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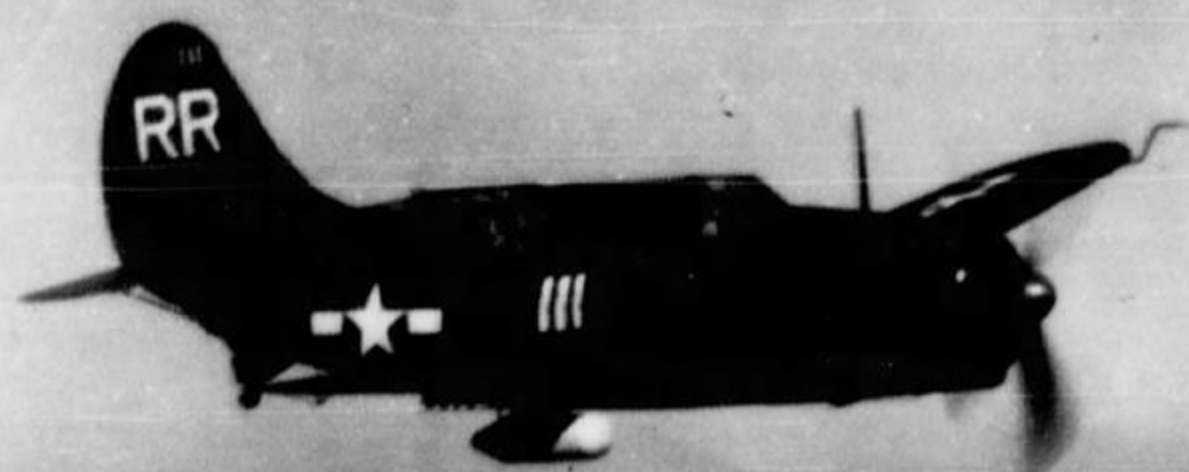
U.S.S. YORKTOWN, CV-10

UNIT OF TASK GROUP THIRTY EIGHT POINT FOUR

ACTION REPORT

16 AUGUST 1945 TO 2 SEPTEMBER 1945

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U. S. S. YORKTOWN (CV10)

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From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet.

Via: (1) Commander, Carrier Division SIX (formerly CTG 38.4).
(2) Commander, Task Force 38 (Com2dCarTaskForPac).
(3) Commander, THIRD Fleet.
(4) Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas.

Subject: Operations from 15 August 1945 to 2 September 1945, which consisted of airfield surveillance and searches for prisoner of war camps during initial occupation phases.

Reference: (a) Articles 712 and 874(6), U. S. Navy Regulations (1920).
(b) CominCh ltr. FF1/A12-1/A16-3, serial 7152, dated 29 October 1943.
(c) ALNAV 215-44.
(d) PacFlt conf. ltr. 1CL-45.

Enclosure: ✓(A) Action Report, Parts I to III, inclusive.

1. Enclosure (A) is submitted in compliance with references (a) through (d).

2. All times appearing in the enclosures are ZONE MINUS NINE (-9), and all dates are EAST LONGITUDE, except as may be applicable to dispatches, which are in accordance with Communications Instructions.

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Part I

1. This report covers the operations of U. S. S. YORKTOWN (CV10) from the day following cessation of hostilities on 15 August 1945 until the official signing of the peace which was accomplished on 2 September 1945 aboard the U. S. S. MISSOURI (BB63). YORKTOWN furnished combat air patrols over friendly forces and 274 airfield reconnaissance flights over the target area. During the five days of operations, 27 P.O.W. camps were located. Supplies were dropped on 15 of these.

2. At all times this ship maintained a high degree of readiness.

Part II

1. YORKTOWN participated in these operations as a unit of Task Group 38.4 under the command of Rear Admiral A. W. Radford, USN. The composition of the Task Group when hostilities terminated was as follows:

Carriers

YORKTOWN (CV10)
SHANGRI-LA (CV38)
BON HOMME RICHARD (CV31)
ESSEX (CV9)
INDEPENDENCE (CVL22)

Battleships

WISCONSIN (BB64)

Cruisers

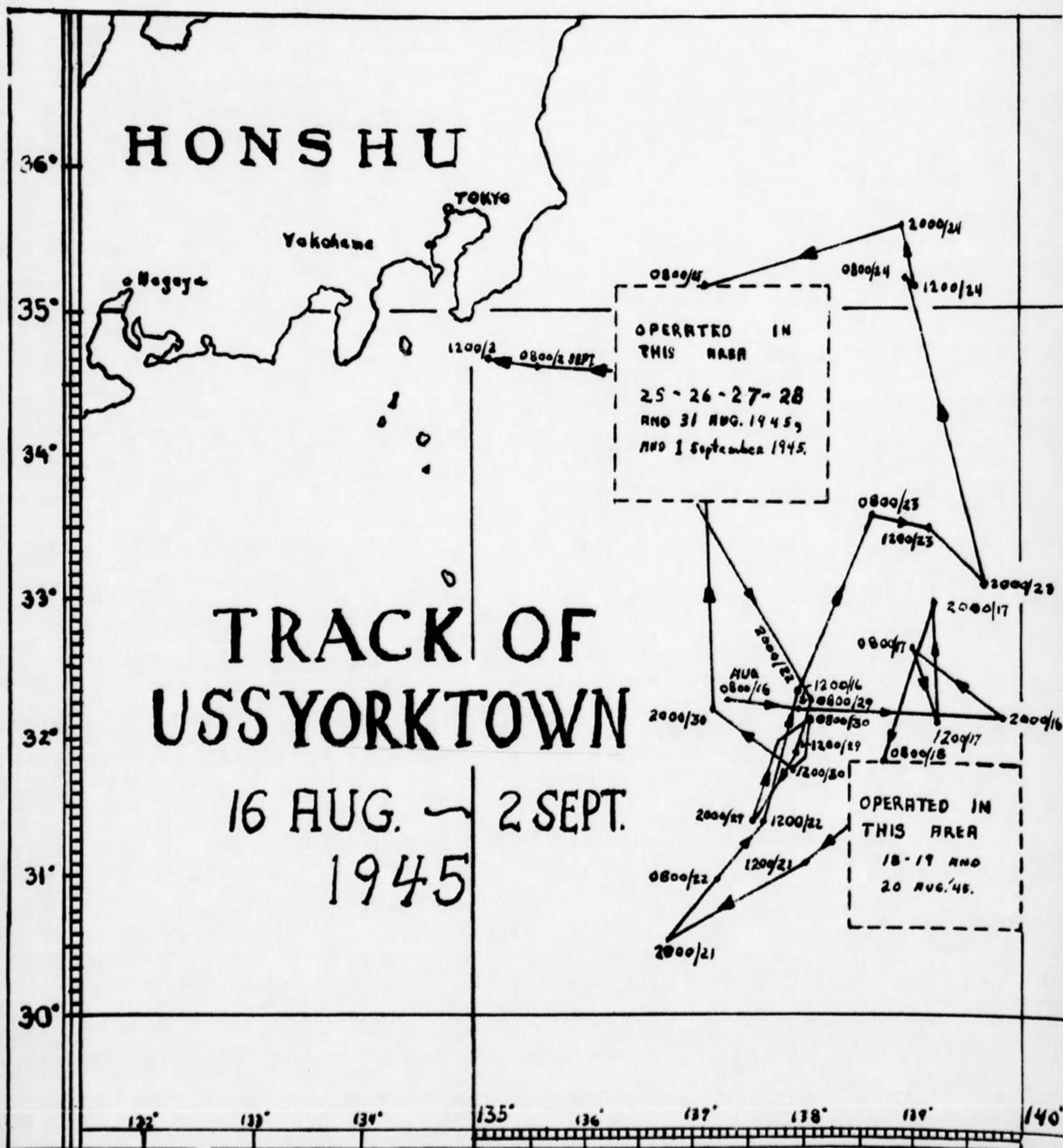
ATLANTA (CL104)
DAYTON (CL105)
FLINT (CL97)

Destroyers

AULT (DD698)	BULLARD (DD660)	CHEVALIER (DD805)	ENGLISH (DD696)
HANK (DD702)	W. L. LIND (DD703)	ROWE (DD564)	NORMAN SCOTT (DD690)
SMALLEY (DD565)	C. S. SPERRY (DD697)	STODDARD (DD566)	WALDRON (DD699)
WATTS (DD567)	J. W. WEEKS (DD701)	WADLEIGH (DD689)	WREN (DD568)

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Part III

Chronological Summary of Operations

16 August

Steaming in Task Group 38.4 while awaiting further orders after cancelling air strikes against Japan. At 0443, BUCHANAN (DD484) came alongside for fueling. At 0611, CAPERTON (DD650) came alongside for fueling.

17 August

Steaming in Task Group 38.4 while awaiting instructions as a result of peace negotiations with Japan. At 0539, COGSWELL (DD651) came alongside for fueling. At 0515, WOODWORTH (DD460) reported for duty and joined the formation. At 0555, CAPERTON (DD650) came alongside for fueling.

18 August

Steaming in Task Group 38.4, proceeding to fueling area to rearm, replenish and refuel from Task Group 30.8. During the day, fueled from LACKAWANNA (AO40). At 0642, TUCSON (CL98) joined the formation. At sunset, cleared the service group, planning to continue the same operations the following day.

19 August

Steaming in Task Group 38.4, and again made contact with the service group in order to continue to rearm, replenish and refuel. During the day, transferred freight from ESCAMBIA (AO80) and AFASCOSA (AO66), and provisions from THUBAN (AKA19). At 1151, went alongside OZARK (LSV-2) and commenced transfer of officers and men of Marine Landing Force. At sunset, cleared the service group, planning to continue the same operations the following day.

20 August

Steaming in Task Group 38.4 in same area as before, while continuing replenishment operations. During the day, landed replacement aircraft (1 VFN, 4 VF, 1 VT) and rearmed from MAZAMA (AE9). At 1100, IOWA (BB61) joined the formation, and left again at 1325. At 1125, ATLANTA (CL104) rejoined the formation. At 1343, WASP (CV18) left the formation. At 1605, ESSEX (CV9) joined the formation. At 1608, the following British ships joined the formation:

HMS KING GEORGE V
HMS DUKE OF YORK
HMS NEWFOUNDLAND
HMS GAMBIA
HMS WHELP
HMS NAPIER
HMS NAZAM

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21 August

Steaming in Task Group 38.4 in same area while continuing replenishment exercises from units of Task Group 30.8. During the day, provisioned from THUBAN (AKA19), received ammunition from MAZAMA (AE9), and fueled from MERRIMAC (AO37). At 0600, C. S. SPERRY (DD697), J. W. WEEKS (DD701), ENGLISH (DD696), W. L. LIND (DD703), WALDRON (DD699), AULT (DD698), and BULLARD (DD660) reported for duty and joined the formation.

22 August

Steaming in Task Group 38.4 while continuing replenishment operations from units of Task Group 30.8. At 1130, Task Force 38 launched all available planes for a parade over the Force for photographic purposes. YORKTOWN launched 96 aircraft.

23 August

Steaming in Task Group 38.4. Completed replenishment operations at about noon. At 0505 KNAPP (DD653), at 0543 BENHAM (DD796), and at 0616 BULLARD (DD660) fueled from this ship.

At 1400, in accordance with orders from Commander THIRD Fleet, MISSOURI (BB63), CruDiv 10, DesDiv 100, DesDiv 105, and COWPENS (CVL25), plus all British units in this Task Group, were detached. The remaining ships of the group set course for the operating area off the coast of Honshu, having been ordered to furnish air support and cover for units proceeding to Tokyo Bay in connection with the occupation of Japan. The execution of this move was ordered in CTG 38.4's Op-Order 5-45 plus subsequent dispatches.

24 August

Steaming in Task Group 38.4 while proceeding to operating area off the east coast of Honshu to furnish airfield coverage of Tokyo and the northern Honshu area, and support for occupation forces.

At 0447 ENGLISH (DD696), at 0534 AULT (DD698), and at 0622 W. L. LIND (DD703) came alongside for fueling. At 0936, FLINT (CL97) and BULLARD (DD660) left the formation. At 1145, VICKSBURG (CL86), MOALE (DD693), and LOWRY (DD770) reported for duty and joined the formation.

25 August

Steaming in Task Group 38.4 while furnishing airfield coverage and support for occupation forces as directed. At 0458 LOWRY (DD770), at 0604 J. W. WEEKS (DD701), and at 0645 HANK (DD702) came alongside for fueling. At 0937, VICKSBURG (CL86) and NORMAN SCOTT (DD690) left the formation. Remained in the same area planning to repeat the same schedule the following day.

26 August

Steaming in Task Group 38.4 in the operating area, but adverse weather caused by a typhoon to the southwest prevented flights over the Tokyo area.

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At 0457 AULT (DD698), at 0637 W. L. LIND (DD703), and at 0739 C. S. SPERRY (DD697) came alongside for fueling. Remained in the same operating area to repeat the same schedule the following day.

27 August

Steaming in Task Group 38.4 in the operating area east of Tokyo while covering units of the fleet moving into Sagami Wan. Furnished airfield coverage and support as directed.

At 0424, VICKSBURG (CL86) and NORMAN SCOTT (DD690) rejoined the formation. At 0500 NORMAN SCOTT, at 0611 ROWE (DD564), and at 0730 AULT (DD698) came alongside for fueling.

28 August

Steaming in Task Group 38.4 furnishing air cover for fleet units in Sagami Wan, for U. S. Army personnel landing at Atsugi Airfield, and other airfield coverage and support as directed.

At 0455, W. L. LIND (DD703) fueled from this ship. At 0515, BON HOMME RICHARD (CV31) rejoined the formation. At 0518, WREN (DD568), ROWE (DD564), WATTS (DD567), and SMALLEY (DD565) rejoined the formation. At 0619, ENGLISH (DD696) came alongside for fueling. At 0621, ATLANTA (CL104) left the formation. At 0727, STODDARD (DD566) came alongside for fueling. At 1027, ATLANTA (CL104), W. L. LIND (DD703), CHEVALIER (DD805), and J. W. WEEKS (DD701) rejoined the formation. At 1227, LOWRY (DD770) joined the formation. At 1730, KIMBERLY (DD521) and R. K. HUNTINGDON (DD781) joined the formation.

On completion of operations, set course for rendezvous with Task Group 30.8 for fueling and replenishment.

29 August

Fueled from KANKAKEE (AO39) and AUCILLA (AO56). Received freight and provisions from ALDEBARAN (AF10). During the day, landed replacement aircraft (2 VFP, 2 VBF, 1 SB2C, 1 TBM).

The service group remained in the formation during the night to continue operations the following day.

30 August

Received provisions from THUBAN (AKA19). As of 1045, Admiral William F. Halsey, USN, hoisted his four-star flag at his headquarters at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan.

31 August

Steaming in Task Group 38.4 while furnishing air cover for friendly forces in Tokyo area, for Army personnel landing at Atsugi, and other airfield coverage

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and support as directed, but heavy weather over the target area restricted operations considerably.

At 0456 HANK (DD702), at 0630 ENGLISH (DD691), and at 0710 W. L. LIND (DD703) came alongside for fueling. At 1410, WADLEIGH (DD689) joined the formation.

1 September

Steaming in Task Group 38.4 while operating as before. A front over Honshu and between the ship and Tokyo area created low ceilings and poor visibility, and as a result prevented our flights from reaching the target area.

At 0514 WALDRON (DD699), at 0618 ENGLISH (DD696), and at 0714 W. L. LIND (DD703) came alongside for fueling.

At 1100, Vice Admiral John H. Towers, USN, relieved Vice Admiral John S. McCain, USN, as Commander SECOND Carrier Task Force and Commander Task Force 38.

At 1720, ESSEX (CV9) and MOALE (DD693) were detached and left the formation.

2 September

Steaming in Task Group 38.4 in the operating area about 30 miles east of Sagami Wan. Furnished air cover for friendly naval units in Tokyo Bay, and launched 79 aircraft as part of the force which paraded over the MISSOURI (BB63) following the signing of the peace treaty with Japan. This momentous ceremony took place aboard the MISSOURI from 0930 to 1030.

At 0541, C. S. SPERRY (DD697) came alongside for fueling. Upon completion of the operation, set course for rendezvous with Task Group 30.8 for replenishment and refueling in preparation for further operations in support of the occupation of Japan.

Medical Report

There were two cases of atypical pneumonia, and one case of catarrhal fever. No epidemics occurred.

There were eleven accidents during this period, none of which were fatal. Two resulted in fractures.

One pilot sustained lacerations of knee, chin, and head, and a mild concussion when he crashed his F4U over the port side of the ship. He had been given a "cut" by the Landing Signals Officer, but thinking he was too high applied throttle to go around again. His left wing struck the deck, throwing plane into the water. He was recovered by a destroyer.

One officer was injured when a barrier wire snapped and struck his foot. This accident resulted in compound, comminuted fracture of first, second, third, and fourth metatarsals. Two flight deck personnel received minor injuries.

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No patients were transferred to the hospital ship during this period. One patient was received from a destroyer in the group and is having an uneventful recovery.

A total of 42 hours of instruction was given in casualty drills and first aid.

Engineering Report

This vessel has steamed 226,878 engine miles from date of commissioning, 15 April 1943, to 1200 on 2 September 1945. She has steamed 106,441 engine miles since last undocking, 29 September 1944, to 1200 on 2 September 1945, and is now in her 64th day at sea on the present cruise.

Date	Dawn Availability				At Target					TCAP	Ships CAP		Search			ASP or SNASP			Others			
	VF	VFN	VB	VT	VF	VFP	VB	VT	VFN	VF	VF	VFN	VF	VB	VT	VF	VB	VT	VF	VFN	VB	VT
16 Aug	55	6	13	15																		
17 Aug	58	6	12	15							24											3
18 Aug	53	5	15	14																		1
19 Aug	58	5	14	14																		
20 Aug	58	5	14	14							8											
21 Aug	57	5	15	15																		
22 Aug	57	6	15	14																		
23 Aug	48	5	13	13							16								1			1
24 Aug	53	5	12	15							8											
25 Aug	57	6	14	15	59	16	12	12			32											
26 Aug	61	6	14	13	9			4			12								4			
27 Aug	60	6	15	14	48	8	12	16		8	23					1				1		2
28 Aug					23		16	8		36	48		2		1							
29 Aug	46	6	11	15																		2
30 Aug	53	6	12	15							8											3
31 Aug	59	6	11	14	19		16	3		23	39											4
1 Sep	58	6	14	13	16		2	8			28											
2 Sep	62	6	15	15	46	2	23	14		40												

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Own losses and rescue operations

Date	Time of Launch	Type Aircraft	Circumstances, Place, and cause of Plane Loss	No. Pilots Lost	No. Air Crew Lost	No. Pilots Saved	No. Air Crew Saved
25 Aug	1200	Hellcat	(1) Made water landing in vicinity of Force due to operational reasons.	0	0	1	0
28 Aug	0425	Corsair	(2) Made water landing in vicinity of Force due to operational reasons.	0	0	1	0
28 Aug	1242	Corsair	(3) Made water landing in vicinity of Force due to operational reasons.	0	0	1	0
28 Aug		Hellcat	(4) Jettisoned due to operational damage.				
28 Aug		Corsair	(5) Jettisoned due to operational damage.				
31 Aug		Corsair	(6) Jettisoned due to operational damage.				
31 Aug		VB	(7) Jettisoned due to operational damage of 27 August.				

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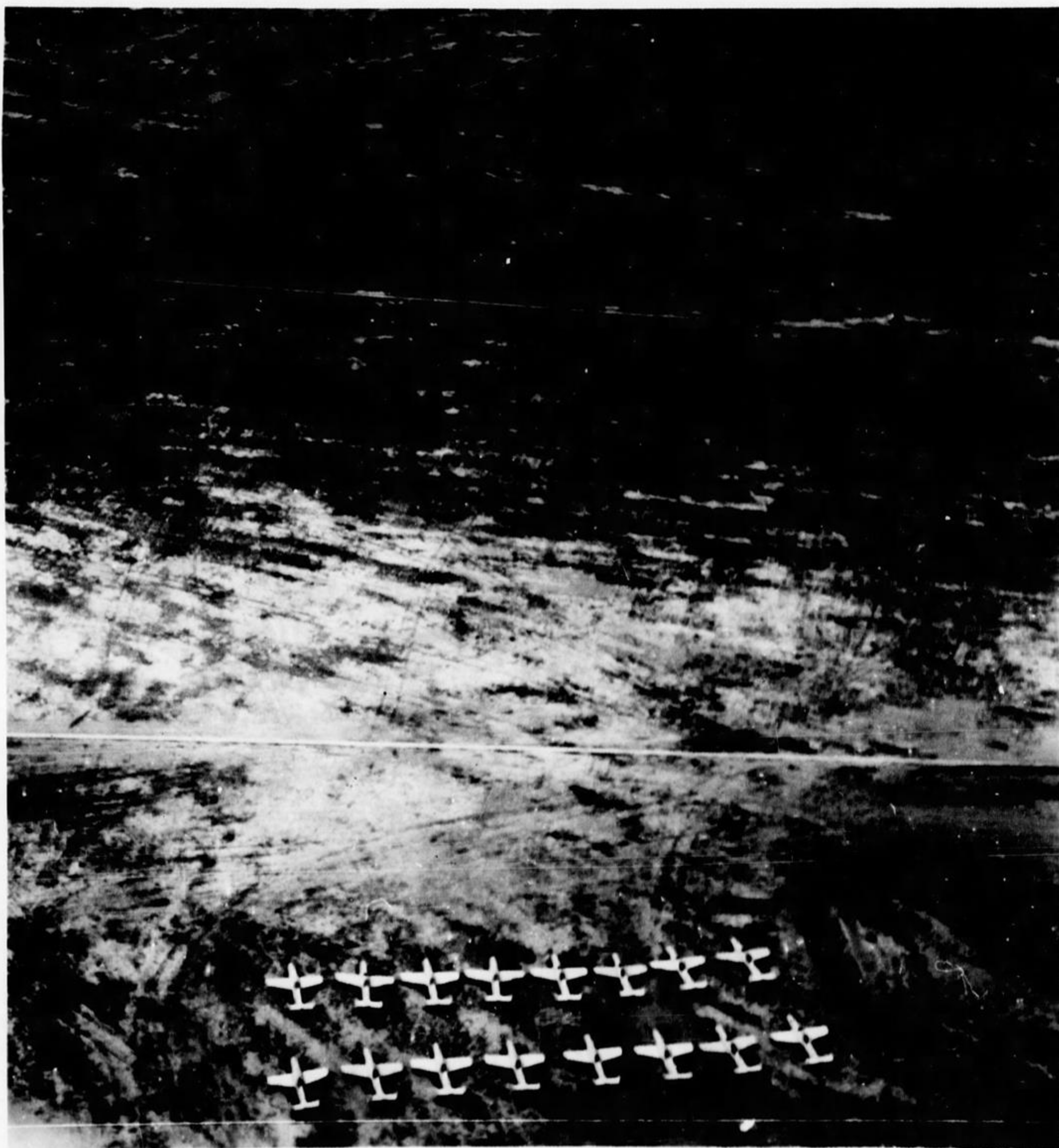
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Rescue Operations

1. Rescued by CHARLES S. SPERRY (DD697).
2. Rescued by STODDARD (DD566).
3. Rescued by ENGLISH (DD696).

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BAKA BOMBS, BROUGHT FROM HIDING IN DISPERSAL AREAS, ARE LINED UP ON ONE SIDE OF KONOIKE AIRFIELD IN COMPLIANCE WITH SURRENDER TERMS.

CV10 665-4 25 AUGUST 1945



THE SIGN ON THE ROOF OF THIS P.O.W. CAMP IN TOKYO REVEALS THE PRESENCE THERE OF LIEUT. J. W. CONDIT, VT-5, SHOT DOWN DURING YORKTOWN'S FIRST STRIKE AGAINST THE ENEMY AT MARCUS ISLAND, 31 AUGUST 1943.

CV10 692-2 28 AUGUST 1945



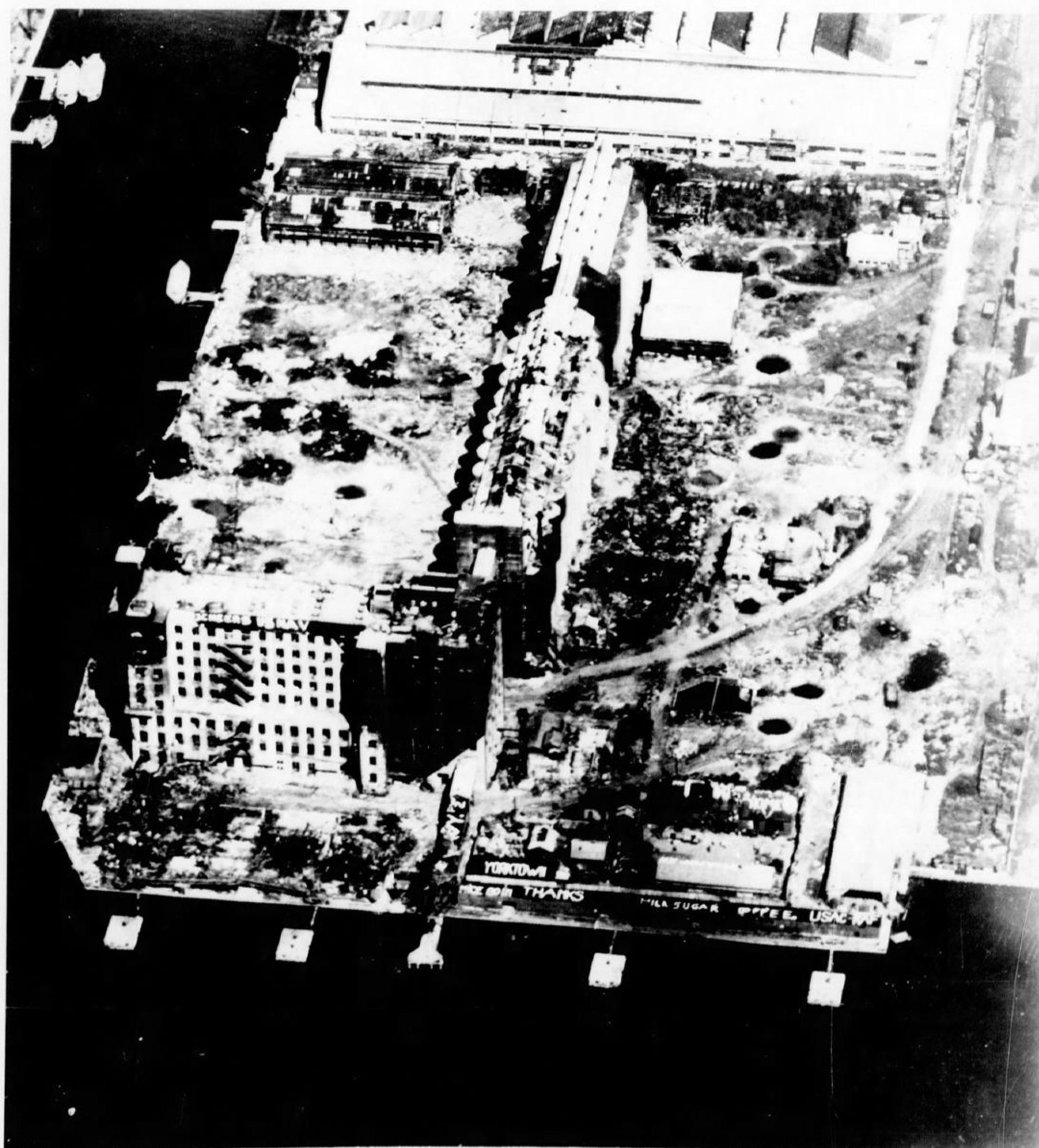
AIRCRAFT LINED UP ON KOMATSU AIRFIELD IN COMPLIANCE WITH SURRENDER TERMS.

CV10 686-3 28 AUGUST 1945



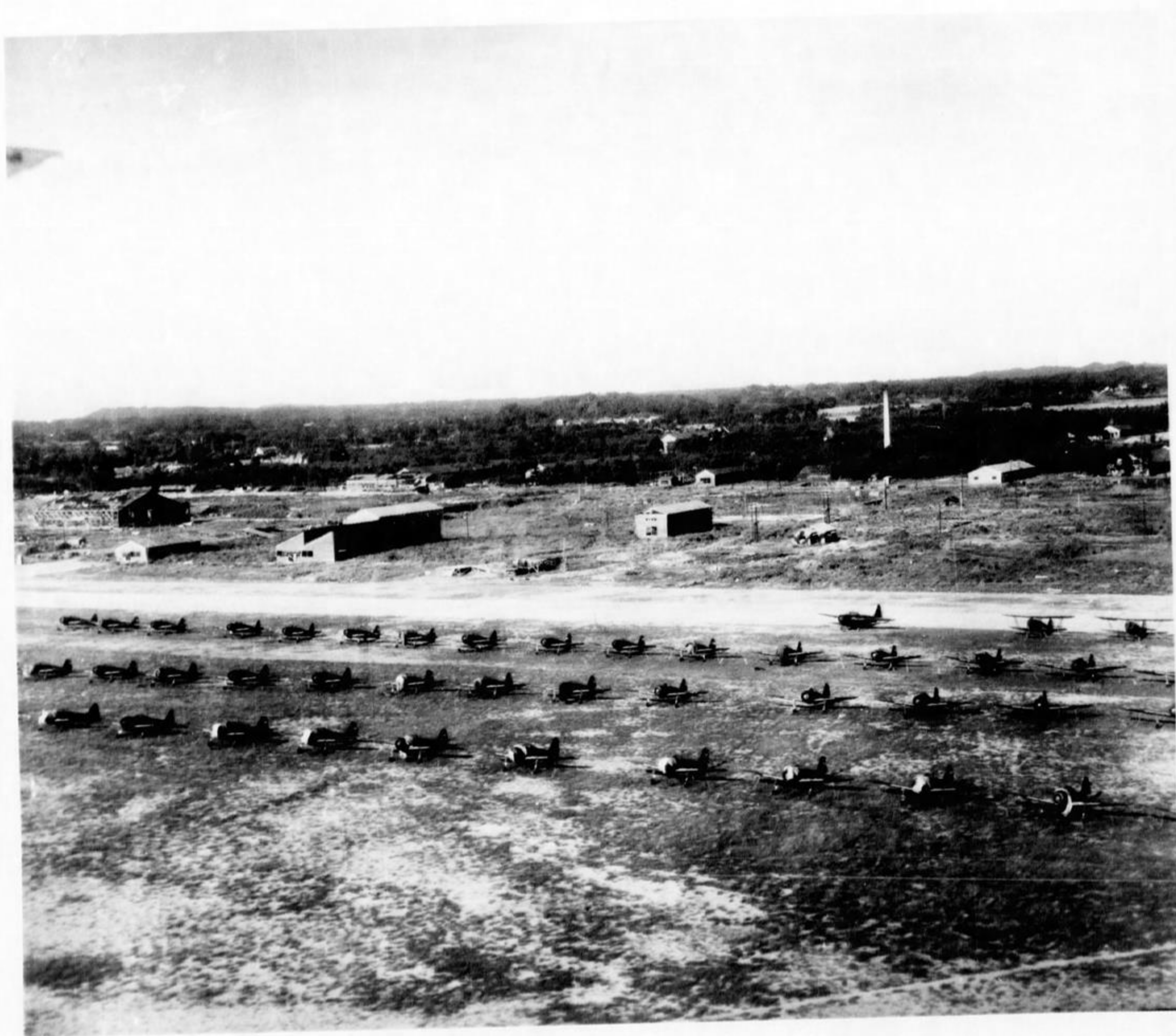
THE FLEET IN SAGAMI WAN. MOUNT FUJI RISES ABOVE THE CLOUDS ON THE LEFT.

CV10 687-5 28 AUGUST 1945



PRISONERS OF WAR ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS VIA SIGNS PAINTED ON THE ROOFS OF THE CAMP BUILDINGS LOCATED ON THE TOKYO WATERFRONT.

CV10 690 28 AUGUST 1945



AIRCRAFT LINED UP ON IMBA AIRFIELD IN COMPLIANCE WITH SURRENDER TERMS.

CV10 683-2 28 AUGUST 1945