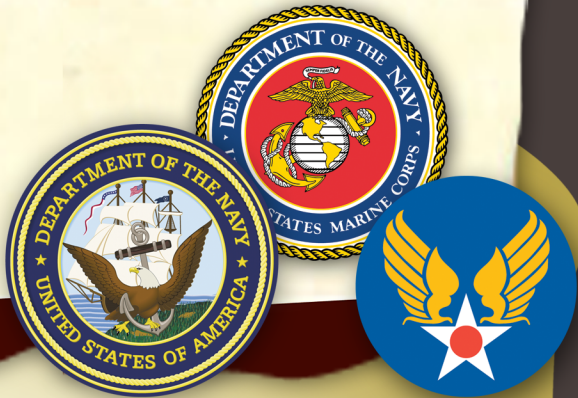


# AMERICAN PLANES AND MEN LOST ON MISSIONS TO YAP ISLAND



The following is a listing of American planes that were shot down or crashed on missions against Yap Island during WWII. The list includes Army Air Force, Navy, and Marine planes. Additional research continues to discover more losses; this is what was known as of 2009. Approximately 36 American planes were shot down over Yap with over 120 men still missing today.

Date:	Aircraft:	Unit:	Brief Overview:
13 June 1944	B-24	5th AF, 43th BG, & 67th BS	Blew up before reached the target.
14 June 1944	B-24J	5th AF, 90th BG, & 320th BS	Lost far off Yap.
23 June 1944	B-24	13th AF, 5th BG, & 23rd BS	South of the island.
25 June 1944	B-24	13th AF, 307th BG, & 372st BS	9°25'30"N - 138°05'E. Just outside the reef south of the island.
5 July 1944	B-24	13th AF, 307th BG, & 372nd BS	150 miles to the south of Yap Island.
13 July 1944	B-24	13th AF, 307th BG, & 370nd BS	Crashed in ocean 30 minutes after bombing Yap. 80 20'N – 139 513E.
15 July 1944	B-24	13th AF, 307th BG, & 372nd BS	5-8 miles south of Yap Island.
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15 July 1944	B-24	13th AF, 307th BG, & 371st BS	Ditched south of Yap Island.
19 July 1944	B-24J	13th AF, 5th BG, & 394th BS	95 miles south of Yap Island.
22 July 1944	F6F-3	From the USS Cabot (CVL-28)	En route to Yap. Crashed on arrested landing at sea. Pilot rescued.
26 July 1944	SB2C-1C Helldiver	VB-2 from the USS Yorktown	Hit by AA fire and crashed near the reef on the west side of the island.
27 July 1944	TBM-1C Grumman Avenger	VT-31 from the USS Cabot	Ditched in ocean one mile off the northeast of the southern tip of Yap.
27 July 1944	SB2C-1C Helldiver	VB-2 from the USS Hornet	Dove into the ground due to aileron failure. East side of Yap near Japanese lighthouse.
27 July 1944	F6F-3 Hellcat	VF-31 from the USS Cabot	Returning from the Yap Island strike forced to ditch because of flack damage but was picked up unharmed.
28 July 1944	F6F-3 Hellcat	VF-31 from the USS Cabot	Ditched 15 miles from Yap because of flack damage to his aircraft after returning to the task force.
August 1944	American Catholic Priests (2)	Civilians	Taken to Palau with two American POWs (Anthony crew) and a Filipino family who ran the weather station on Yap.
9 August 1944	B-24	13th AF, 5th BG, & 394th BS	Never made the squadron rendezvous over Sorol Island on mission to Yap.
10 August 1944	B-24	13th AF, 307th BG, & 371nd BS	Crashed near the mouth of the Yap Island harbor.
13 August 1944	Four UDT Men	US Navy UDT	All four men captured on Yap.
6 September 1944	F6F-5 Hellcat	VF-20 from the USS Enterprise	Crashed just west of Yap Town (now called Colonia) on land.
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6 September 1944	SB2C Helldiver	VB-20 from the USS Enterprise	Takeoff crash from the USS Enterprise.
8 September 1944	F6F-5 Hellcat	VF-13 from the USS Franklin	Ditched off Yap.
24 October 1944	F4U Corsair	VFM-122	Shot down by anti aircraft fire over Yap. Crashed about a mile in from the southern end of the island.
31 October 1944	FG-1A Corsair	VMF-121 from station at Peleliu	Shot down while attacking the Gagil-Tomil Airfield.
12 November 1944	FG-1 Corsair	VMF-121 from station at Peleliu	Crashed at sea due to engine failure.
18 November 1944	FG-1 Corsair	VMF-121 from station at Peleliu	Ditched 10 miles off southern tip of Yap after being hit by AA fire.
21 November 1944	FG-1 Corsair	VMF-121 from station at Peleliu	Hit water or ground while strafing off Maap Island while attacking a barge.
22 November 1944	F6F-5 Hellcat	VF-20 from the USS Enterprise	Shot down over airfield while making a strafing run. Plane lost tail and exploded near east end of the airfield.
22 November 1944	F4U-1 Corsair	VMF-114	4000 yards due east of the southern tip of Yap Air Strip and just over the barrier reef.
3 February 1945	F4U-1D Corsair	VMF-122 from Peleliu Island	Crashed at sea due to AA hit. 29 Deg. 30 Minutes North Latitude and 138 Degrees 11 Minutes East Longitude.
11 February 1945	F4U-1D Corsair	VFM-122	Crashed at sea due to engine failure 5-8 miles off Yap.
23 February 1945	PBM-3D Martin Mariner	VPB-22 from Ulithi Island	Sunk off the east side of Yap island close to shore.
16 March 1945	TBM-3 Grumman Avenger	VMTB-232 From Ulithi Island	Lost left wing and crashed near the east end of airfield.
21 March 1945	F6F-5 Hellcat	VF-12 from the USS Randolph	Hit ground while strafing due to AA fire
22 March 1945	F4U-1D Corsair	VMF-122	Crashed at sea due to engine failure.
25 March 1945	F6F-5P Hellcat	VF-86 from the USS Wasp	Lost due to weather.
3 August 1945	F6F-5P Hellcat	VMD-354 from Guam	Crashed 5 miles SW of Yap Island.