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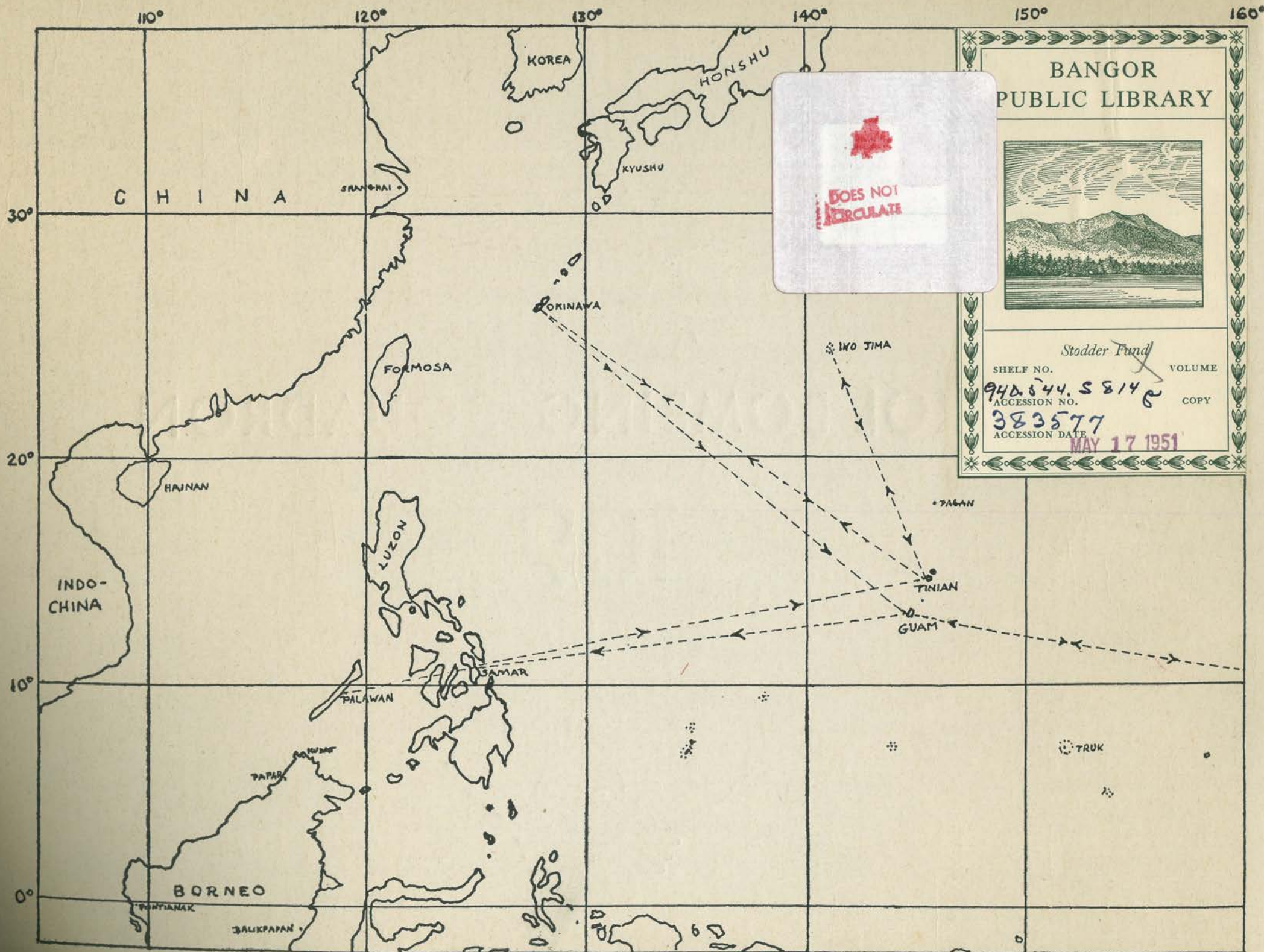
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to the officers and men of the squadron who
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"SKIPPER"

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER GEORGE LEIGHTON HICKS

USNR

Executive Officer

2 August 1943 — 2 September 1944

Commanding Officer

6 December 1944 — 19 October 1945

Born September 10, 1913, in Three Rivers, California, Lieutenant Commander HICKS attended Porterville Junior College, San Jose State College, and the University of California, where he received the B.A. degree in 1937. He entered the U. S. Naval Reserve as an aviation cadet, and received his wings at Pensacola on June 11, 1938.

Joining VS-41, he flew SBU-1s from the U.S.S. RANGER for a two year period. VS-41 was one of the original squadrons on the RANGER. In January 1940 he transferred to VF-42, flying F4Fs.

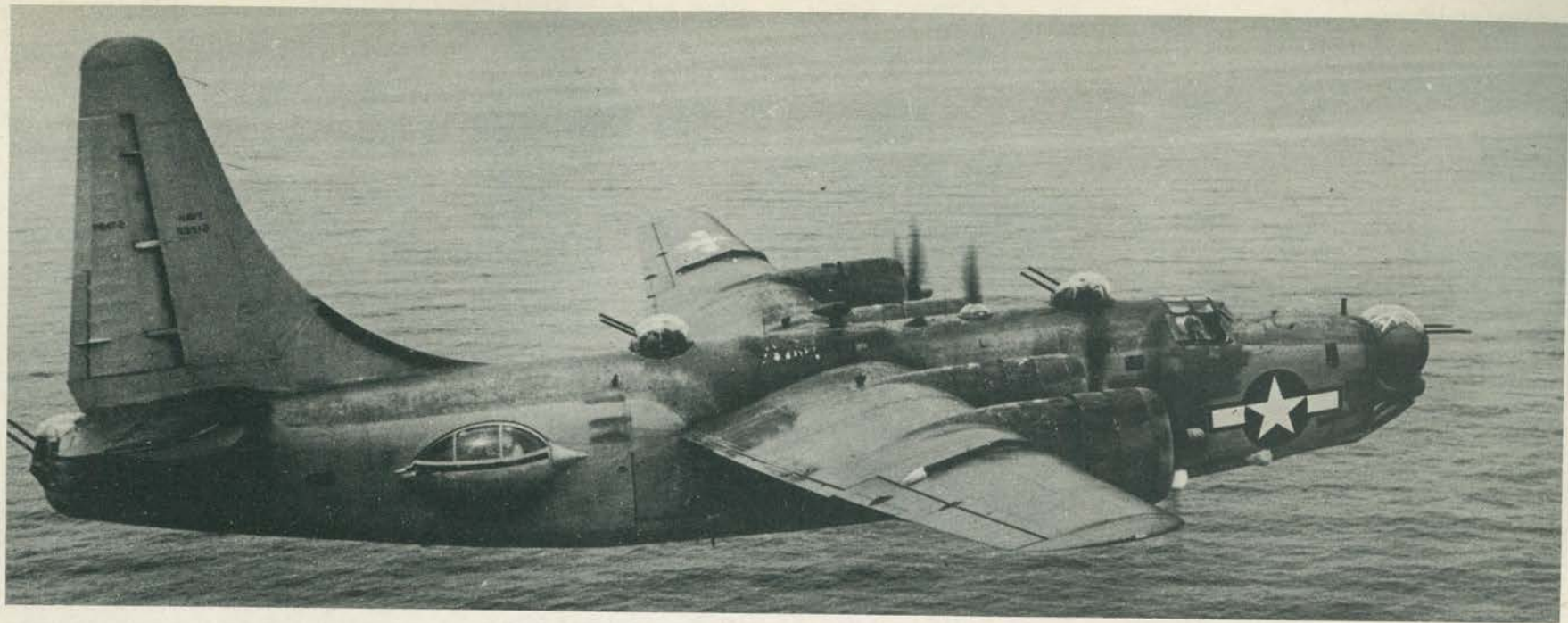
In August of 1940 he returned to Pensacola as a basic instructor, remaining there until July 1941, when he was sent to Corpus Christi as an instructor. After a course at the American Airlines Training School in April 1942, he returned to Corpus Christi as Air Traffic Control Officer and Flag Pilot to Rear Admiral MONTGOMERY.

In June 1943, he reported to Commander Fleet Air West Coast, and was the first officer assigned to Bombing Squadron 109 which was commissioned August 2, 1943. He was Executive Officer of the squadron throughout its first tour of combat duty in the Central Pacific, and was promoted to Lieutenant Commander on March 1, 1944.

After duty in connection with the reforming of Patrol Bombing Squadron 109 at Camp Kearney, he assumed command of the squadron on 6 December 1944. For service with Bombing and Patrol Bombing Squadrons 109 he has been awarded two Silver Star Medals, four Distinguished Flying Crosses, five Air Medals, and a Letter of Commendation with authority to wear the ribbon.



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Lt. Cmdr. JOHN F. BUNDY, USN
Executive Officer 5 October 1944 — 5 May 1945

PATROL BOMBING SQUADRON ONE HUNDRED NINE

Patrol Bombing Squadron ONE HUNDRED NINE was reformed on 5 October 1944 at Naval Auxiliary Air Station CAMP KEARNEY, San Diego, California, as a streamlined Patrol Bombing Squadron with fifteen PB4Y-2 planes (PRIVATEERS), and a normal complement of eighteen flight crews of twelve men each. On 6 December 1944 command of the squadron was assumed by Lieutenant Commander George L. HICKS, USNR, former Executive Officer of old Bombing Squadron 109, with Lieutenant Commander John F. BUNDY, USN, as Executive Officer.

The squadron trained initially under Fleet Air Wing FOURTEEN at Camp Kearney, flying its planes to Naval Air Station, KANEOHE, T. H., in February for an advanced training period under Fleet Air Wing TWO. On 10 April 1945 the squadron moved into the combat area, and active operations against the enemy were begun on 20 April 1945 with a special reconnaissance of PATANI Roads, Gulf of SIAM, flown from PALAWAN, PHILIPPINE Islands.

The primary mission of the squadron was long range search, patrol,



Lt. DONALD S. CHAY, USN
Executive Officer 5 May 1945—18 September 1945



INDO-CHINA—Lt. JOBE on 22 April. Squadron planes were the first to make reconnaissance of the Gulf of SIAM.



Gulf of SIAM, visited by Lt. Cmdr. HICKS, Lt. CHAY, Lt. JOBE, and Lt. KENNEDY on 20 and 22 April.

and armed reconnaissance, but special patrols, strikes and assorted duties often engaged all the squadron's attention. In number of planes employed and hours flown, special duties often exceeded routine assignments. Of four months in the forward areas, some sixty-one days were spent in operations against the enemy from the PHILIPPINES, IWO JIMA and OKINAWA. Despite the comparative shortness of the tour and the frequent change of higher command and locale, the squadron effort against the enemy was telling. In fifteen days of operations from PALAWAN, sixty-two ships were sunk and thirty-six damaged. In seventeen days of operations from OKINAWA, twenty-nine ships were sunk and thirty-five damaged. Although the squadron was the first to be equipped with a new tactical weapon, such a record was largely achieved by the efforts of individual patrol plane commanders in single or two-plane masthead-height attacks, undertaken on their own initiative.

Aware of the deadly effectiveness of the minimum altitude attacks as exhibited on the squadron's first tour of combat duty, all pilots were trained in these unrivalled offensive tactics. At OKINAWA, two-plane combat tactics against heavily-armed enemy shipping and enemy fighter planes were emphasized. Operating with a bare minimum of facilities and under constant handicaps, the squadron ranged from SINGAPORE to SHANGHAI, and SHAN-TUNG to HOKKAIDO in its efforts to find and destroy the enemy.

Search sectors from PALAWAN varied from 850 to 1000 miles in length, covering the west coast of the CELEBES and east and west BORNEO, the coast of MALAY from SINGAPORE to the Gulf of SIAM and southern INDO-CHINA. On 23 April, the squadron scored for the first time when Lieutenant KENNEDY damaged an armored picket boat on the high seas and a radar station on the northeast BORNEO coast, Lieutenant CHAY bombed a beached flak-ship, and Lieutenant (jg) BRADDOCK attacked the SOEBI-KETJIL airstrip and destroyed a radio station and lighthouse on South NATOENA Island. The following day Lieutenant FAIRBANKS attacked a patrol boat off the coast of INDO-CHINA, probably destroying it.

Radio and radar stations provided the most common early bombing targets. On 25 April, Lieutenant CHALLIS hit a radio and radar station on TAMBELAN, and Lieutenant JADIN damaged a radio station at Cape PAROEPOE. Lieutenant HEWITT destroyed a radar station on BAICAN Island the following day, while Lieutenant VADNAIS destroyed a lookout station at DJEMADJA Island. Lieutenant WARREN made the first attack on KUDAT airstrip on 25 April. Lieutenant Commander BUNDY damaged lookout towers at MAPOETI Island on 27 April, and Lieutenant KEELING ferreted BALIKPAPAN, damaging a radar tower at KABALADOEA. The same day Lieutenant JOBE bombed a flak-ship at LABUAN Island (BRUNEI Bay), damaged a radio station and destroyed two buildings at MUKAH, sank a large cargo vessel off



Cape JERIEH HARBOR—examined by Lt. CHAY on 23 April. Beached flak ship bombed here.



Unmapped airstrip sighted at JERIEH—no planes present.



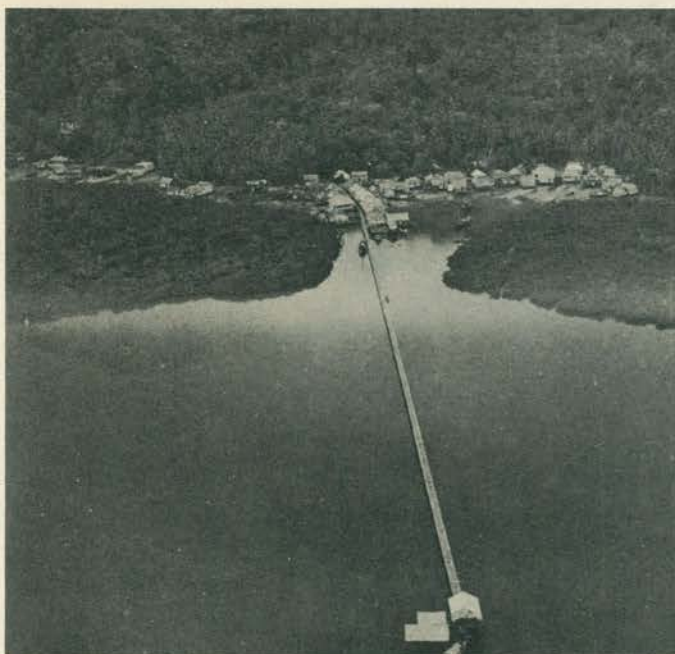
Lighthouse and radio installations at South NATOENA Island between the PHILIPPINES and INDO-CHINA.



Lookout station at SOEBI-KETJIL — shortly destroyed by strafing.



Lookout and radio station at South NATOENA well hidden and camouflaged.



TAMBELAN Island Village — only small wooden freighters present.



Airstrip at SOEBI-KETJIL — kept non-operational by strafing.



Enemy dummy float planes at TAMBELAN Island — nine more in an adjacent cove.

Lt. (jg) BRADDOCK west of BORNEO on 23 April hit South NATOENA Island, TAMBELAN and SOEBI-KETJIL.



Fires at MIRI —
set by Lt. WARREN's bombs on 25 April.

PANDJANG and a small freighter off TEMADJOE Island.

On 28 April, Lieutenant Commander HICKS and Lieutenant CHAY made a special shipping attack at BALIK-PAPAN with surprising results. With the target a large transport at anchor, Lieutenant Commander HICKS destroyed a 600-ton freighter and part of a dock, and Lieutenant CHAY destroyed a small freighter and a large oil storage tank at the PANDANSERI Refinery. The same day Lieutenant DAVIS sank a large tugboat at ULAR and a camouflaged freighter off KAJA WALI, and damaged radar towers at K. DUNGUN in INDO-CHINA. Lieutenant KENNEDY sank a large motor barge off SETJU and a cargo vessel at K. MERANG, while Lieutenant (jg) MOYER damaged a radar station on BAICAN Island.

Radar stations were damaged by Lieutenant CHALLIS on 29 April at BALABALANGAN Island, by Lieutenant (jg) SERBIN the same day at DAENGALAHAN, and by Lieutenant WILKINSON on POULI OBI Island (off INDO-CHINA) on 30 April. On 29 April, Lieutenant TURNER sank a coastal freighter in Cape BILA Harbor and a small freighter off SELAKAU.

Lieutenant DAVIS, searching the CELEBES coast on 1 May, destroyed supply buildings and coastal gun positions and sank a cargo vessel at PAREPARE Bay, and destroyed two small freighters and a large cargo vessel and damaged three more small freighters at MANDAR Bay. Lieutenant FAIRBANKS sank a river steamer at SAMARINDA (BORNEO), and bombed a radar station on MANOKALI-HAT Point. Lieutenant HEWITT damaged another radar station at TAMBELAN Island, and Lieutenant (jg)



BINTULU airstrip on eastern BORNEO before
Lt. WARREN's strafing.



The MALAY STATES as seen by Lt. DAVIS on 28 April.



MOREAS Reef supply dump bombed by Lt. (jg) SERBIN.



Lt. DAVIS sank these vessels off KAJAWALI.



Lt. WARREN attacking BINTULU on 25 April.



Lookout station and airstrip at KUDAT.



Parking area at PUERTO PRINCESSA — 109 planes on the line.

KUDAT and BALIKPAPAN



Small boat and .50 calibres
Crew No. 10.



SETJU radar station — Lt. KENNEDY's picture.

Frequent April
Targets for
VPB-109 Planes



Lt. KEELING ferreted BALIKPAPAN on 27 April.



Lt. JOBE's gunners destroyed this small freighter off TEMADJOE Island.

VPB-109 and the SUGAR DOGS

The large number of small wooden freighters sunk by 109 planes from the Philippines earned the dubious title "Sugar Dog Squadron".



Larger ships were rare near BORNEO.



Lt. CHAY found these in MAKASSAR Harbor.



Occasional freighter transports were sighted.



Lt. TURNER sank three small freighters on 29 April off Cape SELAKAU and Cape BILA HARBOR.



BAICAN Island and Harbor.



Enemy Station at BAICAN Harbor.



PAULI OBI Island off MALAY.

Lt. HEWITT investigates the islands between BORNEO and MALAY



Airstrip hit by Lt. Cmdr. BUNDY, Lt. JADIN and Lt. KENNEDY.

KUDAT

Airstrip and Harbor takes a final pounding from planes of VPB-109.



Lt. KENNEDY continued on and sank both off MARUDU on 2 May.



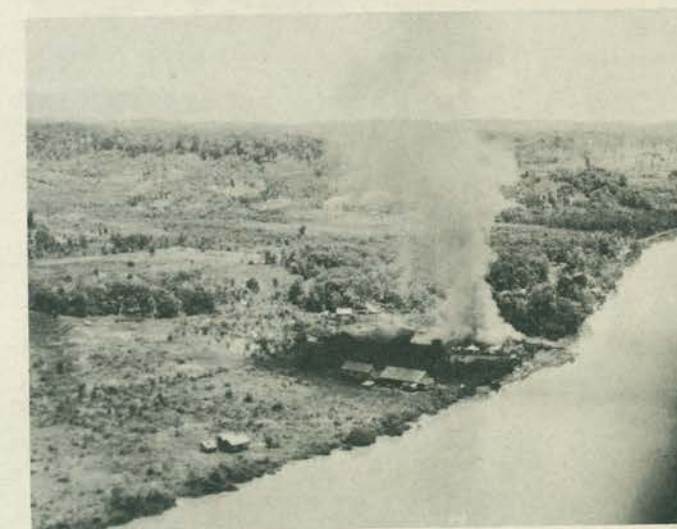
USANG Point, BORNEO



INLAND BORNEO Invaded by Lt. (jg) MOYER on 3 May



REDEB in inland BORNEO.



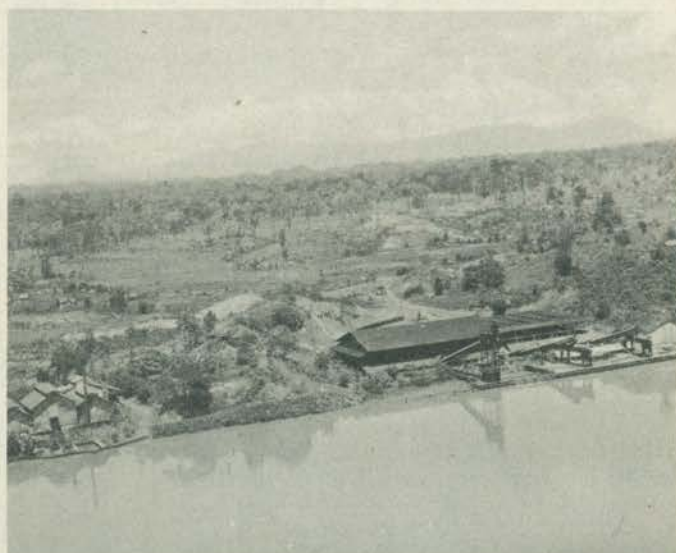
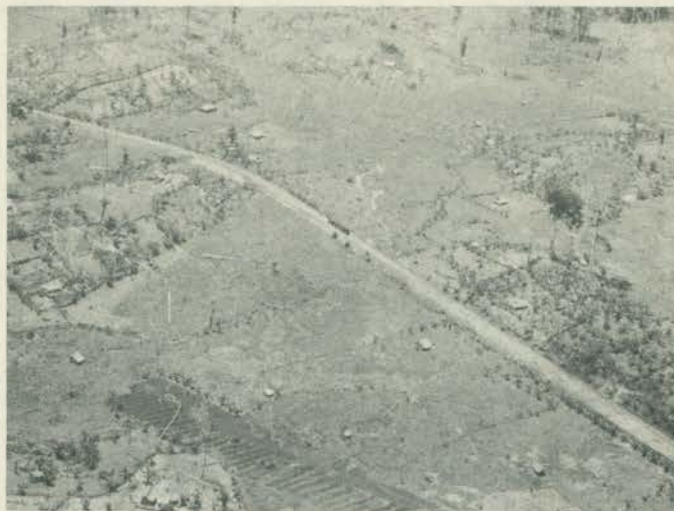
Sawmill fired at REDEB.



Sawmill ablaze near REDEB.

BRADDOCK sank three freighter luggers in the KAPACAS River (BORNEO), a picket boat and a large fuel barge at the mouth of the river and a medium oiler on the high seas.

KUDAT Field was hit by Lieutenant Commander BUNDY, Lieutenant JADIN and Lieutenant KENNEDY on 2 May, and by Lieutenant (jg) MOYER on 3 May. Lieutenant Commander BUNDY carried on and destroyed buildings on SEMPADI Island, and Lieutenant KENNEDY seriously damaged a small freighter in MARUDU Bay. Lieutenant (jg) MOYER destroyed a pier in KUDAT Bay, sank a river steamer on the MAHAKAN River, destroyed a sawmill at TANAHOROGOT, and then bombed and strafed a railroad train, destroying the locomotive and



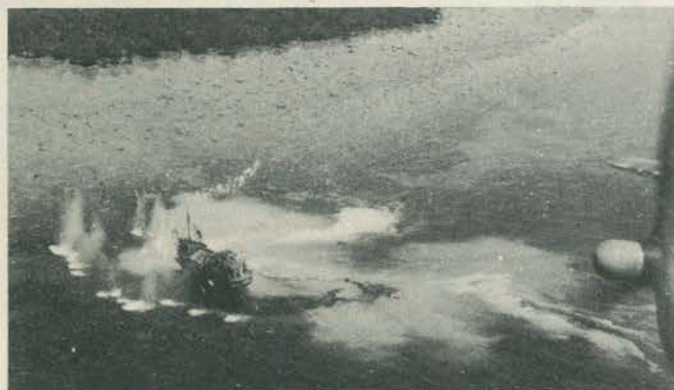
Railroad train and sawmill before Lt. (jg) MOYER's attack.



Small freighters were common off KOREA — Sunk by Lt. TURNER and Lt. (jg) BRADDOCK.



Lt. WILKINSON strafing the air field at SOEBI-KETCHIL.



Lt. CHAY strafed and bombed a flak ship on 23 April.

three cars and exploding three oil-tank cars. On 2 May, also, Lieutenant (jg) SERBIN shot down the squadron's first planes, a DINAH and a JAKE, within five minutes of each other off the MALAY coast. Lieutenant JOBE bombed a cargo vessel off INDO-CHINA.

The following day Lieutenant WILKINSON attacked two airstrips in the NATOENA group, destroyed light-house buildings on South NATOENA, and damaged three small freighters, a river steamer and a cargo vessel at Cape BILA. Lieutenant CHAY sank a small freighter and seriously damaged a second at MAKASSAR.

Lieutenant VADNAIS, ferreting beyond his search sector, found a series of shipyards and newly completed small freighters at PONTIANAK, BORNEO, on 3 May, and, in an outstanding performance, destroyed eight small freighters and six cargo launches, destroyed one complete shipyard and over two-thirds of another with twelve ways full, and seriously damaged a large schooner and ten small freighters. Lieutenant DAVIS went back the next day to destroy seven small freighters, a sawmill and a shipyard, and Lieutenant JOBE ended the strikes on 5 May by destroying ten small freighters, a cargo vessel and five-sixths of a large shipyard, damaging a small freighter and destroying a DINAH on the ground at a nearby un-named airstrip. Lieutenant DAVIS's plane was hit by AA, wounding Ensign McKINLEY, and Lieutenant HEWITT brought a damaged plane back the same day after sinking a large oiler on the high seas.

Lieutenant Commander BUNDY started for PONTIANAK on 5 May, delaying to strike at JESSELTON en-route. Over PAPAR his plane was hit by AA and he was critically wounded. Lieutenant TURNER the same day, preparing to strike shipping in PAREPARE Bay, was also hit by accurate AA which killed his plane captain, Joe W. KASPERLIK.

On 6 May, the squadron was relieved at PALAWAN by VPB-106 and ordered to OKINAWA. The days in the PHILIPPINES had proven a rugged shakedown, with small shipping and radar stations improving the squadron's low-level bombing.

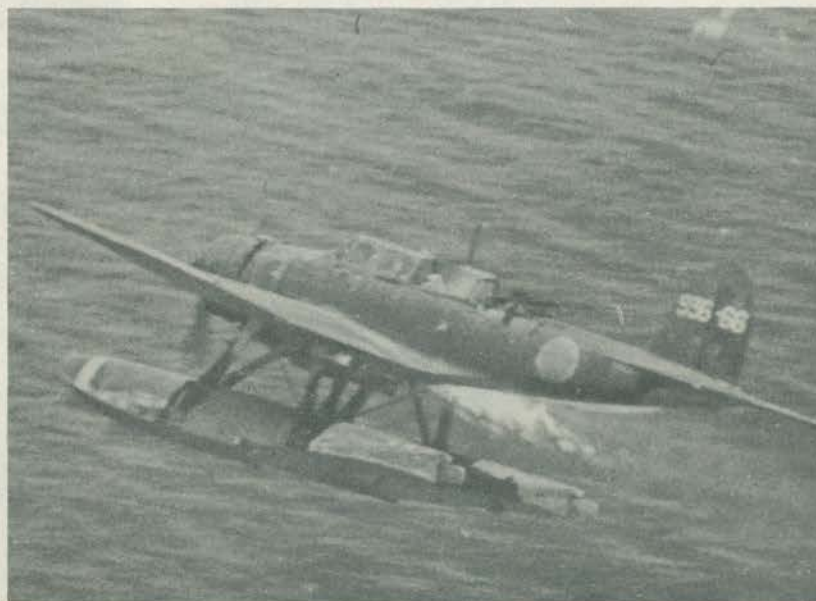
At OKINAWA patrols were short but full, ferreting the south and east coast of KOREA, the west coast of KYUSHU, SHIMONO, and KAMINO SHIMA, GOTO RETTO, and SAISHU TO. Life on the ground was demanding, with enemy aerial attacks a nightly event and foxhole life routine.

Lieutenant CHAY on 12 May severely damaged a large freighter near SHIMONO SHIMA, encountering two un-aggressive RUFES. The next day Lieutenant Commander HICKS severely damaged two large freighters, a medium and a small freighter transport. Lieutenant WILKINSON damaged a large freighter transport by strafing on 15 May, and Lieutenant Commander HICKS, after Lieutenant CHAY's strafing, sank a small freighter with a single bull's-eye bomb for the squadron's first score from OKINAWA.

Lieutenant FAIRBANKS and Lieutenant WARREN on

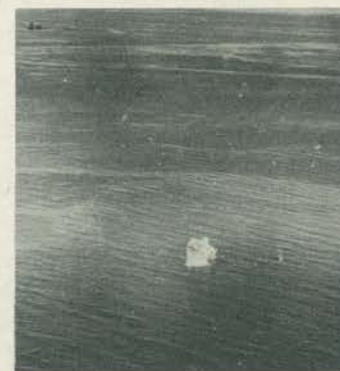


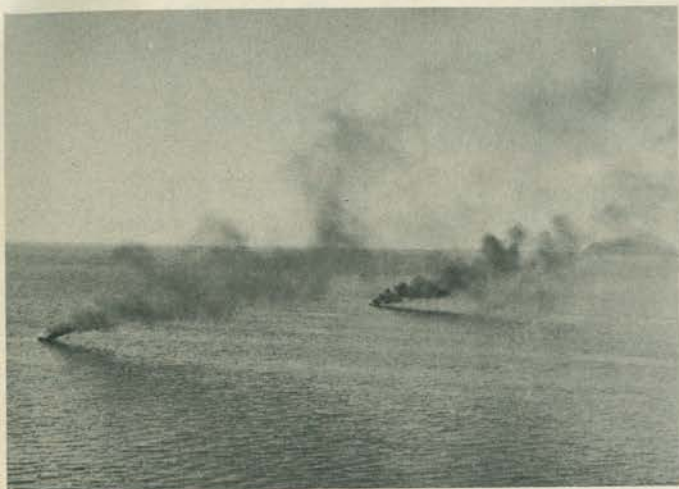
Lt. HEWITT and Lt. (jg) SERBIN destroyed this freighter transport south of KOREA.



JAKE and DINAH

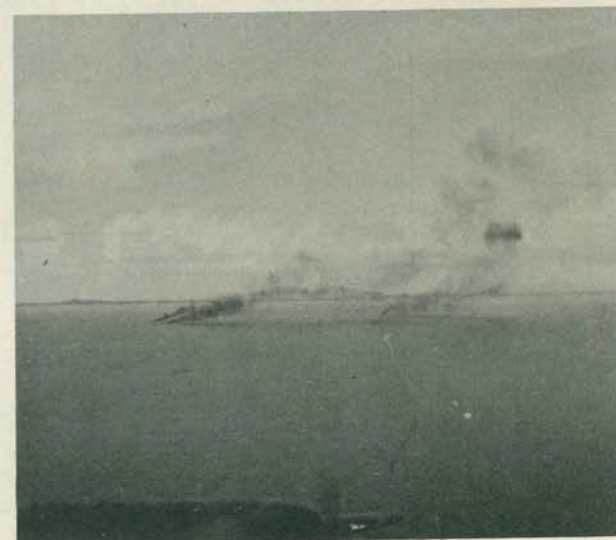
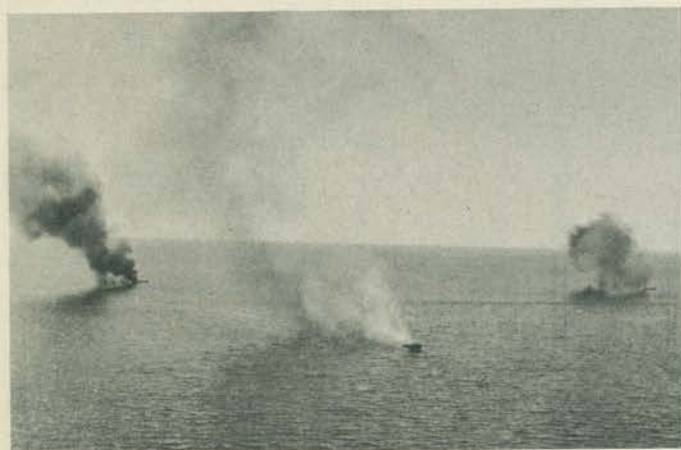
Shot down within five minutes of each other by
Lt. (jg) SERBIN off the coast of MALAY.





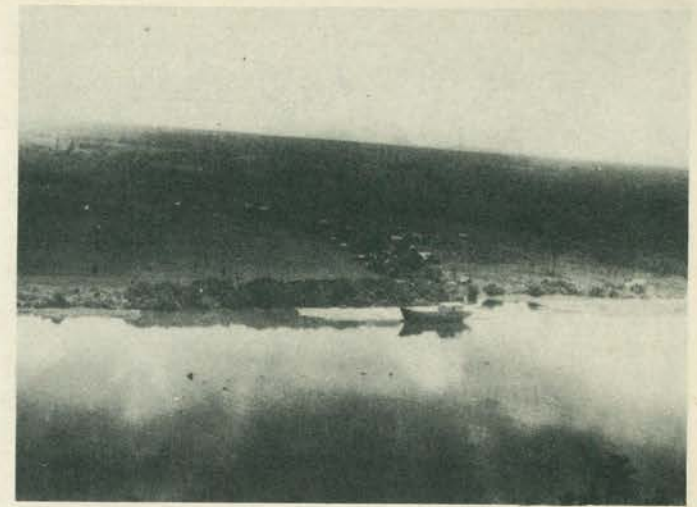
Lt. JOBE'S DAY OVER BORNEO

Lt. JOBE on 5 May sank four small freighters on the high seas and probably sank two more (left and right). DINAH (above) was destroyed on an unnamed BORNEO airstrip. Lugger (below) was sunk off southwest BORNEO. Finishing the day, six more small freighters were sunk and a ship yard destroyed at PONTIANAK by crew No. 8.

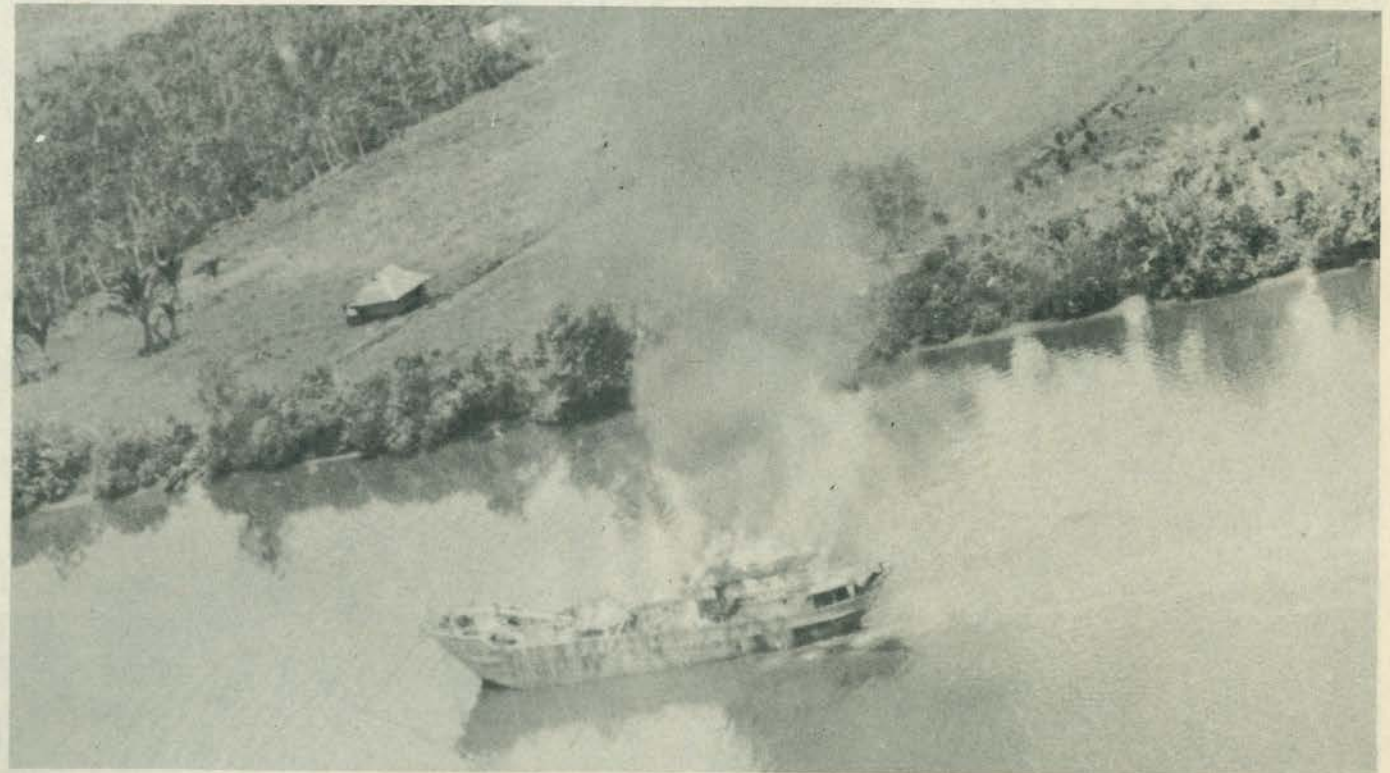
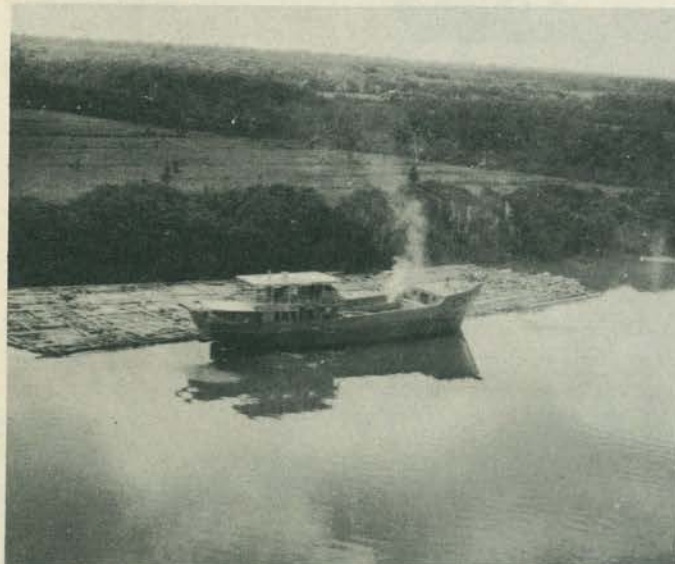




Camouflaged small freighter near PONTIANAK, photographed by Lt. DAVIS. The enemy depended on these emergency wooden ships for nearly all movement south of the Philippines.



Three of the more than sixty small wooden freighters destroyed in three days near PONTIANAK, BORNEO by Lt. VADNAIS, Lt. DAVIS, and Lt. JOBE.

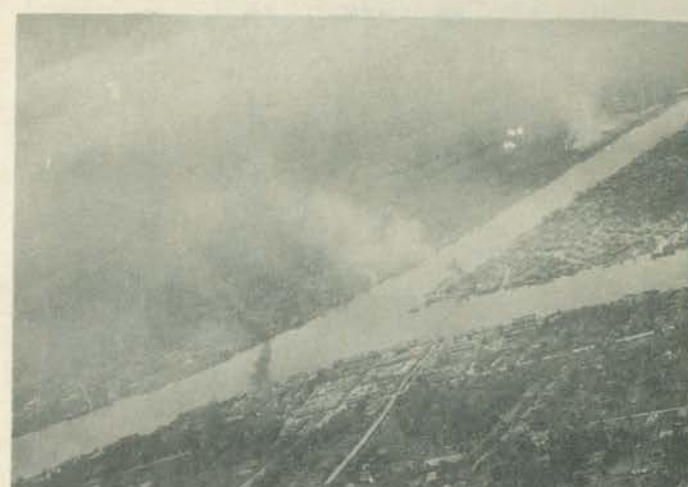
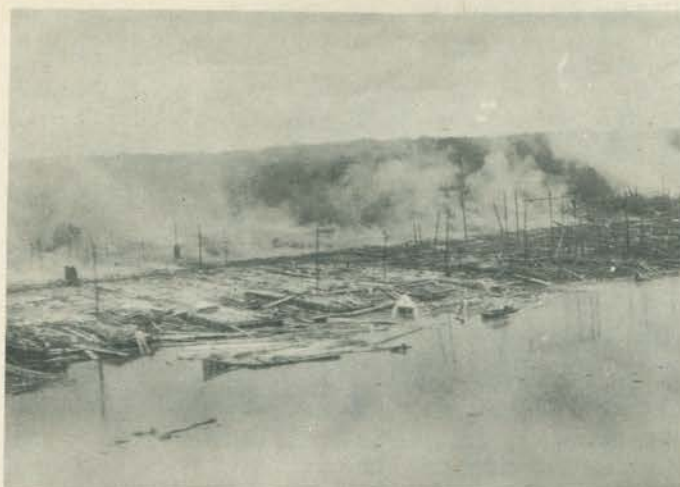




CARNAGE at PONTIANAK

PONTIANAK shipyards and shipping burn under VPB-109 attacks. Lt. VADNAIS discovered the nest on 3 May and destroyed over thirty ships in an astonishing afternoon's record of destruction.





Lt. DAVIS on 4 May spotted smoke from Lt. VADNAIS's fires eighty miles away, and destroyed a sawmill, seven small freighters, and a shipyard with a dozen freighters building before his copilot navigator, Ens. McKINLEY, was wounded.

PONTIANAK BURNS



Lt. JOBE ended the strike on 5 May and brought back these views of shipyard devastation. All ways were originally full of the fast burning freighters. Lt. JOBE destroyed eleven freighters and a dozen more in a shipyard.





Lt. KEELING and Lt. KENNEDY's guns and bombs destroyed this freighter transport on 20 May.

17 May damaged a large oceangoing tug and shot down two JACKs of twelve intercepting enemy fighters in a thirty-minute running battle. Lieutenant HEWITT and Lieutenant (jg) SERBIN on 18 May sank a medium freighter transport off southern CHOSEN, while Lieutenant TURNER damaged three small freighters and Lieutenant (jg) BRADDOCK sank a small freighter and damaged a medium stack-aft freighter. Lieutenant TURNER and Lieutenant (jg) BRADDOCK damaged an intercepting ZEKE. Lieutenant JOBE on 19 May in foul weather sank a medium stack-aft and a small freighter.

On 20 May, Lieutenant KEELING and Lieutenant KENNEDY sank a medium freighter transport and two coastal freighters and damaged a cargo vessel by bombing and strafing. They were intercepted by three unaggressive ZEKEs. Lieutenant Commander HICKS led eight Army P-47s up south of SAISHU TO in an effort to decoy and intercept enemy fighters from KYUSHU. When the enemy failed to oblige, Lieutenant Commander HICKS sank a picket boat west of GOTO RETTO and the P-47s destroyed installations at TOMIE Field.

Lieutenant WARREN and Lieutenant TURNER sank a small freighter on 22 May, as did Lieutenant VADNAIS and Lieutenant WILKINSON on 23 May. The same day Lieutenant FAIRBANKS damaged two freighter trawlers, and, with Lieutenant (jg) BRADDOCK, sank a small freighter. Lieutenant (jg) BRADDOCK sank a second small freighter nearby. Lieutenant JOBE sank three small freighters and a 600-ton stack-aft freighter on 24 May, and Lieutenant CHAY and Lieutenant HEWITT shot down a RUFÉ and a TONY and damaged a ZEKE of six enemy interceptors.

One of five night enemy aerial attacks on 14 May damaged one squadron plane, and accurate bombing by the enemy on the night of 18 May destroyed one squadron plane and badly damaged four. The night of 24 May was full of enemy activity directed against YONTAN Field, climaxed by the successful crash-landing of a SALLY with a load of saboteurs on the airstrip, the crash of two other SALLYs just short of their mark, and the shooting down of five others which were strafing at low level and similarly intending to crash-land. One squadron plane was destroyed by enemy bombing and another by the grenades of the saboteurs. One of the SALLYs shot down crashed just short of the tents of squadron enlisted personnel, and two men, CLEMONS and McKEEBY, were injured seeking deeper foxhole protection. A plane guard on the field, OATES, was seriously wounded when caught in the gunfire of the saboteurs and the defending Marines. However, Lieutenant KEELING and Lieutenant CHALLIS managed to take off the next morning and sink a medium freighter transport off southern CHOSEN.

The squadron's score rose sharply on 27 May. Lieutenant JADIN and Lieutenant (jg) MOYER seriously damaged a 2300-ton stack-aft freighter off southern CHOSEN and

seriously damaged a radar and radio station on GAJA SHIMA. Lieutenant Commander HICKS and Lieutenant KENNEDY, ferreting the small islands off southern CHOSEN, had good hunting. Lieutenant Commander HICKS sank a large auxiliary-powered schooner and three small freighters, and seriously damaged two small freighters and a 2300-ton stack-aft freighter. Lieutenant KENNEDY sank two small freighters and a 2300-ton stack-aft freighter, and damaged two small freighters. Lieutenant KENNEDY further sank a destroyer on the high seas, blowing the entire bow off with a direct hit.

On 29 May, Lieutenant VADNAIS and Lieutenant (jg) VIDAL sank a medium stack-aft freighter off eastern KOREA. Lieutenant TURNER and Lieutenant WARREN, covering the YANGTZE River mouth, confirmed reports of abundant and large shipping present, and, the following day, Lieutenant DAVIS, Lieutenant JOBE, Lieutenant KENNEDY, and Lieutenant (jg) SERBIN volunteered for a strike. Their combined efforts resulted in the destruction of a 600-ton tanker and a heavily-armed picket boat, serious damage to a 4500-ton freighter transport, a 2300-ton freighter, an oceangoing tug and two picket boats, damage to a 4000-ton freighter, two lightships, a 600-ton tanker, seven picket boats, and two seven thousand ton attack transports. AA from the attack transports was exceedingly accurate. Lieutenant DAVIS was hit while strafing at low level and his plane severely damaged. Ensign SZEWCYZK and his radioman, TOELLEN, were wounded, the latter severely. Lieutenant JOBE was hit as he came in



Lt. WILKINSON visited MARUDU Bay on 3 May — three small freighters destroyed.



Two more small freighters were caught in the islands off southern KOREA on 23 May and destroyed by Lt. FAIRBANKS and Lt. (jg) BRADDOCK.



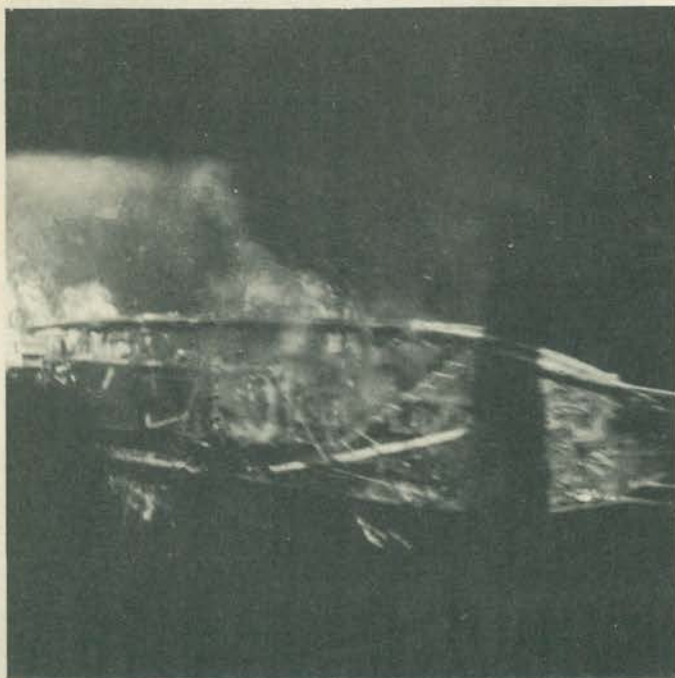
Lt. KEELING and Lt. KENNEDY sank two coastals and a freighter transport off southern KOREA on 20 May.



Lt. WARREN and Lt. TURNER claimed two small freighters destroyed south of KOREA on 22 May.



Medium freighter destroyed south of KOREA by Lt. JOBE's bombs and guns.



Lt. VADNAIS and Lt. WILKINSON sank a small freighter on 23 May in two attacks.

at low level and his plane severely damaged. Lieutenant KENNEDY, following, was grievously hit. A shell exploding in the cockpit killed Lieutenant KENNEDY and slightly wounded Ensign WASSMER. GOODSON was slightly wounded in landing at base.

On the last day of the month, the squadron was relieved at OKINAWA by VPB-123 and ordered to TINIAN for rest and repair. Although ready to return ten days later, the squadron was held at TINIAN, flying "whitecap specials" with an occasional armed recco of TRUK. The month of June passed with no enemy contacts, but the squadron had an opportunity to settle down and get squared away for the first time since leaving KANEOHE.

On 3 July, Lieutenant (jg) BRADDOCK and Lieutenant (jg) VIDAL, practising low-level bombing and two-plane tactics before going on patrol, struck PAGAN Island. Although no enemy activity was observed, Lieutenant (jg) BRADDOCK's plane was hit by AA and his bow gunner, MAYO, seriously wounded.

Beginning on 1 July, the squadron moved to IWO JIMA for operations, flying largely fleet barrier patrols for the Third Fleet, but also making special weather flights, performing Air-Sea Rescue functions and providing super-Dumbo cover for P-51 and B-29 strikes against the Empire, flying anti-submarine patrol around IWO JIMA, and carrying out routine search and reconnaissance flights off the coast of HONSHU. The schedule of operations was intense, and only vigorous hours of flying made the days at IWO bearable, for living conditions, rough even in the forward areas, were unbelievably poor. IWO's heat and dust, coupled with the lack of water for either drinking or bathing, were the primary irritants, and personnel looked to the ultimate return to OKINAWA with considerable anticipation. Contacts with the enemy during the month were but two. Lieutenant (jg) MOYER and Lieutenant (jg) VIDAL were attacked by two unaggressive OSCARs off the HONSHU coast, but damaged one of the interceptors.

Lieutenant CHAY and Lieutenant (jg) BRADDOCK had an exceedingly busy day on 26 July. Having located



End of another small freighter off KOREA after attacks by Lt. VADNAIS and Lt. WILKINSON.

the survival boat of a missing B-17 Dumbo plane in the morning, they ferreted the coast of HONSHU unsuccessfully in the afternoon, finally striking the town of SHINGU, and destroying three and damaging two trawlers at anchor in the harbor, destroying buildings and a pier and silencing gun positions. Lieutenant CHAY destroyed a railroad tunnel between SHINGU and UDONO by bombing. On the



Lt. VADNAIS and Lt. (jg) VIDAL caught and destroyed this medium freighter east of KOREA on 29 May.

return to base, Lieutenant CHAY sighted an occupied one-man life-raft, and the two Privateers by ingenuity and persistence succeeded in homing in a submarine and effecting the rescue of the pilot, a British aviator downed 3½ days.

On 27 July, the squadron returned to OKINAWA on orders of Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Living conditions at OKINAWA had improved remarkably, and operations against the enemy began at once. On 30 July, Lieutenant JOBE and Lieutenant TURNER sank a medium stack-aft freighter, a smaller freighter, four small freighters, a trawler and a large schooner southeast of KOREA.

The following day Lieutenant Commander HICKS led a daring and highly successful strike against railroad facilities and transportation in northern KOREA. Lieutenant Commander HICKS's bombs destroyed a span in the vital bridge over the SEISAN KO River near SHINANSU, and he and Lieutenant HEWITT, seeking targets of opportunity, subsequently destroyed a second railroad bridge, partially destroyed a railroad train, and seriously damaged heavy construction equipment on SHINANSU airstrip, a coal mine and cannery on spur strips, a railroad switching yard, and destroyed four trawlers and a large schooner and seriously damaged three trawlers at the mouth of the GAI-SAN HO River.

On 5 August, Lieutenant KEELING and Lieutenant (jg) VIDAL attacked a medium stack-aft tanker east of KOREA. Preliminary strafing failed to silence all of the ship's AA, and Lieutenant KEELING's plane was hit during his low-level bombing run, and crashed two miles beyond. Lieutenant (jg) VIDAL circled the area for forty minutes without sighting survivors among the debris, and Lieutenant KEELING and his entire crew were sadly listed as missing in action.

The following day Lieutenant Commander HICKS and Lieutenant JOBE sank an oceangoing tug, a small freighter and a larger stack-aft freighter in TSUSHIMA Straits, and, in the same area on 7 August, Lieutenant WILKINSON and Lieutenant (jg) BRADDOCK sank a large power schooner, a small freighter and a larger stack-aft freighter.

On 10 August, Lieutenant CHAY and Lieutenant (jg) MOYER sank five small freighters in TSUSHIMA Straits for the squadron's last combat score.

The evening of 10 August brought the unauthenticated statement of impending Japanese surrender, initiating a spontaneous and spectacular celebration, and, on 15 August, came the order from Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, to cease attacks and carry armament for defensive purposes only. Search planes continued to report all movements of enemy shipping and to maintain regular patrols, while personnel impatiently awaited the formal surrender and declaration of V-J Day.

On 16 August, in an awards ceremony at YONTAN Field, Rear Admiral John D. PRICE, USN, presented awards to squadron personnel and officially presented the

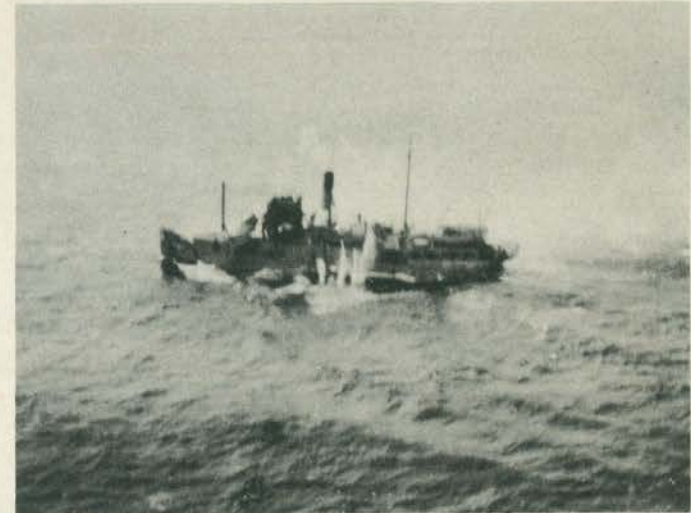


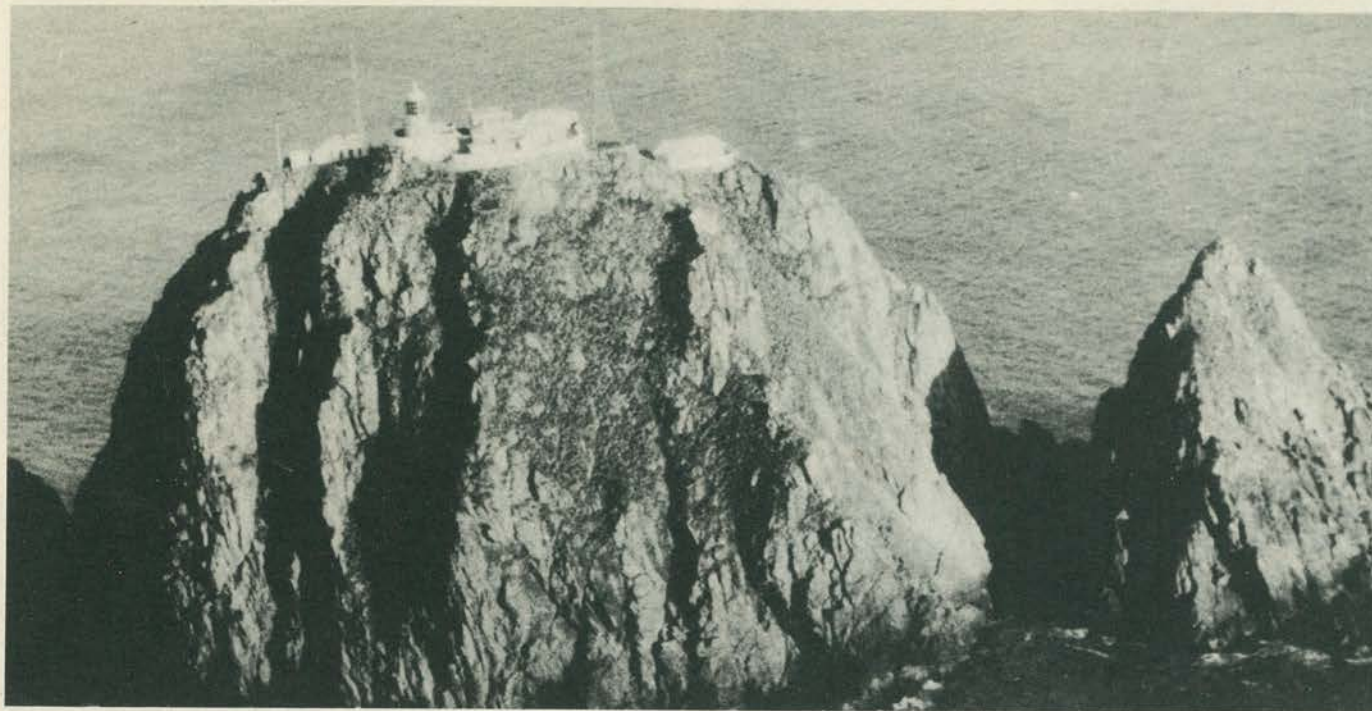
Medium freighter transport sunk by Lt. KEELING and Lt. CHALLIS in a short action off southern KOREA on 25 May.



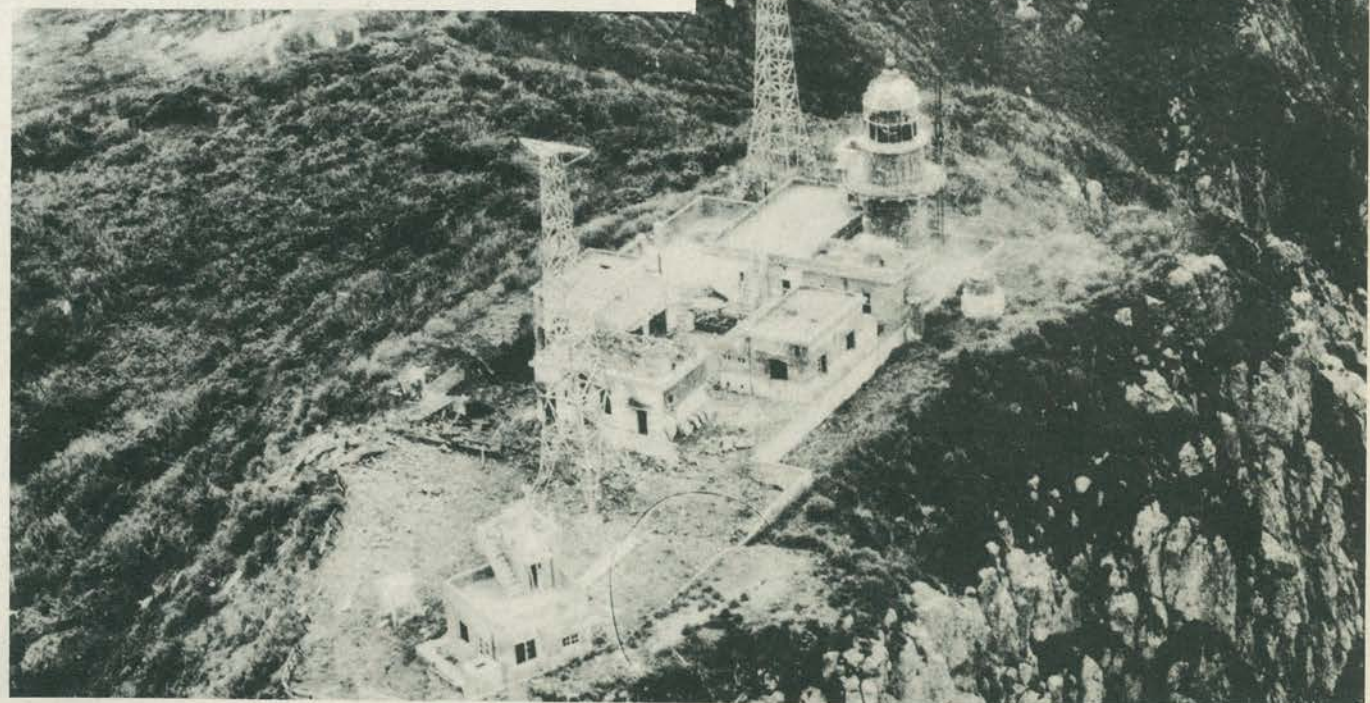
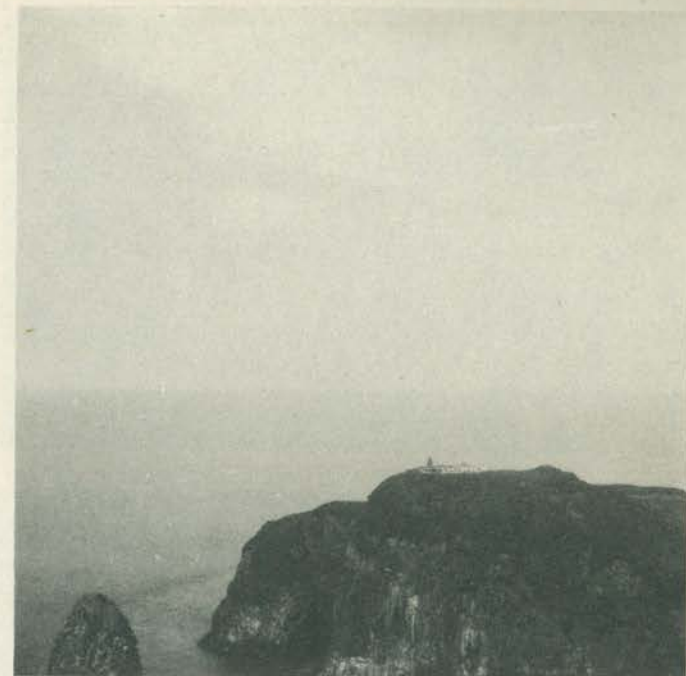
MASTHEAD HEIGHT DESTRUCTION

Lt. KEELING and Lt. CHALLIS blew the bow off this three thousand-ton transport in well placed bomb drops and their gunners completed the destruction.

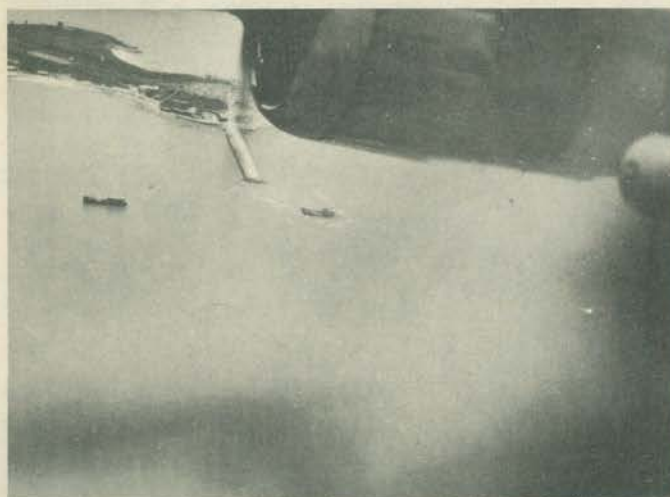




Radio-radar station attacked by Lt. (jg) MOYER.



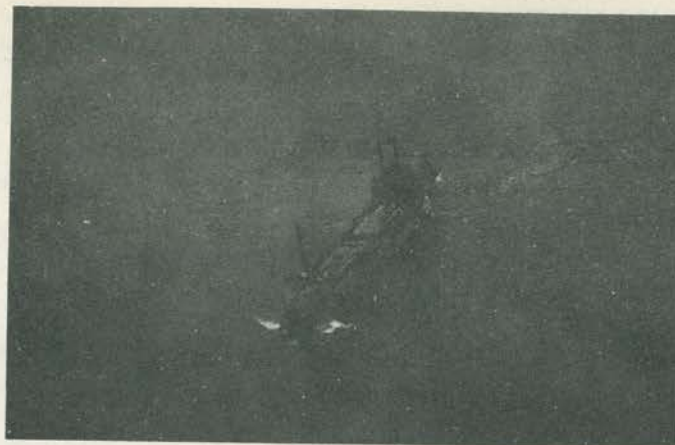
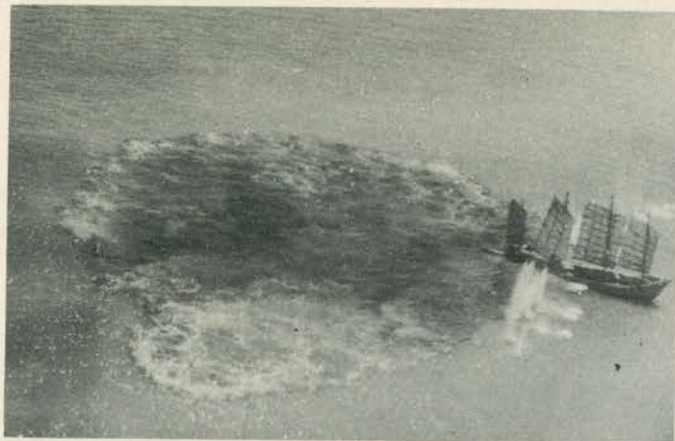
Radio-radar and weather stations were targets throughout the cruise, although more were destroyed from PALAWAN.



SHIPPING OFF KOREA

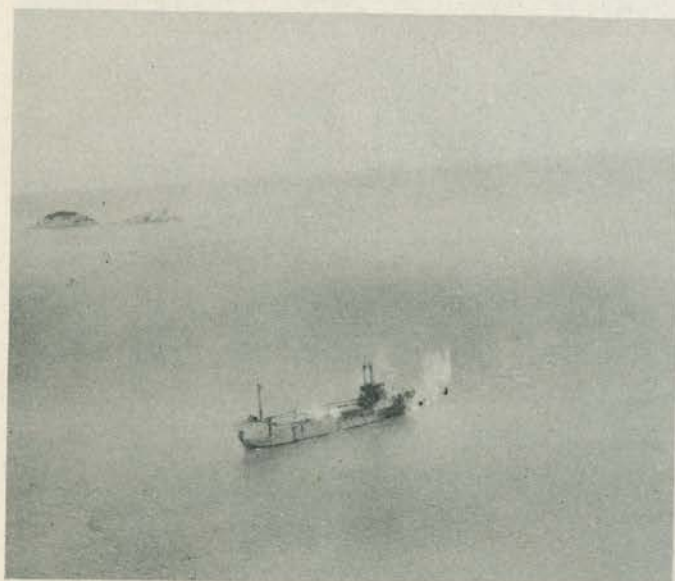
Lt. Cmdr. HICKS and Lt. KENNEDY
teamed up on 27 May to sink a medi-
um and seven small freighters, a four
masted schooner and a destroyer.





STACK-AFT FREIGHTER

Direct hit by Lt. KENNEDY
blew off the stern (above,
right and below). Four-
masted schooner at left.





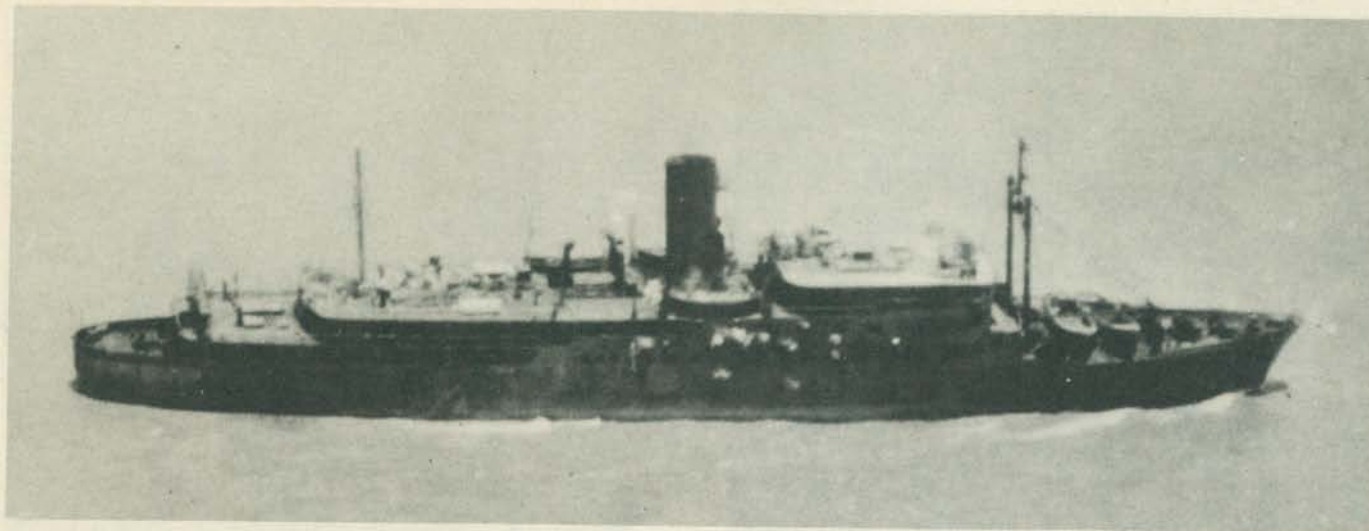
PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION to the squadron for its tour of duty in the Central Pacific from 31 December 1943 to 14 August 1944, a fitting presentation to mark the end of hostilities by one with whom the squadron had been long and intimately associated.

With the signing of the surrender came the end of patrols and the removal of the squadron to YONABARU Field. On 8 September Rear Admiral John PERRY, U.S.N., held an awards ceremony at YONABARU and ordered the squadron to leave OKINAWA on 10 September and return to GUAM. Homeward progress was delayed ten days at AGANA Field, GUAM, pending a Navy Department decision on the squadron's future, a delay lightened by five leisured days at the Flight Personnel Rehabilitation Camp. Trans-Pac preparations held up the squadron briefly at KANEOHE, but 1 October found 109's first plane safely returned to the UNITED STATES.

All planes reached Naval Air Station ALAMEDA before the middle of the month, and personnel were rapidly processed, detached, and sent on leave or to separation centers. On 19 October 1945 Patrol Bombing Squadron ONE HUNDRED NINE was formally decommissioned and ceased to exist as a unit of the United States Fleet. During



Two ships sunk and eighteen damaged in the rivermouth by Lt. DAVIS, Lt. JOBE, Lt. KENNEDY and Lt. (jg) SERBIN on 30 May earned them the title "Scourges of the YANGTZE".

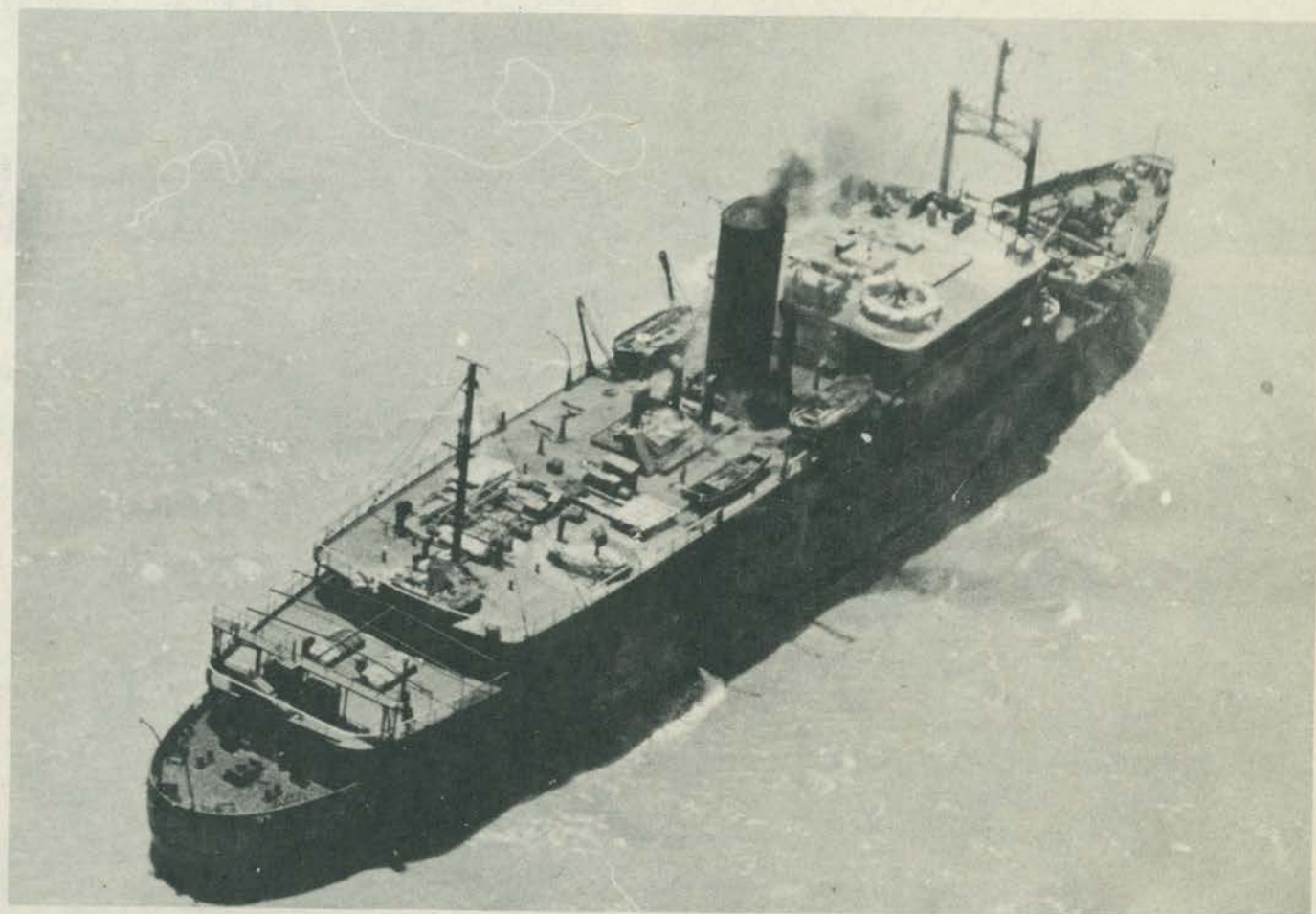
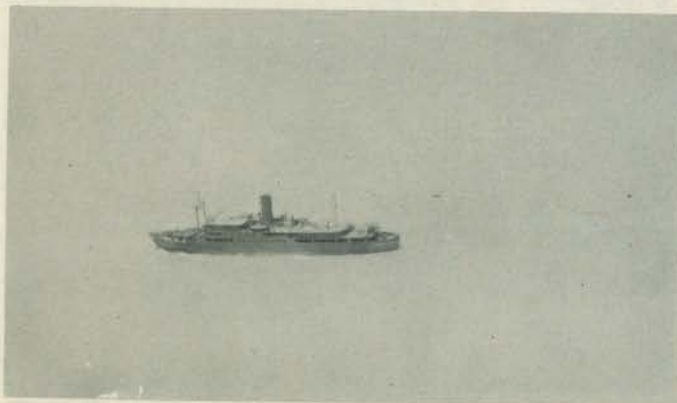


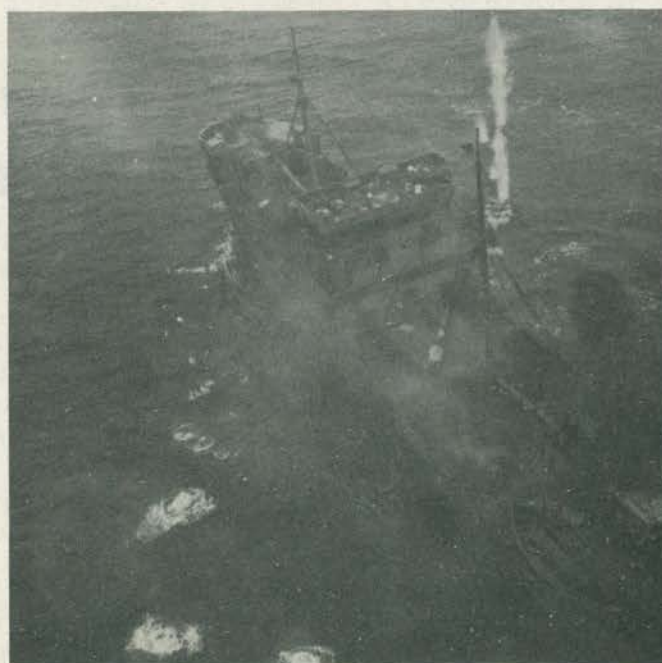
Ens. HOOPER stands by two of the holes in Lt. JOBE's tail after scouring the YANGTZE.

JAP ATTACK TRANSPORTS

Yangtze River — 30 May

Attacked and damaged at low level by Lt. DAVIS, Lt. JOBE and Lt. KENNEDY. Accurate and grievous AA severely damaged all planes. Lt. KENNEDY was killed, and Ens. SZEWCZYK, Ens. WASSMER, TOELLEN and GOODSON wounded.

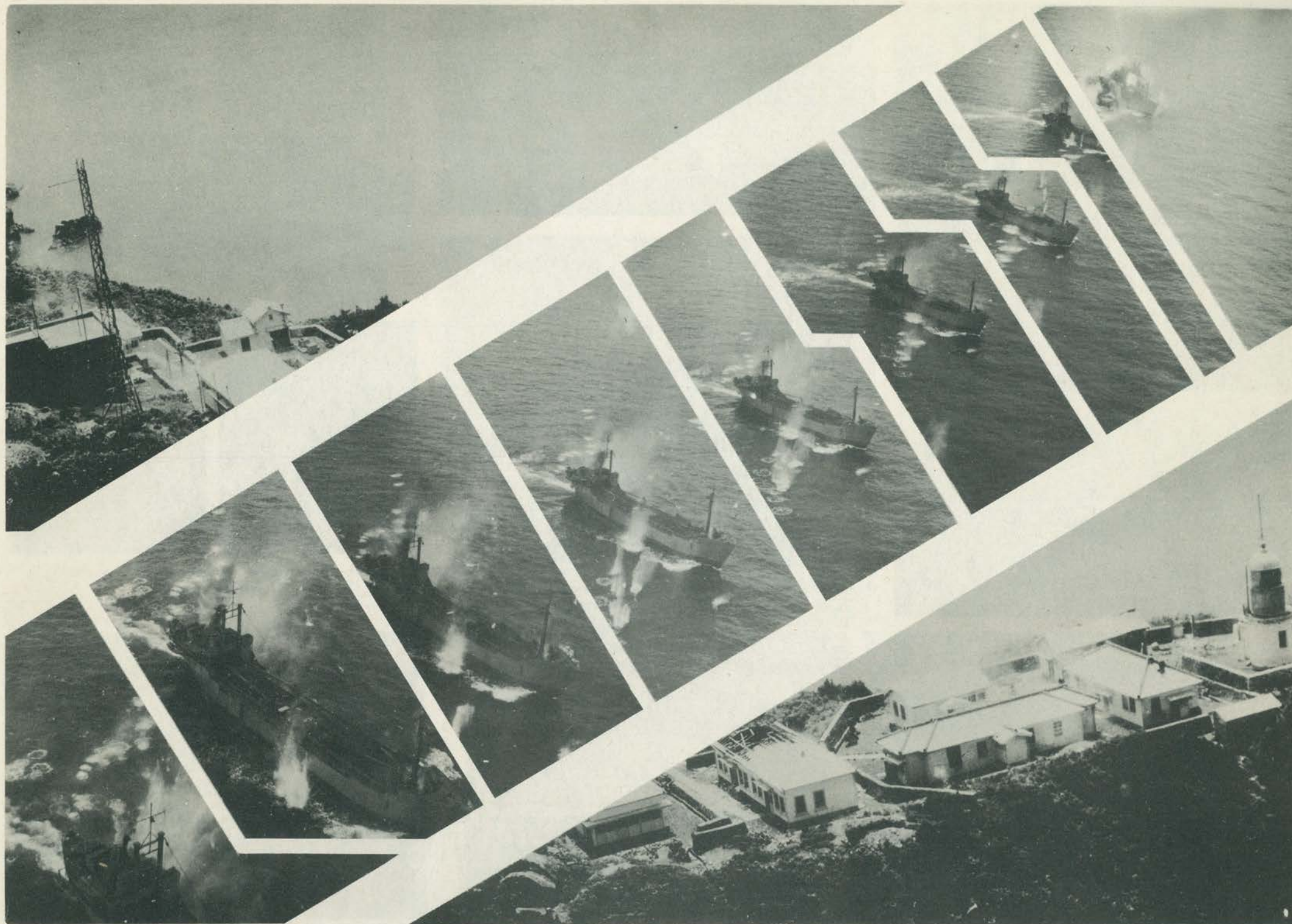




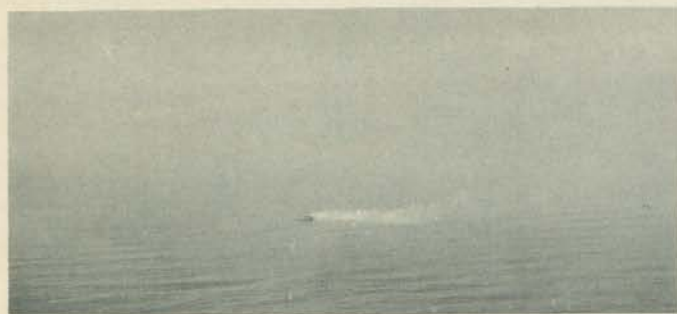
EAST OF KOREA

Small freighter (above) and large stack-aft freighter sunk by Lt. JOBE on 30 July. Sequence taken during bomb drop.



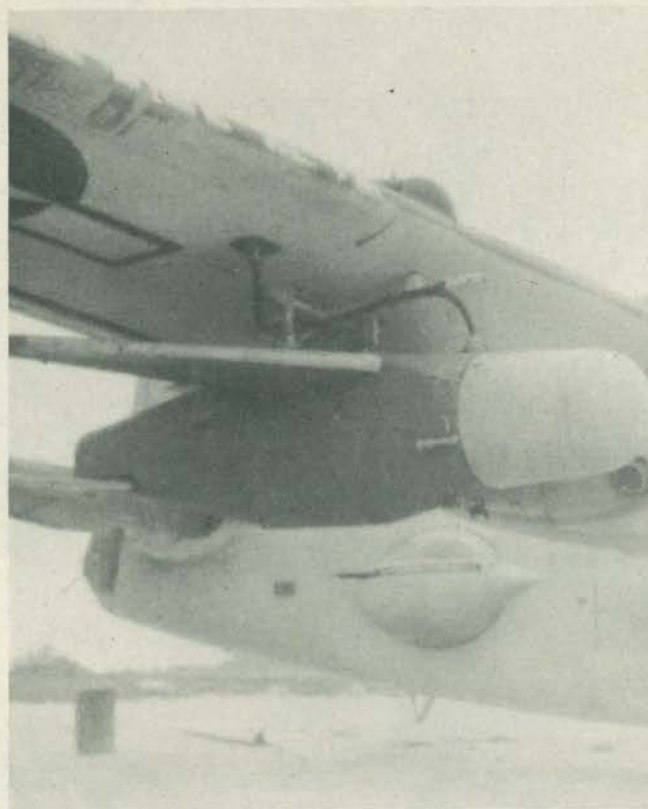


Lt. TURNER's sequence of his destruction of a medium stack-aft freighter on 30 July—perfect bombing. On either side, KYUSHU radio and weather station.



Small freighter and medium stack-aft freighter sunk by Lt. Cmdr. HICKS and Lt. JOBE on 6 August.

its war tours, the squadron set an unexcelled and unparalleled combat record, an accomplishment of determination and high loyalty, brightened by gallant moments of heroism and exciting and far-reaching achievement, saddened immeasurably by comrades and friends lost in the struggle, and worked ever with fortitude and never ignobly. From the Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet came a deserved "Well done!"



THE BAT

The Navy's counter to the Japanese BAKA hangs from the wing of a 109 plane. 109 was the first squadron to be equipped with the highly secret radar-controlled glider bomb, the first squadron to use the BAT operationally, and the only squadron to achieve success in its tactical employment. The bomb and its technicians—The "Batmen"—were an integral part of the squadron's activities throughout the tour.



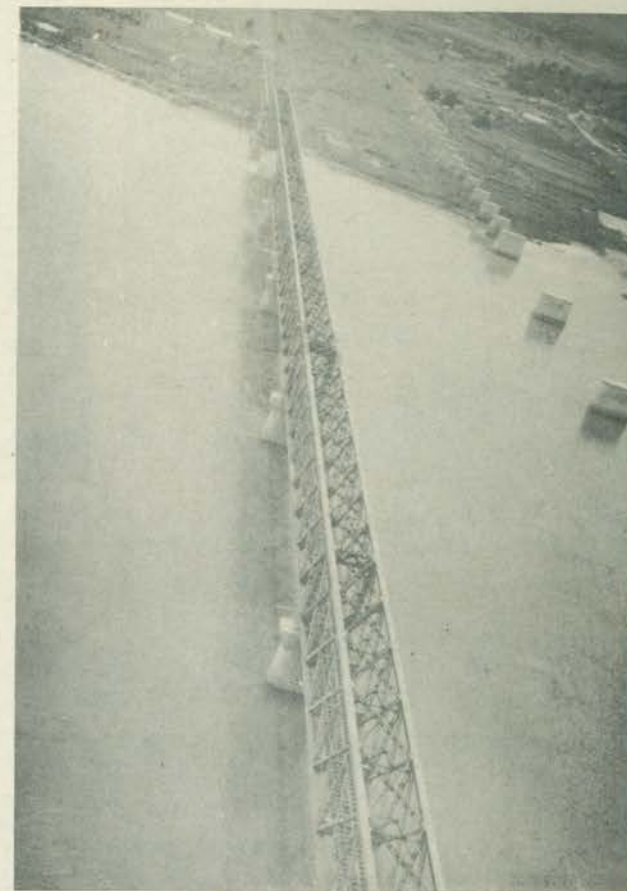
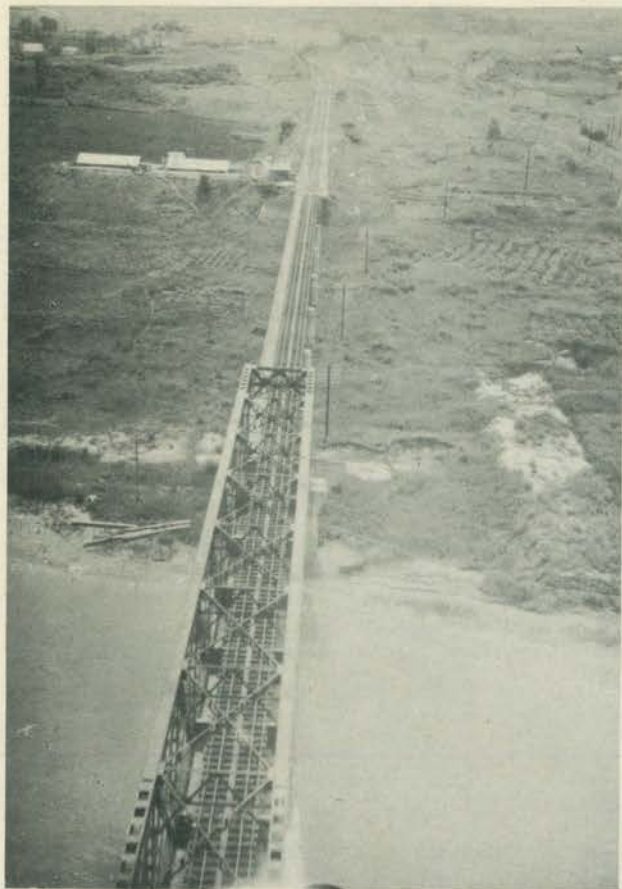
Small freighter caught in Lt. WILKINSON's guns on 7 August.



Lt. JOBE's gunners demolish a small freighter on 6 August.

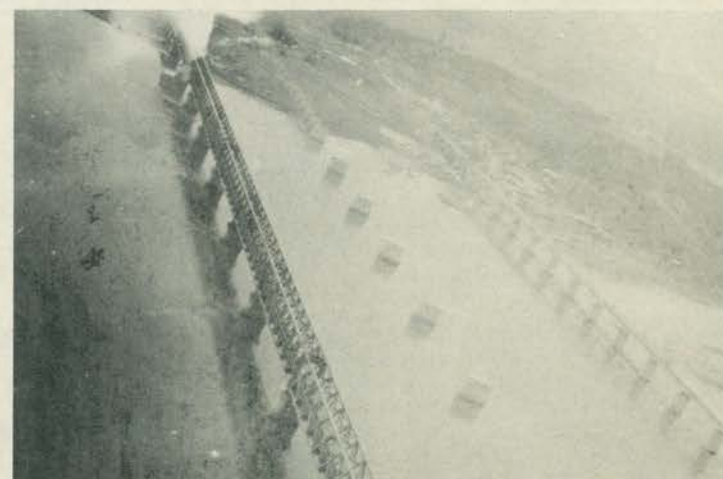
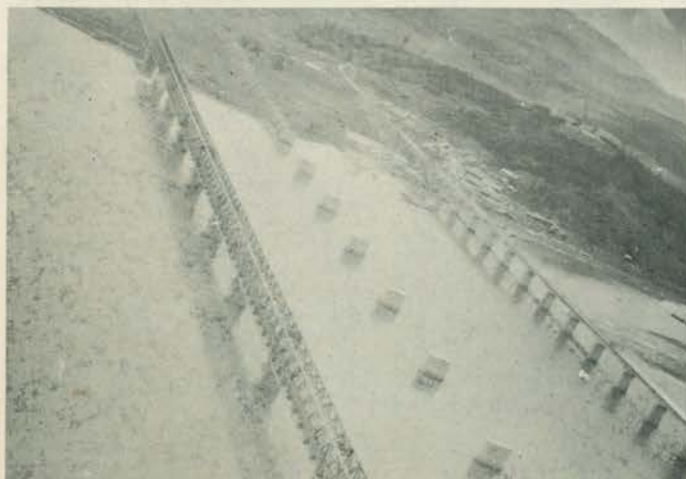


Power schooner disintegrated after Lt. WILKINSON's attack on 7 August.



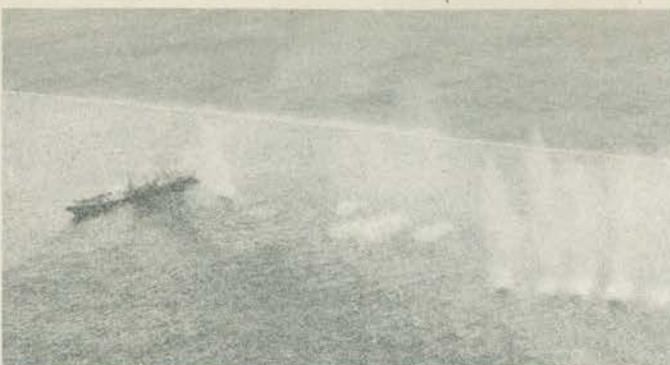
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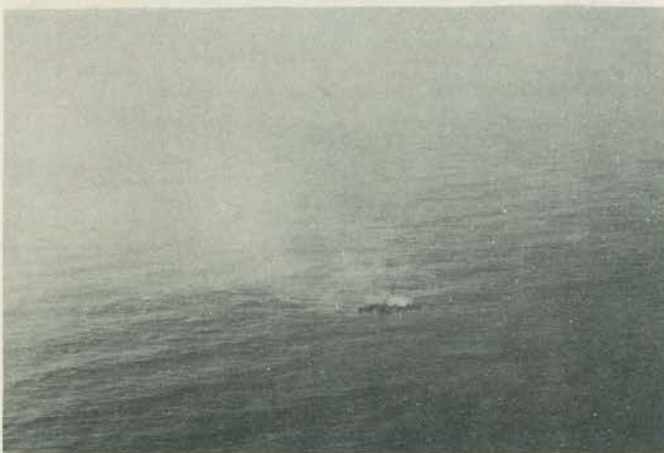
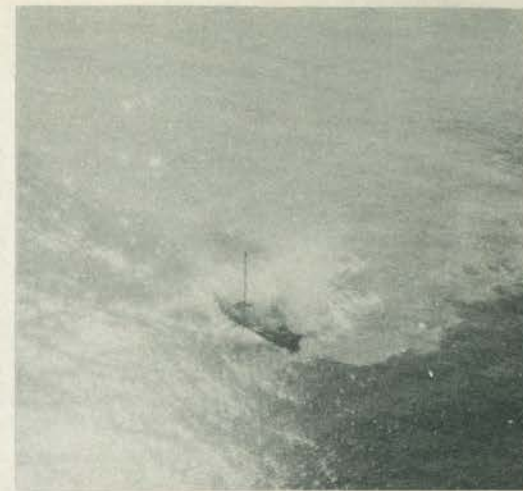
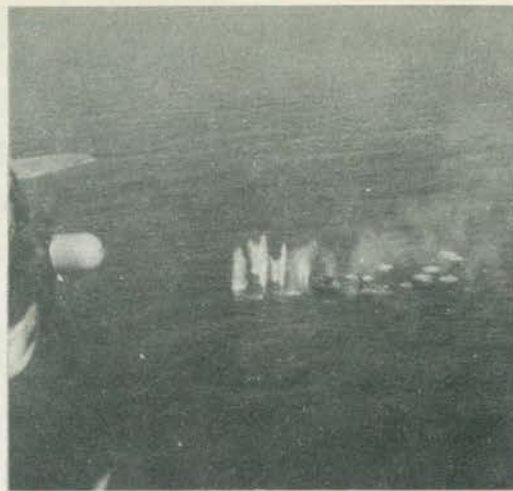
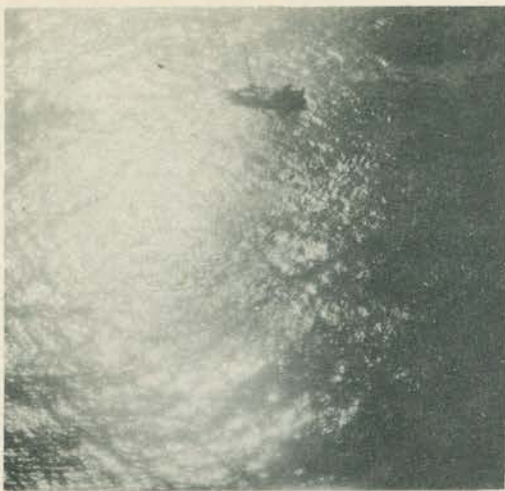
Vital railway span over the SEISAN KO River in northern KOREA destroyed by Lt. Cmdr. HICKS. Lt. HEWITT teamed up to destroy a second bridge and the two planes worked havoc on enemy installations.



LAST of the SUGAR DOGS

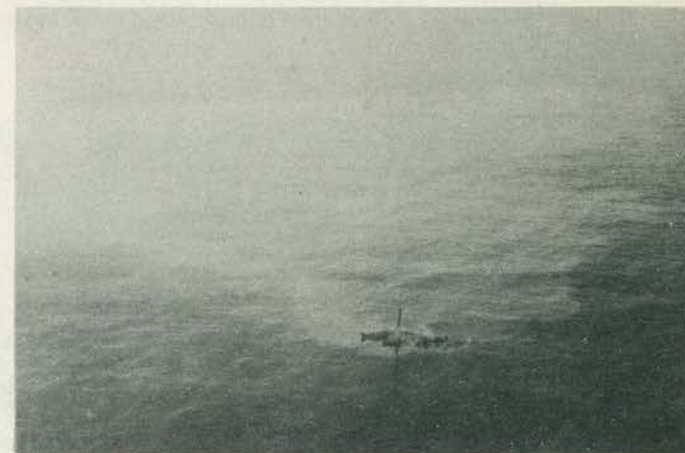
Lt. WILKINSON's picture of the sinking of two small freighters and a two-masted schooner by him and Lt. (jg) BRADDOCK on 7 August.





.50 CALIBRE

Lt. (jg) BRADDOCK's record of the power of his .50 calibre machine guns. Two small freighters sink in his and Lt. WILKINSON's attack on 7 August.





WAIKIKI and DIAMOND HEAD — February and March

ON THE GROUND



Lt. KENNEDY, Lt. KEELING, Ens. BAIER, Lt. (jg) SERBIN, Lt. (jg) VIDAL in town.



ILACQUA in HONOLULU



BALKE and JONES at PEARL HARBOR



Ens. JONES and Ens. ROBIE at the University of HAWAII.



Ens. PRICE shopping



Hawaiian Hula as you like it



Lt. (jg) BRADDOCK, HAMMOCK and WILLIAMS at the beach party. ANDERSON and EDWARDS too.



Lt. JADIN waits



BEACH PARTY at BELLOWS

Above: PICKHARDT, BIGGERS, Ens. FLORIANI, FERGUSON, HARRIS, ENID, F. SMITH, BEYER. Left: RITCHIE swings out for WILLOCKS, BAKKO, F. SMITH, FEINBERG, PERDUE. Right: FERGUSON smiles as SPURGEON wins.



Lt. WILKINSON, Ens. FLORIANI, Ens. DAVIS, Lt. (jg) VAUGHN.



ETTER thumps it

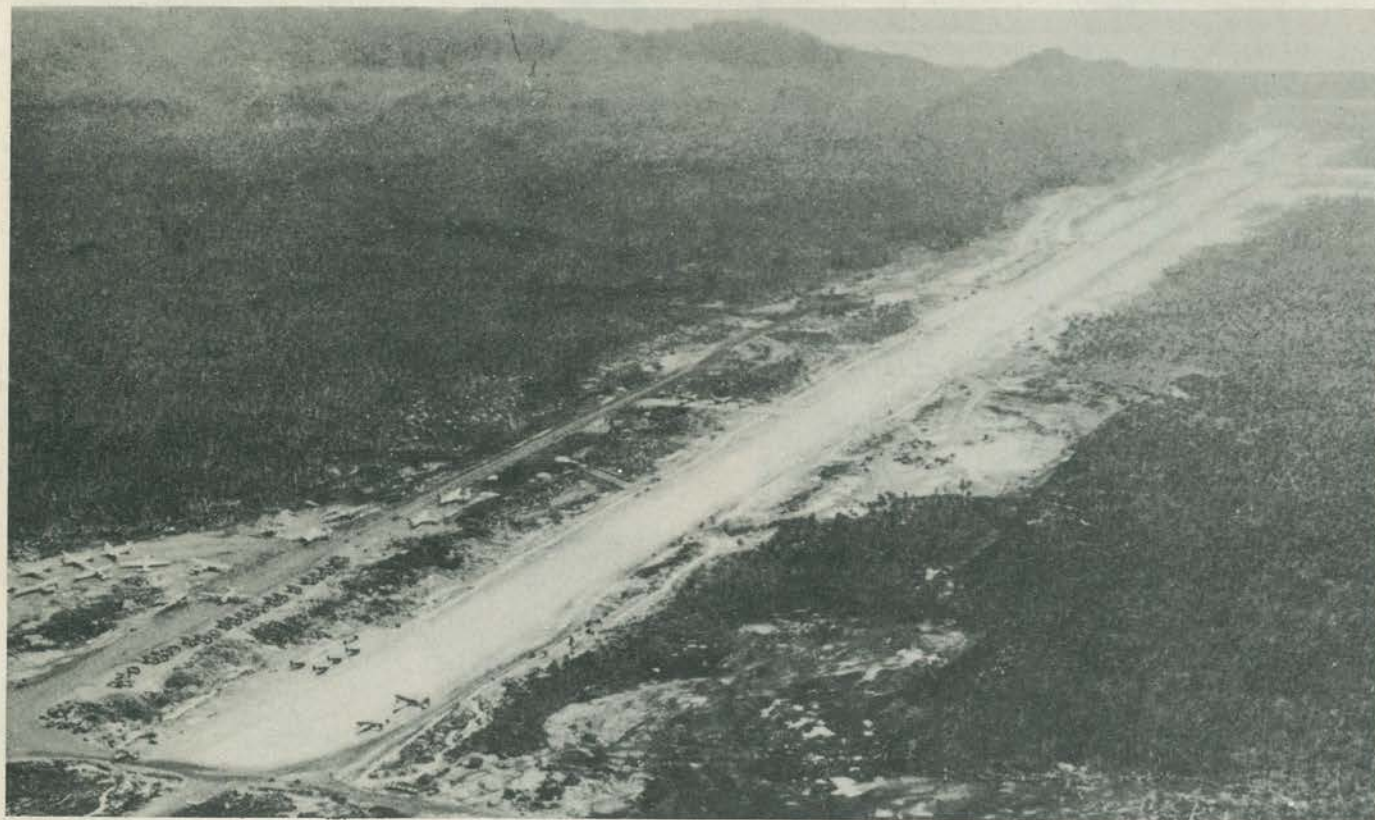


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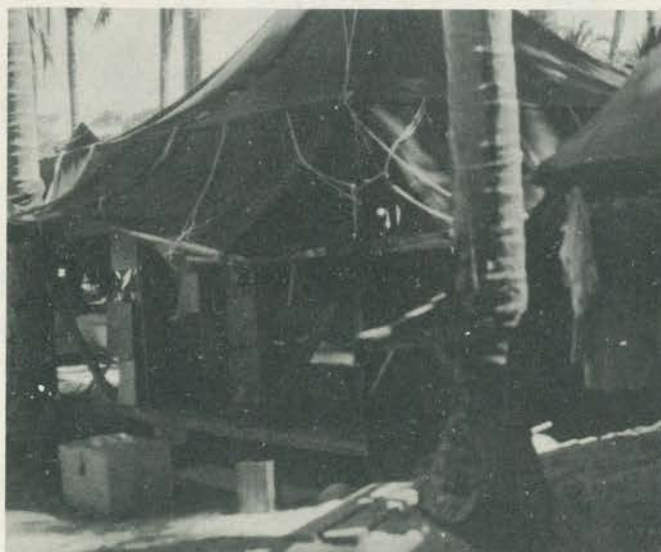
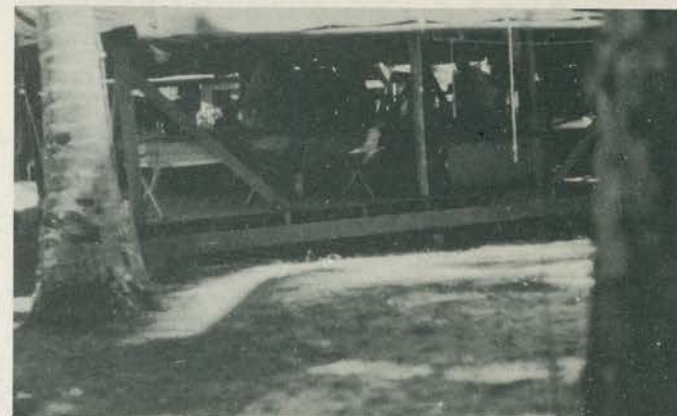


Chief MURPHY dispensing

PUERTO PRINCESSA—PALAWAN



✓ PALAWAN airstrip—downwind only



First camp and Officers Country at PUERTO PRINCESSA



Enlisted area and beach



Lt. (jg) MOYER launders



Ens. HOOPER



Primitive at best—Lt. VADNAIS and Lt. WARREN shower



Ens. PRICE and foxhole gang



Ens. HAAS, Ens. FLORIANI, and Ens. GEYER



SAMAR

Above: Ancient church at GUIAN. Center: Crew No. 1 at PALAWAN—TURNER, DAVIS, GRAVES, McLEAN, CLEMONS, BINCH, BLAKE and McKEEBY.



The Altar



Filipino children



F. SMITH, Lt. WARREN, McLEAN and friends



PALAWAN

Above: Native rehabilitation compound



Philippine betting game



VPB-109 at OKINAWA



Left: office area. Above: living area. Right: Ens. HANSELMAN and Ens. RUTHS.



Still more primitive. Above: LEE, EDSON, NEWTON.
Right: Chief "Pappy" BLAKE



Ens. FLORIANI



Chief CLEMONS



Officers' housing



McKEEBY



Ens. SZEWCZYK



WRECKED PLANES

Left above: Enemy scrapheap. Top: SALLY crashed on strip. Right above: 109 planes after enemy raids.



Lt. (jg) AVILA, Lt. (jg) PERKINS, Lt. JADIN and
Ens. FLORIANI



"Gooks" and BAKA



OKINAWA tomb and caves



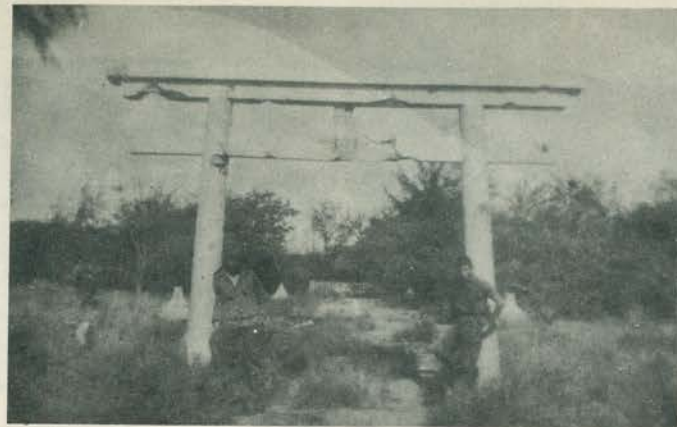
The "Gooks" barter and launder



"Gook" women



Any day around camp



109 explores—PERDUE above



Top: Crew No. 1. DINAH.
Bottom: Lt. (jg) PERKINS.

Lt. "Pop" WARREN improves chow

Lt. (jg) KURZ, Lt. HEWITT, Ens. FUCHS and horseshoes.

Crew No. 1 and tombs



PREPARATION FOR A MISSION

Lt. KENNEDY details plans with Lt. (jg) MARSHALL and Ens. WASSMER



Lt. BANNON and Lt. STEELE brief at 0530.



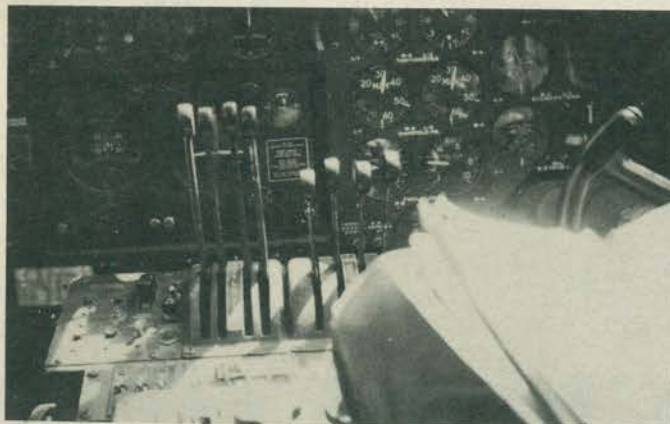
Last minute check



McCLURE loads bombs under Lt. KENNEDY's and Lt. JOBE's direction.



On the way



Above left: Lt. (jg) MARSHALL, Ens. WASSMER, Lt. KENNEDY, Lt. JOBE and Lt. STEELE get the word. Above right: McCLURE and HORTON loading. Below center: Lt. STEELE and Ens. ROBIE. Below right: Crew No. 10 waits.



Lt. "Father" BANNON and Chief MURPHY gave the word



Lt. (jg) BRADDOCK gets the word



Lt. WARREN and Ens. HAMILTON get the best word



Lt. (jg) GIBSON and Chief MURPHY spread the word



Lt. WILKINSON snaps Lt. TURNER



J. EDWARDS, HORTON, GRIFFITHS and LALLY at work



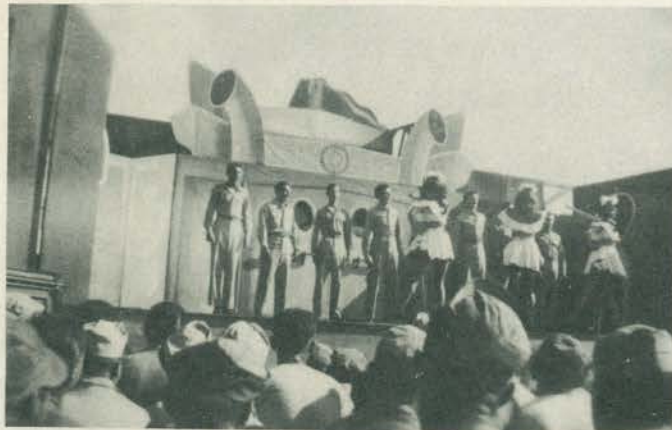
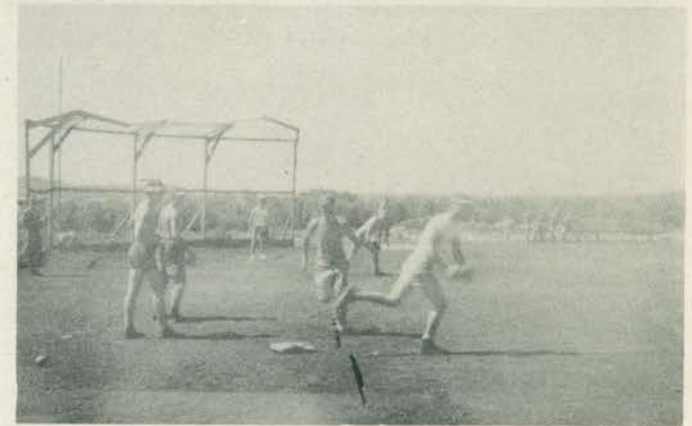
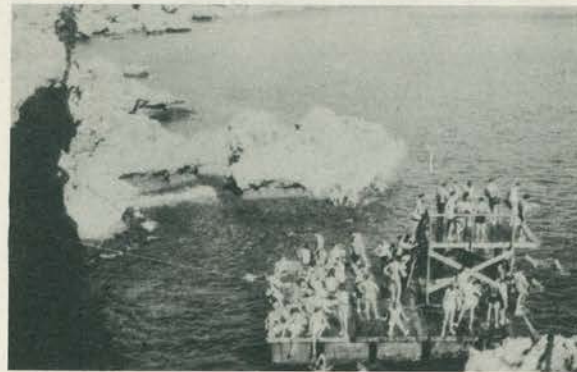
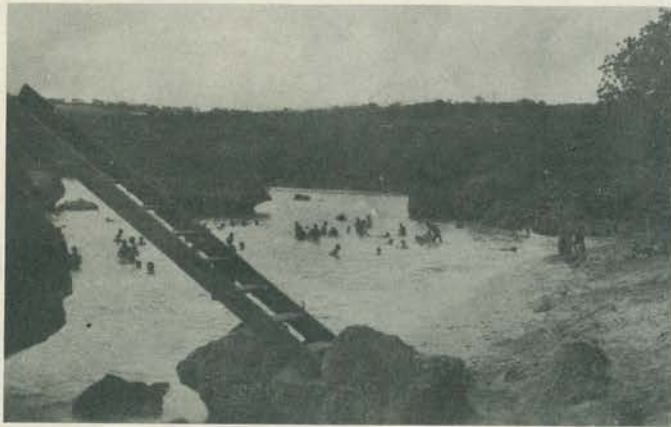
Lt. (jg) "Batman" SHAFFER and Lt. (jg) MARSHALL at work



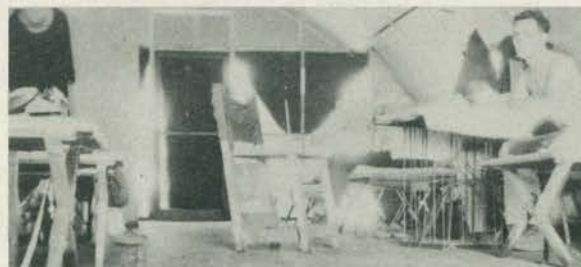
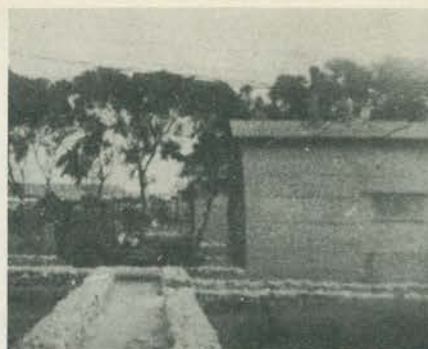
Lt. (jg) "Barney" AVILA and friend



Lt. CHAY and Lt. JOBE work in the executive office



TINIAN — JUNE REHABILITATION



Above: McKEEBY and
Ens. DAVIS



Above: McLEAN
and GROVER



Above: Lt. (jg) KURZ, Ens. McKINLEY,
Lt. (jg) MOYER



Above: Ens. HOOPER, Lt. VADNAIS, Lt. (jg) SERBIN, Ens.
ROBIE, Lt. WARREN, Ens. WASSMER and Lt. (jg) ROBI-
CHAUD at the beach. I. SMITH, LEE, JONES, PETERMAN,
GROVER and BALKE.



Above: Ens. PRICE, Ens. BECKMAN, BALKE, LEE,
Lt. JOBE and Lt. CHALLIS



TINIAN Beach. Left: Lt. VADNAIS and Lt. (jg) BURNS. Right: Lt. JOBE, Ens. DAVIS, Lt. TURNER, Lt. (jg) SERBIN, Lt. (jg) ROBICHAUD, Lt. HEWITT and Ens. NEMISH



Lt. JOBE, Lt. BANNON, Lt. (jg) BRADDOCK try volleyball



Lt. KEELING, Ens. WOLFRAN, Lt. (jg) SHAFFER and Lt. JOBE watch baseball



Ens. HAMILTON, Ens. TORGESON, Ens. PRICE, Ens. BECKMAN and Ens. LINGERFELT wait to bat



Ens. BECKMAN bats one out



CAMPBELL, Ens. RUTHS, Lt. (jg) BRADDOCK and MAYO sight seeing



IWO JIMA—JULY 1945





The crew. Ens. BECKMAN and Ens. ROBIE at IWO



Lt. WILKINSON creates



SIMMS and THOMPSON



Ens. NEMISH



Crew No. 19: Chief Murphy, Lt. (jg) RUSSELL, Lt. BANNON, Lt. STEELE, Lt. (jg) JONES, DAHLSTROM, Lt. (jg) BURNS, Lt. (jg) AVILA and GOREHAM



Ens. PETERSON



Song without words



"Pappy" MAY and Lt. (jg) BARNEY AVILA
check with the skipper



BALL on the deck



ASHER, RUSSELL and PIERSON talk gunnery



PICKHARDT demonstrates for DAHL and LEHN



GOODSON, VICKERS, ELKINS and McCLURE
pass the water



Lt. FAIRBANKS listens to SANDQUIST and KENYON



THANNISCH explains a point to Ens. FLORIANI



Lt. (jg) SERBIN tells Ens. FUCHS, KENYON and
DAHLSTROM how it's done

MEN AROUND PLANES

109 on the ground



Chief HESTER finds the trouble for Lt. JOBE, KRAMER, and CAMPBELL



FRASER listens



Chief LOESER has a new one for NEWTON, HAMMOCK, Lt. (jg) VAUGHN, HORTON and McLEAN



SNEDEKER, Ens. JONES, COFFEY, COLEMAN and BEYER swap yarns



So does Lt. (jg) BURNS



O'BRIEN, Lt. TURNER, Ens. HAMILTON and Chief WILLIAMS pass time



Lt. KEELING, Ens. BAIER, TURNER and THOMPSON have a cigarette



Lt. (jg) JONES waits



Chief DE MARTEAU matches LALLY's latest for BOWEN



JENSEN cleans his guns



BAKKO disbelieves BAKER



OGDEN shows Ens. FUSSELMAN, BIGGERS, and KIDWELL how to do it



NEW YORK Delegation: Ens. WASSMER, Lt. (jg) RUSSELL, Ens. ROBIE, BUTLER CARLSTROM



LAVOIE tells one to Lt. (jg) ROBICHAUD



GARRARD and BERRY share one



Ens. RUTHS checks with Lt. (jg) HOCKEL



CARSWELL, GREVE, Ens. FUCHS and DERHAM talk about MARYLAND



HIGGINS, Ens. GEYER and Lt. WARREN talk hydraulics



HABERMAN, ILACQUA, GRIFFITHS and GWINN



CHAPMAN and EDWARDS listen to Ens. CLINE



Ens. HANSELMAN checks with WILSON and SULEWSKI



BOYD reads on plane guard



LEVY, Lt. (jg) VIDAL and CONNER get
Lt. (jg) BRADDOCK'S news



Ens. SHORE, JENKINS, PEARSON, and Ens. WOLFRAM
pass time



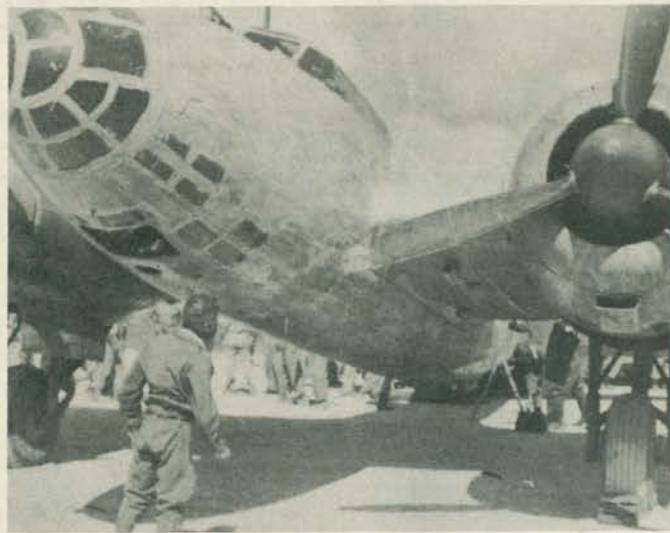
CARLSTROM at work



DAVIS, W. SMITH and SIMMS



Air Medals for SCULLY, ASHER, TENNEY, GORE-HAM, DRUSE, Ens. NEMISH and Ens. JONES

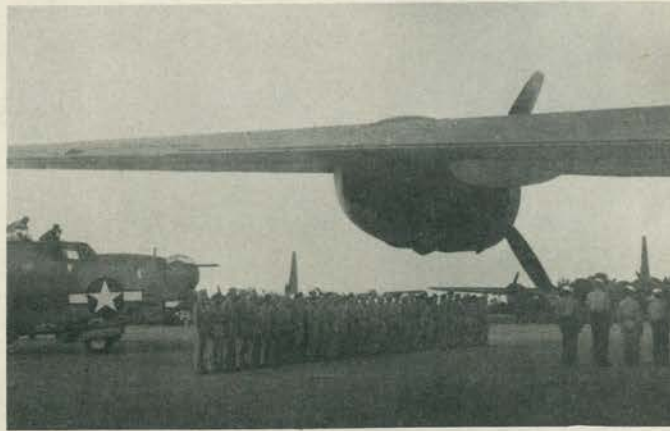


JAP surrender delegation at OKINAWA, and, top left and right, 109 officers celebrate

SURRENDER



Air Medals for SIMMS, GREVE, CARTER, and THOMPSON



Awards ceremony at YONTAN Field on 16 August 1945—Rear Admiral John D. PRICE, USN presenting the PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION.



Purple Hearts for PARKS, McKEEBY, GOODSON, JOHNSON and KINSER

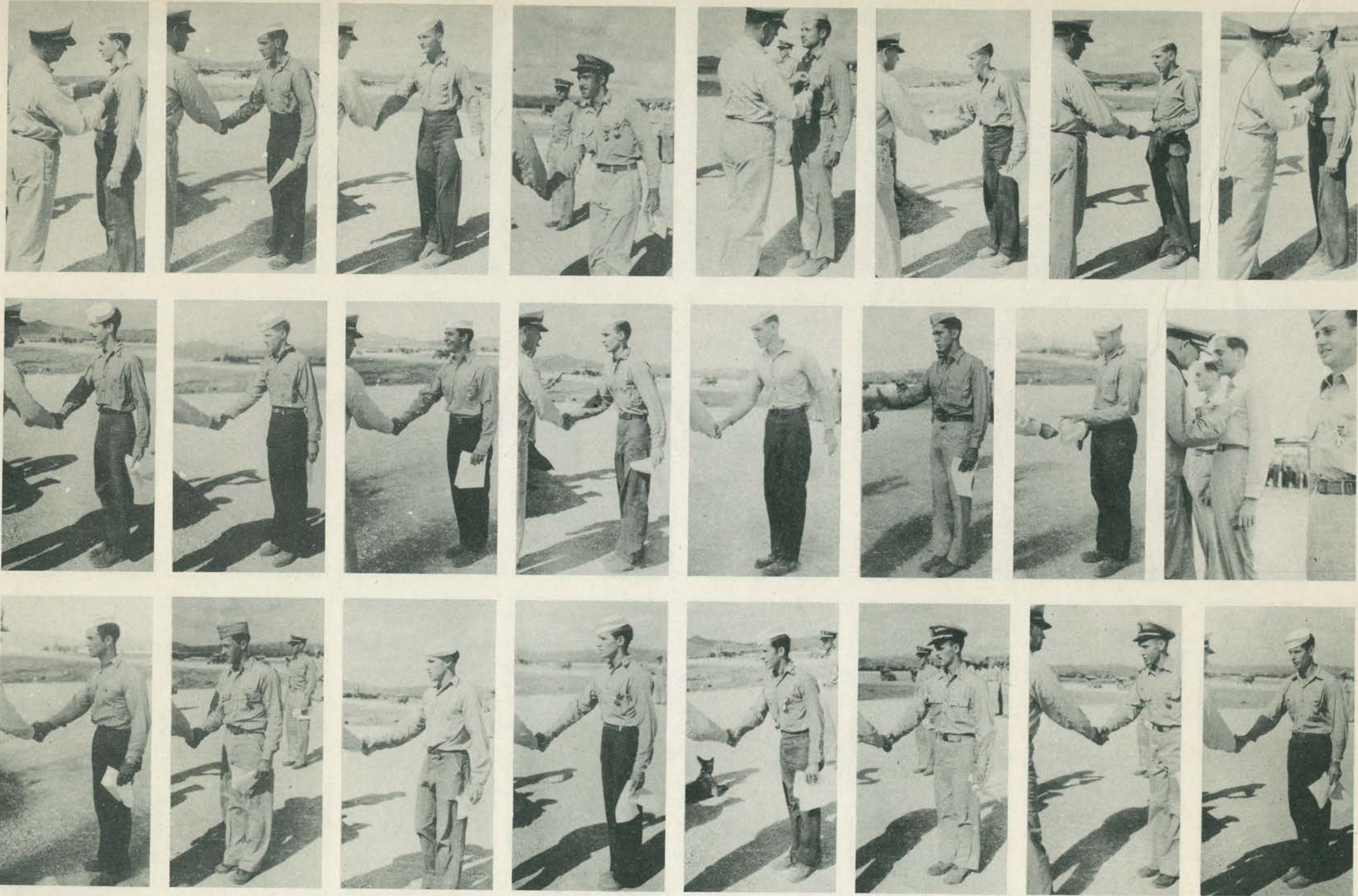


Top, left to right: C. LEE, SIMMS, BOWEN, KING, Lt. DAVIS, AGEE, GRIFFIN, SHOENER.
Center, left to right: Lt. TURNER, NEWTON, Chief BLAKE, VENNOR, REED, WINTER, Lt. JOBE, PARKS, PICKENS, TAYLOR.
Bottom, left to right: BAKKO, Ens. CLINE, ENID, GOODSON, Lt. FAIRBANKS, F. SMITH, JENSEN, CHARLES.



Admiral John PERRY, USN presents awards at YONABARU.

Top, left to right: Lt. CHAY, LEVY, Ens. HUNT, TURNER, Ens. FUCHS, DAVIS, Lt. (jg) VIDAL, O'BRIEN.
 Center, left to right: HAUSMAN, MAY, AUSTAD, Lt. (jg) VAUGHN, ROSELL, COLEMAN, ANDERSON, Lt. (jg) ROBICHAUD.
 Bottom, left to right: ATKINSON, BUTTERWORTH, R. SMITH, CALDWELL, BACHMAN, PIERSON, LYON, Ens. TORGESON.



Top, left to right: THANNISCH, McGINNIS, PEARL, Lt. HEWITT, Ens. LINGERFELT, L. TURNER, MORRIS, KURZ.
Center, left to right: JENKINS, SHLYK, LALLY, WEIGANT, BIGGERS, Ens. GROCE, SANDQUIST, Ens. SHORE.
Bottom, left to right: RITCHIE, Ens. TAINTER, TILLER, W. SMITH, HIGGINS, Ens. PERSONS, Ens. GELDREICH, STRAUB.



Ens. PERSONS heads the line



GUAM — FPRC CAMP



TETER, VENNER, THANNISCH, KIDWELL
and HAMMOCK



Afternoon beer muster



KIDWELL, PETERMAN, DOELLE, KURZ



Joe EDWARDS and RITCHIE



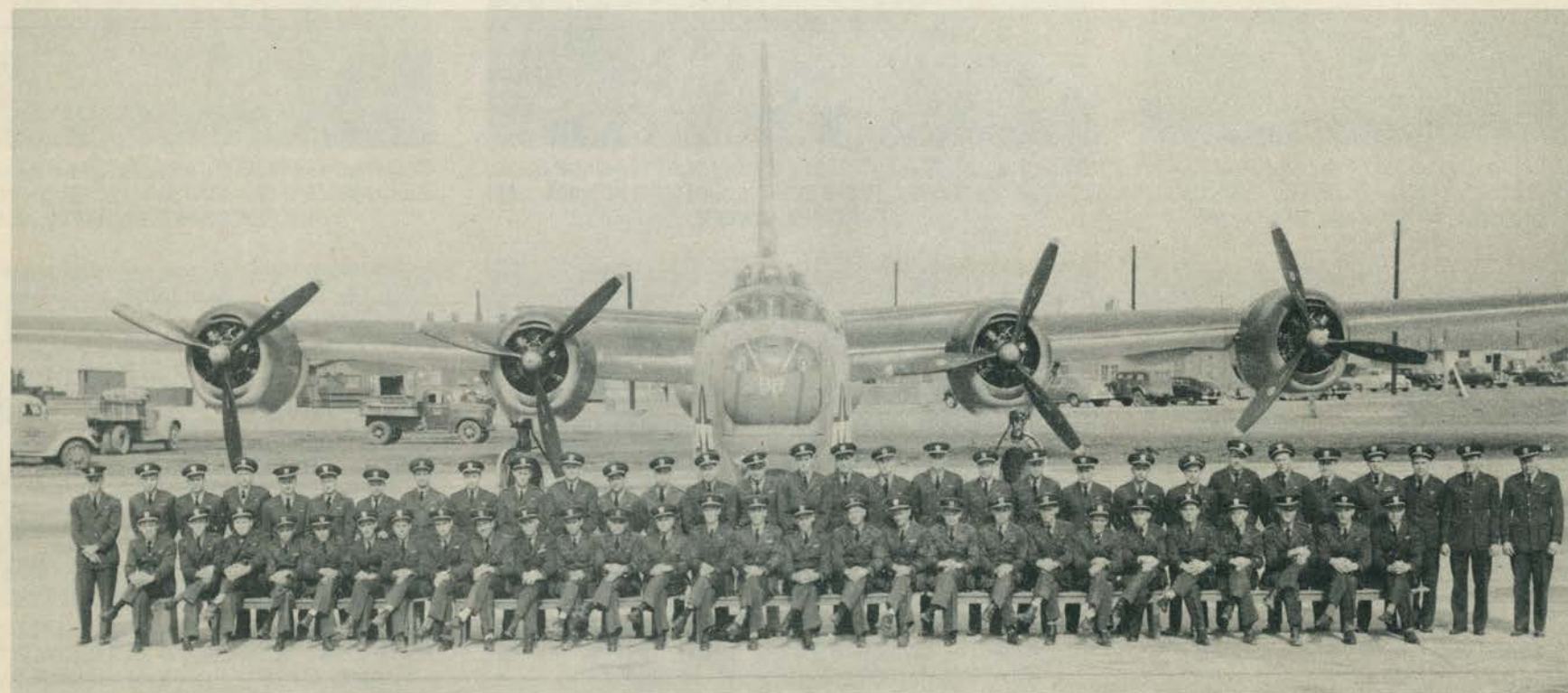
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Lazy days at GUAM. Top, left to right: PERDUE and BALKE, PETERMAN, and LUTHER, Chief COSBY. Bottom, left to right: Basketballers FRANK, GROVER, BEYER, PETE again, JONES. Center, left to right: BASKIN, CARTER COLEMAN, STRAUB, COFFEY and AGE, HARGADINE and W. SMITH



The Team: CHARLES, STRAUB, PERDUE, COLEMAN, COFFEY, FRANK, JORGENSEN, KING, CORDERY, W. SMITH. CHARLES, with ball. PERDUE and JORGESON shooting. BUTLER, MICKLE, and COFFEY



109 Officers at camp KEARNEY



Crew No. 1: GRAVES, Chief BLAKE, Ens. HANSELMAN, Lt. Cmdr. HICKS, Ens. WOLFRAM, Chief CLEMONS, McLEAN, McKEEBY, BINCH, DAVIS, TURNER, WINTER



Crew No. 2: CHARLES, O'BRIEN, Ens. FUCHS, Lt. Cmdr. BUNDY, Ens. HUNT, ANDERSON, SHOENER, PERDUE, LEVY, Chief COLLINS, GRIFFITH, KAUFMAN



Crew No. 3: HABERMAN, GRIFFIN, Lt. (jg) ROBICHAUD, Lt. CHAY, Ens. CLINE, LAVOIE, FRITZ, MAY, MUELLER, PICKENS, ELKINS, AUSTAD



Crew No. 4: HAUSMAN, JENSEN, Ens. McKINLEY, Lt. DAVIS, Ens. SZEWEZYK, AGEE, DOELLE, FEINBERG, HAMMOCK, TOELLEN, REED, Chief WILLIAMS



Crew No. 5: Chief COSBY, Ens. PRICE, Lt. JADIN, Ens. BECKMAN, TOSKI, PETERMAN, I. SMITH, E. JONES, LEE, GROVER, BALKE



Crew No. 6: KREIGER, KRAMER, Ens. BAIER, Lt. KEELING, Ens. RADCLIFFE, CARSWELL, CONROY, ILACQUA, WILLOCKS, KRIER, BOYD, RAGER



Crew No. 7: SANDQUIST, JOHNSON, Ens. GROCE, Lt. FAIRBANKS, Ens. SHORE, LALLY, JENKINS, HAMILTON, WEIGANT, KINSER, BERRY



Crew No. 8: CARLSTROM, THOMPSON, Ens. HOOPER, Lt. JOBE, Ens. ROBIE, BOWEN, LEHN, GREVE, SIMMS, BOUCVALT, CHAPMAN, DERHAM



Crew No. 9: ALBERS, DAILEY, Ens. PETERSON, Lt. VADNAIS, Ens. TORGESON, BUTTERWORTH, ATKINSON, FRANK, CALDWELL, R. SMITH, LYON, BACHMAN



Crew No. 10: McCLURE, HORTON, Lt. (jg) VIDAL, Lt. KENNEDY, Ens. WASSMER, J. EDWARDS, PIERSON, BAKKO, BUTLER, KENYON, GOODSON, OATES



Crew No. 11: H. LEE, THANNISCH, Ens. PERSONS, Lt. TURNER, Ens. GELDREICH, COFFEY, EDWARDS, WOMACK, McGINNIS, KASPERLIK, FRASER, VENNER



Crew No. 12: COLEMAN, W. SMITH, Ens. HAAS, Lt. WARREN, Ens. GEYER, ROSELL, EDSON, KING, NEWTON, HIGGINS, TILLER, CARTER



Crew No. 13: KURZ, TAYLOR, Ens. LINGERFELT, Lt. HEWITT, Ens. TANTER, HARGADINE, PARKS, MESTEMAKER, MORRIS, PEARL, STRAUB, RITCHIE



Crew No. 14: PICKHARDT, ETTER, Ens. RUTHS, Lt. CHALLIS, Ens. FLORIANI, F. SMITH, L. TURNER, BEYER, BIGGERS, HARRIS, ENID, FERGUSON



Crew No. 15: HENNES, BASKIN, Lt. (jg) VAUGHN, Lt. WILKINSON, Ens. DAVIS, FRINK, WILDER, POLLMAN, WACK, MICKLE, LEONBURGER, BRADY



Crew No. 16: GILL, KIDWELL, Lt. (jg) PERKINS, Lt. (jg) BRADDOCK, Lt. (jg) HOCKEL, PENDLEY, DAHL, MAYO, SIZEMORE, SCHULTZ, CAMPBELL, TEEGARDEN



Crew No. 17: GOREHAM, DRUSE, Ens. NEMISH, Lt. (jg) SERBIN, Lt. (jg) MARSHALL, VICKERS, SCULLY, BALL, ASHER, SNEDEKER, HORNISH



Crew No. 18: JORGENSEN, CONNER, Ens. FUSSELMAN, Lt. (jg) MOYER, Ens. HAMILTON, Chief DE MARTEAU, PEARSON, SULEWSKI, GARRARD, WILSON, MEEHAN, MORRIS

PATROL BOMBING SQUADRON ONE HUNDRED NINE

Crew No. 1 "LAMBASTER"

Lieut. Comdr. George L. Hicks, USNR, of Oakland, Calif., Pilot, PPC, Commanding Officer
 Ens. Donald F. Hanselman, USNR, of Detroit, Michigan, Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Ens. William R. Wolfram, USNR, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Roger W. Clemons, ACGM, USN, of Columbus, Ohio, Plane Captain, Air Gunner
 Robert O. Blake, ACRM, USN, of Glens Falls, N.Y., Radio Chief, Air Gunner
 Frank S. Graves, AOM1c, USNR, of Pekin, Ind., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 John W. Turner, ART1c, USNR, of Wichita, Kans., Radioman, Air Gunner
 John W. Davis, AMM2c, USN, of Litchfield, Ill., Air Gunner, Mech.
 George R. McKehey, AMM3c, USNR, of Newton, N. J., Air Gunner, Mech.
 John E. McLean, AMM3c, USNR, of Palestine, Tex., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Herbert M. Winter, AOM3c, USNR, of Goleta, Cal., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Albert E. Binch, Jr., ARM3c, USN, of New Hampton, N.Y., Air Gunner, Radioman

Crew No. 2 (until 5 May 1945)

Lieut. Comdr. John F. Bundy, USN, of Sioux City, Ia., Pilot, PPC, Executive Officer
 Ens. Leslie L. Hunt, USNR, of Springfield, Mo., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Ens. John F. Fuchs, USNR, of Mechanicsville, Md., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Alvin S. O'Brien, AMM1c, USNR, of Springfield, Mass., Plane Captain, Air Gunner
 Kenneth B. Collins, ACOM, USN, of Ft. Myers, Fla., Air Gunner, Ordnance Chief
 John J. Griffiths, ARM1c, USNR, of Johnson City, N.Y., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Richard S. Levy, AMM2c, USNR, of Sanford, Fla., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Donald P. Shoener, AOM2c, USN, of Rapid City, S.D., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Lester Kaufman, ART2c, USNR, of Brooklyn, N.Y., Radioman, Air Gunner
 George F. Charles, Jr., AMM3c, USNR, of Catlettsburg, Ky., Air Gunner, Mech.
 George H. Perdue, AMM3c, USNR, of Ceredo, W. Va., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Jackson C. Anderson, ARM3c, USNR, of Blackshear, Ga., Radioman, Air Gunner

Crew No. 2 (from 5 May 1945)

Lieut. Howard M. Turner, Jr., USNR, of Cambridge, Mass., Pilot, PPC
 Ens. Leslie L. Hunt, USNR, of Springfield, Mo., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Ens. John F. Fuchs, USNR, of Mechanicsville, Md., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Alvin S. O'Brien, AMM1c, USNR, of Springfield, Mass., Plane Captain, Air Gunner
 John J. Griffiths, ARM1c, USNR, of Johnson City, N.Y., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Richard S. Levy, AMM2c, USNR, of Sanford, Fla., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Donald P. Shoener, AOM2c, USN, of Rapid City, S.D., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 George F. Charles, Jr., AMM3c, USNR, of Catlettsburg, Ky., Air Gunner, Mech.
 George H. Perdue, AMM3c, USNR, of Ceredo, W. Va., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Darwin R. Teter, AOM3c, USNR, of Hartsville, Ohio, Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Jackson C. Anderson, ARM3c, USNR, of Blackshear, Ga., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Richard J. Sulewski, ARM3c, USNR, of Detroit, Mich., Radioman, Air Gunner

Crew No. 3

Lieut. Donald S. Chay, USN, of Albuquerque, N.M., Pilot, PPC, Executive Officer
 Lieut. (jg) Charles I. Robichaud, USNR, of Rockland, Mass., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Ens. Chester L. Cline, USNR, of Centerville, Ia., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Warren G. H. Griffin, AMM2c, USNR, of Marjetta, Okla., Plane Captain, Air Gunner

Harold L. May, AOM1c, USNR, of Compton, Calif., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Gordon D. Austad, ARM2c, USNR, of Milwaukee, Wisc., Radioman, Air Gunner
 George P. Haberman, ARM2c, USNR, of New York, N.Y., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Robert W. Fritz, AMM3c, USNR, of Cincinnati, O., Air Gunner, Mech.
 John L. Lavoie, AMM3c, USNR, of Auburn, Mass., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Jack R. Mueller, AOM3c, USNR, of Maplewood, Mo., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 James W. Elkins, ARM3c, USNR, of Mobile, Ala., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Thomas H. Pickens, AMM3c, USNR, of Charleston, W. Va., Air Gunner, Mech.

Crew No. 4

Lieut. Clifton B. Davis, USNR, of Alexandria, Va., Pilot, PPC, Flight Officer
 Ens. Donald E. McKinley, USNR, of Glendale, Calif., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Ens. Chester F. Szwecyk, USNR, of Pulaski, Wisc., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 James M. Hammock, AMM2c, USN, of Hillsboro, Tex., Plane Captain, Air Gunner
 Warren A. Williams, ACOM, USNR, of Saugus, Mass., Air Gunner, Ordnance Chief
 Marvin Feinberg, AMM2c, USNR, of New York, N.Y., Air Gunner, Mech.
 William A. Doelle, ARM2c, USNR, of Detroit, Mich., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Willis Y. Toellen, ARM2c, USN, of Peru, Ill., Radioman, Air Gunner (until 30 May)
 Wilbur V. Agee, ARM2c, USNR, of Whittier, Calif., Radioman, Air Gunner
 George Hausmann, AMM3c, USNR, of Vandalia, Ill., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Jay L. Reed, II, AMM3c, USNR, of Long Beach, Calif., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Glen H. Jensen, AOM3c, USNR, of Las Vegas, Nev., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Bernard Gwinn, ARM3c, USNR, of Troy, N.Y., Radioman, Air Gunner (from 15 June)

Crew No. 5 "MISS LOTTA TAIL"

Lieut. Joseph I. Jadin, USNR, of Gladstone, Mich., Pilot, PPC, Gunnery Officer
 Ens. John L. Price, USNR, of Fairland, Okla., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Ens. Fred A. Beckman, USNR, of Union, Mo., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Jack H. Cosby, ACGM, USN, of Willard, Mo., Plane Captain, Air Gunner, Chief Mech.
 Julius H. Loser, ACOM, USN, of Houston, Tex., Air Gunner, Ordnance Chief (until 20 June)
 Kenneth B. Collins, ACOM, USN, of Ft. Myers, Fla., Air Gunner, Ordnance Chief (from 20 June)
 Isadore Smith, AOM1c, USNR, of Atlanta, Ga., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Emory L. Peterman, ARM1c, USNR, of Cedar Falls, Ia., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Cecil N. Lee, AMM2c, USNR, of Calhoun City, Miss., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Roy L. Balke, AMM3c, USNR, of Tigerton, Wisc., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Edward M. Jones, III, AMM3c, USNR, of Barnwell, S.C., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Raymond A. Grover, ARM3c, USNR, of Elmira Heights, N.Y., Radioman, Air Gunner
 John W. Toski, ARM3c, USNR, of Pontiac, Mich., Radioman, Air Gunner

Crew No. 6 "BACHELORS DELIGHT" (until 5 August 1945)

Lieut. John D. Keeling, USNR, of Scott City, Kan., Pilot, PPC, Communications Officer
 Ens. Henry Baier, Jr., USNR, of Seward, Kans., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Ens. Keith W. Radcliffe, USNR, of Kirkwood, Mo., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 William L. Willocks, Jr., AMM1c, USNR, of Schenectady, N.Y., Plane Captain, Air Gunner
 Frank R. Kramer, AOM1c, USNR, of Bingen, Wash., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman

William F. Krier, ARM1c, USNR, of Philadelphia, Pa., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Alexander J. Boyd, ARM1c, USNR, of Pueblo, Colo., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Melvin M. Rager, AMM2c, USNR, of Johnstown, Pa., Air Gunner, Mech.
 James R. T. Carswell, AFC2c, USN, of Baltimore, Md., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Peter G. Iacocca, ARM2c, USNR, of Syracuse, N.Y., Radioman, Air Gunner
 James E. Krieger, ARM3c, USNR, of Cincinnati, O., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Lawrence R. Conroy, AOM3c, USNR, of Cleveland, O., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman

Crew No. 6 (from 17 August 1945)

Lieut. Jerrel D. Stephens, USNR, of Pasadena, Calif., Pilot, PPC
 Lieut. (jg) Robert W. Coon, USNR, of Fort Worth, Tex., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Lieut. (jg) John W. Morris, USNR, of Elmwood Place, O., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Ralph C. Brickell, ACGM, USN, of Jacumba, Calif., Plane Captain, Air Gunner
 Carl E. Wehrley, AMM3c, USNR, of Hamilton, O., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Ramon L. Huff, AMM3c, USNR, of Emerson, Neb., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Ronald U. Dreyer, AOM3c, USNR, of Sioux Falls, N.D., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Andrew J. Hill, Jr., AOM3c, USNR, of LaGrange, Ga., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Samuel W. Lewis, ARM3c, USNR, of East Point, Ga., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Thomas W. Coltrane, ARM3c, USNR, of Sophia, N.C., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Ray E. Beiswanger, Slc, USNR, of Danville, Pa., Air Gunner
 Harold S. Jackson, Slc, USNR, of Newman, Ga., Radioman, Air Gunner

Crew No. 7 "HOGAN'S GOAT"

Lieut. George D. Fairbanks, USNR, of Wabasha, Minn., Pilot, PPC, Materiel Officer
 Ens. Abraham Shore, USNR, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Ens. Robert J. Groce, USNR, of Portland, Ore., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Evans R. Lally, Jr., AMM2c, USNR, of San Francisco, Calif., Plane Captain, Air Gunner
 Franklin Shlyk, AMM2c, USNR, of Detroit, Mich., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Marion E. Kinsler, ARM2c, USNR, of Rogersville, Mo., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Robert L. Berry, ARM2c, USNR, of Modoc, Ill., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Dean R. Johnson, ARM2c, USNR, of Hartford, S.D., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Richard Jenkins, AMM3c, USNR, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Alfred V. Sandquist, AMM3c, USNR, of St. Paul, Minn., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Donald J. Hamilton, AOM3c, USNR, of Omaha, Neb., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Kasper E. Weigant, AOM3c, USNR, of Portland, Ore., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman

Crew No. 8 "CONSOLIDATED'S MISTAKE II"

Lieut. Joseph H. Jobe, USNR, of Goldendale, Wash., Pilot, PPC, Maintenance Officer
 Ens. Edward A. Robie, USNR, of Yorktown Heights, N.Y., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Ens. Richard C. Hooper, USNR, of Philadelphia, Pa., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Lloyd B. Bowen, AMM1c, USNR, of Sunnyvale, Cal., Plane Captain, Air Gunner
 Robert A. Simms, AOM1c, USNR, of Buda, Ill., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Wesley L. Thompson, ARM1c, USNR, of Columbus, Kans., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Gustave Greve, AMM2c, USNR, of Annapolis, Md., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Donald R. Chapman, ARM2c, USNR, of Newton, Ia., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Sveg W. Carlstrom, ARM2c, USNR, of Glen Cove, N.Y., Radioman, Air Gunner

Donald M. Derham, AMM3c, USNR, of West-ernpoint, Md., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Lawrence Boucval, AMM3c, USNR, of Litcher, La., Air Gunner, Mech.
 William H. Lehn, AOM3c, USNR, of Brandon, Minn., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman

Crew No. 9

Lieut. Robert E. Vadnaia, USNR, of Portland, Oregon, Pilot, PPC
 Ens. Harlie A. Peterson, USNR, of Kansas City, Mo., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Ens. George M. Torgeson, USNR, of Madison, Wisc., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Richard H. Smith, AMM1c, USN, of Jackson, Cal., Plane Captain, Air Gunner
 Fred S. Lyon, Jr., ARM1c, USN, of Centralia, Wash., Radioman, Air Gunner
 George A. Frank, AMM2c, USNR, of Wanamie, Pa., Air Gunner, Mech.
 James M. Caldwell, AOM2c, USNR, of Rhineland, Wisc., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Deloss C. Butterworth, ARM2c, USNR, of Barnesboro, Pa., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Edward Dailey, AMM3c, USNR, of Flandercrau, S.D., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Frederick C. Albers, AMM3c, USNR, of Rockville Center, N.Y., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Frank T. Atkinson, AOM3c, USNR, of Dubuque, Ia., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 George Bachman, ARM3c, USNR, of Bowdite, S.D., Radioman, Air Gunner

Crew No. 10 (until 30 May 1945)

Lieut. Leo E. Kennedy, USNR, of Ethlyn, Mo., Pilot, PPC, Materiel Officer
 Lieut. (jg) Albert P. Vidal, USNR, of Gainesville, Fla., Copilot Navigator, PPC (until 5 May)
 Lieut. (jg) James D. Marshall, USNR, of Waterville, Me., Copilot Navigator, PPC (from 5 May)
 Ens. William E. Wassmer, USNR, of Brooklyn, N.Y., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Harlyn G. Bakko, AMM2c, USNR, of Billings, Mont., Plane Captain, Air Gunner
 Troy A. McClure, AOM1c, USNR, of Cloverdale, Ala., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Harry L. Horton, AFC2c, USNR, of Houston, Tex., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Gerald M. Kenyon, ARM2c, USNR, of Owatonna, Minn., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Joseph B. Edwards, ARM2c, USNR, of Des Moines, Ia., Radioman, Air Gunner
 John L. Butler, ARM2c, USNR, of Jamaica, N.Y., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Perry F. Goodson, AMM3c, USNR, of Cusseta, Ala., Air Gunner, Mech.
 William T. Pierson, AMM3c, USNR, of Columbus, Kans., Air Gunner, Mech.
 John O. Oates, AMM3c, USNR, of Long Beach, Calif., Air Gunner, Mech. (until 24 May)

Crew No. 10 (from 22 June 1945)

Lieut. (jg) Kenneth B. Kurz, USNR, of Quincy, Ill., Pilot, PPC
 Lieut. (jg) James D. Marshall, USNR, of Waterville, Me., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Ens. William E. Wassmer, USNR, of Brooklyn, N.Y., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Harlyn G. Bakko, AMM2c, USNR, of Billings, Mont., Plane Captain, Air Gunner
 Troy A. McClure, AOM1c, USNR, of Cloverdale, Ala., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Harry L. Horton, AFC2c, USNR, of Houston, Tex., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Gerald M. Kenyon, ARM2c, USNR, of Owatonna, Minn., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Joseph B. Edwards, ARM2c, USNR, of Des Moines, Ia., Radioman, Air Gunner
 John L. Butler, ARM2c, USNR, of Jamaica, N.Y., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Perry F. Goodson, AMM3c, USNR, of Cusseta, Ala., Air Gunner, Mech.
 William T. Pierson, AMM3c, USNR, of Columbus, Kans., Air Gunner, Mech.

Crew No. 11 (until 5 May 1945)

Lieut. Howard M. Turner, Jr., USNR, of Cambridge, Mass., Pilot, PPC
 Ens. Bert O. Persons, Jr., USNR, of Eldorado, Kans., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Ens. Lucien G. Goldreich, USNR, of Nashville, Tenn., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Joe W. Kasperlik, AMM2c, USN, of Grand Rapids, Mich., Plane Captain, Air Gunner
 Rufus C. Womack, AMM2c, USNR, of Phillips, Tex., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Harold F. Lee, AFC2c, USNR, of Elk Mound, Wisc., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 William B. Coffey, ARM2c, USNR, of Brooklyn, N.Y., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Charles A. Venner, III, ARM2c, USNR, of Bloomfield, N.J., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Stanley D. Fraser, AMM3c, USNR, of Washington, D.C., Air Gunner, Mech.
 William B. Edwards, AMM3c, USNR, of Asheville, N.C., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Glendale D. Thannisch, AOM3c, USNR, of Harrison, Ark., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Joseph M. McGinnis, ARM3c, USNR, of Nashville, Tenn., Radioman, Air Gunner

Crew No. 11 (from 5 May 1945)

Lieut. (jg) Albert P. Vidal, USNR, of Gainesville, Fla., Pilot, PPC
 Ens. Bert O. Persons, Jr., USNR, of Eldorado, Kans., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Ens. Lucien G. Goldreich, USNR, of Nashville, Tenn., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Rufus C. Womack, AMM2c, USNR, of Phillips, Tex., Plane Captain, Air Gunner
 Harold F. Lee, AFC2c, USNR, of Elk Mound, Wisc., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 William B. Coffey, ARM2c, USNR, of Brooklyn, N.Y., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Charles A. Venner, III, ARM2c, USNR, of Bloomfield, N.J., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Stanley D. Fraser, AMM3c, USNR, of Washington, D.C., Air Gunner, Mech.
 William B. Edwards, AMM3c, USNR, of Asheville, N.C., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Glendale D. Thannisch, AOM3c, USNR, of Harrison, Ark., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Joseph M. McGinnis, ARM3c, USNR, of Nashville, Tenn., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Rudolph J. Smolar, Slc, USNR, of Tamaqua, Pa., Air Gunner

Crew No. 12 "BLIND BOMBER"

Lieut. William A. Warren, USNR, of St. Paul, Minn., Pilot, PPC, Navigation Officer
 Ens. Leo F. Haas, USNR, of Tulsa, Okla., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Ens. Paul E. Geyer, USNR, of Minneapolis, Minn., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Chester E. Rosell, AMM2c, USNR, of Leonardville, Kans., Plane Captain, Air Gunner
 Harold J. Carter, AMM2c, USNR, of Okmulgee, Okla., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Floyd D. King, AOM2c, USNR, of Newark, Ohio, Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Richard T. Coleman, ARM2c, USNR, of Rochester, N.Y., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Earl W. Newton, ARM2c, USNR, of Wichita Falls, Tex., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Lowell E. Tiller, AMM3c, USNR, of Hermiston, Ore., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Val M. Higgins, AMM3c, USNR, of Iona, Minn., Air Gunner, Mech.
 William R. Smith, AOM3c, USN, of Decatur, Ill., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Melvin E. Baker, ARM3c, USN, of Wolf Point, Mont., Radioman, Air Gunner (from 6 June)
 Richard P. Edson, ARM3c, USNR, of Springfield, Mass., Radioman, Air Gunner (until 3 June)

Crew No. 13

Lieut. Floyd Hewitt, USNR, of Audubon, N.J., Pilot, PPC
 Ens. Andrew W. Tainter, USNR, of Eau Claire, Wisc., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Ens. Luther H. Lingerfelt, USNR, of Crewe, Va., Copilot Navigator, PPC

Gordon E. Hargadine, AMM2c, USNR, of Kinsley, Kans., Plane Captain, Air Gunner
 Marvin R. Pearl, AMM2c, USNR, of Cleveland, Ohio, Air Gunner, Mech.
 Marion W. Ritchie, Jr., ARM2c, USN, of Hazard, Ky., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Donald O. Straub, ARM2c, USNR, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Raphael K. Mestemaker, AMM3c, USNR, of Coldwater, Ohio, Air Gunner, Mech.
 Robert S. Taylor, AMM3c, USNR, of Evanston, Ill., Air Gunner, Mech.
 William Kurz, Jr., AOM3c, USN, of Milwaukee, Wisc., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Alfred E. Parks, AOM3c, USNR, of Somerville, Tenn., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 August A. Morris, ARM3c, USNR, of Houston, Tex., Radioman, Air Gunner

Crew No. 14 "GREEN CHERRIES"

Lieut. Thomas W. Challis, Jr., USNR, of St. Louis, Mo., Pilot, PPC
 Ens. Herbert E. Floriani, USNR, of Lake Village, Ark., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Ens. James L. Ruths, USNR, of Minneapolis, Minn., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 William H. Enid, Jr., AMM2c, USNR, of Atlanta, Tex., Plane Captain, Air Gunner
 Frank L. Smith, Jr., AMM2c, USNR, of Raymond, Miss., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Richard L. Etter, AMM2c, USN, of Waynesboro, Penn., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Jack T. Biggers, AOM2c, USNR, of Inglewood, Calif., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Lowell W. Turner, ARM2c, USNR, of Bennington, Ind., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Robert C. Harris, AMM3c, USNR, of Jackson, Miss., Air Gunner, Mech.
 William H. Beyer, AMM3c, USNR, of Jamaica, N.Y., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Edwin R. Pichardt, AOM3c, USNR, of Hopkins, Minn., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Herbert K. Ferguson, ARM3c, USNR, of Concord, N.C., Radioman, Air Gunner

Crew No. 15 "PUNKIE"

Lieut. Hugh M. Wilkinson, Jr., USNR, of New Orleans, La., Pilot, PPC
 Lieut. (jg) Edwin L. Vaughn, USNR, of Houston, Tex., Copilot Navigator, PPC (until 15 May)
 Ens. Kenneth C. Jones, USNR, of Ozone Park, N.Y., Copilot Navigator, PPC (from 15 May)
 Ens. Archie E. Davis, Jr., USNR, of Rockaway, N.J., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 William R. Brady, AMM2c, USN, of Orreok, Mo., Plane Captain, Air Gunner
 Wilbert C. Leonberger, AMM2c, USNR, of Woodriver, Ill., Air Gunner, Mech. (until 1 June)
 Carlton W. Stallworth, AMM2c, USNR, of College Park, Ga., Air Gunner, Mech. (from 10 June)
 Donald S. Baskin, ARM2c, USNR, of Murphysboro, Ill., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Thomas G. Wack, AMM3c, USNR, of South Bend, Ind., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Eugene Wilder, AOM3c, USNR, of Hattiesburg, Miss., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 John A. Pollman, Jr., AOM3c, USNR, of Homestead, Okla., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 James M. Frink, AOM3c, USNR, of Bladenburg, N.C., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Henry H. Hennes, ARM3c, USNR, of Los Angeles, Cal., Radioman, Air Gunner (until 1 June)
 Jay W. Mickle, Jr., ARM3c, USNR, of Wichita, Kans., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Richard E. Ogden, ARM3c, USN, of Redondo Beach, Cal., Radioman, Air Gunner (from 10 June)

Crew No. 16

Lieut. (jg) Oscar S. Braddock, Jr., USNR, of Jacksonville, Fla., Pilot, PPC
 Lieut. (jg) Bernard C. Perkins, USNR, of Richmond, Wisc., Copilot Navigator, PPC

Lieut. (jg) Ordean S. Hockel, USNR, of Odin, Minn., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Charles F. Kidwell, AMM2c, USNR, of Venice, Cal., Plane Captain, Air Gunner
 Neil K. Campbell, ARM1c, USN, of Norton, Wash., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Joseph G. Teyshak, ARM1c, USN, of Streator, Ill., Radioman, Air Gunner (from 10 July)
 James F. Sizemore, Jr., AMM2c, USNR, of Logan, W. Va., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Henry J. Teegarden, AMM2c, USNR, of Newark, Ohio, Air Gunner, Mech.
 Charles F. Dahl, ARM2c, USNR, of Brainerd, Minn., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Robert E. Mayo, ARM2c, USNR, of Millinocket, Me., Radioman, Air Gunner (until 3 July)
 John T. Gill, AMM3c, USNR, of Luthersville, Ga., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Donald G. Schultz, AOM3c, USNR, of Topeka, Kans., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Daniel A. Pendley, AOM3c, USNR, of Steens, Miss., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman

Crew No. 17

Lieut. (jg) George Serbin, USNR, of Bessemer, Mich., Pilot, PPC
 Lieut. (jg) Edwin L. Vaughn, USNR, of Alvin, Tex., Copilot Navigator, PPC (from 15 May)
 Ens. Kenneth C. Jones, USNR, of Ozono Park, N.Y., Copilot Navigator, PPC (until 15 May)
 Ens. Charles A. Nemish, USNR, of Whiting, Ind., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Jack D. Tenney, AMM1c, USN, of Hood River, Ore., Plane Captain, Air Gunner
 Richard M. Snedeker, AMM2c, USN, of Fairfield, N.Y., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Lawrence Cordery, AOM2c, USNR, of Metuchen, N.J., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman (from 15 June)
 William M. Goreham, ARM2c, USNR, of Des Moines, Ia., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Dallas N. Vickers, ARM2c, USNR, of Geneva, Ala., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Donald S. Ball, AMM3c, USNR, of Encino, Calif., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Alton N. Druse, AMM3c, USNR, of Yakima, Wash., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Bernard H. Hornish, AOM3c, USNR, of Akron, O., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman (until 15 June)
 Michael J. Scully, AOM3c, USNR, of Springfield, Mass., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 James R. Asher, ARM3c, USNR, of Stafford, Kans., Radioman, Air Gunner

Crew No. 18

Lieut. (jg) Russell A. Moyer, USNR, of Chipewewa Falls, Wisc., Pilot, PPC
 Ens. Roderick C. Hamilton, USNR, of Wellesley Hills, Mass., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Ens. Roswell T. Fusselman, USNR, of Long Beach, Calif., Copilot Navigator, PPC
 Gordon L. Jorgenson, AMM1c, USN, of Evansville, Wisc., Plane Captain, Air Gunner
 Clement L. DeMartini, ACRM, USN, of Sacramento, Calif., Radio Chief, Air Gunner
 Robert O. Wilson, AMM2c, USNR, of Chicago, Ill., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Terrel N. Deen, AOM2c, USNR, of Chattanooga, Tenn., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman (from 15 June)
 Vernon C. Conner, ARM2c, USNR, of Tampa, Fla., Radioman, Air Gunner
 John W. Pearson, ARM2c, USNR, of Charleroi, Pa., Radioman, Air Gunner
 Kermit E. Meehan, AMM3c, USNR, of Ellsworth, Wisc., Air Gunner, Mech.
 Eugene Garrard, AOM3c, USNR, of Robinson, Ill., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Richard G. Morris, AOM3c, USNR, of Phillipsburg, N.J., Air Gunner, Ordnanceman
 Richard J. Sulewski, ARM3c, USNR, of Detroit, Mich., Radioman, Air Gunner (until 15 June)

Crew No. 19 ADMINISTRATION

Lieut. John L. Bannon, USNR, of Springfield, Mass., ACIO, Operations Officer
 Lieut. Theodore M. Steele, USNR, of Springfield, Mass., ACIO, Administrative Officer
 Lieut. (jg) Leland P. Russell, USNR, of Maplewood, N.J., Personnel Officer
 Lieut. (jg) Robert V. Gibson, USNR, of Detroit, Mich., Engineering Officer
 Lieut. (jg) William Avila, USNR, of Lemore, Calif., Radar and RCM Officer
 Lieut. (jg) William L. Shaffer, USNR, of Philadelphia, Pa., Electronics Officer
 Lieut. (jg) Calvin M. Jones, USNR, of Birmingham Canyon, Utah, Gunnery Officer
 Lieut. (jg) James F. Burns, USN, of Washington, D.C., Radio Officer
 Walford W. Crossno, ACMM, USN, of Ft. Smith, Ark., Leading Chief
 Charles A. Murphy, ACMM, USN, of Jacksonville, Fla., Line Chief
 Clifford F. Hester, ACRM, USNR, of San Diego, Calif., Radio Chief
 David H. Romaine, ACMM, USNR, of Norfolk, Va., 2nd Line Chief
 Julius H. Loeser, ACOM, USN, of Houston, Tex., Ordnance Chief
 Floyd J. Dahlstrom, Y1c, USNR, of Maple Plain, Minn., Personnel Yeoman
 Lester Kaufman, ART1c, USNR, of Brooklyn, N.Y., Radar Technician
 Virgil L. Ball, Y2c, USNR, of Toledo, Ohio, Operations and ACI Yeoman
 Gene J. Spurgeon, Y2c, USNR, of Seattle, Wash., Operations and ACI Yeoman
 Donald H. Van Steenwyk, ART2c, USNR, of Minneapolis, Minn., Radar Technician
 Frank E. Guptill, ARM2c, USNR, of Harvard, Mass., Radioman
 William H. Beyer, AMM3c, USNR, of Jamaica, N.Y., Air Gunner, Special Yeoman

Crew No. 20 SPECIAL WEAPONS

Capt. Dundas P. Tucker, USN
 Lieut. Comdr. Otho E. McCrackin, USNR
 Lieut. Francis A. Wilhelm, USNR
 Lieut. Hamilton H. Mann, USNR
 Lieut. Carlton F. Briscoe, USN
 Field Engineer Franklin G. McCoy
 Field Engineer Perry R. Stout
 Field Engineer Louis H. Powell
 Field Engineer Willard O. J. Conrad
 Rex Sitton, ACRT, USNR
 Kenneth W. Tardif, AOM1c, USNR
 Paul P. McCarthy, AOM1c, USNR
 Jerome M. Greenblatt, AOM1c, USNR
 David W. Dilworth, AOM1c, USNR
 David J. Cronin, AEM1c, USNR
 George W. Blaise, ART1c, USNR
 Robert P. Bricker, ART1c, USNR
 Paul C. Donnelly, ART1c, USNR
 Lawrence R. Hendershot, ART1c, USNR
 Gordon W. Leary, ART1c, USNR
 Leo J. Rindt, ART1c, USNR
 Gerhart J. Buchrer, AOM2c, USNR
 John F. Luther, Jr., AEM2c, USNR
 Thomas A. DeTemple, ART2c, USNR
 John B. Goodman, Jr., ART2c, USNR
 David M. Hammer, ART2c, USNR
 Laverne Hruska, ART2c, USNR
 Kenneth J. Murray, ART2c, USNR
 John H. Powers, ART2c, USNR
 Werner C. Strothman, ART2c, USNR
 Charles W. Keith, AOM3c, USNR

DETACHED DURING CRUISE

Lieut. Byron C. Brummer, USNR
 Lieut. (jg) Paul Beauchamp, USNR
 Lieut. (jg) George L. Smith, USNR
 Ralph E. Wallin, ACMM, USN
 Kenneth I. Collinson, Y1c, USN
 Gerald R. Doyle, AMM2c, USN
 Richard M. Irvine, ARM2c, USN
 Robert L. Fenton, ARM2c, USNR
 Robert R. O'Daniel, AOM3c, USN
 Edward J. Britton, ARM3c, USN
 Richard O. Davis, S1c, USNR
 Clifford E. Hicks, Jr., S1c, USN
 Thomas R. Pelley, S1c, USNR
 Dale O. Roberts, S1c, USNR
 Donald A. Black, S2c, USNR
 Roy D. Higdon, Jr., S2c, USNR
 Joseph E. McConnell, S2c, USNR

KILLED IN ACTION

5 MAY 1945

Joe W. Kasperlik, AMM2c, USN, Plane Captain, Air Gunner

30 MAY 1945

Lt. Leo E. Kennedy, USNR, Patrol Plane Commander

MISSING IN ACTION

5 AUGUST 1945

Lt. John D. Keeling, USNR, Patrol Plane Commander

Ens. Henry Baier, Jr., USNR, Copilot Navigator

Ens. Keith W. Radcliffe, USNR, Copilot Navigator

William L. Willocks, Jr., AMM1c, USNR, Plane Captain, Air Gunner

Frank R. Kramer, AOM1c, USNR, Air Gunner, Ordnanceman

William F. Krier, ARM1c, USNR, Radioman, Air Gunner

Alexander J. Boyd, ARM1c, USNR, Radioman, Air Gunner

Melvin M. Rager, AMM2c, USNR, Air Gunner, Mech.

James R. T. Carswell, AFC2c, USN, Air Gunner, Ordnanceman

Peter G. Ilacqua, ARM2c, USNR, Radioman, Air Gunner

James E. Krieger, AMM3c, USNR, Air Gunner, Mech.

Lawrence R. Conroy, AOM3c, USNR, Air Gunner, Ordnanceman

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