

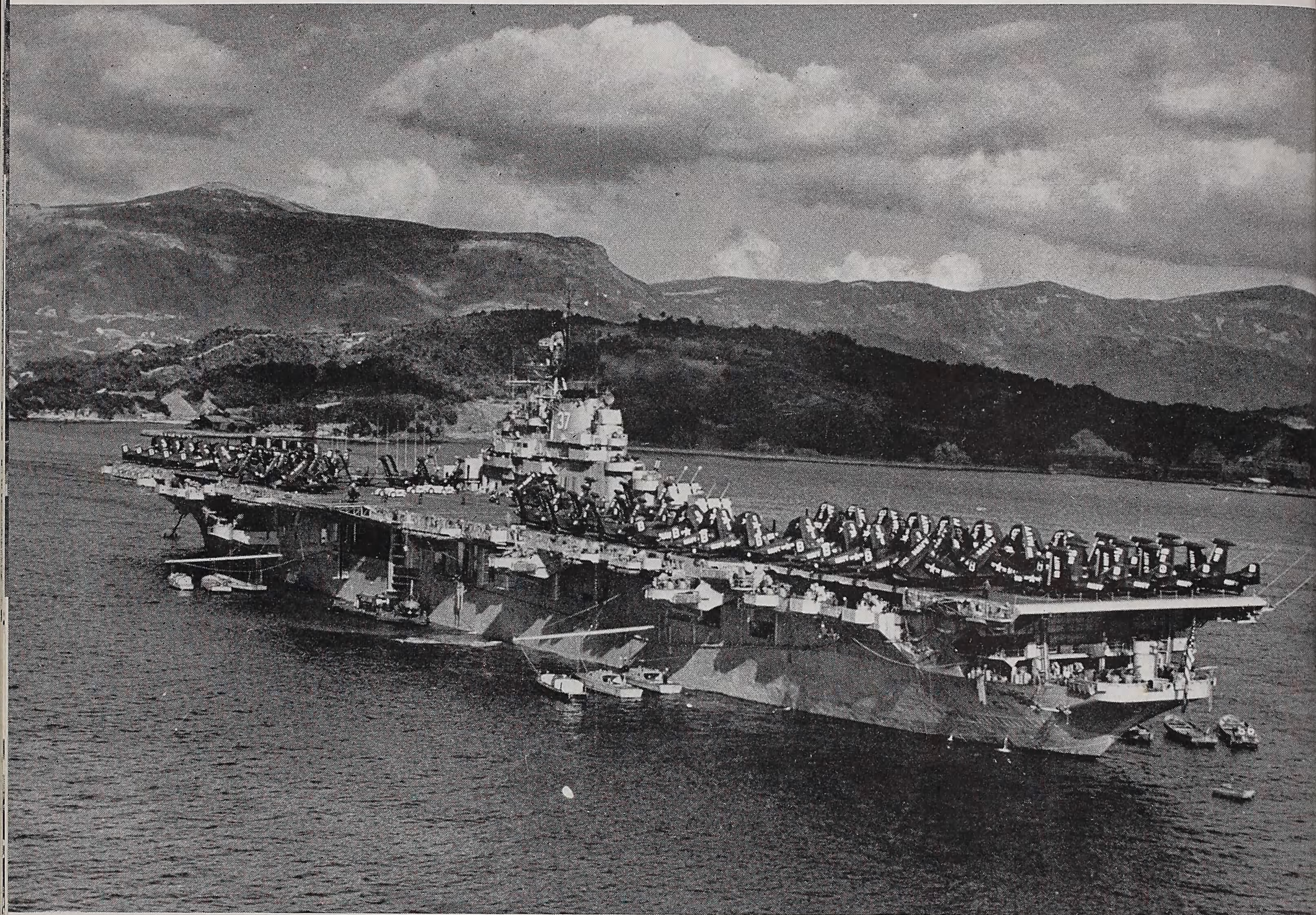
# ARRIVAL IN SASEBO

Arriving in Sasebo, Japan in near-record time, the first problem facing the Princeton, and in particular the men of ER Division, was the repair of the radar. Our reporting on station was delayed for twenty-four hours so that emergency repairs would allow us to operate effectively as Flag Ship of Task Force 77.





# LIBERTY IN SASEBO, JAPAN



Naval folklore holds that a good liberty ship is a good fighting ship, and perhaps there is much truth in the proposition. In any event, history should record that the Princeton fought its sharpest engagements in Sasebo, a naval base from which a large part of the Japanese Fleet sailed for Pearl Harbor on November 25, 1941.

The crew lay siege upon the small city after six weeks at sea. Sukiyaki parties, the usually sedate Officers' Lodge, and the Saki shops roared their robust merriment.

The Army Officers' Club at Camp Mower resembled a Yukon hall, as the Major in charge

moved to halt the rush of blue and gold. The Major was crowned with a popular bathroom fixture. Both affronted and injured he called the Senior Officer Present. The ship's officers were restricted and UNIFICATION received a setback, remedied only by an appeal by Admiral Ofstie.

Two Lieutenants were apprehended by an MP road block after driving a confiscated jeep on the wrong side of the street. Space limits the listing of other numerous incidents.

None of the damage was serious nor permanent, but now the Princeton was an integrated unit—a ship's company with tales of fascinating adventures to cement a bond of comradeship.





Liberty parties reached the landing via liberty launches.



Bearded sailors shopped for the first time in Japan.





# SASEBO



The culture of the Japanese proved of interest to everyone . . . their clothes, tools, transportation and division of labor.

