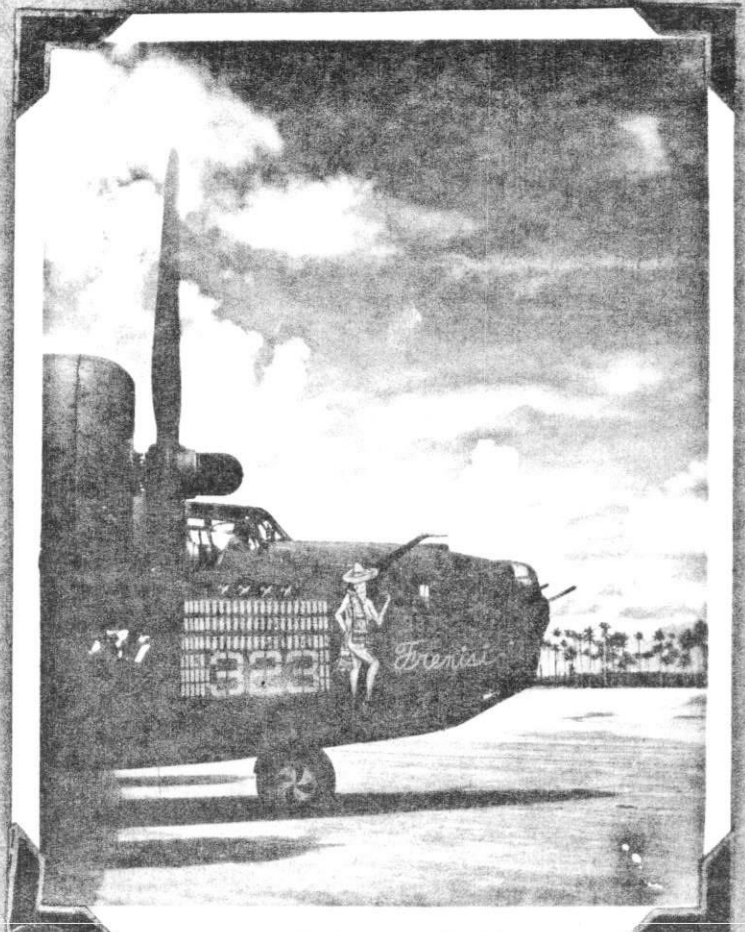


# FRENISI

307<sup>TH</sup>  
BOMB. GROUP (H)



371<sup>ST</sup>  
BOMB. SQDN. (H)



from Hwt Patzloff

THE BEST COMBAT CREW THAT  
• FRENISI EVER HAD •

LT. W. P. MOELLER PILOT • LT. R. B. MILLER Co-PILOT  
 LT. C. B. BARNARD NAV • LT. J. S. KRUMHOLTZ BOMB.  
 1/Sgt. L. H. SCOTT ENG. • 1/Sgt. D. N. LODGE A. ENG.  
 1/Sgt. D. S. ORLANDO RADIO • 1/Sgt. W. C. FRENSTON A. RADIO  
 1/Sgt. E. J. BLOOM GUNNER • 1/Sgt. M. CERILLO GUNNER.  
 - ALSO -  
 LT. D. E. ZELMER Co-PILOT • LT. H. HOLMES BOMB.  
 1/Sgt. J. DISPENZA GUNNER • 1/Sgt. J. E. LEMON GUNNER.

LT. W. P. MOELLER  
PILOT



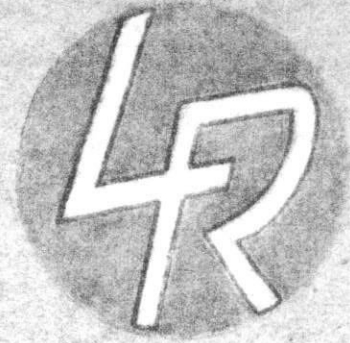
THEY HAVE ALL GONE  
HOME  
SHE NEVER LOST A MAN.



THE GROUND CREW

1/SGT. KURT E. PATZLAFF  
 SGT. RAY W. EICKEMEYER  
 COL. BILL J. DENNISON  
 COL. BOB S. SNYDER  
 PFC. ADOLPH A. JANNACONE





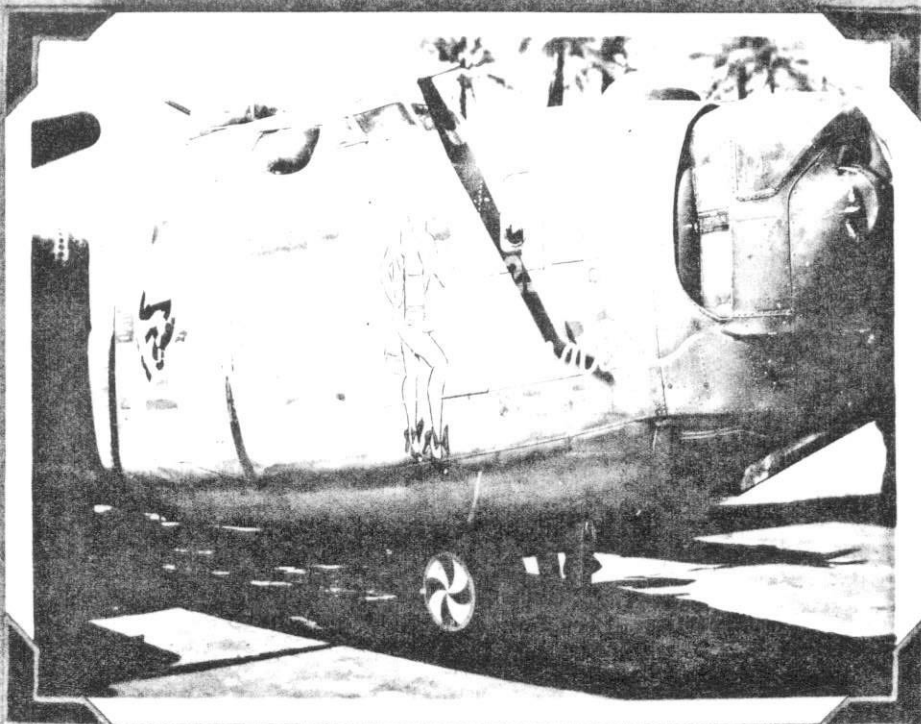
100<sup>th</sup>  
MISSION CREW

PILOT - LT. OLIVER ADAM - CO-PILOT - RAPHAEL BAIRD  
NAV. - LT. RAYMOND STEHLE - BOMB - JOHN CROSS  
ENG. - TSgt. JOHN F. CAMPOS - A. ENG. - GEORGE MARCHALL  
RADIO - TSgt. FRANK O'BRIEN - A. RADIO - 3/sgt. CHARLES MENOVICH  
A.G. - 3/sgt. JOE CIELINSKI - GUNNER - 3/sgt. JOHN AGNEW  
- 3/sgt. CHARLES HELD -



THE FORM 1A





BORN  
CONSOLIDATED AIRCRAFT AT SAN  
DIEGO CAL. FEB. 10, 1943.

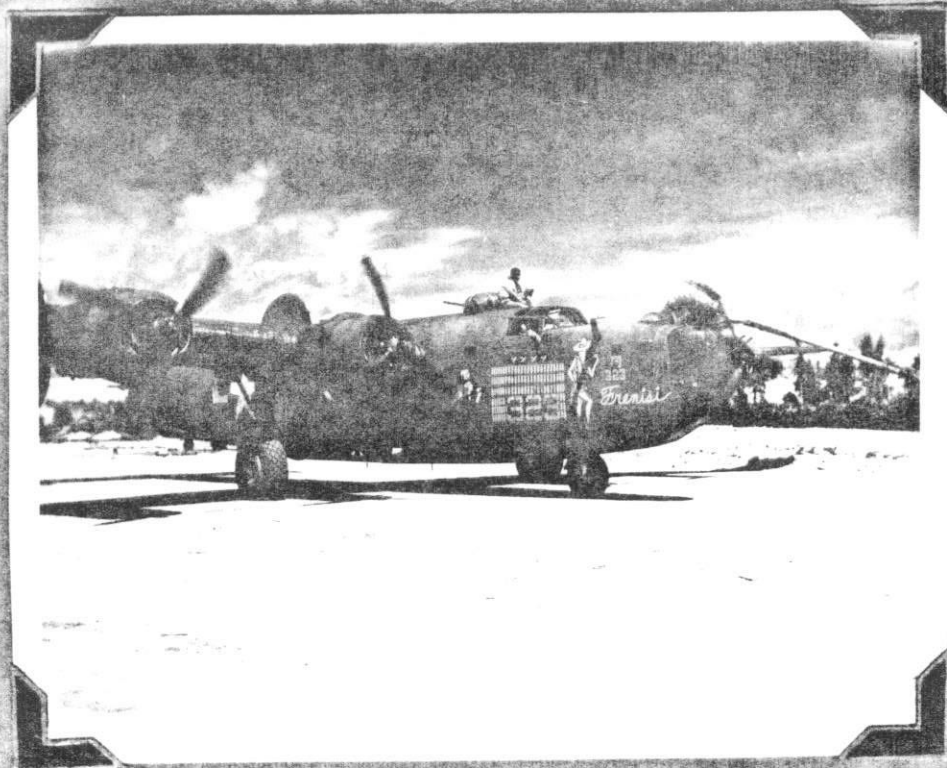
THE 13<sup>TH</sup> OF FEB. SHE WAS DELIVERED  
TO THE AIR CORPS AT TUCSON AIR BASE  
SHE WAS THEN KNOWN ONLY AS PLANE  
NO. 42-40323 A B-24-D

APRIL 1, 1943 SHE WAS ASSIGNED  
TO THE 6<sup>TH</sup> FERRYING GROUP FOR DELIVERY  
OVERSEAS. AT LONG BEACH CAL.

APRIL 4, 1943 SHE FLEW OVER  
THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE FARMARKED  
FOR THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

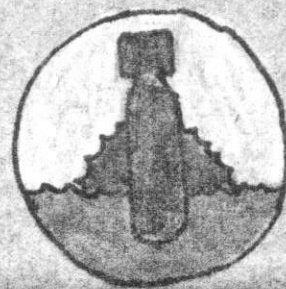
SHE STOPPED LONG ENOUGH AT  
HICKHAM FIELD TO HAVE HER NOSE  
MODIFIED AND ALSO THE INSTALLATION  
OF A BALL TURRET. SHE WAS THE  
FIRST B-24-D WITH THE BALL TURRET

THEN ONWARD SHE FLEW CHRISTMAS  
ISLANDS, AMERICAN SAMOA, FIJI,  
NEW CALADONIA, NEW HEBRIDES AND  
LANDING AT THE CARNEY FIELD ON  
GUADALCANAL MAY 6, 1943.

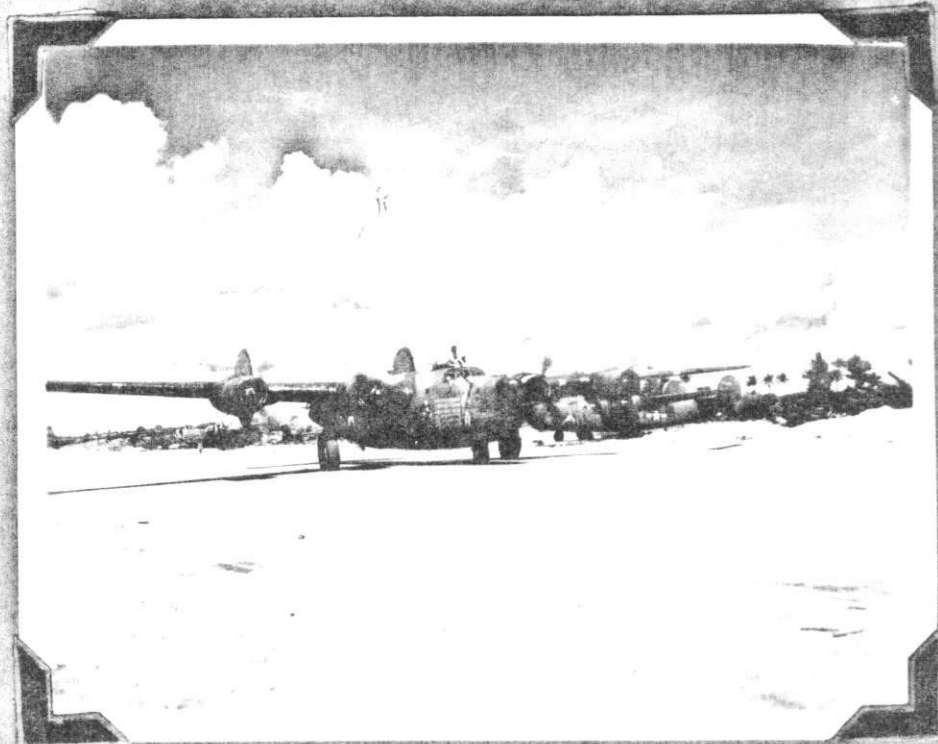


SHE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 424<sup>TH</sup>  
BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON. THE 323  
WAS GIVEN TO MAJ. GREEN AND HE  
NAMED HER FRENISI AFTER HIS  
FAVORITE SONG.

HE AND HIS CREW GAVE HER THE  
SHAKEDOWN INSPECTION AND SHE WAS  
READY TO GO.



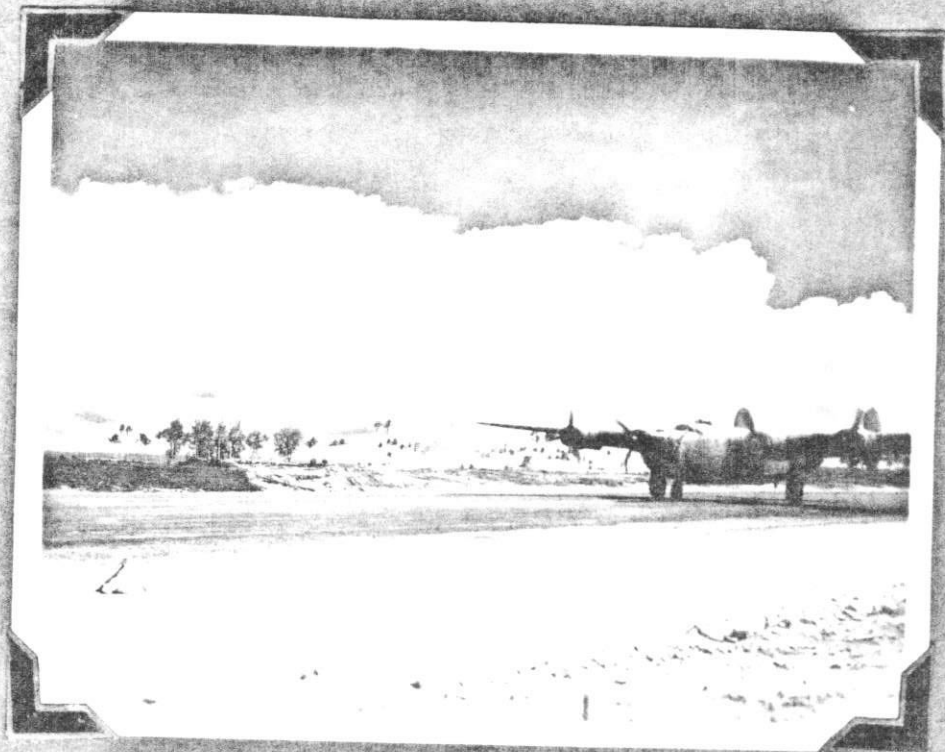
MAY 31, 1943 WAS HER FIRST  
MISSION AND WAS A PROWLING MISSION  
OFF THE COAST OF BOUGANVILLE. SHE  
TASTED ENEMY FIRE WHILE STRAFING  
A JAP COASTAL STEAMER. SHE LEFT  
IT BLAZING AND THE SHIP WAS  
ABANDONED.





JULY 25, 1943 SHE HIT MUANDA  
JULY 26, 1943 SHE HIT BALLELE  
JUNE 18, 1943 " " NAURU  
JUNE 14 1943 " " KAHILLE  
JUNE 7 1943 " " JAP CONVOY

JULY 18, 1943 SHE MADE 2  
DIRECT HITS ON A JAP AK  
OF THE 8000-10000 TYPE. CAPT  
MONROE WAS HER PILOT. SHE  
HAD PLENTY OF HOLES BUT SHE MADE  
IT BACK. LT M. L. NELSON WAS THE  
BOMBARDIER. (THE SHIP WAS OF THE  
SHIGURE CLASS)





43?  
 AUG. 30, 1944 WHILE FLYING OVER  
 KAHILLI SHE WAS ATTACKED BY 40  
 ZEROS. IT WAS A ROUGH DAY FOR  
 CAPT. C. W. BYRD. WHEN THEY LANDED  
 AT THE CANAL THERE WAS 48 HOLES  
 IN HER. AFTER 9 DAYS SHE WAS  
 AGAIN MADE READY TO GO.

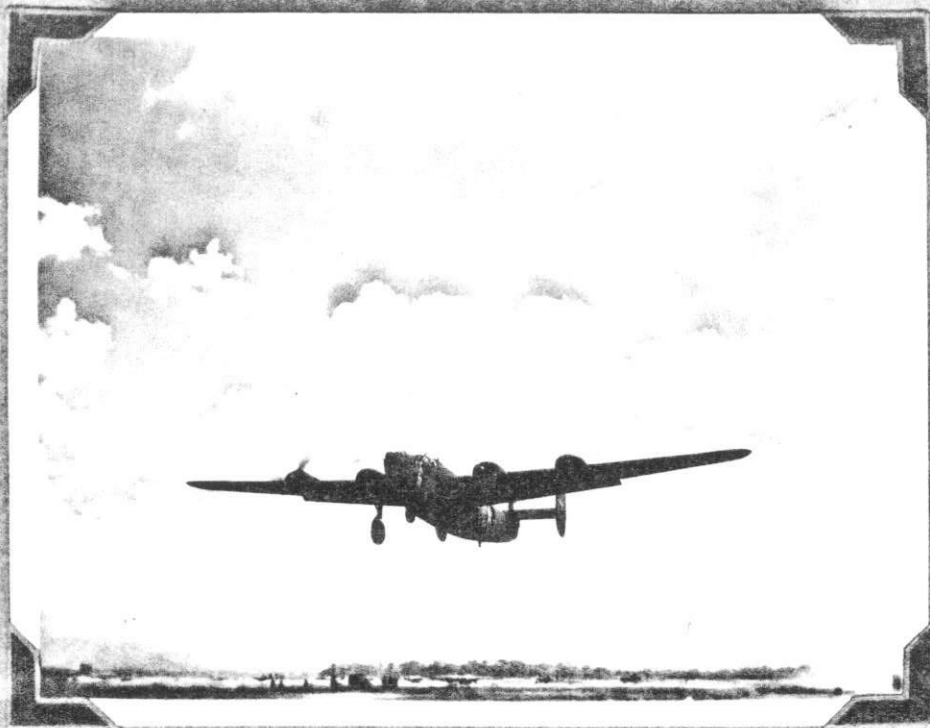
MAJOR H. G. MCNEESE WAS HER FIRST PILOT  
 CAPT. C. W. BYRD NEXT  
 LT. BATTENFIELD FOLLOWING  
 THE ABOVE ALL HAVE  
 GONE HOME

43?  
 OCT. 14, 1948 SHE WAS TRANSFERRED  
 INTO THE 311ST BOMB SQWN AT THE NEW  
 HEBRIDES ISLANDS. SHE WAS OLD WHEN  
 I GOT HER. LT. W. P. MOELLER WAS TO  
 BE MY PILOT. SHE FLEW A FEW SEARCHES  
 AND THEN WE WENT TO WORK AND PUT  
 4 NEW ENGINES ON HER.

NOV. 16 LT. MOELLER AND LT LONGMORE  
 TOOK HER UP AND PUT HER THROUGH THE  
 PACES. AND SHE DID CHECK OUT WELL SO  
 ONCE AGAIN SHE IS READY FOR COMBAT.

NOV. 24 WE FLEW TO THE CANAL  
 TO GO TO WORK ON THE JAPS. WE HIT  
 RABAU, KAVIENG, KAHILLI, KARA, POPERANG  
 SHORTLAND IS., BUKA, BONIS, SOMANA IS. BALLALE,  
 VILLA AND MUNDA.





LANDED AT MUNOA AIR STRIP NOV. 23, 1943  
COL. BIRCHARD & COL. JORKENS FLEW HER.

LT. W. P. MOELLER WENT HOME FROM THIS  
BASE MARCH 14, 1944. HE WAS A GRAND GUY  
TO WORK FOR. LT. B. B. MILLER HIS CO-PILOT  
WAS CHECKED OUT AS PILOT.

APRIL 6, 1944 SHE FLEW TO GREEN IS. AND  
FROM THERE LT. KAYAS TOOK HER OVER TRUK.

APRIL 13, 1944 SHE FLEW TO BOGANVILLE AND  
LT. PHILLIPS WAS TO HIT TRUK.

APRIL 16, 1944 WE AGAIN WENT TO GREEN  
ISLAND FOR MISSIONS AGAINST TRUK. LT. HAMILTON

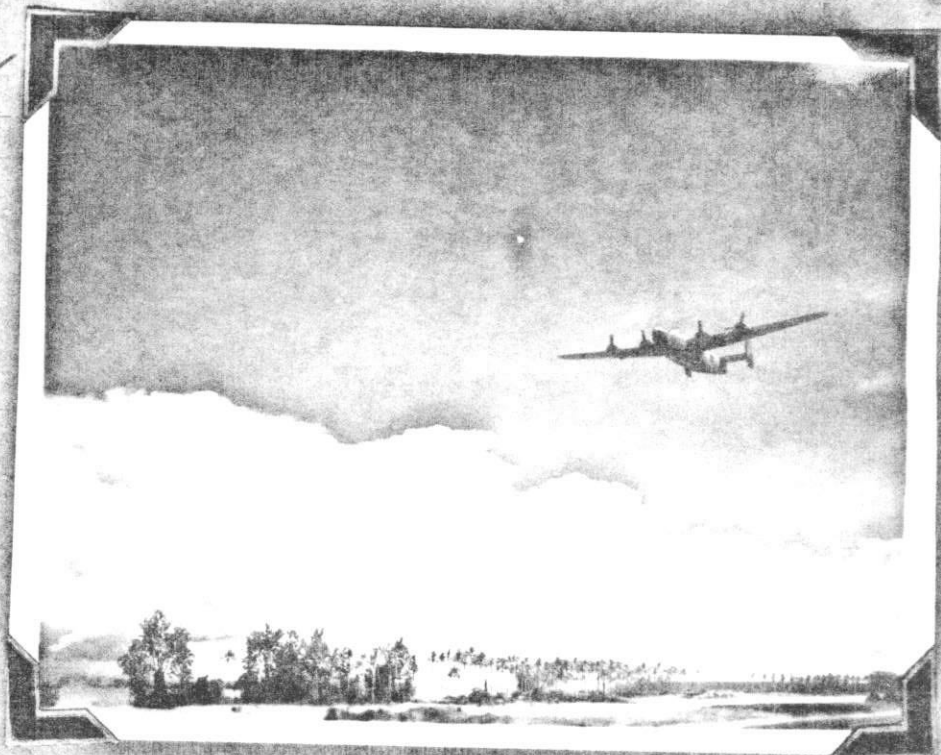
MAY 3, 1944 WE LEFT MUNOA AND FLEW  
TO OUR NEW BASE IN THE ADMIRALTY IS.

FROM LOS NEGROS IN THE ADMIRALTY  
IS. IT WAS TRUK, SATAWAN, WOLEAI  
AND BIAK IS. SHE WAS AT BIAK ON  
D' DAY.

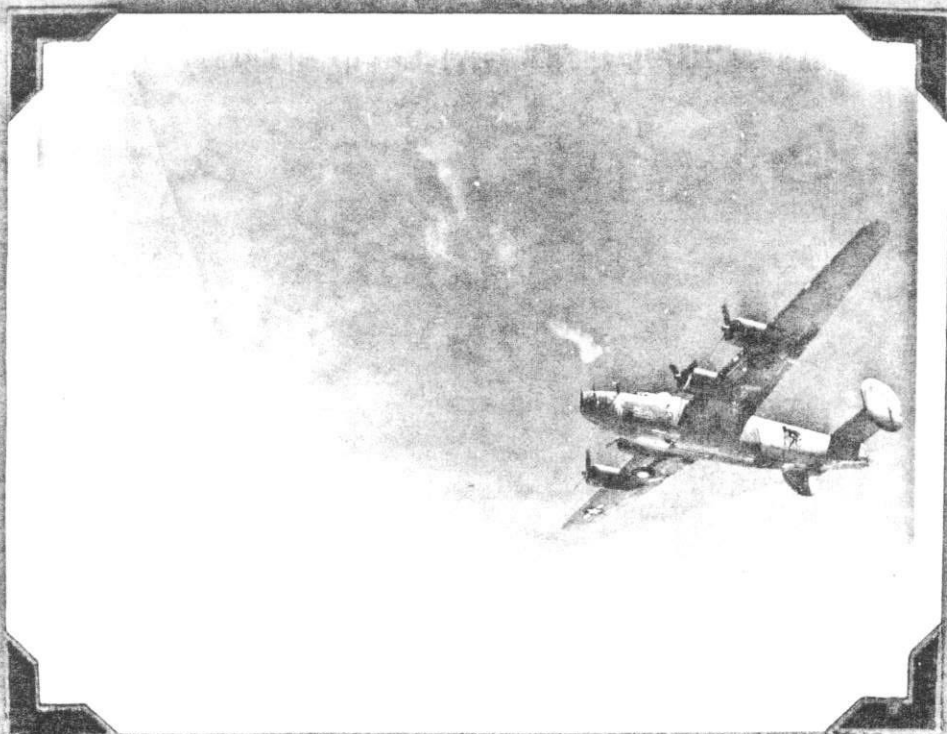
AND AT THIS BASE MOST OF THE  
BOYS WHO FLEW IN FRENSI WENT HOME.  
THOSE WHO DIDN'T GO HOME WERE FINISHED  
FLYING AND WAITING FOR THEIR ORDERS.

JUNE 29, 1944 WITH LT. OL. ADAIR  
AT THE CONTROLS LOST 2 ENGINES ON  
THE RETURN TRIP. IT WAS HER 92  
MISSION. THE ENGINES HAD A LOT OF TIME  
SO WE WERE AGAIN AT THE TASK OF A  
COMPLETE ENGINE CHANGE.

AFTER 9 DAYS OF WORK IN THE HOT  
SUN SHE WAS AGAIN READY TO GO. LT. RICE  
TOOK HER UP AND PUT HER THROUGH THE  
PACES.







- BUZZING THE FIELD -

A HAPPY DAY IT WAS THAT JUNE 10, 1944 WHEN LT ADAIR RETURNED FROM HER 100th MISSION.

THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS WERE TAKEN FROM THE HQ. 13th ARMY AIR FORCE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC - (PRO)

FRENISI-THE GRAND MOTHER OF ALL B-24S IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, ROARED IN OVER HER HOME BASE AT 220 MILES PER HOUR TO FINISH OFF HER 100th MISSION, ENDING HER LONG DAYS OF COMBAT WITH THE BEST SNOW SHE KNEW HOW TO GIVE.

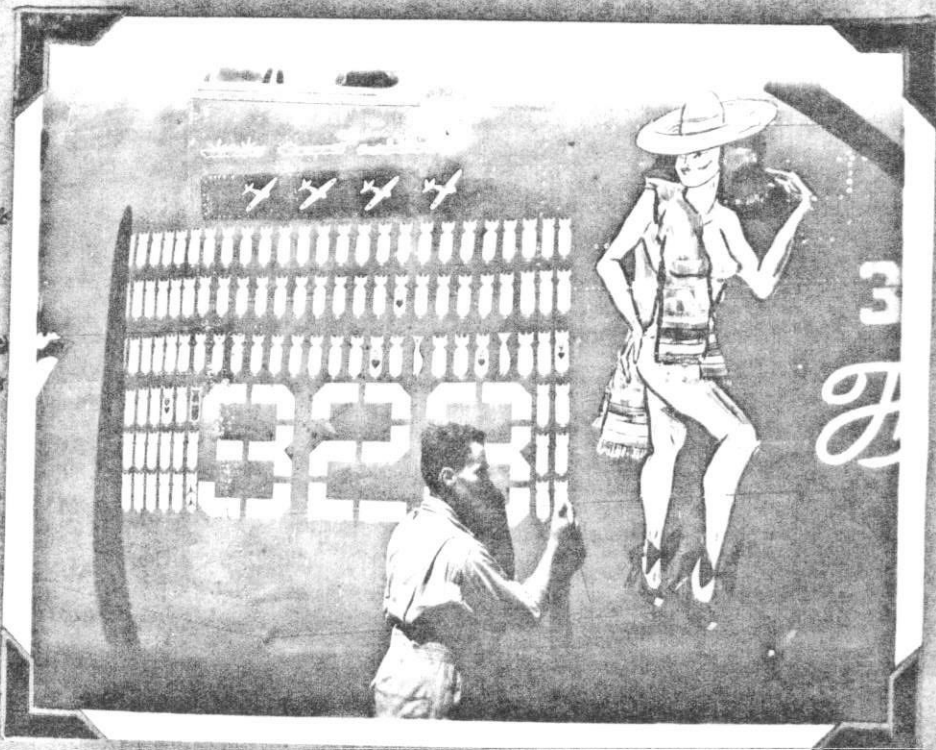
THE PILOT, 33RD TO TAKE OVER THE FINE OLD CONTROLS IN THE HISTORY OF CONQUEST, "BUZZED" THE FIELD AT TRUCK TOP LEVEL. HE RACKED THE SHIP UP FROM ITS REARING SCRAPES OVER THE

JUNE 1944 FLEW HER TO TRUCK LT. ADAIR AGAIN AT THE CONTROLS THE MISSIONS HAVE BEEN ROUGH AND THE JAPS HAVE BEEN SENDING THEIR AIR FORCE TO INTERCEPT THEM. IT WAS HER 95th AND WAS CREDITED WITH A ZERO.

JUNE 29, 1944 LT. ANTHONY FLEW HER AND RETURNED TO BASE WITH A FLAT TIRE. HE MADE A BEAUTIFUL LANDING THIS 98th MISSION AND WAS ABLE TO FLY AGAIN.

LT O'CONNOR TEST HOPED HER TO CHECK THE LANDING GEAR.

HER 100th MISSION WAS AGAINST TRUCK AND WE ON THE GROUND DID SWEAT OUT LT ADAIR AND HIS CREW. THE BALL GUNNER SGT. MARSHALL GOT A ZERO. IT WAS HER LAST COMBAT MISSION.

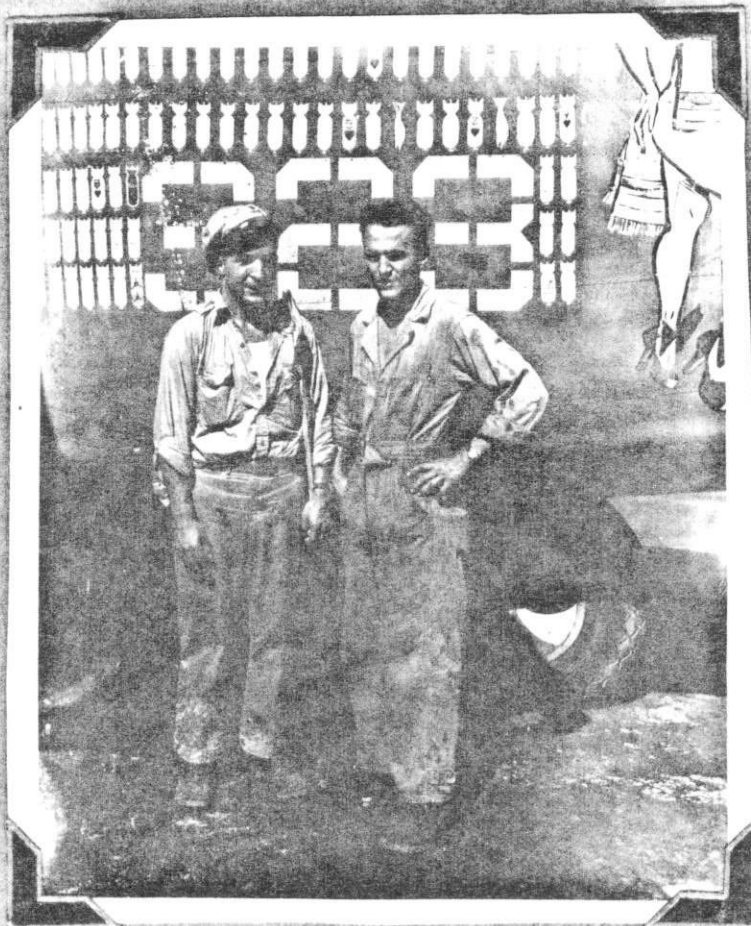




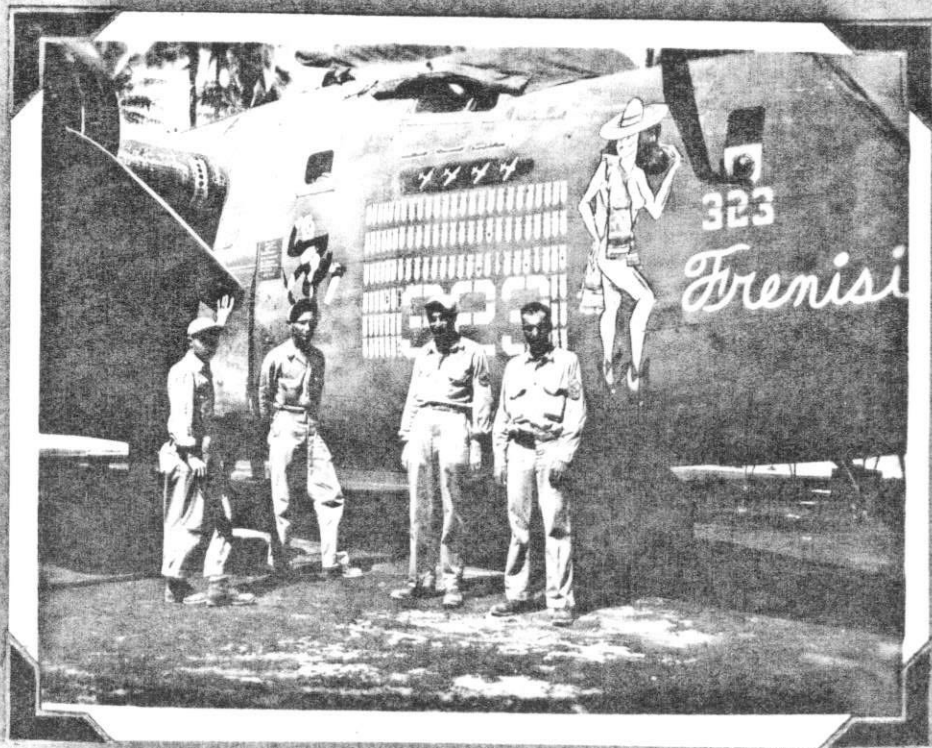
MISSION COMPLETED

PALMS INTO A BEAUTIFUL "CHANDLER" MANHOVER.  
 EVERY MAN IN THE BOMBER COMMAND WAS  
 PROUD TO SEE THE OLD GIRL RETURN SO GLORIOUS  
 LY. BUT THE PROUDER OF ALL WERE THE FINE  
 MEN OF THE GROUND CREW WHO NURSED, TENDED,  
 WORRIED AND "SWEATED OUT" FRANISIS EVERY  
 MISSION. FRANISIS WAS ONE OF THE FIRST  
 "FLYING BOXCARS" EVER TO COME TO THE  
 SOUTH PACIFIC WHEN GUADALCANAL WAS  
 STILL A BATTLE FRONT. NO ONE AROUND  
 HERE KNOWS OF ANY OTHER HEAVY BOMBER  
 THAT ACTUALLY HAS FLOWN 100 LONG RANGE  
 MISSIONS, ALL AGAINST SPECIFIC ENEMY  
 TARGETS, AND MOST OF THEM REQUIRING  
 FROM 8 TO 10 HOURS OF FLYING OVER-WATER.  
 SHE HAS STRUCK IN THREE THEATRES OF  
 COMBAT. SHE HIT RABAUH AND WAS THE  
 FIRST AGAIN AT THE ONCE MIGHTY KAWKI  
 AIRBORNE ON BOUGAINVILLE, ALSO MILWA  
 BENDIA AND THE OTHERS IN THE SOLOMONS  
 CONT →





LT. ADAM + MYSELF



THE FLIGHT + LINE CHIEFS

1/1 Sgt. P. S. BIEGLER

1/1 Sgt. C. M. KEMP

1/1 Sgt. C. E. FRAZIER

1/1 Sgt. C. W. WORKMAN

THAT WAS THE SOUTH PACIFIC. IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC SHE WENT ON THE FIRST DAYLIGHT RAID EVER STAGED BY LAND-BASED PLANES AGAINST THE HEAVILY DEFENDED TRUK ATOLL IN THE CAROLINES. SHE WAS ALSO IN THE FIRST DAYLIGHT RAID AGAINST YAP AT THE OTHER END OF THAT STRING OF ISLANDS. AND IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, FRENISI HIT BIAK ISLAND WHEN THE 13<sup>TH</sup> AAF WAS PREPPREING THAT PLACE FOR THE SUCCESSFUL LANDING OF AMBRO GROUND TROOPS.

ON HER 100<sup>TH</sup> MISSION, FRENISI WENT TO YAP. SHE LED HER SQUADRON, PROXING 500



WAS ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF HERSELF  
 WHEN, OUT OF THE 10 TO 15 KAGER LINES  
 THAT ATTACKED THE FORMATION, HER BALL  
 TURRET GUNNER SHOT ONE INTO THE SEA  
 IN FLAMES. FRENISI LEFT THE REST OF  
 THE FORMATION FAR BEHIND IN THE  
 BACK HOMEWARD AFTER THE STRIKE,  
 COMING IN FIRST WITH THE GOOD NEWS  
 OF ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BUST AT YAP.  
 AND NOW, THOUGH MANY OF HER OLD  
 CREW HAVE SWORN SHE'D NEVER BECOME  
 A U.S. SHIP, SHE'S GOING HOME TO  
 SELL WAR BONDS.

DATED 10 JULY 1944

NAMES of the MEN WHO FLEW HER

