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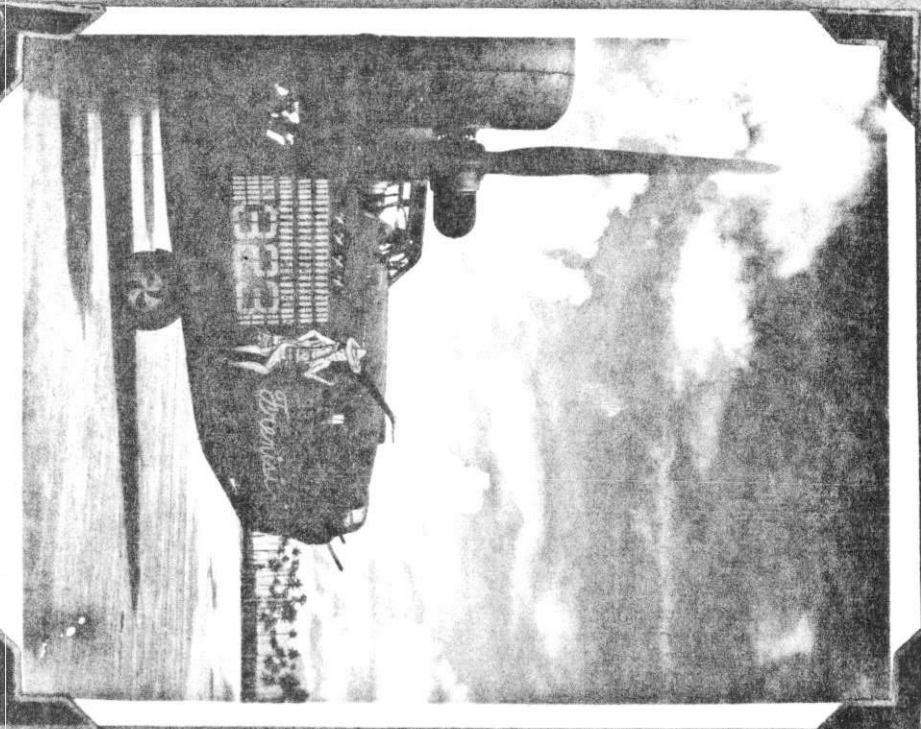
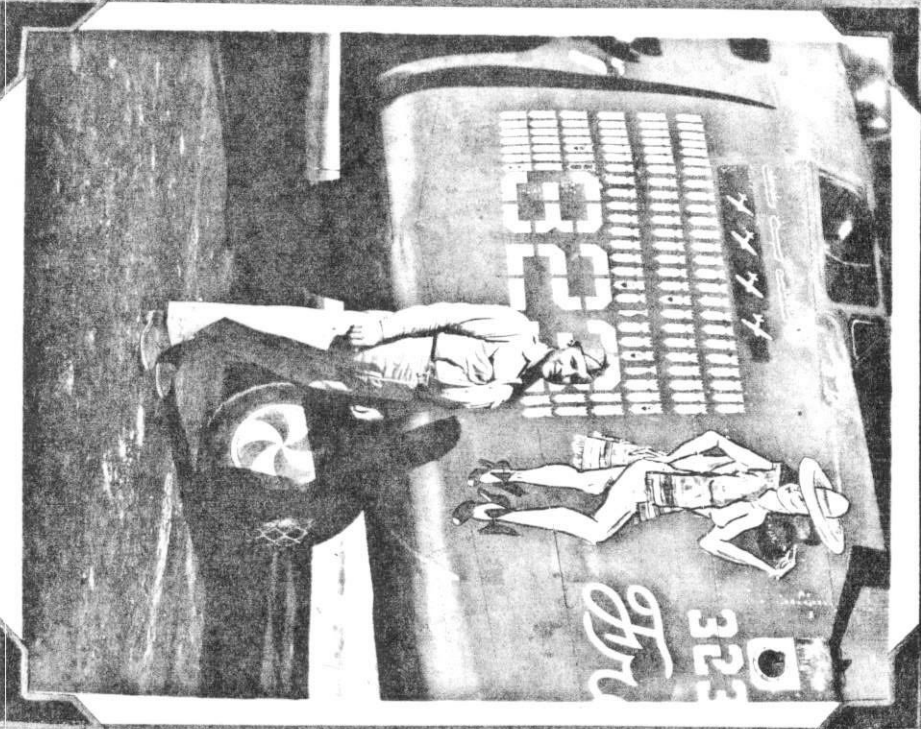
BOMB. GROUP(H)



371ST

BOMB. SQDN. (H)

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THE BEST COMBAT CREW THAT
 "FLEW" EVER HAD.

Lt. W. P. MOELLER Pilot Lt. R. B. MILLER Co. Pilot
 Lt. C. B. BRENNER Navigator Lt. J. S. KEUMMER Bombardier
 1st Sgt. L. H. JOYNT Sergeant 1st Sgt. D. N. LODGE Sergeant
 2nd Sgt. D. S. CERRANO Sergeant 2nd Sgt. A. C. AUSTIN Sergeant
 3rd Sgt. E. J. BROWN Sergeant 3rd Sgt. M. CERRANO Sergeant
 - A-50 -
 Lt. D. E. ZEINER Co. Pilot Lt. H. HOLMES Bombardier
 1st Sgt. J. DISPERANO Sergeant 2nd Sgt. V. F. LEMON Sergeant

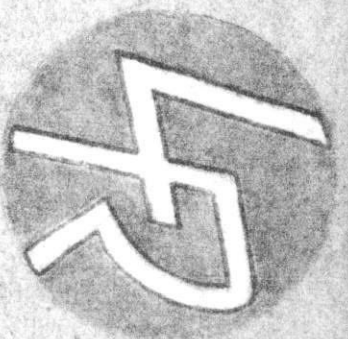
THEY HAVE ALL GONE
 HOME
 SHE NEVER LOST A MAN.



THE GROUND CREW

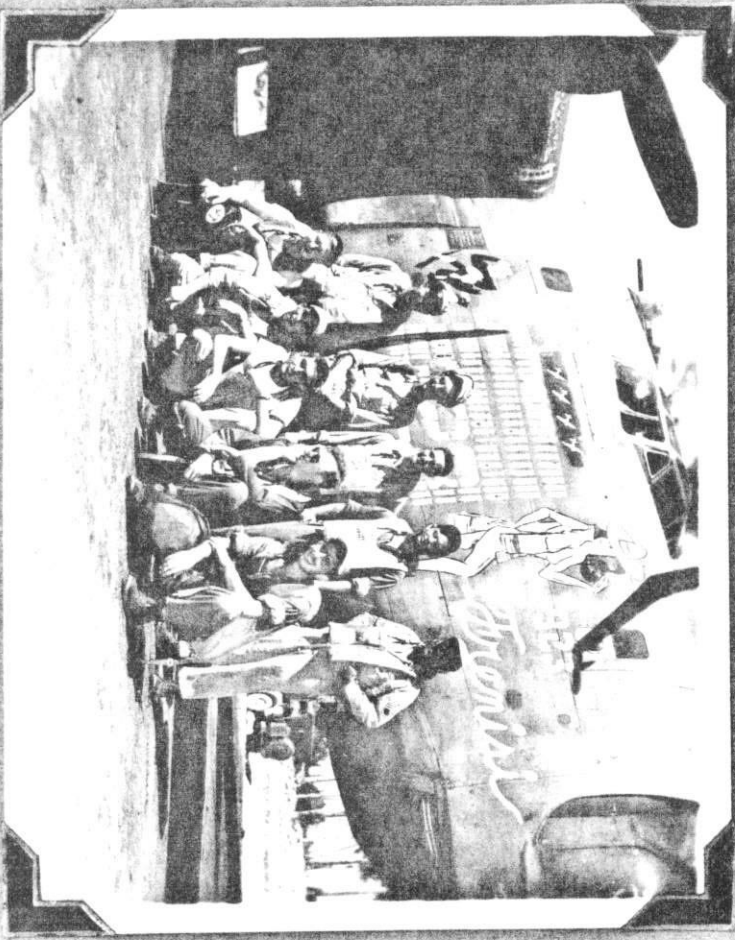
Major Kurt E. PATZLAFF
 Sgt. Ray W. EICKENBERGER
 Cpl. Bill S. DENNISON
 Cpl. Bob S. SWYDE
 Pfc. ROBERT A. TAMMAYRONE



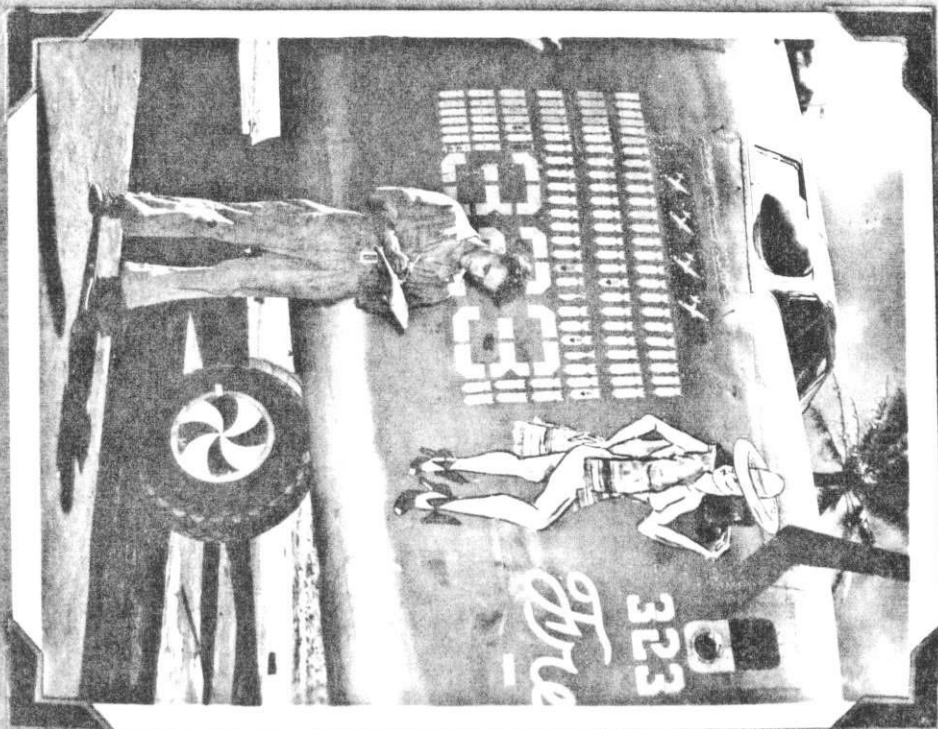


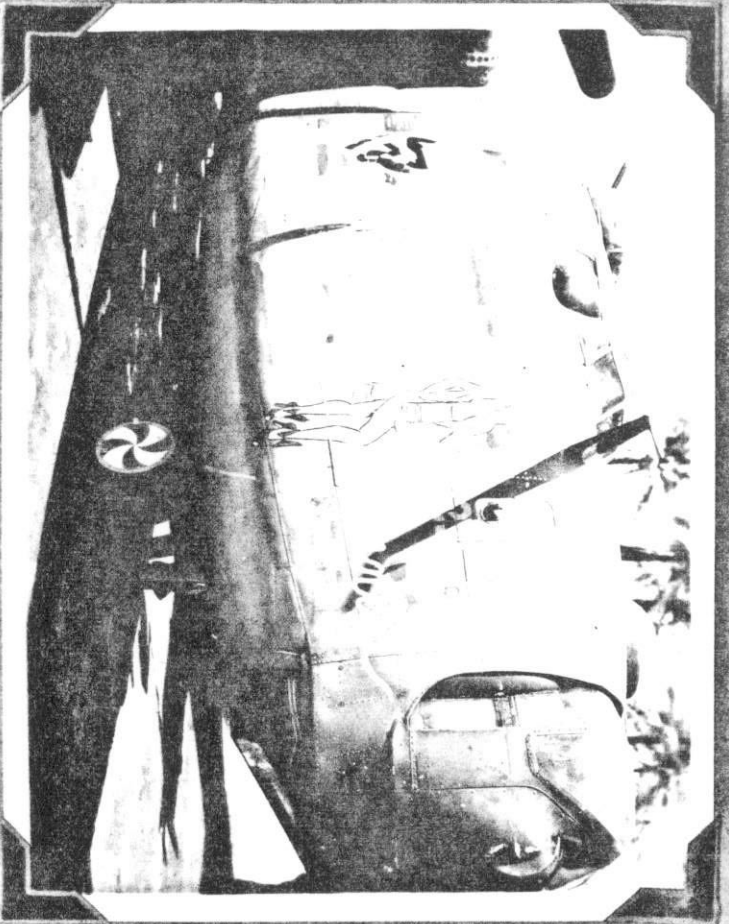
100th
MISSION CREW

PILOT. LT. OLIVER ADAMS - Co. Pilot. RONALD BIRD
NAV. LT. RAYMOND STEHLER - Bomb. JOHN CROSS
ENG. TSgt. JOHN F. CAMPBELL - A. ENG. GEORGE MARSHALL
PROP. TSgt. FRANK O'BRIEN - A. PROP. TSgt. CHARLES HANCOCK
A.G. TSgt. VOA GUEZINSKI - GUNNER. TSgt. JOHN HANSEN
- TSgt. CHARLES BRAD -



THE FORM 1A



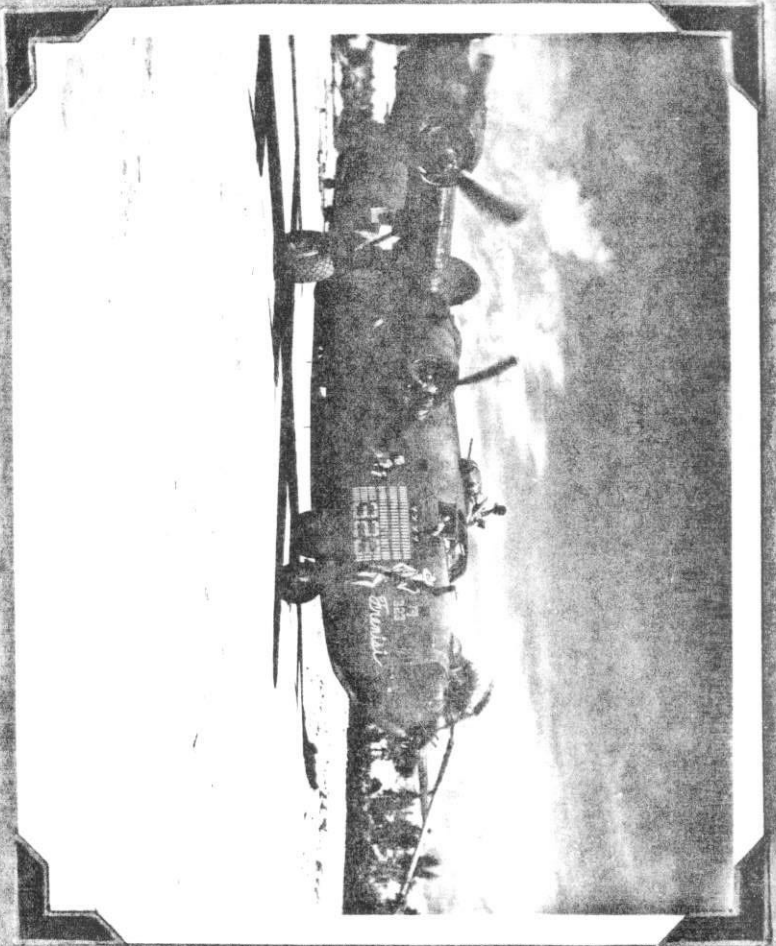


BORN
CONSOLIDATED AIRCRAFT AT SAN
DIEGO CAL. FEB. 10, 1943.

THE 13TH OF FEB. SHE WAS DELIVERED
TO THE AIR CORPS AT TUCSON AIR BASE
SHE WAS THEN KNOWN ONLY AS PLANE
NO. 42-40323 A B-24-D

APRIL 1, 1943 SHE WAS ASSIGNED
TO THE 6TH FERRING GROUP FOR DEWEY
OPERATIONS AT LONG BEACH CAL.
APRIL 4, 1943 SHE FLEW OVER
THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE UNMARKED
FOR THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

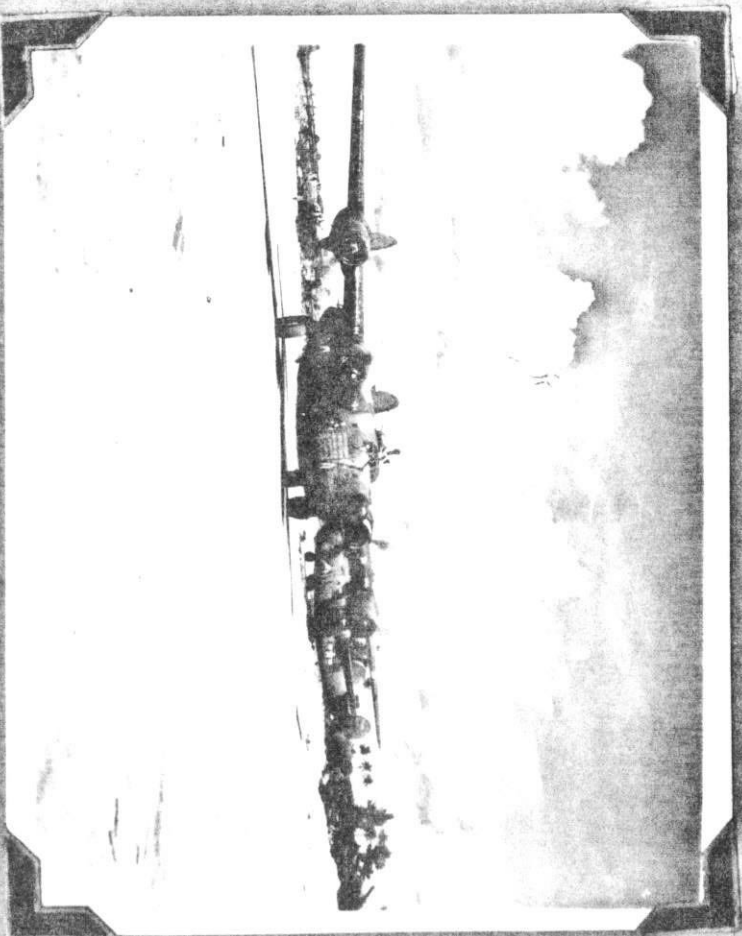
SHE STOPPED LONG ENOUGH AT
HICKAM FIELD TO HAVE HER NOSE
MARKED AND ALSO THE INSTALLATION
OF A BALL TURRET. SHE WAS THE
FIRST B-24-D WITH THE BALL TURRET
THEN CALLED SHE FLEW CHRISTMAS
ISLANDS, AMERICAN SAMOA, FIJI,
NEW CALEDONIA, NEW HEBRIDES AND
LANDING AT THE CAENEY FIELD ON
GUANOANNA MAY 6, 1943.



SHE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 434TH
 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON. THE 303
 WAS GIVEN TO W/PT. GEESE AND WE
 NAMED HER FERNISI AFTER HIS
 FAVORITE SONG.
 HE AND HIS CREW GAVE HER THE
 SHAKEDOWN INSPECTION AND SHE WAS
 READY TO GO.



MAY 31, 1943 WAS HER FIRST
 MISSION AND WAS A ROUTINE MISSION
 OFF THE COAST OF BOGOTAVILLE. SHE
 TASTED ENEMY FIRE (WHITE STAMPING
 A JAP COASTAL STEAMER. SHE LEFT
 IT BURNING AND THE SWID WAS
 ABANDONED.

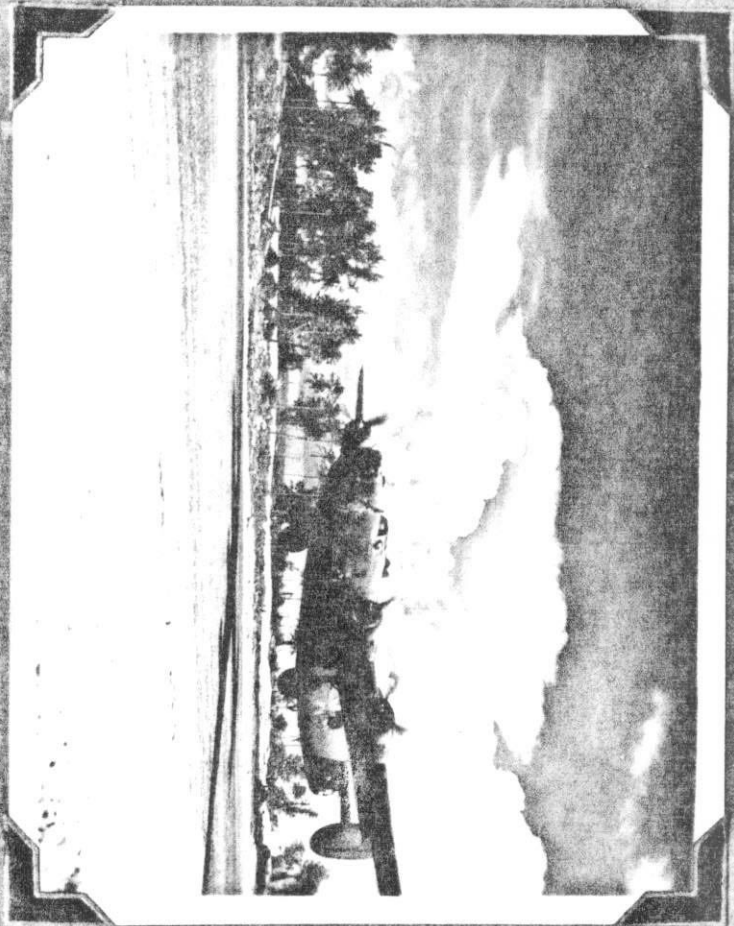




JULY 25, 1943 SHE HIT MINOR
 JULY 26, 1943 SHE HIT BARRAGE
 JUNE 18, 1943 " " NAUVED
 JUNE 14, 1943 " " KANUUE
 JUNE 7, 1943 " " JAP TOWER

JULY 18, 1943 SHE MADE 2
 DIKER HITS ON A JAP 19K
 OF THE 8000-10000 TON. PART
 WARRSE WAS HER TARGET. SHE
 HAD PLENTY OF HOLES BUT SHE MADE
 IT SAFE. LT M.L. NELSON WAS THE
 BOMBARDIER. (THE SWIRL WAS OF THE
 SINGURE CRASS)





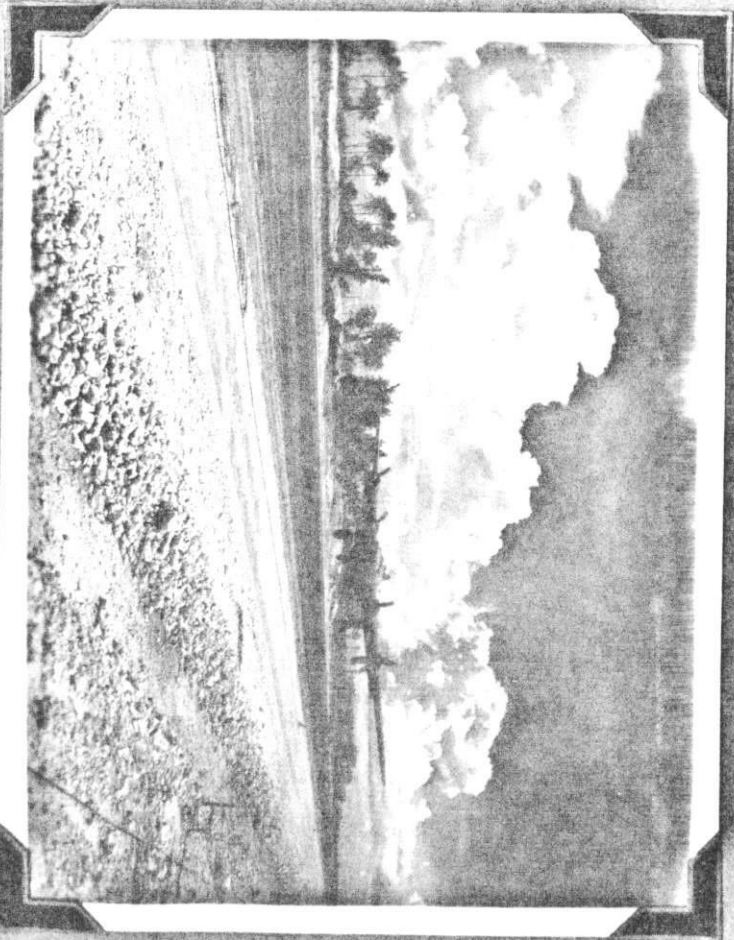
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 AUG. 30, 1944. WHILE FIRING ONE
 ROUND SHE WAS ATTACKED BY 40
 JAPS. IT WAS A TUGH DAY FOR
 CAPT. C. W. BYRD. WHEN THEY LAUNCHED
 AT THE CANAL THERE WAS 48 HOURS
 IN HER. AFTER 9 DAYS SHE WAS
 AGAIN MADE READY TO GO.

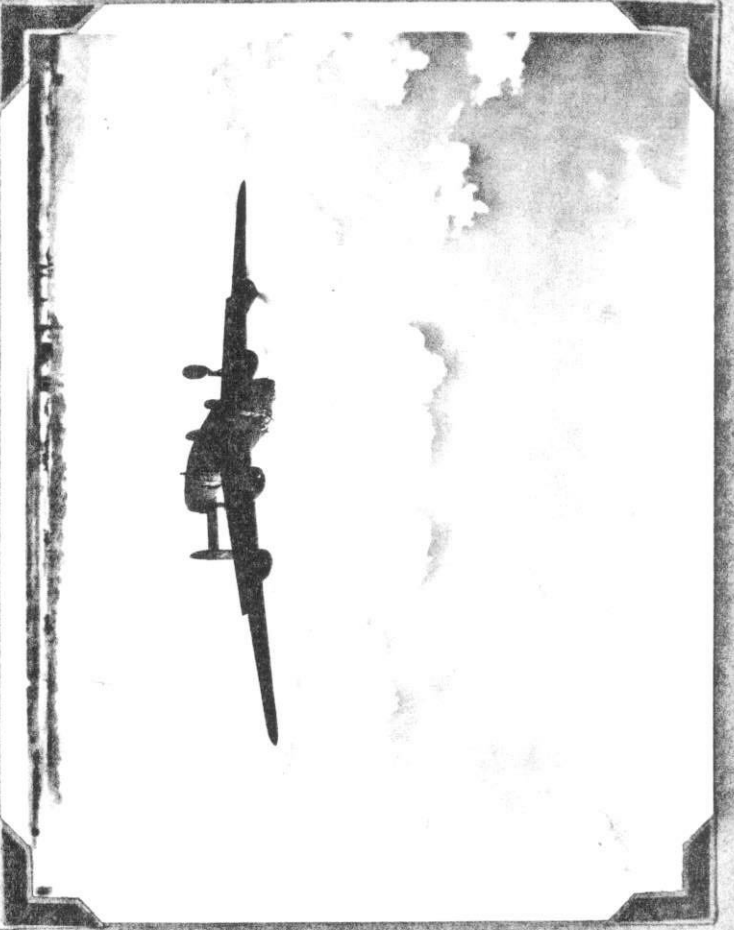
MAJOR H. G. McNEESE WAS HER FIRST PILOT
 CAPT. C. W. BYRD NEXT
 LT. BATTERFIELD FOLLOWING
 THE ABOVE AIR HAIR
 GONE HOME

43?
 OCT. 14, 1948 SHE WAS TRANSFERRED
 INTO THE 371ST Bomb SQW AT THE NID
 HERBIES ISLANDS. SHE WAS OLD WHEN
 I GOT HER. LT. W. D. McNEESE WAS TO
 BE MY PILOT. SHE FLEW A FEW SEVEN
 AND THEN WE WENT TO WORK AND PUT
 4 NEW ENGINES ON HER.

NOV. 16 LT. McNEESE AND LT. LOWME
 TOOK HER UP AND PUT HER THROUGH THE
 TESTS. AND SHE DID GREAT BUT WE HAD
 ONE PROBLEM SHE'S READY FOR COMBAT.

NOV. 24 WE FLEW TO THE CANAL
 TO GO TO WORK ON THE WMS. WE HIT
 PANAU, KAVIENG, KAHILLI, KACA, ROPEANE
 SHOTDOWN 15, BOKA, BOUIS, SONANA B. BATALE,
 VIKIA AND MONOH.





LANDED AT MUNDU AIRFIELD NOV. 25, 1943
 COL. BIRCHARD + COL. JORDAN'S FLEW HERE.
 LT. W. P. MOELLER WENT HOME FROM THIS
 BASE MARCH 14, 1944. HE WAS A GRAND BOY
 TO WORK FOR. LT. P. B. MILLER HIS CO-PILOT
 WAS CHECKED OUT '95 TROOP.
 APRIL 6, 1944 SHE FLEW TO GREEN IS. AND
 FROM THERE LT. KARAS TOOK HER OVER TON.
 APRIL 13, 1944 SHE FLEW TO BOONWINE AND
 LT. PHURMS WAS TO HIT TON.
 APRIL 16, 1944 WE AGAIN WENT TO GREEN
 ISLAND FOR MISSIONS AGAINST TON. LT. HAWKINS
 MAY 3, 1944 WE LEFT MUNDU AND FLEW
 TO OUR NEW BASE IN THE HONNECARY IS.

FROM LOS WAREDS IN THE HONNECARY
 IS. IT WAS TONK, SARAWAN, ALOEAS,
 AND BARK IS. SHE WAS AT BARK ON
 D' DAY.

AND AT THIS BASE MOST OF THE
 BOYS WHO FLEW IN FEBRUIS WENT HOME.
 THOSE WHO WONT GO HOME WERE FINISHED
 FLYING AND WAITING FOR THESE ORDERS.

JUNE 29, 1944 WIRM LT. OL. RORIK
 AT THE GOITROKS LOST 2 ENGINES ON
 THE RETURN TRIP. IT WAS HERE 92
 MISSION. THE ENGINE'S HAD A LOT OF TONE
 TO WE HERE AGAIN AT THE TASK OF A
 COMPLETS AGAINST GUNNAGE.

APRIL 9 DAYS OF WORK IN THE HOT
 SUN SHE WAS AGAIN READY TO GO. LT. PRICE
 TOOK HER UP AND PUT HER THROUGH THE
 PAGES.

