

Exploring WWII Relics of Southern Micronesia



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Introduction

- **Started w/ slow cruising circumnavigation.**
- **Fathers both career Naval aviators.**
- **Interest in Scuba diving, shipwrecks and aviation.**
- **More remote N rather than S Pacific route to PI.**
- **Start of Tom's book coincided w/ start of our trip N**
- **Our arrival in Majuro, RMI same date, 10 May, as Dave's Dad's arrival in Majuro 69 years earlier.**
- **Got better and better as we went along.**
- **Total of almost 2 years exploring S Micronesia, RMI, FSM to Palau.**

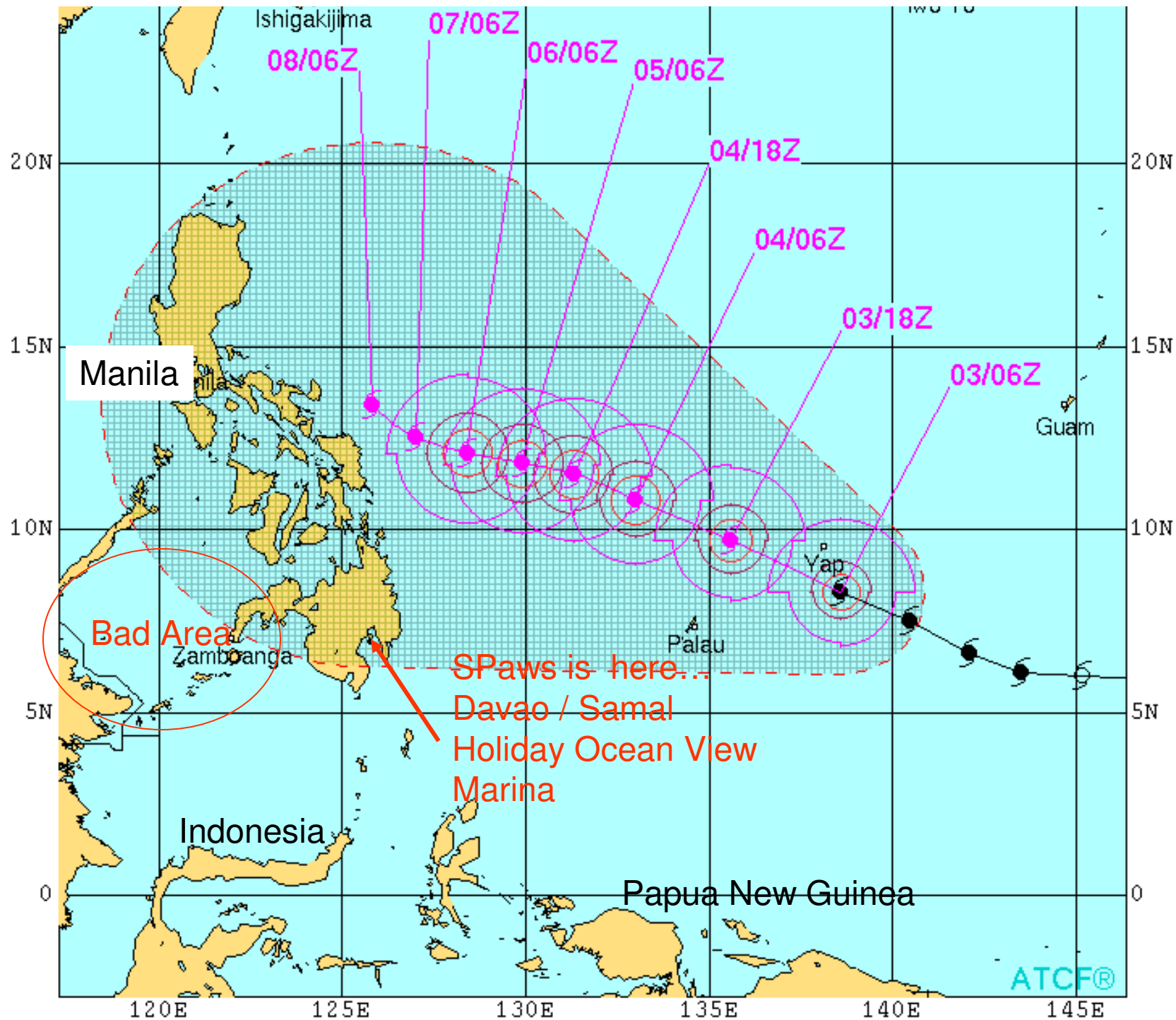
A6M Zero
engine



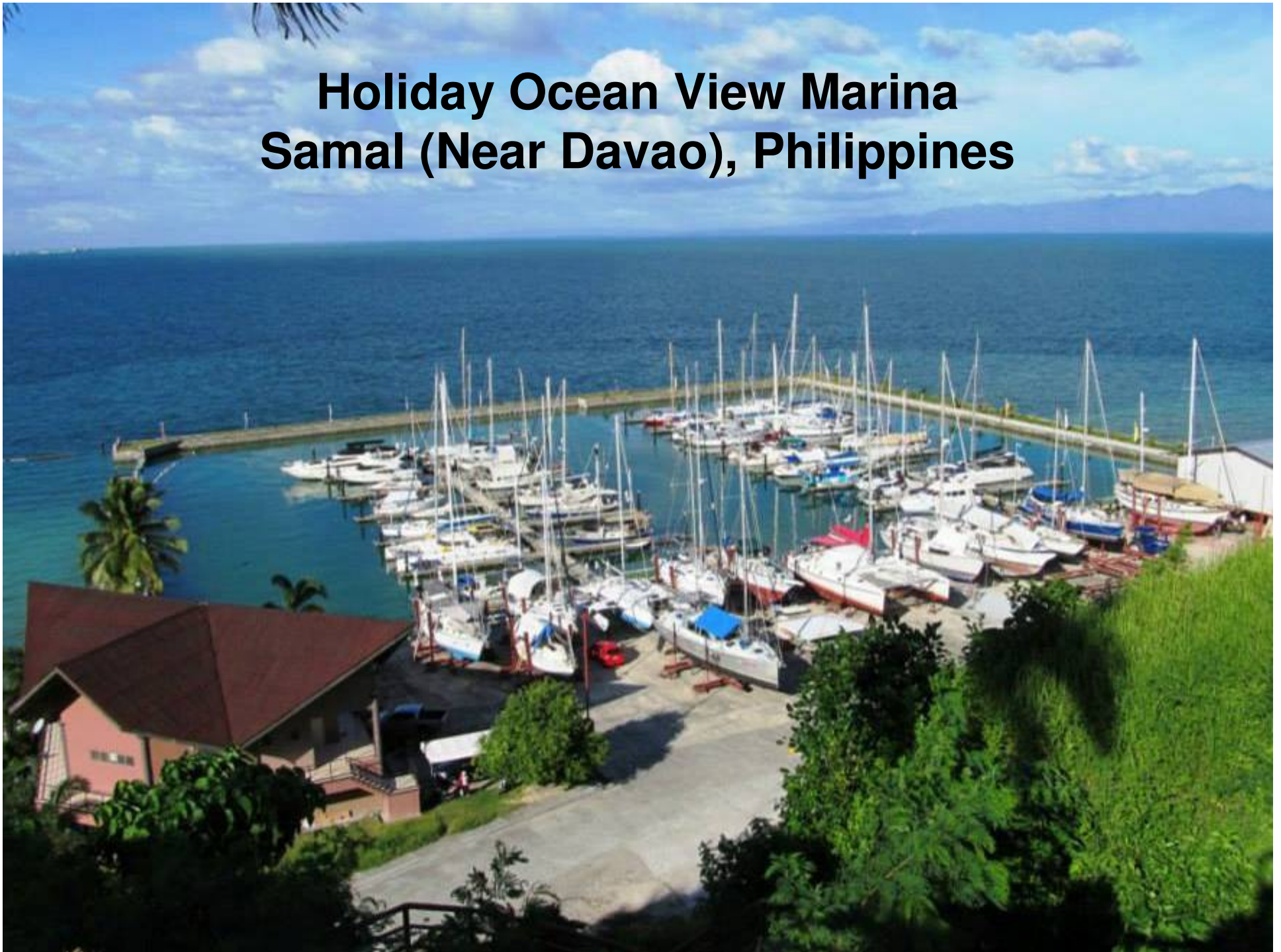
**Sherry sez: where are we
and what the heck is this?**

SV Soggy Paws Florida to the Philippines





Holiday Ocean View Marina Samal (Near Davao), Philippines

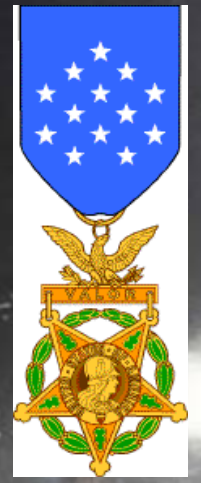


Dad onboard USS Essex CV-9 in the Pacific Nov 1944



AMC Chester Owens
Crew Chief

Cdr David McCampbell
US Navy's Leading Ace



Western Pacific Island History

- 1880s German occupation for trade
- 1916 Japanese occupation for defense
- 1945 US Trust Territories of the Pacific
- 1980s Independence:
 - Republic of Palau
 - Federated States of Micronesia
 - Republic of the Marshall Islands
 - Commonwealth of Northern Marianas
- Compact of Free Association with US

2013-4 S/V Soggy Paws Trip

- Fiji thru Marshalls & FSM to Palau
- Places we stopped w/ WWII relics:

*RMI

- = Majuro
- = Kwaj/Roi
- = Bikini
- = Maloelap
- = Mili
- = Jaluit

*FSM

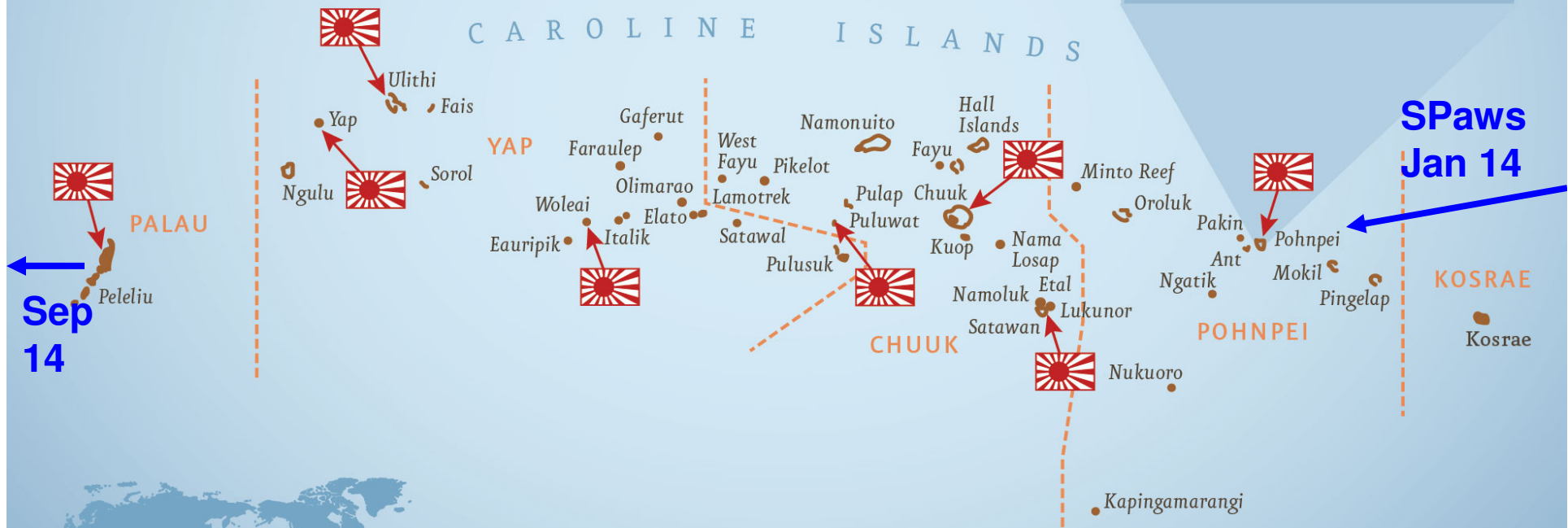
- = Pohnpei
- = Satawan/Mortlocks
- = Chuuk/Truk Lagoon
- = Puluwat/Alet
- = Woleai
- = Ulithi
- = Yap

*PALAU

- =Peleliu

*TARAWA

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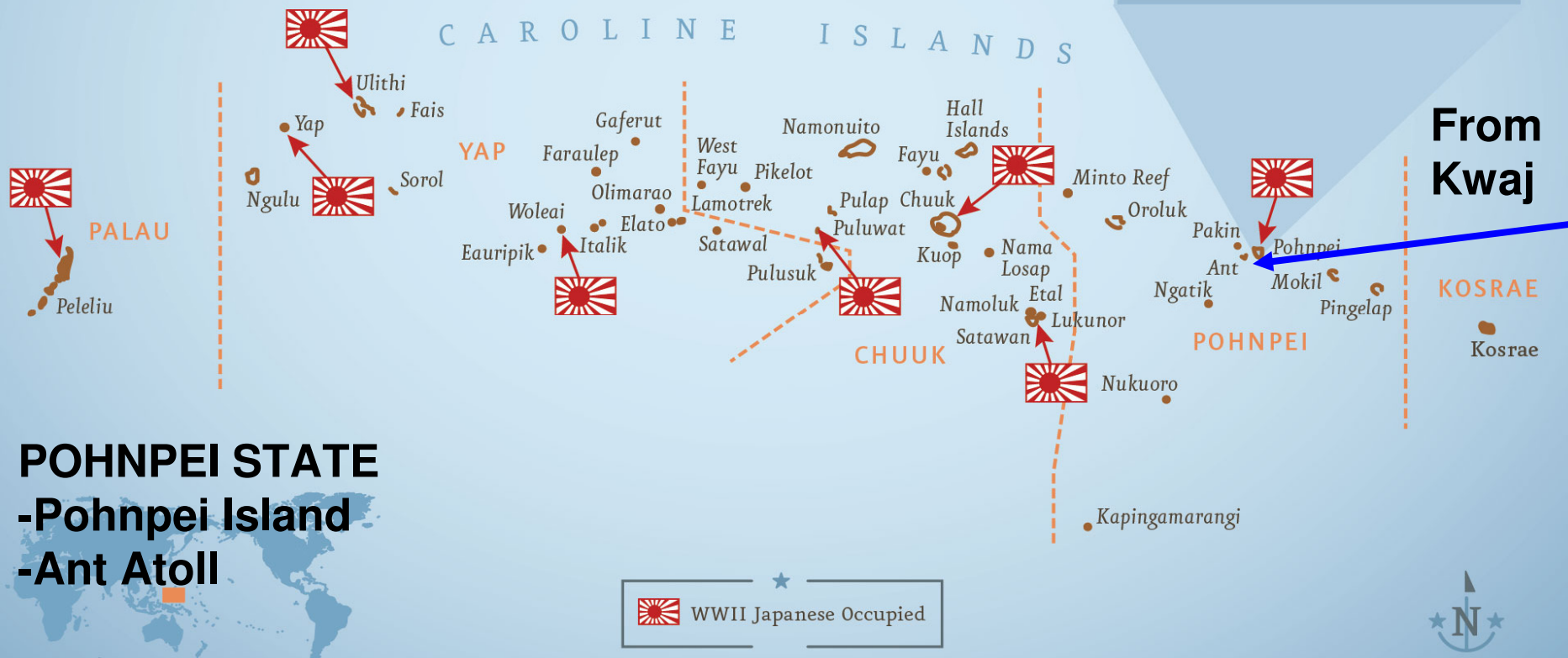
☀ WWII Japanese Occupied



A Few Things Cruisers Should Know

- International and State checkins required
- Separate checkin/out for each state - Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, Yap
- Checkin/out with boat at dock at each state capitol
- US citizens unlimited Visa time, others mostly 3 mos, extendable
- Must apply for Cruising Permit before arrival, normally for 2 mos, by email, extendable
- Customs, etc straight forward – no pet issues
- Clearance fees ea state ~\$120 US, Yap minimal
- See details in SPaws 'Micronesia Compendium' at SVSoggypaws.com/files

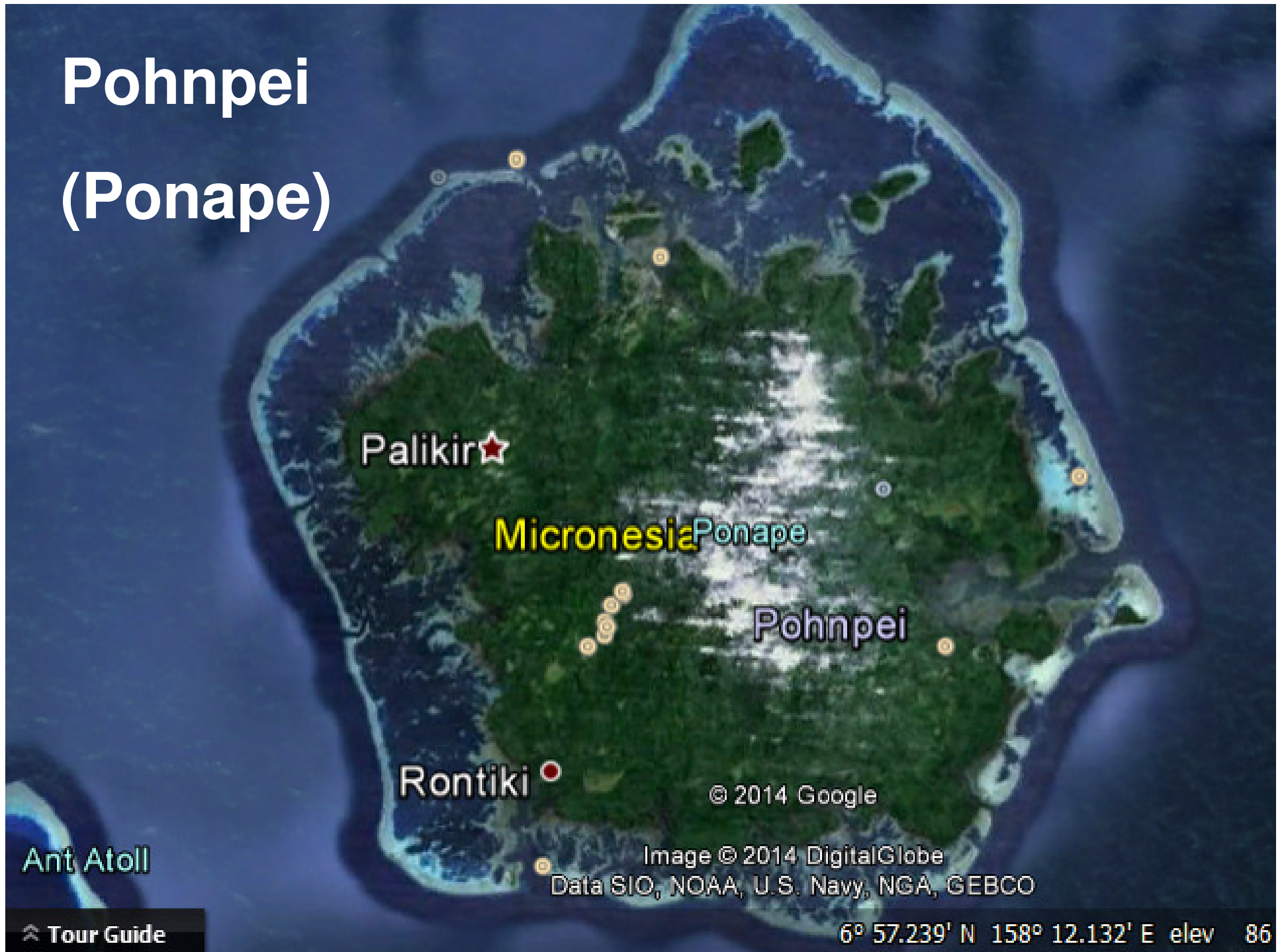
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POHNPEI STATE
-Pohnpei Island
-Ant Atoll



Pohnpei (Ponape)



Ant Atoll

🏠 Tour Guide

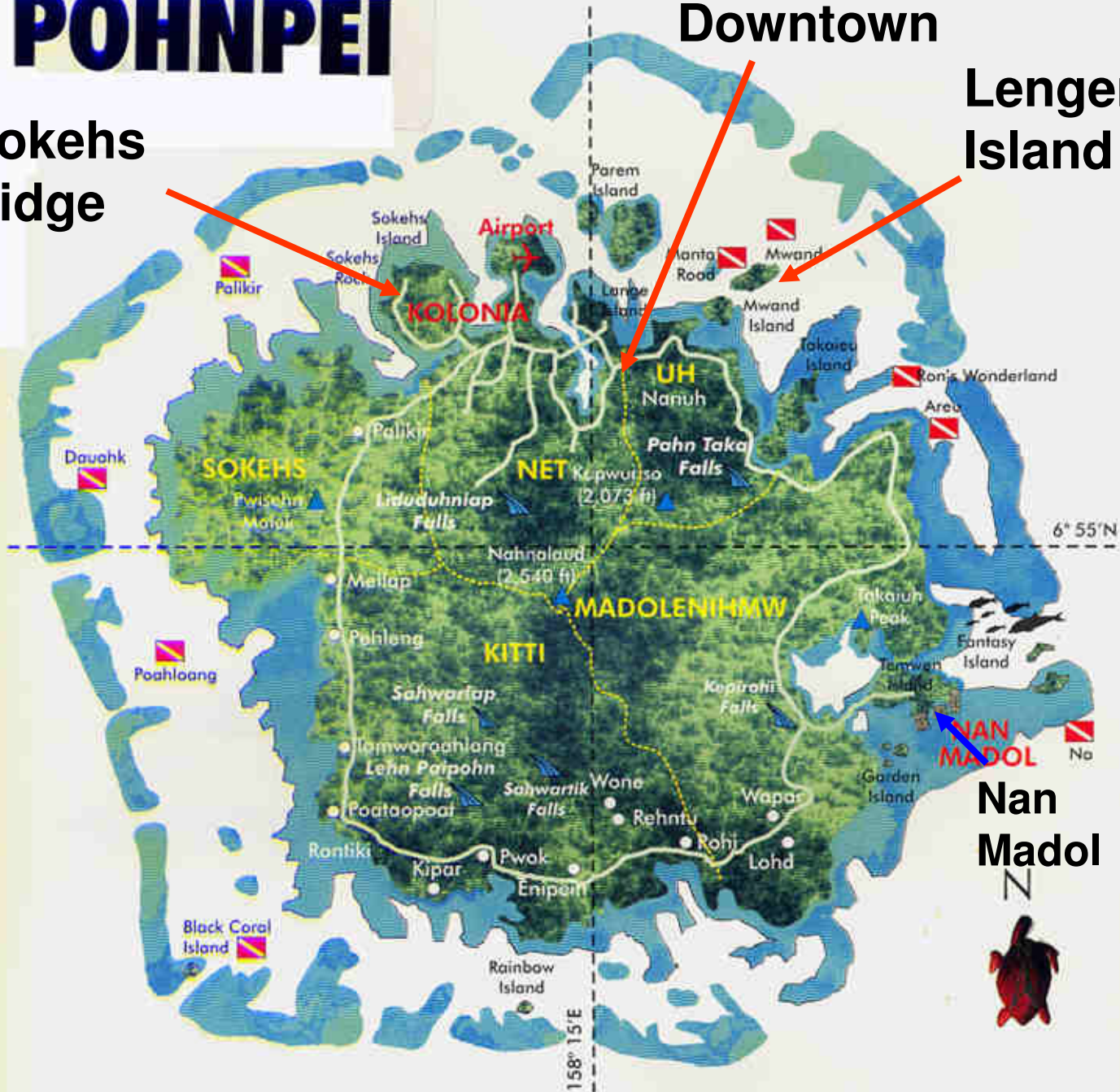
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POHNPEI

Sokehs Ridge

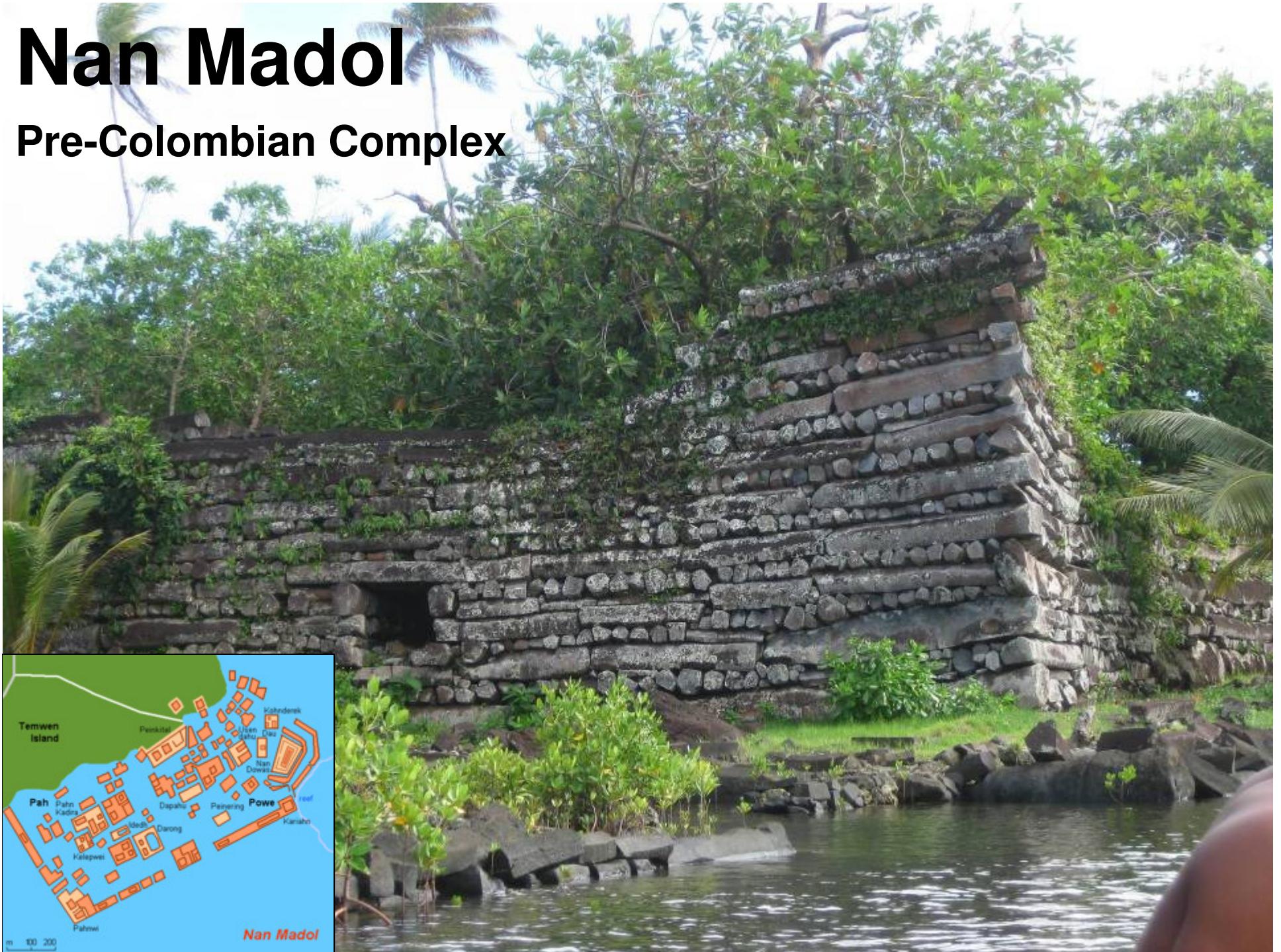
Downtown

Lenger Island



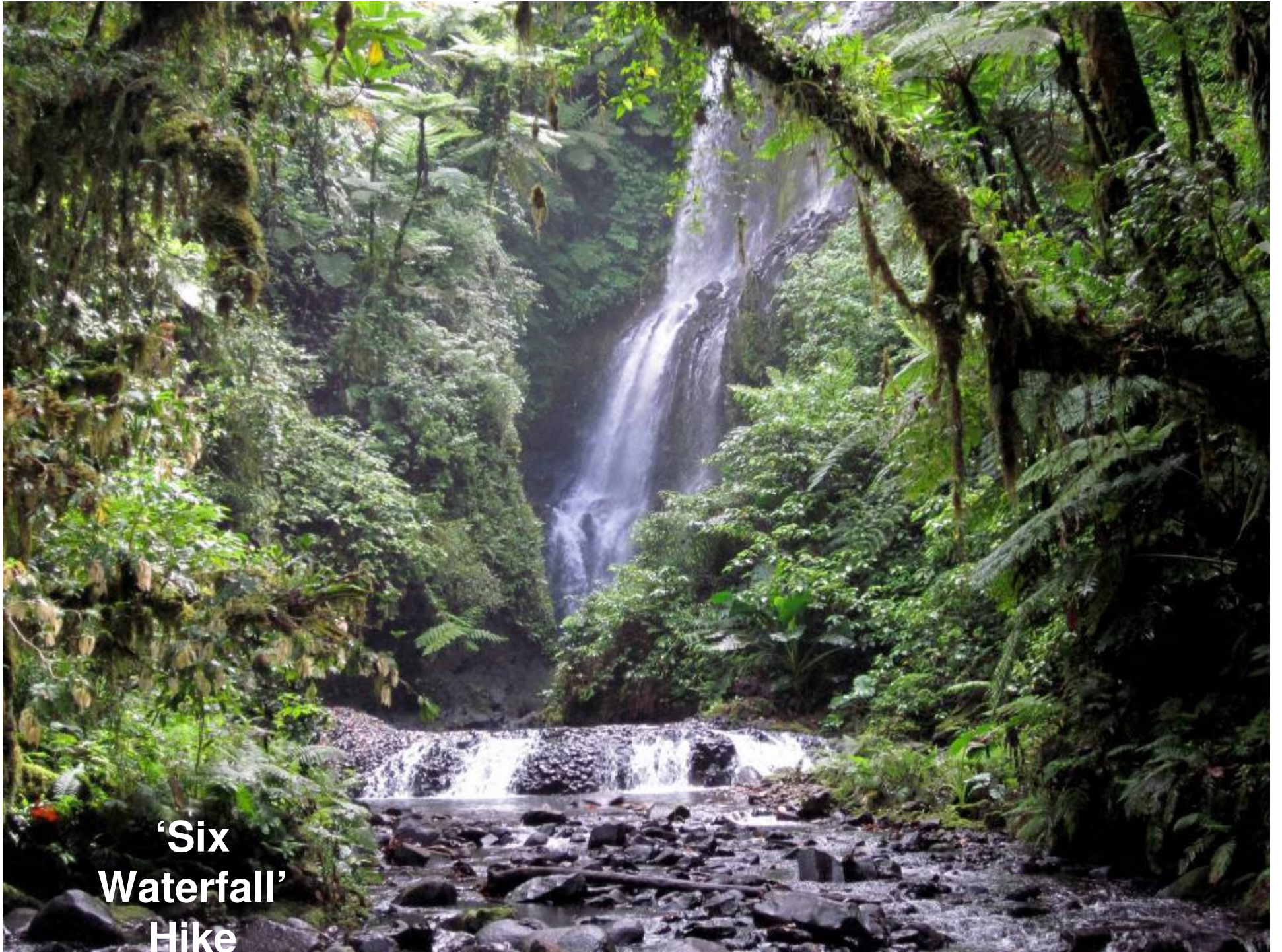
Nan Madol

Pre-Colombian Complex





**Nan Madol
Great Wall**



**'Six
Waterfall'
Hike**



**'Six
Waterfall'
Hike**



**Good/inexpensive diving,
huge Manta Rays**



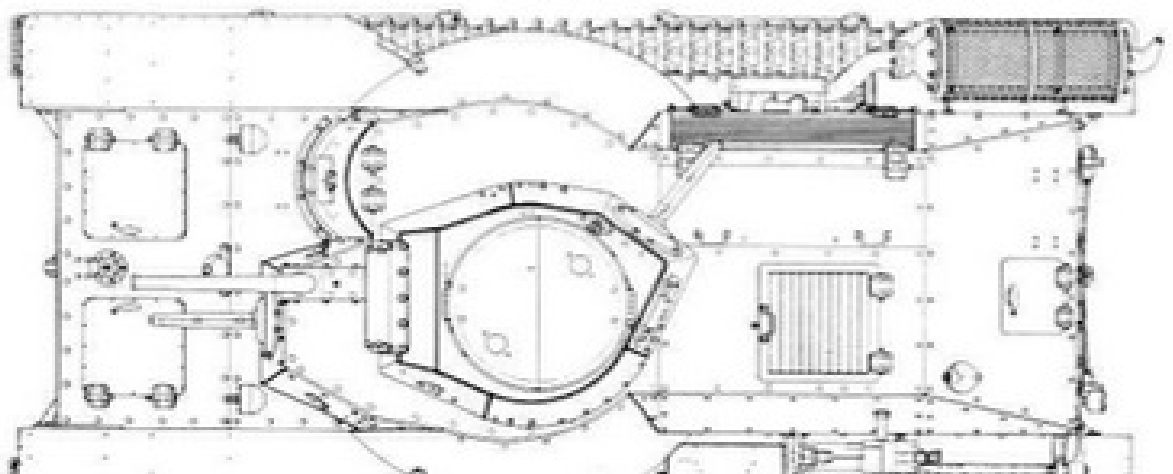
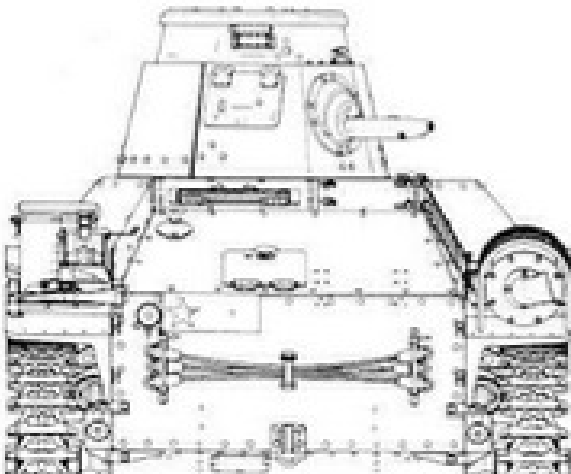
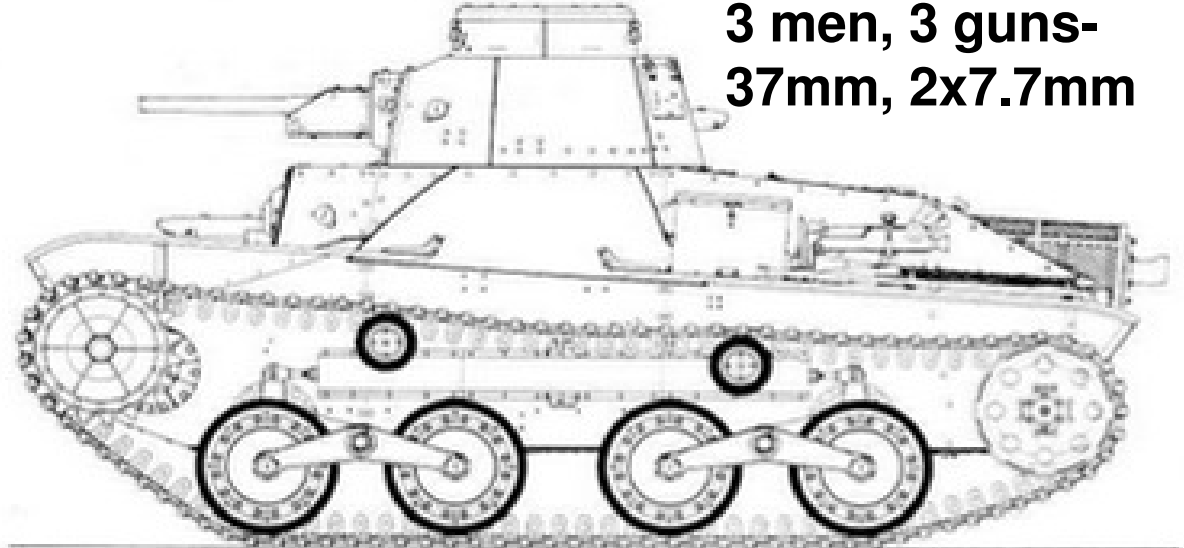
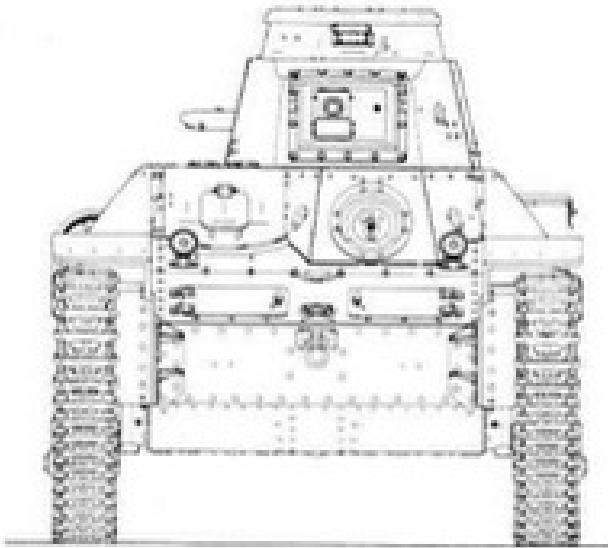
Dinghy exploring



**Commercial wharf -
checkin/out nearby**

War Relics – Type A95 Japanese Light Tank

3 men, 3 guns-
37mm, 2x7.7mm



**Japanese
Type A95
3-Man
Lightweight
Tanks**





**Type A95 3-Man
Lightweight Tanks**



**Operational
Type A95 Tank**



**Very small A95
tank interior**

**Bent prop
blades
usually
mean
crashed
plane**



Ace Hardware Museum, Pohnpei



**Japanese WWII bottles
& utensils**

127mm Shell
Case primer
fm Nauru

Japanese
Type 92 hand
grenade fm
Guadalcanal

US M1
Pineapple
hand
grenade fm
Tarawa

JAPANESE 127mm SHELL CASE PRIMER These primers were fitted to the base of the complete 127mm round used in the double-barrel anti-aircraft guns such as those on top of Nohkes mountain. The primers were electrically fired which then fired the round. This example was found on Command Ridge in Nauru in 1983.

JAPANESE TYPE 92 HAND GRENADE WW2 relic from the Guadalcanal 1943 Gifu battlefield. This example is fitted with the base propelling charge to allow use as a mortar round. Acquired live from a local native in 1998 and defused for display.

US ARMY HAND GRENADE WW2 artifact. Recovered on Betio island in 1991 during excavations for concrete footings. The original yellow color is very evident. This grenade is an early pattern with a base plug for filling. The fuse and lever are from the Guadalcanal Hill 53 battlefield area and were recovered in 1998.



JAPANESE AM
Found at the T

Japanese Pottery from WW I and II



JAPANESE CUPS & SAUCERS of VARYING PATTERNS recovered from the Shokusan Enjin Mill area and from the old Japanese hospital site behind the Harbor. From WWI and pre-WWII sites collected as fragments in 1999 and reassembled.

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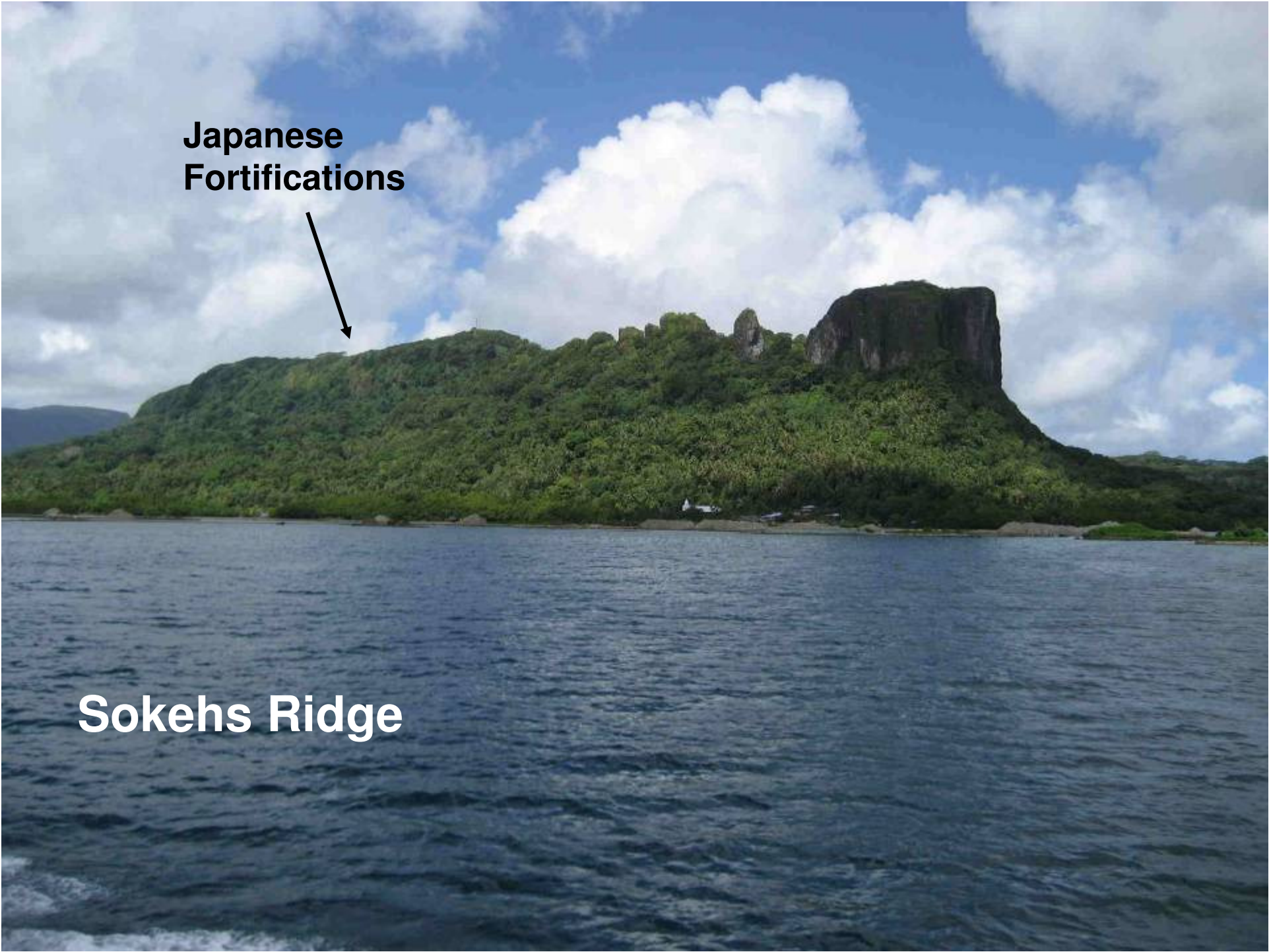
**Dave & local collector
historian Stan Gajda**



**Japanese
Fortifications**



Sokehs Ridge





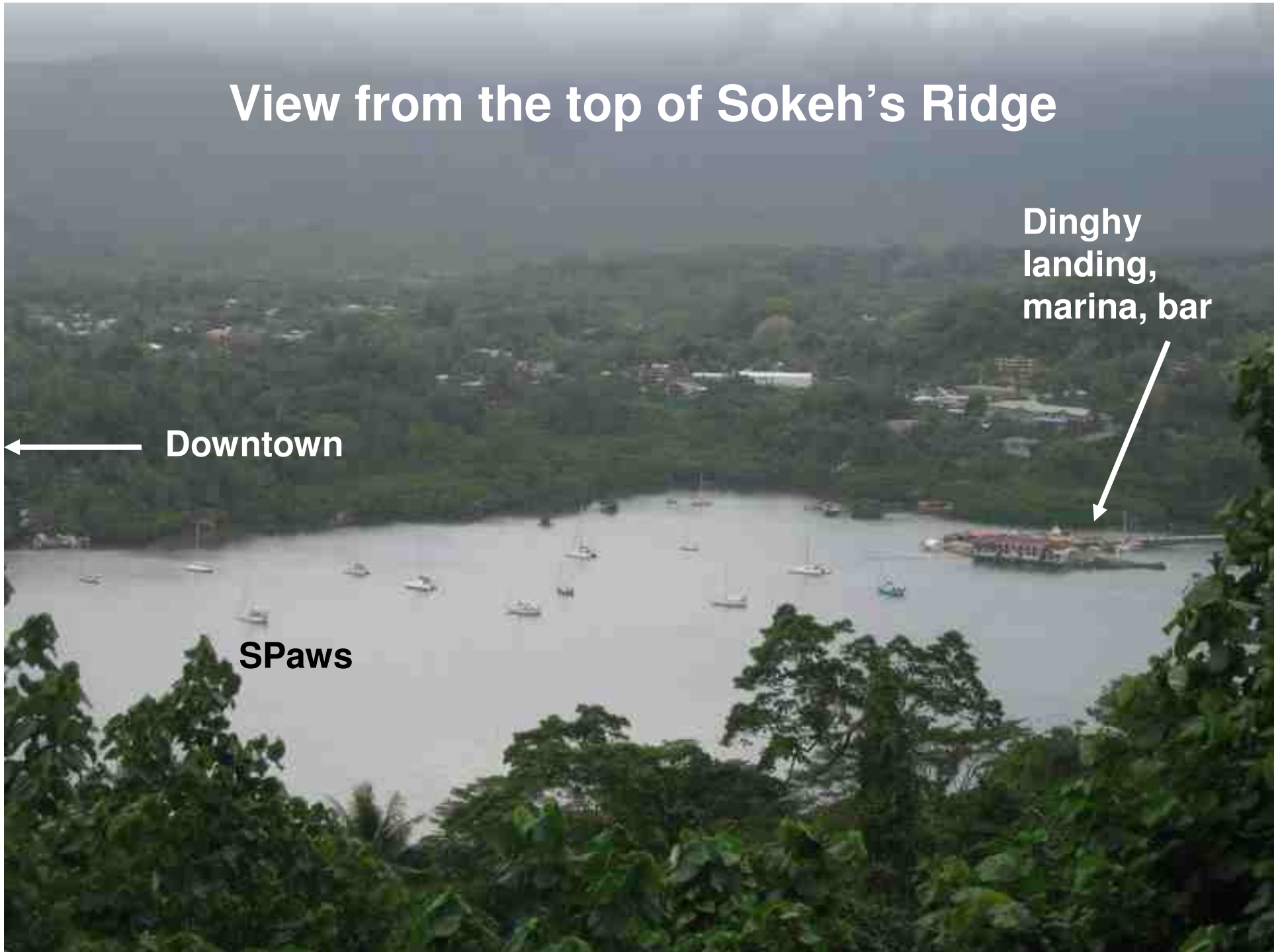
**Japanese Road
to top of
Sokeh's Ridge**

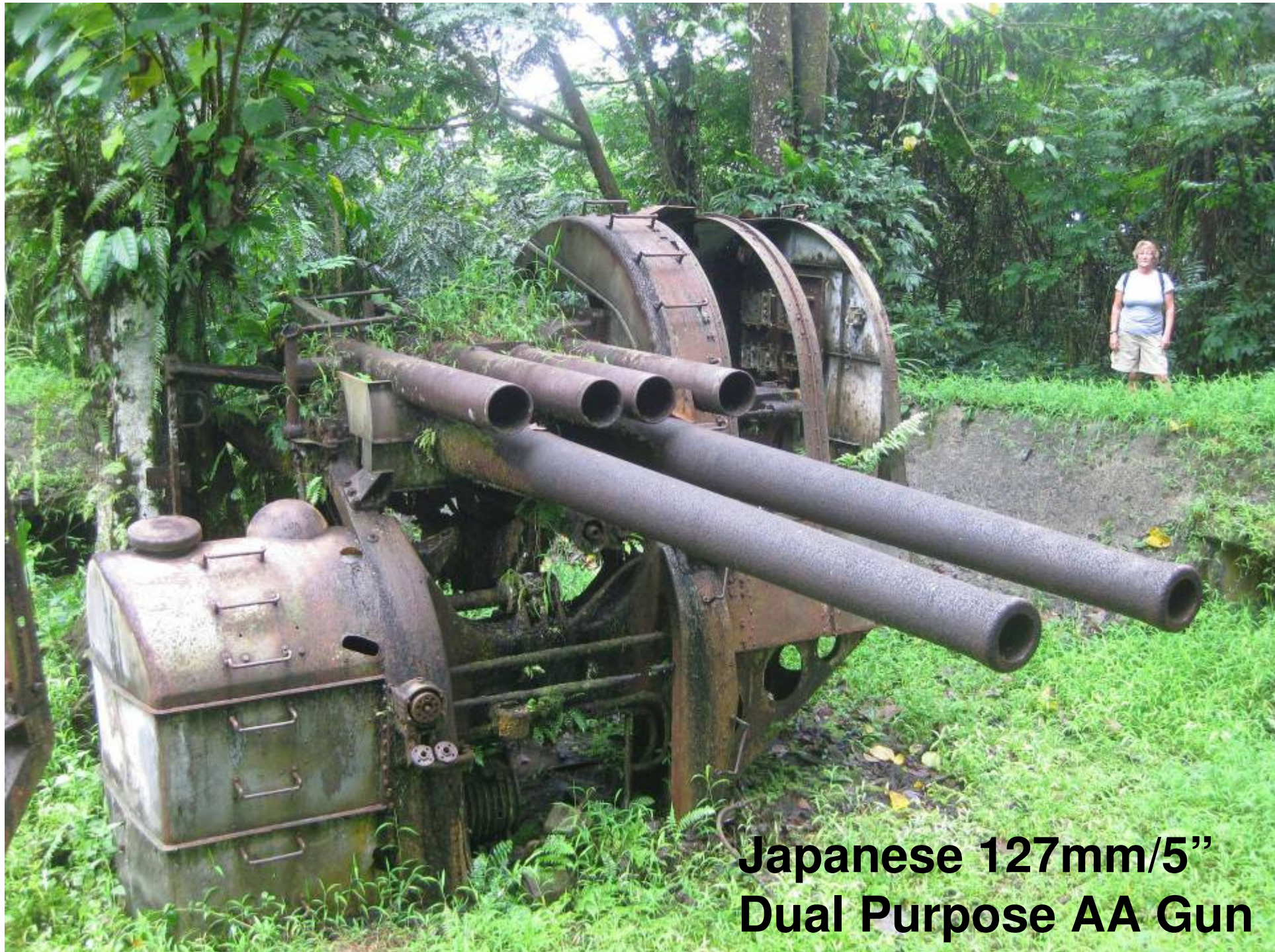
View from the top of Sokeh's Ridge

Dinghy
landing,
marina, bar

← Downtown

SPaws





**Japanese 127mm/5"
Dual Purpose AA Gun**



**Japanese
127mm/5" Dual
Purpose AA Gun**

Tomb of the Unknown Japanese Soldier





**150 mm/6" Naval
Shore Gun (British)**



**Rear/Breech of
150 mm Shore Gun**

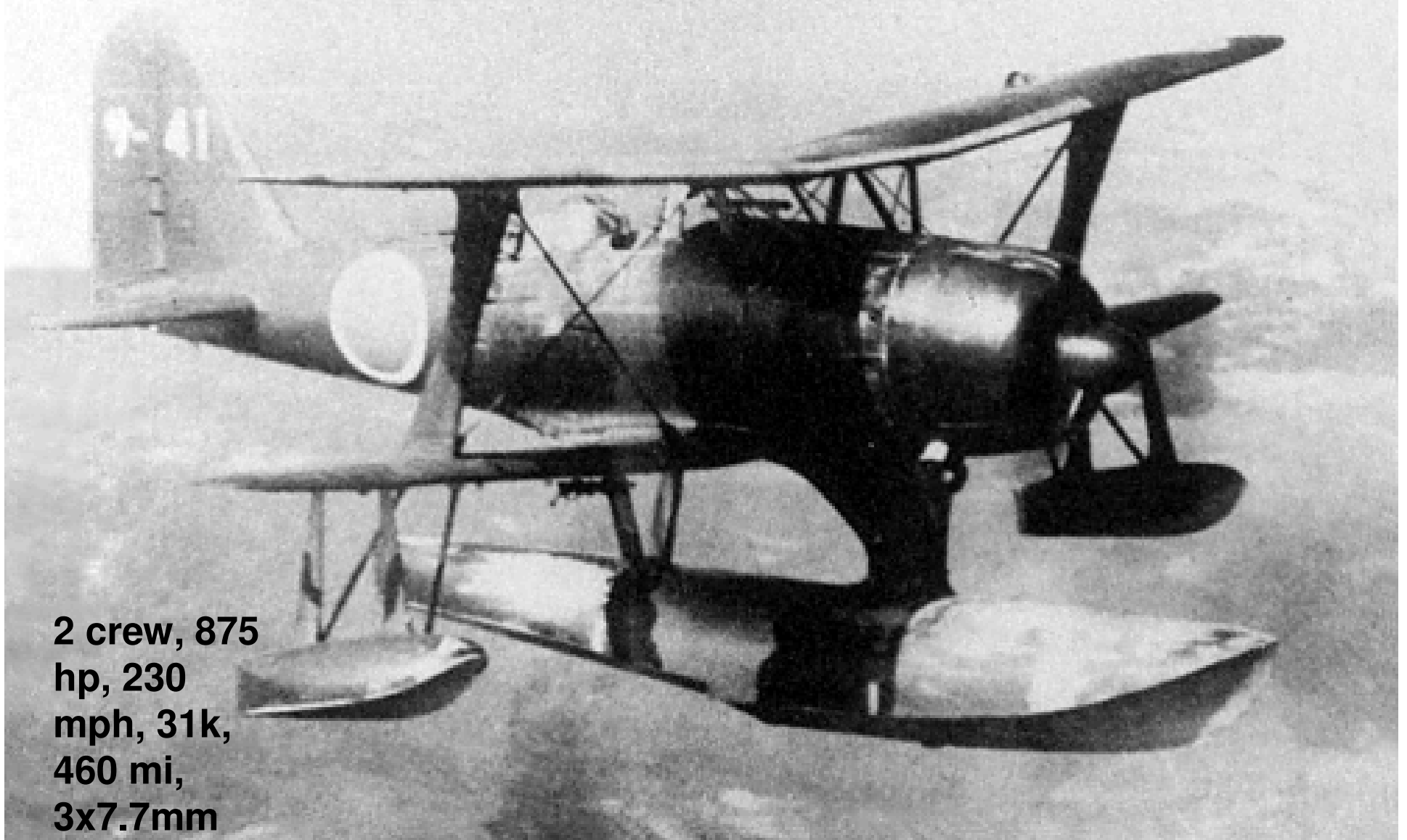


Seaplane Hangar/Pete

Underground Fuel Tanks

Lenger Island

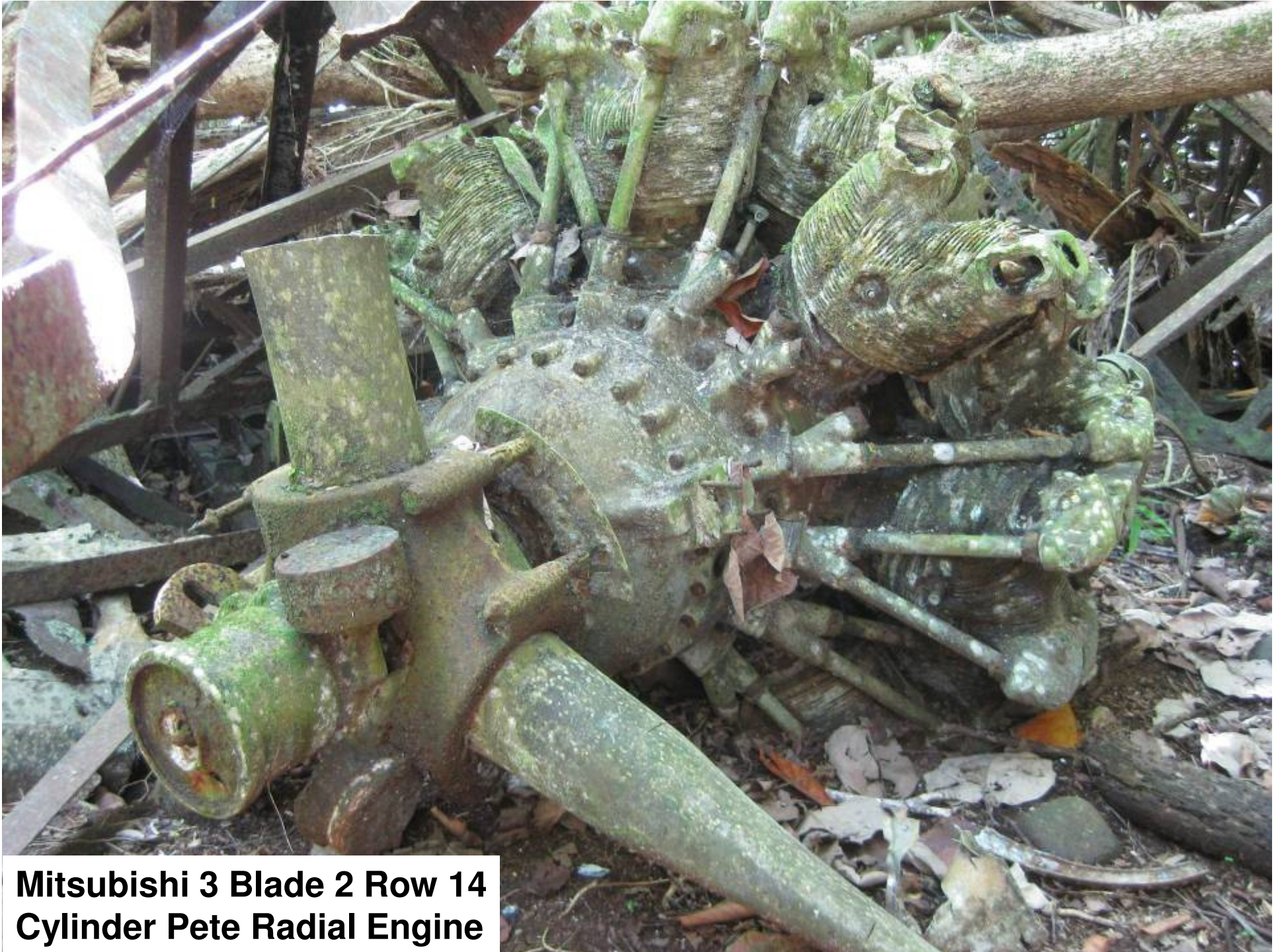
Mitsubishi F1M2 Pete Observation Float Plane



2 crew, 875
hp, 230
mph, 31k,
460 mi,
3x7.7mm



**Center float of F1M2 Naval Type 0 Pete Mitsubishi
Observation Floatplane in collapsed hangar**



**Mitsubishi 3 Blade 2 Row 14
Cylinder Pete Radial Engine**



Shop Area and
Big Lathe

**Massive 150mm/6"
Naval Shore Gun
(British)**



**Banyan Tree Wheel
w/ Machinery Inside
tree**





**Subterranean Crude Oil Tanks,
125'x33', 3300 mtons Capacity**

Pohnpei to Lukunor & Satawan March 2014

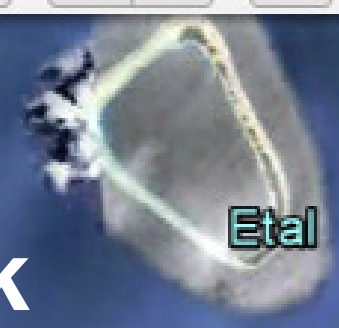


CHUUK STATE

- Lukunor Atoll
- Satawan Atoll
- Chuuk Atoll-Truk Lagoon-
Weno Island
- Puluwat Atoll-Alet Island



Mortlock Atolls



Etal



Lukunor



Image Landsat
Satawan

SPaws &
Westward 2
anchorage

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Lukunor/ Lekinioch

SPaws
& WwII

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**Greeter Simon
and grandson
Typhoon**

Lukunor Checkin Document (hand drawn up for each boat)

Tuesday March 11, Ant - Lukunor Day 3

FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
LEKINIIOH MUNICIPALITY
STATE OF CHOUK

Date: March 11, 2014

Name of the Boat: Saggy Paws
 Type of the Boat: Sailboat
 Size of the Boat: 44 feet
 Call Sign: WDD5182
 Registration No. 637334
 Home Port: Marathon, FL
 Nationality: USA
 Destination: Palau

Captain's Name: David McCampbell
 Passport No. : 445174552
 Entry Permit No. : 637334
 Purpose of Entry (Lukunor) Lekiniioh
 Arrival Date Lekiniioh : March 11, 2014

Nationality: USA
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 Departure Date Lekiniioh :

CREW LIST

Name	DOB	Country of Birth	Nationality	Permit No	Position
Cheryl McCampbell	12/6/56	USA	USA	221880244	Co-Captain
David McCampbell	4/25/46	USA	USA	445174552	Captain

Gross Tonnage	Net Tonnage	Length	Depth	Hull Material
23	20	44'	10'	FRP Fiberglass

Place of Build: USA
 Year of Build: 1981
 Managing Owner:
David McCampbell

Received by: _____
 Date: _____

**Selena and Peace
Corps volunteers
Mariel & Karinia**



**Daily welcoming
committee
coming ashore**





Kids love their school, or maybe visitor diversion!



Daily trading visit, note innovative watercraft



**Brand new outrigger canoe,
Miss Lekinioch, for College of
Micronesia in Chuuk**



**Canoe launching
feast**



**Steven's very popular
movie nights**

Satawan Island (1 day)

Guns,
cemetery

Planes

SPaws

Tanks,
A6M,
guns

Guns

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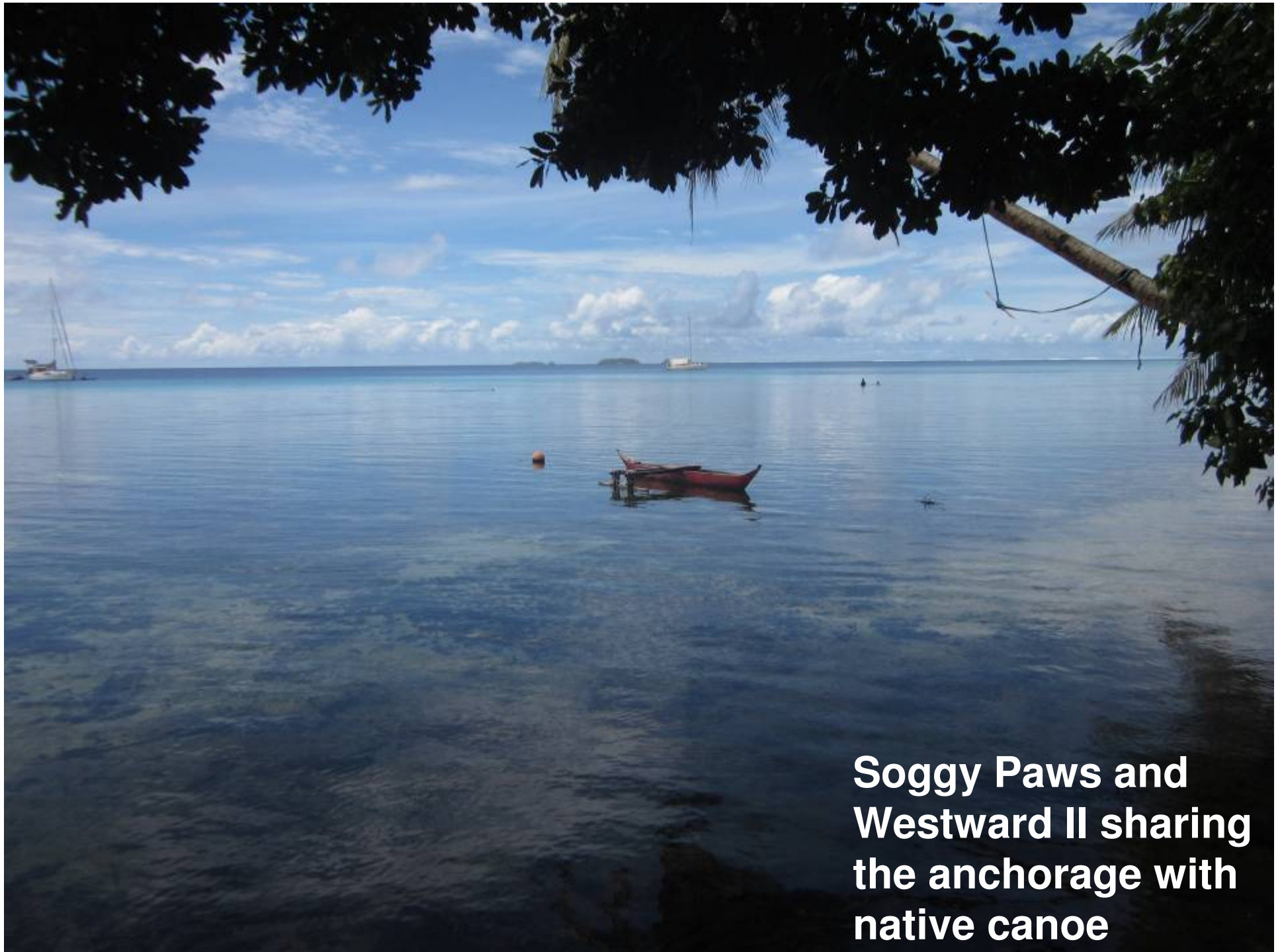
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2006

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eye alt 116



**Soggy Paws and
Westward II sharing
the anchorage with
native canoe**

Mitsubishi A6M Japanese Zero Fighter



One pilot, 1100hp, 350mph, 38k',
1200 nm, 2x20 mm, 2x7.7 mm
guns, bombs, 10499 ea

**A6M Zero
Fighter**



**Zero
Engine**





**Zero
Engine**



**Home built over
an ordnance dump!**



**Japanese Type A95
3-Man Lightweight Tanks**



3-Man Lightweight Tanks



3-Man Lightweight Tanks



**Japanese Road
Construction Roller**



**Ammunition
Bunker**

Mitsubishi G4M Betty Bomber



7 crew, 265 mph, 29k,
3750 mi, 1x20 mm & 4
7.7 mm guns, bombs
or torpedoes

**Japanese
crashed GM4
Betty Bomber
Engine**





**Second Betty
Bomber Engine**



**120mm Shore
Gun w/ intact
bronze carriage**

Nakajima B6N Jill carrier Torpedo Bomber



B6N1 Model 11 nr Ri-371 z Hyakurigahara Kokutai.

B6N1 Model 11 Ri-371 from Hyakurigahara Kokutai.

Zygmunt Szymoneta



B6N2 Model 12 nr 131-01 z 131. Kokutai, 1945 rok.

B6N2 Model 12 131-01 from 131 Kokutai, 1945.

Zygmunt Szymoneta

**3 crew, ~1800 hp, 300 mph, 30k,
1890 mi, 2x7.7 mm guns,
bombs/torpedo**

Plansza barwna na pierwszej stronie okładki: B6N2 Model 12 nr Ko-B6-11, używany do celów doświadczalnych w Dai-Ichi Kaigun Koku Gijutsusho.

Color side view on the first page of cover: B6N2 Model 12 Ko-B6-11, used for testing by Dai-Ichi Kaigun Koku Gijutsusho.



**Nakajima B6N Jill
in the bush**

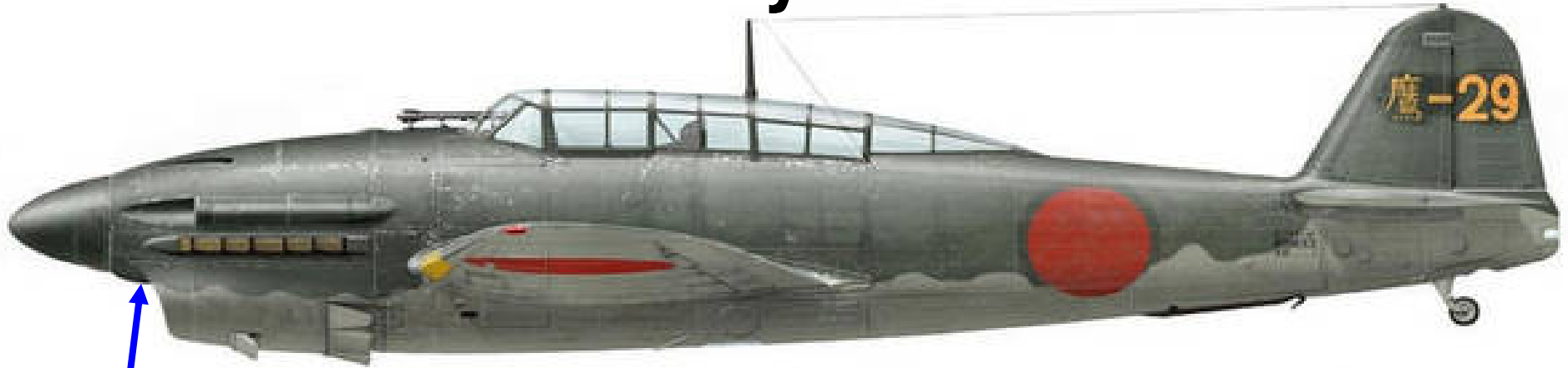


Jill
cockpit
canopy
front



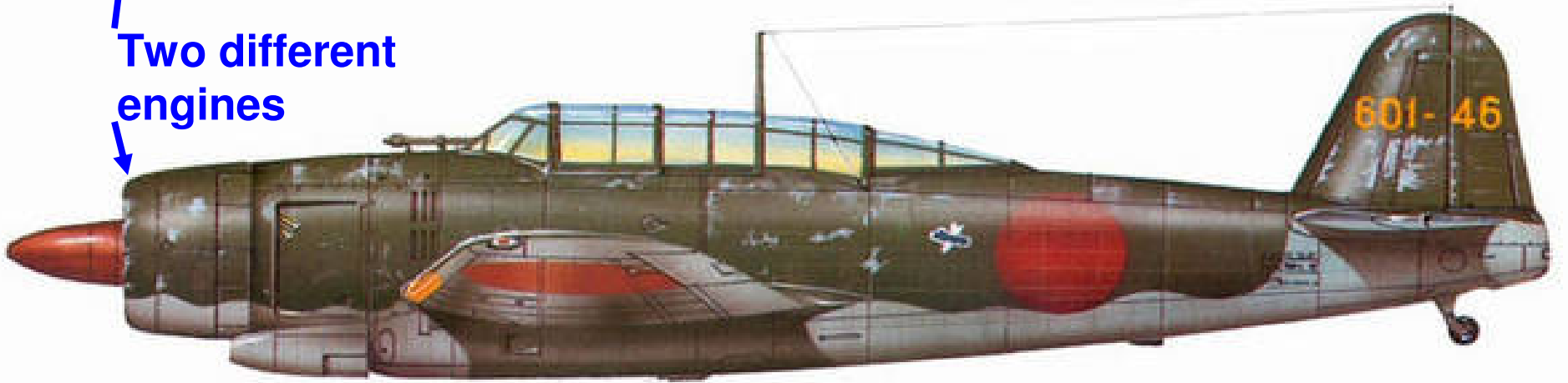
**Jill 4 Blade
Nakajima or
Mitsubishi
Engine**

Yokosuka D4Y Judy Dive Bomber



Yokosuka D4Y1-C Suisai Type 2 Model 11 of the 523rd kokutai '*Taka Butai*', Peleliu Island, Western Caroline Islands, September 1944. '*Taka Butai*' means 'Eagle Group' by literal translation.

Two different engines



Yokosuka D4Y3 Type 2 Model 33 of Kougeki (Attack) 1st Hikotai, 601st kokutai, Hyakurihara Naval Air Base, Ibaraki Prefecture, August 1945.

Two crew, 1400 hp, 340 mph, 33k, 980 mi, 3x7.7 mm guns, bombs



**Yokosuka D4Y Judy
Dive Bomber Cockpit**



**Judy Aichi
Inverted V Engine
3 Blade Prop**



**Judy
Inverted V
Engine**



**Judy
Inverted V Engine**

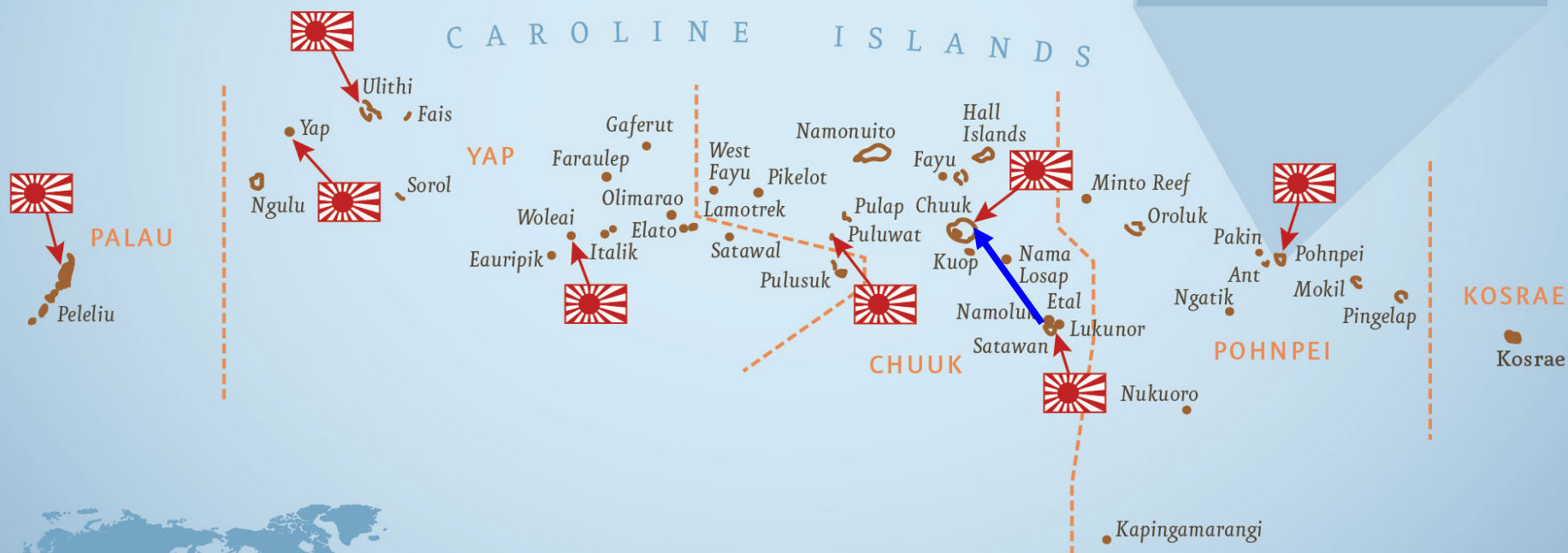


**Judy Inverted V 12
cylinder engine**



**37mm Anti Tank gun,
late model tires**

Soggy Paws Satawan to Chuuk Mar 2014



 WWII Japanese Occupied



Chuuk/Truk Atoll



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Truk Lagoon



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side



New AF

SPaws

Downtown
Weno

Japanese
Comms Bldg

SPaws

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2004

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**Dublon Isl Anchorage
Operation Hailstone
16 Feb 44**





IJN DD Fumitsuki
Operation Hailstone, Feb 44

Weno/Moen Island

day tour



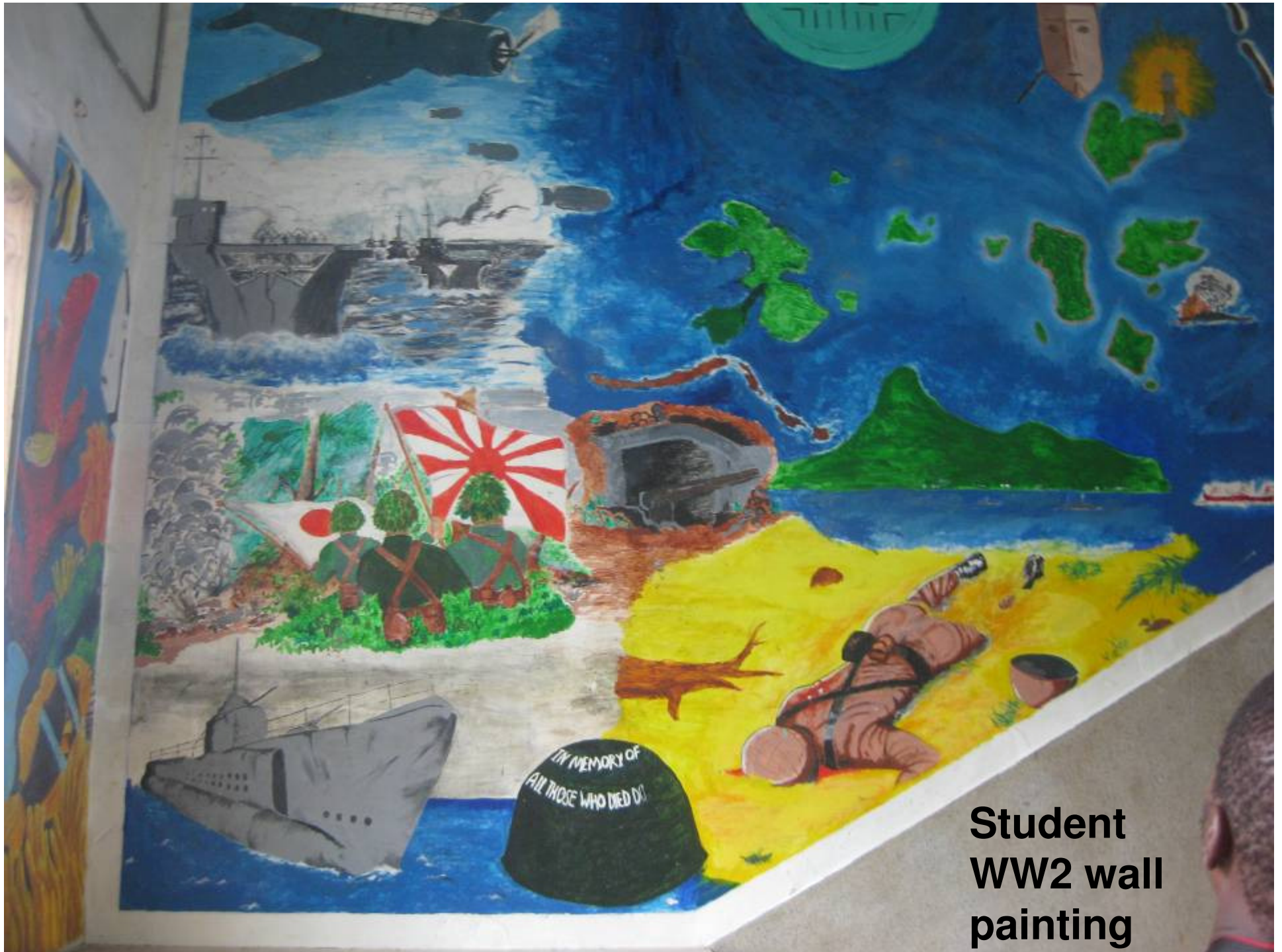
**Downtown
has worst
roads ever!**

Weno Harbor commercial wharf checkin/out





Japanese Radio and Communications Building – Now Xavier High School



**Student
WW2 wall
painting**



**Chuuk automobile
sea wall**

Huge Japanese 150 mm Shore Gun





Blue Lagoon dive resort - best anchorage but far from town, lots of recovered WWII relics



Chuuk one man manual recompression chamber!

Dublon/Tonowas Island day tour

Japanese fueling dock
and collapsed crane





**Japanese
shipbuilding yard
on Dublon Isl**



**Buying local
handicrafts**



Infamous Dublon Hospital Bldg



**Hospital church
survived Japanese
occupation**



**Soggy Paws anchored off
Truk Stop Dive Center**

Thorfin Liveaboard Dive Boat



Only liveaboard dive boat to survive recent typhoon!

Kansho Maru Bicycles





**Kansho Maru
Aft Steering Rudder Angle Indicator**

Rio de Janiero Maru Cases of Beer Bottles

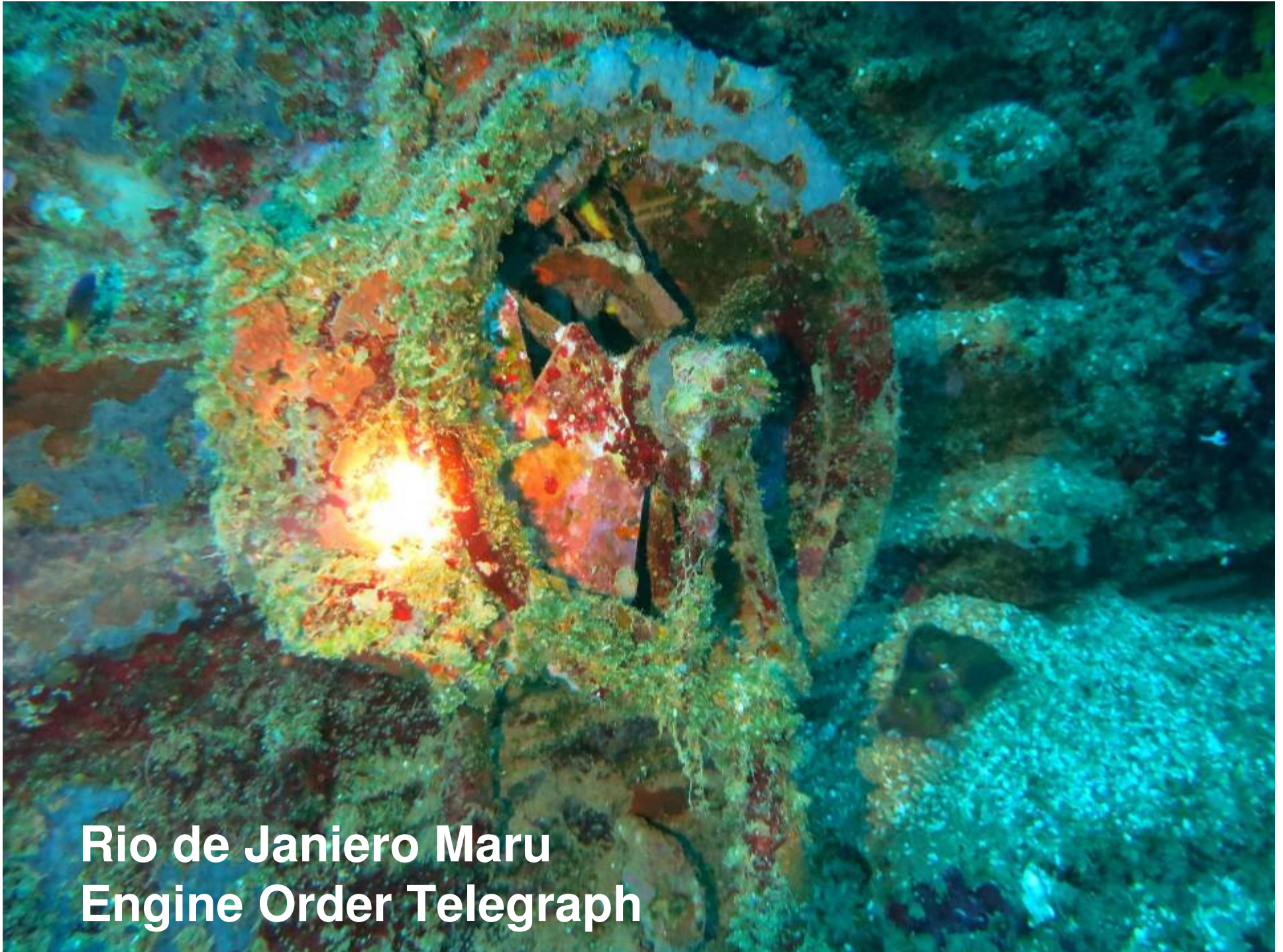


Sankistan Maru Radial Aircraft Engine





**Sankistan Maru
big Razor clam**



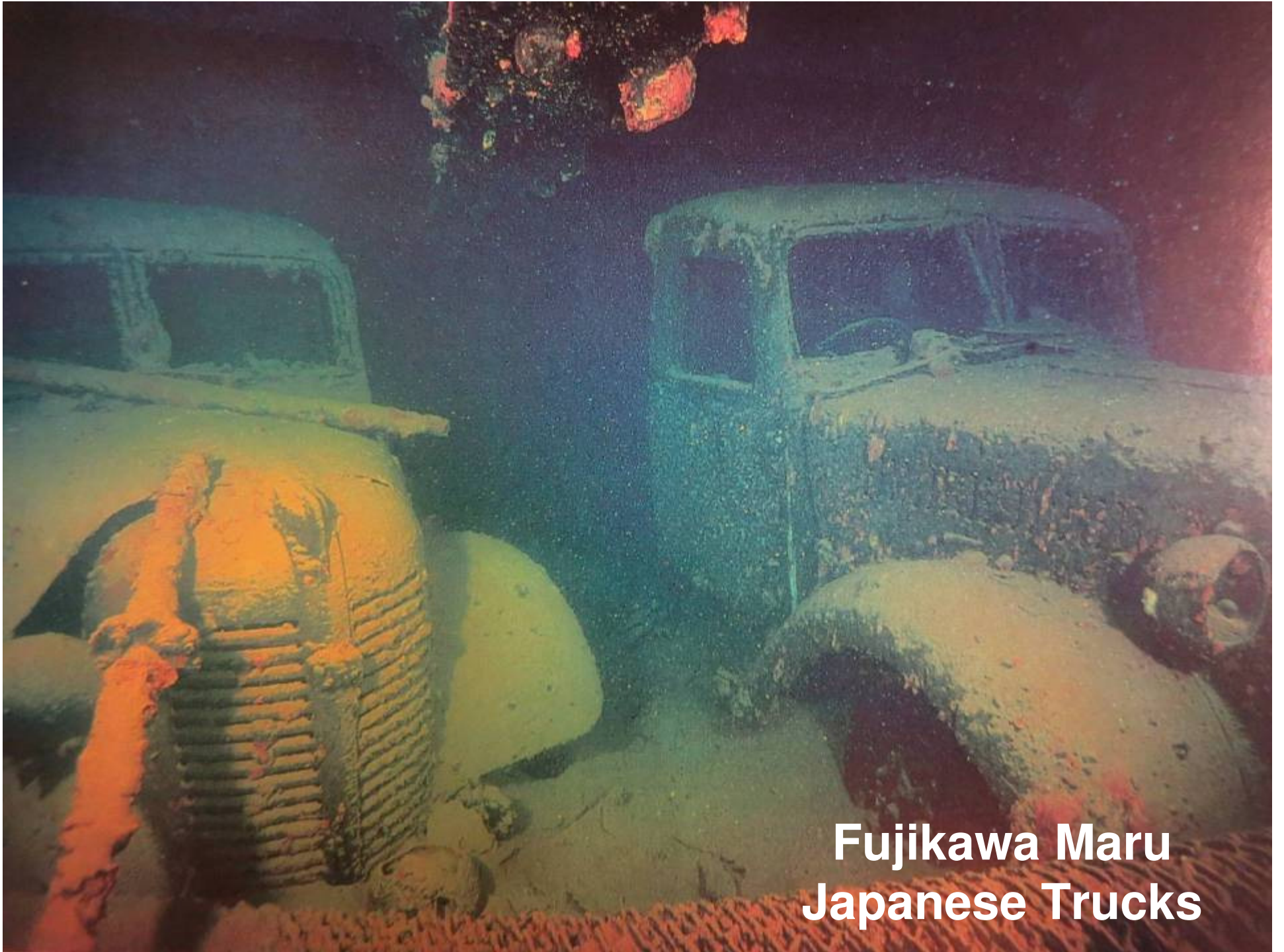
**Rio de Janiero Maru
Engine Order Telegraph**



**Fujikawa Maru
Sherry & Relics**



**Yamagiri Maru
Sherry & 250 kg
Armor Piercing Bombs**

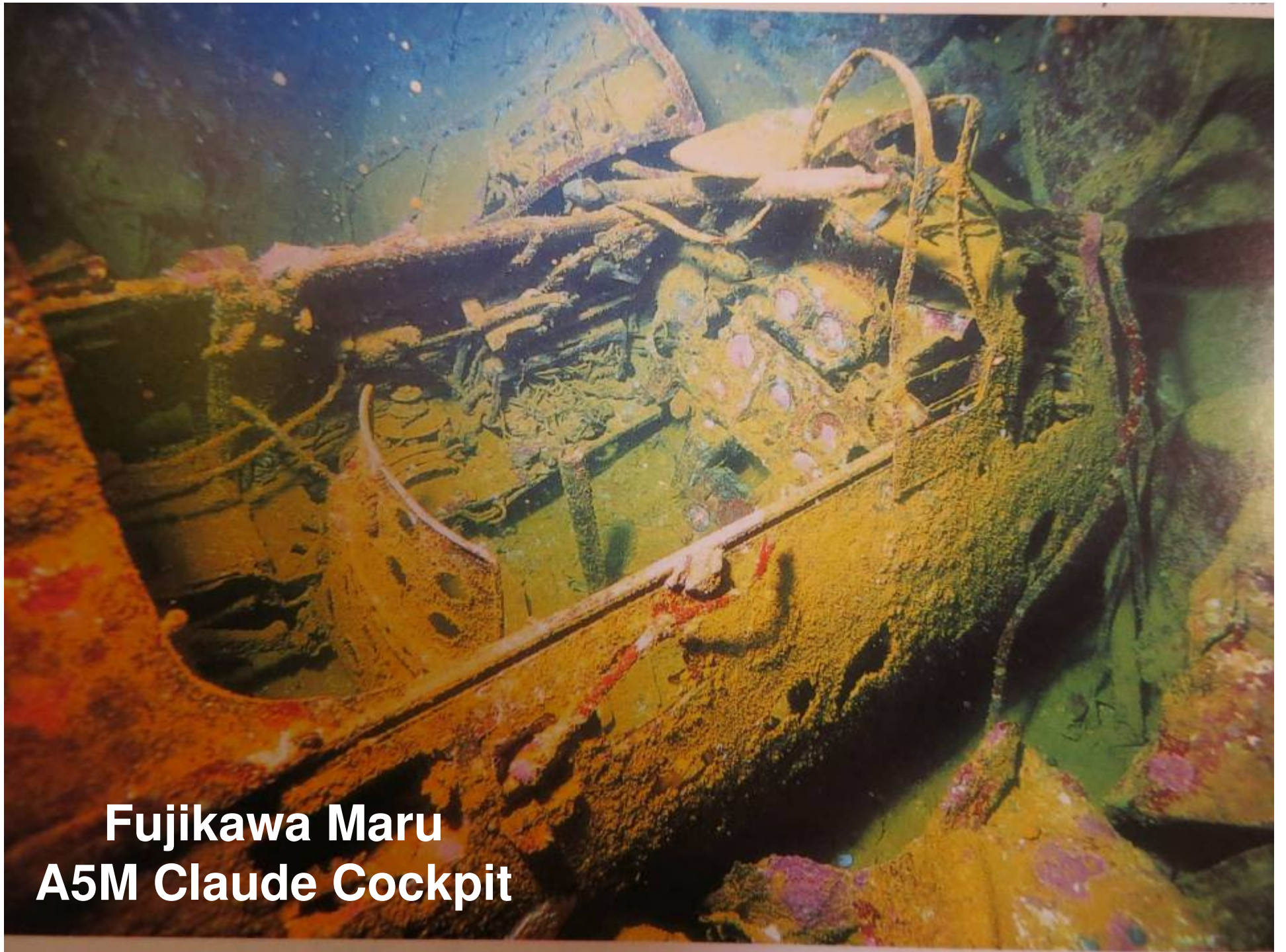


**Fujikawa Maru
Japanese Trucks**

Mitsubishi A5M Claude Fighter



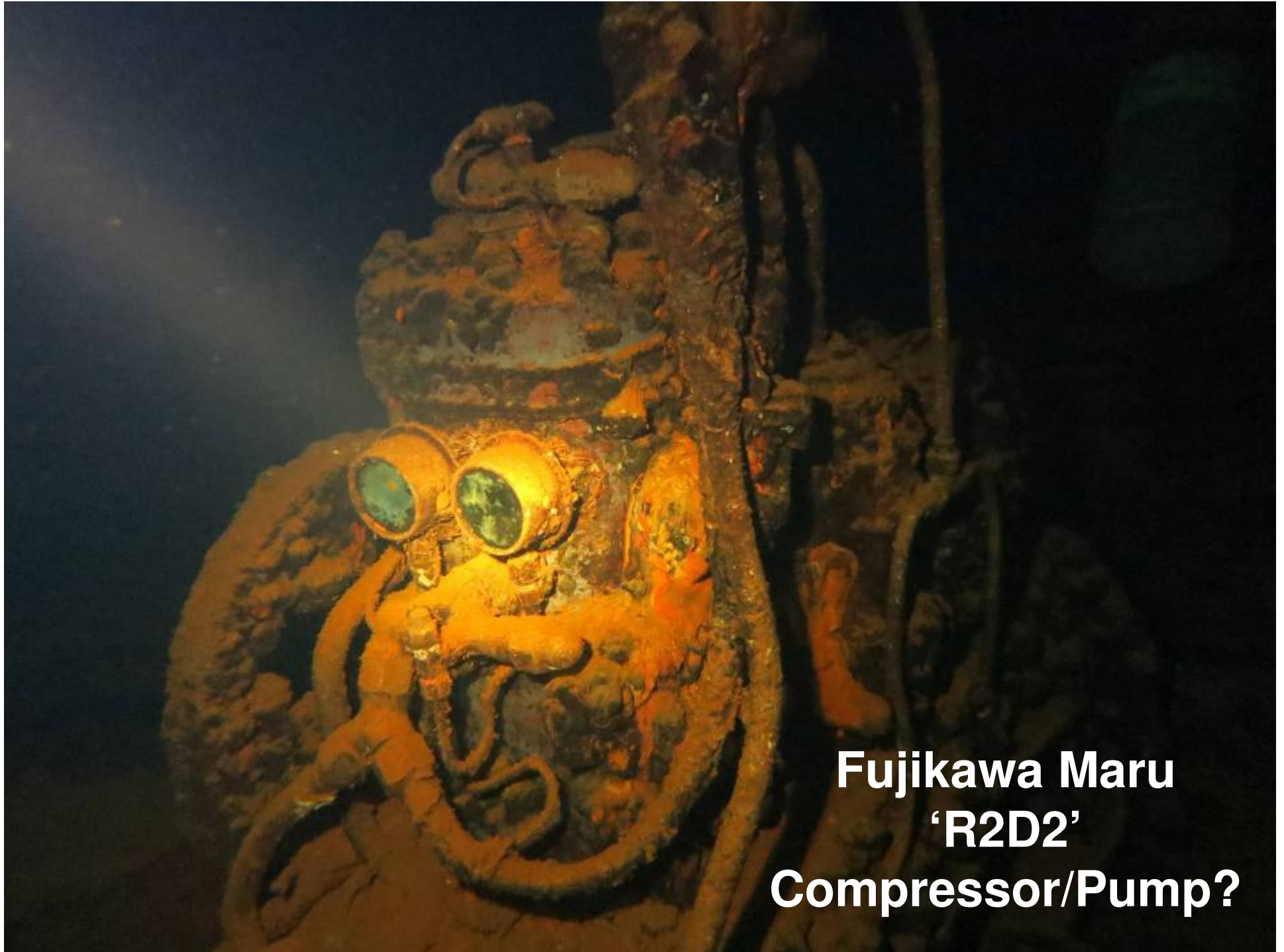
Single pilot, 280 mph, 30K,
650nm, 2x7.7 mm guns,
bombs



**Fujikawa Maru
A5M Claude Cockpit**



**Hoki Maru
Tractor**



**Fujikawa Maru
'R2D2'
Compressor/Pump?**



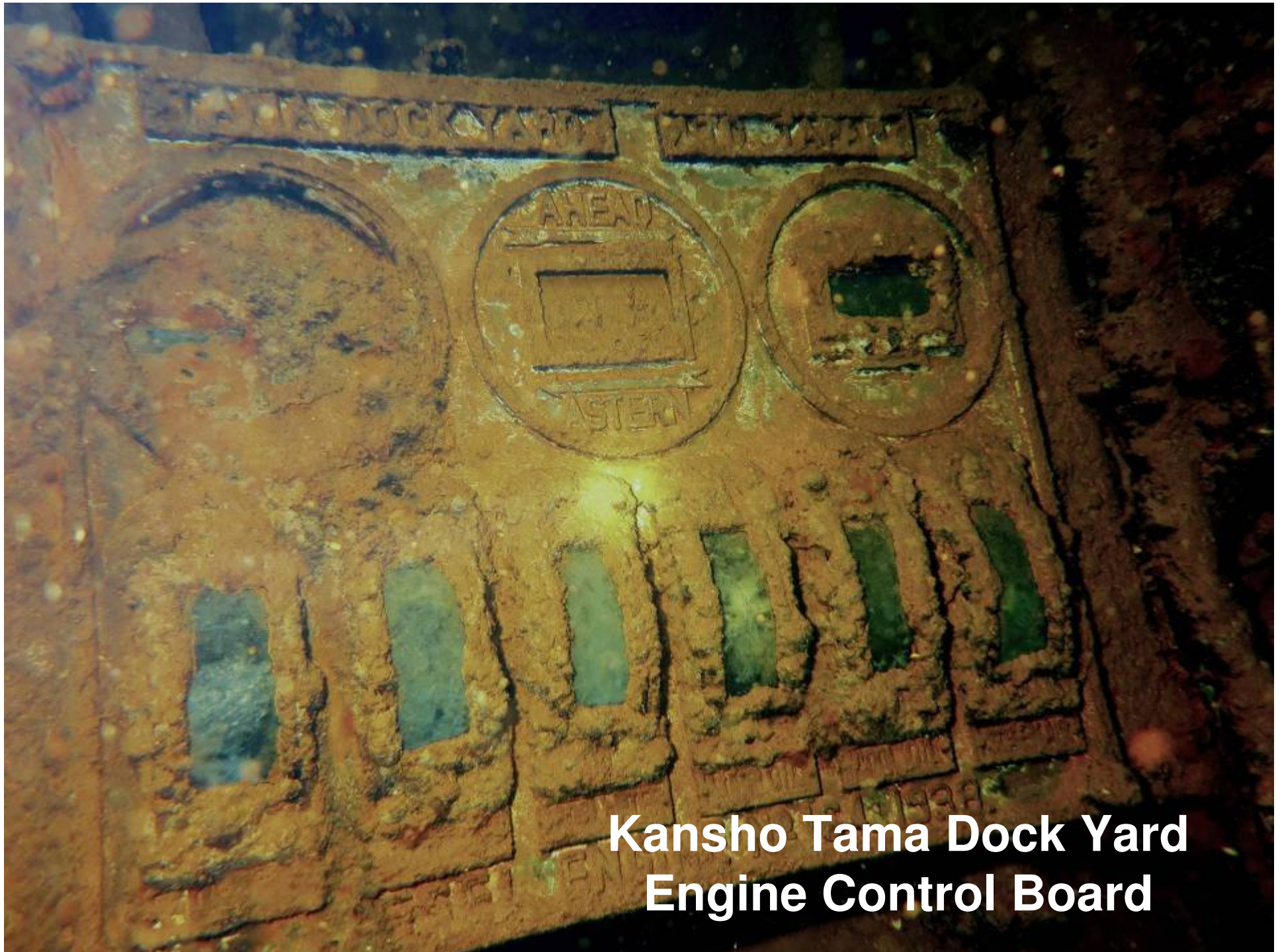
Fujikawa Maru Aft Steering Compass

**Fujikawa Maru
Airplane Prop Blades**





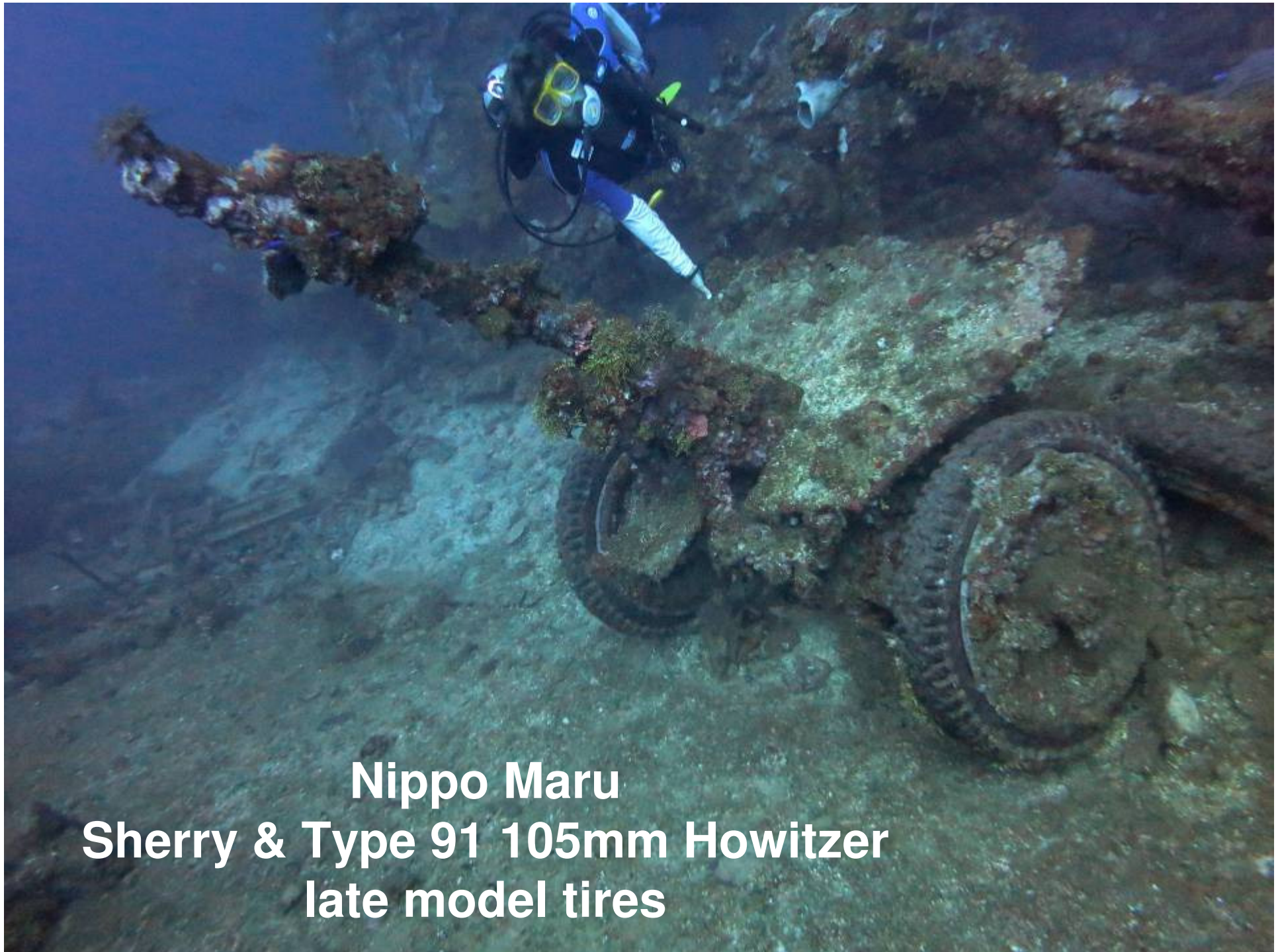
**Fujikawa Maru
Nambu 30 cal/7.62
Infantry Machine Gun**



**Kansho Tama Dock Yard
Engine Control Board**

Hein Submarine Periscopes



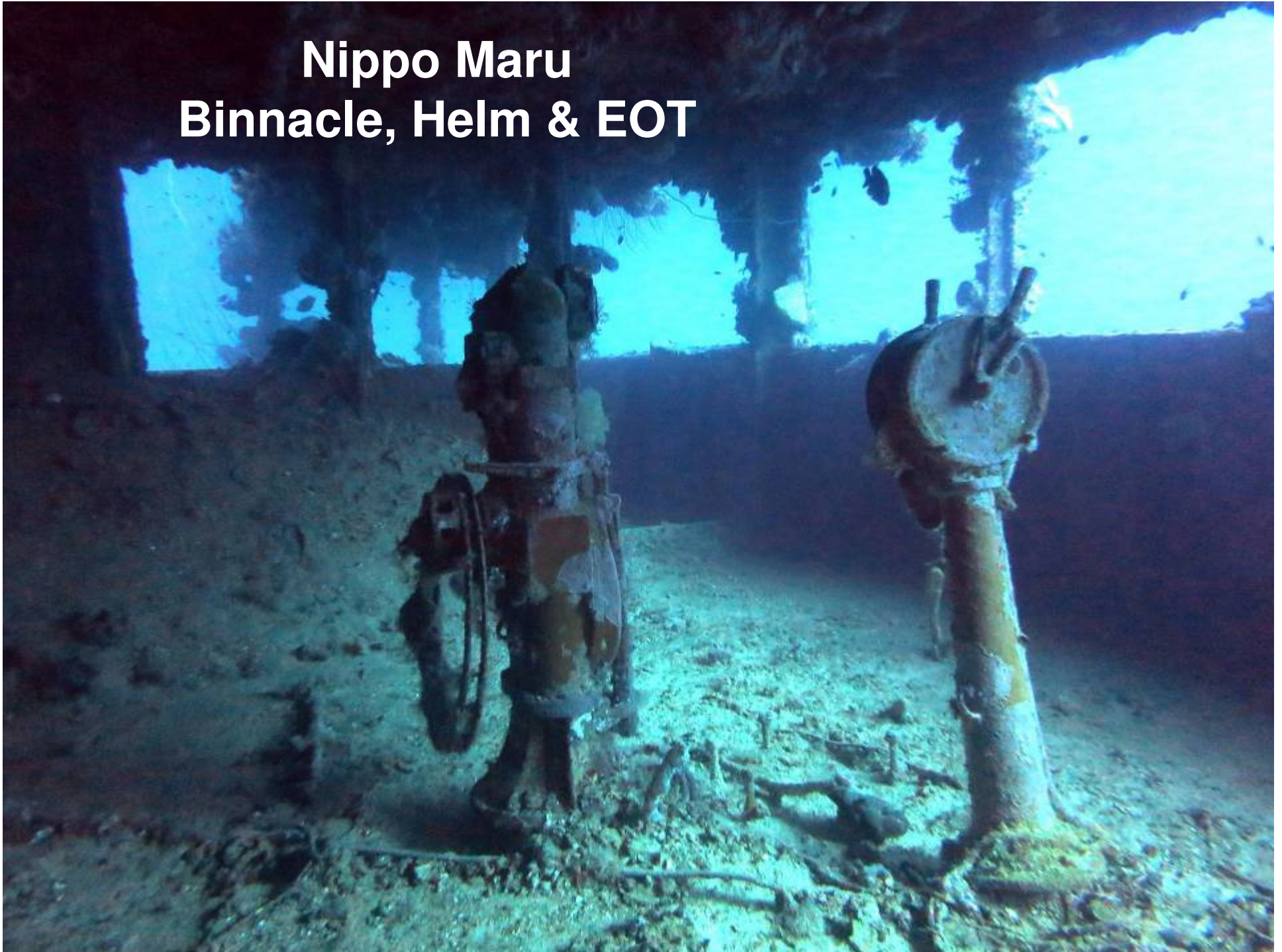


**Nippo Maru
Sherry & Type 91 105mm Howitzer
late model tires**

**Nippo
Maru
Sherry &
Type A95
tank**



**Nippo Maru
Binnacle, Helm & EOT**



**Shinkoku Maru
Sick Bay
Bones & Bottles**

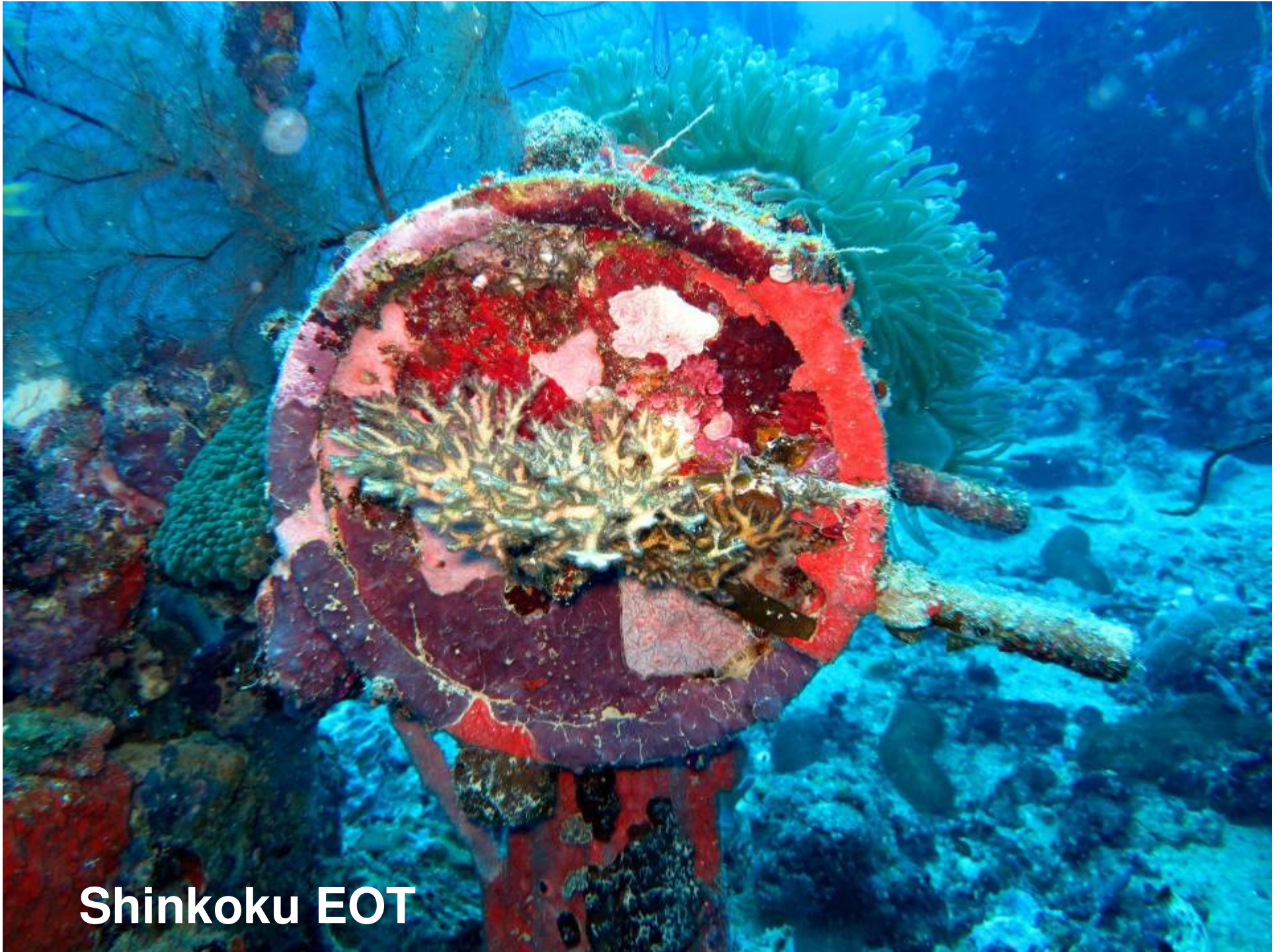


Shinkoku Maru Urinal



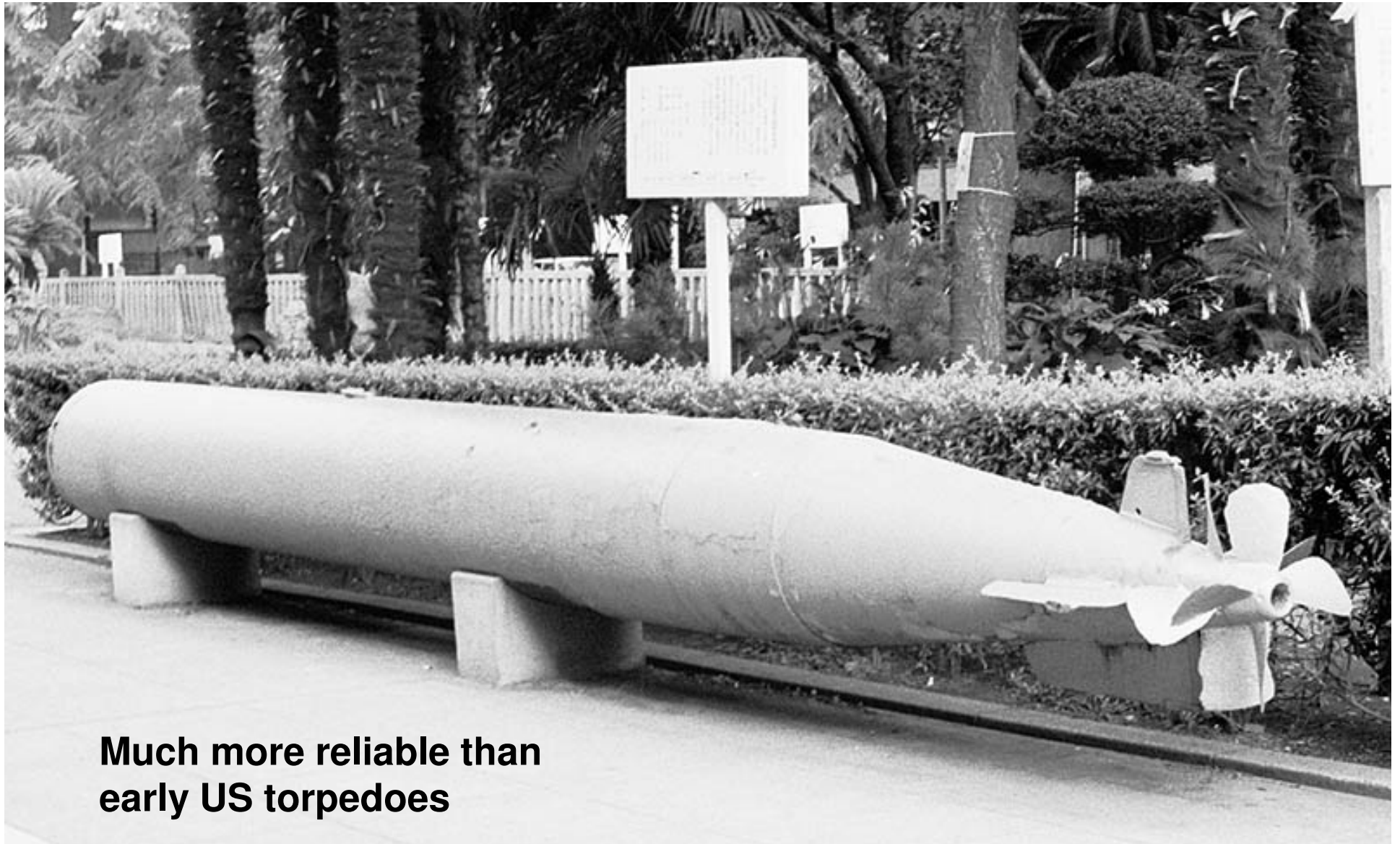
**Shinkoku Maru
Engine Order
Telegraph**



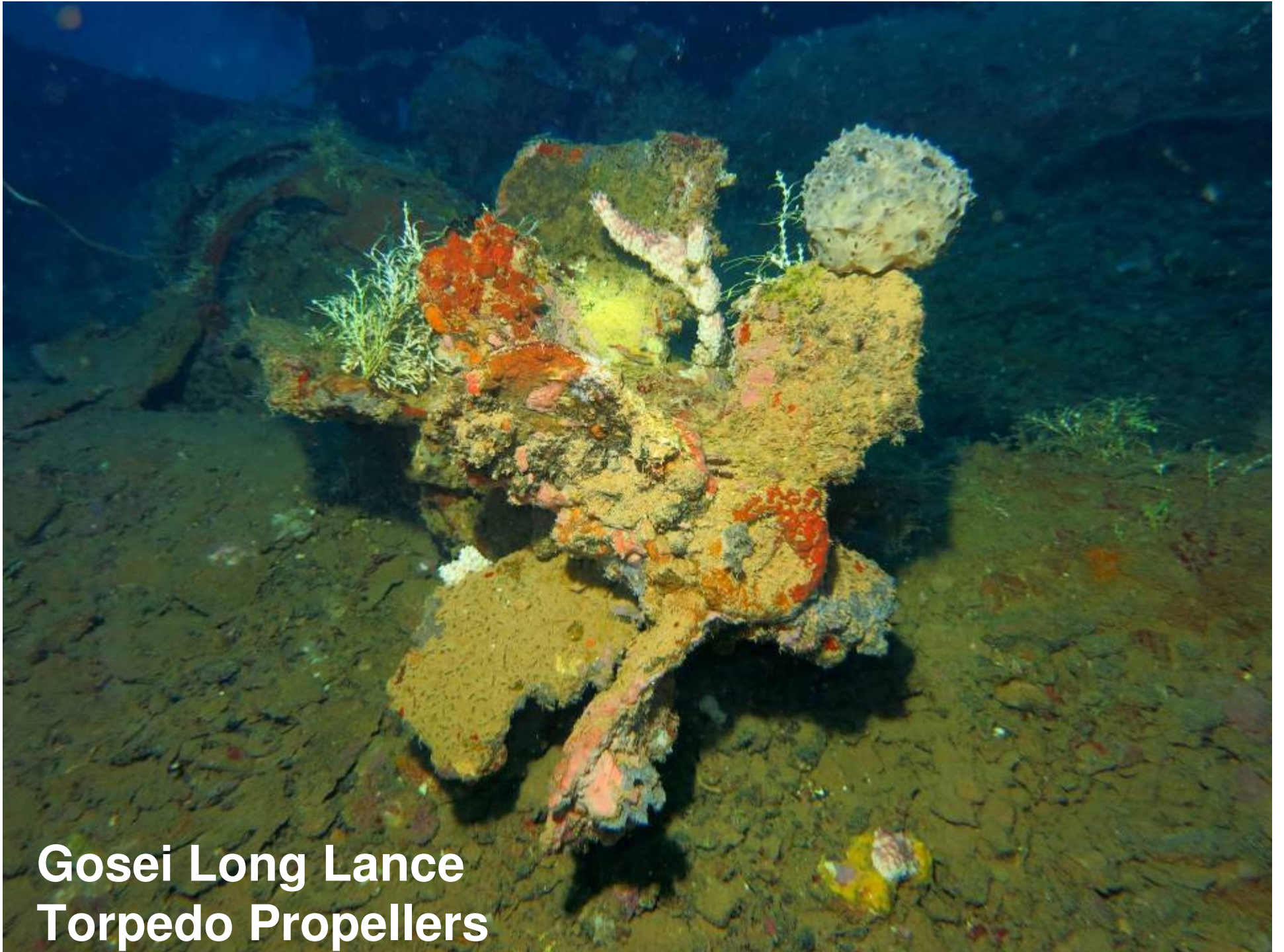


Shinkoku EOT

Japanese Long Lance Torpedo



**Much more reliable than
early US torpedoes**



**Gosei Long Lance
Torpedo Propellers**

Kawanishi H8K Flying Boat

10 crew, 185 mph, 23k, 4475
mi, 5x20 mm & 5x7.7 mm, 2
torpedoes/bombs

125' wingspan,
30 hrs fly time!



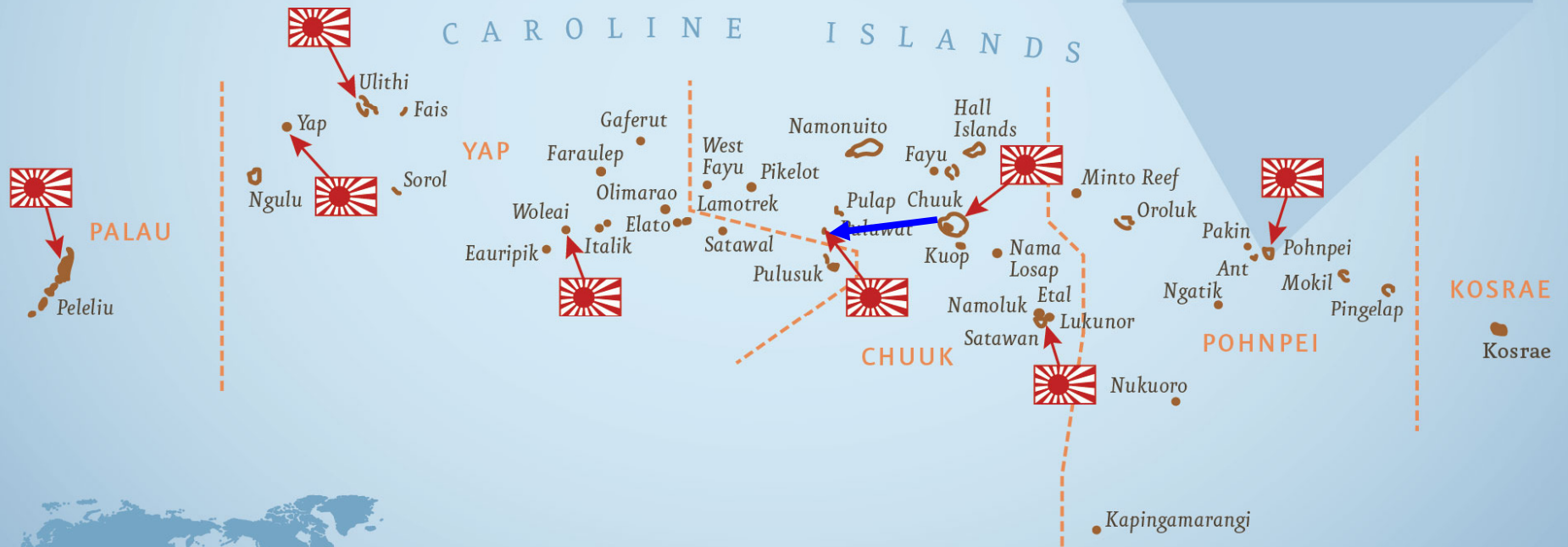


**Kawanishi H8K Emily
Flying Boat**

Sherry & H8K Emily Engine



Soggy Paws Chuuk to Puluwat April 2014



 WWII Japanese Occupied





Lighthouse

Alet Isl

Airfield

Howitzers/Trucks

Pier/Landing/Road

Patrol Boat

PB4Y

SPaws

Relong

Lugav

Renow

Puluwat Isl

Puluwat
Atoll

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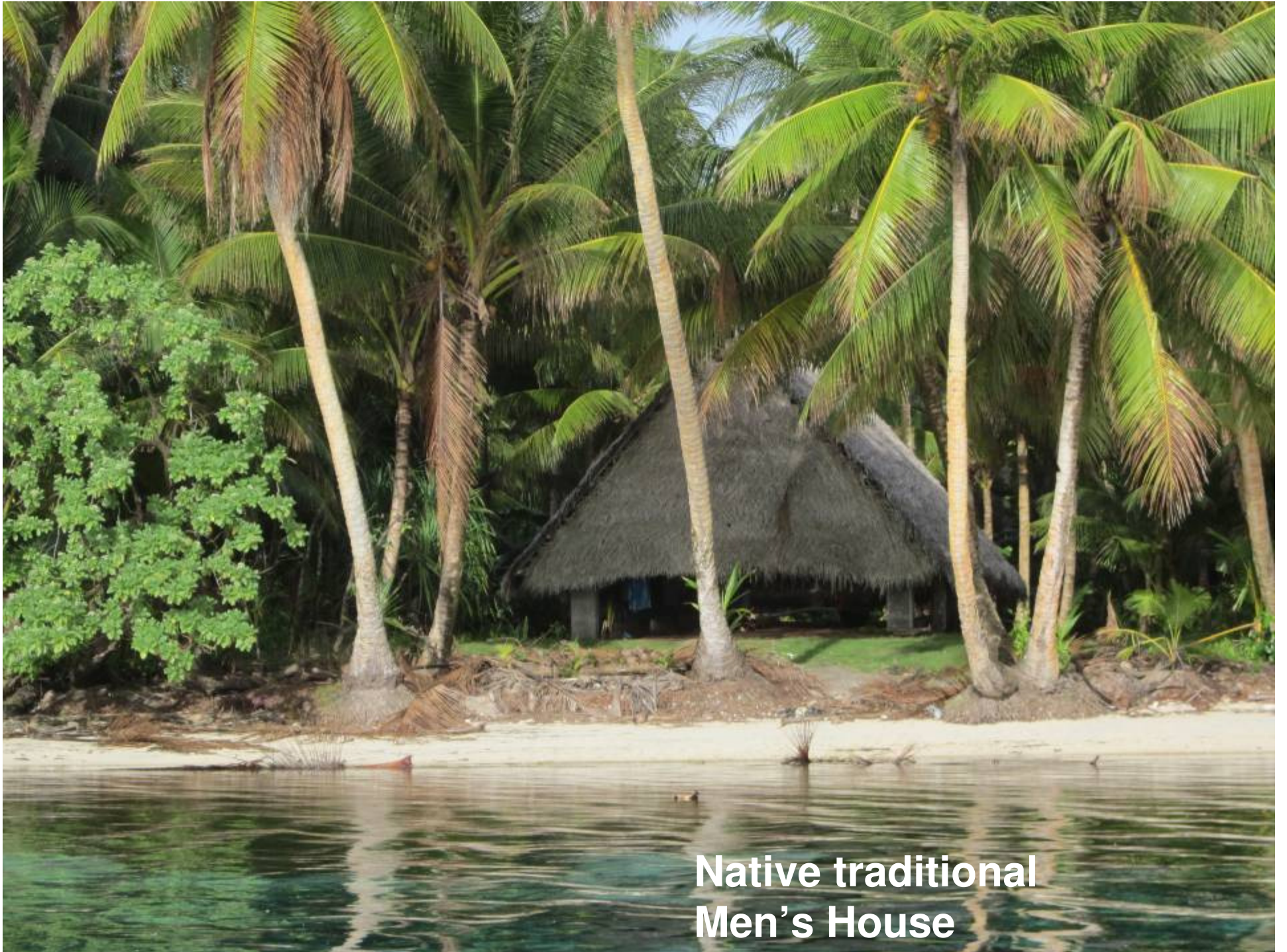
**Fishing & Sailing
in Puluwat Lagoon**



**Natives from one of 3
villages in local canoe**



**Typhoon
remnant ashore
in inner lagoon**



**Native traditional
Men's House**



**Local
visiting girls**



**Lighthouse on N
end of Alet Island**



Lighthouse Tower



Coconut Crab



Lighthouse light rotation mechanism & catwalk



Airfield Construction Roller



Construction tractor



Fuel tank trailer



**Nine Japanese Type 91
horse drawn 105 mm
Howitzer Guns**



**Japanese Type 91
105 mm Howitzer
Gun, late model**



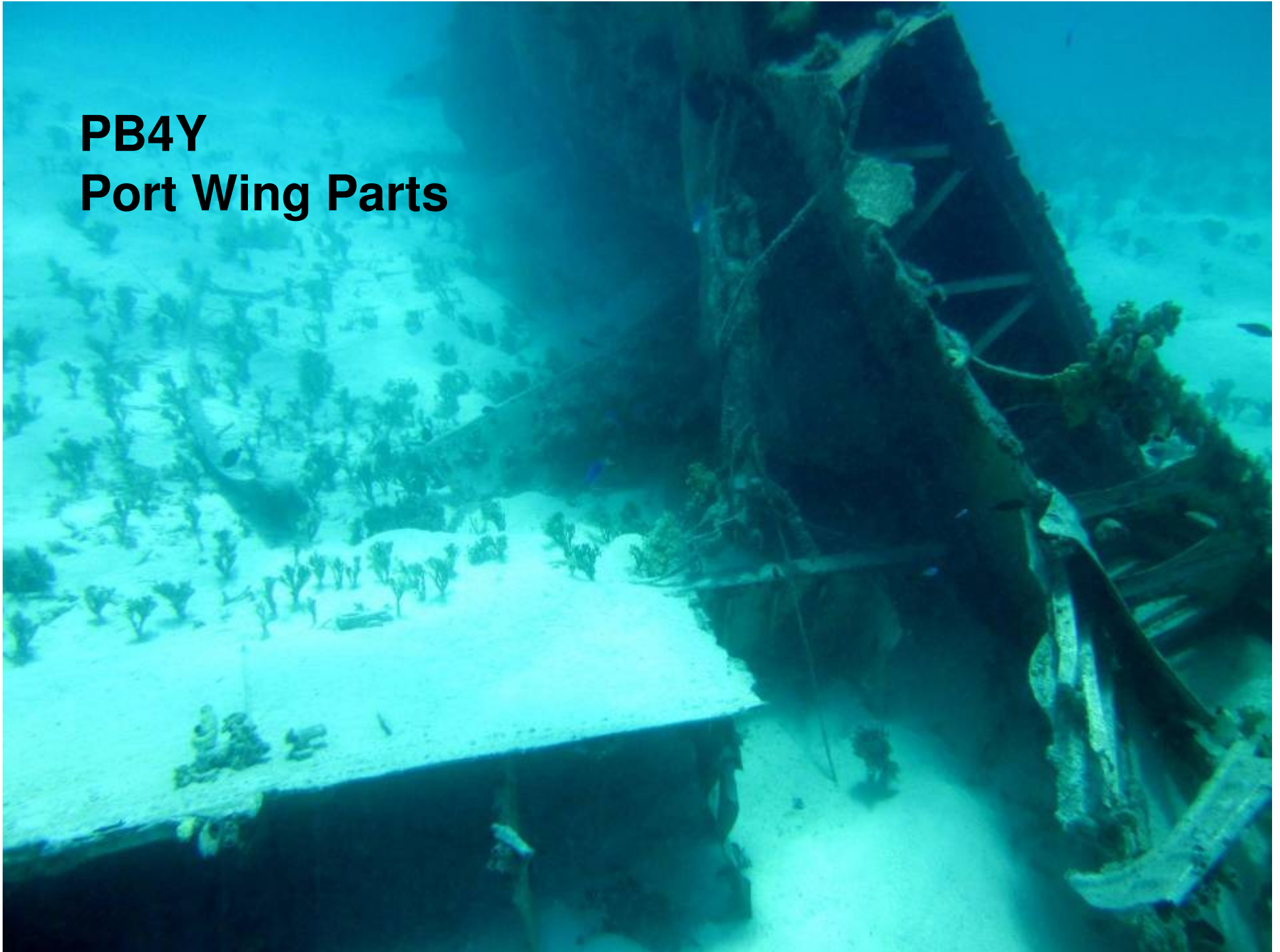
**Japanese Type 91
105mm Howitzer
Guns, early models**

Consolidated PB4Y Privateer Heavy Bomber

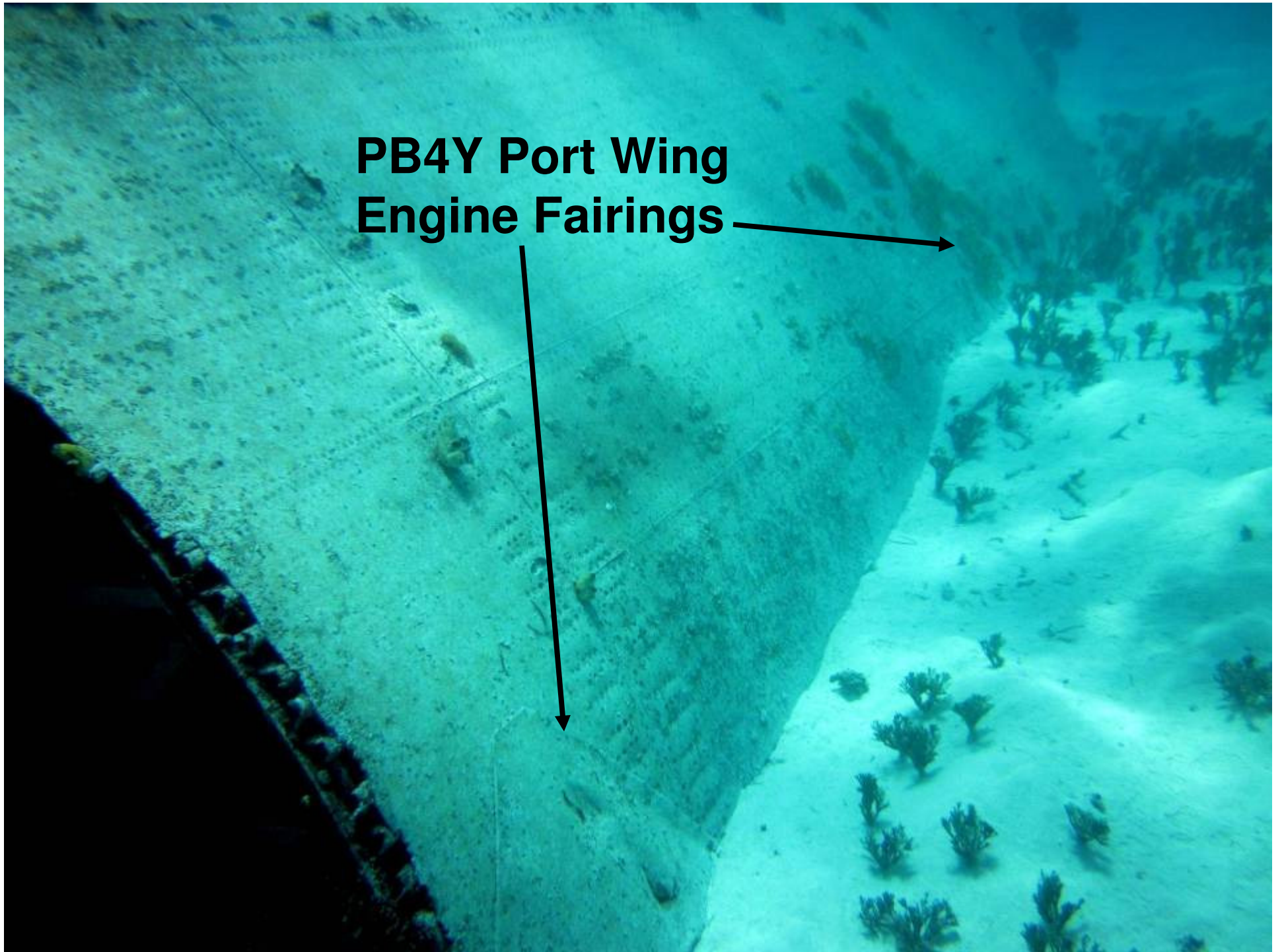


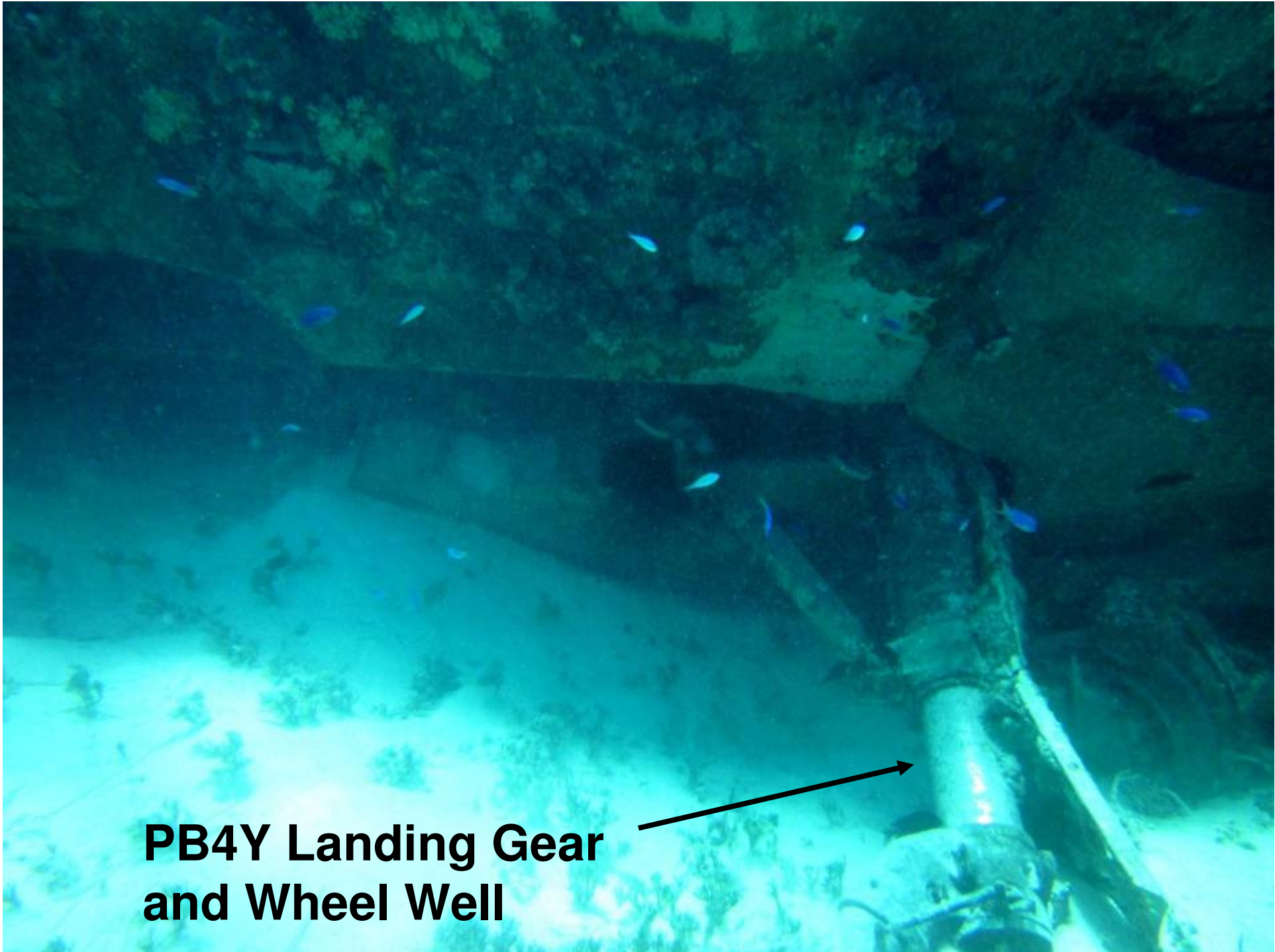
11 crew, 300 mph, 2820 mi,
21k, 12x50 cal, bombs,
mines, torpedoes

**PB4Y
Port Wing Parts**



**PB4Y Port Wing
Engine Fairings**

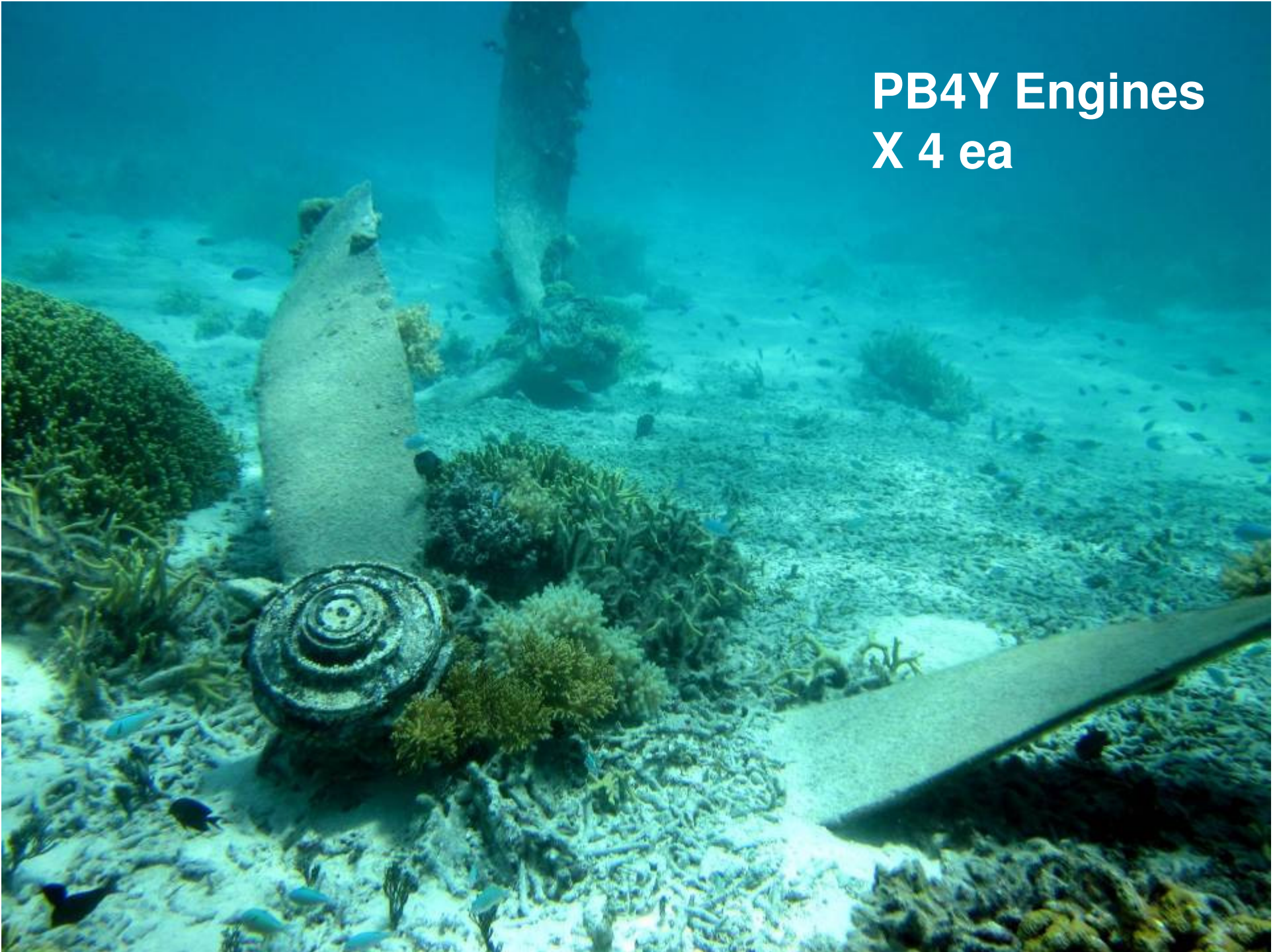




**PB4Y Landing Gear
and Wheel Well**



**PB4Y Engines
X 4 ea**



Sherry & PB4Y Wreckage



PB4Y Cockpit

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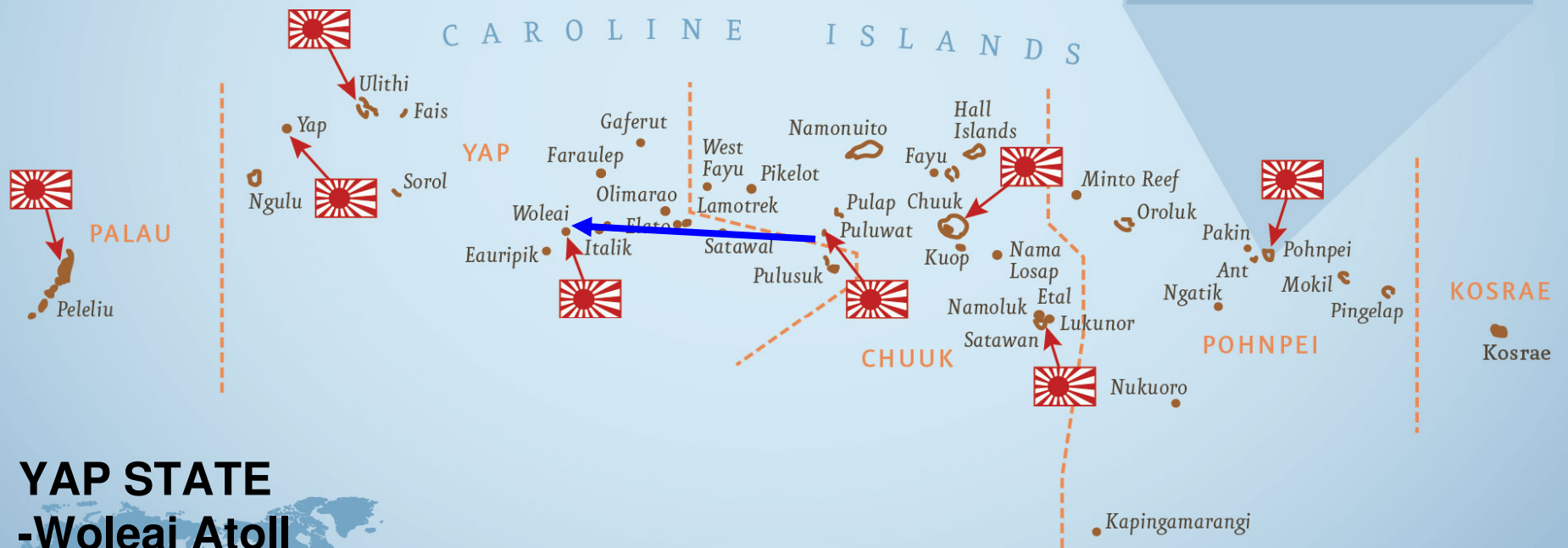
Japanese Patrol Craft in Puluwat Lagoon





**Japanese Patrol Craft in
Puluwat Lagoon**

Soggy Paws Puluwat to Woleai April 2014

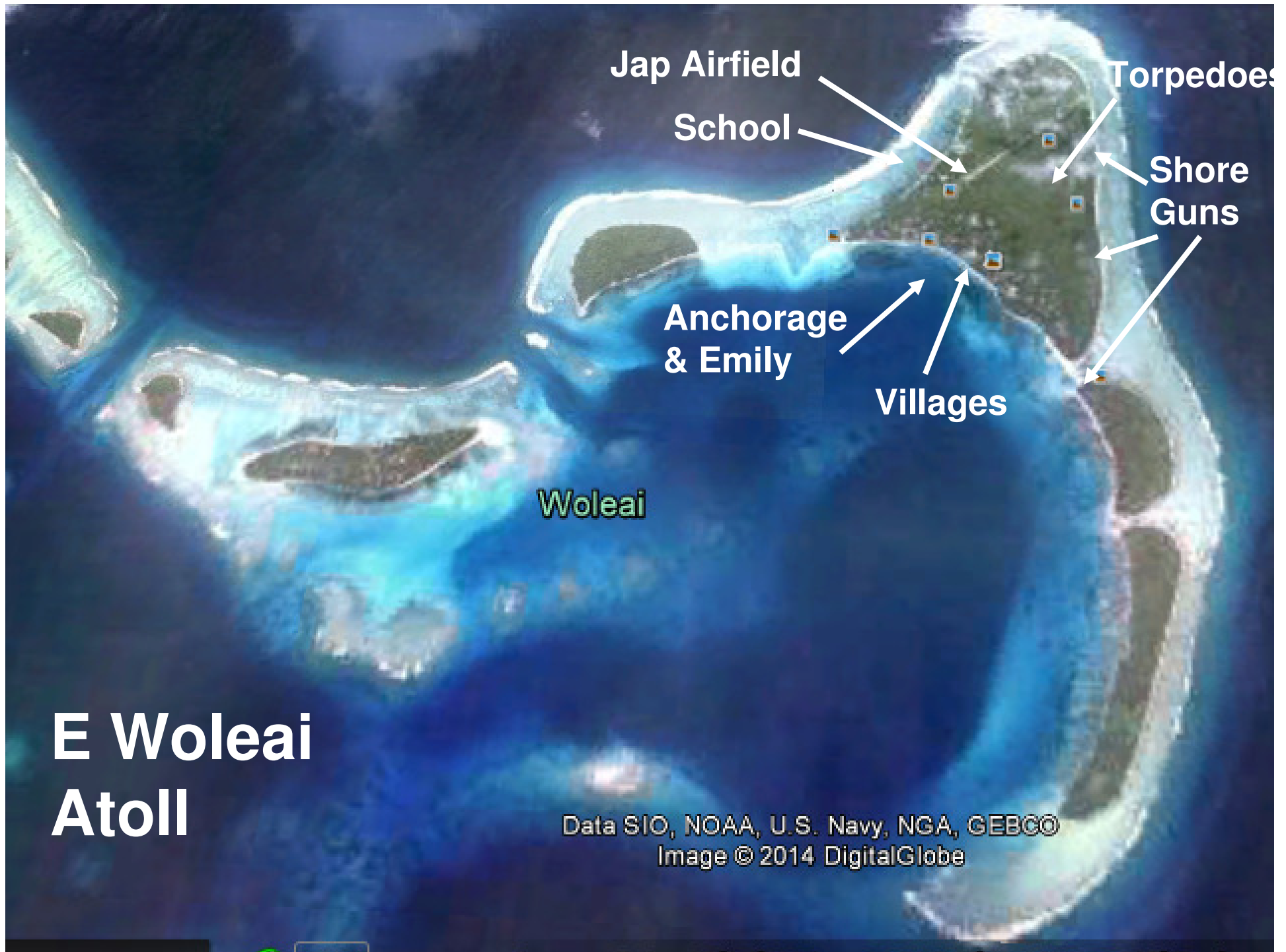


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- Woleai Atoll
- Ulithi Atoll
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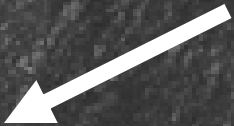


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**Woleai
8 Jul 44**

**Anchorage
H8K
Emily**

Bomb hits



A black and white aerial photograph of the USS Harder (SS-392) at sea. The submarine is on the surface, with its conning tower and masts visible. A group of crew members is gathered on the deck. To the left, a small boat is also visible. The ocean is dark with white-capped waves. The text "SOC Seagull" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

SOC Seagull

USS Harder Rescues Downed Pilot 1 Apr 44

Matthias and Chiefs Francis





Checkin w/
Mattias



Fish trap



**Our dinghy on
Mattias' landing
beach**

6 AM Easter Morning on Woleai



Easter Sunday church service





Crews of Soggy Paws, La Gitana, Westward II, Kokomo dressed for Easter Sunday festivities

**Big
schools
and
internet!**

Classroom Rules

1. Always try to be on time to class
2. Always Come to Class Prepared
3. Speaking English is strongly encouraged for everyone to use
4. Respect Everyone in the Class
5. Raise your hand if you have question or respond to a question
6. Cooperate with group members in group activities.
7. LEAVE the class only when you are permitted
8. Be courteous, friendly, and polite to everyone
9. Drinks, food, and chewing gum is only for outside when class is not in session



**The footsie passing
the straw game**



**Coconut carrying
contest**



**Cutest kid
contest**



**VK and the guys
Dressed for Drag**



Sherry and the men sewing new sail panels



**Mitsubishi A6M
Zero Fighter**



**A6M Zero
Fighter**



Japanese construction equipment and foundations



**Japanese
Tractor**



**Japanese Type 91
105 mm Howitzer
Gun, early model**

Mitsubishi G4M Betty Bomber



7 crew, 265 mph, 29k,
3750 mi, 1x20 mm & 4
7.7 mm guns, bombs
or torpedoes



**VK & Mitsubishi G4M
Betty Bomber tail**



**Woleai Airfield
facing NE**

A photograph of a cemetery path. The path is made of light-colored gravel and is lined with numerous dark, cylindrical metal shell casings. The casings are arranged in a long, straight line that recedes into the distance. In the background, there are some traditional Japanese grave markers, including a white pillar and a red decorative element. The overall scene is somber and historical.

**Cemetery marked
with Japanese
shell casings**



**Type A95 3 Man
Lightweight Tank**

**9 Japanese
Long Lance
torpedoes in
bunker**



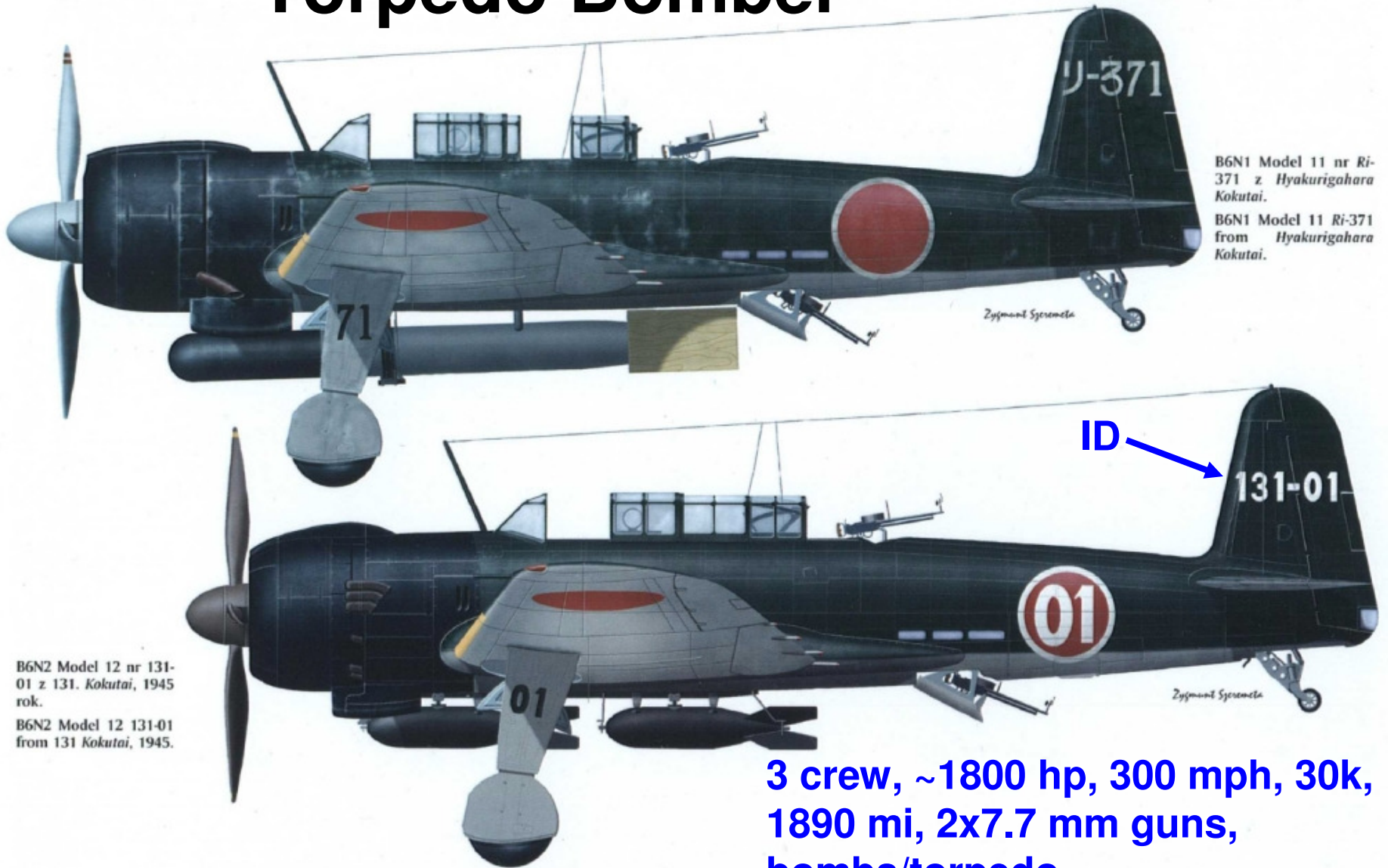
2 Long Lance torpedo engines





**Rear of two Long
Lance torpedoes**

Nakajima B6N Jill carrier Torpedo Bomber



Plansza barwna na pierwszej stronie okładki: B6N2 Model 12 nr Ko-B6-11, używany do celów doświadczalnych w Dai-Ichi Kaigun Koku Gijutsusho.
Color side view on the first page of cover: B6N2 Model 12 Ko-B6-11, used for testing by Dai-Ichi Kaigun Koku Gijutsusho.

Nakajima B6N Jill Torpedo Bomber





**Nakajima B6N Jill torpedo
bomber in the bush**



**B6N Jill engine w/
4 blade propeller**



**B6N Jill Nakajima NK7A
1800 hp Mamoru radial engine**



**Unknown small 7 cylinder,
3 blade radial engine**



Japanese 120 mm Shore Gun



**Japanese
120 mm
Shore Gun**

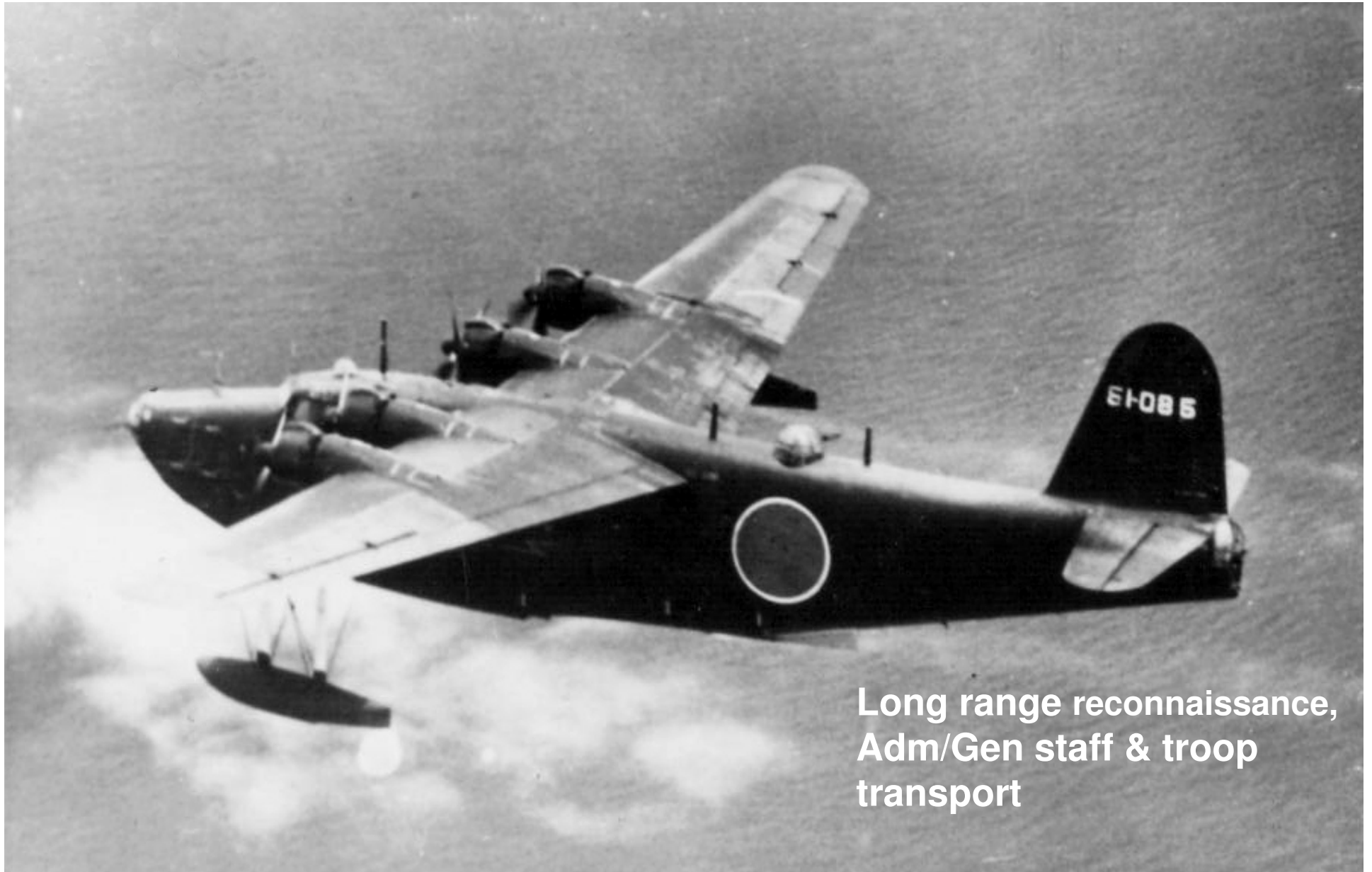


**Japanese small shore
guns and bunkers
around perimeter
beaches**



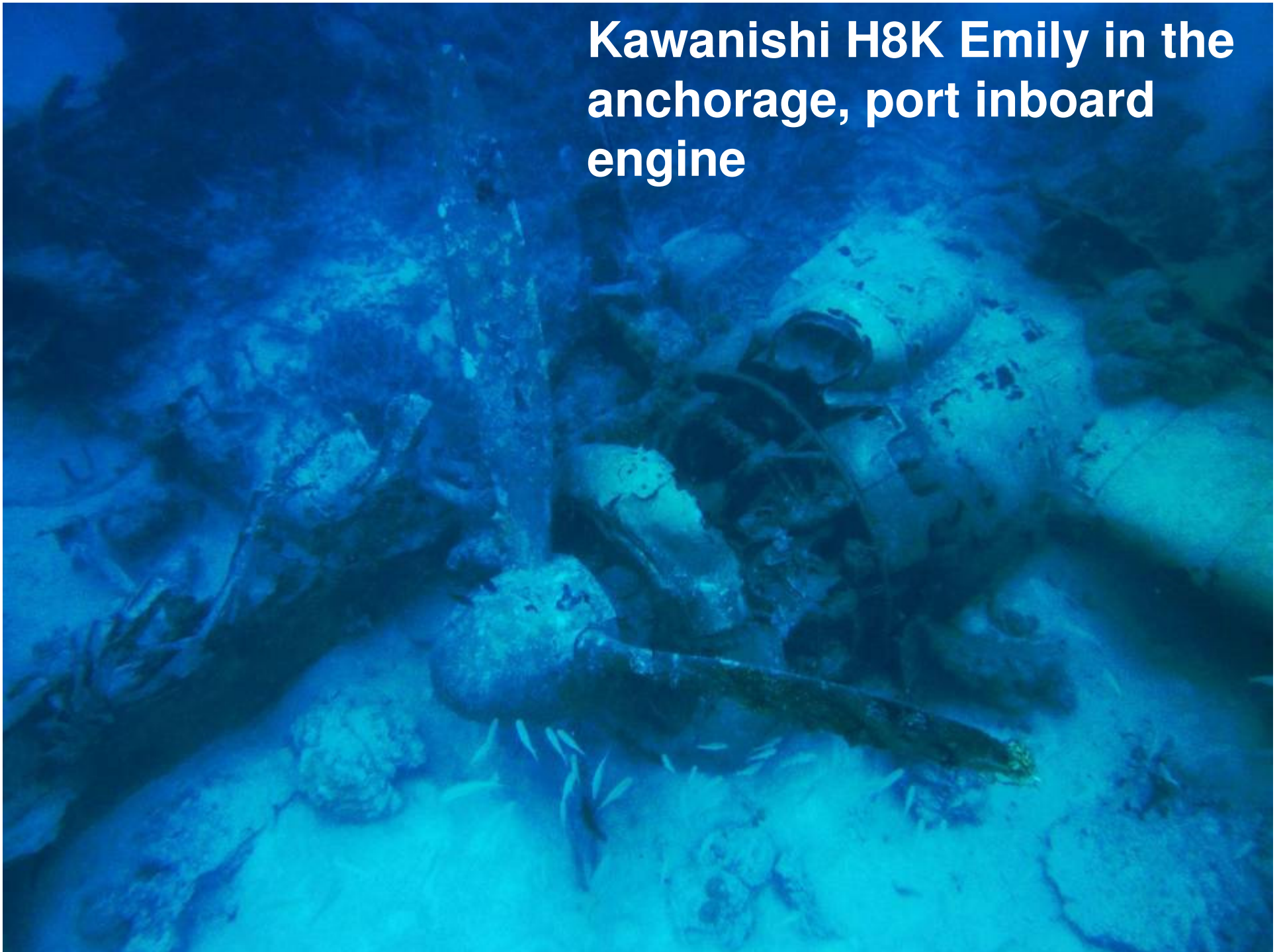
**Japanese 20mm
AA Dual Mount
Machine Gun**

Kawanishi H8K Flying Boat



Long range reconnaissance,
Adm/Gen staff & troop
transport

Kawanishi H8K Emily in the anchorage, port inboard engine





**H8K Emily 20mm Tail
Cannon & Blister**

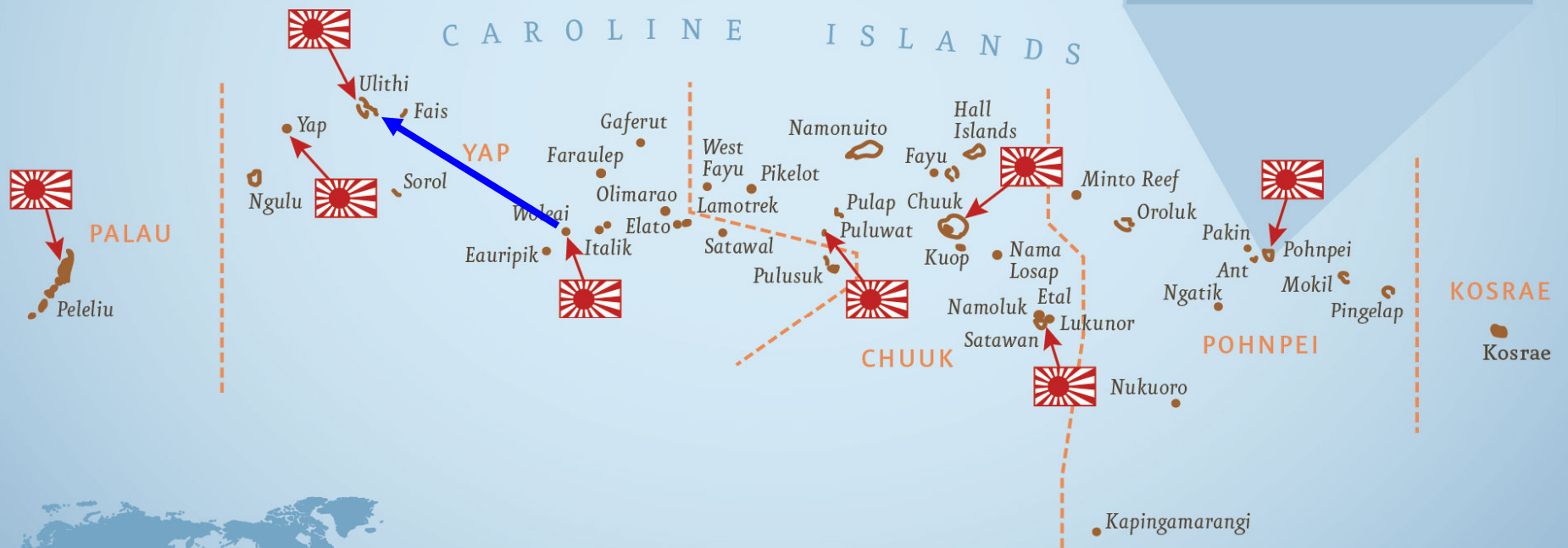


**Blind Francis
with his new
sun glasses**

Our
departure
gifts



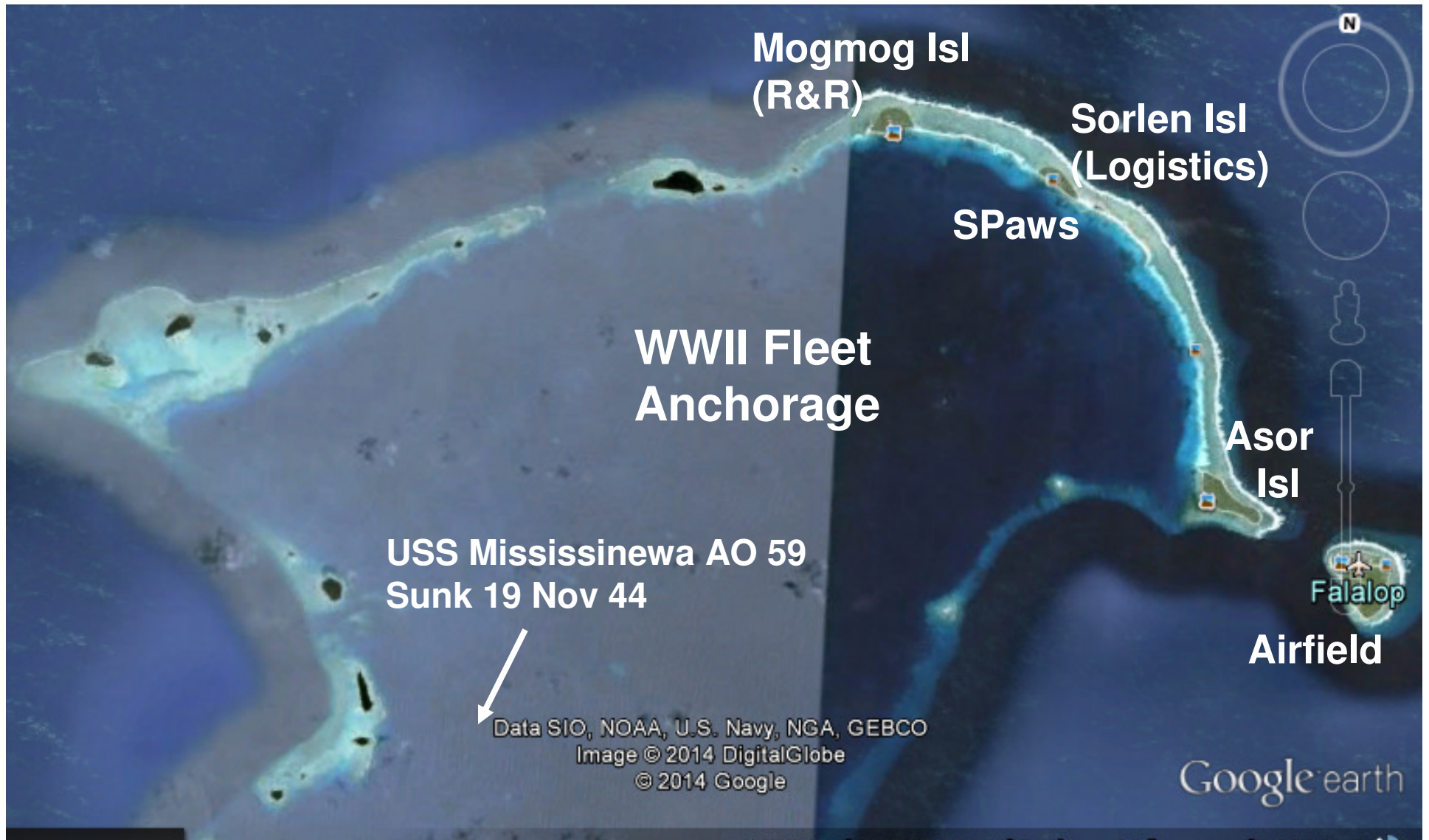
Soggy Paws Woleai to Ulithi April 2014



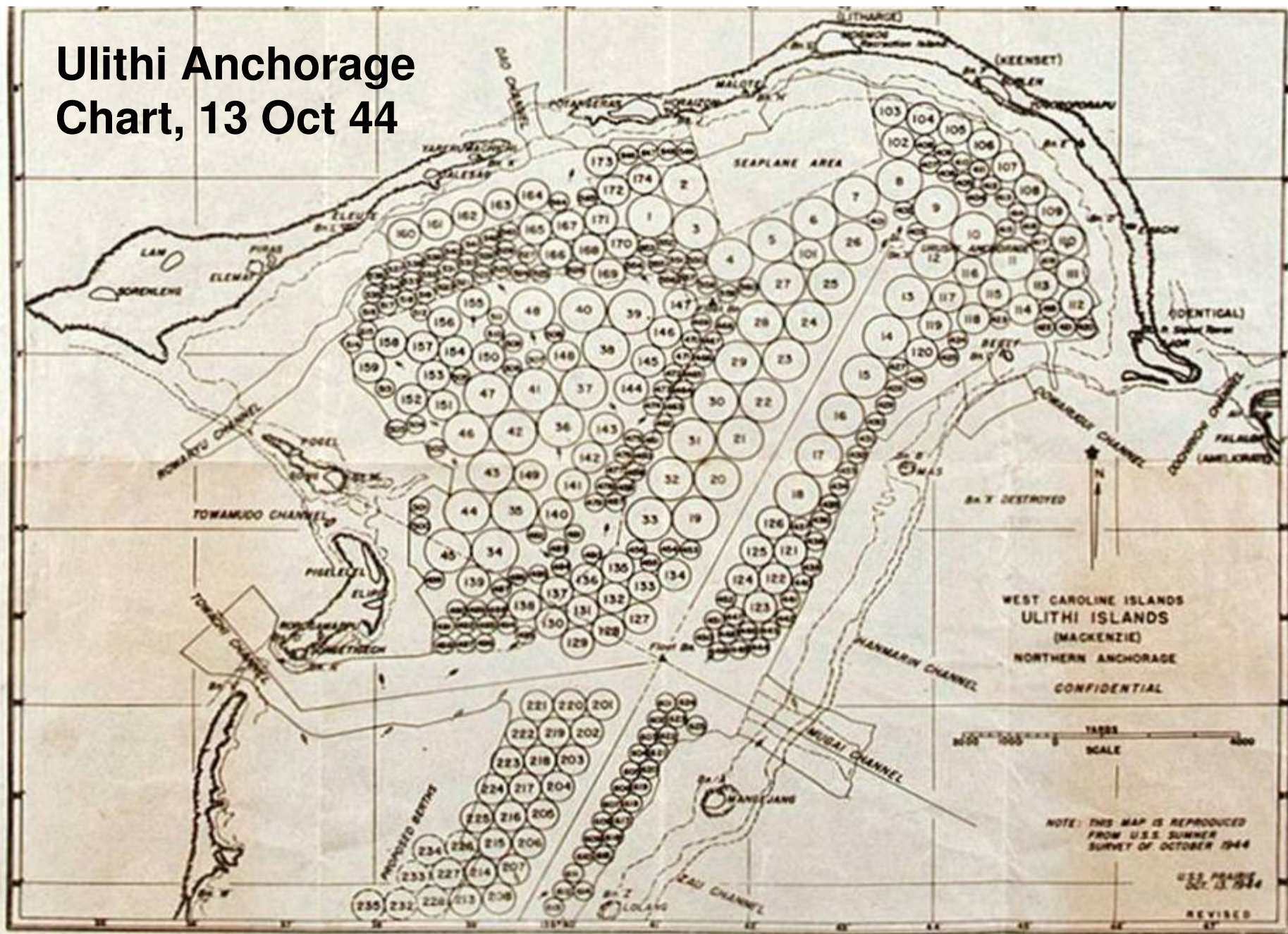
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Ulithi Atoll (North End)



Ulithi Anchorage Chart, 13 Oct 44



TG 38.3 Entering Ulithi 17 Nov 44

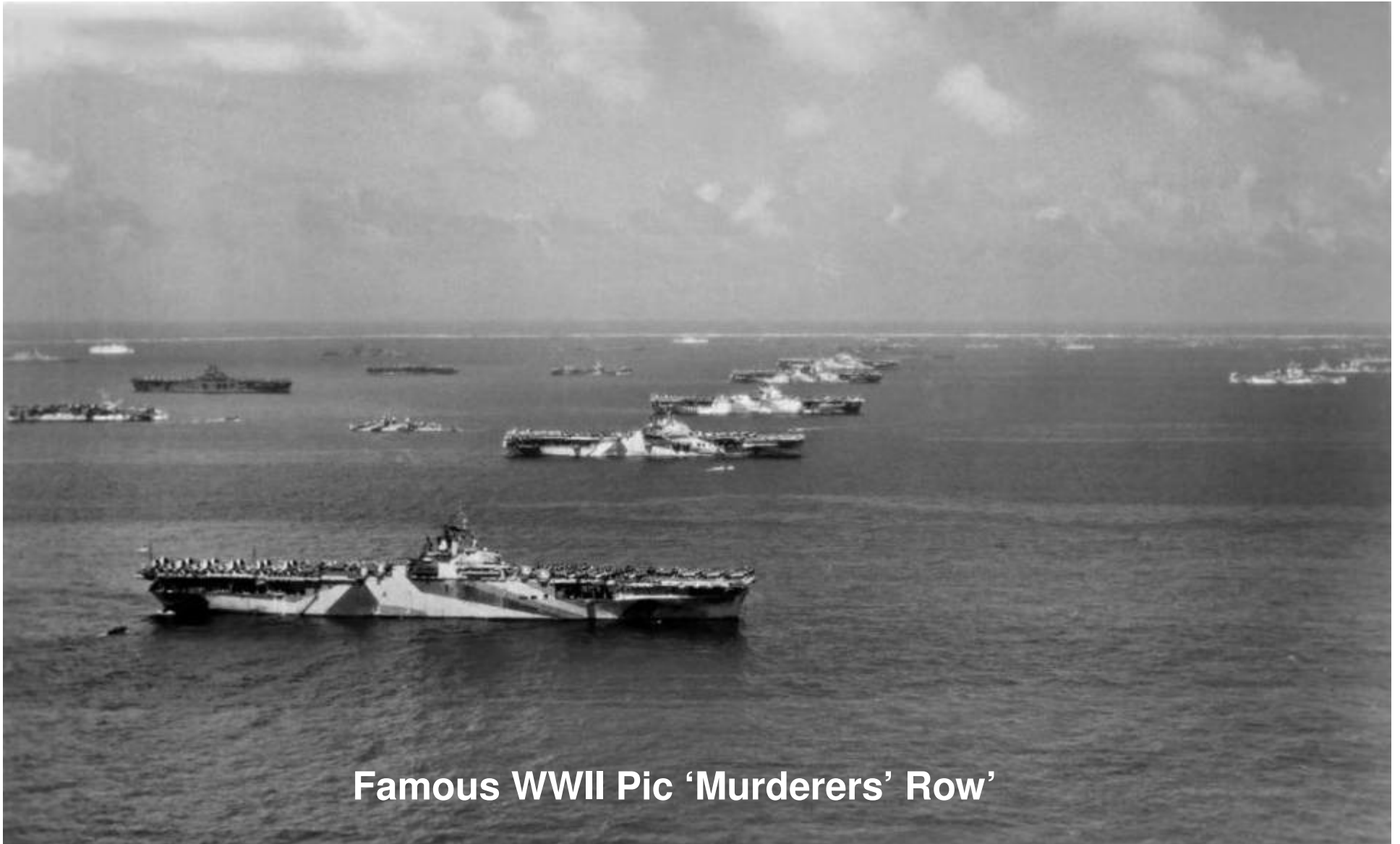
USS Langley CVL27, Ticonderoga CV14, plus 3 BBs and 4 CLs
(fm USS Essex CV9 w/ Dad onbd)



**Dad at Ulithi:
1- 4 and 17- 20 Nov**

TG 38.3 Carriers at Ulithi, 8 Dec 1944

Wasp CV18, Yorktown CV10, Hornet CV12, Hancock CV19, Ticonderoga CV14, Lexington CV16



Famous WWII Pic 'Murderers' Row'

Ulithi Anchorage off Sorlen Isl Dec 44



SPaws

Jetty

**Sorlen Isl
Logistics Base,
Ulithi Atoll
19 Feb 45**

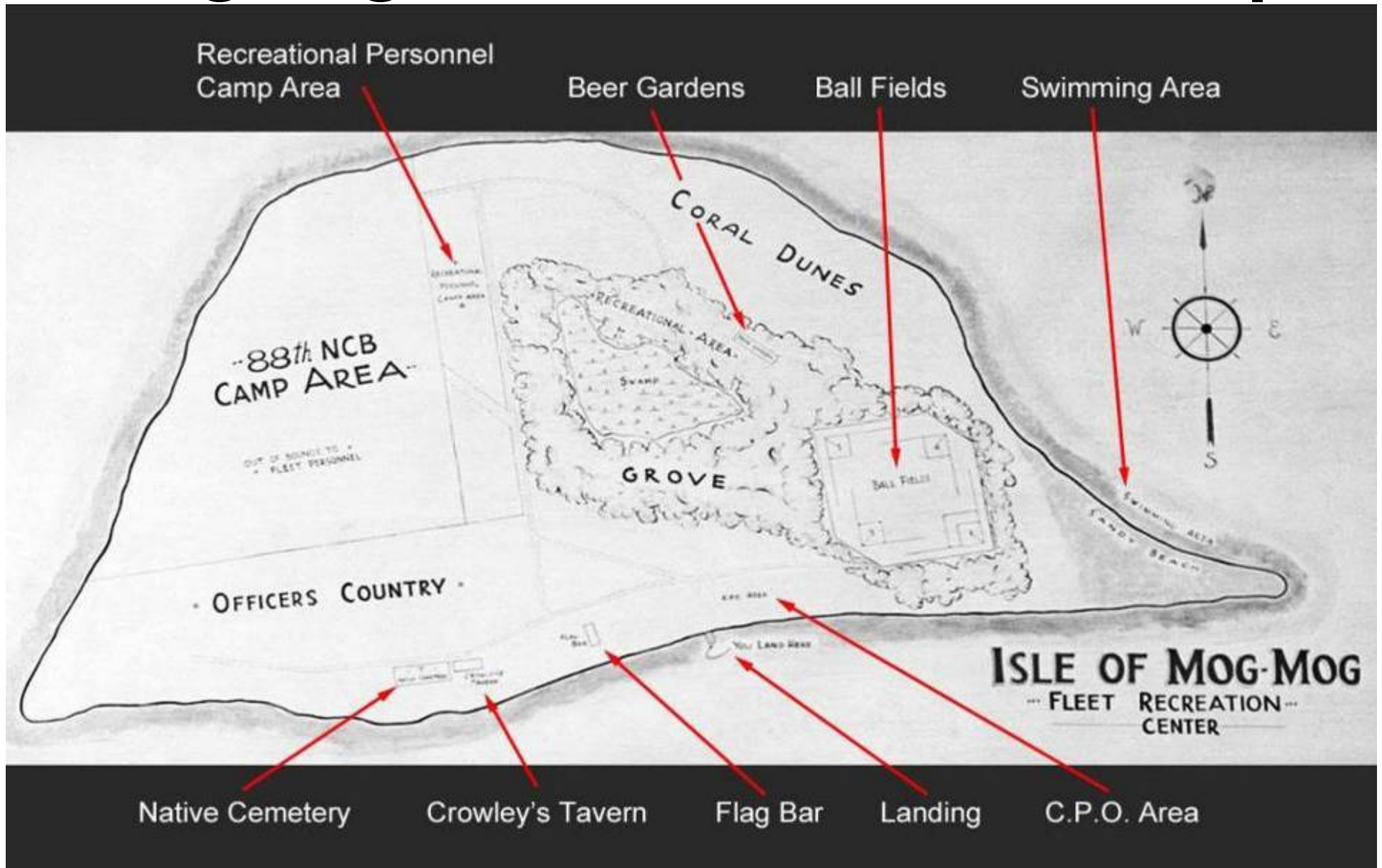
Jetty





Hundreds of ships at anchor in Ulithi Atoll, with [Mogmog Islet](#) in foreground

Mogmog Isl, Ulithi Atoll R&R Map



Mogmog Liberty Nov 1944 <Off/Enl>



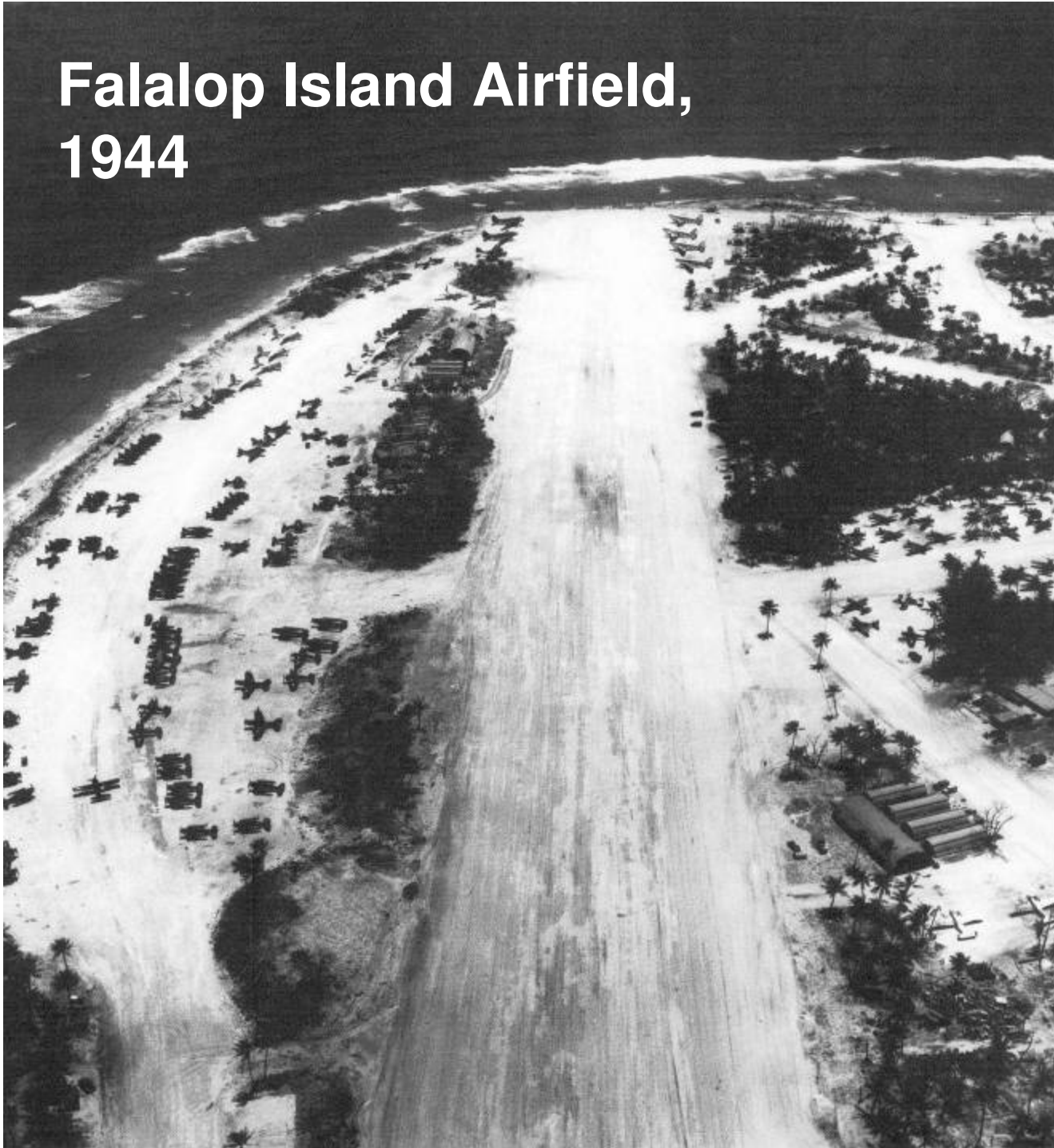
Mogmog Liberty Pontoons Nov 1944



Mogmog Beach Liberty Nov 44



Falalop Island Airfield, 1944





Boom Crane Machinery West Mogmog



**Stanley Inspecting 1944/45
Coca Cola Bottles**



**Sherry on
island tour
with Stanley**



**Liberty
Pontoon**

**Mogmog small
boat winch
machinery**



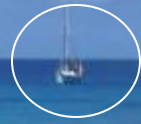
**Mogmog liberty
pontoon remains**

SPaws

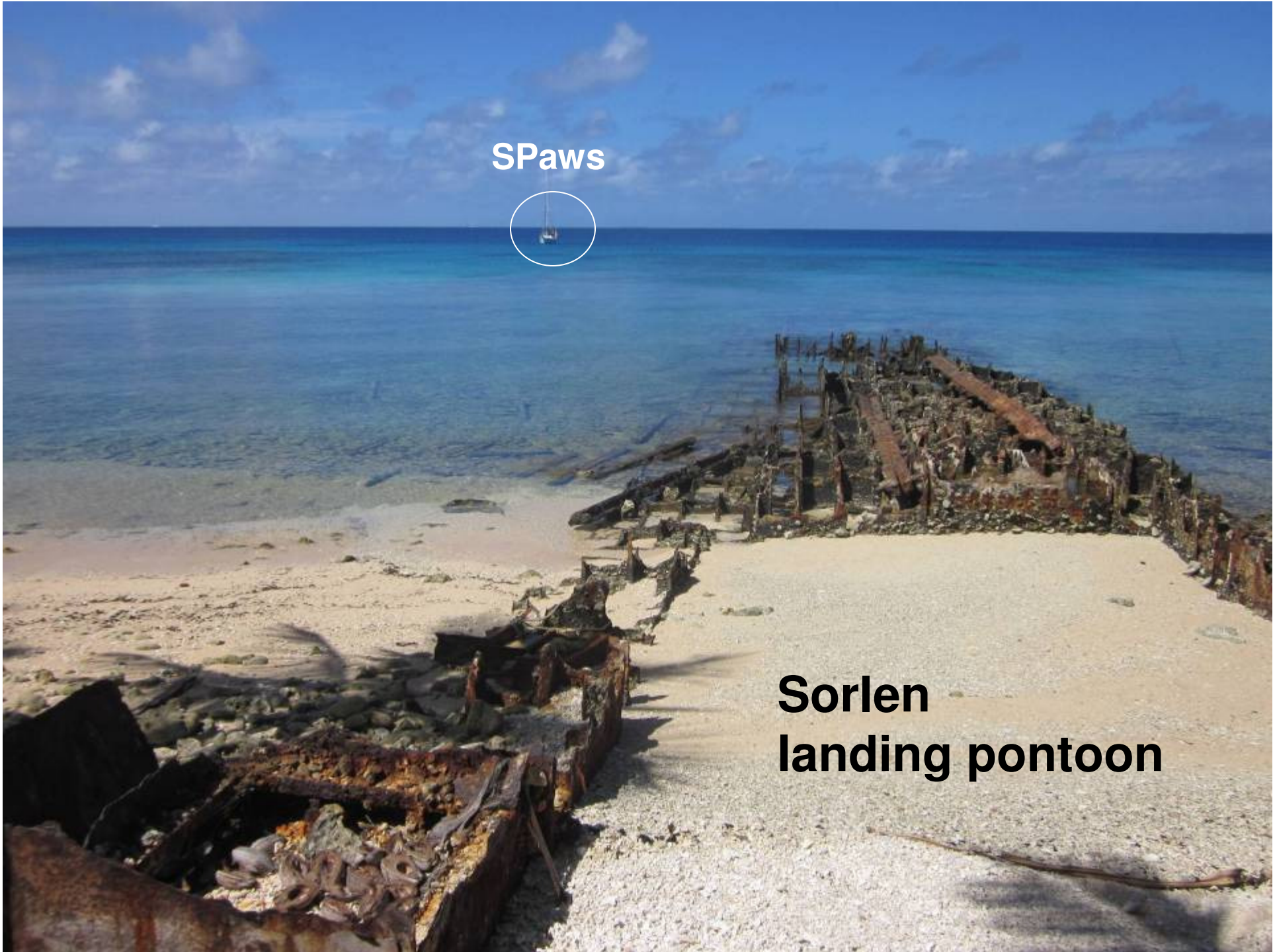
**Sorlen Beach
looking toward
Mogmog Island**



SPaws



**Sorlen
landing pontoon**





**Sunset from
Sorlen anchorage**

USS Mississinewa AO-59 Burning

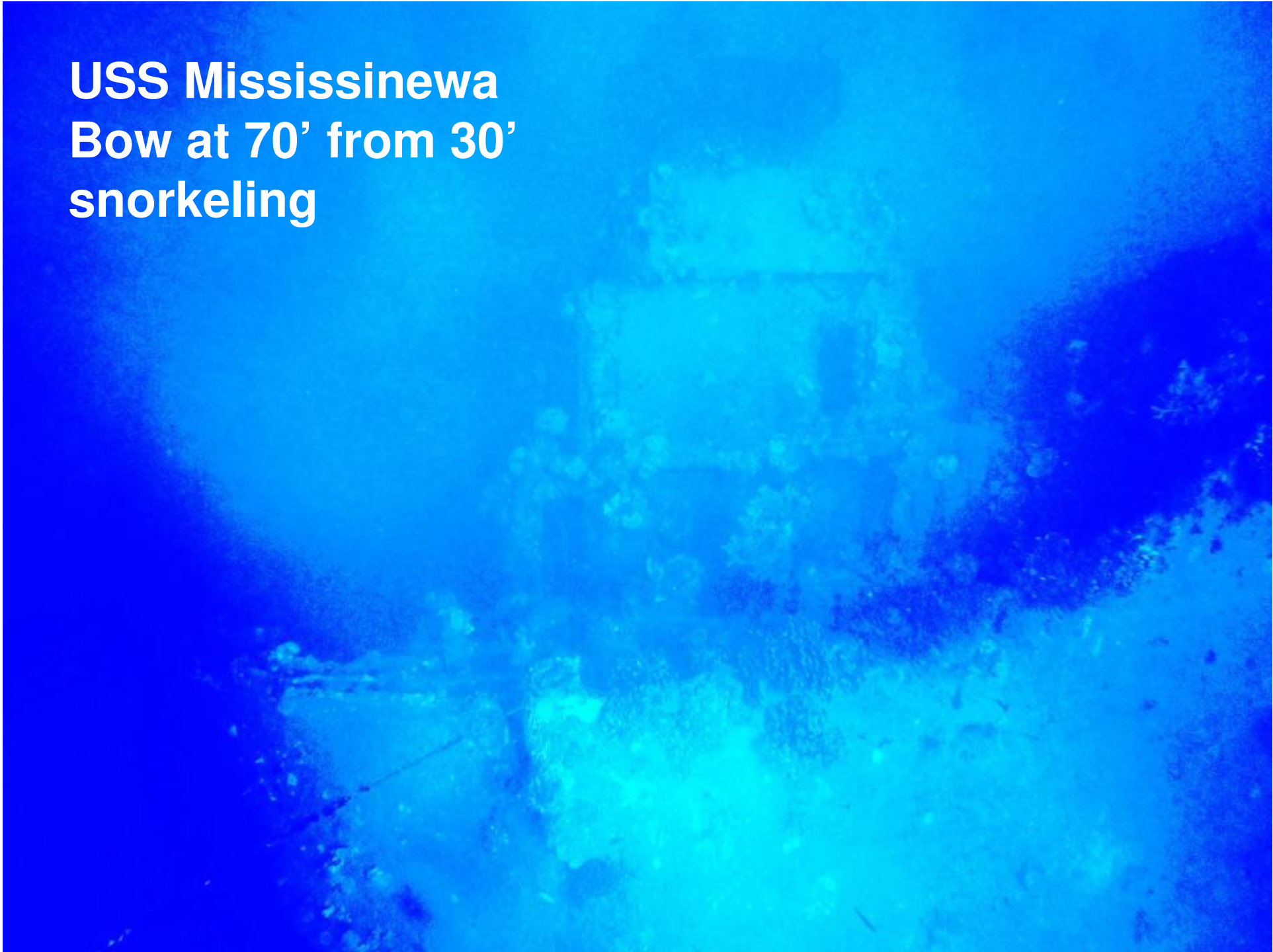


**Attacked by Japanese
Kaiten 1 man torpedo
0545 19 Nov 1944**

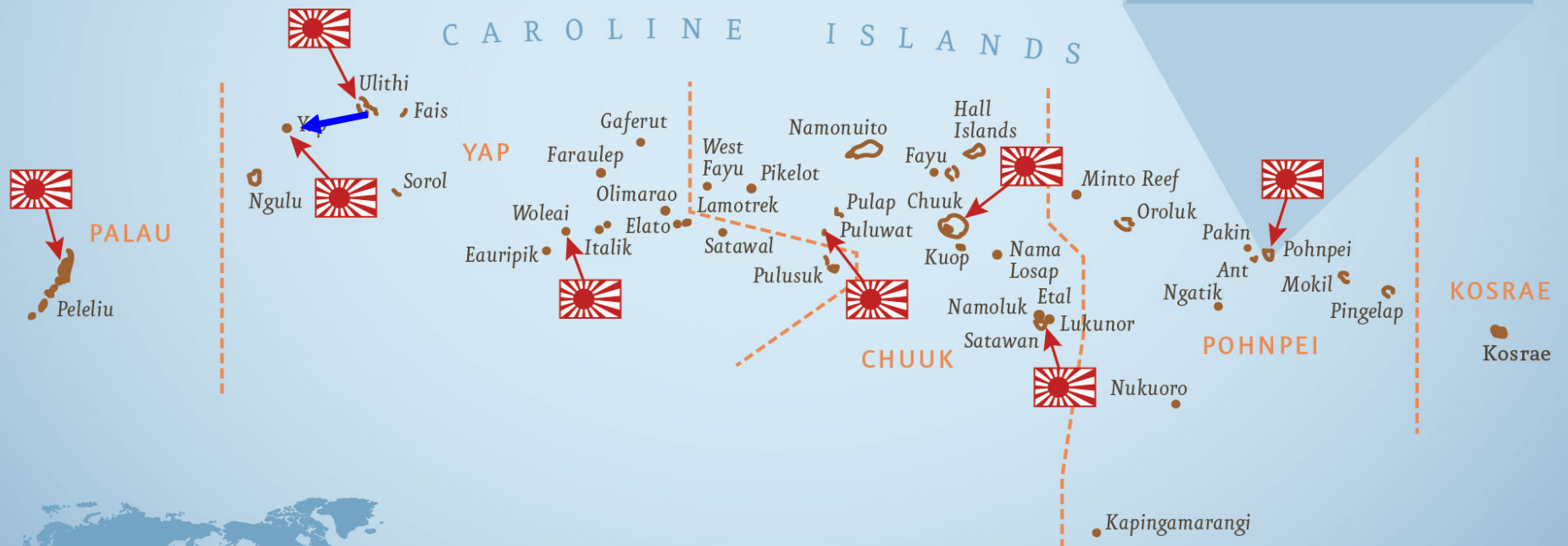
USS Mississinewa Bow Float



**USS Mississinewa
Bow at 70' from 30'
snorkeling**



Soggy Paws Ulithi to Yap Late April 2014



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Yap Island



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Yap

Kanif

Japanese Lighthouse

Colonia

SPaws anchored in small harbor

US/Jap planes

Old Jap Airfield

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Ngoof

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**Marie and Glenn of cat
Backbeat and Sherry
with Yap stone money**

Extensive repair work on 46' cat backbeat almost lost in Woleai during Typhoon Heian





Backbeat's Manson Supreme anchor missing roll bar from tandem anchoring during typhoon Heian



**Men's meeting
house**



**Japanese Steam
Roller (Pre War?)**



**Japanese
Lighthouse
(Bottom View)**



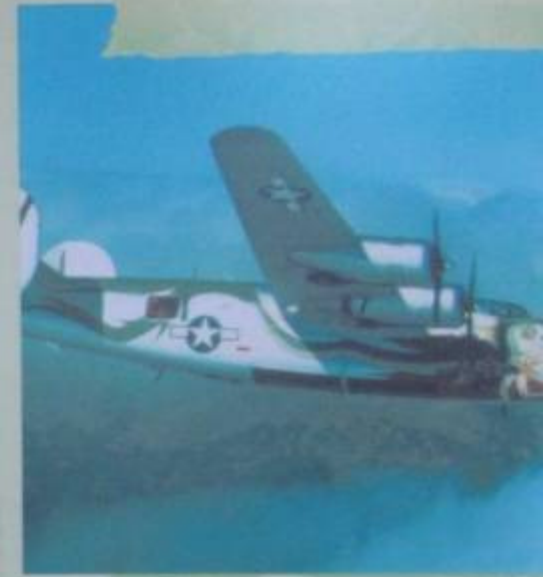
**Japanese
Lighthouse**

Dave at YVB Office reviewing aircraft slides with Tom T.



American Aircraft and Men Lost on Missions to Yap Island

In excess of 36 American aircraft were shot down or crashed on missions to Yap Island during WWII with the loss of over 150 men. Although some of the men were rescued and some remains were recovered after the war, many of the men remain missing in action.



B-24

Date:	Aircraft:	Unit:	Men Involved:
13 June 1944	B-24	5th AF, 43rd BG, & 67th BS	11
14 June 1944	B-24J	5th AF, 90th BG, & 320th BS	10
25 June 1944	B-24	13th AF, 307th BG, & 372nd BS	10
5 July 1944	B-24	13th AF, 307th BG, & 372nd BS	11
13 July 1944	B-24	13th AF, 307th BG, & 370th BS	10
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15 July 1944	B-24	13th AF, 307th BG, & 371st BS	11



MissingAirCrew.com
Pat Ranfranz, founder

Grumman F6F-5 Hellcat Fighter

1 pilot,
2000hp,
380mph,
1040mi,
38k',
2x20mm,
4x50cal,
bombs,
rockets,
12,275 ea

'Minsi III'
McCampbell, Oct 1944



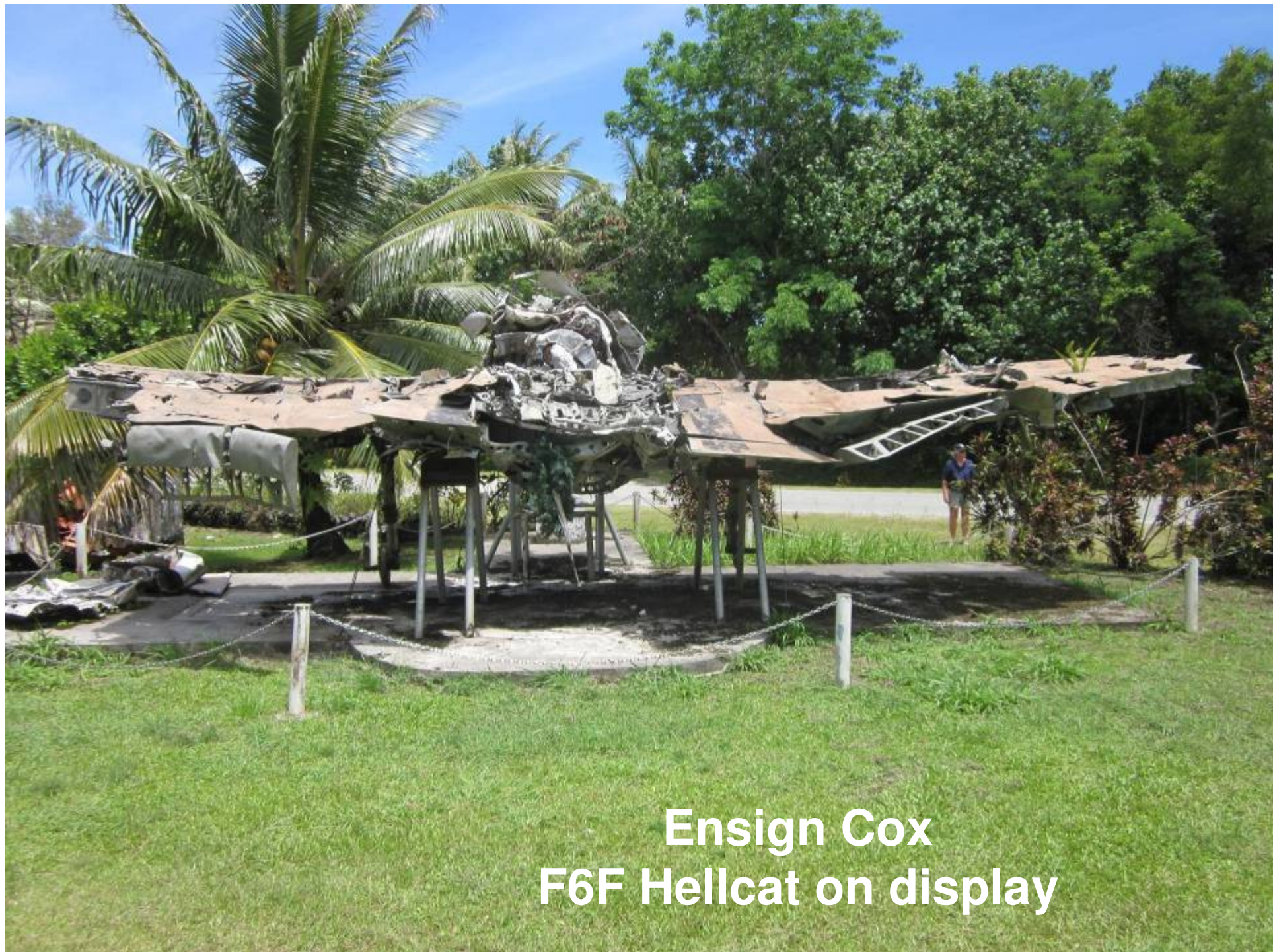
F6F-5 Hellcat

**Minsi III Landing on
USS Essex CV-9**



**Ensign Cox
F6F Hellcat Fighter
wreckage in jungle**





**Ensign Cox
F6F Hellcat on display**



Ens Cox F6F Hellcat

Nakajima B5N Kate Torpedo Bomber



3 crew, 7-970 hp, 204
mph, 27 K, 1220 nm, 1
7.7mm gun, bombs,
torp, 1149 made.

**B5N-2 Kate Torpedo Bomber
fuselage near old runway**



**B5N-2 Kate
Torpedo Bomber
fuselage w/3 seats**



**B5N-2 Kate
Torpedo Bomber
engine controls**





**Kate Nakajima
NK1B engine
w/ one bent blade**

**Unknown
Engine in ravine
nearby Kate**



Mitsubishi G4M Betty Bomber





**G4M-1
Betty Bomber
tail section**



**G4M
Betty Tail
Section**



**G4M Betty Bomber
engine w/ bent blades**



**Betty Bomber
interior looking aft**



**Betty Bomber
Tail section and 20mm gun**

**Betty Bomber cockpit
w/ seats,
engine controls,
dashboard**





**Intact Betty Bomber
seat w/ bullet holes**



**Sherry behind
unknown tail section
near Betty Bomber**



**Unknown
two row
14 cylinder
radial engine
nearby Betty Bomber**



Another unknown two row 14 cylinder radial engine nearby Betty Bomber

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Vought F4U Corsair fighter

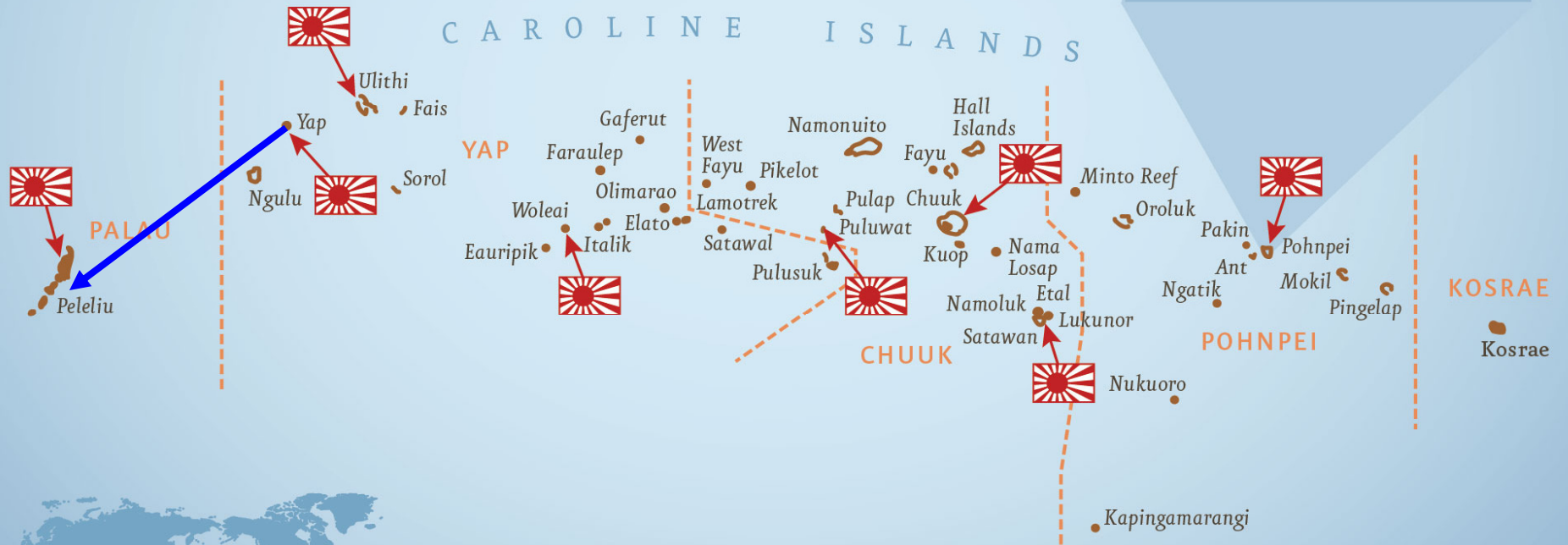


**1 pilot, 2000 hp, 417
mph, 37k, 1000 mi, 6
50 cal bombs and
rockets**

**US F4U
Corsair
fighter
in swamp**



Soggy Paws Yap to Palau May 2014

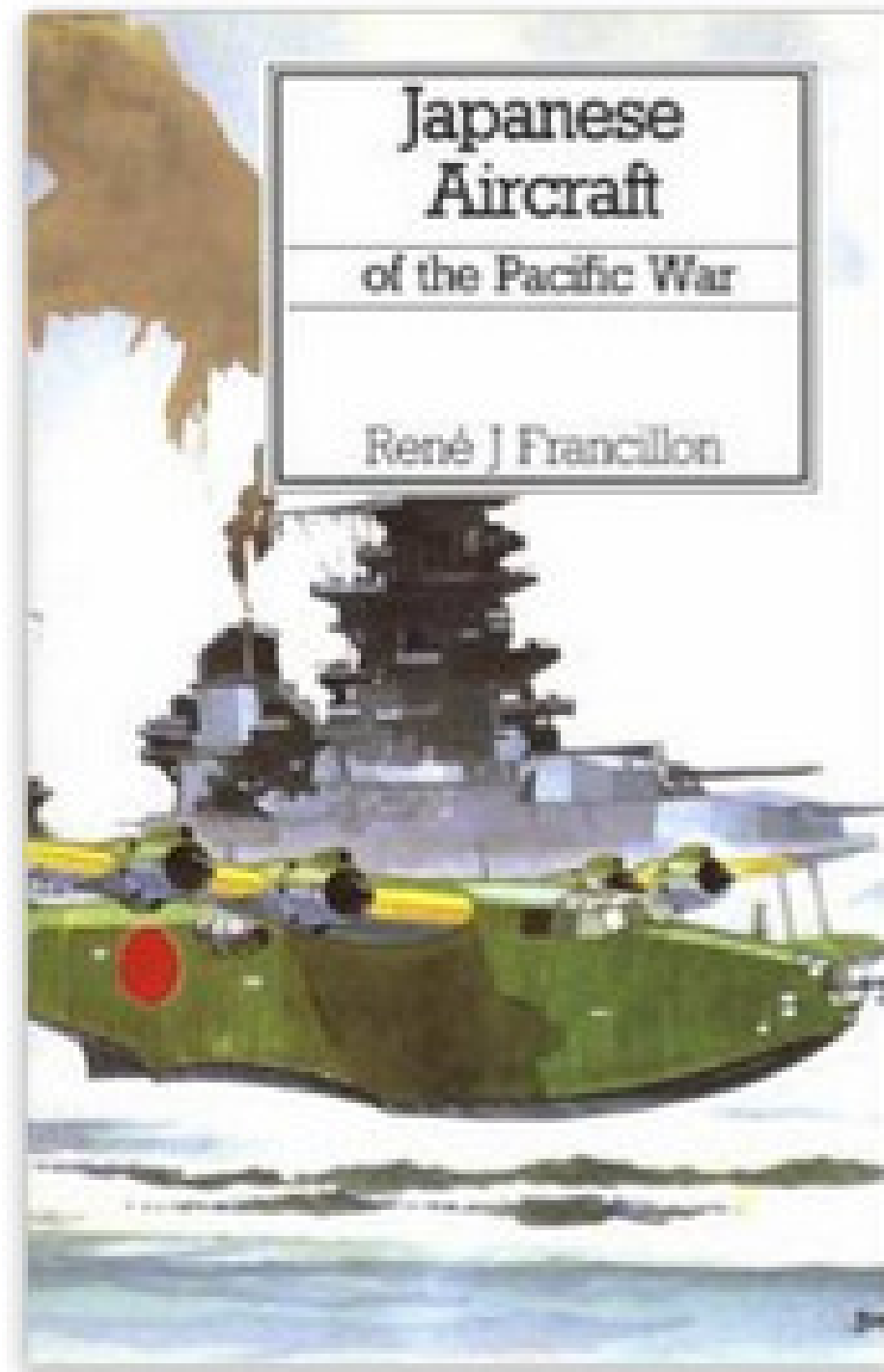


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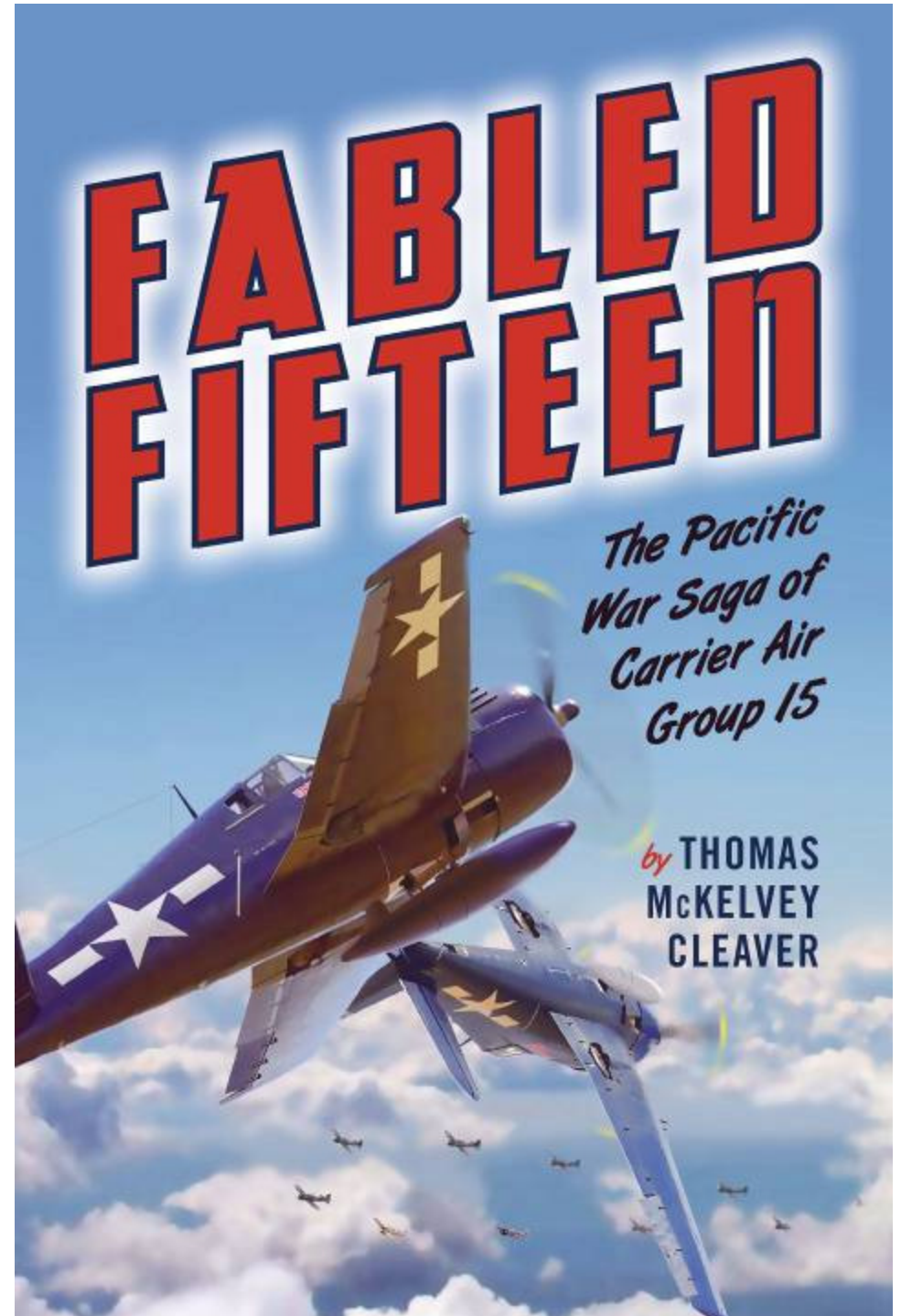
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