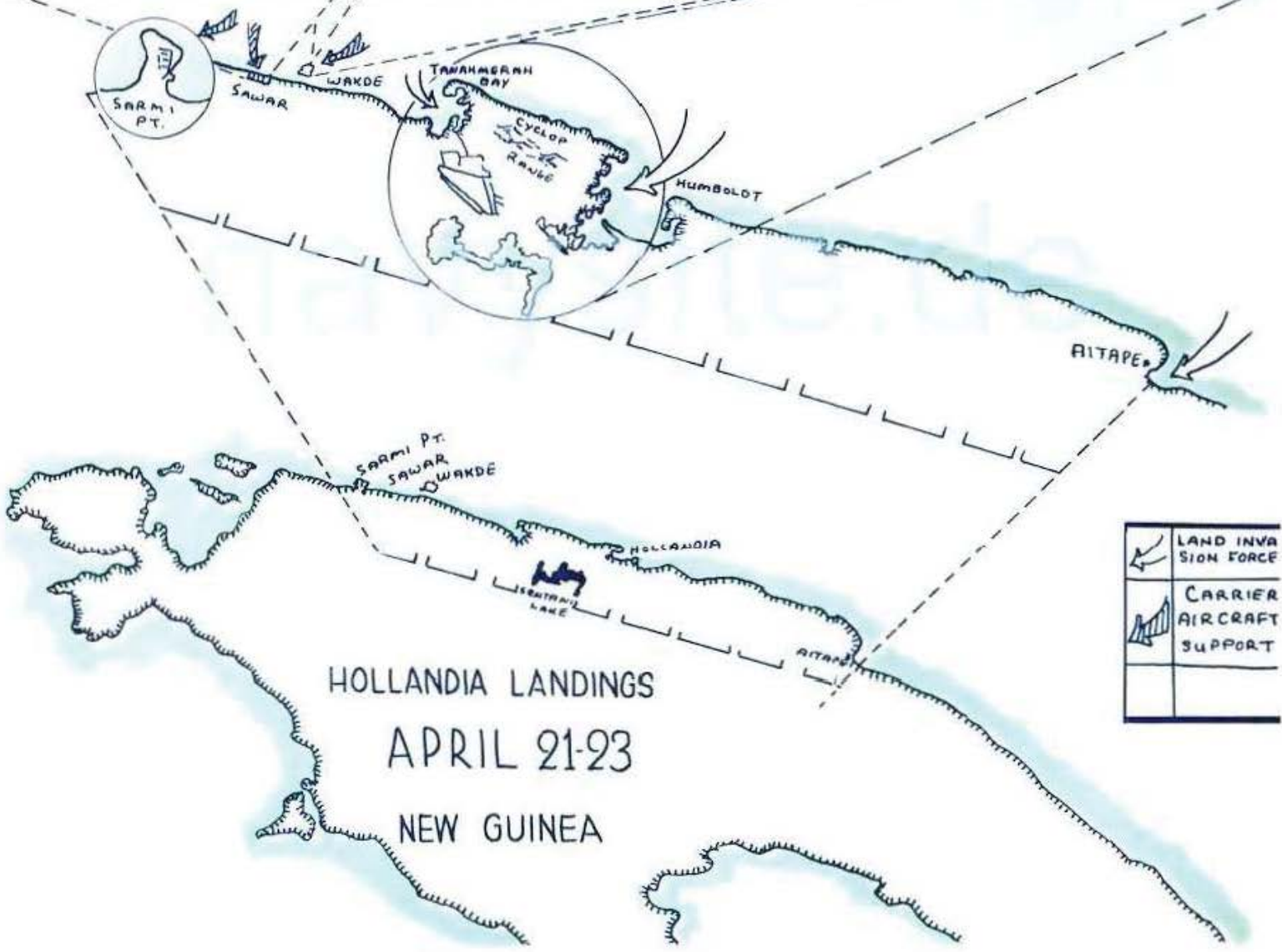
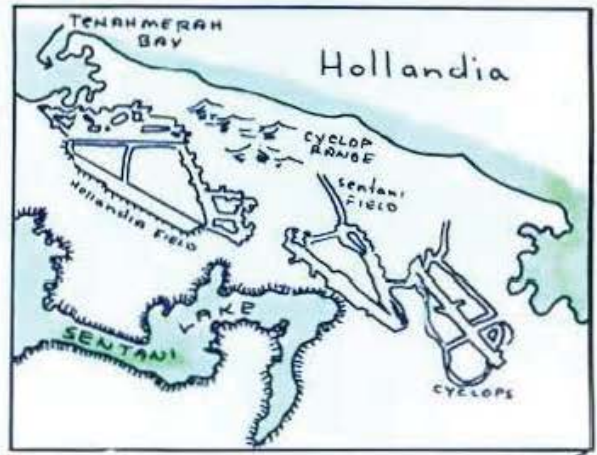
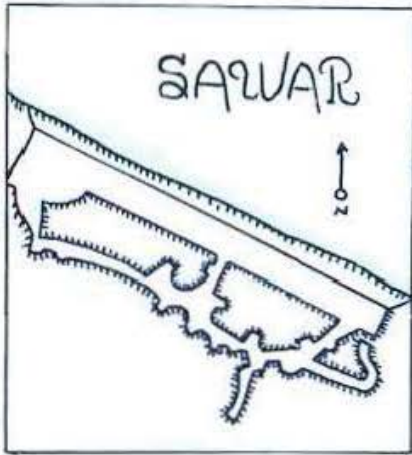
## ““ SURVIVORS ““

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PERFORMED THEIR LAST ACT AS -  
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WHILE BERNARD FELL PREY TO  
A/A. BOTH WERE RESCUED BY THE  
SUBMARINE U.S.S. GAR. THEY ENJOYED  
A SHORT STAY AT PEARL HARBOR.....





APRIL 1, 1944  
JAP WOE  
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APRIL 21-23  
NEW GUINEA

# *The Story Of* **WAKDE**



**ITS OFF TO THE SHOW**



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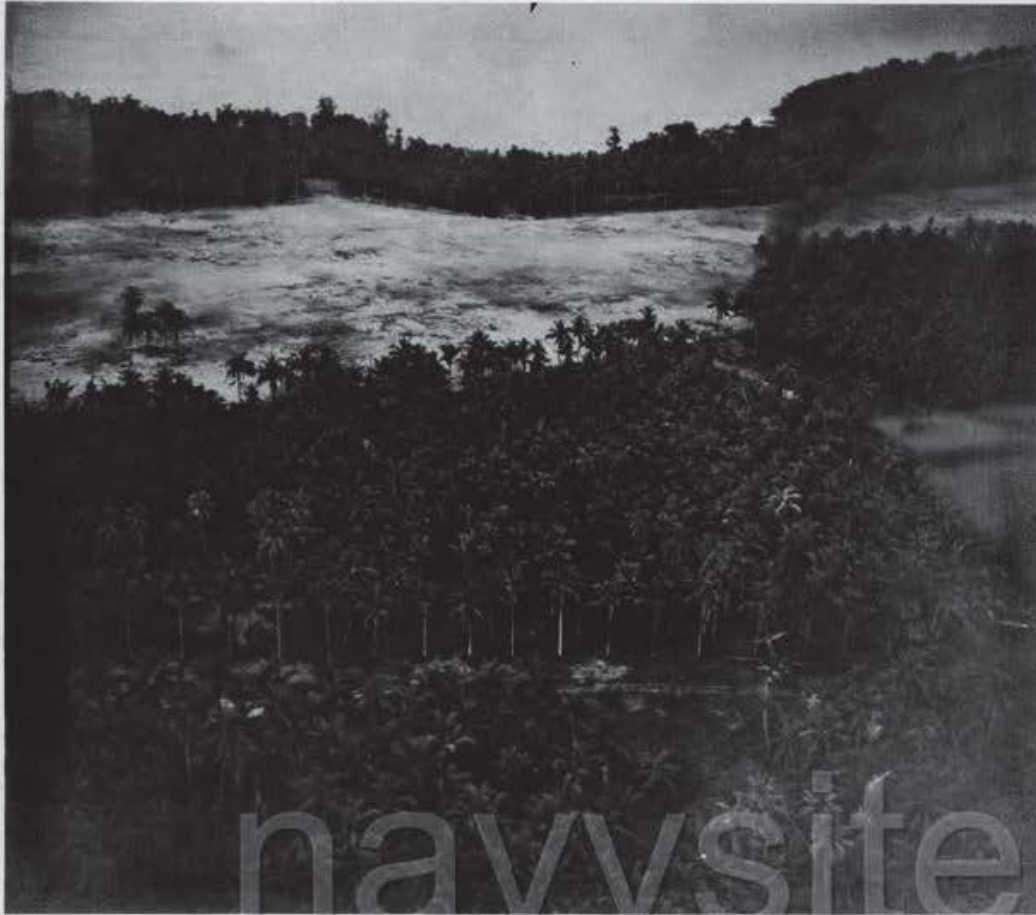


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**AND ANOTHER FIELD DAY**





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**BOMBER BITES DUST**



**GRAVE DUG FREE**

WAKDE



AFLAME

**TBF'S RETIRE...**



**FOLLOWED BY BOMBERS**



# WAKDE

A VIVID VIEW IS  
PORTRAYED OF A  
JAP BOMBER

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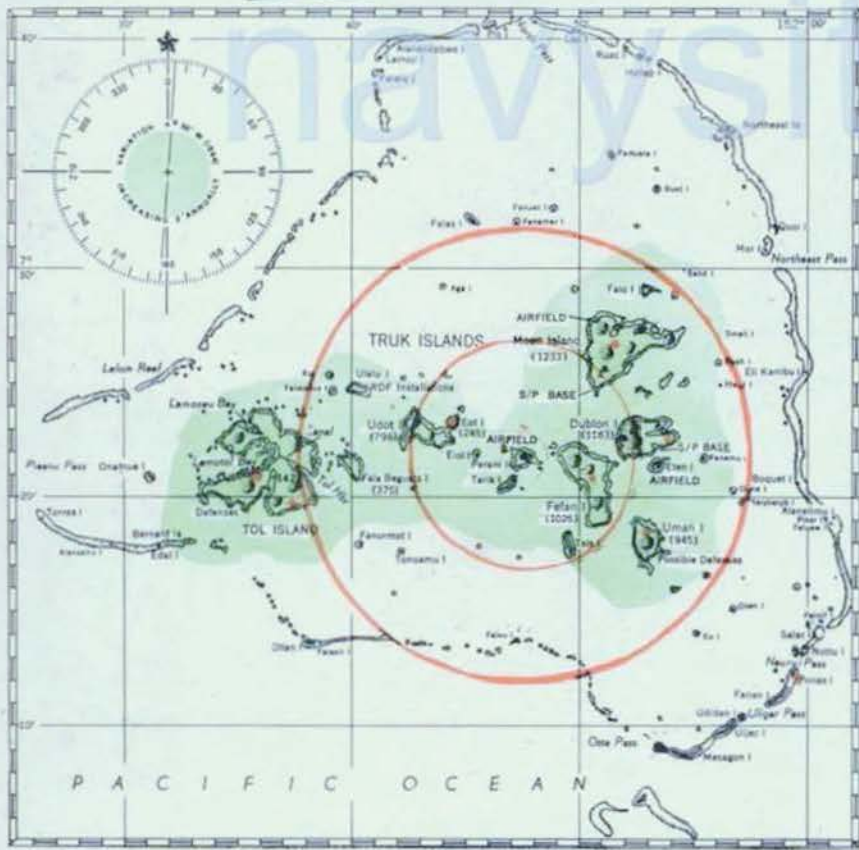
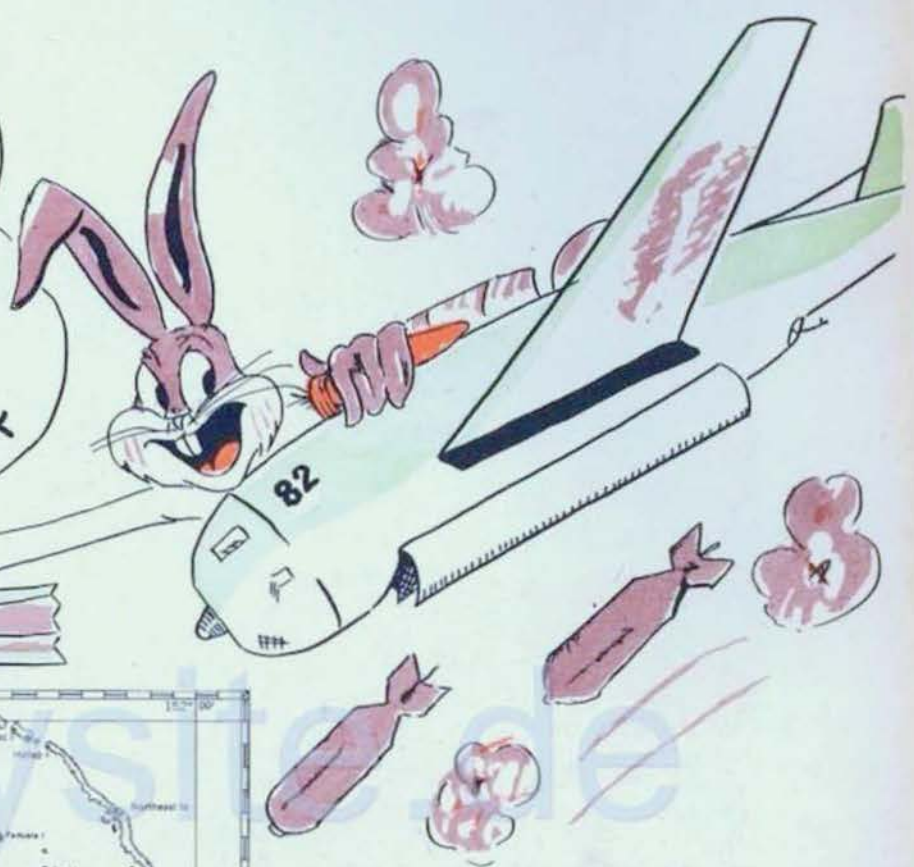
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JAP BOMBER.*



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"Oh!  
I  
don't wanna  
set the world  
on fire -- I just  
wanna see TRUK  
BURN!"

INCENDIARY



APRIL 29-30  
found VT-2  
OVER TRUK  
FOR ANOTHER  
Successful Mission



DUBLON IS.

*Coral* STRIPS  
CIRCLE THE TRUK ISLANDS

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Peaceful Looking BUT..



BOMBS ECHELON THEIR  
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PAREM BUILDINGS



POTENT



Attacking planes found TRUK well developed and well defended. Photo shows Debris soaring heavenward. Dublon Island offered many a target but most of our sorties were directed at PARAM island. Notice the planes in the revetment area... also the A/A positions in center of the island.



## Submarine Rescues U. S. Flyers at Truk



1. Observation plane ferries rescued airmen toward sub.



2. Other fliers are hoisted aboard Tang from raft.

ONE day last month the submarine Tang came home to Pearl Harbor with 22 guests aboard and one of the most dramatic rescue stories of the war. The guests were officers and men of carrier aircraft shot down at Truk during the 20-20 April tank that big Jap base by Pacific Fleet task force. The Tang had swept them out of the sea almost under the noses of the Truk batteries.

On the first day of the action Lt. Comdr. Richard H. O'Kane, USN, skipper of the Tang, surfaced his sub off Truk and watched a flight of planes going in to attack. Soon he received his first radio orders to attempt a rescue of Olan Island. Three fliers in a rubber raft were picked up. The Tang spent the rest of the day and part of the night on similar missions.

Overhead, search planes roved around and pointed out rafts like hunting dogs, leading the submarine to the pickup.

Biggest take of the day was from a small float plane which had landed in the lagoon to pick up seven airmen. The plane taxied steadily for six hours waiting her turn on the Tang's crowded appointment list.



3. Sub sinks damaged rescue plane.



4. Skipper (top row) poses on deck of submarine with rescued airmen.

# "DUNKING" AT TRUK...

SCAMMELL, GENDRON AND GEMMELL FOUND THE GOING A BIT WARM ONE DAY OVER TRUK... — JAP "AA" SET THEIR PLANE AFIRE, SO SCOTTY MADE A CRASH-LANDING INSIDE TRUK LAGOON... — THEY WERE LATER RESCUED BY THE SUB-U.S.S. TANG...



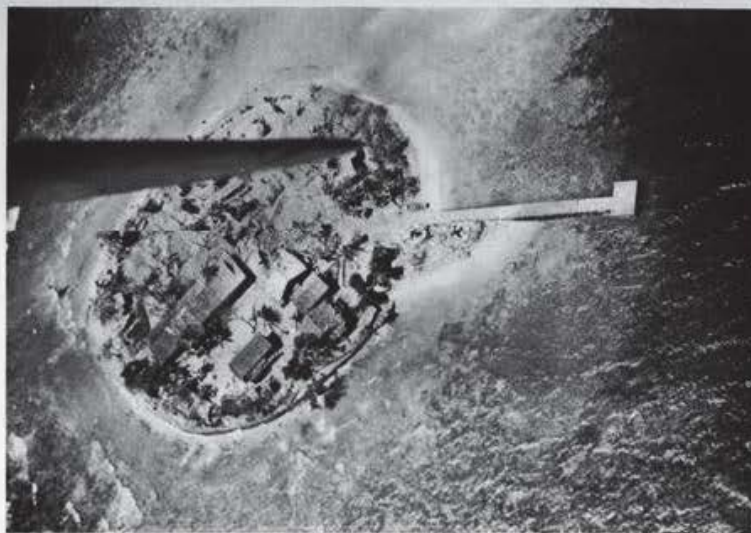
— IN UPPER RIGHT HAND PHOTO, GEMMELL WATCHES ON AS SCAMMELL SCRAMBLES ABOARD — WHILE GENDRON HOLDS GOODYEAR GLIDER IN PLACE...



**FALEU!** was JUST a freckle  
on GOD'S globe. Whether  
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'PONAPE' FELT THE STING OF THE  
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BOMBS AND SHELLS



LEFT PONAPE GROGGY



— BARRAGE —

*new  
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FIGHTER PLANES  
CIRCLE  
TARGET AREA  
MAY, 1 1944

PONAPE  
WAS ON A  
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SCHEDULE OF  
THE ARMY.  
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HELPED RENDER  
IT 2/3 USELESS





## 'IPONAIPĪ'

*This is the effect bombs created on an airfield on the northwest part of the island.. Close observation will reveal hangars and buildings rendered useless.. The entire airfield has been put*  
"TEMPORARILY OUT OF BUSINESS"

20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY WOLVES<sup>™</sup>  
 PRESENTS  
**"CARRIER  
 SCENES"**  
 STARRING-TORPEDO TWO ..




-Beating the Clock-



'DILLING' - THE YEOMAN.



REST! in 'READY FIVE'



ORDNANCE TEAM



NO 'AA' --- HE SAYS ....

**WORK-**



**THE MAJOR**

**AND**



**OFFICER'S PANTRY**

**RELAXATION**



**BENNY**



**SLEEP NO MORE**



**A CUP OF JOE**



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**'SKIPPER' FORD**



**LT.(JG) SANSON**



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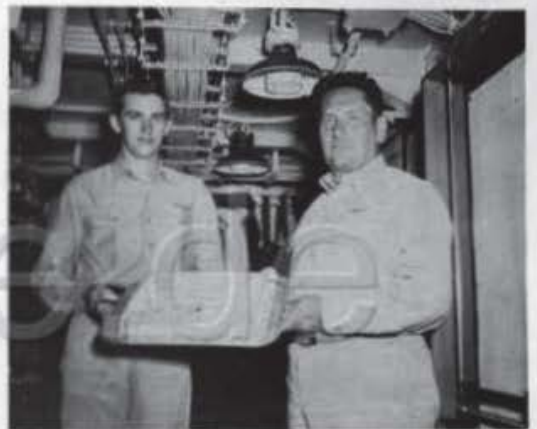




**VF(N) 76 NIGHT FIGHTERS**



**LAUNCH PLANES !!**



**LANDING NO. 7000.**



**THE HARD WAY**

# A CREWMAN'S DAY



## ABOARD THE CARRIER

READING-WRITING + REST

## A BRIEFING SESSION



## BACK ABOARD



## MAN YOUR PLANES !!



## A SONG AT TWILIGHT



# -TORPEDO TWO-



## ~PILOTS ROW~

REAR - WILSON - BRANHAM - NELSON - CAMPBELL - LANGFORD - MOORE - STAUBER - RAMSDELL

CENTER - GORDER - T. MOORE - SKINNER - ROBINSON - HEPPLER - SULLIVAN - PORTERFIELD - BERNARD

FRONT - MOSSER - LONG - HOOVER - ARNOLD - GLASS - FULWIDER - LEWIS

*Pilots missing from picture*

SCAMMEL - RICHARDS - FORD



—COMBAT AIR CREWMEN—

REAR-HANBURY-McGILL-BRASSEY-DOLAN-SAVKO-RAMSTEAD-GREENE-MILLER-FARREL-KIRKMAN-KELLER

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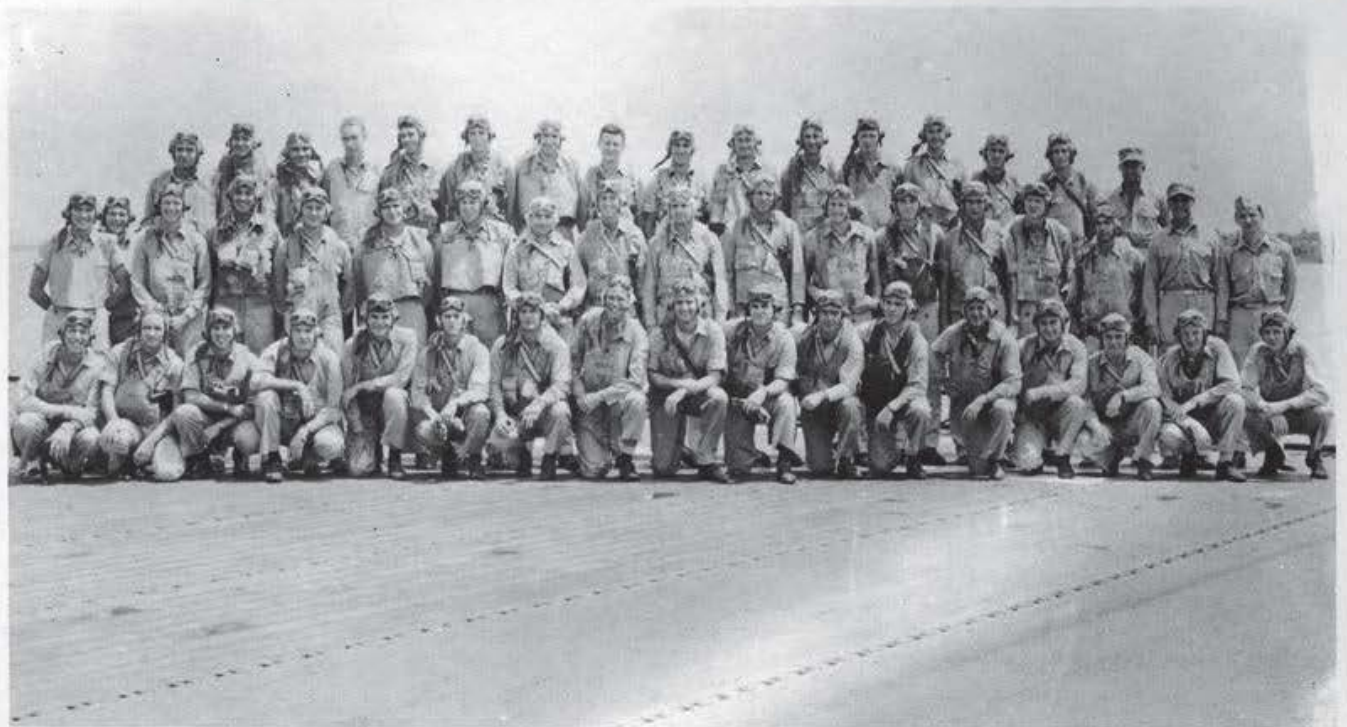
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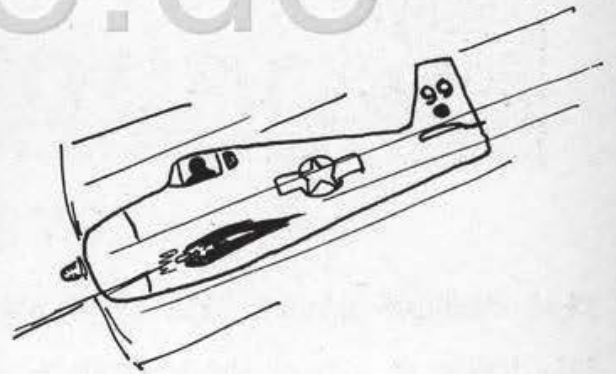
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# - FIGHTING TWO -

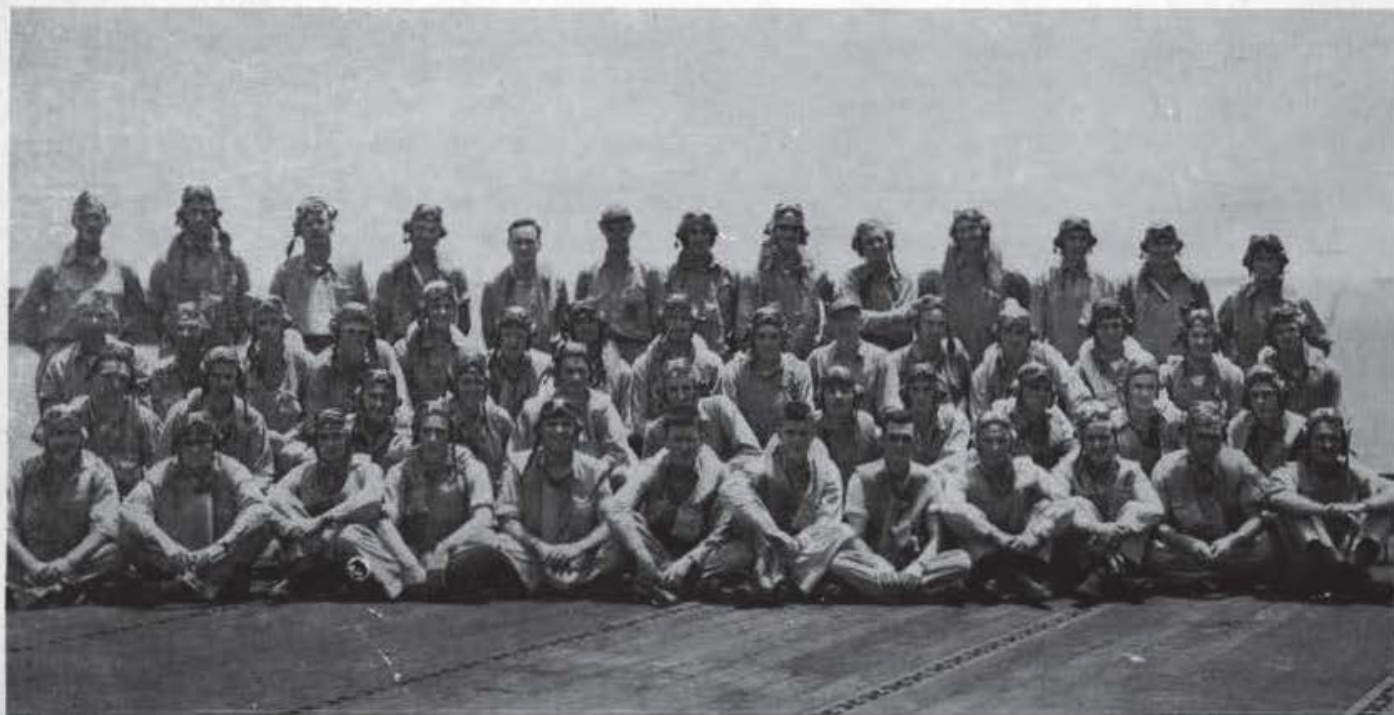


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**- BOMBING TWO -**





**- THE ARTIST -**  
**THE FOLLOWING SKETCHES**  
**WERE CONTRIBUTED BY**  
**"SOUP" CAMPBELL - AS**  
**MUTE TESTIMONY THAT**  
**NOT ALL OF US AQUIRED**  
**A TASTE FOR NAVAL**  
**AVIATION -**  
**FROM THE POOL HALLS**  
**OF " AMERICA "**



Lt. Clarence George Campbell, Jr. (Soup), Photographic Officer. 440 Pelhamdale Ave., Pelham Manor, N. Y. Age 29. Wesleyan University, National Academy of Design. Assistant to Ezra Winter, mural painter. E-Base, Floyd Bennett Field. Graduated Jacksonville, March '42. Instr. (primary) Jacksonville. Qualified instrument instructor. Pre-operational (FF) Miami. Pre-operational (BF) instructor. Joined VT-2 June '43. Qualified for carrier, CHARGER. Photography school, Norfolk.



Lt. (jg) Aaron Ireland Sanson (Bud), Ordnance Officer. Age 31. Yale University. U. of Penn. Law. A. W. Sanson Law. Indoctrination Hollywood, Fla., Dec. '43. N.A.S. Jacksonville. N.A.S. Pensacola. Joined VT-2 at Quonset, June '43.



Lt. John William Barclay (Joe), A.C.I. Officer. 661 Prospect St., New Haven, Conn. Age 30. Phillips Academy, Andover. Yale University, '36. Harvard Law '39. Connecticut Bar '39. New York Bar '40. Barclay, Barclay and Barclay. Entered U.S.N.R. Ens., Aug. '41. Lend Lease Liaison, Bureau of Air to Feb. '43. Indoctrination and A.C.I. Quonset. Joined VT-2, July '43.



Lt. Ronald C. Brown (Blip), Radar Officer. Age 33. 19 Mattlage Place, Englewood, N. J. Cornell '33. International Bus, Machine Corp. Indoctrination Dartmouth, Nov. '42. Feb. '43 Harvard U. Radio Eng. April '43, M.I.T., Radar. Corpus Christi to Sept. '43. Com. Air Pac. Joined VT-2 Kaneohe, T.H., Dec. '43. Detailed duty Jan. '43. Night fighter radar direction, (Puunen) Maui, T.H.



Lt. Cdr. James Grove Seely (Grove), Personnel Officer. 3019 Ordway St. N.W., Washington, D. C. Age 35. Yale University. First National Bank and Trust, Asheville, N. C. Indoctrination School Quonset. Commissioned Feb. '42. NAAS, Rodd Field, Corpus Christi, Administrative Aide to C.O. Joined VT-2, Oct. '43.



Lt. (jg) Kenneth Maurice Glass (Kenny), Ordnance. Dundee, Iowa. Age 22. Upper Iowa University. Golden Gloves, Cedar Rapids, '40. E-Base, Minneapolis. Graduated Corpus Christi, Jan. '43. Pre-operational (VTB) Miami. Operational (VTB) Jacksonville. Qualified for carrier, Glenview. Joined VT-2, June '43. Requalified on CHARGER. Ditched on 2nd strike at Palau, March 30, '44.

Lt. (jg) Horace Clinton Branham, III (Clint), Engineering. 2348 Page Ave., Louisville, Kentucky. Age 22. University of Louisville. E-Base, St. Louis. Graduated Corpus Christi, Dec. '42. Pre-operational (VTB) Fort Lauderdale. Qualified carrier CHARGER. Joined VT-2, June '43 at Quonset. Requalified CHARGER. Detach. duty "USS White Plains", Jan.-Feb. '44.



Lt. Cdr. Jackson D. Arnold. Commanding Officer. 930 W. Mulberry Ave., San Antonio, Texas or 510 Galer Place, Glendale, Calif. Age 31. Naval Academy Class 1934. Married Jan. 1942. USS Arizona '34-'36. VO-2B Aircraft Gun. Obs. Pensacola '37-'38. VT-6, USS Enterprize '38-'39. VC S-8 (USS Savannah) Senior Aviator '39-'40. N.A.S. Pearl Harbor, A.R. May '40. I.S. Officer and Flight Test. Defense Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, '41. Lee Field (VF) operational, May '42. Operational (VTB) Ft. Lauderdale. Assumed command VT-2 June 15, '43. Assumed command of Air Group-2 June 1, '44.

Lt. (jg) Kenneth Alden Nelson (Kenny), Supply Officer. 3427 No. Aldrich Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. Age 24. Printer, Minneapolis Gas Light Co., Lockheed Aircraft, Burbank, Calif. E-Base, Minneapolis. Graduated Corpus Christi, Feb. '43. Pre-operational (VTB) Miami. Joined VT-2 June '43 at Quonset. Carrier qualification Glenview. Requalified for carrier on CHARGER.



Lt. (jg) James Robert Langford (Bob), Flight Dept. 334 No. Church St., Virden, Illinois. Age 23. University of Illinois. Ill. State Normal (basketball-football-baseball teams). E-Base, St. Louis. Graduated Pensacola, March '43. Pre-operational (VTB) Miami. Carrier qualification, Norfolk. Joined VT-2 at Quonset, June '43. Requalified for carrier on CHARGER.

Lt. (jg) Troy Merle Porterfield (Jock), Flight Officer. 1649 No. Park Ave., Pomona, Calif. Age 29. Pomona Junior College. University of Calif. (basketball). Graduate study in Phys. Ed., U. of Cal. Recreation director, Berkeley, Cal. High school teacher, coach, Berkeley, Cal. E-Base, Los Alamitor, Cal. Corpus Christi. Graduated Jacksonville, Aug. '42. Operational (VO-VS) Jacksonville. VSB Miami. Instructor (VSB VTB) Lee Field, Fla. Operational (VTB) Jacksonville. Carrier qualification, Glenview. Joined VT-2 at Quonset, July '43. Requalified on CHARGER.





Lt. (jg) Richard L. Ramsdell (Pre-flight) Nav. 117 Warren Ave., East Providence, R. I. Age 23. Providence College. The Coca-Cola Co. of R. I. North Carolina Pre-flight. E-Base, New Orleans. Graduated Pensacola, March '43. Pre-operational (VTB) Miami. Qualified for carrier, Glenview. Joined VT-2 at Quonset July, '43. Requalified for carrier CHARGER. Detached duty Jan.-Feb. '44 USS White Plains.



Lt. William J. Moore (Joe), Exec. Off. 4910 Metropolitan, Kansas City, Kansas. Age 24. Rockhurst College (football). E-Base, Kansas City. Graduated Corpus Christi, Feb. '42. Primary instructor, Kansas City. Operational (VTB) Ft. Lauderdale. Joined VT-2 at Quonset July '43 as Gunnery Officer. Qualified for carrier, CHARGER. Became Executive Officer VT-2 at Hilo, Hawaii, Feb. '44.



Lt. (jg) K. P. Sullivan (Sully), Eng. Officer. Ocean Lake, Oregon. Age 26. U. of Portland (football). E-Base, Seattle, Dallas. Graduated Corpus Christi, Nov. '43. VT-4 (USS Ranger). Transferred to VT-2 Aug. '43. Requalified for carrier, CHARGER. Ditched after action with the Jap Fleet June 20, '44.

Lt. (jg) Alfred B. Robinson (Robbie), Nav. 122 So. Howard St., Moscow, Idaho. Age 21. Studied music at Oberlin College, Ohio and University of Idaho. E-Base, Seattle and Pasco, Wash. Graduated Pensacola, March '43. Pre-operational (VTB) Miami. Carrier qualification, Norfolk. Joined VT-2 June '43 at Quonset. Requalified for carrier on CHARGER. Wounded by enemy anti-aircraft fire during first strike on ChiChi Jima, Bonins Is., June 15, '44.

Lt. (jg) Harry W. Bernard (Nomo), Eng. New Iberia, La. Age 22. Virginia Military Institute. Louisiana State U. Primary C.P.T., LSU. E-Base, New Orleans. Graduated Pensacola, March '43. Pre-operational (VTB) Miami, Fla. Joined VT-2 at Quonset, July '43. Qualified Norfolk for carrier, requalified for carrier, CHARGER. Detached duty Jan.-Feb. '44 USS White Plains. Shot down and rescued, March 31, '44. Palau operation.

Lt. (jg) John Reid Skinner (Jack), Radio. 90 Kedzie St., Evanston, Ill. Age 22. Springfield Junior College, Northwestern U. Golden Gloves '40, Chicago. Married. Son John Reid III, born Feb. '44. E-Base, Glenview. Graduated Corpus Christi, Feb. '43. Pre-operational (VTB) Miami. Qualified for carrier, Norfolk. Joined VT-2 June '43. Requalified for carrier, CHARGER. Ditched on first strike, Palau operation, March 30, '44.





Lt. (jg) Thomas Michael Moore (Tinker), Material. Oberlin, Louisiana. Age 22. Louisiana State U. U. S. Senate messenger. Primary C.P.T., L.S.U. E-Base, New Orleans. Graduated Pensacola, Feb. '43. Pre-operational (VTB) Miami. Operational (VTB) Ft. Lauderdale. Qualified for carrier, Glenview. VT-12 (SARATOGA). VT-21, San Diego. Joined VT-2 Jan. '44 at Hilo, Hawaii. Requalified for carrier on Essex type class.

Ens. Stephen Langton Richards (Rich), Engineering. 1440 Washington St., San Francisco, Cal. Age 26. Marin Junior College. Swimming team, Olympia Club, San Francisco. Lederle Labs., Inc., salesman. St. Mary's Pre-flight. E-Base, Livermore, Cal. Graduated Corpus Christi, Aug. '43. Operational (VTB) Ft. Lauderdale. Carrier qualifications, Glenview. Joined VT-2 at San Diego, Nov. '43. Requalified on Essex type class.



Lt. Fred D. Hoover (Fritz), Gunnery Officer. Gladstone, Michigan. Age 27. U. of Michigan. Michigan College of Mining and Technology. Married June, '43. C.P.T. Primary and Secondary M.C. M-T. E-Base, Minneapolis. Trained at Pensacola. Graduated Miami, Feb. '42. Advanced Carrier Training and Qualification (VF-USS SARATOGA) San Diego. Sent to VF-42, Hawaii. Transferred to VT-6 (USS HORNET). Served on the HORNET from Aug.-Oct. '42, at which time she was sunk by enemy action in the "Battle of Santa Cruz". Received the Silver Star for action in this battle. Flew with V.G.S. 11 aboard the USS Altamaha, Oct.-Nov. '42, then joined VT-10 ENTERPRISE. Served on that ship until June '43 and returned to the States. Joined VT-2 at Quonset in July, '43. Requalified for carrier on CHARGER. Detached duty on USS White Plains, Jan.-Feb., '44.

Lt. (jg) James Richard Fulwider (Jim), Photography. Perkins, Oklahoma. Played semi-pro baseball while at Oklahoma A-M. Age 22. Married Oct. '43. E-Base, Dallas. Graduated from Corpus Christi, Dec. '42. Pre-operational, Miami. Operational (VTB) Ft. Lauderdale. Joined VT-2 at Quonset, June '43. Studied air photography, Norfolk, June '43. Requalified for carrier on CHARGER.



Lt. (jg) Richard Herd Wilson (Dick), Engineering. Los Angeles, Cal. Age 22. Lockheed Aircraft. Fullerton Junior College. E-Base, Alameda. Graduated Corpus Christi, March '43. Operational (VTB) Jacksonville. Qualified for carrier, Glenview. Joined VT-2 at Quonset, June '43. Requalified for carrier, CHARGER. Detached duty USS White Plains, Jan.-Feb. '44. Shot down by enemy fighter planes, rescued, Palau operation March 30, '44, and received Purple Heart award for wounds received in the consequent water landing.

Lt. (jg) Scott Scammell, II (Scotty), Engineering. Yardley, Pa. Age 25. Princeton U. George Washington U. Law School. Resigned A-V(S) commission June '42 to go into flight training. Married. Daughter Suzanne, born March '44. Primary C.P.T. E-Base Anacostia. Graduated Corpus Christi, Feb. '43. Pre-operational (VTB) Miami. Operational (VTB) Ft. Lauderdale. Qualified for carrier at Glenview. Joined VT-2 June '43. Requalified for carrier, CHARGER. Shot down by enemy anti-aircraft fire, Truk, April 20, '44. Rescued by SS Tang.





Ens. Mathias Leo Heppler (Hep), Eng. 2081 Shattuck Rd., Saginaw, Mich. Age 23. Michigan State. Iowa Pre-flight. E-Base, Minneapolis. Graduated Pensacola, Oct. '43. Operational (VTB) Ft. Lauderdale. Carrier qualification, Glenview. Joined VT-2 Jan. '44 at Hilo, T.H.



Ens. Harry G. Lewis, Gunnery. Hunts Pt., Bellevue, Washington. Age 22. U. of Washington. Primary C.P.T., St. Mary, Pre-flight. E-Base, Pasco, Wash. Graduated Corpus Christi, Sept. '43. Operational (VTB) Jacksonville-Miami. Carrier qualification, Glenview. VC-83. VT-1. Joined VT-2 at Majuro, April '44.

Ens. Merle H. Gorder, Ordnance. 917 11th Ave., North Fargo, N. D. Age 22. U. of Minn. C.P.T. Primary, Duluth. Iowa Pre-flight. E-Base, Minneapolis. Graduated Pensacola, Oct. '43. Operational, (VTB), Ft. Lauderdale. Qualified for carrier, Glenview. Joined VT-2 at Hilo, T. H., Jan., '44.



Ens. Frank T. Long (Micky), Flight Dept. 22 East Bergen Place, Red Bank, N. J. Age 20. Primary C.P.T., Princeton. N. C. Pre-flight. Graduated Pensacola, Oct. '43. Operational, (VTB), Ft. Lauderdale. CQTU., Glenview. Joined VT-2 at Hilo, T.H., Jan., '44.



Ens. Van Gordon Stauber (Stube), Eng. (Elec.). 6403 Queens Chpl. Rd., Hyattsville, Md. Age 21. Am. Inst. of Banking. C.P.T. Primary, U. of Richmond. Georgia Pre-flight. Prim. Training, Norman, Okla. Graduated from Pensacola, Oct. '43. Operational, (VTB), Ft. Lauderdale. Joined VT-2 at Hilo, T.H.



Ens. Milo W. Mosser (Dutch), Nav. (Rafts.). Cranbury, N. J. Age 21. Civilian pilot, Central N. J. Airport. Primary C.P.T., Alfred U. N. C. Pre-flight. E-Base, Glenview. Graduated Corpus Christi, Sept. '43. Operational (VTB), Jacksonville-Miami. Qualified for carrier, Glenview. Joined VT-2 at Hilo, T.H., Jan., '44.



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# The Strike At The BONIN ISLANDS ..

June 15 was the day of a daring attack on a group of islands 500 miles from JAPAN. On the same day U.S. Army long range "B-29" bombers struck the JAPS from bases in China...



"99" PLASMA  
LED A LONG HOP TO JAPANESE  
CHI CHA JIMA



LT.(JG) A.B. ROBINSON ↙  
NOSES OVER AND WAS  
WOUNDED BY A/A MOMENT LATER.



*Photo At the Right*  
DEMONSTRATES THE  
ABILITY OF THE ENEMY  
TO CULTIVATE AN  
EXISTENCE IN EVEN  
THE MOST BAREN OF  
PLACES



OTHER ISLANDS OF  
THE GROUP WERE  
FOUND TO BE VERY  
VOLCANIC WITH A  
VERY LITTLE LIFE  
IF ANY EXISTING ON  
THEM. THIS IS BELIEVED  
TO BE THE FIRST TIME  
ANY WHITE MAN HAD  
FLOWN OVER THEM.



# GUAM-

STAGING POINT FOR THE NIP NAVAL AIR ARM LAUNCHED FROM EXTREME RANGE. THEY LANDED AT GUAM TO REFUEL. WHEN THEY CAME TO ATTACK THE U.S. FLEET - '402' MET THEIR BLAZING DESTINY. THIS IS THE GREATEST AIR VICTORY YET SCORED BY THE NAVY AIR CORPS!

"OUR FIGHTERS" worked in earnest as F6F's joined the JAP traffic circle to collect "MEAT BALLS" ENS. WEBB SHOT DOWN 6 AND 1 PROBABLE!





The JAPS ON GUAM  
were well entrenched and well  
represented by Anti-Aircraft  
stations. Agana and Arote airfields,  
felt the repeated bombing and  
strafing attacks of our units.



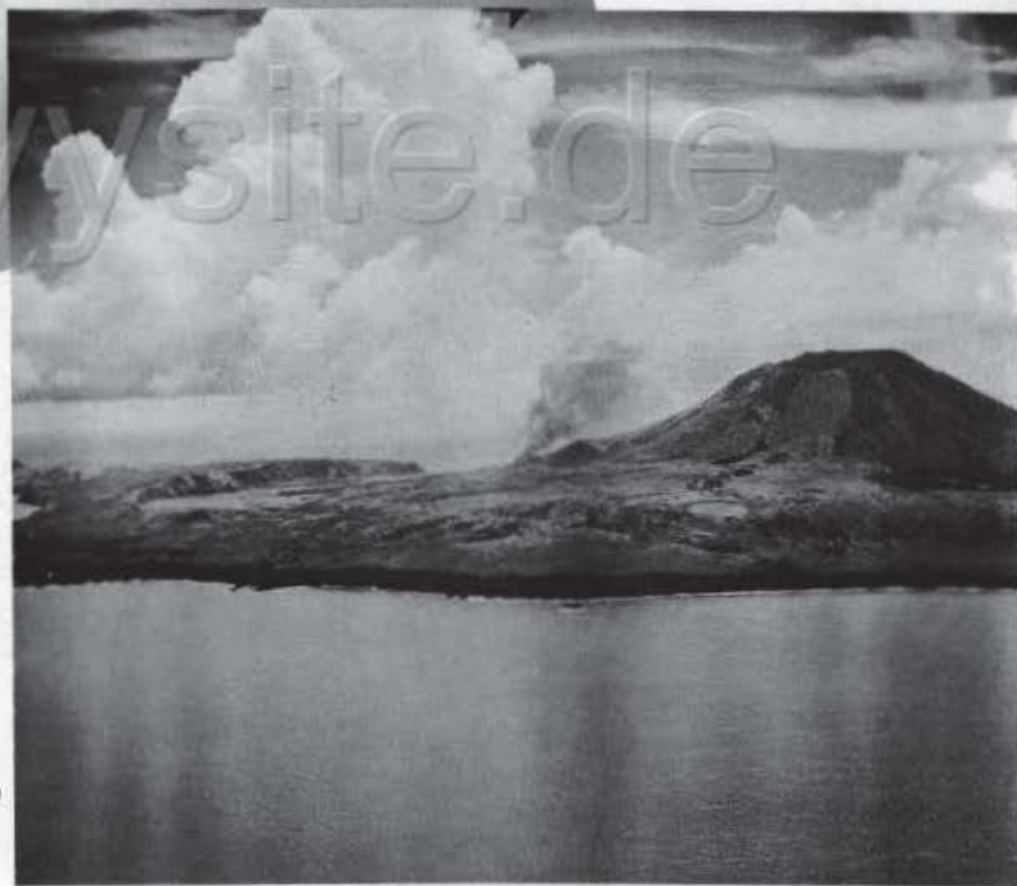
*Striking*

**PAGAN**

~ DIRT ~

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*Pagan Islands  
was attacked to  
prevent the Japs  
from using the  
airfield as a ----*

**STAGING POINT**

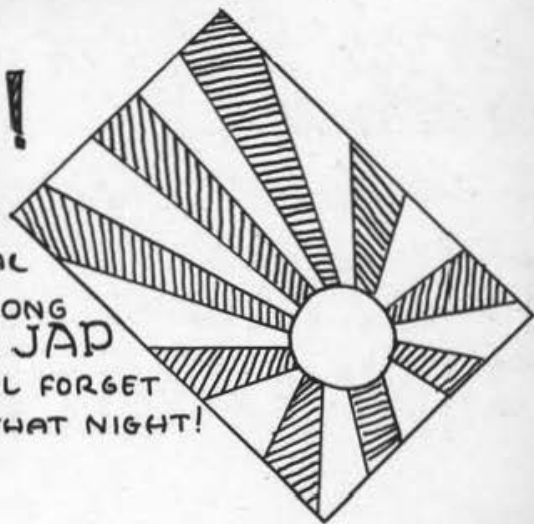
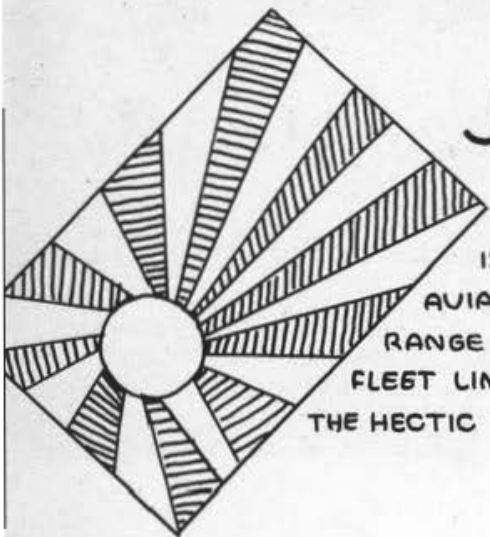


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# JAP FLEET!

## JUNE 20, 1944

IS AN UNFORGETTABLE DAY IN NAVAL  
AVIATION. STRIKING AT EXTREMELY LONG  
RANGE OUR PILOTS SENT A WOUNDED JAP  
FLEET LIMPING IN RETREAT. NO ONE WILL FORGET  
THE HECTIC TRIP HOME AND THE LANDINGS THAT NIGHT!





**SECOND ATTACK**  
on the BONIN ISLANDS

FOUND THE WEATHER  
GOOD. NAVY AIRMEN POUNDED  
SHIPPING AND LAND TARGETS



*Joe Moore* LEADS  
WITH *Sullivan*  
AND *Ramsdell* ON  
"HIS WING"



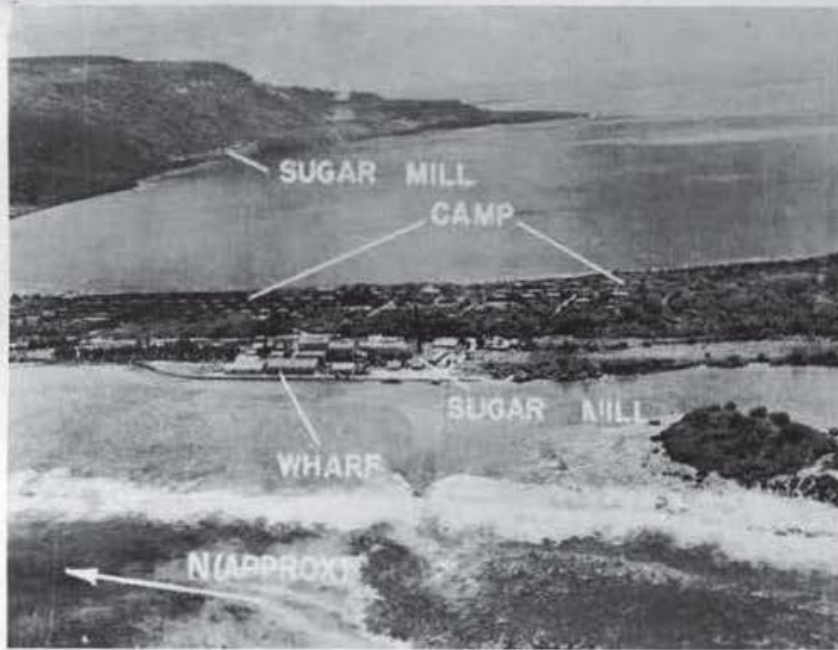
JAPANESE SEAPLANE  
BASE

OKIMURA TOWN



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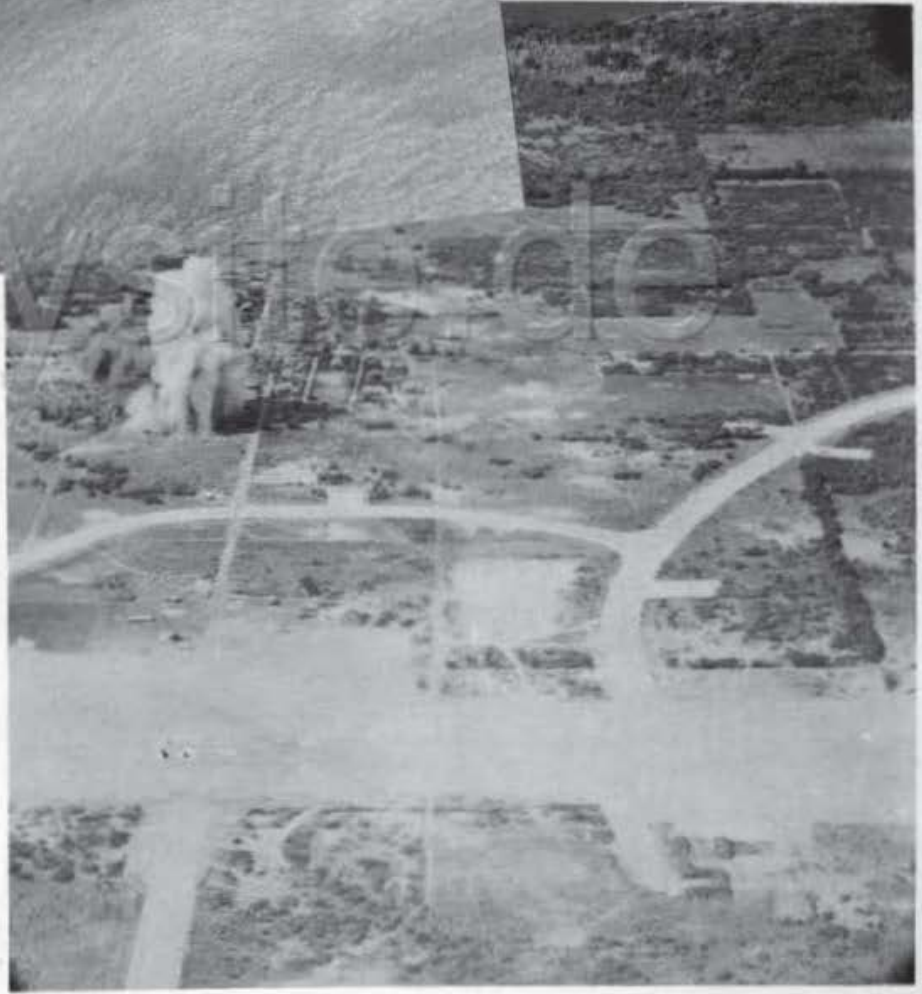


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**RAISING CANE -  
WITH THE JAP  
SUGAR MILL WAS  
AN AMERICAN PAST-  
TIME THAT TOOK THE  
JAPS FOR -  
GRANULATED.**



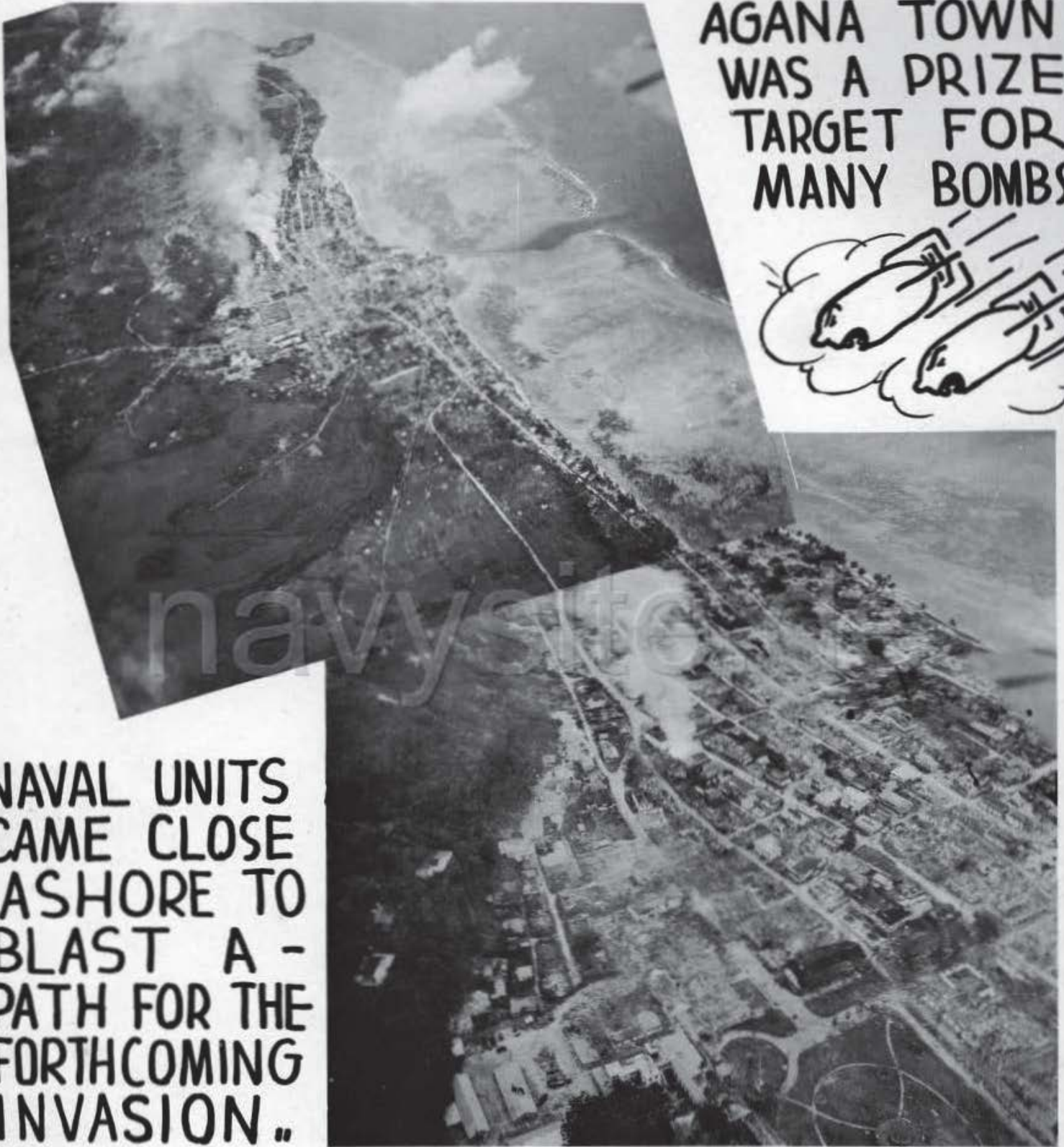
**"OLD FAITHFUL"  
— AN AMERICAN  
SCENE DUPLICATED  
ALMOST DAILY THROUGH-  
OUT THE JAPANESE  
EMPIRE, KEEPS THE  
AIRFIELD AND DISPERSAL  
AREA OUT OF USE TO  
THE ENEMY.**



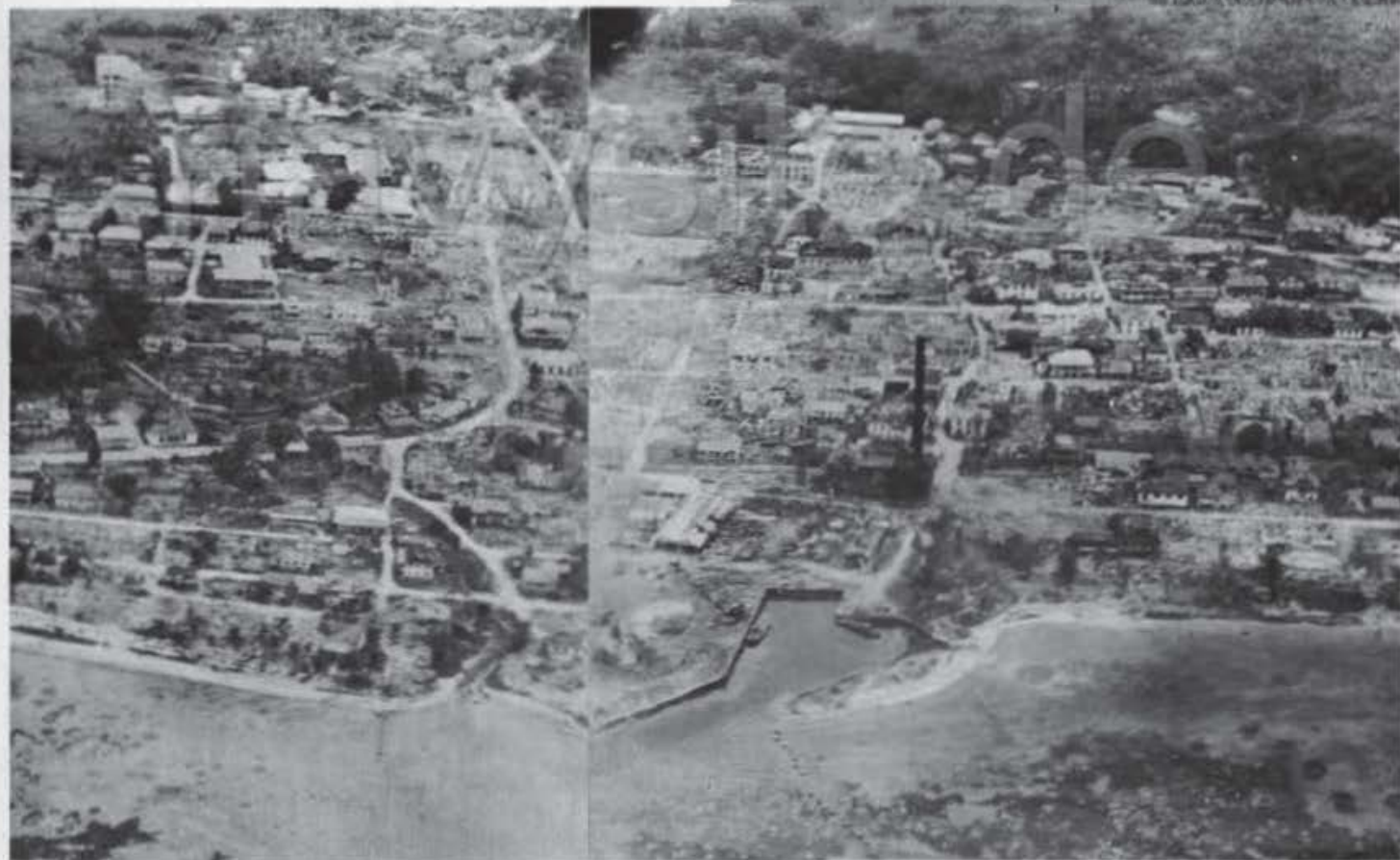
AGANA TOWN  
WAS A PRIZE  
TARGET FOR  
MANY BOMBS..



NAVAL UNITS  
CAME CLOSE  
ASHORE TO  
BLAST A -  
PATH FOR THE  
FORTHCOMING  
INVASION..



— SYSTEMATIC DESTRUCTION  
WAS THE KEYNOTE OF  
THE LEVELING OF AGANA  
TOWN.. THE PRINT ON  
THE RIGHT SHOWS THE  
PROCESS IN PROGRESS..



"D"-DAY -- JULY 21, 1944



GUAM -  
INVADED !!



# SAIPAN

—THIS SHINTO TEMPLE BECAME A MILESTONE IN A NEW ROAD OF PROGRESS AS SAIPAN FELL INTO AMERICAN HANDS ON JULY 9TH, THE DECISIVE OPERATIONS OF JUNE BROUGHT NEW HAVOC TO THE ENEMY—HIS FLEET IN BURNING RETREAT, THE EMPEROR CALLED ON A NEW CABINET TO STAVE THE CRISIS. GLOOMIEST THOUGHT OF ALL WAS THE REALIZATION THAT THE NEW SUPER BOMBERS COULD REACH HIS HOME-  
LAND FROM THESE NEW BASES.//



# SAIPAN SOUVENIR HUNT



—MANY A TRIP WAS MADE TO SAIPAN BY CARRIER "BANDITS", RETURNING ABOARD, THEY DISPLAYED THEIR WARES TO INTERESTED BARGAINERS, AN INFLUX OF ASH-TRAYS AND WEIRD NOVELTIES FOLLO- WED AS ODD BITS OF THE NIP'S EQUIPMENT WERE FASHIONED INTO PAPER-WEIGHTS AND MANTEL PIECES..

—TO DEMONSTRATE THE FASHION PLATES OF THE ORIENT LT. PORTERFIELD (UPPER-LEFT) DONNED THE BASEBALL GEAR WHILE LT. (JG) LEVERING MODELED THE JAP FLYING SUIT (WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS). THE PHOTO BELOW SHOWS SOME OF THE "BOOTY" GAINED BY DEALINGS WITH THE U.S. MARINES, THE JAP FLAG ON THE LEFT WAS MADE OF PURE SILK..





**'BUZZ BOY' VAN HAREN  
SHOWS HOW IT'S DONE..  
THE PLANE IS A ZEKE  
THAT WAS DAMAGED ON  
THE FIELD AT SAIPAN..  
A CLOSE LOOK AT  
THE 'MEATBALL' WILL  
SHOW THAT THE PLANE  
IS ADDRESSED FOR A  
STATESIDE INSPECTION..**



## **PIC' OF THE WEEK**

**BY POPULAR DEMAND,  
WE PRESENT THIS LARGER  
PRINT OF THE SAIPAN  
SAILORS.. LT<sup>S</sup> PORTERFIELD  
& LEVERING ARE THE  
TWO MODELING THE NIP  
FASHIONS.. THE 'ISLAND'  
LOOKED PRETTY FULL  
OF MEATBALLS AND OF  
ENEMY SHIPPING, BUT  
IT WAS ONLY THE —  
BEGINNING—...**

KEEPING THE  
JAP'S **YAP** SHUT  
WAS OUR ASSIGNMENT  
FOR  
JULY 26-27.



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— THE RECTANGULAR  
AREA IN THE FORE-  
GROUND IS THE  
FOUNDATION OF AN OLD  
SPANISH FORT. THE  
JAPS SEIZED IT AND  
BUILT ON TO IT. THE  
AMERICANS LEVELLED  
IT. BUILDING BACK OF  
TOWER IS CABLE CENTER  
OF THE NIP'S COMMUNICAT.  
SYSTEM.







**"JOCKO" ON THE WARPATH!**  
(DESTINATION: TOKYO)


**THE JOCKO JIMA DEVELOPMENT COMPANY WAS AN OUTGROWTH OF OUR FOURTH TRIP TO THE BONINS. CERTIFICATES WERE PRINTED AND COPIES WERE PRESENTED TO — ADMIRALS HALSEY AND DAVISON...**



— THE FOURTH TRIP TO THE BONINS LED TO THIS —

**AIR GROUP TWO · · U.S.S. HORNET**



*This is to certify that*

**"BUGS BUNNY-III"**

*is the holder of*

**ONE SHARE**

*the*





**JOCKO JIMA DEVELOPMENT CORP.**

*EXCLUSIVE SITES IN THE BONIN ISLANDS*

*"JOCKO JIMA RETTO - CLARK ISLAND GROUP"*

*Choice Locations of All Types in Iwo, Chichi, Haha & Muko Jima*

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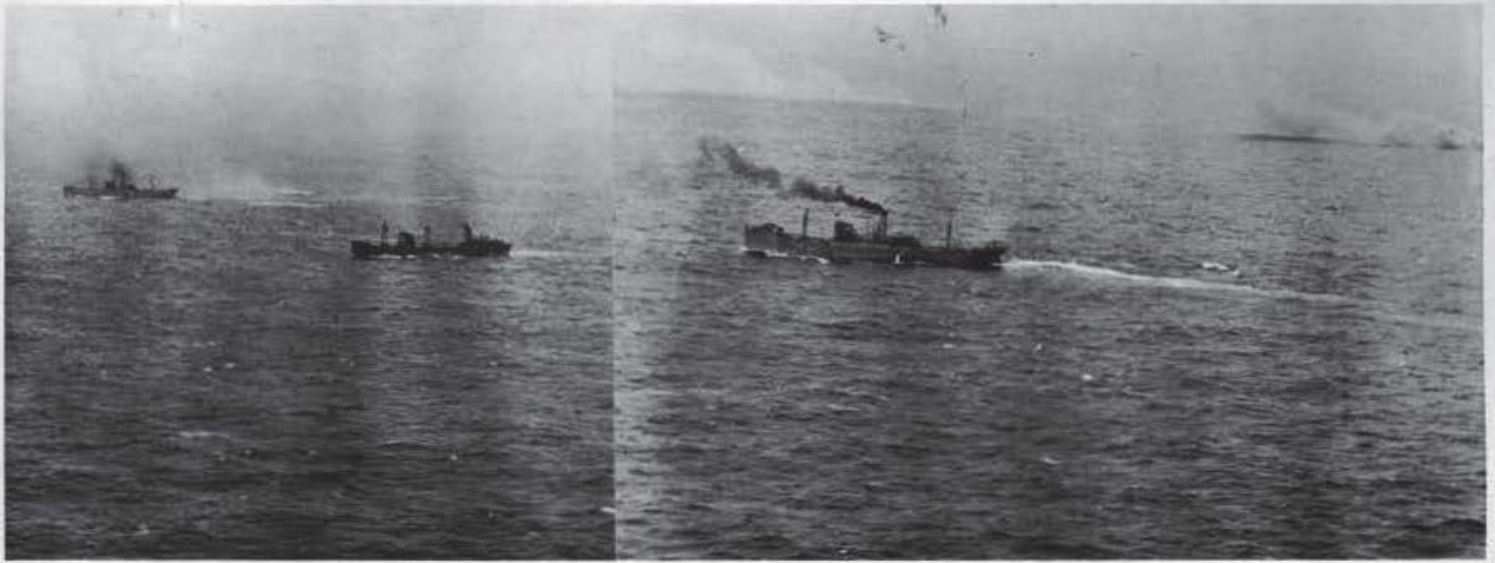
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*J. S. Clark* **PRESIDENT**



## FUTAMI KO..

—THIS HARBOR AT CHI-CHI JIMA  
SHELTERED THE ENEMIES SHIPPING  
WITH THE LATEST WORD IN "AA." FOUR  
OF OUR PILOTS MADE DARING —  
TORPEDO DROPS AT THE MOUTH OF THE  
HARBOR.. NOTE AIRFIELD AND PLANES IN  
LOWER RIGHT-HAND CORNER..



## CONVOY SIGHTED!!

- A CONVOY OF TEN CARGO SHIPS AND WARSHIPS SAILED FROM THE BONINS—ONLY TO MEET A FREQUENT VISITOR, AIR GROUP TWO,, A COMBINATION OF CARRIER AND SURFACE UNITS DESTROYED THE ENEMY CONVOY WITH ONLY ONE DD ESCAPING IN THE DARKNESS,,

MAN NO. 1-WHALE-BOAT !!

— JAPS MAN THEIR LIFEBOAT ON THE DOUBLE AS THE PARTY GETS OUT OF HAND,,



“SIGHTED BY SUB,  
SANK BY SAME.”

— A JAP MERCHANTMAN FINDS THE  
GOING A LITTLE TOUGH AFTER-  
LOSING IT'S AFTER “FACE” IN AN ...  
ENGAGEMENT WITH AN AMERICAN  
SUB ...





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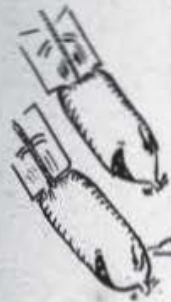
## -JAPANESE HOTFOOT-

—FIGHTER PLANES GIVE THIS  
JAP SHIP THE STRAFE DOPE. HOLED  
BY MANY ARROWS, THIS SHIP LEFT  
A SLICK DEATH WAKE BEFORE  
DEPARTING FOR DAVY JONE'S—  
LOCKER...

THE RETURN ENGAGEMENT TO

# PALAU

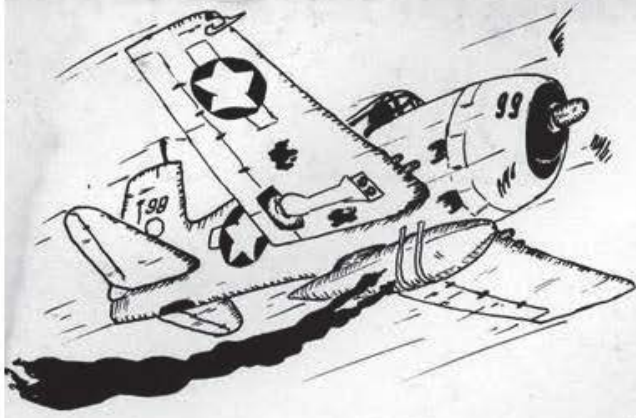
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THIS IS  
GOING TO  
HURT YOU  
WORSE THAN  
IT DOES ME.  
SO SOLLY  
PLIZ !!

MALAKAL IS. —

PROVES THAT MORE JAPS  
EACH DAY ARE GETTING CAUGHT  
WITH THEIR PLANTS DOWN ...

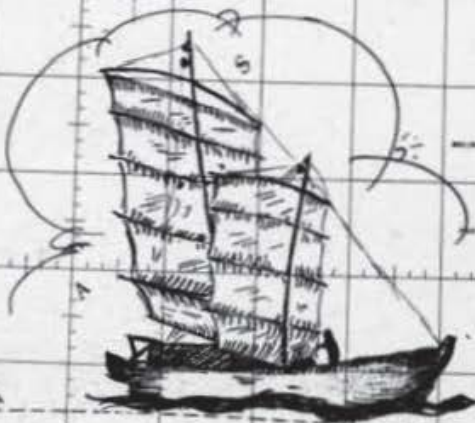
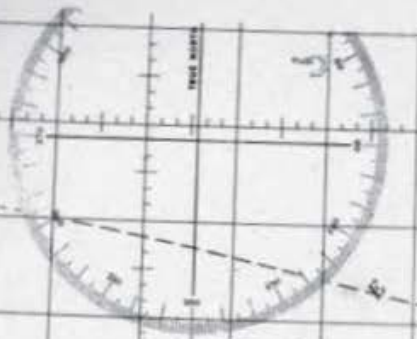


## ARAKABESAN ISLAND

— PACKED A LOT OF PISTOLS AGAINST AMERICAN PLANES. A STUDY OF THE HILL AND BEACH AREA SHOWS WHY COMDR. ARNOLD

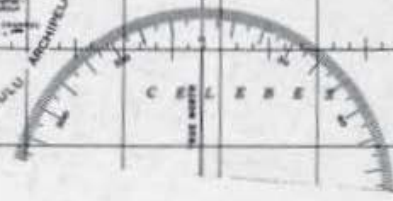
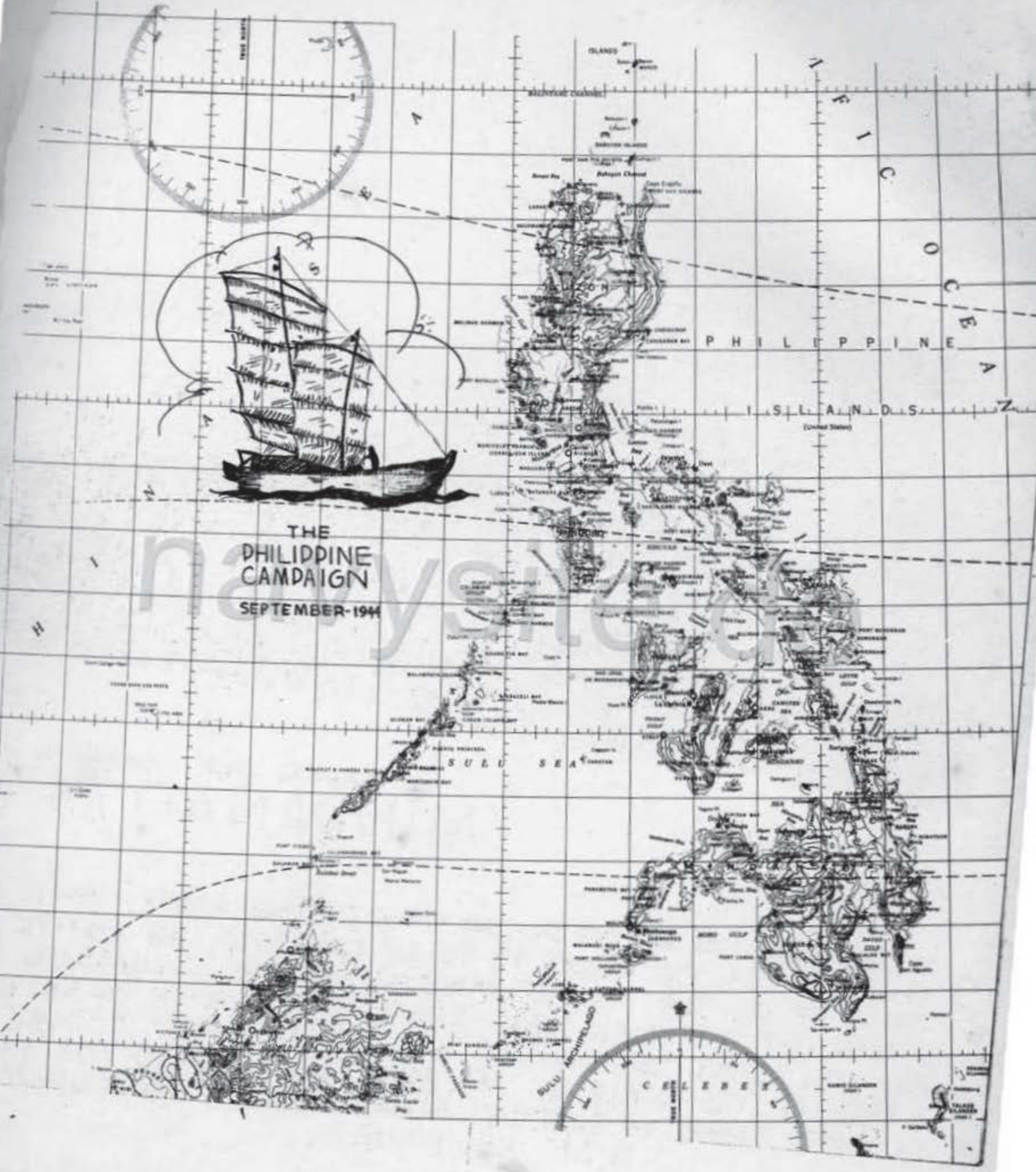
ALMOST MADE THIS PICTURE HIS "PHOTO FINISH" WHILE TAKING A CLOSE LOOK. THE GROUP COMMANDER BECAME A 'REGULAR' ATTENDANT OF DIVINE SERVICES.





THE PHILIPPINE CAMPAIGN  
SEPTEMBER-1944

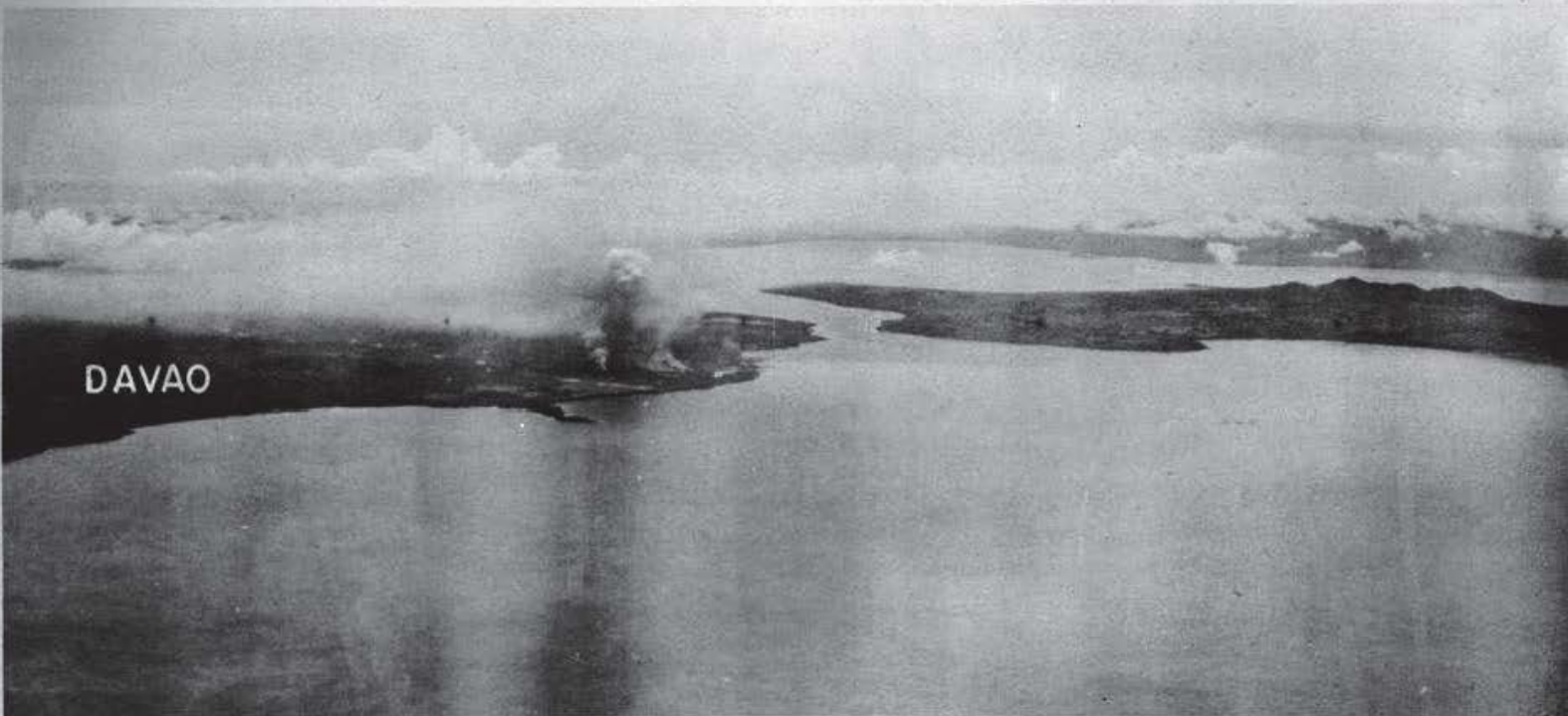
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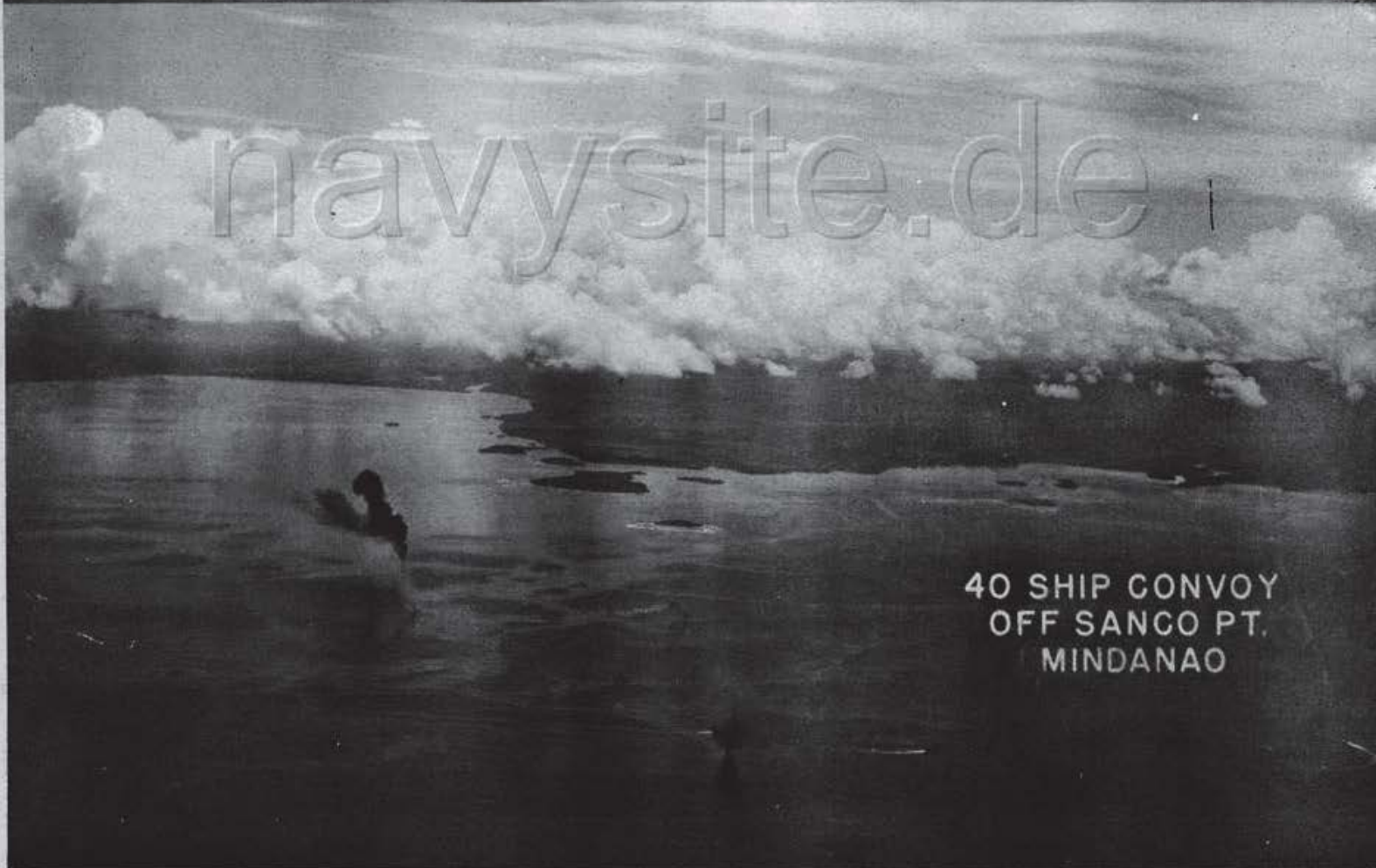


TARGET FOR TODAY—  
**MINDANAO !!!**

—THIS OPERATION WAS ONE WE HAD HOPED TO READ ABOUT—BACK IN THE STATES.. THE RETURN TO PALAU COMPLETED AN ENTIRE CIRCLE OF ALL THE PACIFIC TARGETS, AND THE SQUADRON LOOKED FOR THE GREEN LIGHT FROM PEARL HARBOR. THE NAVY WAS STILL SEEING RED HOWEVER, AND THE AIR GROUP BECAME A PART OF THE POWERFUL AIR ARM THAT CARRIED OUT AN EXTENDED SERIES OF DEATHLY BLOWS AGAINST THE ENEMY IN THE PHILIPPINES.."



DAVAO

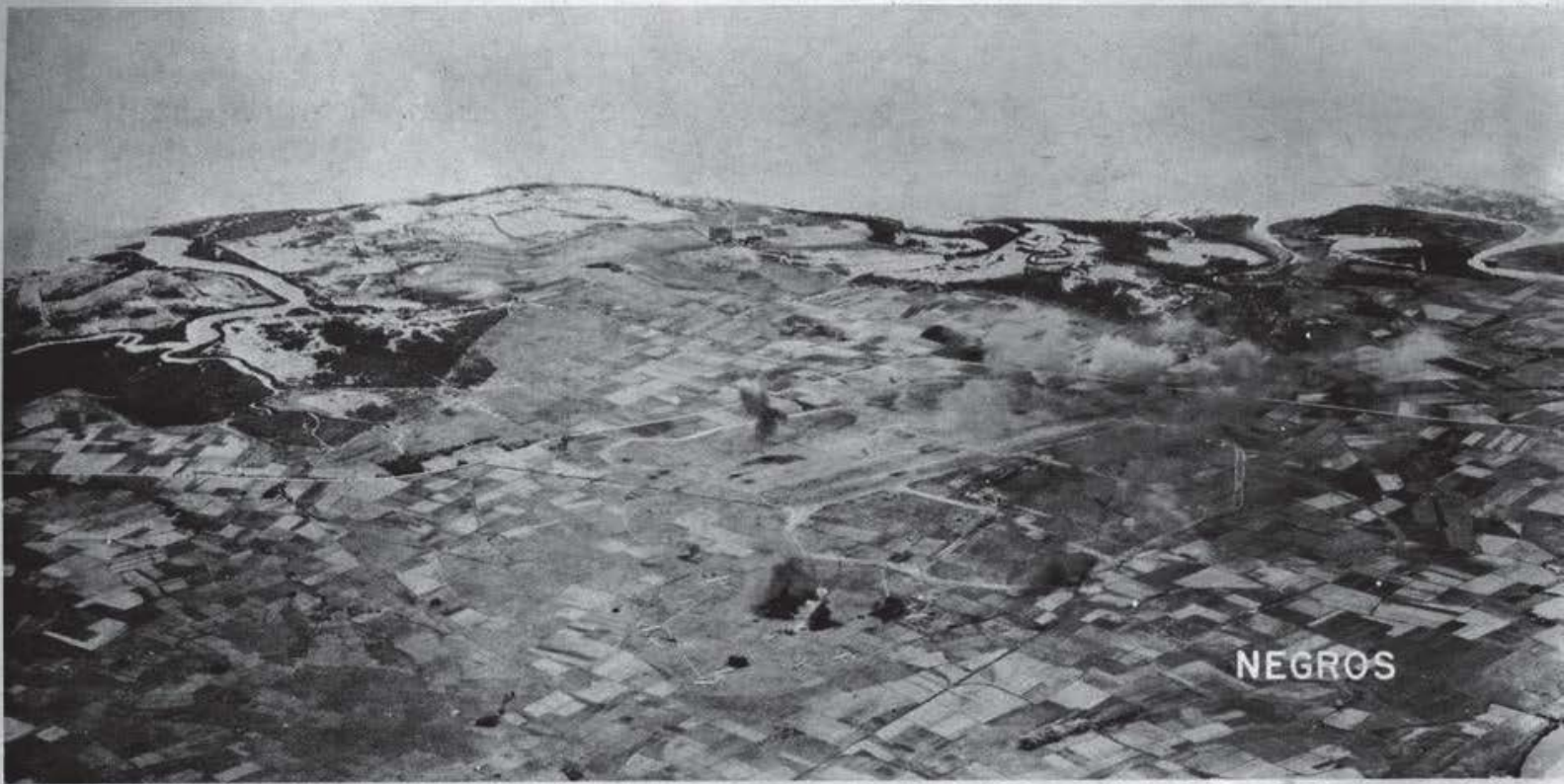


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40 SHIP CONVOY  
OFF SANCO PT.  
MINDANAO



CAGAYAN TOWN



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## PALMAS ISLAND

—PILOTS AND CREWMEN WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE PHILIPPINES FOR ITS BEAUTY AND RESEMBLANCE TO CERTAIN SECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES... THE PICTURE SHOWS A NATIVE VILLAGE THAT WAS BUZZED BY NAVY AIRMEN.. ANOTHER FREQUENT SIGHT WAS THE MILLIONS OF FISHING BOATS OPERATED BY FRIENDLY NATIVES...




## MANILA CITY

THE CITY OF MANILA WAS GOING ABOUT IT'S BUSINESS AS USUAL ON SEPT. 21, 1944.. AT SEA, SEVERAL CARRIERS LAUNCHED THEIR PLANES FOR A HISTORIC - STRIKE.. NAVY PILOTS TURNED THEIR RADIO RECIEVERS TO RADIO MANILA AND HEARD THE JIVE OF WOODY HERMAN'S ORCHESTRA.. THEN A BREAK CAME - "THIS IS AN AIR RAID WARNING - TURN OUT YOUR LIGHTS - TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS!" BY THIS TIME, WE WERE LOOKING DOWN AT A HARBOR FILLED WITH SHIPPING.. WE HAD GAINED THE ELEMENT OF SUPRISE - MORE FOLLOWED..



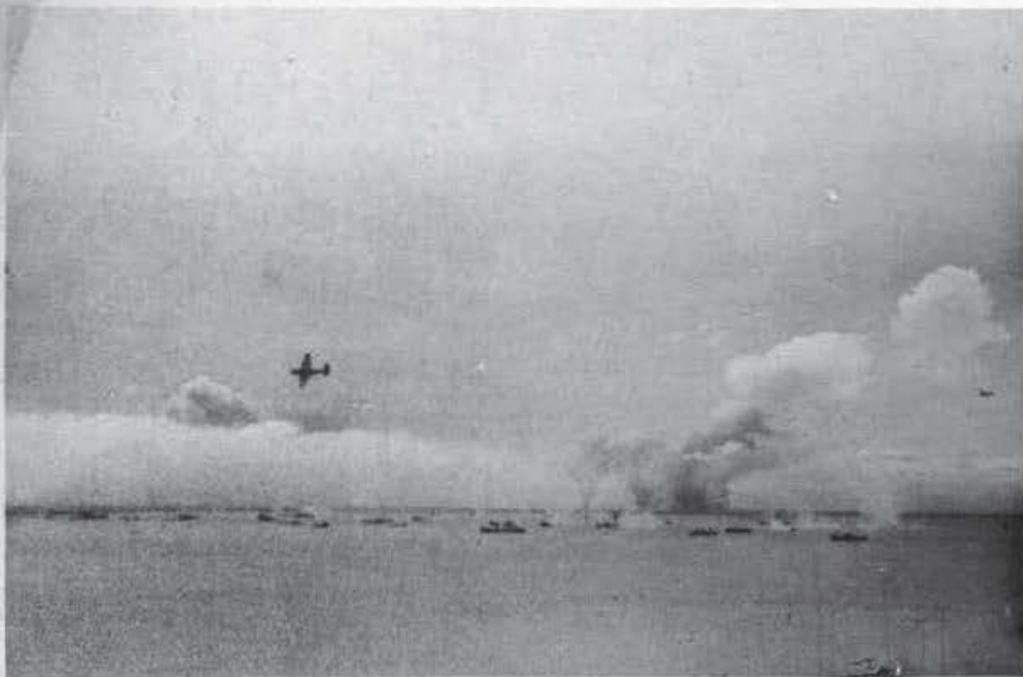
# MANILA CITY-

LOOMED LARGE  
AND BEAUTIFUL  
(EXCEPT FOR AA),,  
— IT WAS THE  
LARGEST CITY  
WE HAD SEEN  
SINCE LEAVING  
THE STATES.,,



THIS CITY  
OF 650,000 AND LARGE  
WHITE BUILDINGS WERE  
SPREAD SPACIOUSLY AS  
WE FLEW OVERHEAD.,,  
SEVERAL OF US WONDERED  
HOW THE PRISONERS OF  
WAR FELT AS THEY  
SAW HUGE FORMATIONS OF  
NAVY PLANES., THEY  
HAD WAITED LONG —  
NOW THEIR DAY OF  
LIBERATION WAS IN SIGHT.,

## SHIPPING STRIKE AT MANILA !!!

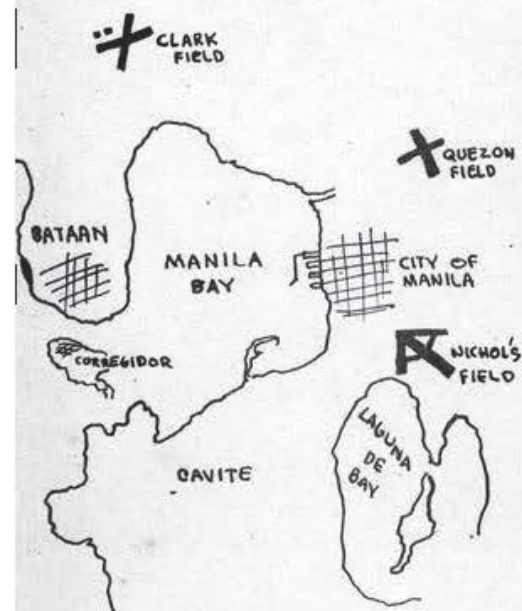


THIS TARGET PROVIDED  
THE JACKPOT OF 'EM ALL.  
THE SCORES OF TARGETS  
WERE FISH IN A BARREL  
AND THE AIR GROUP SOON  
WALKED OFF WITH THE  
'LIMIT'.

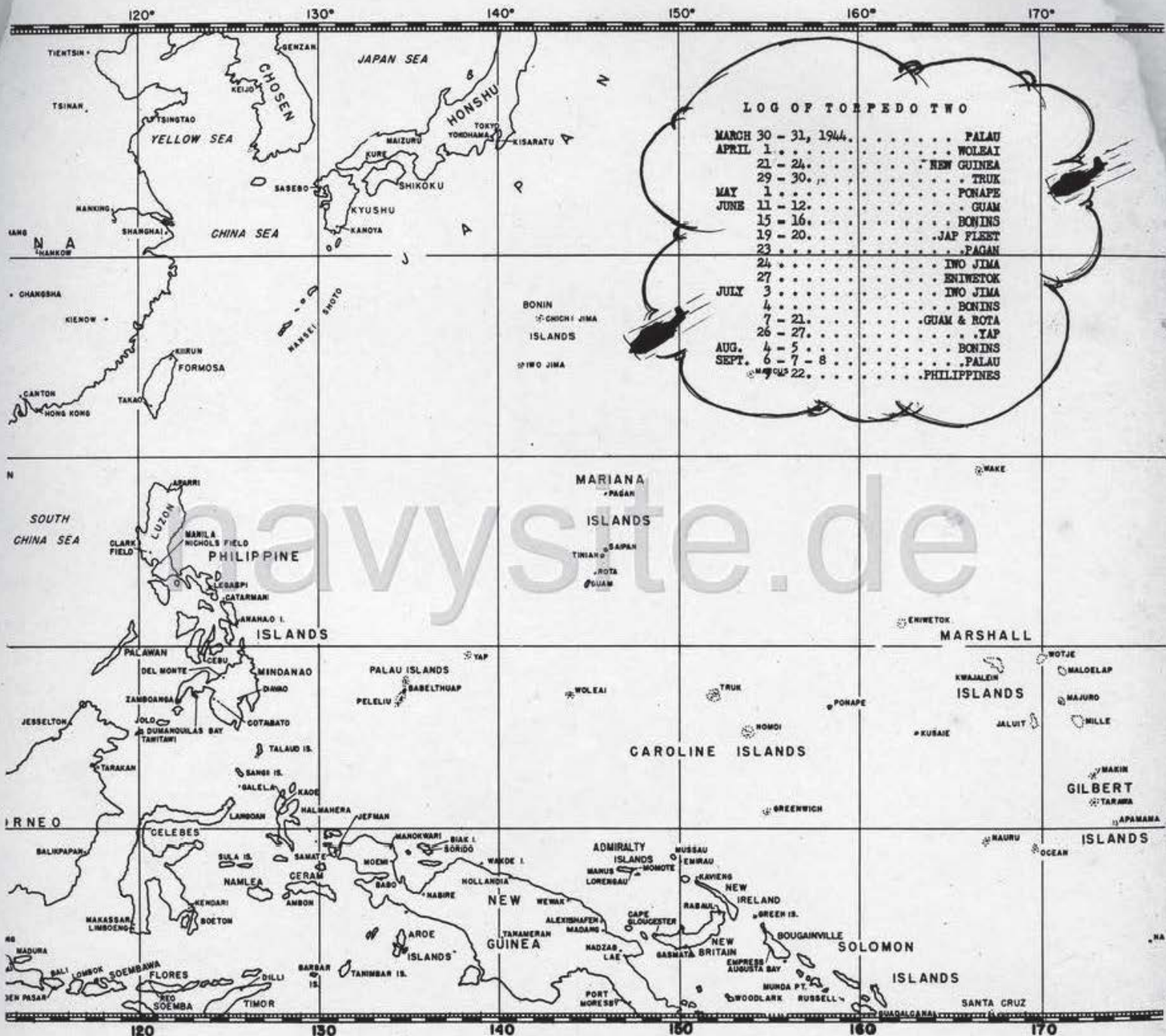
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AIR GROUP BOX SCORE-	
SHIPS SUNK	— 11
PROBABLES	— 8
DAMAGED	— 22





— FAMED NAMES OF HISTORY AND OF WORLD WAR II, ARE CORREGIDOR, BATAAN, AND LUZON.. AMERICAN UNITS FOUGHT BITTERLY FROM THEIR OUTPOSTS ON 'THE ROCK'.. THAT WAS IN MAY- OF 1942.. NEWSPAPERS CARRIED THE DRAMATIC STORY OF THE ESCAPE OF PRES. QUEZON, M<sup>r</sup> ARTHUR, AND OTHER OFFICIALS.. THE PRESS HAD ANOTHER DRAMATIC STORY TO TELL ON SEPT.- 21, 1944.. THIS TIME, THE NAVY RETURNED— TO GIVE INSTEAD OF RECIEVE ...



- PACIFIC TIME TABLE -