

**FINISH FORTY AND HOME:  
THE UNTOLD WORLD WAR II STORY OF  
B-24S IN THE PACIFIC**

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## Map of Pacific Theatre



**Al Marston (with dog), Herman Scarce, center, and Jack Yankus, Oahu, 1943**



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**The original crew of *Dogpatch Express*. Kneeling l-r: S/Sgt. Bob Lipe, Lt. Sam Catanzarite, T/Sgt. Jack Yankus, Lt. Art Boone. Standing l-r: Lt. William Baber, Lt. Joe Deasy, S/Sgt. Elmer Johnson, S/Sgt. Ed Hess, T/Sgt. Herman Searce**



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***Dogpatch Express* off Hawaii, 1943**



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**S/Sgt. Bob Lipe of Columbiana, Ohio, lost in action December 1, 1943**



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**Bombardier Lt. "Gailor" Roy, lost in action on his first combat mission**



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**Jack Yankus, left, and Herman Searce at .50 caliber waist gun**



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**Sam Catanzarite, left (in right seat); William Baber, center;  
Joe Deasy right; Jack Yankus in hatch opening**



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**Joe Deasy's crew, Oahu. Lipe holds Hess' sergeant stripes for the camera**



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**Captain Joe Deasy**



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**AT-6 Texan with rear-facing gun position**



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***Naughty Nanette* after crash-landing on Nanumea, sheet metal repairs evident at lower right**



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**963 unloading supplies on Funafuti. Failed to return from its December 1, 1943, mission**



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***Belle of Texas on Marston Mat steel runway***



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**Lt. Friedrich's plane, failed to return from its November 13, 1943, mission**



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**Bombing-up for a mission, Funafuti**



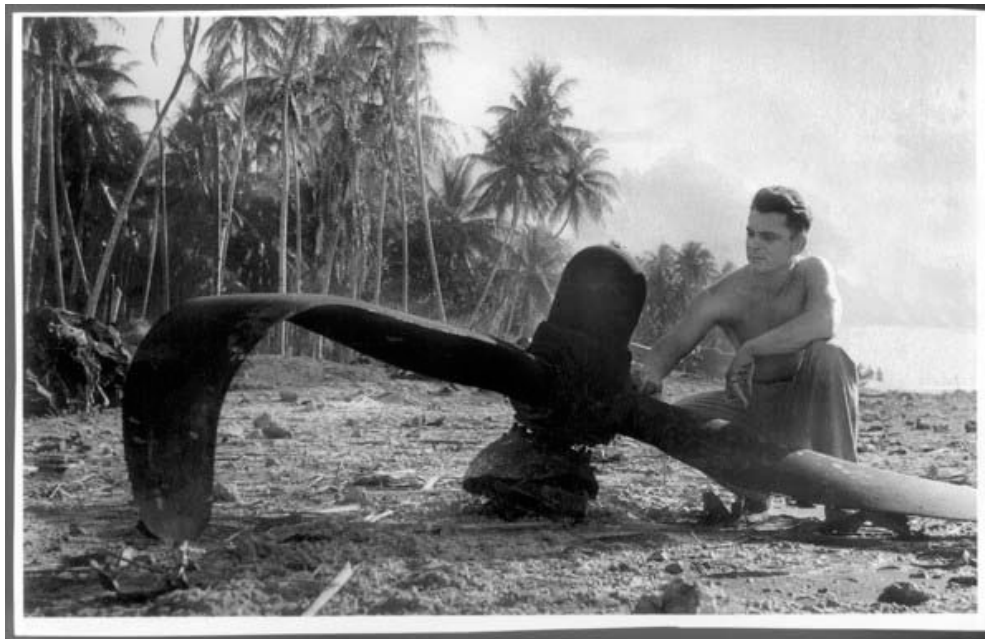
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**B-24 destroyed by a direct hit in Japanese raid on Funafuti**



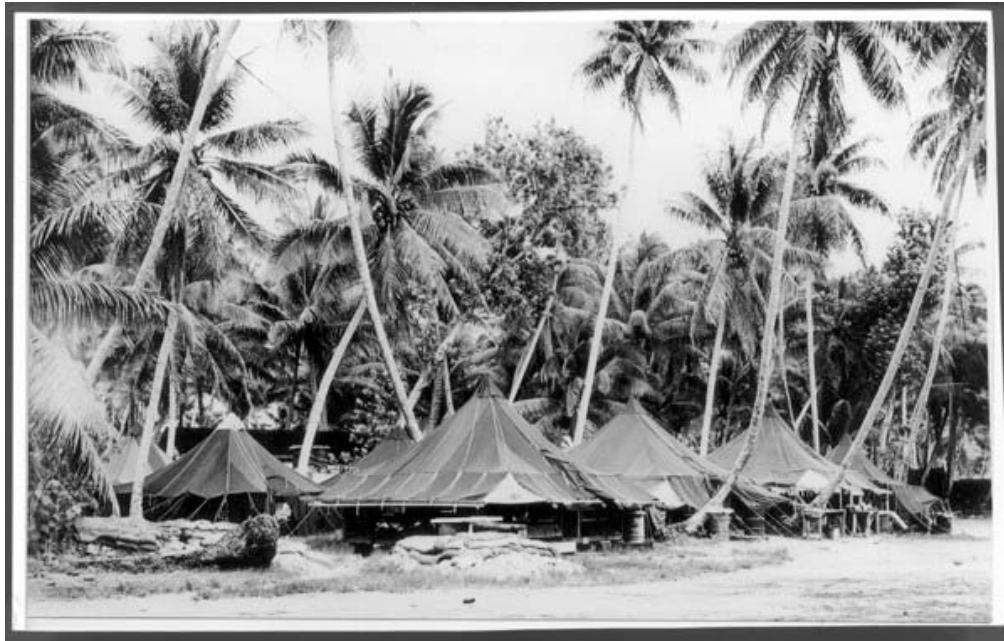
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**B-24 propeller after aircraft destroyed in Japanese raid**



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**Crew quarters on Funafuti**



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**Airmen with native girls on Funafuti**



*Army Air Corps photo courtesy of Herman Searce*

**Funafuti. Runway extends from beach to ocean on the opposite side**



*U.S. Navy photo courtesy of Dr. James Mowbray*

**Lt. George Smith's crash on take-off, overloaded for a photo-reconnaissance mission.  
Note propeller damage to cockpit**



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***Daisy Mae* on the beach at Midway after Wake Island raid**



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***Dogpatch Express* minutes from hitting the water,  
number 4 feathered, number 3 on fire, right rudder damaged**



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***Belle of Texas* lands on Mullinnix Field using parachutes for brakes**



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**Removing American dead from truck destroyed in Japanese raid on Funafuti.  
Scearce stands far right with no helmet.**



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### **Mess hall fire on Funafuti**



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### **Engine maintenance, Funafuti**



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**Intelligence officer debriefs *Dogpatch Express* crew after bombing mission.  
l-r Deasy, Catanzarite, Lipe, Boone**



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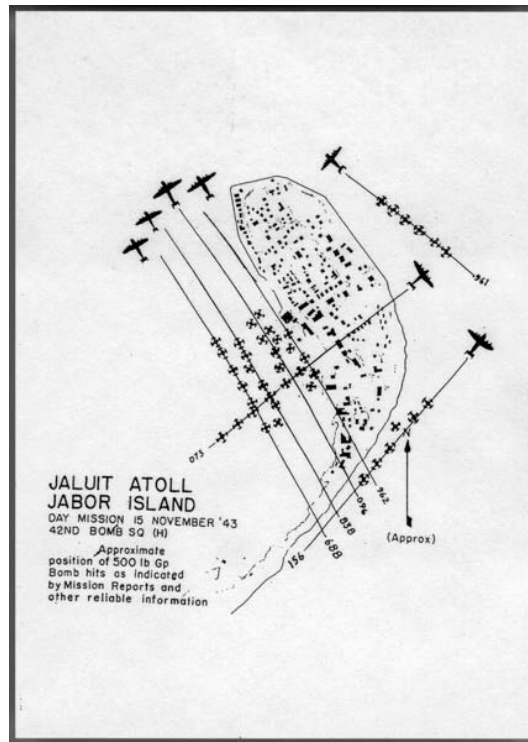
**Chow time on Funafuti. Searce at center, third from left**



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**Bomb plot chart from November 15, 1943 mission. *Naughty Nanette* (top right) crash-landed on Nanumea on return flight. Every bomb dropped missed the island.**



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**Mission briefing on Guam. Strategic bombing map of Iwo Jima on right**



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### **Christmas mail call on Guam**



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### **42nd Squadron B-24 takes off from Guam**



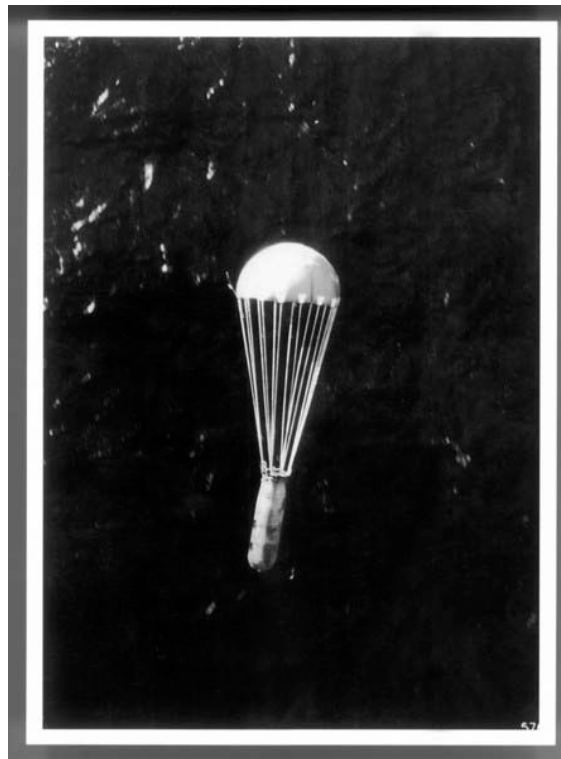
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### **Crew quarters on Guam**



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### **Mine released from B-24 on "MIKE" mission**



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**Lt. Strong's B-24 after mine crashed into fuselage over Chichi Jima**



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**431st Squadron B-24 over Iwo Jima, phosphorus bomb bursts nearby**



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**Bomb train explodes across runways, Iwo Jima. Island is entirely cratered by bombs**



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**42nd Squadron B-24 over Iwo Jima**



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