

FIGHTING 22





Lt.O.A.HIGGINS "HIG"



Lt.R.K.ASHFORD "ASH"



Lt.L.L.JOHNSON "LEE" COMMANDING OFFICER



Lt.C.M. CRAIG EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Lt. J.R. BEHR



Lt. J. H. Mª CONNELL



Lt.40 D.A. TURNOCK



Ltee J.C. MAXEY







Lt.(10) J. A. BRYCE



ENS. N.V. STREETMAN



Lt.(10) E.C. DALE



Lt.(40) D.C. STANLEY



Lt.(40) R.A. RICHARDSON Lt.(40) J.H. ROBERTS







ENS. J.A. DEGUTIS



ENS. M.J. ROCHE "MIKE"



ENS. J. W. BOWEN



ENS.F.I. KELLY



ENS. J. R.EAN



ENS. S. VOSEVICH "SAMMY"



ENS. W.T.COMBS



ENS. E. G. O'SULLIVAN "SULLY"



ENS.G.CUMMING "GORDON"



BACK ROW - RICE, J.K., SAMPLAWSKI, M.G., JOHNS, J.J., HAMMAC, H. ENS. T.R.GUNTER NEHRBAS, T.C., KORNITSKY, J.N., BLEASE, L.F.

FRONT ROW-MARVIN, J.D., HEADLEY, R.E., WITHERS, J.R.R.
FARMER, R.J., DERR, J.E., CRAWFORD, H.S.





ENS. C.M. PETRIE, JR.





ENS.G.M.GULBRANDSEN ENS. K.L. STRANDT "GEORGE" "KEN"



ENS.E.P. HALTOM



ENS. F. ANCHORS



ENS. J.H. ROOP "REAP"



"BILL"



ENS. J. W. WIDMER, JR. ENS.A.L. WATTS, JR.



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DECEMBER 1944.

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ENS. K.L. STRANDT

SECRET:

Lingayan Gulf and San Fernando were the targets on 19

November. Lt. HIGGINS knocked down a Pete. The strike into the area was credited with a 4,000 ton AK probably sunk by rockets, three ships damaged and two gun boats attacked. Lt. C.M.

CRAIG and Ens. G. CUMMING splashed a Dinah while on CAP 20,000 feet over the ships. On the sweep over Lingayan Gulf in the China Sea Lt. (jg) J.A. BRYCE of Altus, Oklahoma, was known down by anti-aircraft fire. Accompanying fighters circled him and one hour later he was picked up by a life guard submarine, unhurt.

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On 24 November the squadron was back in Ulithi for another short rest. The COWPENS sailed again on 1 December but orders apparently were changed and she returned on 2 December.

On its second combat cruise Fighting 22 encountered a rather high rate of casualties during several months of intensand almost uninterrupted fighting against the Japs from the first Philippines strike to date.

Tactical doctrine of the squadron saw many changes between the two combat tours of Fighting 22. The changes began as the squadron switched from the F4F to F6F. What had once been the doctrine, "A strong defense is a good offense," changed to "A determined and rigorous offense serves also as a defense."

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