

HB

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Introduced: 1/9/84
Referred: State Affairs and
Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY FRITZ BY REQUEST

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HOUSE BILL NO. 484

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the creation of the World War II

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History Commission; and providing for an effective

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date."

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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* Sec. 2. MEMBERSHIP AND TERM OF OFFICE. The commission consists of

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are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor.

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* Sec. 3. COMPENSATION. Members of the commission receive no compensa-

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tion for their services but are entitled to per diem and travel allowances

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authorized by law for other boards and commissions.

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* Sec. 4. DUTIES. The commission shall

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(1) cooperate with public and private agencies to gather infor-

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mation and documents concerning the participation of Alaska in World War

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(2) preserve the materials gathered and make them available to

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(3) expend the funds appropriated to the commission to carry out

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the purposes of this Act;

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(4) report annually to the legislature and the governor the

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1 activities of the commission; and

2 (5) perform all acts necessary to carry out the purposes of this
3 Act.

4 * Sec 5. DEFINITION. In this Act "commission" means the World War II
5 History Commission.

6 * Sec. 6. This Act is repealed June 30, 1986.

7 * Sec. 7. This Act takes effect July 1, 1984.

Editor's note. — This section derives from AS 44.19.942 and was renumbered by the revisor under 01.05.031.

Article 3. Alaska Historical Commission.

Section

- 61. Creation
- 62. Composition
- 63. Appointment
- 64. Terms of office
- 65. Compensation

Section

- 70. Duties of the commission
- 72. Reports
- 74. Executive director
- 76. Gifts and income

Editor's note. — Alaska Statutes 44.27.061 — 44.27.076 derive from AS 44.19.461 — 44.19.501, which were repealed by § 2 of Executive Order No. 43 (1980).

Section 5, Executive Order No. 43 (1980) provides: "Contracts and proceedings entered into by the commission are not affected by the relocation made by this order."

Sec. 44.27.061. Creation. There is created in the Department of Education the Alaska Historical Commission. (Executive Order No. 43 § 3 (1980))

Sec. 44.27.062. Composition. The Alaska Historical Commission consists of four members appointed by the governor, ex officio the lieutenant governor, and ex officio the executive director who may not vote. The lieutenant governor shall serve as chairman. (Executive Order No. 43 § 3 (1980))

Sec. 44.27.063. Appointment. The governor shall make his appointments from a list of recommended nominees submitted to him each year by the Alaska Historical Society. In the first year of the commission the list of nominees shall contain at least eight names and in each subsequent year the list shall contain at least four names. A person who has served on the commission may be renominated. (Executive Order No. 43 § 3 (1980))

Sec. 44.27.064. Terms of office. The term of office for each appointed member of the commission is two years; however, of the members first appointed, two shall serve for one year and two shall serve for two years. When a member's term has expired and a replacement has not been appointed, the member shall continue to serve until a replacement is appointed. (Executive Order No. 43 § 3 (1980))

Sec. 44.27.065. Compensation. The members of the commission are not entitled to receive compensation for their services, but they are entitled to receive the same travel pay and per diem as state officials and employees. (Executive Order No. 43 § 3 (1980))

Sec. 44.27.070. Duties of the commission. The duties of the commission are to

(1) survey, evaluate, and catalog Alaska prehistory and history materials now in print;

(2) ascertain and register what Alaska prehistory and history work is now in progress;

(3) identify the existing gaps in the coverage of Alaska's past in presently available published works and establish priorities for bridging them;

(4) prepare a thematic study of Alaska's history for historic preservation;

(5) identify the sources of Alaska's history;

(6) coordinate the production and publication of works that will adequately present all aspects of Alaska's past; and

(7) cooperate with the federal government in programs relating to history and archaeology. (Executive Order No. 43 § 3 (1980))

Sec. 44.27.072. Reports. The commission shall make an annual report to the governor. (Executive Order No. 43 § 3 (1980))

Sec. 44.27.074. Executive director. The commission shall appoint, subject to approval by the governor, an executive director who is to be in the partially exempt service as set out in AS 39.25.120. The executive director shall serve as the executive officer of the commission in the accomplishment of its functions. He serves at the direction and at the pleasure of the governor. (Executive Order No. 43 § 3 (1980))

Sec. 44.27.076. Gifts and income. (a) There is established in the state general fund a special Alaska Historical Commission receipts account into which shall be paid:

(1) all monetary gifts, grants, and bequests received by the commission;

(2) all royalties and other income which the commission receives from its projects.

(b) The legislature may appropriate funds from this account for commission projects. (Executive Order No. 43 § 3 (1980))

Chapter 29. Department of Health and Social Services.

Article

1. Organization (§§ 44.29.010 -- 44.29.020)
2. Advisory Board on Alcoholism (Repealed)
3. Advisory Board on Drug Abuse (§§ 44.29.100 -- 44.29.150)

Editor's note. — Section 6, ch. 104, SLA 1971, as amended by § 56, ch. 71, SLA 1972, provides: "Wherever the title 'Department of Health and Welfare' appears in the law of this state, it shall be read as the 'Department of Health and

STATE OF ALASKA 1984 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: _____

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 484

Title: WW II History Commission

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Office of the Governor

Program Category Affected: General Government

Sponsor: State Affairs

Requestor: Fritz

Date of Request: 1/9/84

BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: _____

Executive Office

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		62,205	64,000	65,500		
200 TRAVEL		12,344	14,344	15,000		
300 CONTRACTUAL		10,427	12,427	13,500		
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT		13,122	2,000	3,500		
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING						
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		98,098	92,771	97,500		
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME		2.0	2.0	2.0		
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for analysis

Prepared By: Michael A. Nizich Phone: 465-3616

Division: Admin. Services/Executive Office Date: 1/31/84

Approved by Commissioner: Laura J. Herman Date: 2-1-84

Agency: _____

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

Legislative Finance
Legislative Sponsor
Requestor
Office of Management and Budget
Impacted Agency(ies)

12/1/83

Fiscal Note on HB 484

The fiscal impact on the Office of the Governor is as follows:

Personal Services: 62,205.00

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Administrative Assist., Range 16	2,586.00	31,032.00	7,758.00	38,790.00
Clerk Typist, Range 8	1,561.00	18,732.00	4,683.00	23,415.00
				<u>62,205.00</u>

Administrative personnel are required to gather information and documents from public & private agencies concerning the participation of Alaska in WW II. Also to preserve and index materials gathered in order to make them readily available to the public. In addition, support positions are required to ensure minutes of the meetings are taken and the preparation of the annual report is compiled for the Legislature and Governor.

Travel: 12,344

Travel consists of four meetings annually, to be conducted in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau and Kotzebue. This would entail travel costs for airline tickets for each member of the Commission plus the appropriate per diem rate. Meetings are estimated to be approximately two days in length in each location.

5 Member Commission
\$80. per day Per Diem
2 Day Meetings

<u>Meetings Held</u>	<u>Transp</u>	<u>Per/ Diem</u>	<u>Minimum Total</u>
Anchorage	1,422	1,200	2,622
Juneau	1,618	1,200	2,818
Fairbanks	1,634	1,520	3,154
Kotzebue	<u>2,230</u>	<u>1,520</u>	<u>3,750</u>
	6,904	5,440	12,344

Contractual Services: \$10,427.00

Office Space	4,170.00
Conference Room Space	4,500.00
Phone (rental)	1,096.00/yr.
Work Station (30 x 60)	250.00
Stationery	90.00
Office Supplies (approx.)	300.00
Business Cards	21.00
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	\$10,427.00

Equipment: \$13,122.00

Displaywriter, diskette & printer	9,296.00
Typewriter, Sel. III	789.00
Calculator	190.00
2 file cabinets (4 drawer, ltr) 203. ea.	406.00
1 desk - double pedestal	397.50
1 desk - sec. w/return	505.00
1 chair - exec.	306.00
1 chair - sec.	250.00
2 chairs - side	300.00
1 bookcase - 4 shelf	150.00
2 partitions - 4 x 5 266. ea.	532.00
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	\$13,122.00

TOTAL: 98,098.00

Paul Faulkner chairman of United Veterans phoned to advise us of his request for the commission make-up. What he wants is the commission to consist of three former Aleutian campaign veterans. These are people who actually participated in repeling the Japanese invasion in the Aleutians during World War II. He believes that from a historical position these members would be able to best inform the commission on where the most important places are located and what buildings should become historical monuments.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS (House)

WW II History
Commission
(establishing)

HOUSE BILL NO. 484, by Rep. Fritz by Request. Would establish the World War II History Commission in the Office of the Governor. The purpose of the Commission is to ". . .gather and make available to the public films, documents, and other materials commemorating the participation of Alaska in World War II."

The Commission would consist of five Alaskans who are WW II veterans. Members would be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Members would receive no compensation but would be entitled to per diem and travel allowances. The Commission would terminate June 30, 1986. Provides Act takes effect July 1, 1984.

Introduced January 9 and referred to State Affairs, Finance.

State Budget
(establishing
biennial)

HOUSE BILL NO. 485, by Reps. Bettisworth & Pestinger. Would establish a biennial state budget (currently drafted on an annual basis). The "Intent" section of the bill states: "It is the intent of the legislature that the planning and preparation of the state budget be on a biennial basis. The biennial budget shall contain appropriations for the succeeding two fiscal years and state agencies shall prepare their budgets on this basis. However, the legislature further intends that reporting and auditing required of state agencies by law remain on an annual basis, for each fiscal year of the biennial budget."

Would require the governor to prepare and submit to the legislature before the fourth legislative day of each second regular legislative session a budget for the succeeding two fiscal years. Would allow the governor to propose adjustments to the biennial budget during each first regular session, including special and supplemental appropriations. Changes all applicable statute references to reflect the change from "annual" to "biennial". Provides Act takes effect on the effective date of an amendment to the state constitution providing for a biennial state budget (see HJR 52, page 55).

Introduced January 9 and referred to State Affairs, Finance.

State Park
Facilities
(fees for
use of)

HOUSE BILL NO. 486, by Rep. Bettisworth. Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to establish and collect fees for the use of recreational and educational facilities established under AS 41.21 (Parks and Recreational Facilities). In adopting fees the Department is to consider the cost to the state of operating the facility, fees charged for the use of a similar facility by the private sector, the cost of administering a fee collection program at the facility, and the public interest. The Department is to submit a report to the legislature within the first 10 days of a regular session indicating the revenue generated, the cost of administering the fees and public comment on the fees. Provides Act takes effect immediately.

Introduced January 9 and referred to Resources, Finance.

(No 2)
I suggest you read attached
Draft of Suggested Format

3601 Cumberland St. N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20008
22 October 1983

Colonel Evan J. Griffith, Jr.
Commanding Officer
21st Tactical Fighter Wing
Elmendorf Air Force Base
Alaska 99510

Dear Colonel Griffith:

This is to pass to you my thoughts and action following the conference in your office on September 21st, and to give you a suggested format for our visual documentary of WWII in Alaska.

I agree with you that it will cost more than \$100,000, and believe we should make the sort of production we feel ought to be made, get the funds to pay for it and do the thing right. I also believe this is feasible.

It is suggested that the final production be under the direction of professionals and the story be narrated by personnel from the three services--veterans who are identifiable with what it is all about. To this end, I am enclosing a draft of a format covering the introduction to the production which I have called a "Prologue". It sets the stage for what is to follow.

In addition to what I have mentioned in the enclosure, I will call attention to film and stills which were made in recent years, as for example, the 11th Air Force film made at the reunion in 1980, and the film and video tape which can be put on film, taken on the occasion of the dedication of the Memorial at Unalaska in 1982. From these and the WWII film and stills from WWII, we can select most of what we need. Then comes the chore of editing it, putting it together in the sequence we want and adding to it coverage of the Aleutians at the present time, possibly including under water shots in the bay at Kiska.

Dr. Milo Fritz was our guest at dinner here last Sunday night, and he is serious about getting Alaskan support. He needs an estimate of the cost and a draft of proposed legislation by mid-December. We should be able to give these to him. General Necrason can help line up political support for it. Also, we should not wait until then to get the support of the Alaska Historical Commission. The Chairman is, I believe, a close friend of Milo's. (Milo said the Commission was short of money. That did not cause me to weep.)

-2- Col. Griffith, 10/22/83

I discussed this project with LGEN Joseph Bratton, Chief of Engineers, and told him of the Corps film at the National Archives and that money would be required to get a copy of it. He indicated that funds could be found for it and that he would get in touch with BG James W. Van Loben Sels, Division Engineer, North Pacific Division, Corps of Engineers, Portland, Oregon, Col. Neil Saling's immediate commander. Accordingly, there is enclosed a letter to Col. Saling which I wish you to pass to him.

Early on, meaning by mid-December, we should have an estimate of cost--money we need to get the job done. We ought to find separately funds to carry us to January.

I will do what I can to help the project and am willing to return to Anchorage in December to help put this thing together. I should be able to come Space A and hopefully can stay at VOQ at Elmendorf and not reopen our house at Anchor Point. I would like for Virginia to be there also to help draft the legislation while the legislators are still in Anchorage. She knows most of them and has worked with them before on capital relocation legislation. However, we need to find a way to cover her transportation. It is essential to have this legislation ready before the legislature convenes.

Should you wish to get in touch with me, call our Washington, D. C. telephone number, 202 - 362-4219. We will be here until 3 November when we must go to New York, to return on Sunday, 6 November. We should be here from then until about 17 November when we must go on business to Peoria, Illinois, and to St. Louis, to be gone for 10 days to two weeks. Save for routine engagements, we should be home from the time of our return from the Peoria/St. Louis trip until Christmas.

Should need arise, I would like to call you. What is the best hour, Alaska time, to call you? What number should I call?

I know Admiral Russell quite well and can ask for his assistance. In any event, I must call or write him to tell him what has happened.

We send our kindest regards to you and to your lovely lady.

Most sincerely,

B. B. Talley
Brig. Gen. USA-ret.

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Read PTS 1 thru 3 of Preliminary
Proposal attached and
thumb the remainder.

Star Route Box 600
Anchor Point, AK 99556
23 September 1983

Colonel Joe Griffith
21st Tactical Fighter Wing
Elmendorf AFB, AK 99506

Dear Joe:

With reference to our discussion regarding a visual documentary covering WWII in Alaska, I have prepared a Preliminary Proposal for the preparation of a Comprehensive Visual History of WWII in Alaska which is enclosed.

I am sending this to you in the hope that we may get the show on the road and have it completed by the time of the commemorative ceremony you mentioned for 1984. It is a big order, but it can be done.

I will not go into this proposal here except to request that we have a meeting of key personnel on Tuesday, 3 October, at 1400 hours. See paragraph 3, page 1 of proposal. I suggest a small group of key personnel attend the meeting, say under 10. I suggest that you set up the meeting and invite those who are to attend.

Virginia and I must be in Washington by 10 October, and if the meeting can be held on Tuesday the 4th, we will come to Elmendorf on Monday the 3rd and leave for Washington later in the week, hopefully on Space A.

I talked with John Cline this morning, and his secretary notified your office that he would telephone you around 0730 Monday 26 September, which will be before you receive this. Should I fail to talk with you, it would be appreciated if you would telephone me (235-7473) when you have read this.

It was a grand party over last weekend - one we shall remember for a long time.

Most sincerely,

B. B. Talley
BG, USA-Ret.

Preliminary Proposal
23 September 1983

WORLD WAR II IN ALASKA
A Comprehensive Visual History
Prepared by
B. B. Talley, BG - USA - Ret.

The following is an outline, preliminary in nature, showing what may be involved in the preparation of a comprehensive documentary film of the principal military operations during World War II in Alaska.

1. Objective: The preparation of a comprehensive visual military history of World War II in Alaska.

There is a wide variety of World War II photographs, motion picture film, etc., prepared by, and in the possession of the military services and other organizations and individuals. It should be readily available.

A consolidation of the best of these would make an invaluable historic document.

2. Participants. It is proposed that the US Army, Navy and Air Force, the State of Alaska, pertinent US civic organizations and individuals, and the Royal Canadian Air Force join together and prepare a comprehensive visual history of World War II in Alaska. The Japanese might be invited to participate in such a production, if deemed to be appropriate.

3. Organizational Structure. Realization of such a project requires the support of the government agencies involved, primarily by permitting the usage of existing records in such a visual history, and possibly by helping finance the final production which should be done by professionals. The work should be carried out under the guidance of an Executive Committee or board comprised of people from all the participating agencies. It is suggested that an Executive Committee or board be established for this purpose, and that the nucleus of such a group meet at Elmendorf Air Force Base at 1400 hours, October 4, 1983, with

Colonel Joe Griffith as Chairman pro tempore.

A small group of individuals invited to attend this meeting may be selected from those listed under "Participating Agencies and Key Personnel," which follows. Aside from the organization of the Executive Committee, the principal immediate duty is the adoption of a schedule leading to the completion of the project.

4. Participating Agencies and Key Personnel.

(a) United States Government

(1) US Army

BG Gerald H. Bethke, CG 172d Infantry Brigade,
Ft. Richardson, AK 99505

LCOL Brandon Weathers, Public Affairs Officer,
HQ 172d Inf. Brigade (AK). Correspondence:
Attn: AF3T-PO, Ft. Richardson, AK 99505

COL Neil E. Saling, Corps of Engineers, District
Engineer, Alaska District, Elmendorf AFB.
Correspondence: P.O. Box 7002, Anchorage, AK
99510. (907) 279-1132/862-3110

Mr. Bruce T. Batten, Public Affairs Officer,
Alaska District, Corps of Engineers, Elmendorf
AFB. Correspondence: P.O. Box 7002, Anchorage,
AK 99510

BG B. B. Talley, US Army, Retired

March through September: Star Route Box 600,
Anchor Point, AK 99556. (907) 235-7473

October through February: 3601 Cumberland St.
N.W., Washington, D. C. 20008. (202) 362-4219

Mrs. Virginia M. Talley, legal adviser, address
as above

(2) US Navy

ADM James S. Russell, USN-Ret., 7734 Walnut Ave.
S.W., Tacoma, Wash. 99498. (206) 588-9356

Other representatives as may be proposed by
Admiral Russell

RADM John P. H. Kane, Director of the Naval
Historical Center, Director of Naval History,
Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D. C. 20374.
(202) 433-2210

Commodore Theodore E. Lewin, USN, Commander, Naval
Base, Seattle, Wash. 98115. (206) 527-3291

(3) US Air Force

LTC Bruce K. Brown, CG, Alaska Air Command,
Elmendorf AFB, AK 99506

COL Joe Griffith, 21st Tactical Fighter Wing,
Elmendorf AFB, AK 99506. (907) 552-2121

COL Lash G. Sanford, Director of Public Affairs,
Elmendorf AFB, AK 99506

Mr. John H. Cloe, Command Historian, Office of
History, Elmendorf AFB, AK 99506. (907) 552-4763

GEN R. J. Reeves, USAF-Ret., 510 L Street,
Anchorage, AK 99501. (907) 876-1178

MG C. P. Necrason, USAF-Ret., 2094 Enquire Drive,
Anchorage, AK 99503. (907) 274-0848

(4) Alaska Congressional Delegation

Honorable Ted Stevens, United States Senate,
260 Russell Office Bldg., Washington, D. C. 20510

Honorable Frank Murkowski, United States Senate,
15 B Russell Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510

Honorable Donald E. Young, 1210 Longworth House
Office Bldg., Washington, D. C. 20515

(b) State of Alaska

Governor Bill Sheffield, Pouch A, Juneau, AK 99811

Senator Jalmar Kerttula, President of the Senate,
Box Z, Palmer, AK 99645

Representative Joe L. Hayes, Speaker of the House,
515 D St., Anchorage, AK 99501, (907) 272-8222/
278-9363

Dr. Milo Fritz, State Representative, P. O. Box 158,
Anchor Point, AK 99556. (907) 235-8366

(c) Other Organizations and Individuals Which May Be Helpful

(1) Alaska Natives

Mr. Phil Tutiakoff, Chairman, Aleutian/Fribilof
Island Association, Unalaska, AK 99685. (907)
581-1275

(2) Air Force Association

COL T. L. Jenne, USAF-Ret., President, Air Force
Association, P. O. Box 4-2579, Anchorage,
AK 99509. (907) 265-8403

Mr. Adam D. Johnson, Jr., Past President, Air
Force Association, P. O. Box 4-2579, Anchorage,
AK 99509. (907) 333-6766

Mr. William E. Brooks, 9610 Victor Road, Anchorage,
AK 99502. (907) 349-3795 (res.) 344/0213 (bus.)

(3) 11th Air Force Association

COL Charles Pinney USAF-Ret., 304 Esplanade,
Apt. 401, Redondo Beach, CA 90277. (213) 540-8160
Mr. Raiford Perry, P.O. Box 396, Whitehorse, TX
75791. (214) 839-2507

LCOL Laurence Reineke, USAF-Ret., 112 North Street,
Middletown, N.Y. 10940. (914) 343-3000
Mr. Don Cooley, 200 Skydrivevue, Gainesville,
GA 30501
COL Joe E. Schneider, 1850 Vista del Lago,
Fallbrook, CA 92028. (619) 723-4497

(4) Other Individuals

Mr. Robert Atwood, Publisher and Editor, The
Anchorage Times, 820 West Fourth Ave., Anchorage,
AK 99501. (907) 279-5622
LCOL Lyman L. Woodman, USAF-Ret., 117 East Cook
Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501. (907) 277-0764
Mr. Roger Graves, Armed Services YMCA, 609 F
Street, Anchorage, AK 99501. (907) 277-8522

(d) Royal Canadian Air Force

6. Schedule of Completion.

Completion of Project: May 1984.

In the meantime:

(a) Assemble and review all existing material such as motion picture film, photographs, video tapes made 1980 and later. Select material to be used. Complete by November 30, 1983.

(b) Assist in drafting legislation for obtaining financial and other assistance from the State of Alaska. This will include provision of back-up data necessary to insure political backing in the legislature. Complete by December 1983.

(c) Choose a professional agency to convert selected data into a completed product. January 1984

(d) Award contract for preparation of the visual history and for furnishing X-number of copies thereof. Award: February 1984. Complete 1 May 1984.

✓ 7. Cost. An accurate estimate of cost cannot be prepared until the scope of the project and these requirements for its accomplishment are established.

In the meantime certain costs will be entailed in obtaining the required material from the organizations possessing such material. It is hoped that most of these costs can be met by the military services and other agencies concerned. For example, the several reels of motion picture film made by the Corps of Engineers during WWII which have just been renovated at the National Archives will be released, but we will have to pay for it. Perhaps this cost may be paid by the Corps of Engineers. Similarly, it may be possible for some of the services to assist in the payment of other expenses, providing they are within the purview of their other work.

The State of Alaska has a vested interest in such a production, since it was the scene of the action portrayed, and of all the states it was most affected by it. It should be requested to join in the project. The suggested timing of the work takes this into account.

In addition, certain individuals will of necessity incur expenses and should be reimbursed. Initially at least, such reimbursement may have to come from voluntary contributions.

The final production should be by contract with professionals who are qualified to do this sort of work. This may well be the greatest item of cost.

A COMPREHENSIVE VISUAL DOCUMENTARY
OF
WORLD WAR II IN ALASKA

A joint production by the Alaska Veterans of World War II, assisted by contributions by the US Army, Navy and Air Force, together with the State of Alaska, the Air Force Association, et al.

Draft of Suggested Format
Prepared by B. B. Talley

Background music.

Title and accreditation (Producer, Narrators, Contributors, etc.)

PROLOGUE with voice off camera. On the screen flashes of motion pictures and projected stills, changing every 3 to 5 seconds.

Voice off camera:

"ALASKA. A land of inestimable beauty...Its Mountains (McKinley)..Its Rivers...Forests...Lakes: _____ of them...Farms in the Matanuska Valley...A Coastline of _____ miles..."The Sea with its abundance of seafood: 35 million salmon alone caught in 1983...The Inside Passage (map) from Seattle to Skagway and to Haines...Its Cities (flash of Fairbanks, Anchorage, and perhaps Juneau)...Its vast natural resources: Oil...Coal... Timber...Gold and other rare metals...Its Industry: Mining... Forestry...Fishing...Construction...Its People (Indians... Eskimos...Aleuts...Sourdoughs...Business Men and Women. Truly a Great Land." (Total time from 3 to 5 minutes.)

On the screen: A map of Alaska superimposed on a map to the same scale, of the South 48 States, with Ketchikan over Jacksonville, FL, and Attu over (vicinity of) San Diego.

As the map is projected, a veteran walks on stage and speaks:

"When the United States purchased Russia's interests in Alaska in 1867, the American people called it 'Seward's Ice Box' or

'Seward's Folly'. The natives called it 'Denali'--the Great Land. A land so vast that if Ketchikan (turns and points) were at Jacksonville, Florida, Attu--one of the Near Islands--would be at San Diego, and the oil fields at Prudhoe Bay would be in North Dakota and Minnesota.

"The Near Islands?" Near to what? _____ miles to Soviet Komandorskiye Islands, _____ miles from the Kamchatka Peninsula in Asia.

"Further north, Soviet Big Diomedes Island is 5 miles from American Little Diomedes. Until recently the Eskimos on these islands visited back and forth, but no more. The inhabitants of Russia's Big Diomedes have been evacuated.

"But this is not a history of Alaska, which was governed as a Military District under the Department of California until it attained Territorial status in 1912, or until it became our 49th state in 1958.

"Rather, we present to you the story of World War II in Alaska as experienced by veterans of that war. Too often it is called 'The Forgotten War' or 'The Thousand Mile War'. A war that few Americans knew much about even while it was taking place; and fewer know now that during that war American territory was seized by the Japanese armed forces and occupied for 15 months before we were able to again bring it under the American flag.

"This is a story told by men who took part in that war and by natives who suffered because of it. It is a story the American people ought to know, to see for themselves pictures made at the time the action took place. They should see for themselves the tremendous effort required to build the bases from which our airmen, our soldiers and our navy operated in the defense of Alaska. They should see what those bases look like more than 40 years after the action took place.

"It is important that we do this. History not only tells us what has already happened, but if we are attentive, it will indicate what could occur in the future."

Here continue with a brief statement of the situation in Alaska just before we entered the war, including an account of Captain Streit's visit, General Arnold's photographic mission, an account of the passage of the Around the World Flyers in 1924, the statement of Billy Mitchell regarding the strategic importance of Alaska, etc.

This situation is partially covered in my talk at the EAFB on 17 September. Data covering the other items mentioned are readily available.

For the production, we must review the motion pictures and selected stills made by the three services, and by the Japanese as may be appropriate, and as can be obtained.

The foregoing material should be assembled at the EAFB for review by carefully selected personnel of the three services, and from these select what is needed for the documentary. At the same time we should determine what additional photographic coverage is needed both of the bases on the mainland and in the Aleutians. When this is done, we are well on our way to having the documentary we want.

Hopefully, we can assemble these data before the end of the year. As a starter, I spoke to the Chief of Engineers about the Corps film at the National Archives, and of our plans for this documentary. His reaction was expressed in a few words: "What can I do to help?" Action is being taken to get this film.

*Note: your staff should be
cognizant of this memo*

28 October 1983

MEMORANDUM

Subject: Notes of Meeting re Comprehensive Film Documentary of WWII
in Alaska, held at 2:00 P.M. October 4, 1983, in the office
of Col. Griffith, Commander, 21st Tactical Fighter Wing,
SAFB, Alaska

Prepared by: Virginia M. Talley

Present: From Elmendorf: Col. Evan J. Griffith, Jr.
Sgt. Bruce
Maj. R. J. Hayes, P/O
Mike Wassail, Exec.
From Ft. Richardson: Chuck Canterbury
Other: B. B. Talley
Virginia M. Talley

[Identification of speakers may be in error in some instances, since
notes did not always identify the particular person.]

*I
concur* Griffith: This should be a State project. Cannot have active duty
personnel in charge of the project and have credibility in the state.
KWA or Alaska Historical Society might be involved. Griffith will
act as interested party on part of the armed forces, to ensure access.
Doesn't expect problems.

He will look in Anchorage area, contact Channel 7 and Historical
Society and look for someone to hire.

BET: Concur that centralized place of contact should be at
Elmendorf. It is more than an individual can do. Must have backing
of the three services.

There should be an individual whose major duty is realization
of the project. Must be someone who knows it, preferably someone
who is familiar with the Aleutians. The individual should have
liaison and be point of contact with the three services and have
enough backing behind him so that he can speak for the project.

Agrees with feeling about the State. Rep. Fritz has said he will
be glad to back any legislation that may be required. He and Necrason
can get legislative support.

It might be a project for the Alaska Historical Commission.

The Corps of Engineers has about 1,000 feet of film which has
been renovated by the National Archives. We should determine what
film may be available from the Seventh Division at Ft. Ord. The unit
should have a full time historical person.

BET will go to the National Archives. Lyman Woodman is a good
contact.

Griffith: More concerned in getting the project off the ground
in terms of management. It is not proper for the active military to
head the whole thing. There should be a Board of Directors--three or

four people such as BBT and Necrason as an advisory group for quality control on production. Need to select a chief executive officer--a person who will bear the brunt of seeing that the thing is done; also a secretary and treasurer.

Pro Tem, Griffith is willing to serve.

Whoever funds it will want a say in it also.

BBT: By end of November we should have in possession the bulk of information that the three services have. Hopes that the Corps of Engineers will be able to provide funds for obtaining the Corps' film from the Archives.

If possible, all film should be reviewed at the source, before purchase is made. However, we should review all material which is available. The committee should review the film and say what to discard. As an alternative, the CEO might do it.

Can the Historical Commission respond quickly? Rep. Fritz is a good contact with the Commission.

Priorities: (1) Get organization together. (2) Get material and review it by December. BBT is willing to come back to Alaska. (3) Choose a professional [agency(?)] to transform selected data into a project. (4) Award contract for preparation of visual history. Complete by 1 May 1984. This may be optimistic, depending on whether or not we complete assembly of existing material, review it and determine exactly what we want in December and January. (5) Decide in January and February what additional shots we want--in the Aleutians and on the mainland.

Hayes (?): Could take copy to people like Roger Graves and see what his thoughts are. Enough material is on hand.

BBT: Where start? May, 1940. Army, Navy joint team made survey of situation. Elmendorf was #1, Ladd #2, Kodiak for Navy, with station at Dutch Harbor.

Elmendorf made the winning of the war possible in the Aleutians because it was in operation at the time of Pearl Harbor. Cold Bay - Air Corps bombers. Umnak. Through Attu and Kiska. There are many things under water at Kiska. Underwater photography is possible.

Length - 1 hour, or possibly 2-3 hours.

Scenario: Need outline before we can search for film.

Griffith: Cloe has sequential list of events as they happened.

BBT: Pinney has contact with California motion picture industry. He was active in the 11th Air Force; also Cooley, Perry and Peineke.

Hayes (?): In Anchorage, August (Augie) Hiebert, Channel 11, is a person who would be interested. He notified Gen. Buckner of Pearl Harbor.

Griffith: We have enough information to propose a method of doing business and put it out to the State. Necrason has indicated he will help. Must have an individual who is the project officer. Will talk to state firms and to Channel 7 (Hiebert and Roger Graves).

Hayes: Shocked by the proposed time frame. Must have a good outline. Don't undersell the project.

We don't have a good feeling for the cost. \$250,000? \$100,000 may be a realistic figure plus the salary of the CEO.

May be able to get a TV station to help assemble. A technical advisor is needed for review.

BBT: For BBT, out of pocket expenses are enough.

Get the project organized before we decide who will put the film together. Necrason might have a suggestion on personnel. Can be a retired individual.

If government is on the sidelines urging it on, we can request official help and get support and film, etc.

The Department of Defense audio-visual office may have to charge a small amount for film.

Hayes: Has friends, retired officers, who are film makers, audio-visual people. One particular individual, retired O6, comes to mind. We should not be satisfied with doing less than the best.

How long? Can make three segments; show an entire 60-minutes in a synopsisized version.

Bruce: What about "Project Warrior"?

Griffith(?): Can support, but needs more resources. Need to go to Pentagon and ask for support. Once we have Pentagon backing, we can go to Archives and get anything we want instantly.

BBT: Should we seek help from Senator Ted Stevens?

Griffith or Hayes(?): You don't need him. If written up and spelled out, there will be no problem.

What is ultimate goal? Historic? Should be made available to the service academies, to services and to additional institutions, such as ROTC. Not to make money.

Hayes: Ted Turner could provide production capability and might do it on a non-profit basis.

BBT: Fact that Aleutian war was won at Elmendorf has never been known.

Hayes: Has WGBH been approached? They might be willing to help.

There was a touch about the Alaskan campaign in "Victory at Sea".

BBT: There is a story in Brown's relief by Landrum.

Hayes: Air Force can make their material available. Might also get some Japanese film.

Griffith: Agrees to talk with Air Force Association.

BBT: Alaska Film Studios have enough for a good short clip.

Is there anything you want me to do when I get to Washington?

Griffith: Not yet.

We must get some kind of management arrangement worked out. Working with Hayes, Griffith will pull it together and sell it to the Pentagon. Must find a source of money.

BBT: Col. Neil Saling will probably pay for getting Corps' film out of the Archives. On 17th October, BBT will see Chief of Engineers. Will talk with him and tell him that Griffith will get in touch with him.

Griffith: Hayes and Griffith will get material to BBT about whom he should see.

Don't want to let target dates lead us astray. Someone has to be manager, for a year or two.

The 25th Statehood Anniversary may be a good handle. Griffith will write to Sheffield.

3 Dec. 1983

Col. Evan J. Griffith Jr.
4-305 Williwaw Way
Elmendorf AFB, Alaska 99506

Dear Col Griffith:-

A few days ago I submitted an appropriation bill for \$250,000 to be used for the collection and collation of films, photographs, diaries, and other examples of the written word that could be used in the production of a documentary film commemorating Alaska's part in WWII. I will pre-file this Bill so that it will be introduced and assigned to committees on the first day of the second session of the Thirteenth State Legislature that opens up for business on 9 Jan. 1984.

When I received the Bill which will have been put in proper legal form by the Legislative Affairs Agency I will forward a copy of it to you as well as to Gen. Talley.

As you know the fate of any piece of legislation depends almost entirely on the interest in it on the part of the sponsors and their friends. To this end letters, phone calls, attendance of interested parties at Committee hearings, face-to-face meetings with the Governor and Legislators are very important and must be continued until the bill is signed by the Governor. It is a wearing business, but it is the only way.

I personally feel that Alaska's part in WW II is little known and deserves to be immortalized by gathering pertinent material in one place and making a documentary film about it that will interest the general public as well as students and scholars. I served as a medical officer in the Air Force in WWII much of it on the Aleutians. So I have a personal interest in having this bill passed. I will do all in my power to see that it is accomplished, but hope that all other interested people will do all that they can too.

Thank you for your letter and the polished up version of the bill will be forthcoming soon.

*Dear Ben: I saw the brass plate on the
Talley Room when I visited Col Salvo a few
days ago.*

Yours sincerely,
Milo

3601 Cumberland St. N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20008
27 November 1983

Dear Col. Griffith:

Thanks for your note of 22 November and its inclosures.

I believe we should send the proposal to the following additional individuals for the reasons stated.

The addresses of the following individuals are in my Preliminary Proposal of 23 September which you have.

Admiral James S. Russell, USN-Ret. He is interested in this project and is our best Navy contact. He knows who has the Navy film and how to get it. We can count on him.

11th Air Force Association:

Col. Charles Pinney, USAF-Ret. He spearheaded the 1980 11th AF Reunion, is a former movie actor, presently does commercials, is a doer and can help us in our contacts with professionals, cost estimates, etc.

Mr. Raiford Perry. I believe he was a co-pilot, maybe a pilot, in the Aleutians. He is one of the principal financial backers of the Confederate Air Force. Was a generous contributor to the 1980 11th AF Reunion. I am advised he paid for the procurement of some of the planes of the Confederate Air Force. Although a junior officer in WWII, his interest and support should benefit the project.

LCol. Laurence Peineke, USAF-Ret. He remains active in USAF activities and volunteered to contribute to cost of processing 11th AF Reunion film.

Mr. Don Cooley. An enlisted man in the Air Corps, probably one of the two wealthiest men at the 11th AF Reunion. I believe he will help us.

Col. Joe Schneider, USAF-Ret. Joe was a pilot for AAL prior to WWII. He is a close friend of Chuck Pinney and will help us.

Others whose addresses I do not have:

Col. Wayne K. Beckwith, USAF-Ret. I'm sure John Cloe, Col. Sanford and Major Hayes know or should know him well. We should solicit his help. I believe he is now an executive of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce.

Senator Tim Kelley, whom you know.

There is a retired Admiral in the Coast Guard living in the Anchorage area. He is well recommended, and we should include him. He should be one of our best Coast Guard contacts, and we will need CG help as well as any film footage the CG may have. Coast Guard officers here speak very highly of him.

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The time is ripe for us to commence assembling the film, etc., of the other services. I'm sure Major Hayes and John Cloe know how to get it, and I suggest that the officer of the Air Force Command Historian be the focal point for its assembly. We should try to get this without cost to us. I am confident that the Corps of Engineers can get what is at the National Archives--contact Col. Saling.

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I talked to Milo Fritz yesterday, and he is drafting legislation calling for the State to furnish \$250,000 for the project. He plans to complete this package in early December. We should back him and also at the proper time see if we can get an advance from the State through Milo (or maybe Tim Kelley) from the State Historical Commission.

As Little Abner said: "Time's a-wastin'."

We shall have to follow up with personal contacts to insure proper response from those we ask to help us.

Kindest regards to all.

Most sincerely,

B. B. Talley



22 Nov

21ST TACTICAL FIGHTER WING (AAC)
COMMANDER

Gen Talley,

Sorry it took so long to get this out. My time has been limited recently. Next step is to finalize the cost estimate (nearly done) and prepare a statement of work which can be used to bid/describe the effort. On the basis of response & in consonance with Mr Fritz & Gen Dick, I'll petition the Historical Commission for funding. Should leave this done by mid-Dec.

In open info. I've included what went out and to whom. Please let me know if I'm missing anyone or any steps. Regards. *Joe Griffith*

WWII Documentary Proposal
Sent to:

Col Neil Saling
Mr Robert B Atwood
Miv Wm E. Brooks
MGen C.F. Neerason
BGen G.H. Bellike
Mr A.H. Fleetwood
Mr A.H. Hiebert
Mr E.A. Sackett
Mr F.G. Turpin
Mr G.M. Sullivan
Mr G.N. Nelson
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Mr F.H. Jones
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Mr P. Tutakoff
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Mr. T.H. Jenne
Gen. R.J. Reever

4-305 Williwaw Way
Elmendorf AFB, AK 99506

November 18, 1983

Dear

Recent discussions with individuals who participated in (or are interested in) World War II in Alaska indicate strong interest in producing a film or videotape documentary of this important period in Alaska's history. On the basis of this interest, and at the urging of one of the architects of Alaska's WW II contributions, BGEN B.B. Talley, USA, Retired, I have drafted a proposal which might be used as a vehicle to kick off the effort and have agreed to act as the point-of-contact/facilitator for the effort until a responsible agent can be identified.

As you are among Alaska's leading figures, I solicit your thoughts on this undertaking and welcome your ideas as to its relevance and proposed conduct. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

EVAN J. GRIFFITH, JR., Colonel, USAF

1 Atch
Proposal

PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE VISUAL
DOCUMENTARY ON WORLD WAR II IN ALASKA

There exist several books and papers which purport to document WW II in Alaska; however, there does not appear to be a comprehensive visual documentary of the principal military operations of the war. As this is an important portion of Alaska's history, it would be appropriate to undertake such a project. In view of the advancing age of the still living participants, delay in production may preclude participation in filming by those who were there.

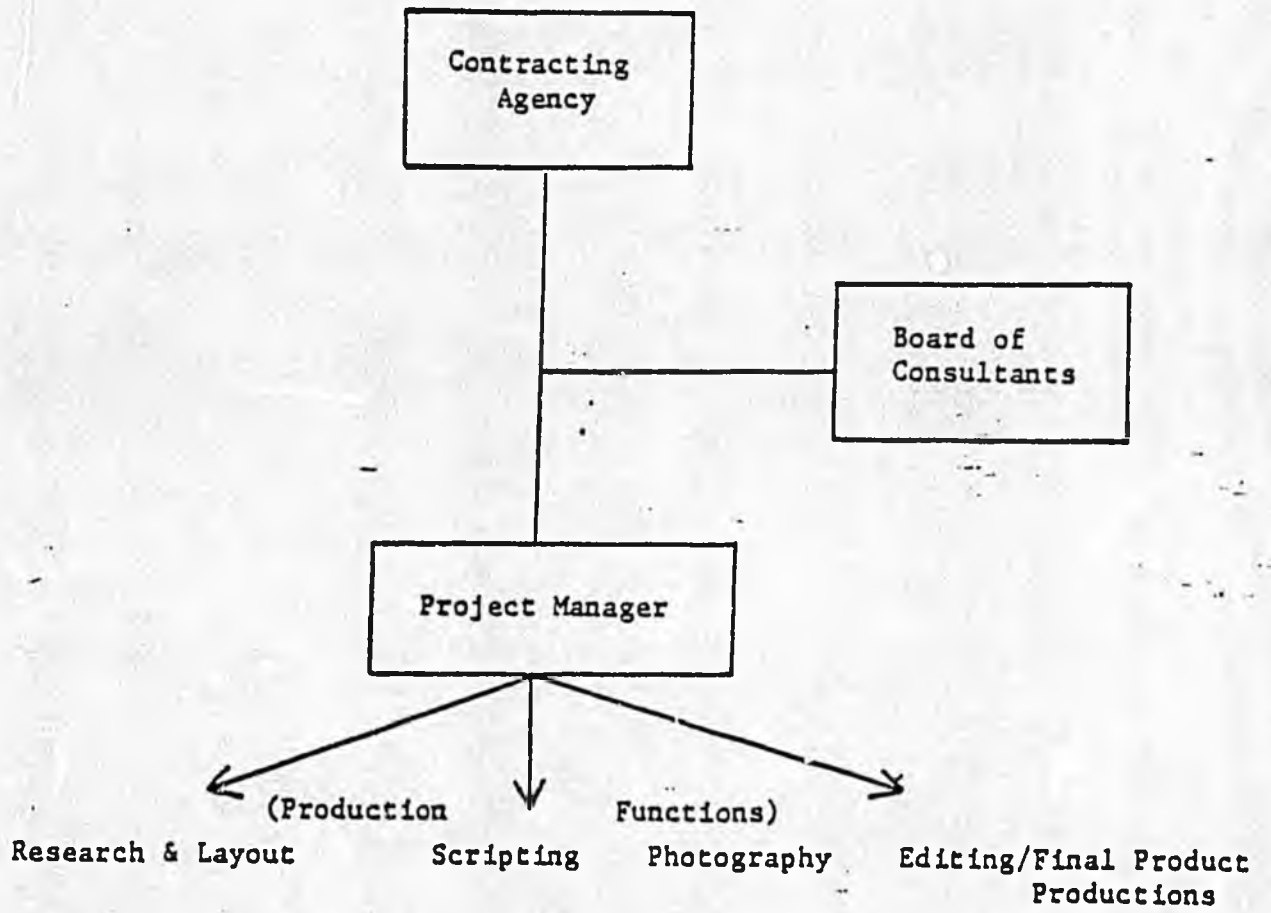
No single agency exists which has the wherewithal to conduct such an effort; therefore, the first activity in this effort should be to identify an organization to sponsor the work.

As the project envisions documentation of WW II in Alaska, it follows that the State will be the primary beneficiary (Historical Commission, Department of Education) of the effort; thus, should be the major sponsor. It is conceivable that public television sponsorship could be obtained as well. Some civic organizations may be interested in backing the activity and will be contacted for support and backing. Indications are that major government sources of historical information will make their libraries and repositories available.

Funding will be necessary to produce the documentary. A preliminary cost estimate is being prepared at this time. Duration of the project (from start to finish) is estimated to be one year. No Federal Government funding is anticipated.

If the State becomes the responsible agent, it seems appropriate that the project be conducted on a quasi-contractual basis; i.e., with the project group acting as an entity, reporting to the State contract monitor/project officer. Consultants to the project group would be several of the individuals who participated in WW-II in Alaska. These members of the project consultants board would be remunerated for direct expenses of advising the project manager. See Atch 1 for a diagram of the proposed organizational structure.

In the interim period before identification of cognizant agencies and source of funds, Col E.J. Griffith Jr. (4-305 Williwaw Way, Elmendorf AFB, AK 99506) will act as point-of-contact for the effort. Other interested parties are as listed at Atch 2.



Brig Gen B. B. Talley, U. S. Army, Retired

Maj Gen C. F. Mecrason, USAF, Retired

Col T. L. Jenne, USAF, Retired - President, Anchorage Chapter of Air Force Association

Mr. W. E. Brooks, Anchorage Contractor, Past President, Anchorage Chapter of Air Force Association

Dr. Milo Fritz, State Representative

Col Neil E. Saling, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District Engineer

Col Charles Pinney, USAF, Retired, 11th Air Force Association

PHOTO CREDITS

AAHS American Aviation Historical Society - California
ADGM Allison Division, GM - California
ATRC Admiral James Russell Collection - Tacoma
BAT Bell Aerospace Textron Collection - Buffalo, NY
BC Boeing Company - Seattle
BN Bob Nelson Collection
CAP Collect-Air Photos - Wisconsin
CAS Charles A. Simenstad Collection
COE Corps of Engineers, US Army - Anchorage
DSB DS Braden Collection - Anchorage
GFP GF Petrov - Finland
JD Jay Demming Collection - Florida
MFC Mark Fuersteanau Collection - Nome
NAA North American Aircraft Collection
PMB Peter M. Bowre Collection - Fairbanks
PPL Pilot Press Ltd. Collection
RWH RW Harrison Collection - Massachusetts
TPL Taylor Picture Library
TS Thomas Spitler - Adak
USA US Army Archives - Washington
USAF US Air Force Archives - Washington
USCG US Coast Guard - Kodiak

AIRCRAFT WRECKS SHOWN ON MAP

WRECK NUMBER	DATE OF CRASH	TYPE OF AIRCRAFT	POSITION OF WRECK
1 ✓	WWII	B-24	CAPE KIGUN, ATKA
2 ✓	WWII	B-24	ILAK ISLAND, WRECKAGE INTACT
3 ✓	28 OCT 46	P-38	TANAGA BAY, POOR CONDITION
4 ✓	28 OCT 46	OA-10	TANAGA BAY
5 ✓	31 AUG 51	PB 4Y-2	NW TIP OF LITTLE TANAGA, 500-FOOT LEVEL
6 ✓	WWII	B-24	SEMISOPOCHNOI, EAST SIDE OF DERRET RIDGE
7 ✓	WWII	B-24	BECHEVIN BAY, ATKA, VERY GOOD CONDITION
8 ✓	WWII	A-20	KISKA, EAST END OF LANDING STRIP
9 ✓	WWII	B-24	GREAT SITKIN, FUSELAGE INTACT, WINGS FOLDED BACK
10 ✓	WWII	PBY	NE SIDE OF KISKA VOLCANO
11 ✓	WWII	PBY	CLIFF ON KASATOCHI ISLAND
12 ✓	WWII	OA-10	ATKA, NORTH SIDE OF KOROVIN BAY
13 ✓	WWII	P-38	NW POINT OF BULDIR ISLAND, POOR CONDITION
14 ✓	5 SEP 46	PV-1	AGATTU ISLAND, PRETTY GOOD CONDITION
15 ✓	WWII	P-38	ALAIID ISLAND, VERY POOR CONDITION
16 ✓	5 SEP 46	C-47	ATTU
17 ✓	WWII	P-38	ATTU, TEMNAC BAY, POOR CONDITION
18 ✓	WWII	P-40	SW END OF UMNAK ISLAND, CAPE STARR
19 ✓	WWII	PBY	UNALASKA ISLAND, DEBRIS SCATTERED FROM 300 TO 900 FOOT LEVELS
20 ✓	WWII	P-40	UNALASKA, BADLY SCATTERED
21 ✓	WWII	OA-10	UNALASKA, BADLY SCATTERED
22	WWII	ZERO	AKJTAN, VERY POOR CONDITION
23 ✓	11 DEC 73	C-118	GREAT SITKIN, TEN PERSONS ON BOARD, NO SURVIVORS

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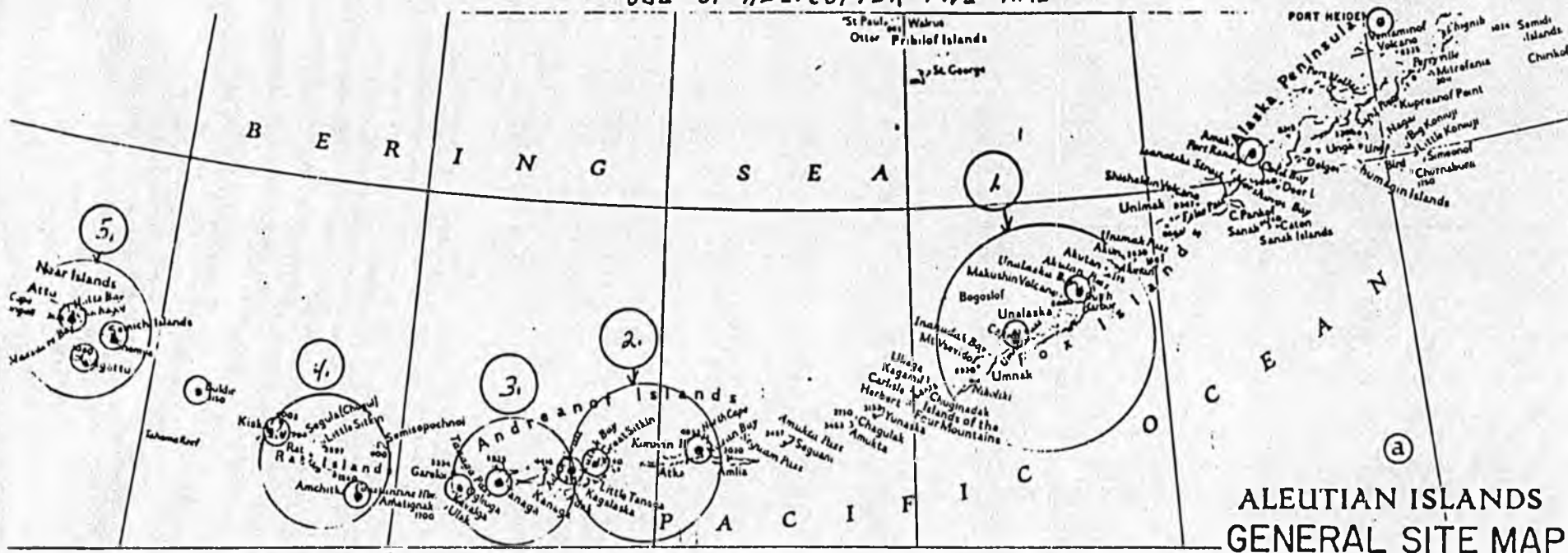
FIGURE 1-14
DOWNED AIRCRAFT OF POTENTIAL HISTORIC VALUE

The Historical Remains of Aleutians

1941-1944

1. Kodiak - Ft. Greely - Airfield
2. Fort Heiden - Fort Morrow - Airfield
3. Cold Bay - Fort Randall - Airfield
4. Lutch Harbor - Fort Mears - Airfield
5. Unalaska - Chernofski
6. Unak Island - Fort Glenn - Airfield
7. Atka Island - Atka Landing Field
8. Great Sitkin Island
9. Adak Island - Adak - Airfield
10. Tanago Island - Airfield (Ogliuga Island)
11. Amchitka Island - Amchitka - Airfield
12. Kiska Island - Kiska
13. Little Kiska Island
14. Duldir Island
15. Shemya Island - Shemya - Airfield
16. Agattu Island
17. Attu Island - Attu

USE OF HELICOPTER FIVE TIME



ALEUTIAN ISLANDS
GENERAL SITE MAP

General Site Map



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Use of C-130 Hercules	Use of Helicopter	Dates	Codes	Points of Interest
A.		Day 1.	A.	Kodiak - Ft Greely - Airfield - Fixed Harbor Defense - Naval Base - Army Garrison Airfield at Cape Chinak
B.		Day 2 - 3	B.	Port Heiden - Fort Morrow - Airfield Docking Facilities (Air Defence of the Naval Base at Dutch Harbor) one downed aircraft
C.		Day 3.	C.	Cold Bay - Fort Randall - Airfield - Docking Facility (Air Defense of the Naval Base at Dutch Harbor)
D.	1.	Day 5 - 7	D.1.	From SW Umanak Island to NE Akutan Island Dutch Harbor - Fort Mears (Bombing of Dutch Harbor June 3, 1942) Umanak Island - Fort Glenn (Two Satellite Airfields) 17 Downed Aircraft
E.	2.	Day 8 - 10	E-2	From Adak to West of Atka Island Adak - Great Sitkin Island Atka Island 7 Downed Aircraft
F.	3.	Day 8 - 10	F-3	From Adak to South of Ogluuga Island Tanaga Island 3 Downed Aircraft
G.	4.	Day 11-13	G-4	From Amchitka Island to West of Kiska Amchitka Island Kiska (Battle of the Kiska Islands) Little Kiska 3 Downed Aircraft 3 Japanese 2-man submarines
H.	5.	Day 14-16	H-5	From East of Shemya Island To North of Attu Island Shemya Attu (Battle of Attu) Agattu Island 6 Downed Aircraft

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Milo H. Fritz, M.D.
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Dear Doctor:

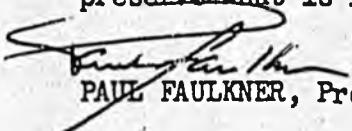
The Pearl Harbor Survivors has been involved in the preservation, through film of what often has been titled, "The Forgotten War" - the World War II campaign in the Aleutians. For the past two years we have, with the aid of many others, researched the areas, the people, the survivors and the locations.

In order to comply with governmental regulations, we have contacted the Village Corporation Leaders and received their permission to visit and film those localities that played such a dominant role in Alaska's involvement in World War II.

Our goal is to do documentary film of the Aleutians to be used in the public school system in Alaska and in the Lower 48 and for public television. This filming of the Aleutian Campaign is a follow-up to our film on Pearl Harbor, "There Are Some Days You Can't Forget." Our records indicate that effective December 20, 1983, that film has been viewed by over 4,300 Anchorage school children and about 130,000 Alaskans.

A total of fourteen men will assist in the production including the film crew, Aleutian Survivors and support personnel.

Our history and war efforts in the Aleutians are rapidly being lost. Through your cooperation, your position can start the wheel rolling to help our country preserve what is left of our heritage and war effort.


PAUL FAULKNER, President

cc: Rep. Liska, Col. Griffith, Rep. Furnace

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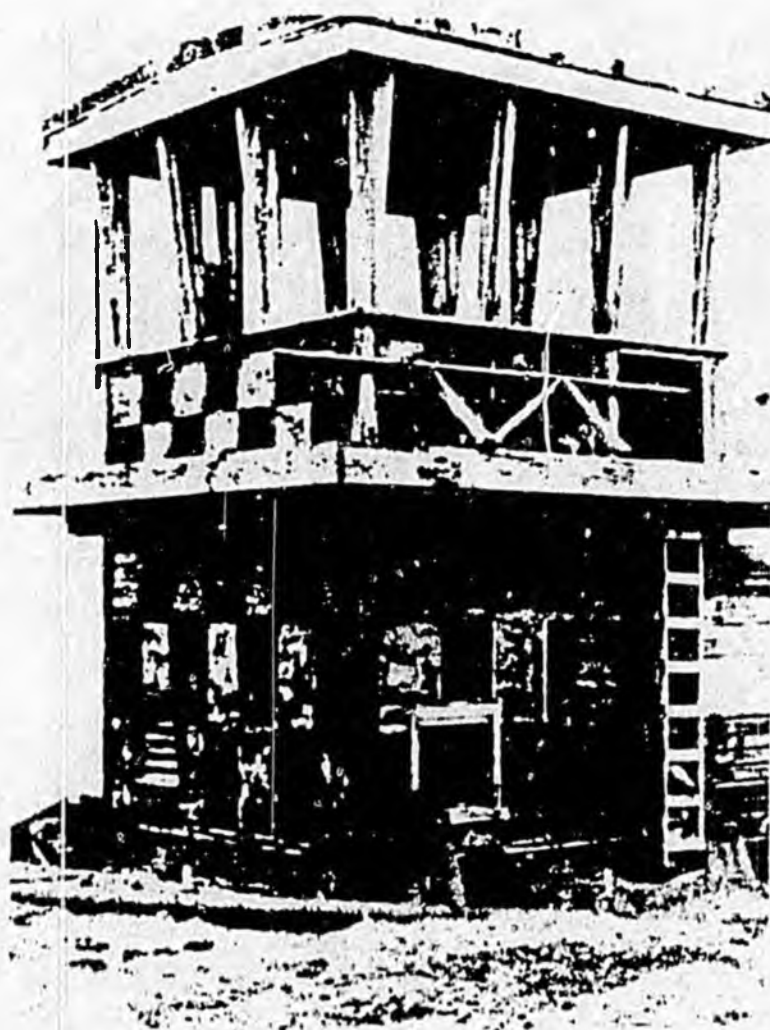


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U.S. ARMY RETAKEN -- 1943

"In honor and memory of the men of the North Pacific Theatre who died so that a continent might be free."

CPL Dashiell Hammett
The Battle of the Aleutians (1944)

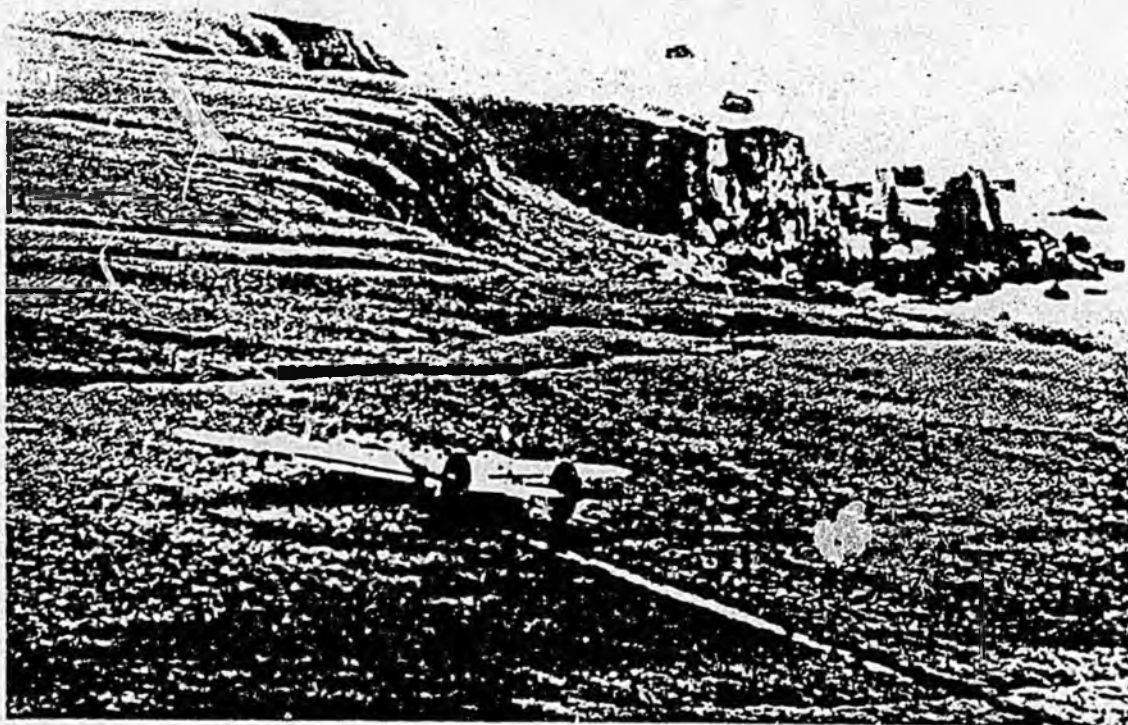


There are several aircraft control towers like this one in the photo that still remain in the Aleutians.

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"The loyal courage, vigorous energy and determined fortitude of our armed forces in Alaska, on land, in the air and on the water - have turned back the tide of Japanese invasion, ejected the enemy from our shores and . . . a fortress of our last frontier. But this is only the beginning. . . we have opened the road to Tokyo: the shortest, most direct and most devastating to our enemies. May we soon travel the road to victory."

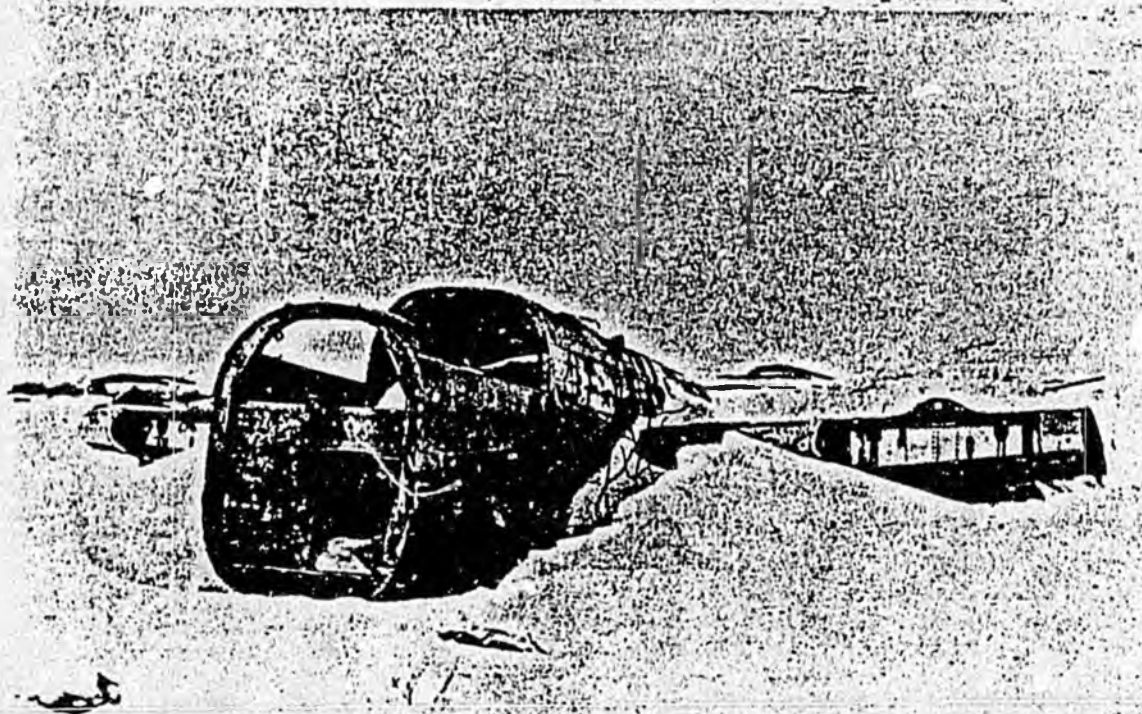
Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr.
Lieutenant General, U.S.A.

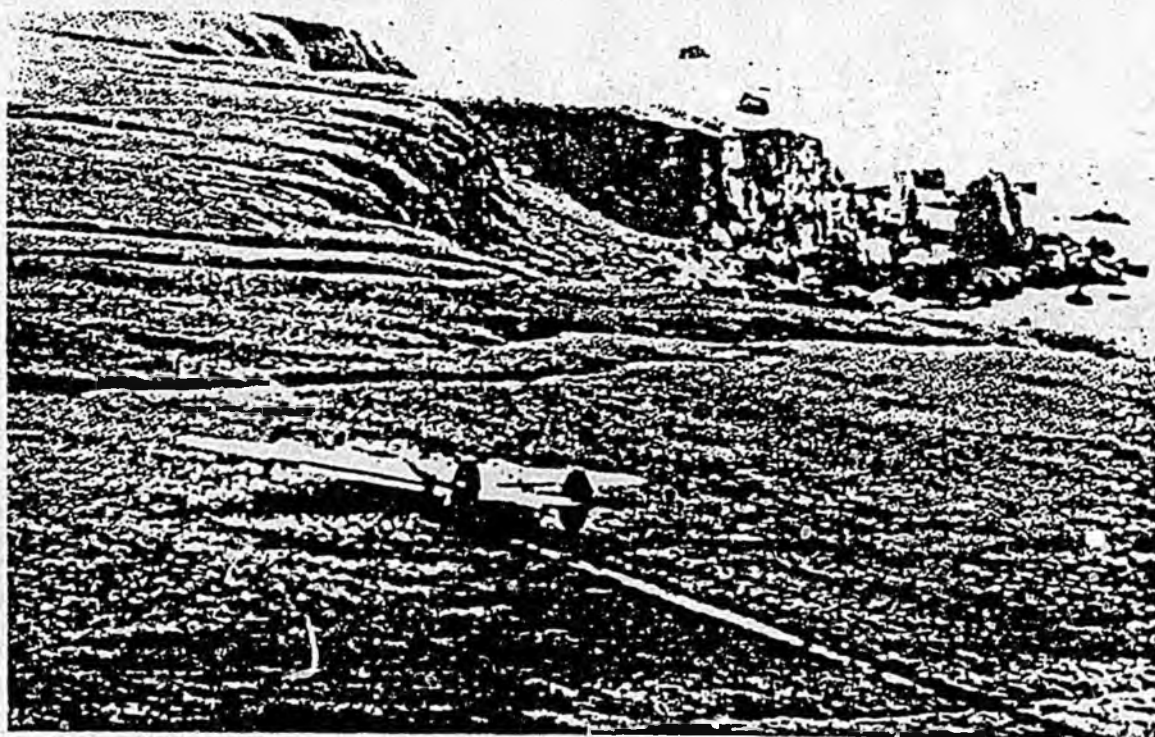


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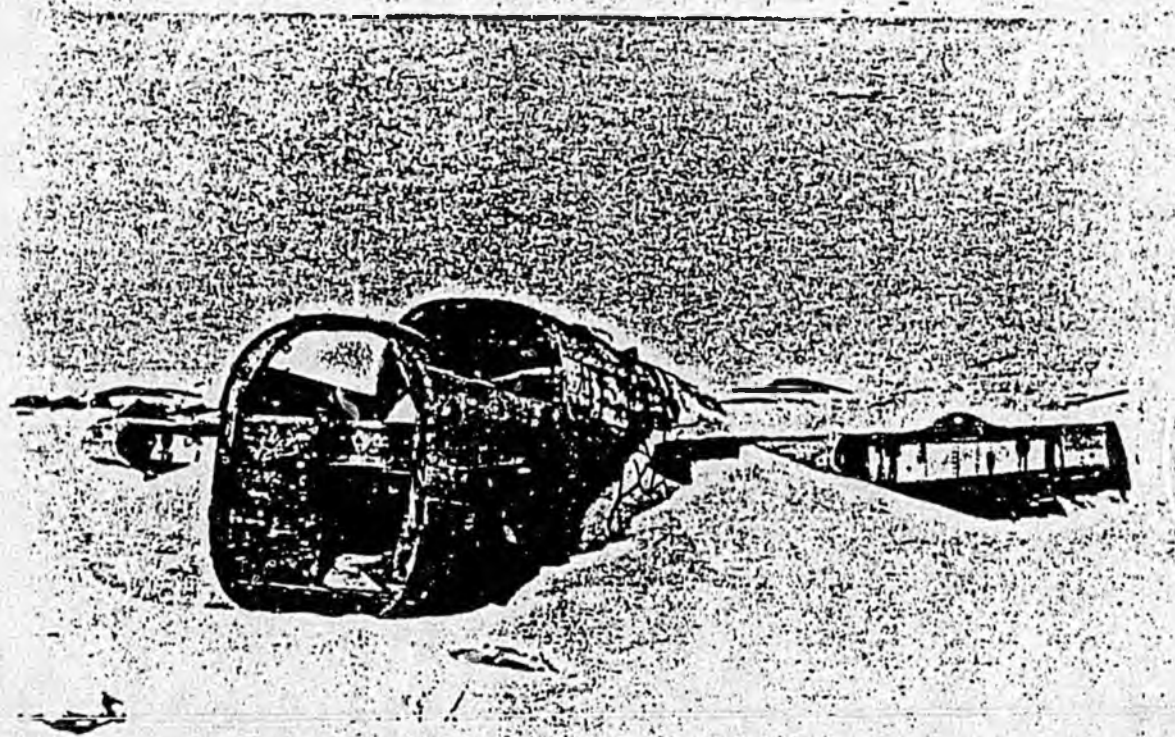


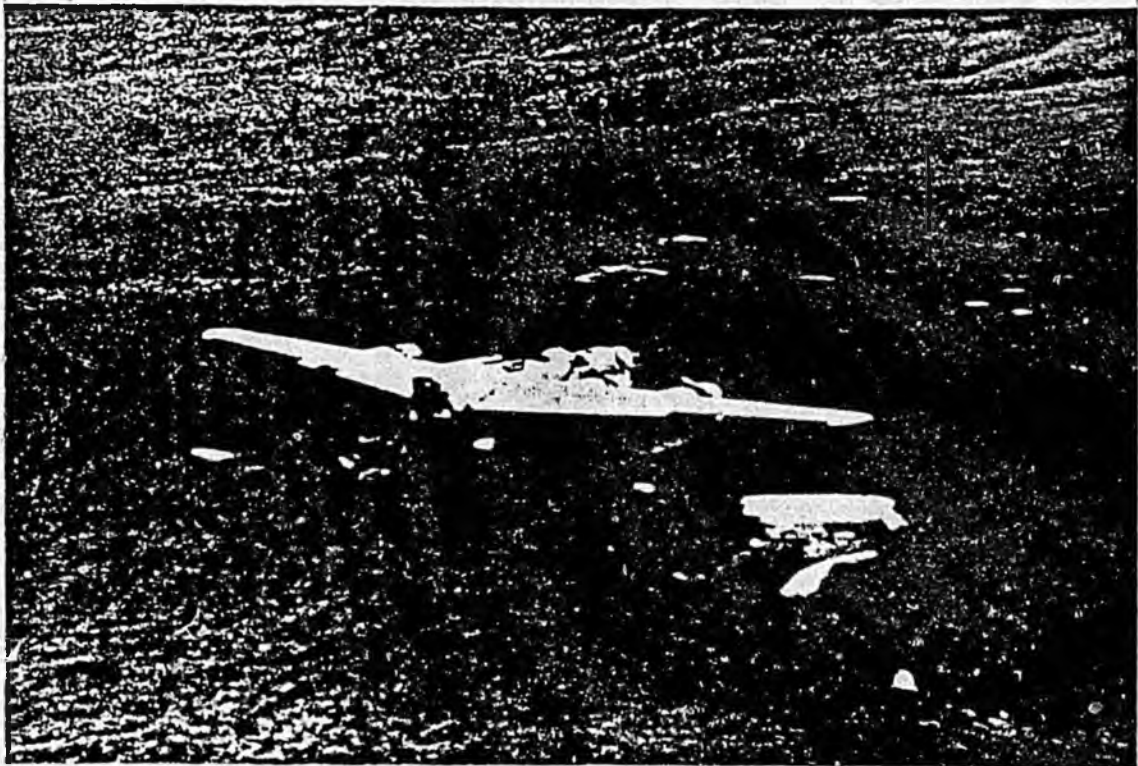


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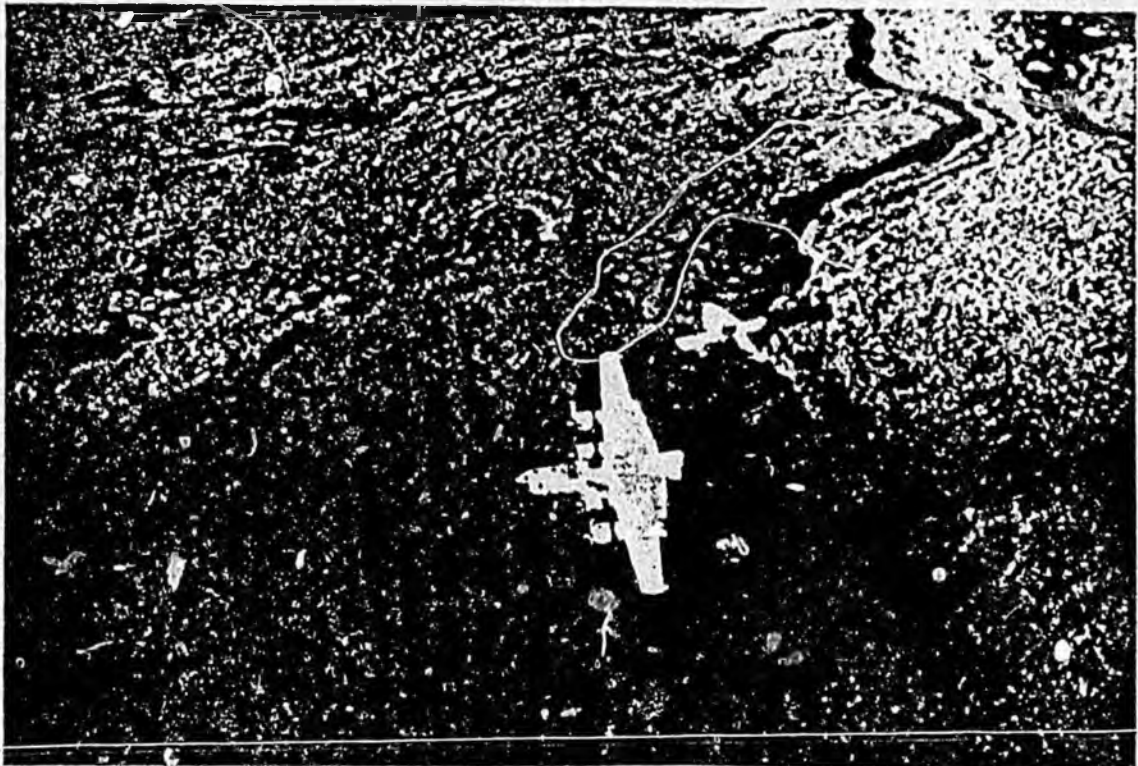
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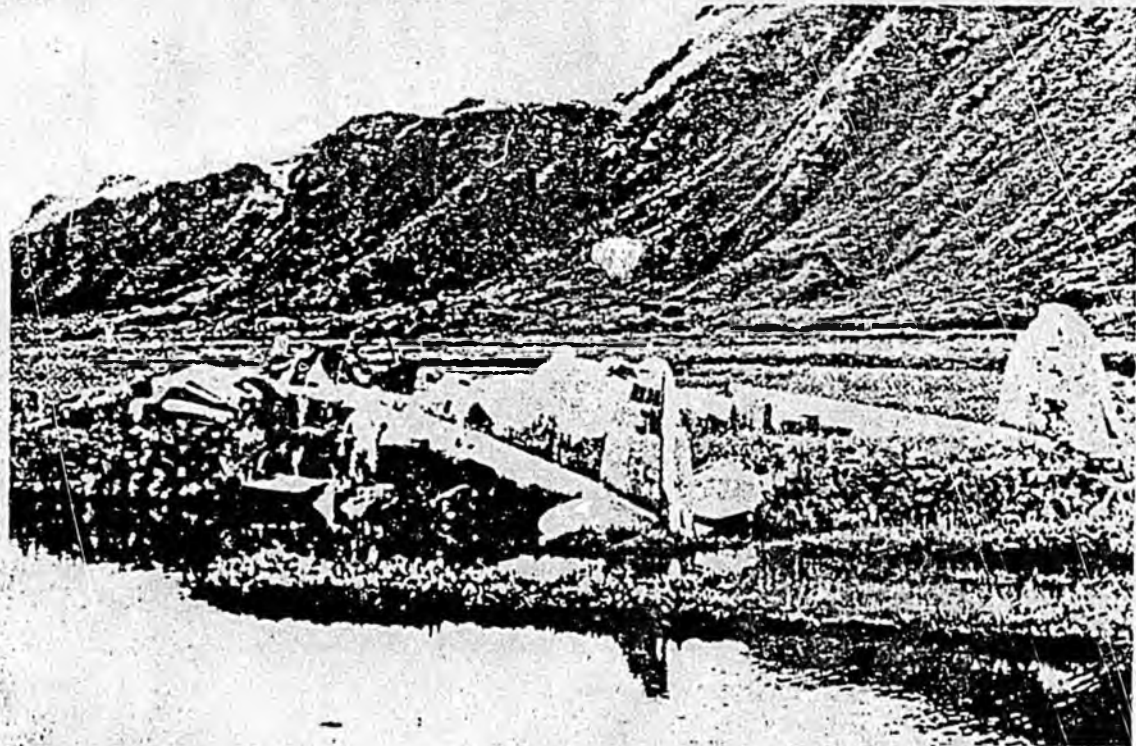




This B-24 Liberator bellied in on an Aleutian Island. Few years ago the U.S. Coast Guard went into the area and removed its machine guns.

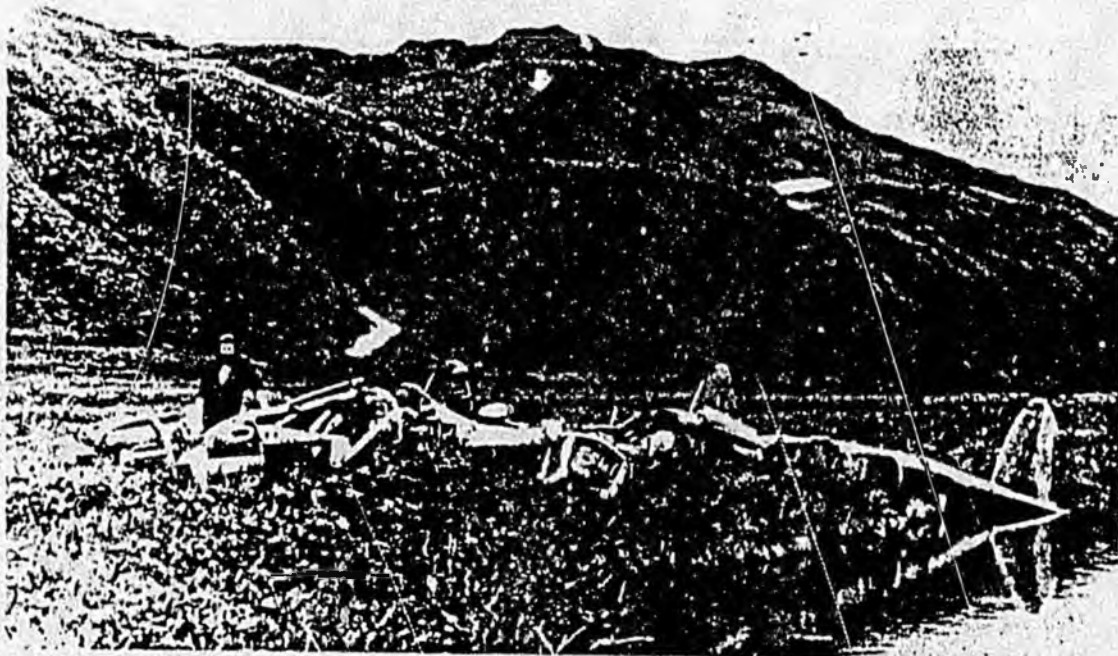
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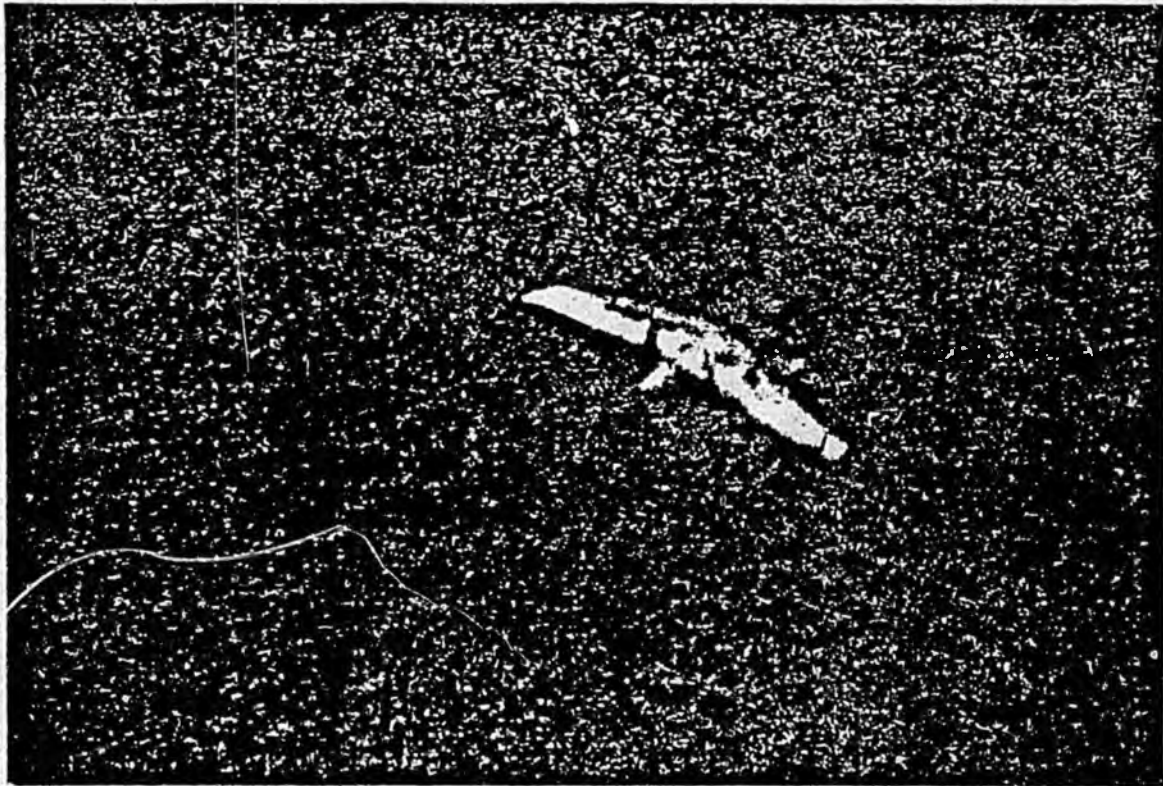




A P-38 that bellied in because of bad weather condition sits on a deserted island in the Aleutians. The aircraft is intact.

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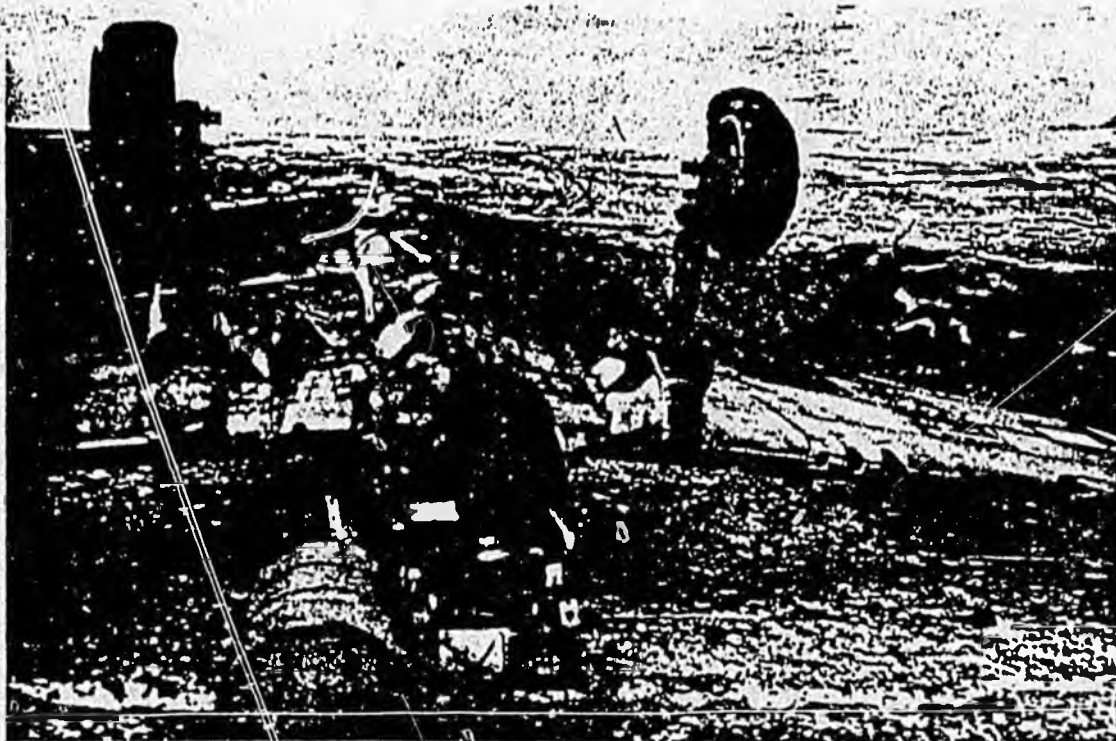
An aerial view of a P-40 that landed on an island in the Aleutians. Its tail section was removed by illegal salvagers.

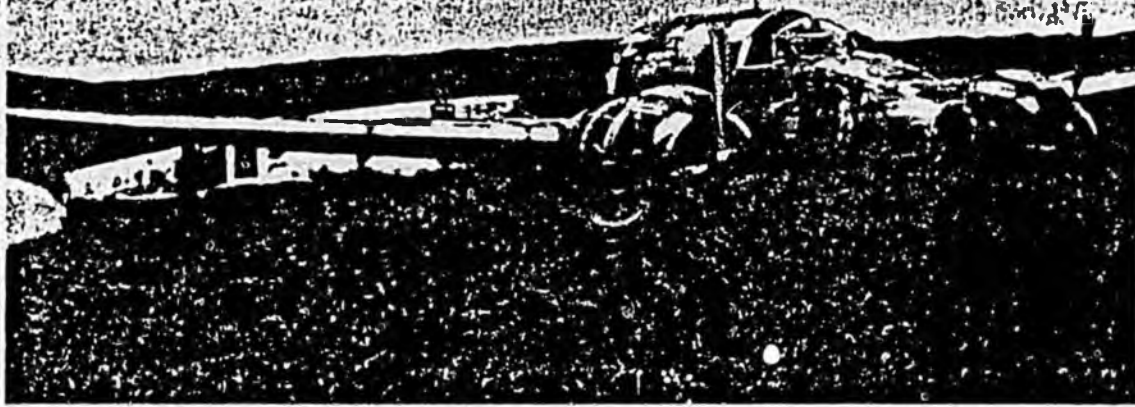
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Five of these Curtiss P-40's are sitting in the Aleutians today with their engines removed.

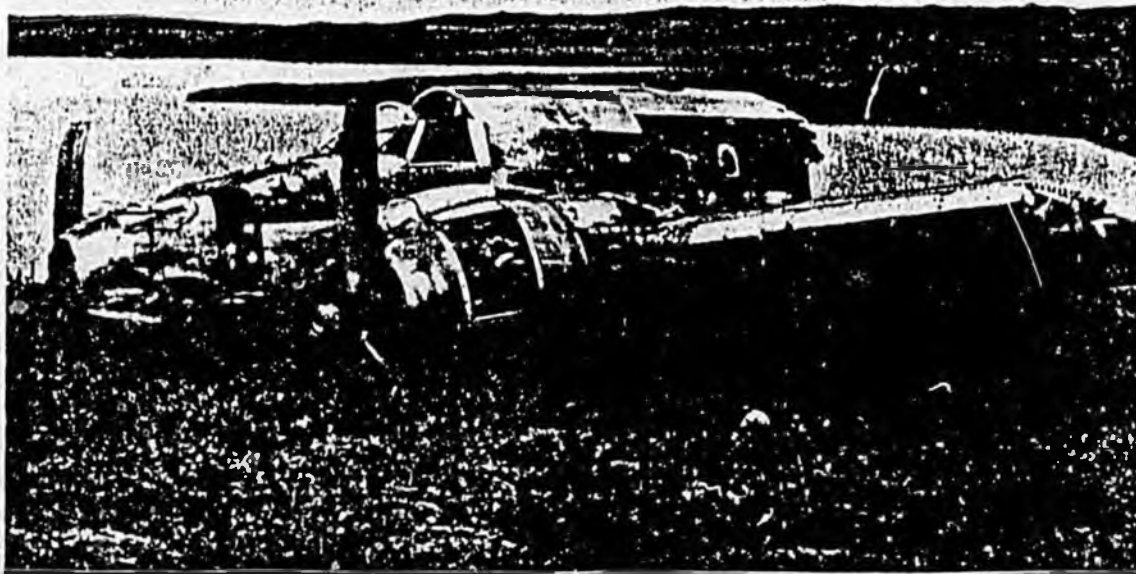
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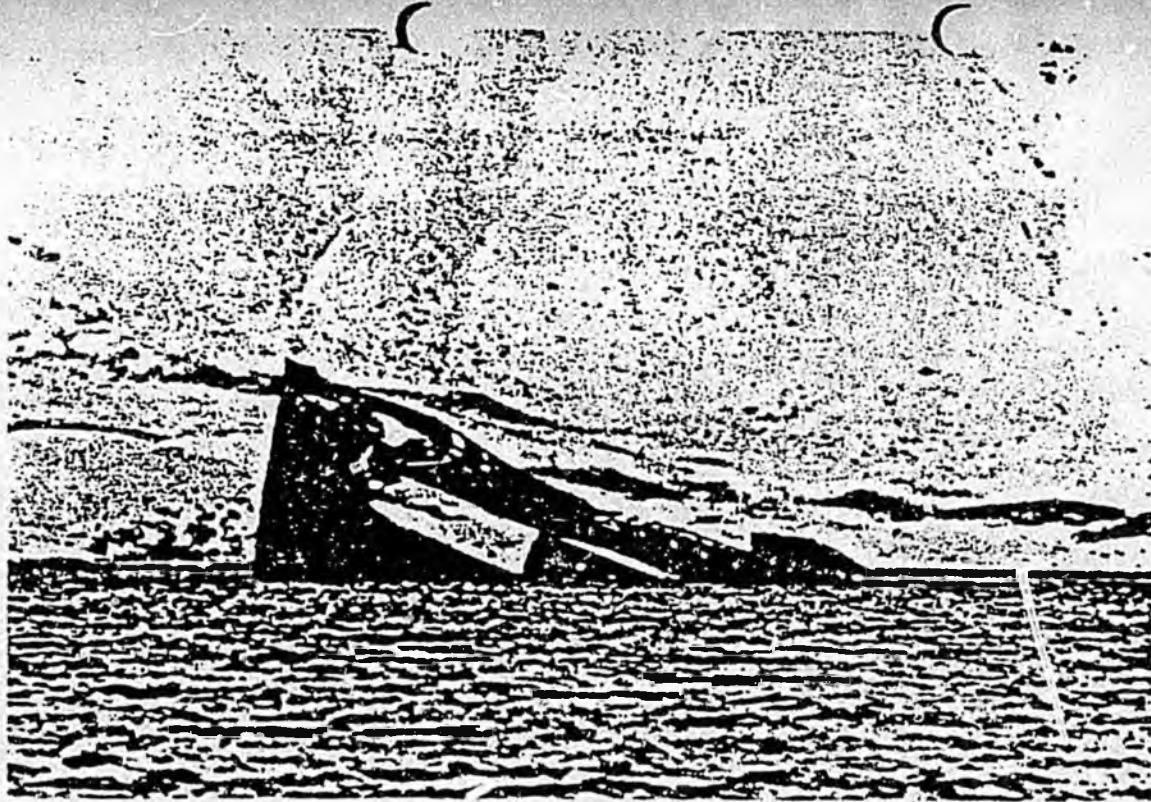




This PV-1 Ventura went down on a remote island in the Aleutians. Another PV-1, which is in a better condition than this, sits on another island.

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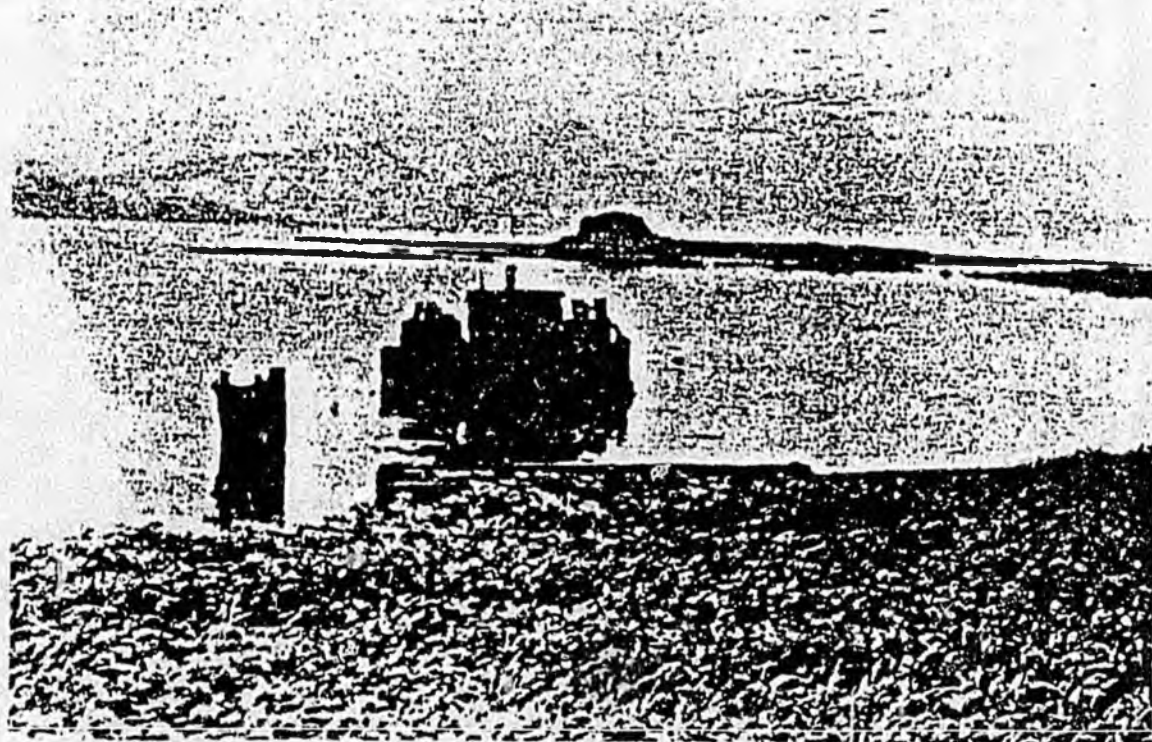


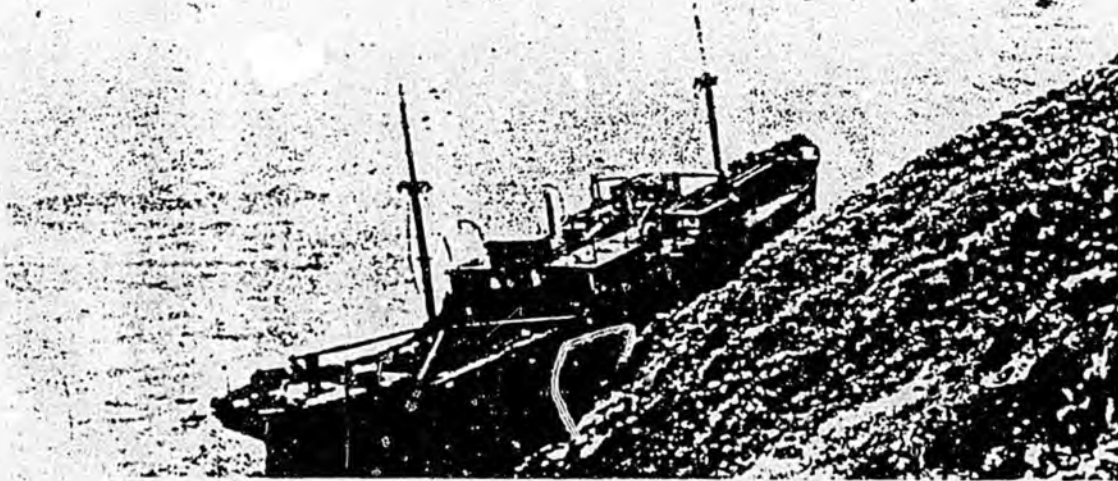
The USS Northwestern, which served as barrack and power plant, was destroyed by a direct hit by a Japanese Fighter plane on June 4, 1942.

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Sunken American LCI (Landing Craft Infantry).

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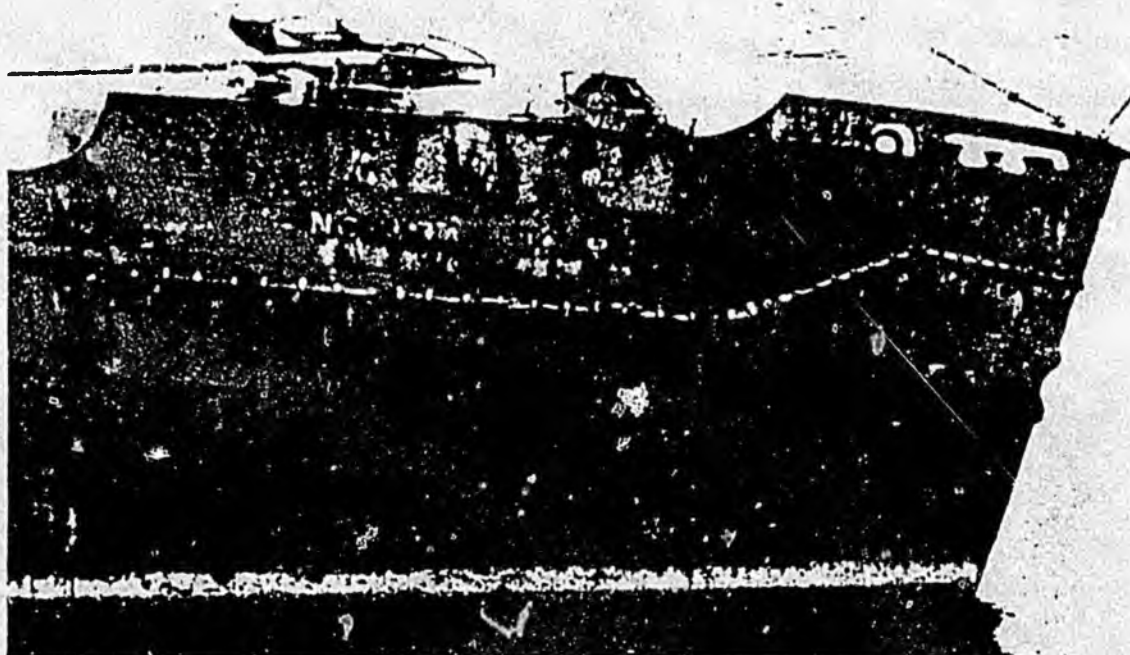


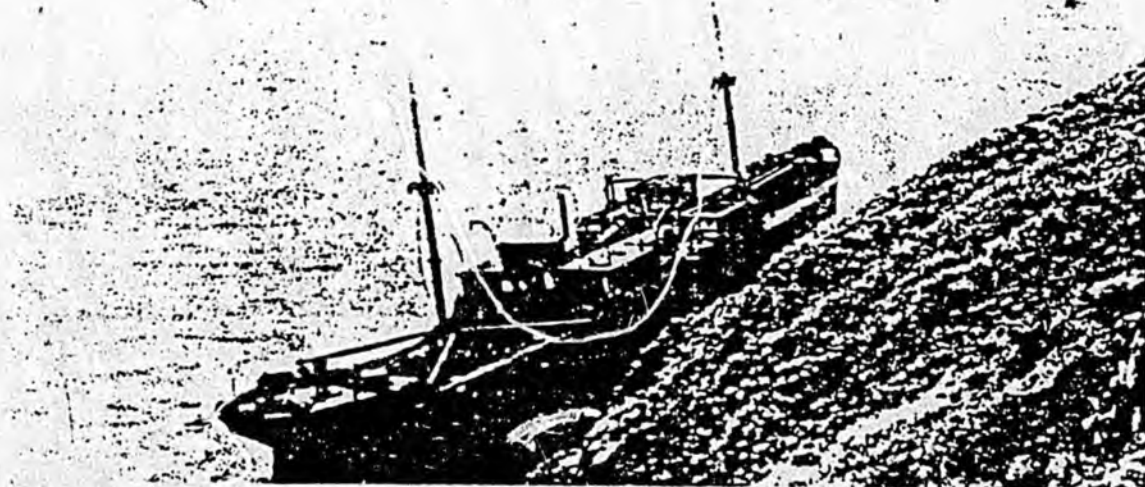
Bomb-out Japanese Freighter.

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Remains of a Bygone Era. The Bombed-out Japanese Freighter Nozine Maru.
Note the Large Gun Mount on the Bow.

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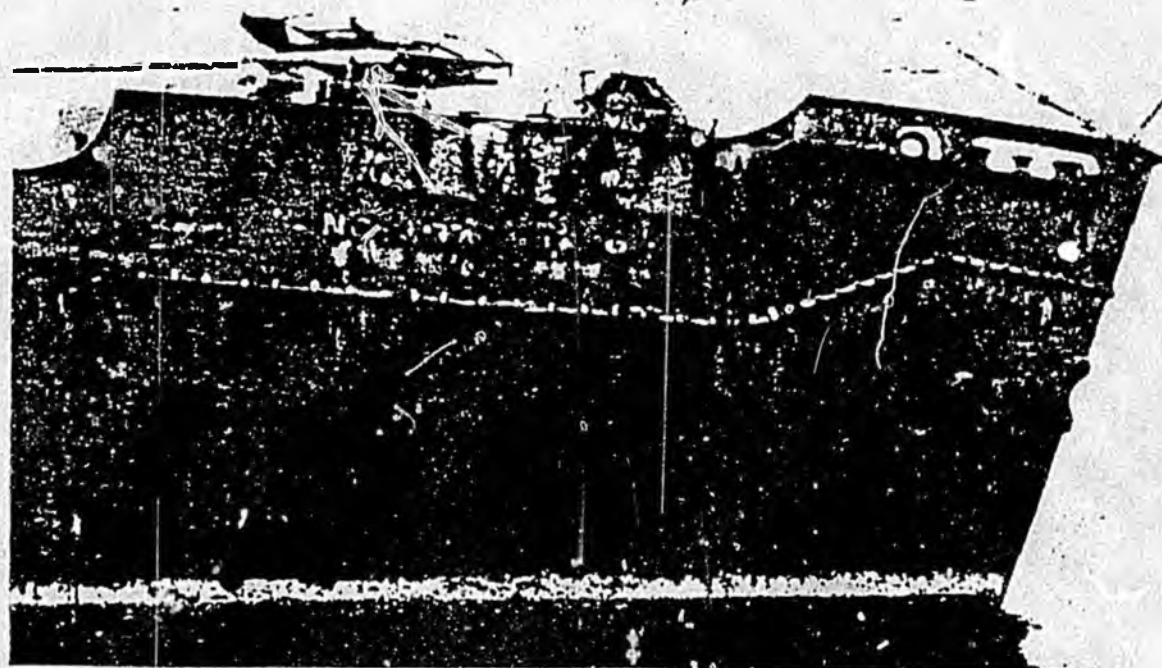


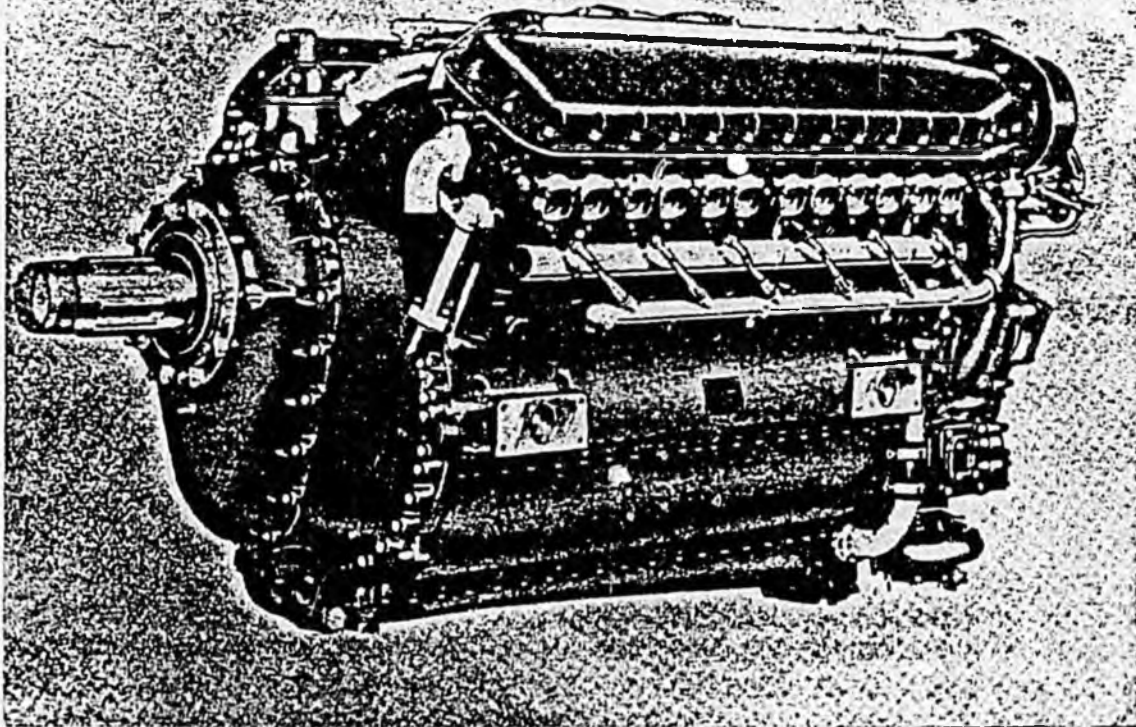
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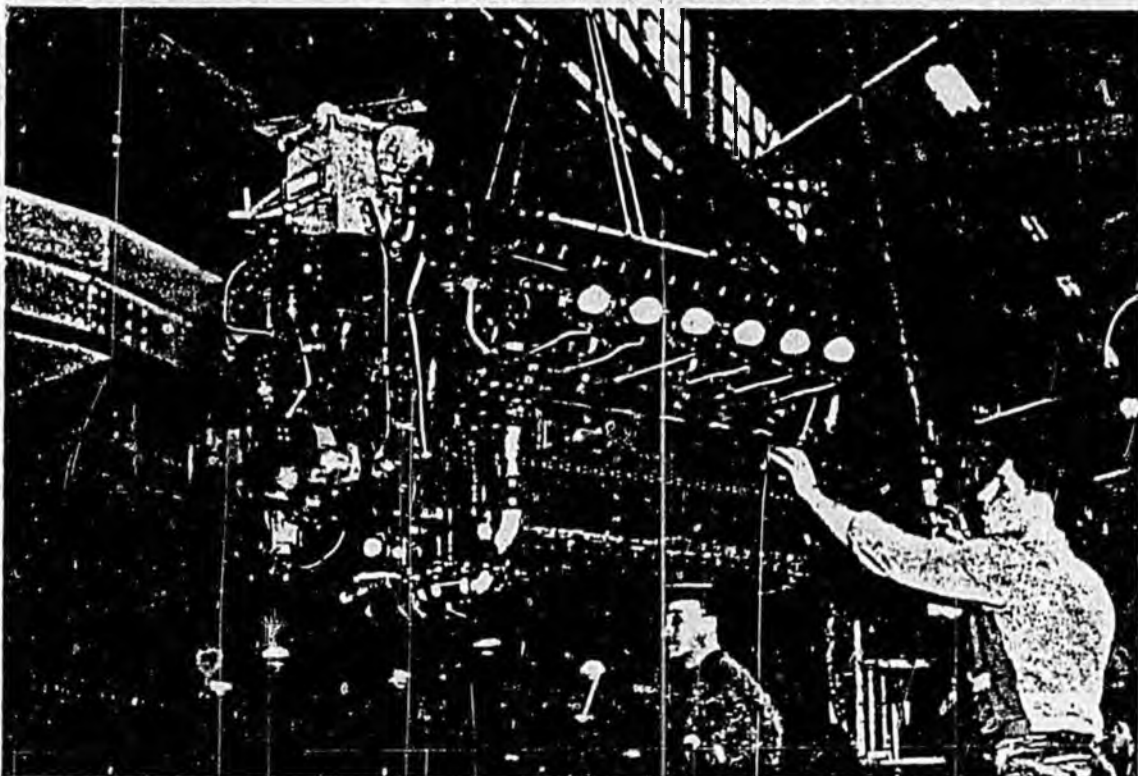
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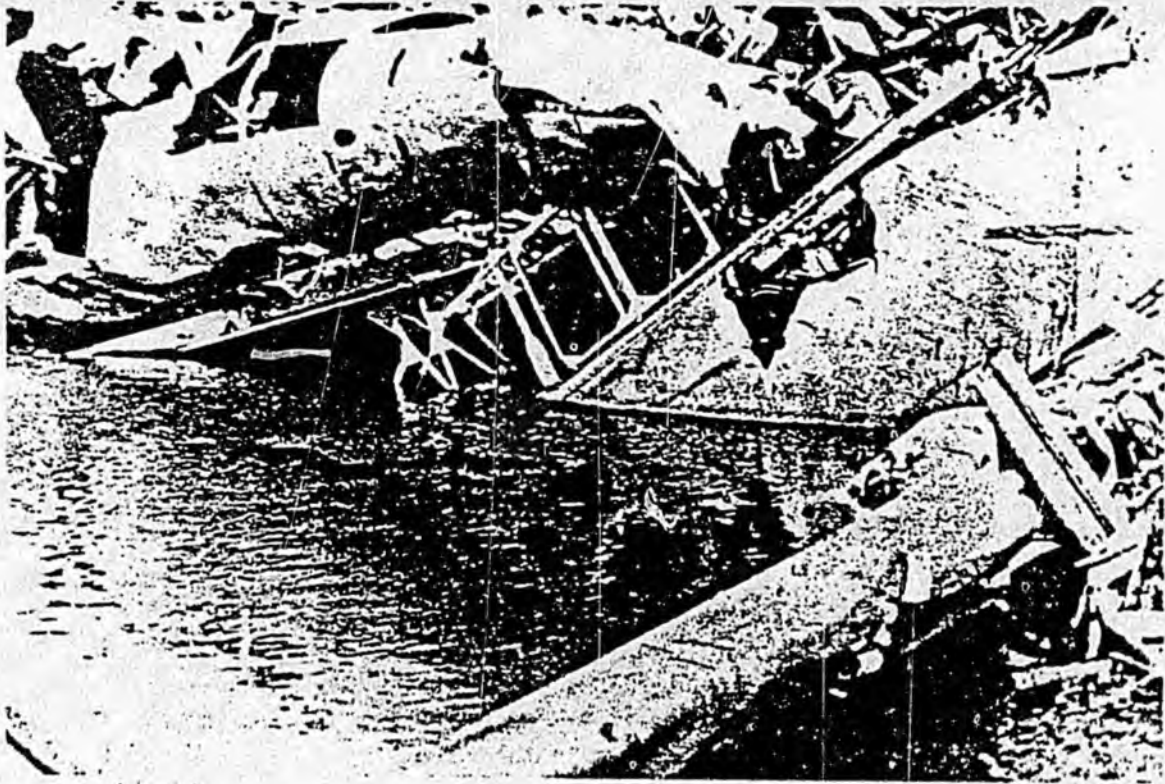


This is a P-38 Allison V-1710F series engine. Four dump areas were located in which these type of engines were buried in packing cylinders.
ADGM

This P-39 Allison engine is being lowered down into the aircraft. In four dump areas, they had buried brand new Allison engines of this type.
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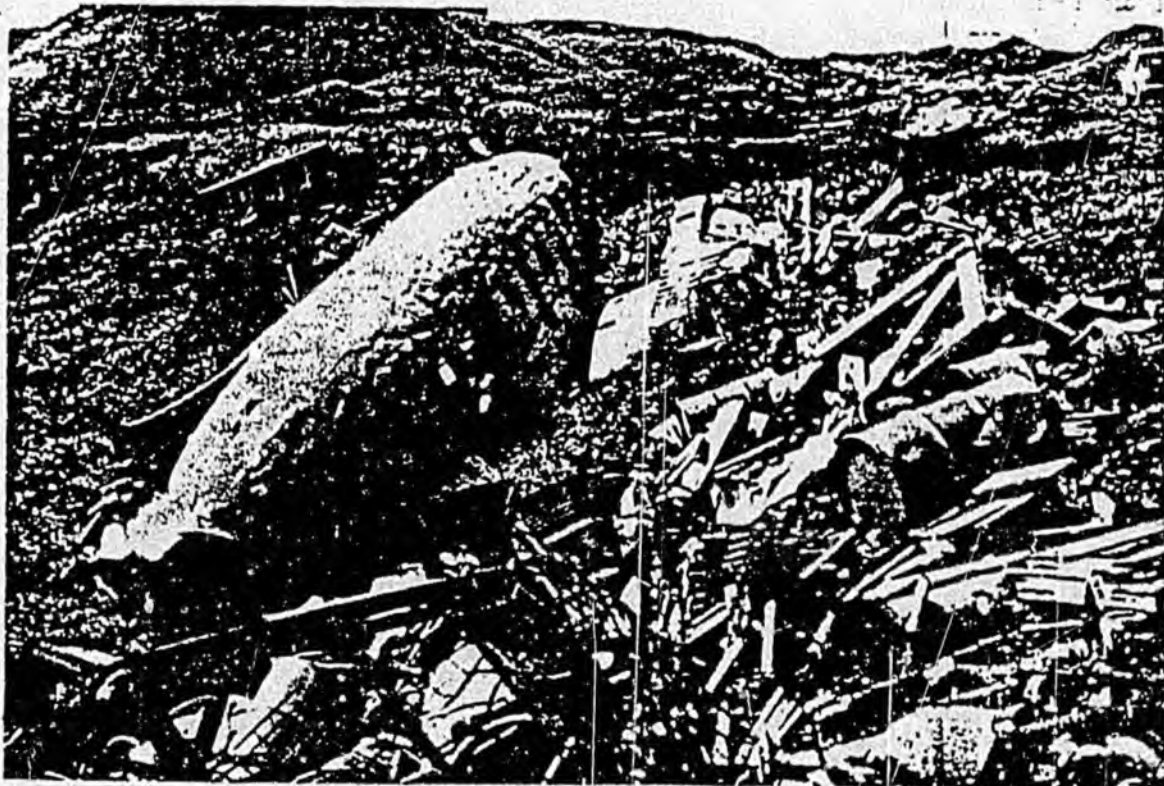


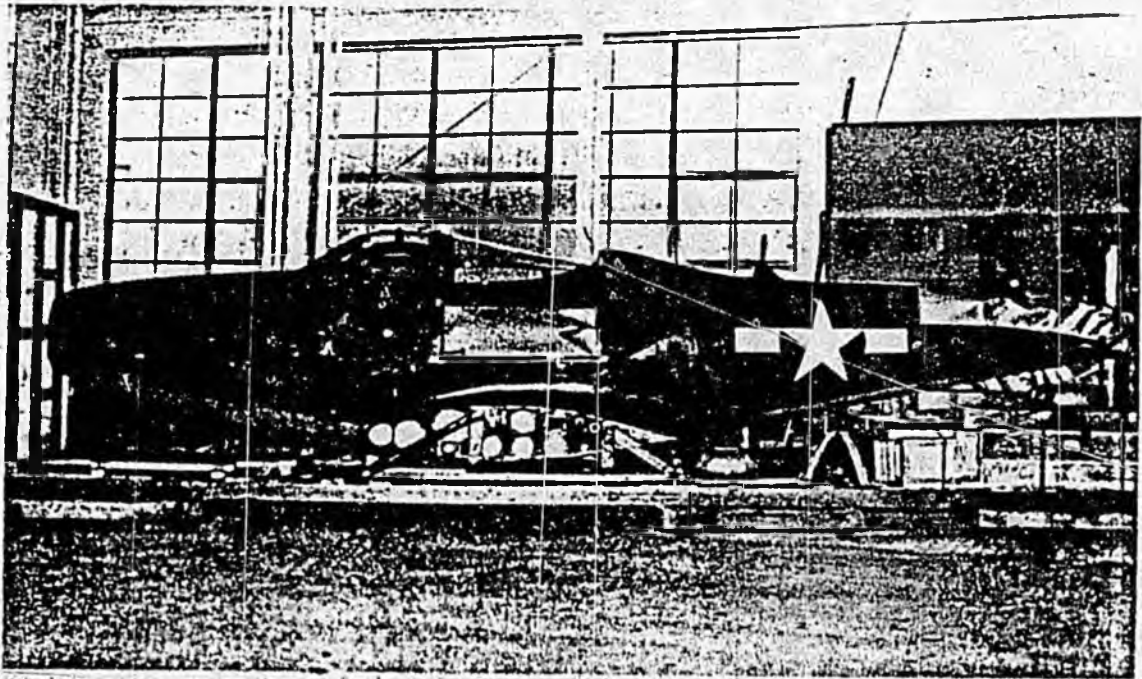
A Grumman D-) fuselage and a T-6 Trainer si) in a dump area next to a fresh water lake in the Aleutians. TS



This C-47 fuselage was located in an Aleutian dump area.

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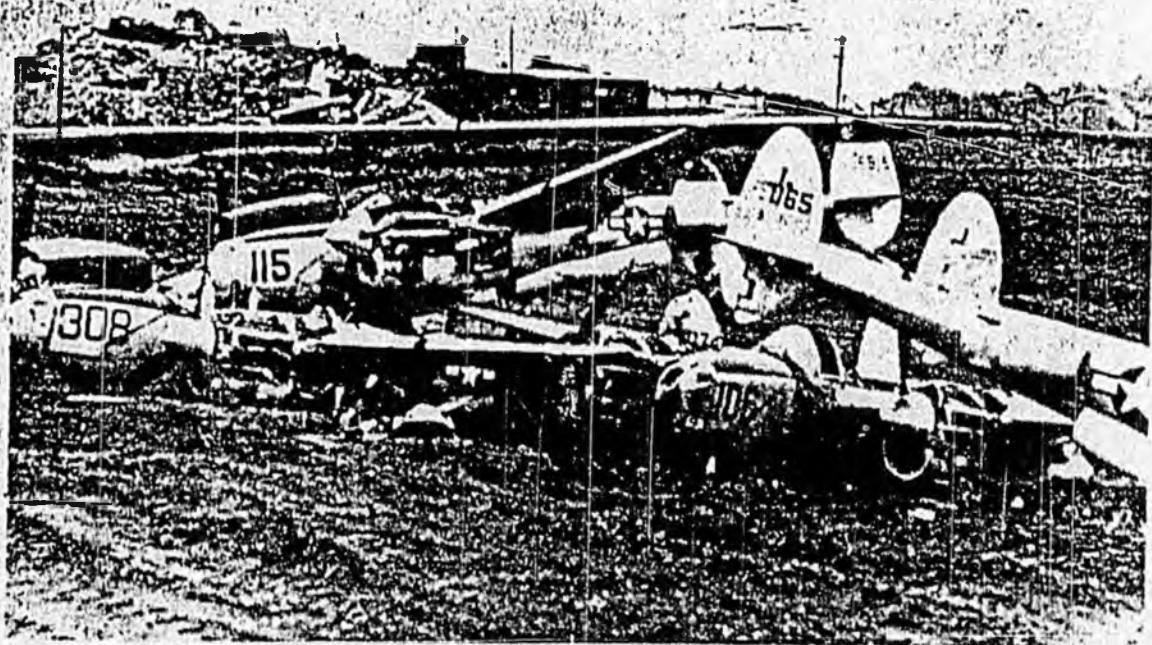


A P-63 King Cobra is shown in a packing crate to be shipped to Russia. Two dump areas in the Aleutians were located that have a P-39's and P-40's buried in the similar crates.

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After WW II the F-38 Lightning fuselages were buried alongside the runways of many of the Aleutian Islands.

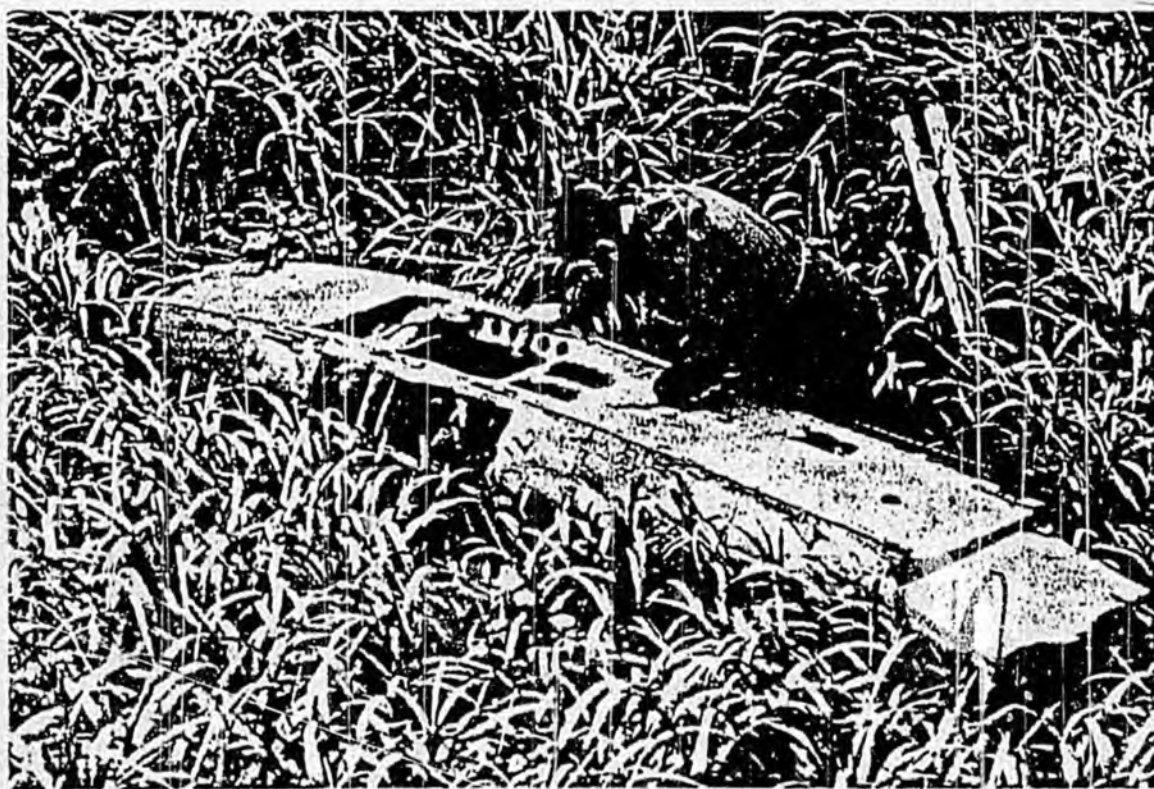
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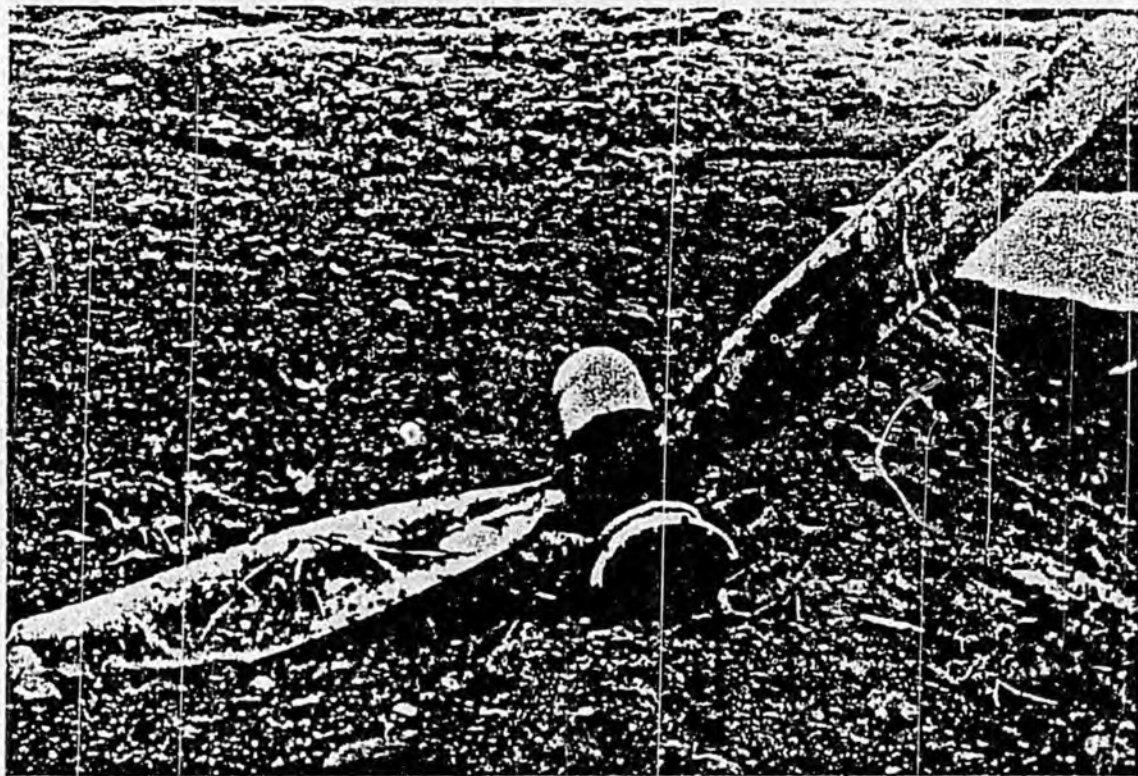




Shown in the photos are a Japanese stabilizer and a Japanese float which are some of the aircraft parts that are just lying on the Aleutian Islands.

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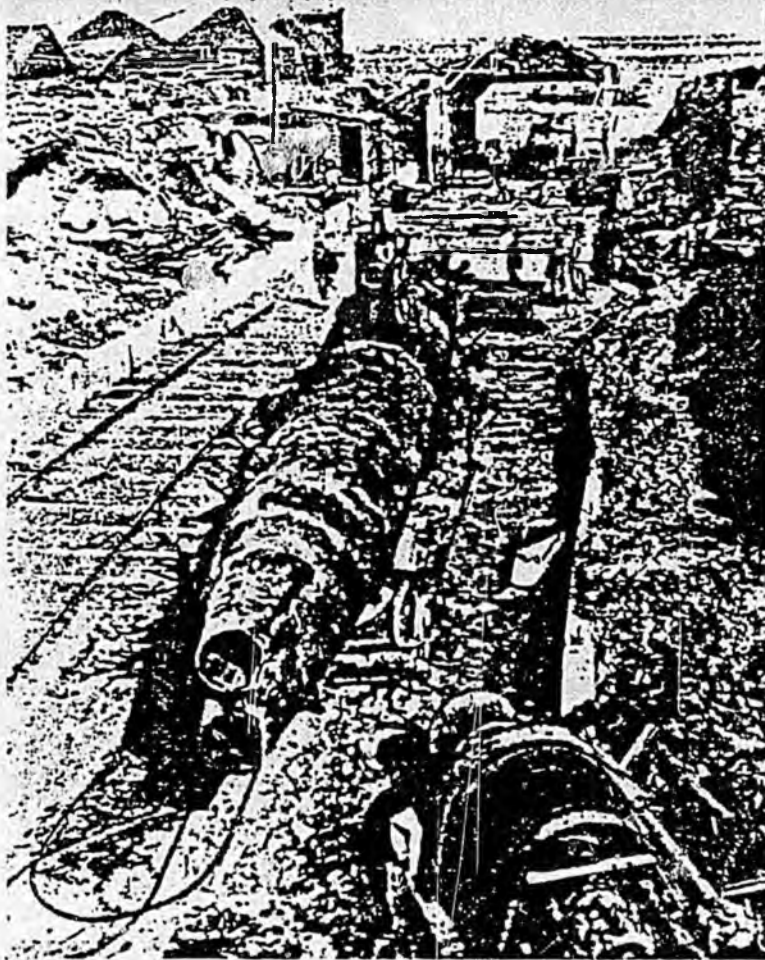
A propeller of a B-24 Liberator is one of the many items that are still lying around in the Aleutians.

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WW II pinups and drawings are in many of the quonset huts in the Aleutians Islands.

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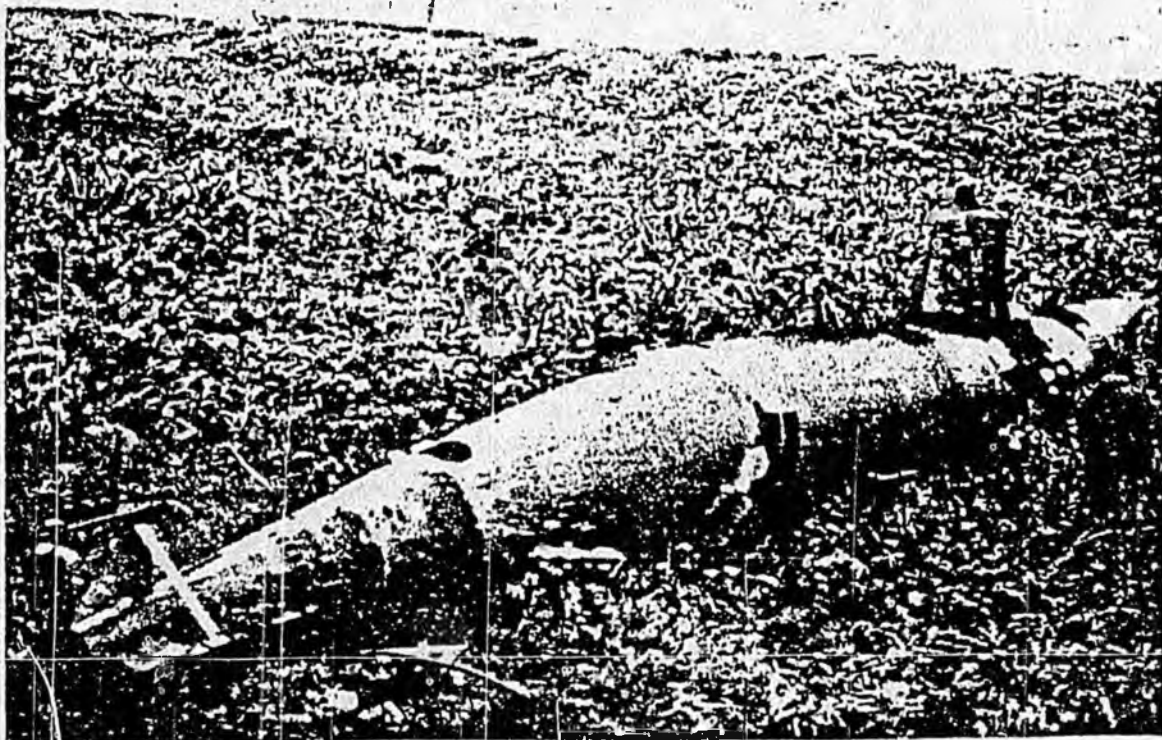


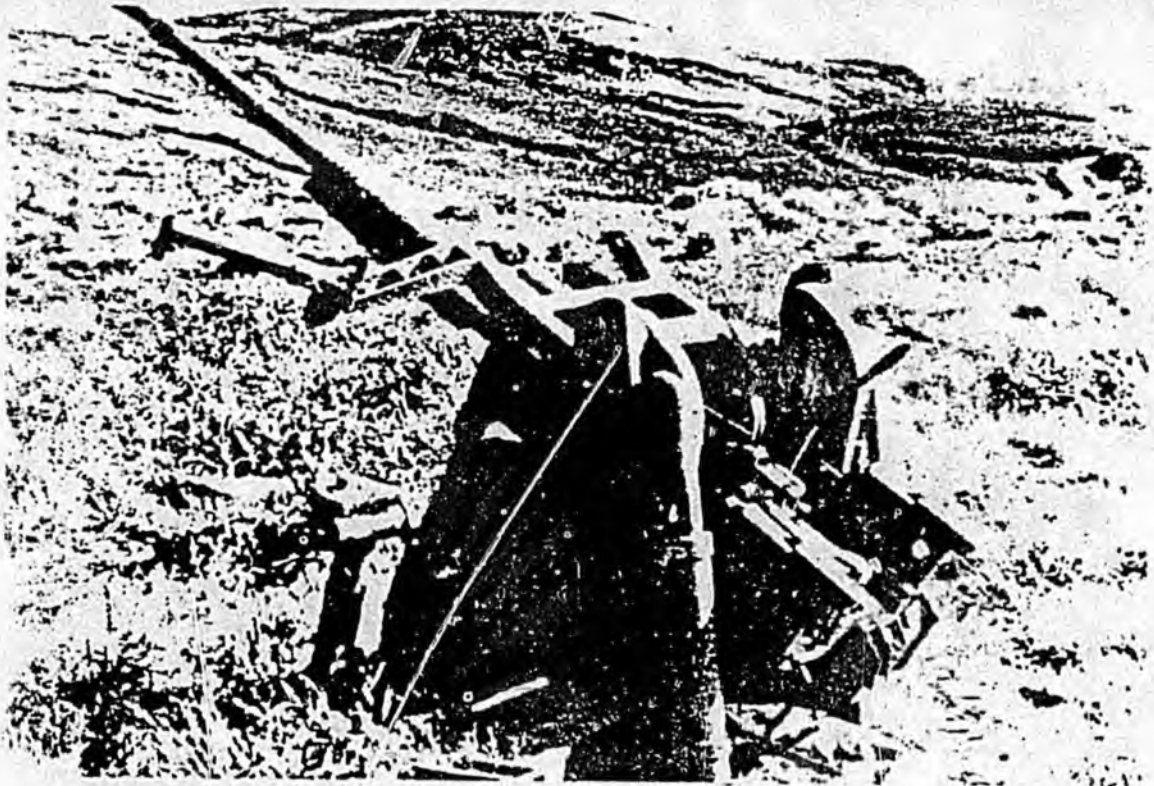
Shown in the picture is a Japanese
mini sub in 1943.

USA

The same Japanese submarine sits today in the Aleutians.

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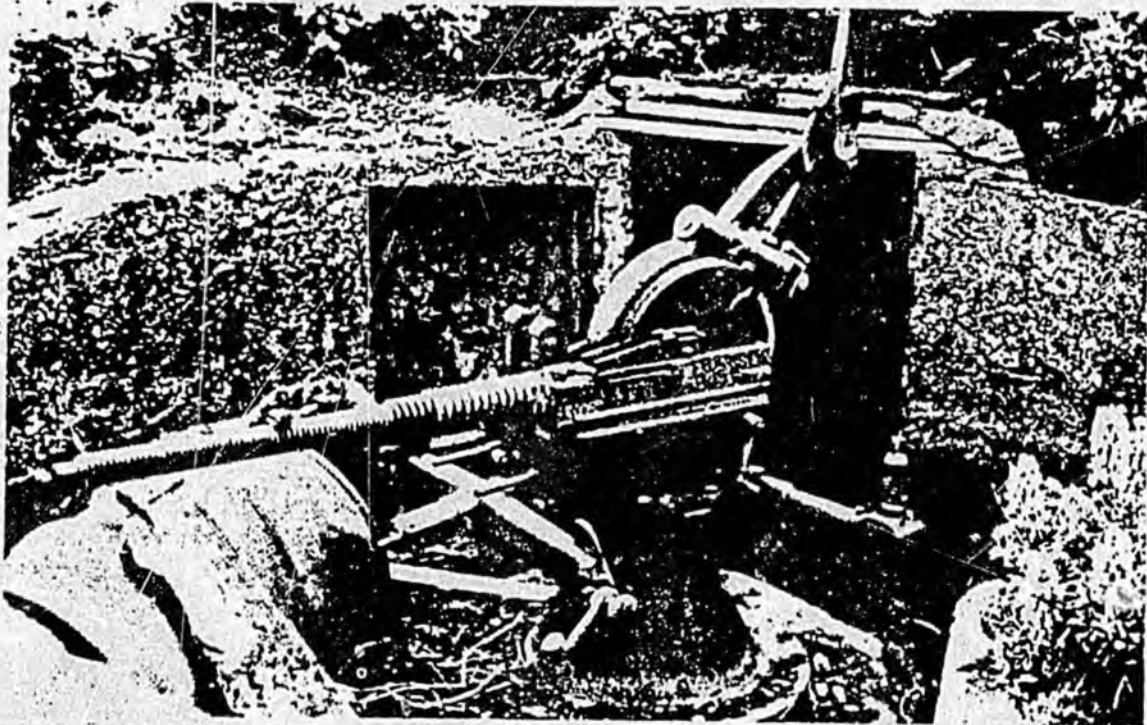


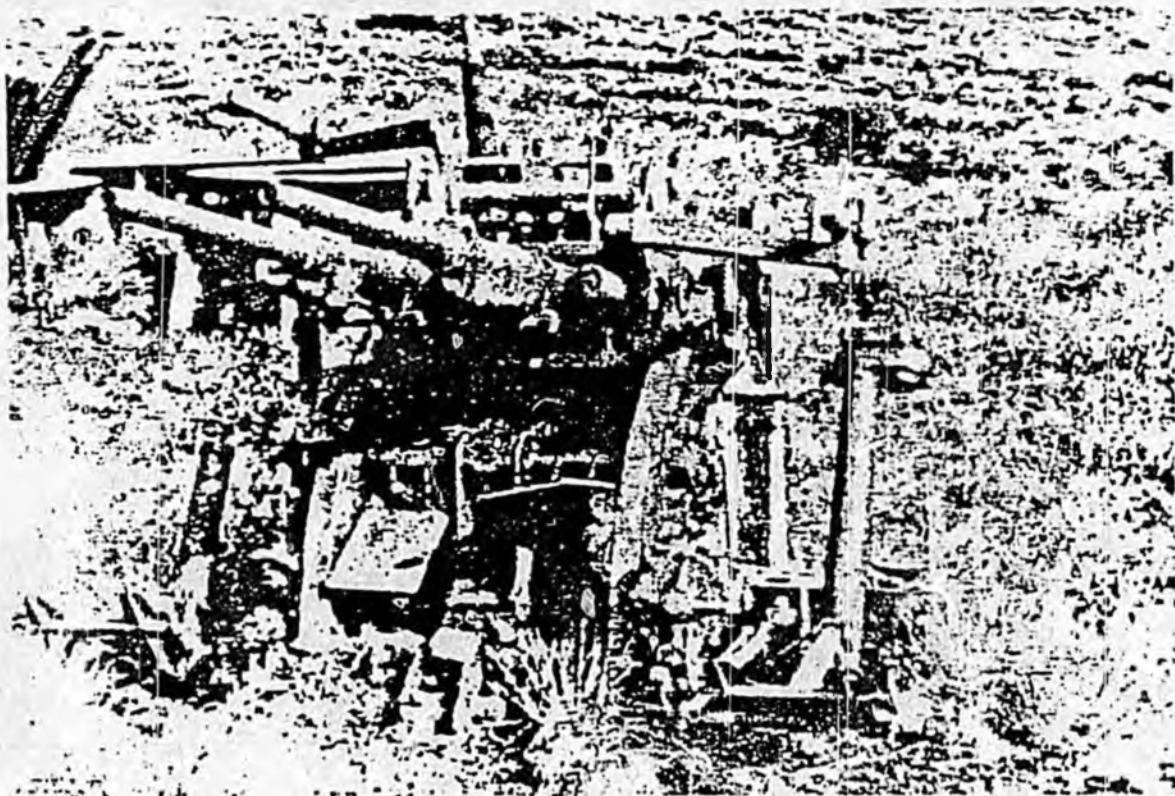


Japanese Model 96 (1936), Type 2, 25 mm Anti-aircraft Gun and Mount.
This gun is very rare and was not extensively used by the Japanese.

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Japanese Model 93 Heavy Machine Gun, 13.3 mm on an Anti-Aircraft Mount.
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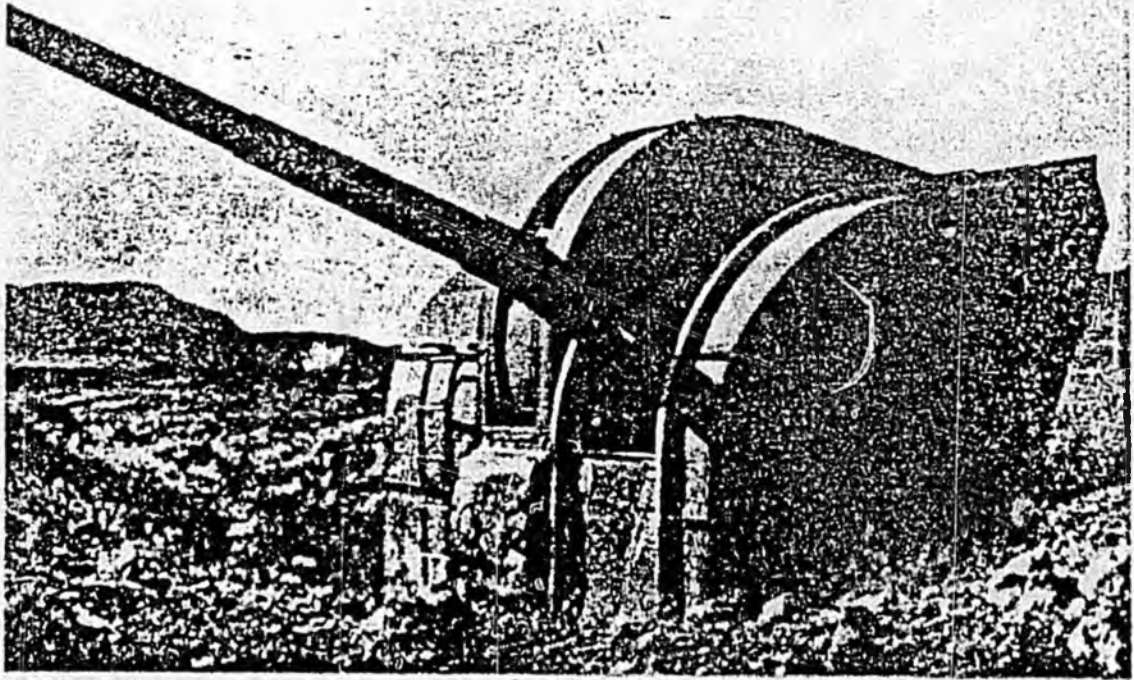
Japanese Anti-Aircraft Battery Featuring Model 93 (1933), 13.2 mm Dual Machine Guns.

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The largest of the Japanese Anti-Aircraft Guns were the 90 mm Models.

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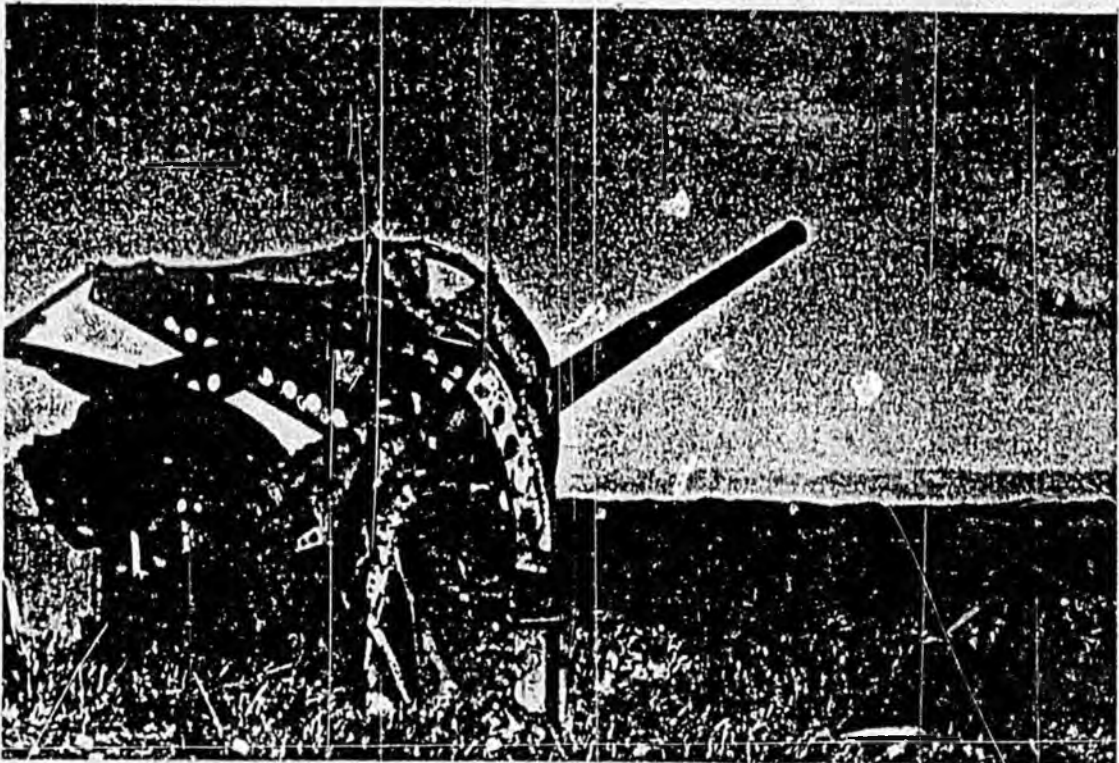


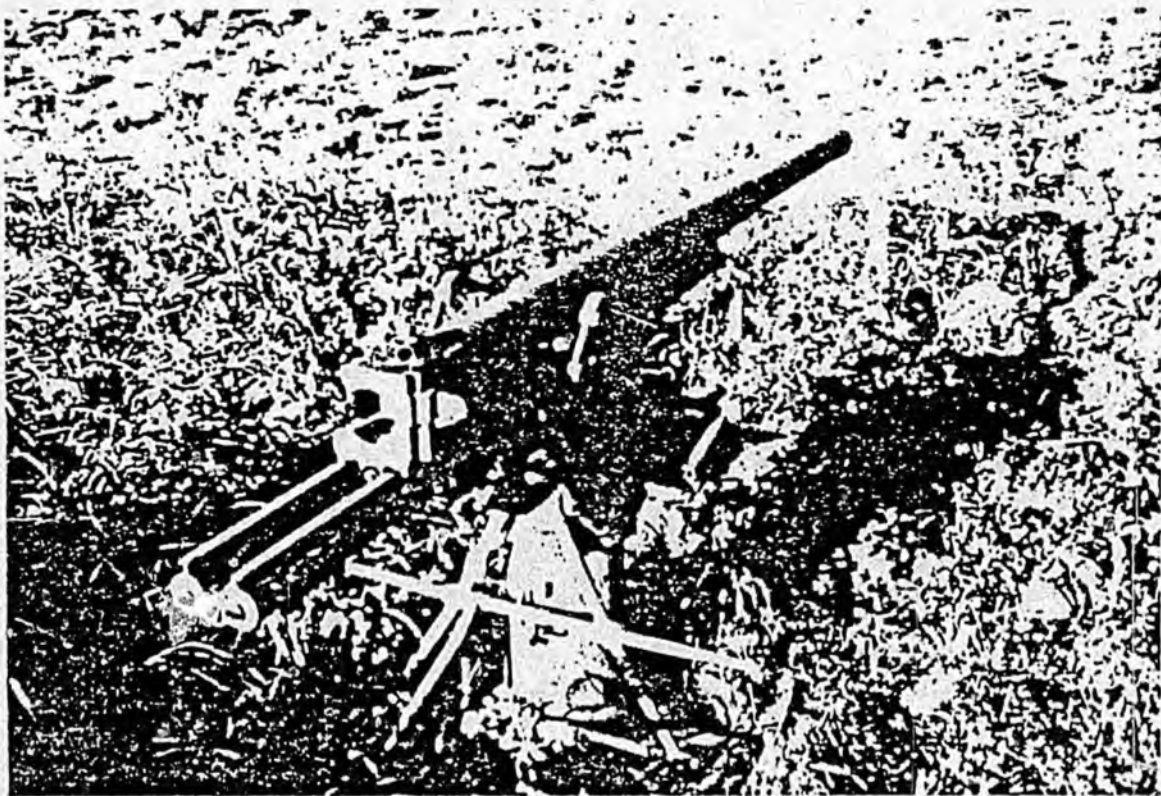
A captured British Model 3 (1914), 12 cm naval Gun used by the Japanese in defense of an Aleutian.

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A British Model 14 cm Coastal Gun.

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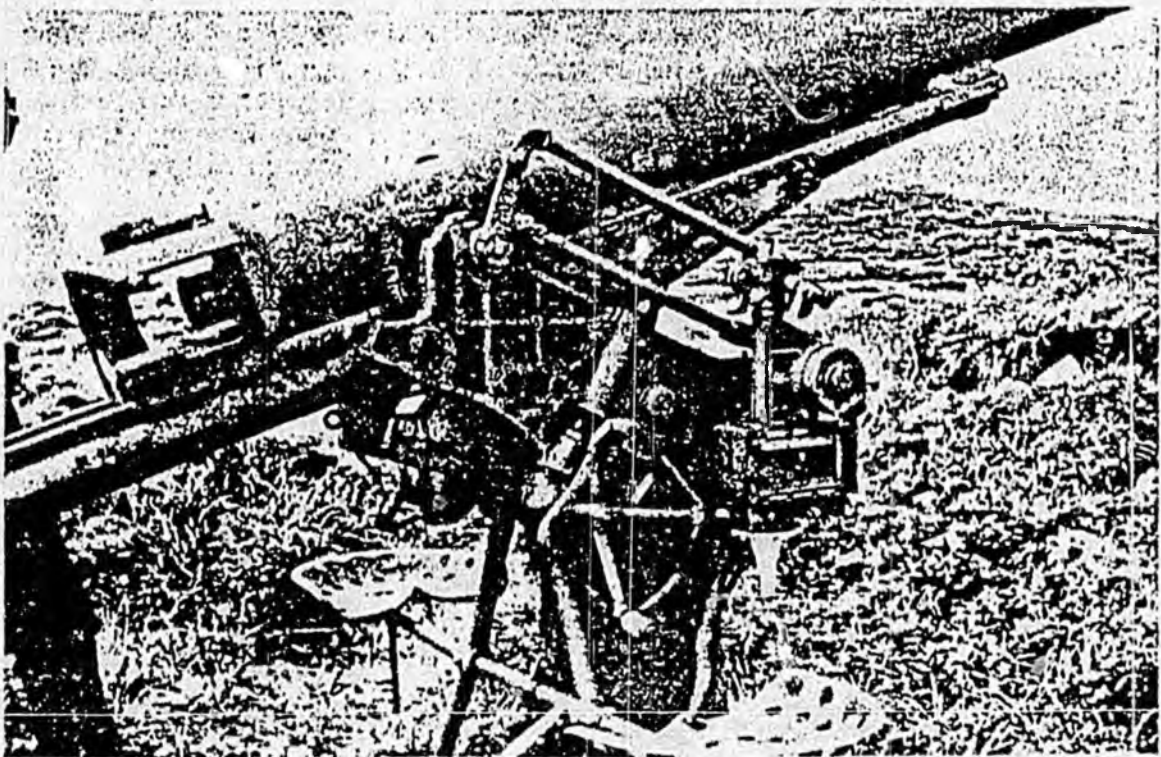


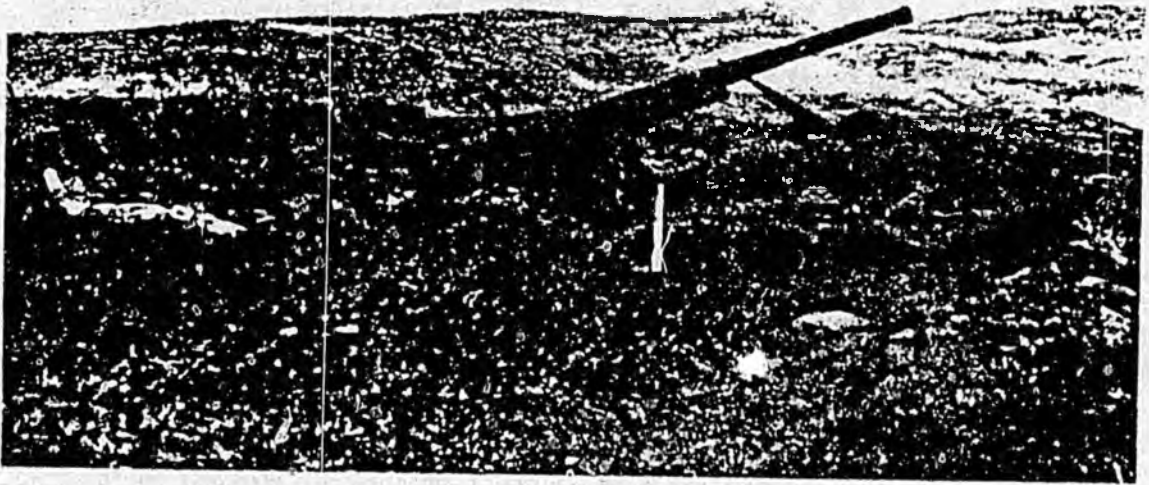
A Japanese Anti-Aircraft F Gun 75 mm.

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A Japanese Model 88 (1928), 75 mm Anti-Aircraft Gun.

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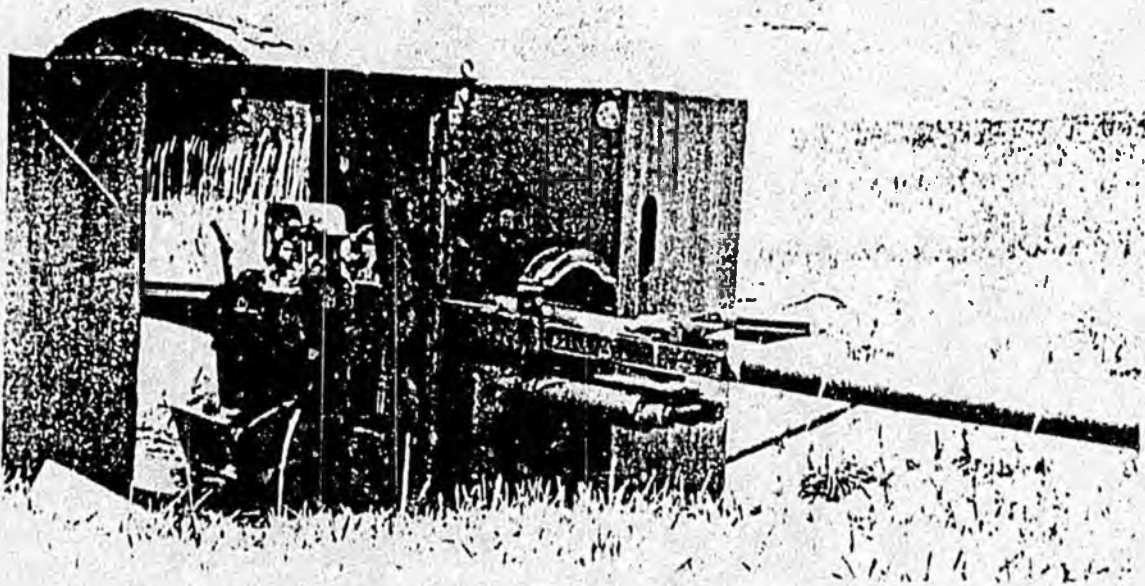


Japanese 75 mm Anti-Aircraft Guns still in position.

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An American 3-inch Coastal Gun.

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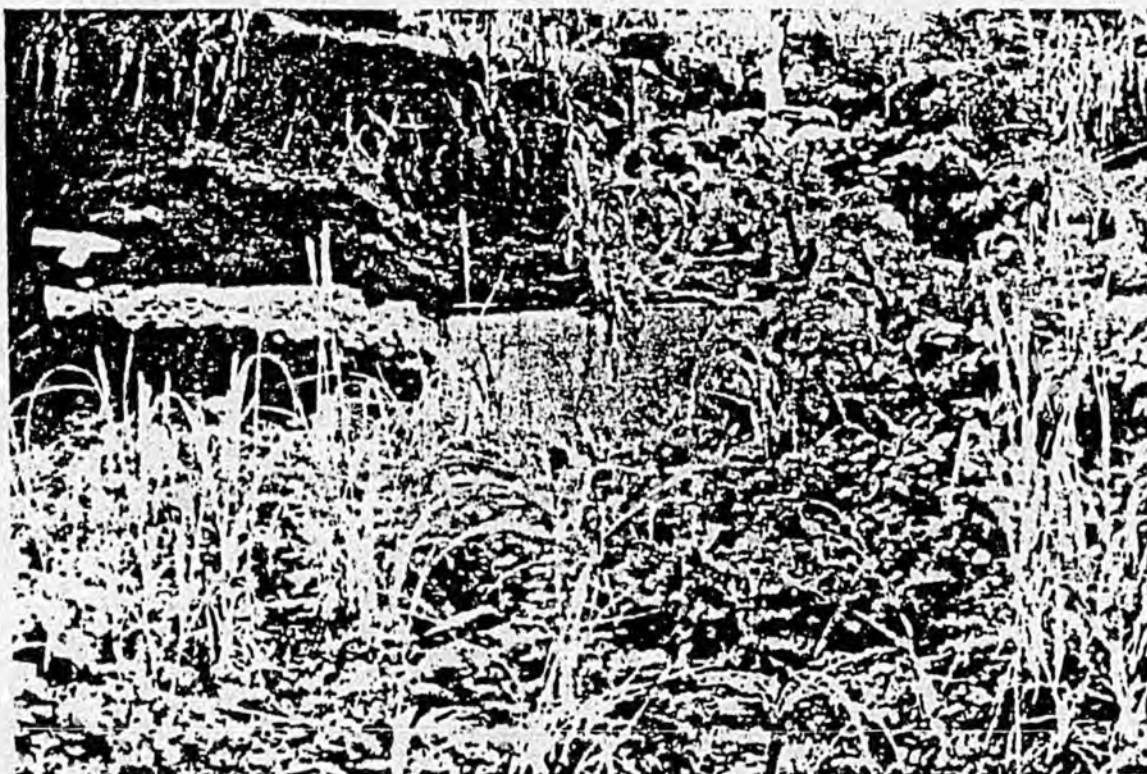


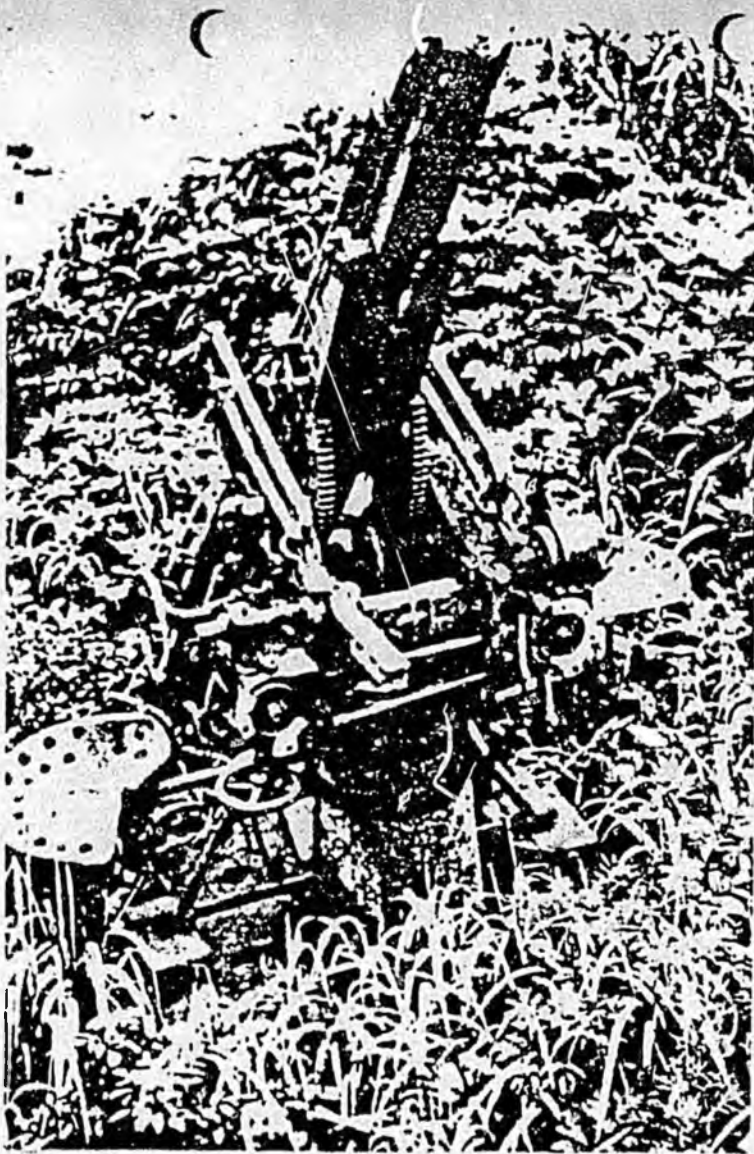
Present Dock Area and Remains of 155 mm Gun Carriage.

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This lush vegetation has practically hidden this Japanese 75 mm battery.

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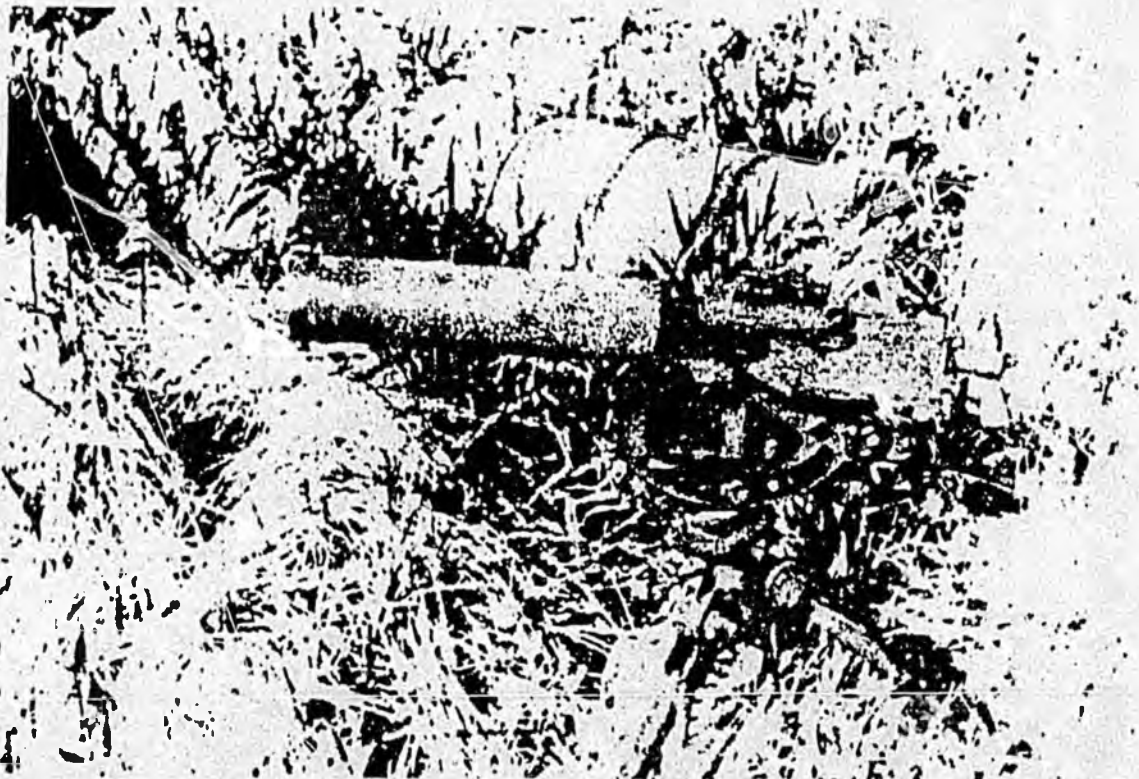


A Japanese gun, caliber unknown,
sits on an Aleutian Island.

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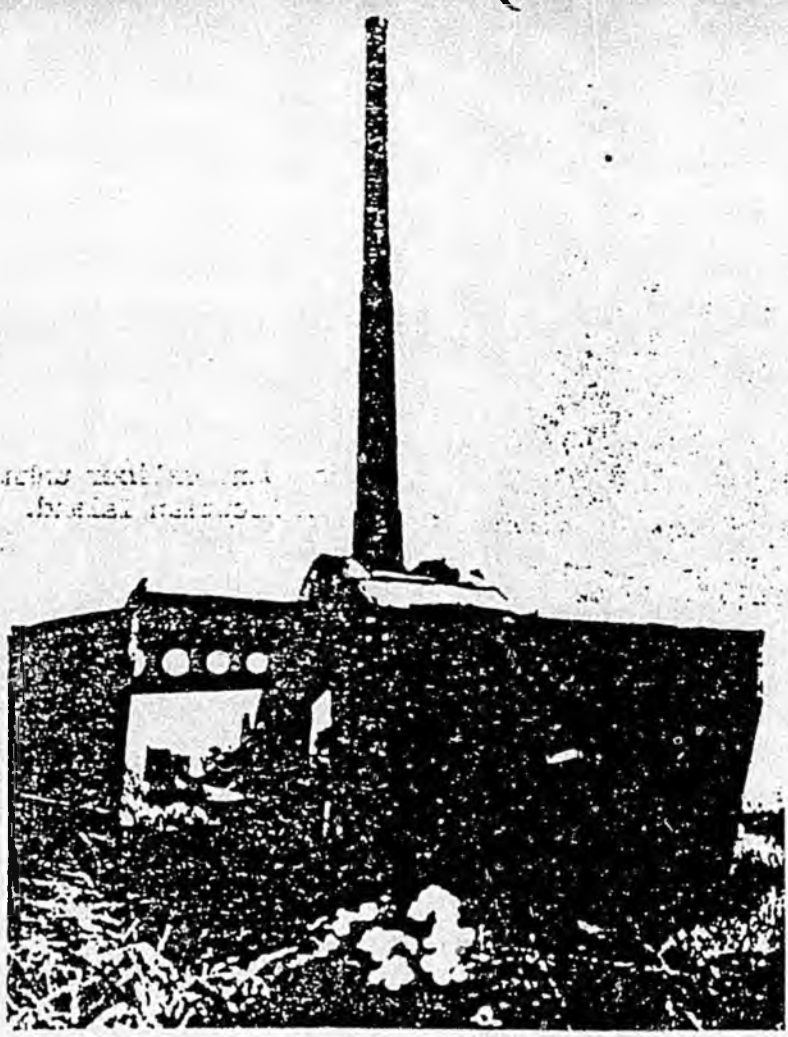
A Browning M1917A1, .30 mm water-
cooled machine gun.

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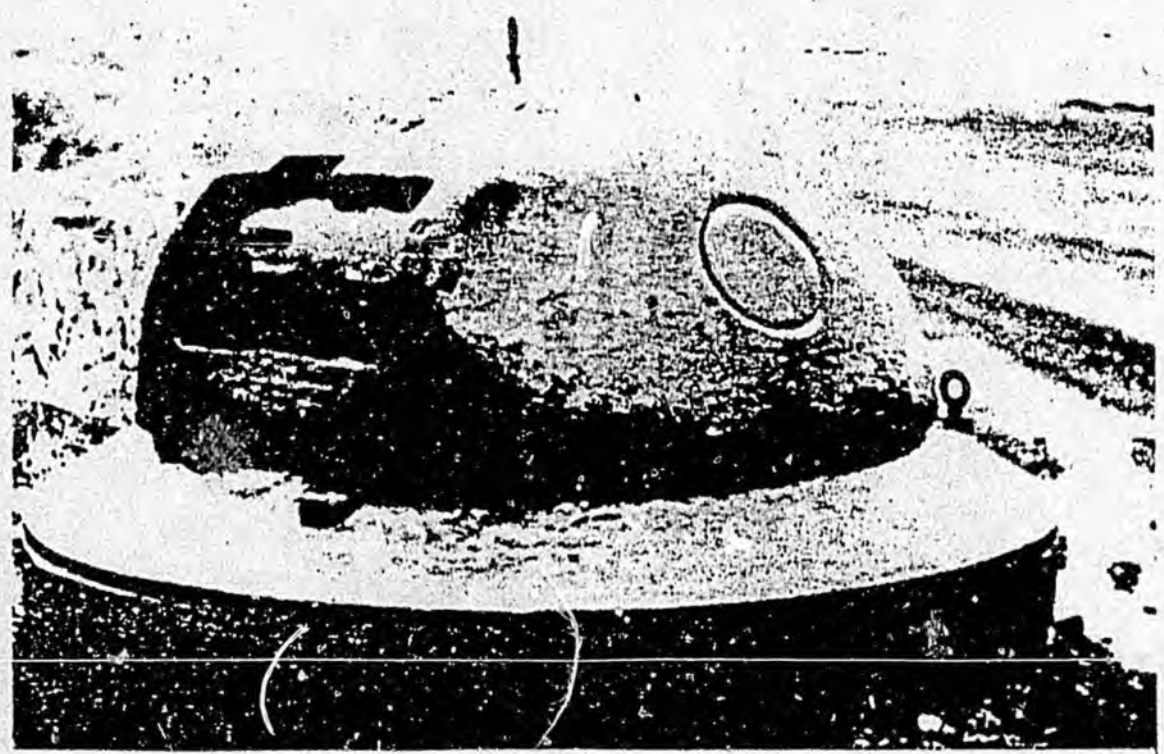
A 14 cm Coastal Gun, believed to be from the British Fortress at Singapore, Vintage 1900.

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The Renault Tank Turret was used for airfield defense.

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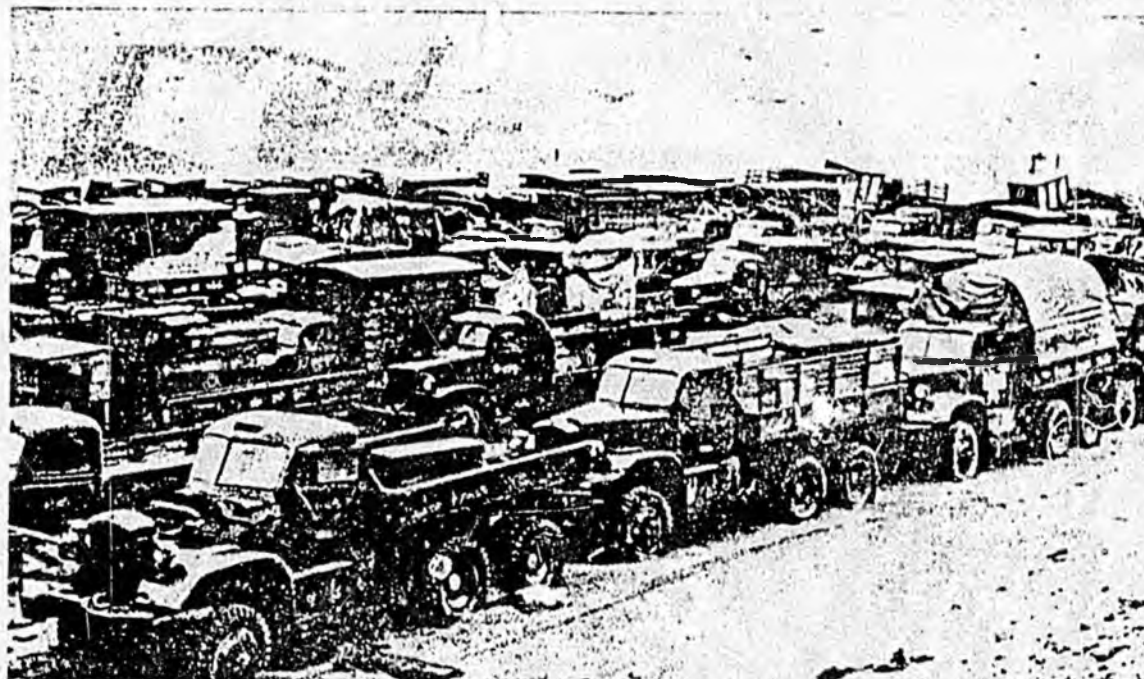
Heavy equipment (such as bulldozers and Cats) and vehicles (such as trucks) were all buried in the Aleutian Island.

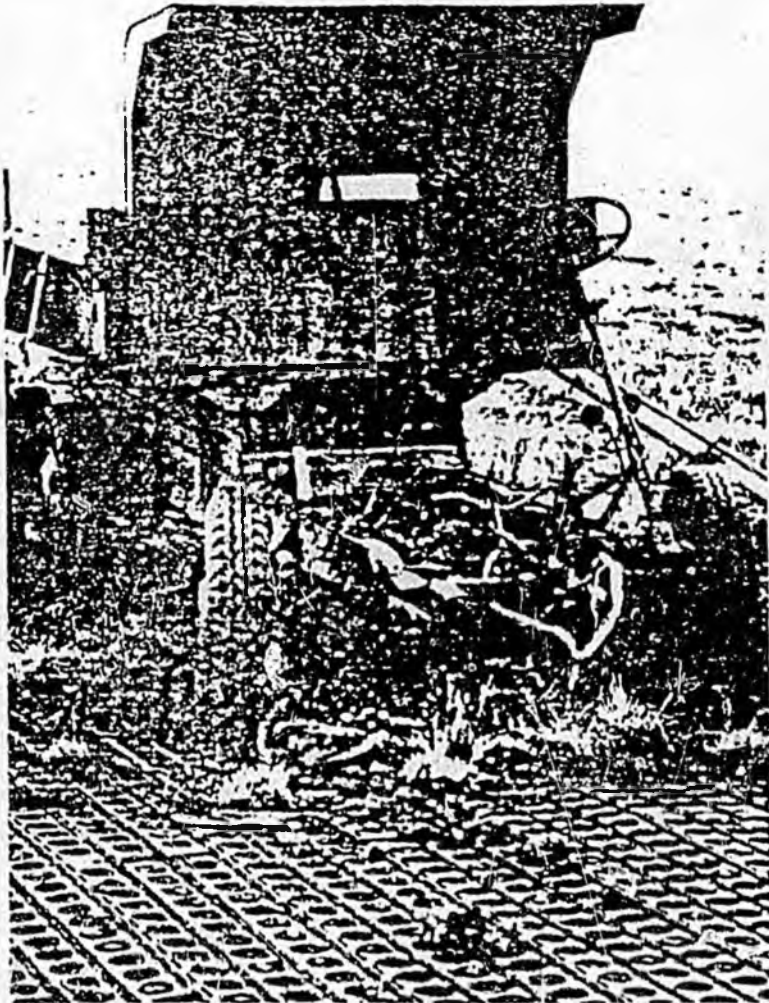
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In closing the air bases in the Aleutians Islands after WW II, trenches were dug. Trucks and jeeps like these and staff cars were driven into the trenches and then completely were buried.

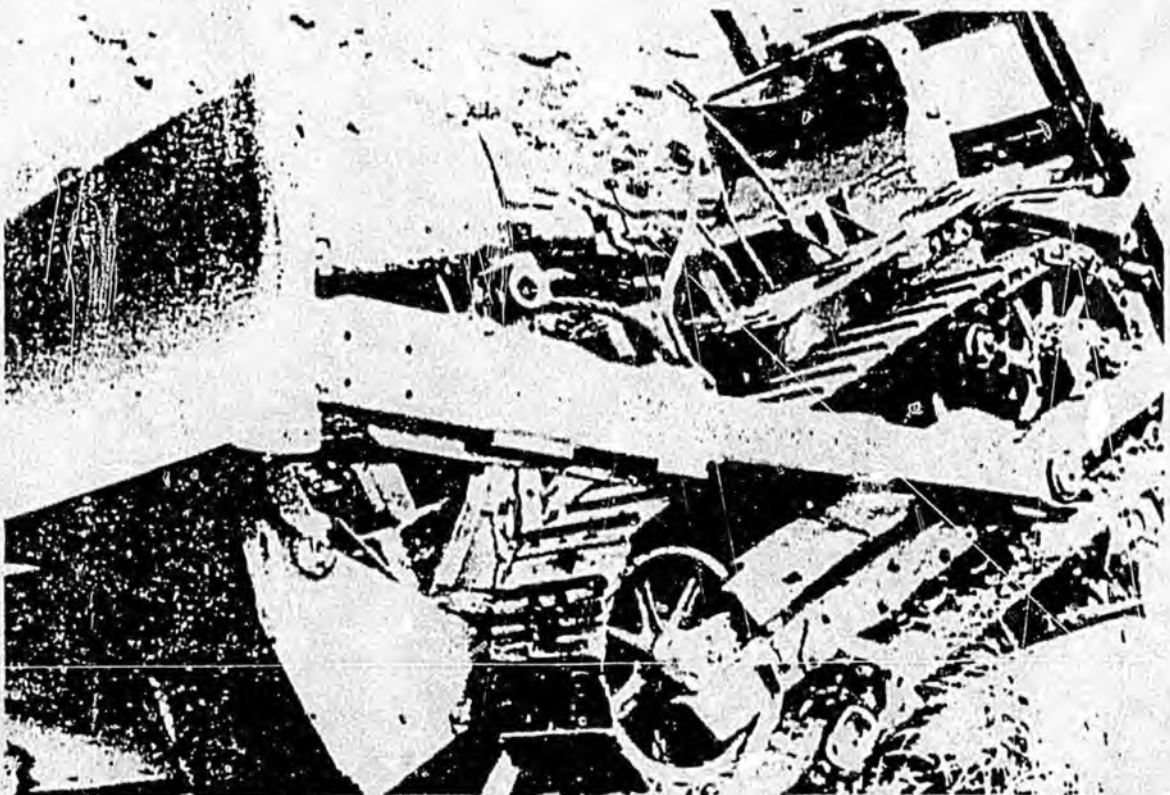
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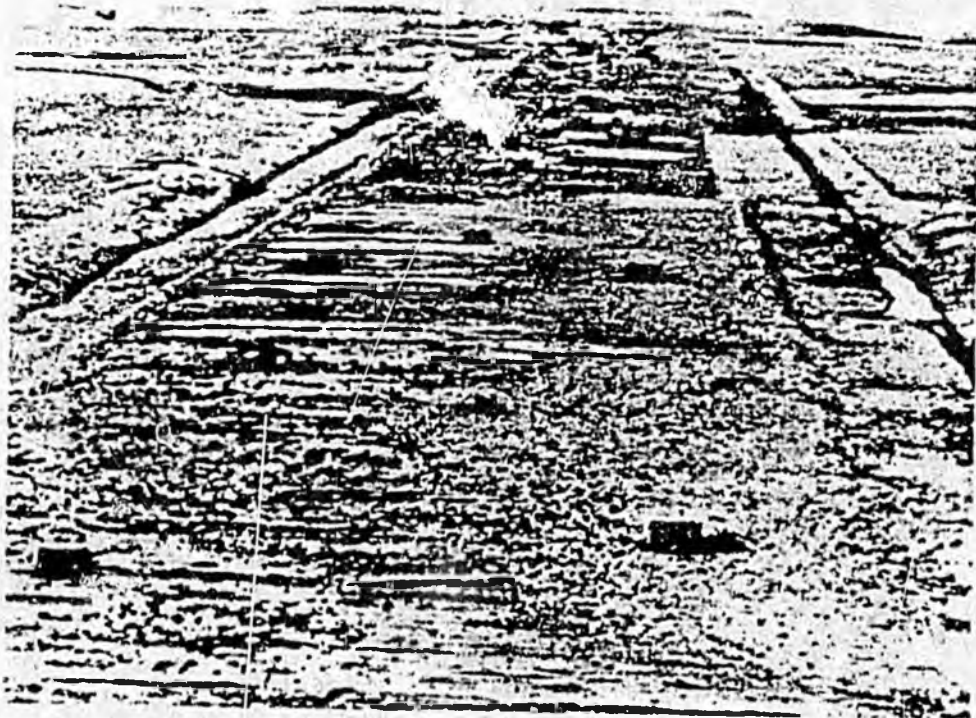
American 5CY Dump Truck on
Runway Matting.

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Typical Remains of an Engineer
Bulldozer.

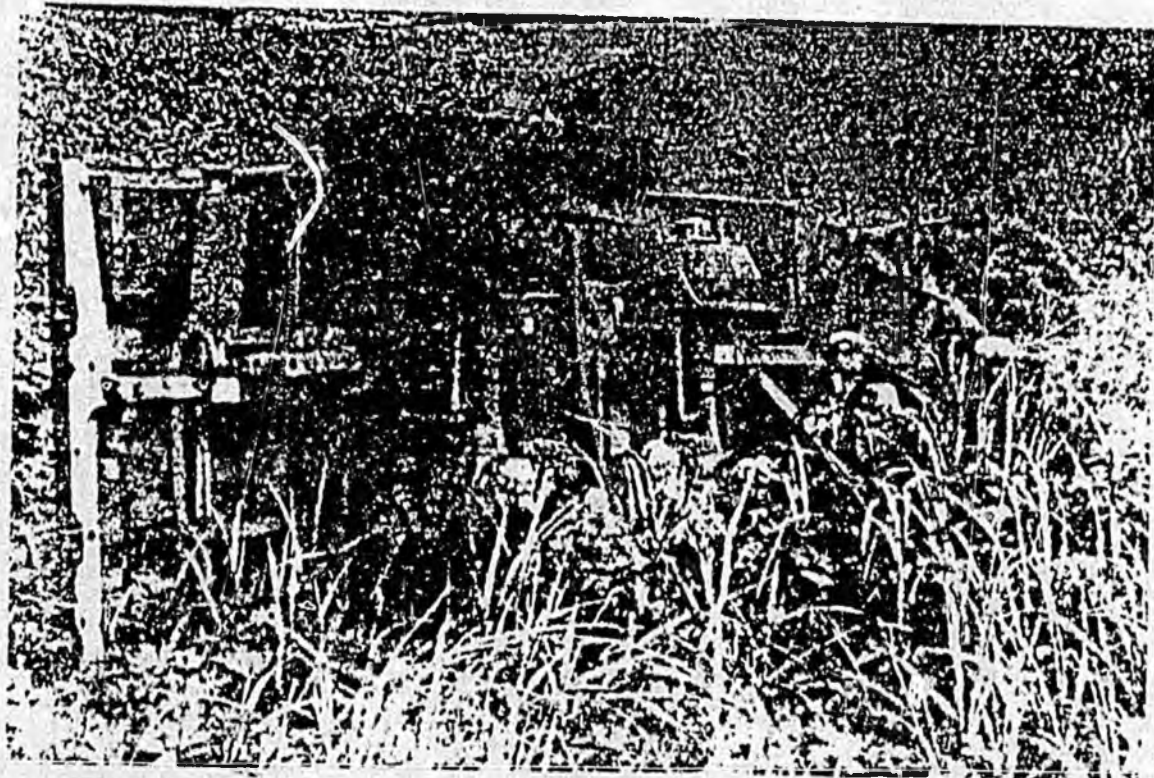
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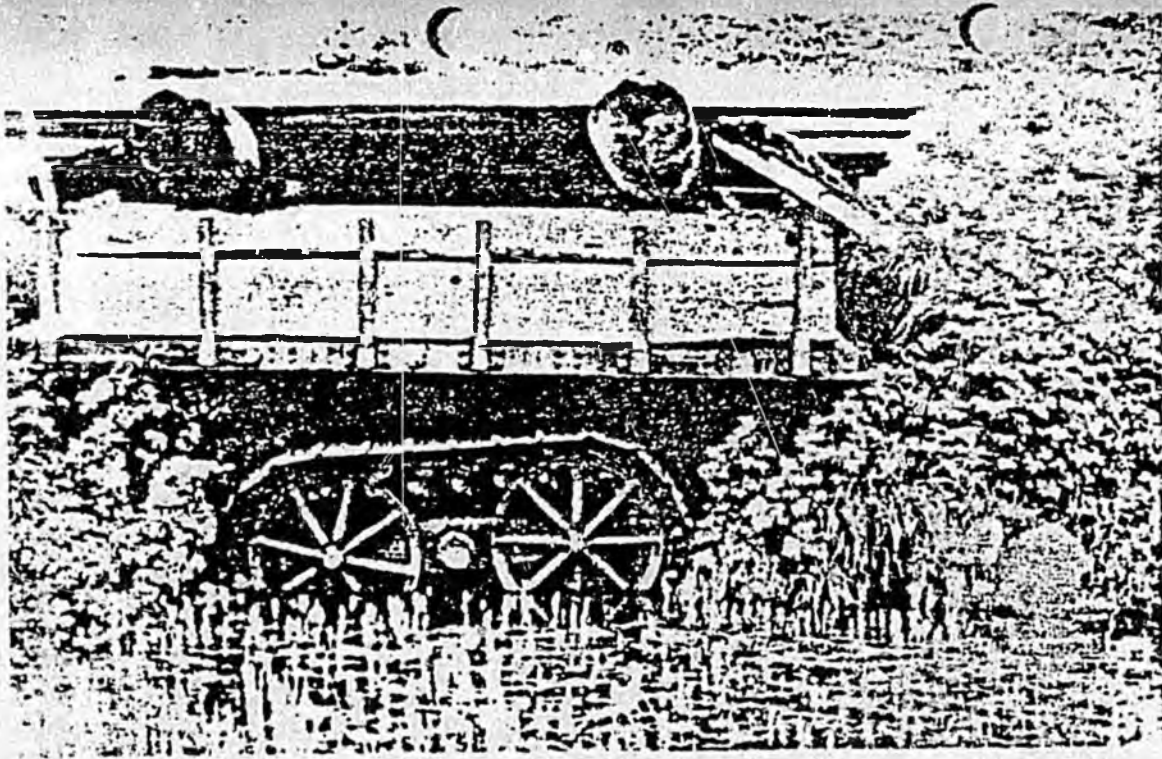


Abandoned Engineer Construction Vehicles on Steel Matting Runway.
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Japanese Model 94 (1934) 6 X 4 Utility Truck.

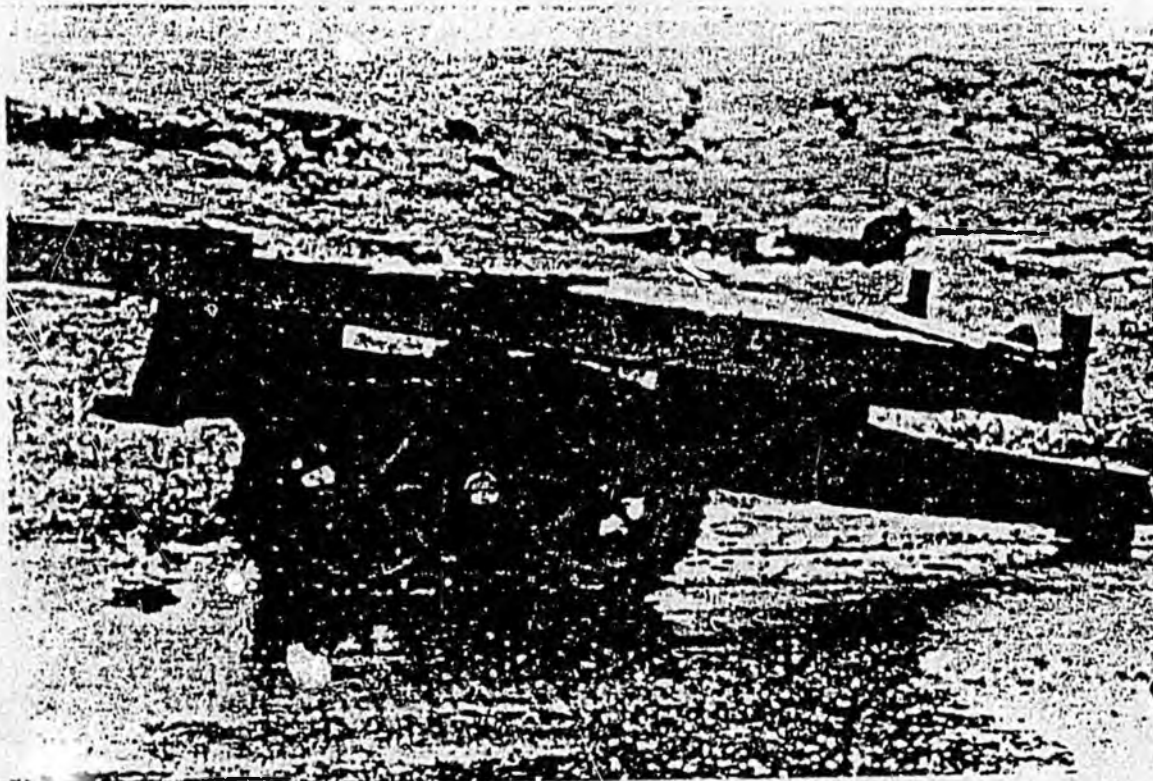
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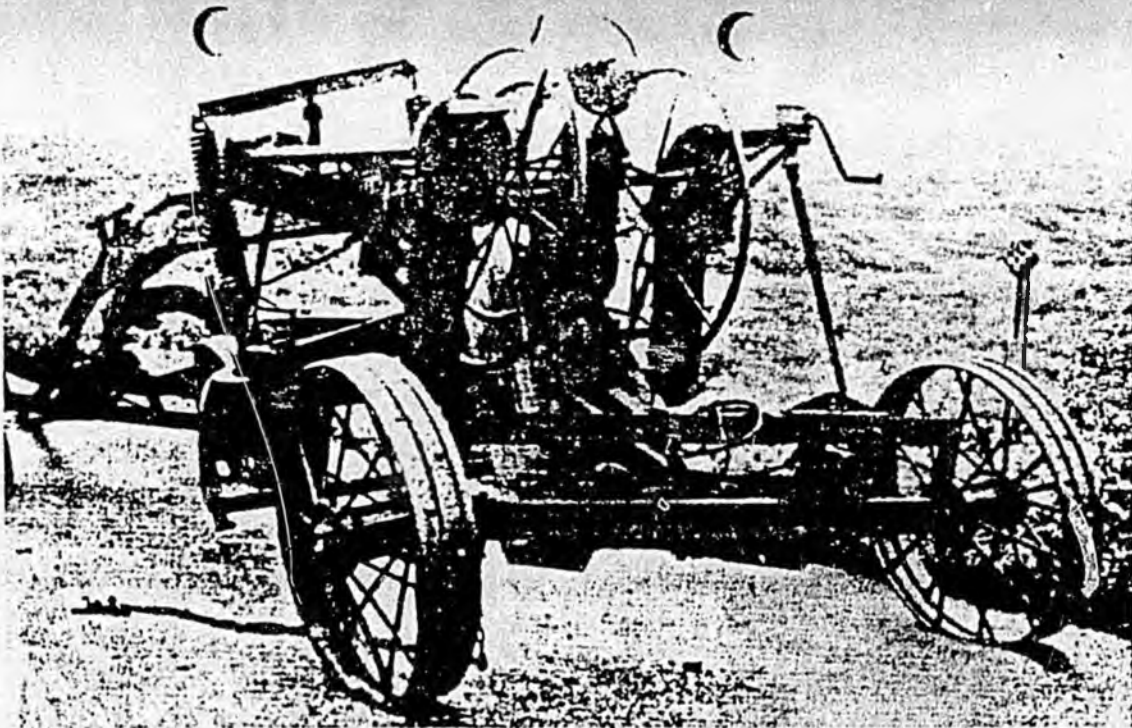




American Bulldozer-Pulled ATHEY Vehicle.

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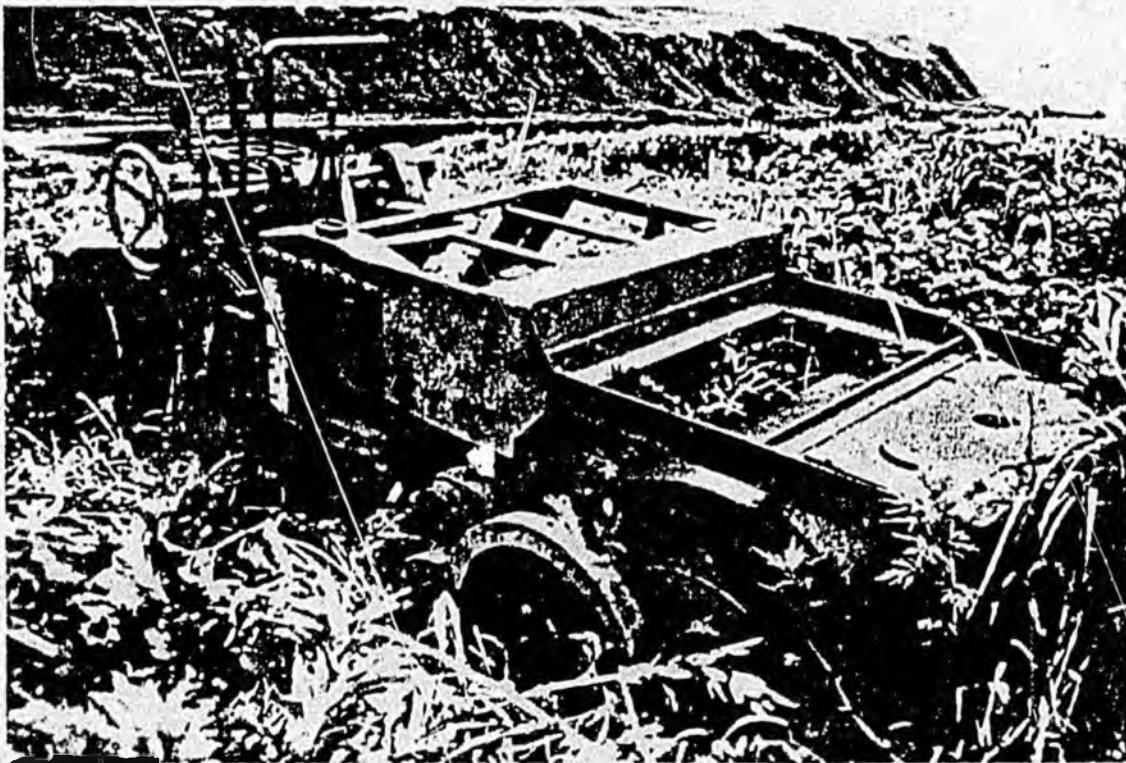


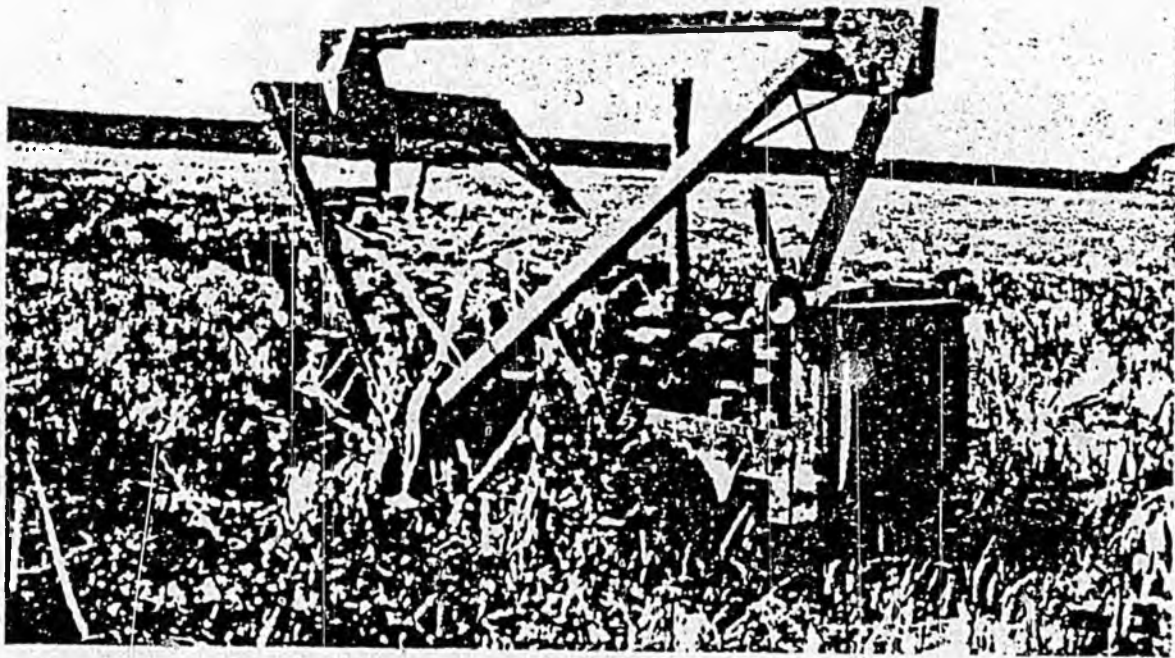


American Tractor-Pulled Scraper for Airfield and Road Construction.
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A steam Roller, which was used in a construction of runways and roads,
is sitting in an Aleutian island.

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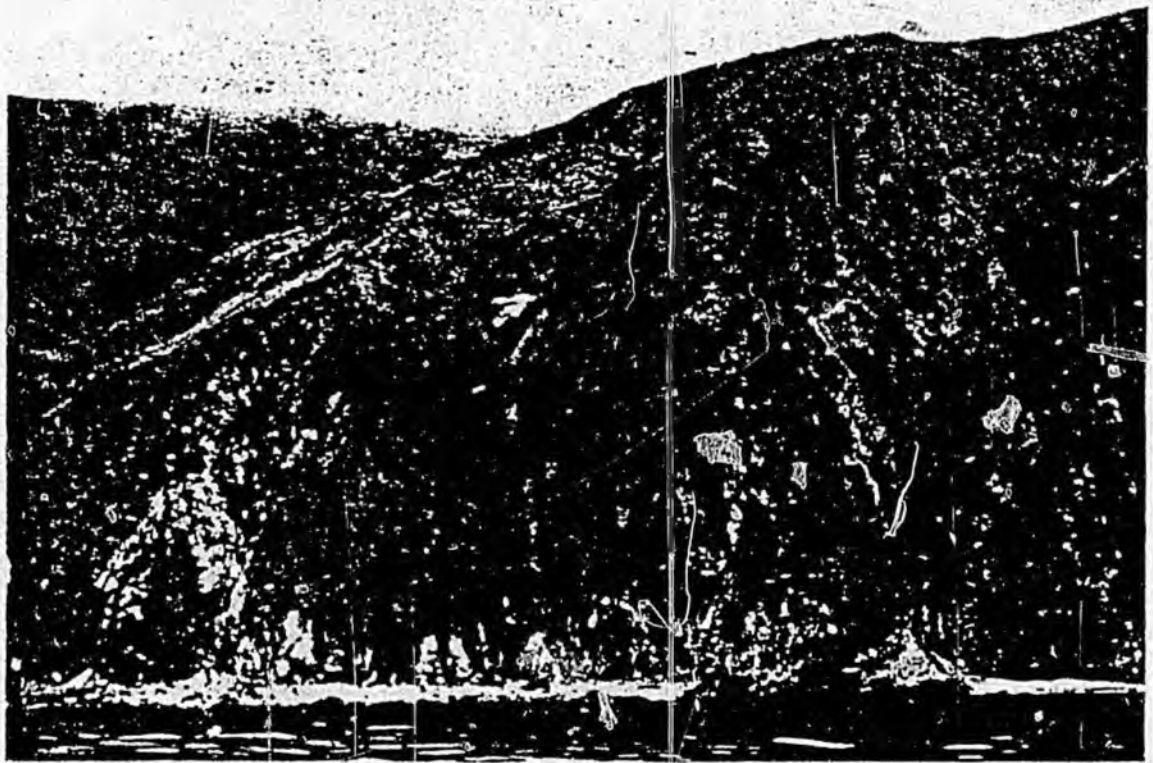
American D4 Caterpillar bulldozer.

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Floats for American Anti-Submarine Nets.

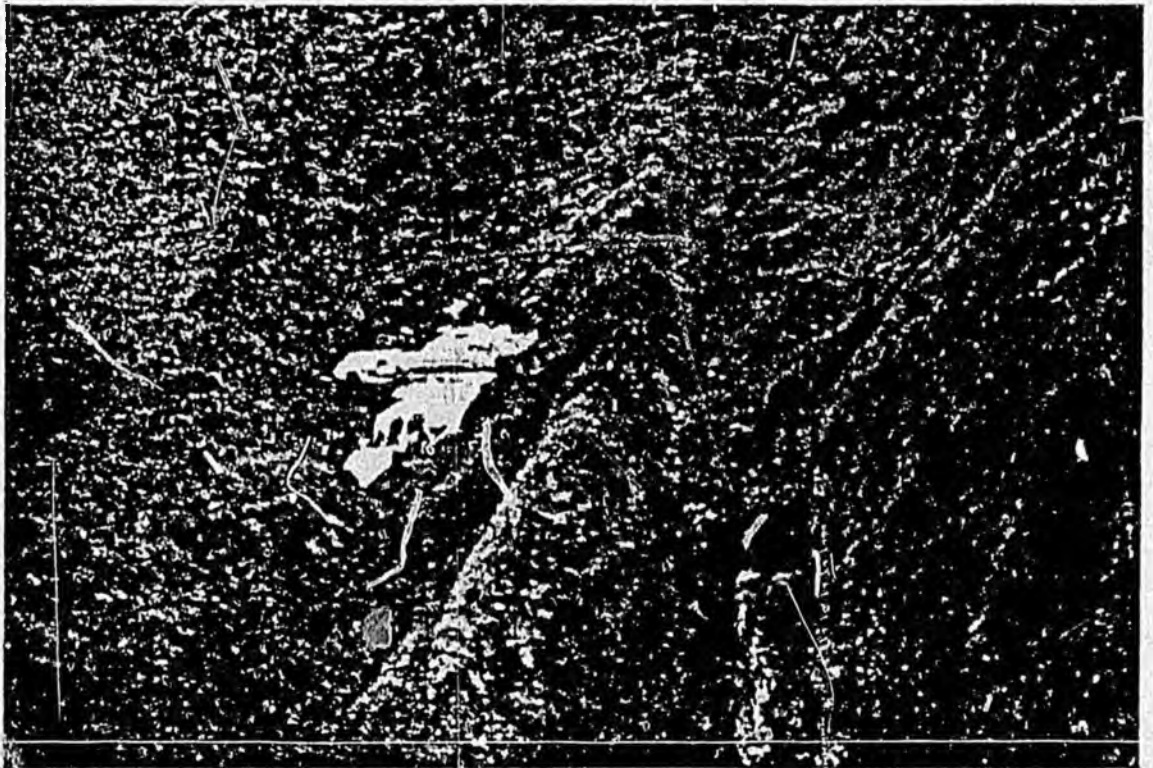
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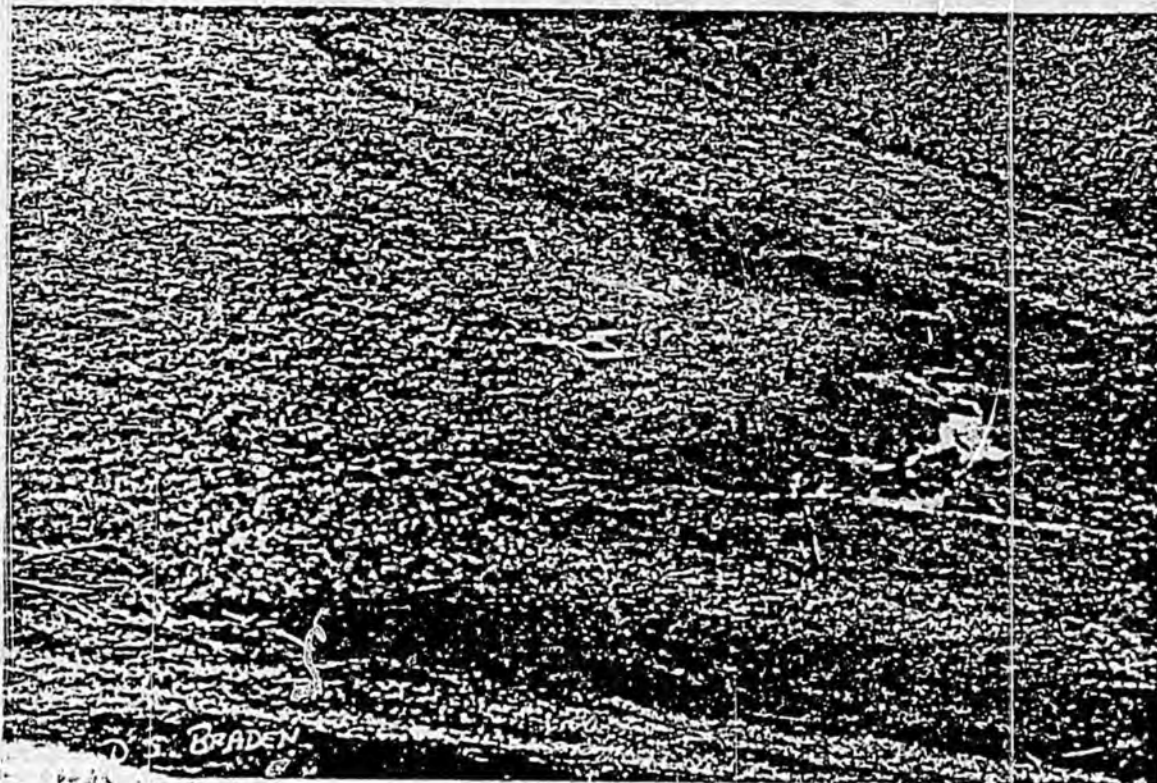




This B-25 Mitchell went down on a hillside in the Aleutians some time during the Aleutian Campaign.

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Aerial view of a P-38 Lightning that bellied in on an Aleutian Island.

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On a ground view showing the P-38 which the USAF blew up to dispose off the radar equipment after the Aleutian Campaign.

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