



### **307<sup>th</sup> Bomb Strike on Nauru Island**

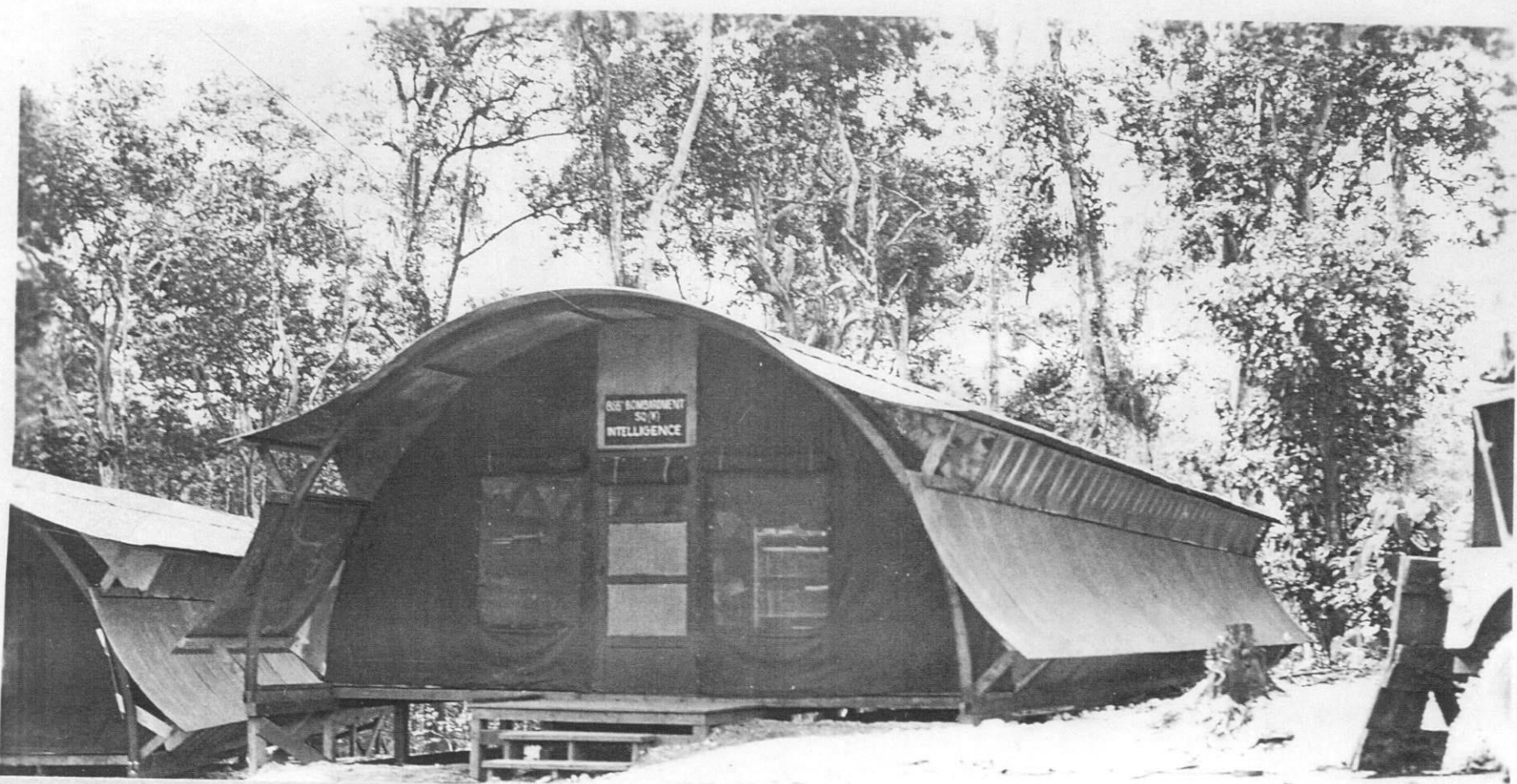
#### **MEMBERS OF THE 307<sup>TH</sup> BOMBARDEMENT GROUP**

MY NAME IS TOM BURNHAM, AND YOU MAY RECALL MY FATHER PINKY BURNHAM WHO WAS WITH YOU IN 1943 AND YOUR COMMANDER IN 1944. AS JIM KENDALL AND OTHERS OF YOU KNOW, I AM WRITING A BOOK ON YOU GUYS AND THE RESEARCH IS NEARLY COMPLETE. THIS IS NOT A BOOK OF FACTS AND DATES AS SAM BRITT AND OTHERS HAVE DONE A MASTERFUL JOB OF THAT. RATHER THIS IS ABOUT THE CHARACTER, PERSONALITIES AND LIVES OF ALL OF YOU TOLD THROUGH CERTAIN MERGED CHARACTERS AND USING THE VARIOUS TRUK RAIDS AS A BACKGROUND. IT IS NOT ABOUT ANY PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL AND IS A TRIBUTE TO ALL OF YOU AS PEOPLE AND AIRMEN. I HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE TO ACQUIRE SOME REALLY WONDERFUL INFORMATION SENT TO ME BY SEVERAL OF YOU. THIS WAS UNBELIEVABLY KIND AND USEFUL AND I AM HOPING TO GATHER MORE FROM YOU AS YOU READ THIS AND LOOK AT THESE EXTRADIONARY PHOTOGRAPHS. I HAVE ALSO HAD TOTAL ACCESS PROVIDED TO ME BY MY FRIEND LT.GENERAL

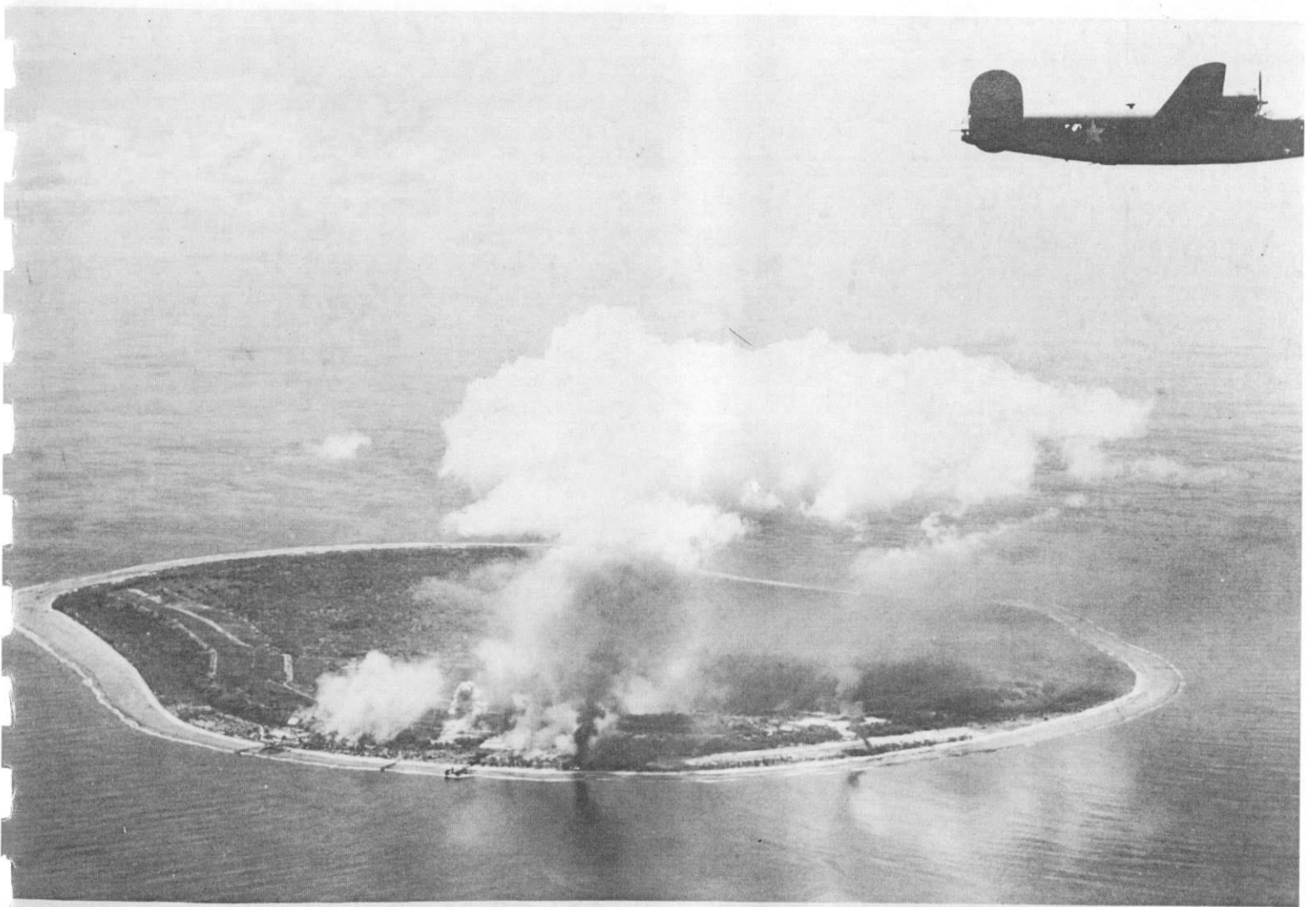
LANCE SMITH TO THE DOCUMENTS AT MAXWELL AFB. IT IS FROM THAT RESEARCH THAT THESE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE FOUND. IF YOU WOULD LIKE COPIES OF ANY OF THESE PHOTOS I WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEND THEM TO YOU. LET ME HAVE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND THE NUMBER OF THE PHOTO OR PHOTOS YOU WANT (LOOK ON THE BACK OF THE PHOTO) AND I WILL GET THEM OFF TO YOU IMMEDIATELY. I HOPE YOU WILL SHARE WITH ME ANY STORIES, REMEMBRANCES, INFORMATION OR THOUGHTS YOU MAY HAVE ON TRUK RAIDS, MY FATHER COL. BURNHAM ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING RELATED TO THE MEN OF THE 307<sup>TH</sup>. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND NOW IT IS TIME FOR ME TO BEGIN WRITING.

PARTICULAR THANKS TO JIM AND ALL OF YOU THAT HAVE ALREADY CONTACTED ME. THE STORIES ARE VERY MOVING. MY FATHER DIED WHEN I WAS YOUNG AND YOU HAVE HELPED ME GET TO KNOW HIM BETTER.

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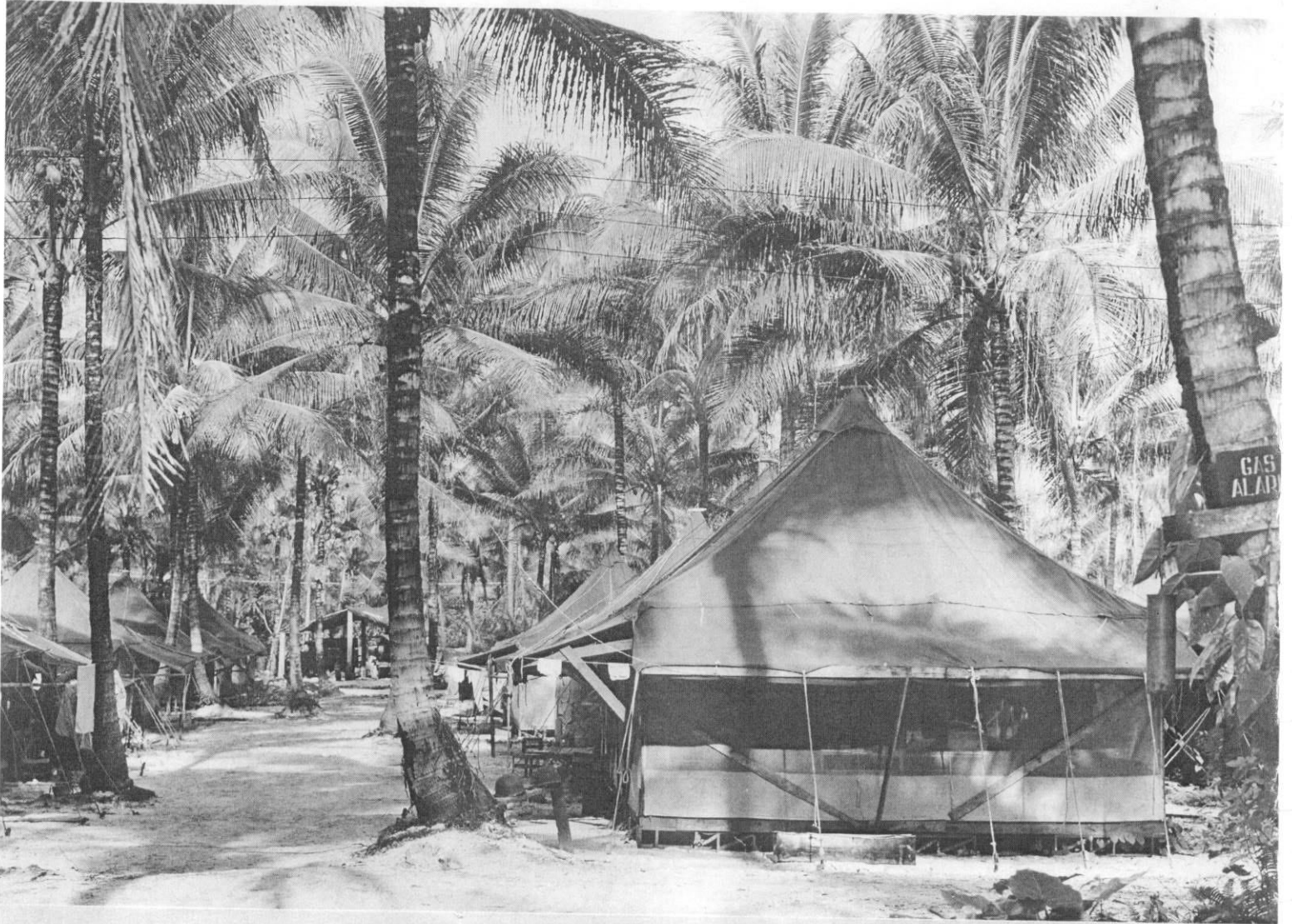


View of S-2, 868th "Snoopers", Munda, New Georgia.  
(April 1944)



Results of 371st Squadron and 372nd Squadron of the 307th Bomb Group strike on the phosphate plants on NAURU ISLAND on the raid of 22 April 1942.

(307th Group Photo Lab - n.d.)



307th Group Camp Area in the Solami Plantation, Los Negros, July 1944.

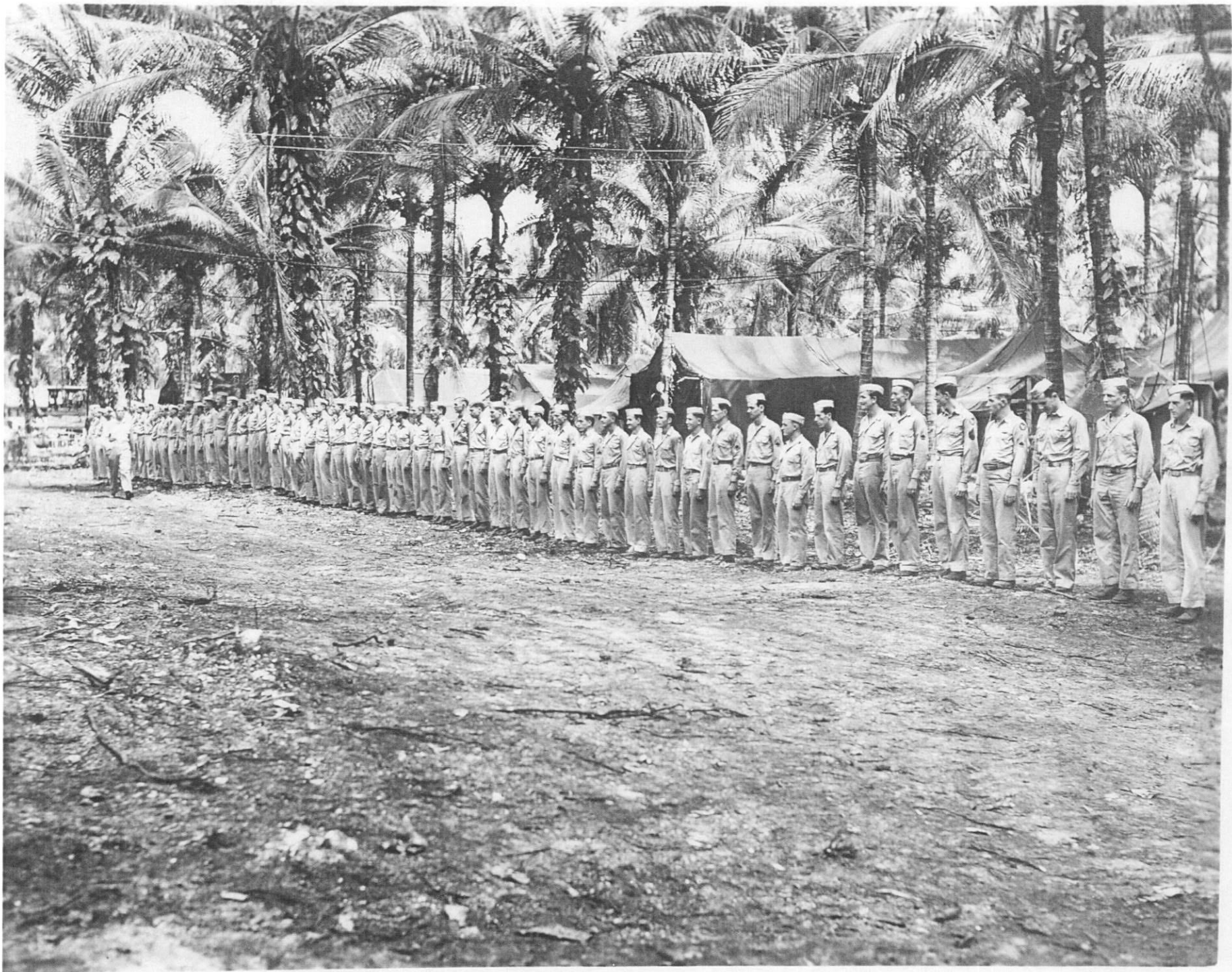
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Headquarters, 307th Bombardment Group in the Solami Plantation, Los Negros.

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Lt. Col. Burnham dedicating the 307th Group Chapel  
on Los Negros on 23 July 1944.

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Dedication of the 307th Group Chapel, 23 July 1944.

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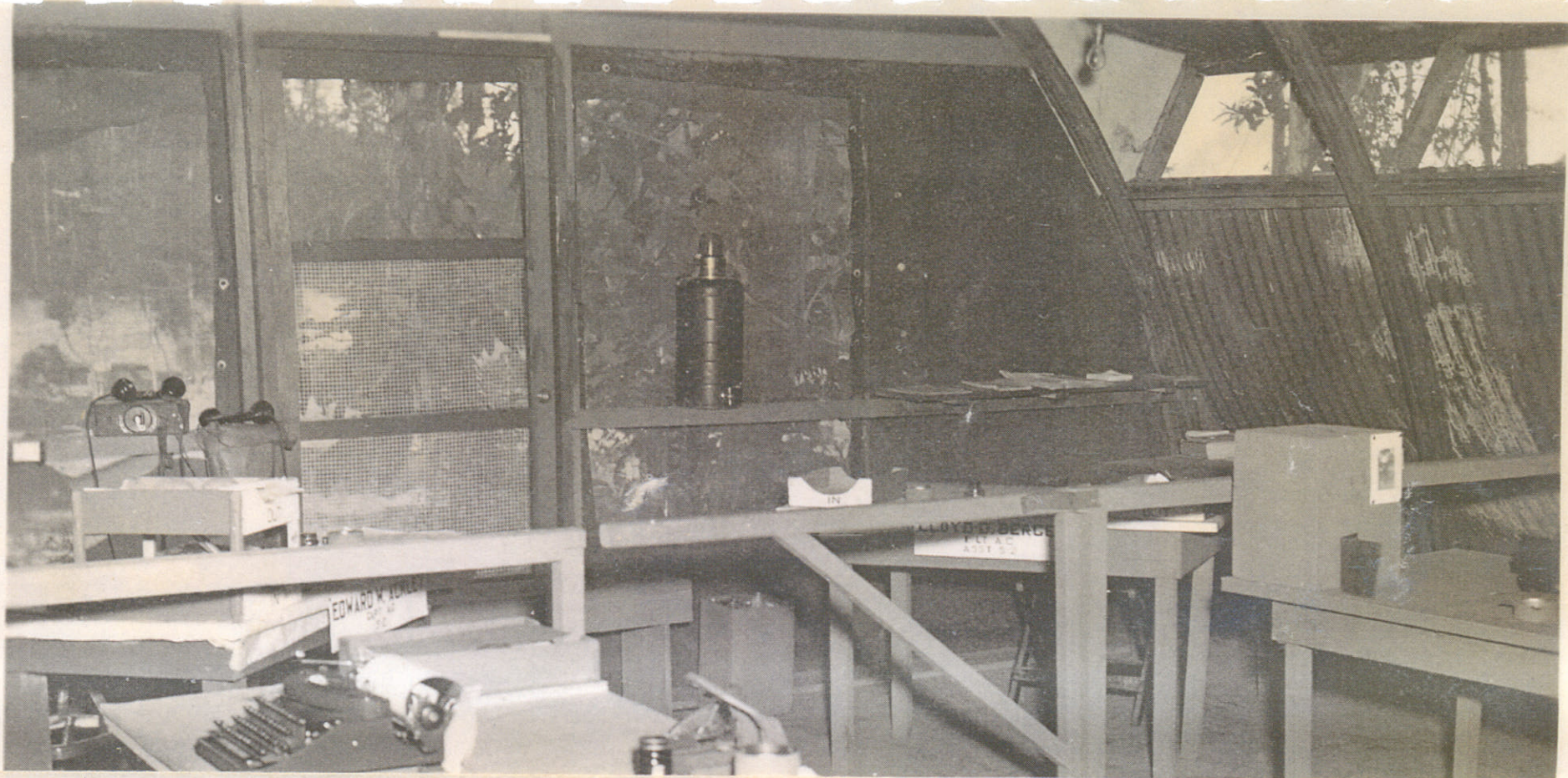


Dedication of the 307th Group Chapel,  
23 July 1944 on Los Negros.





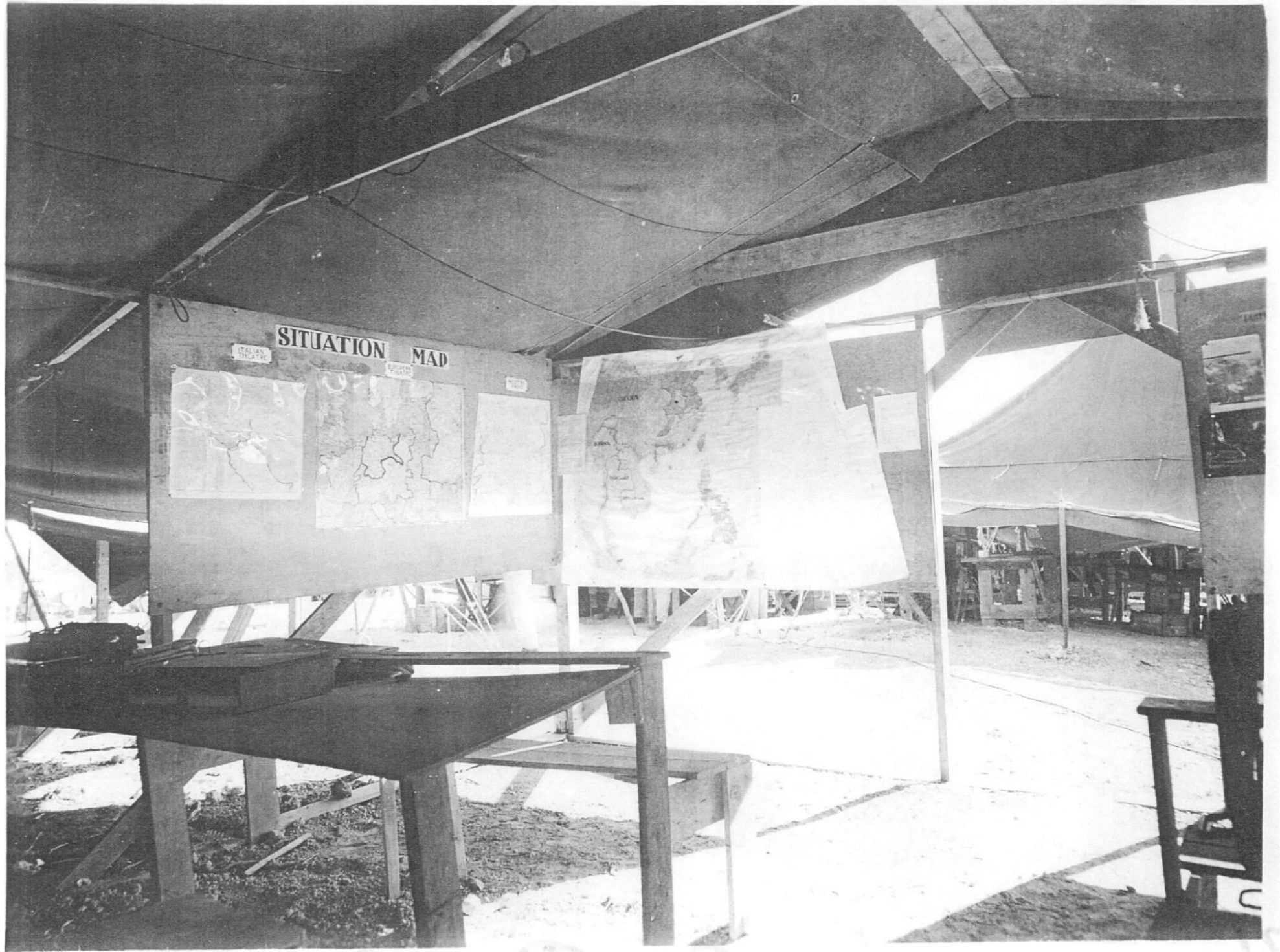
Lt. Col. Burnham, CO of the 307th (far left) participates in the dedication of the 307th Group Chapel on 23 July 1944.

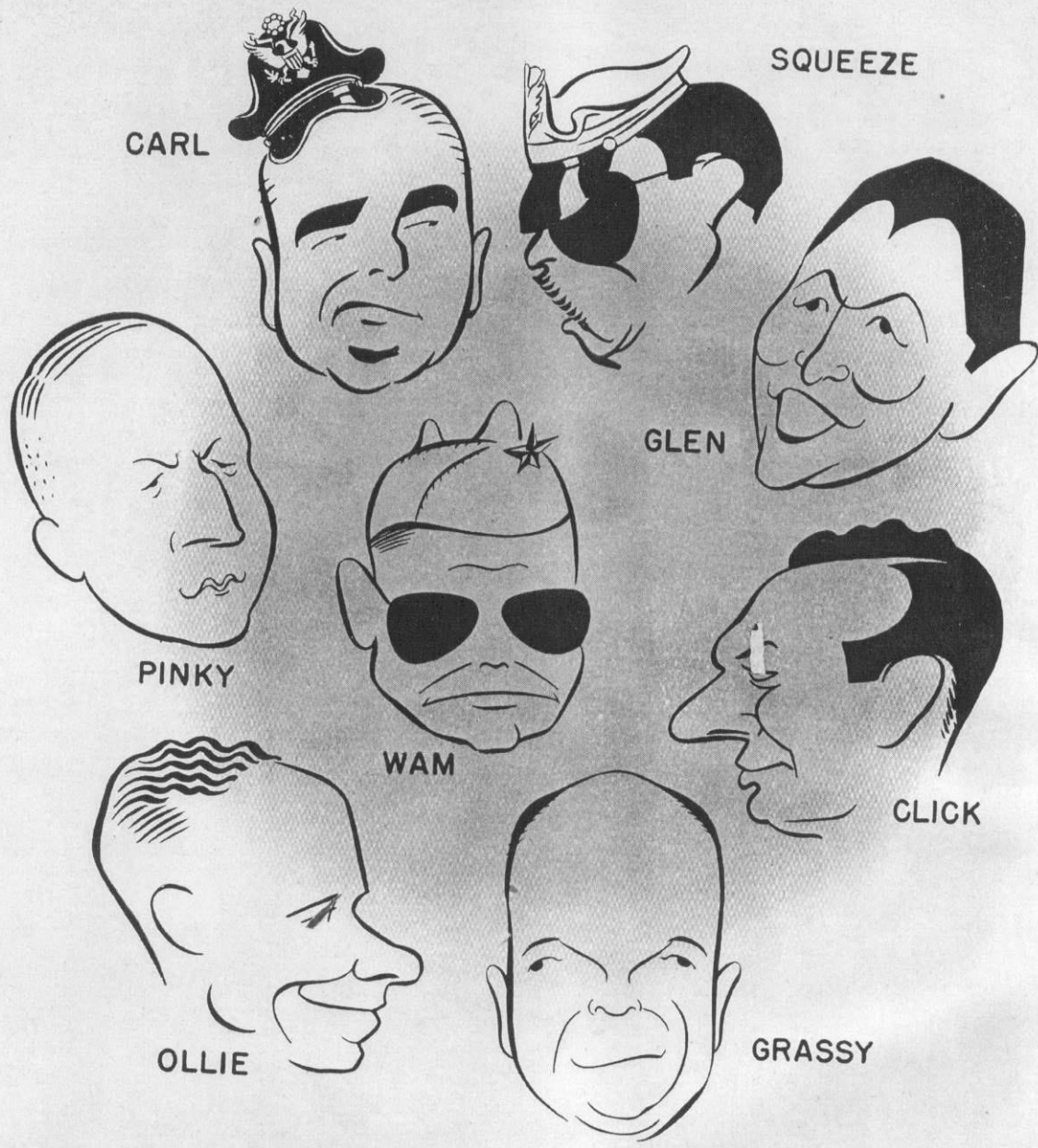


Inside the S-2 office, 868th "Snoopers", Munda,  
New Georgia. (April 1944)



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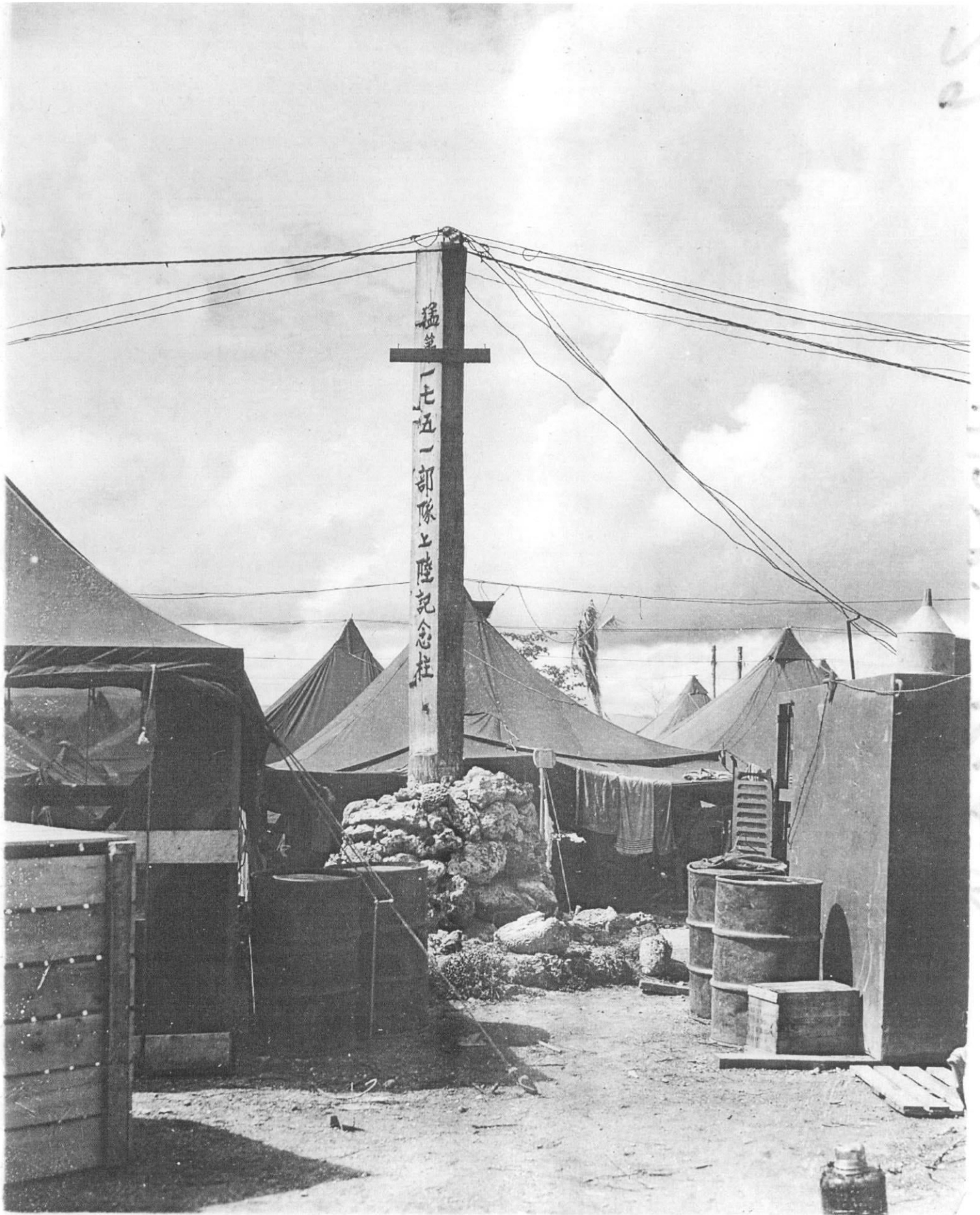
# *Kings Row*

Brigadier General William A. Matheny, C.O., 307th B.G., C.G., 13th B.C.; Colonel Oliver S. Picher, C.O., 307th B.G., Exec. Off., 13th B.C.; Colonel Glen R. Birchard, C.O., 307th B.G.; Colonel Robert F. Burnham, C.O., 307th B.G.; Colonel J. W. Hinton (M.I.A.), C.O., 307th B.G.; Colonel Clifford H. Rees, C.O., 307th B.G.; Brigadier General Karl A. Brandt, C.G., 13th B.C.; Major General Paul B. Wurtsmith, C.G., 13th AAF.

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Part of the crowd attending the Weekly News Review given by S-2, 307th Bomb Group, in the 307th theater area at Los Negros.



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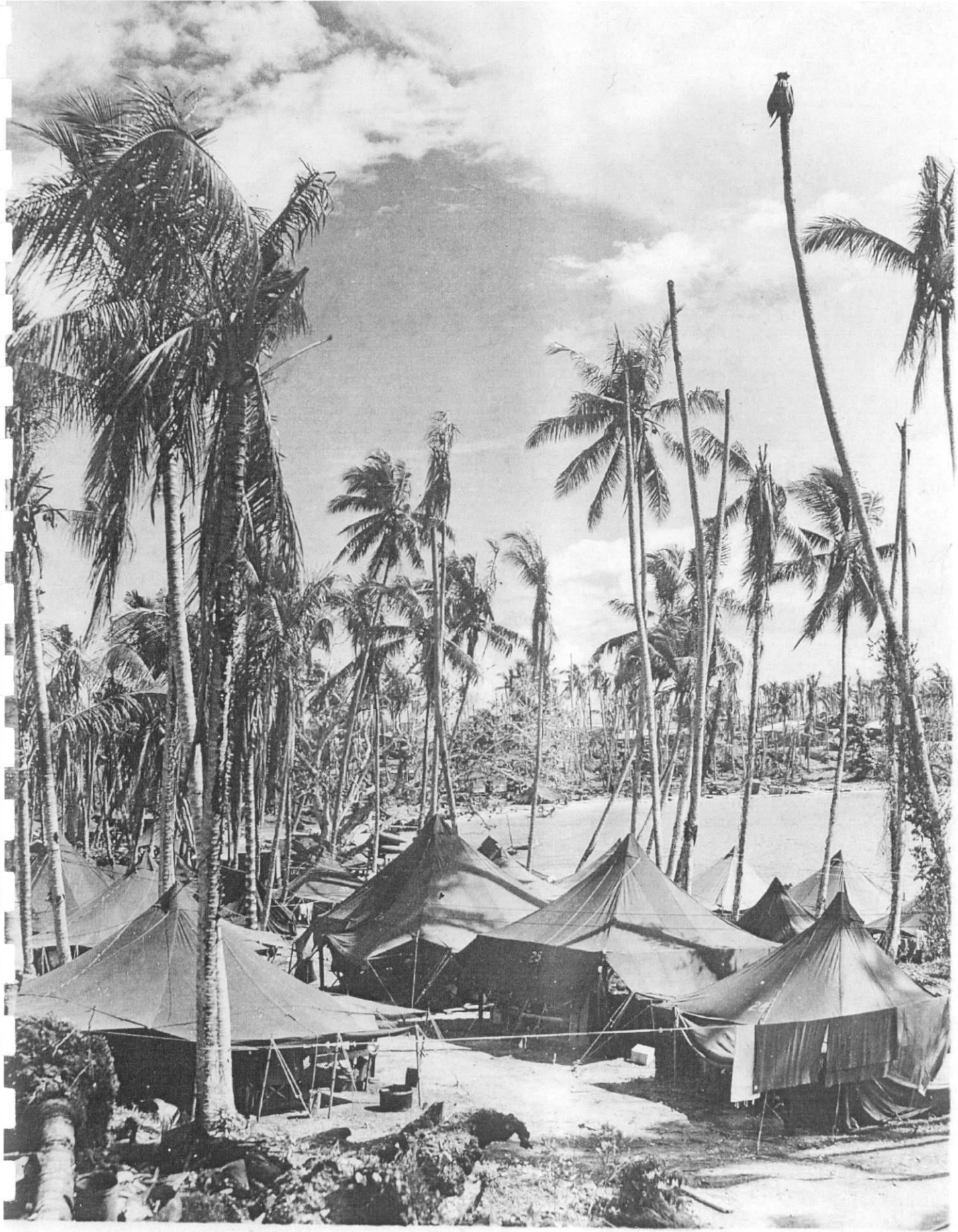
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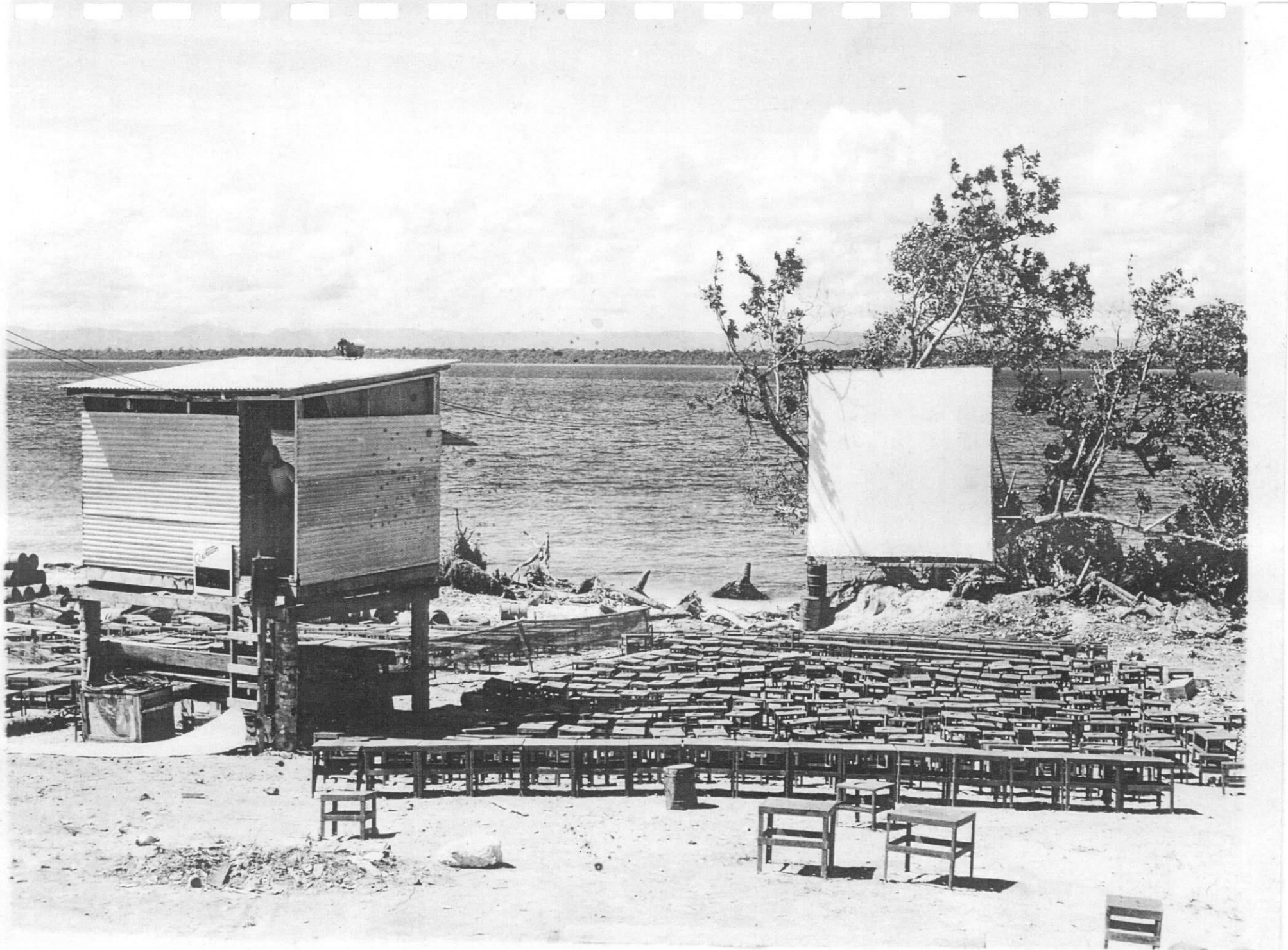


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GEN. MATHENY.



PRESENTATION OF PURPLE  
HEART TO LT. PIERCE  
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LT. SPORN AND SGTS. WISHMAN,  
LECHOWICZ, AND CLIFFTON VIS-  
ITING SGT. NEAVES.

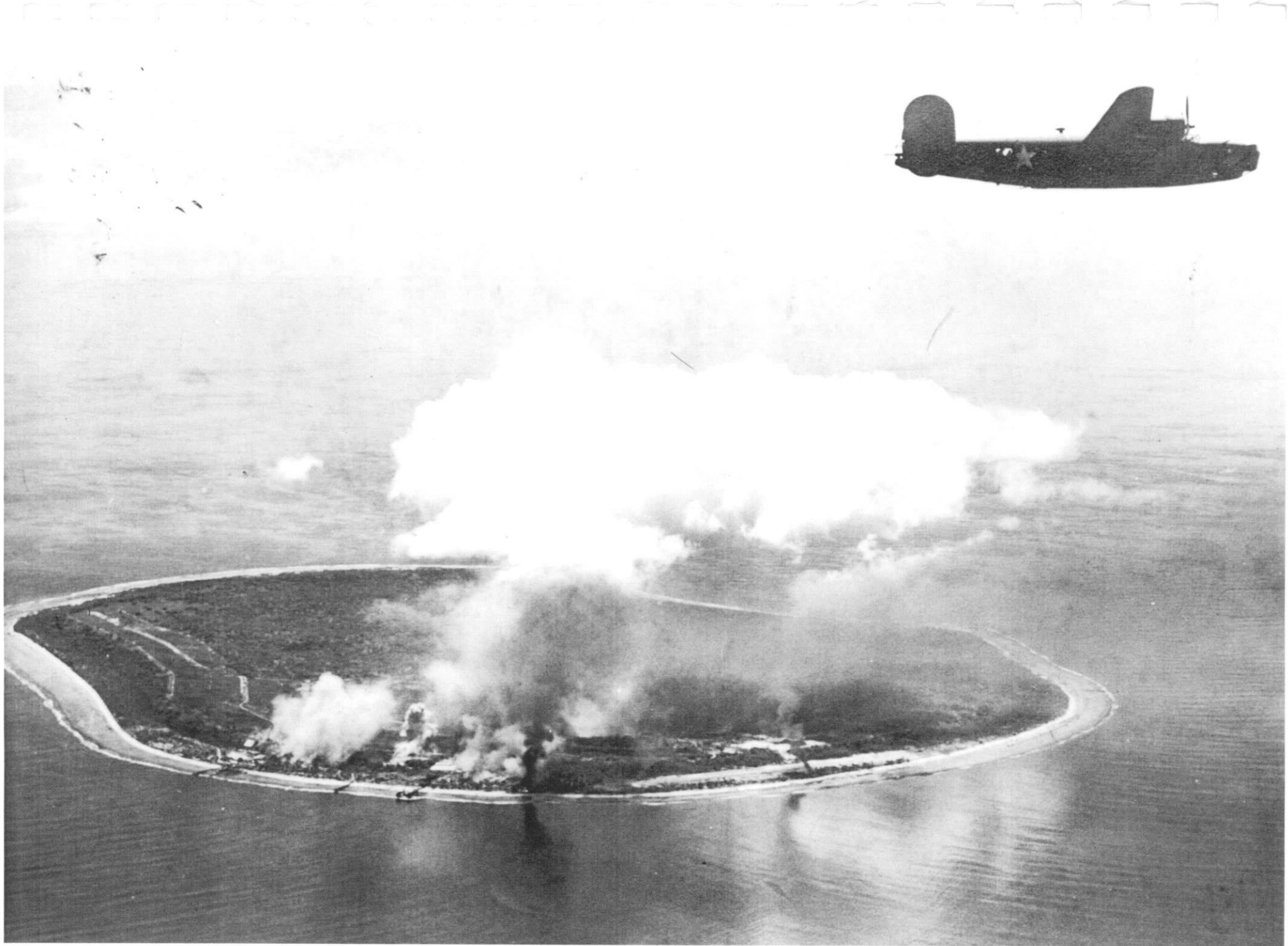
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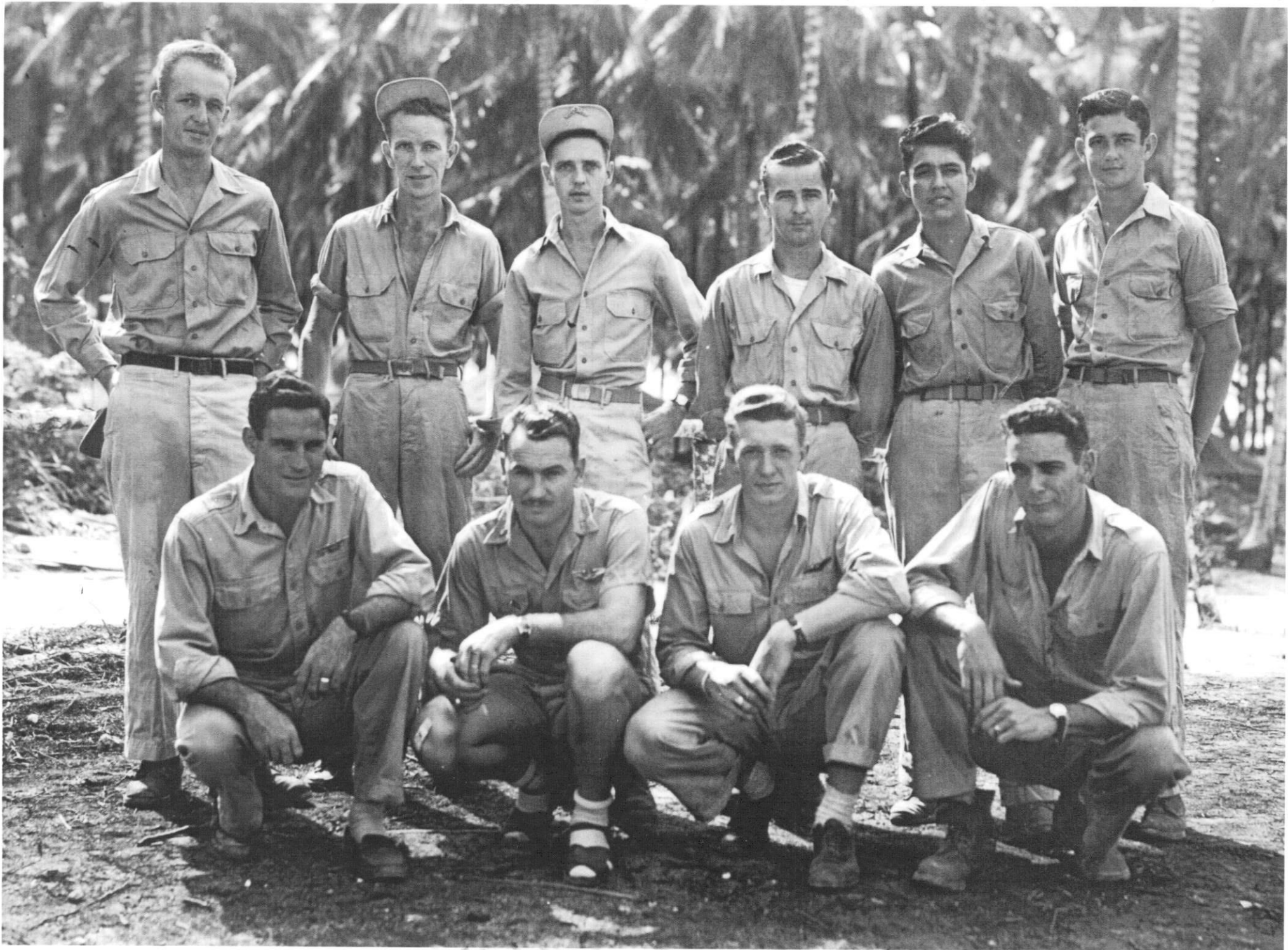


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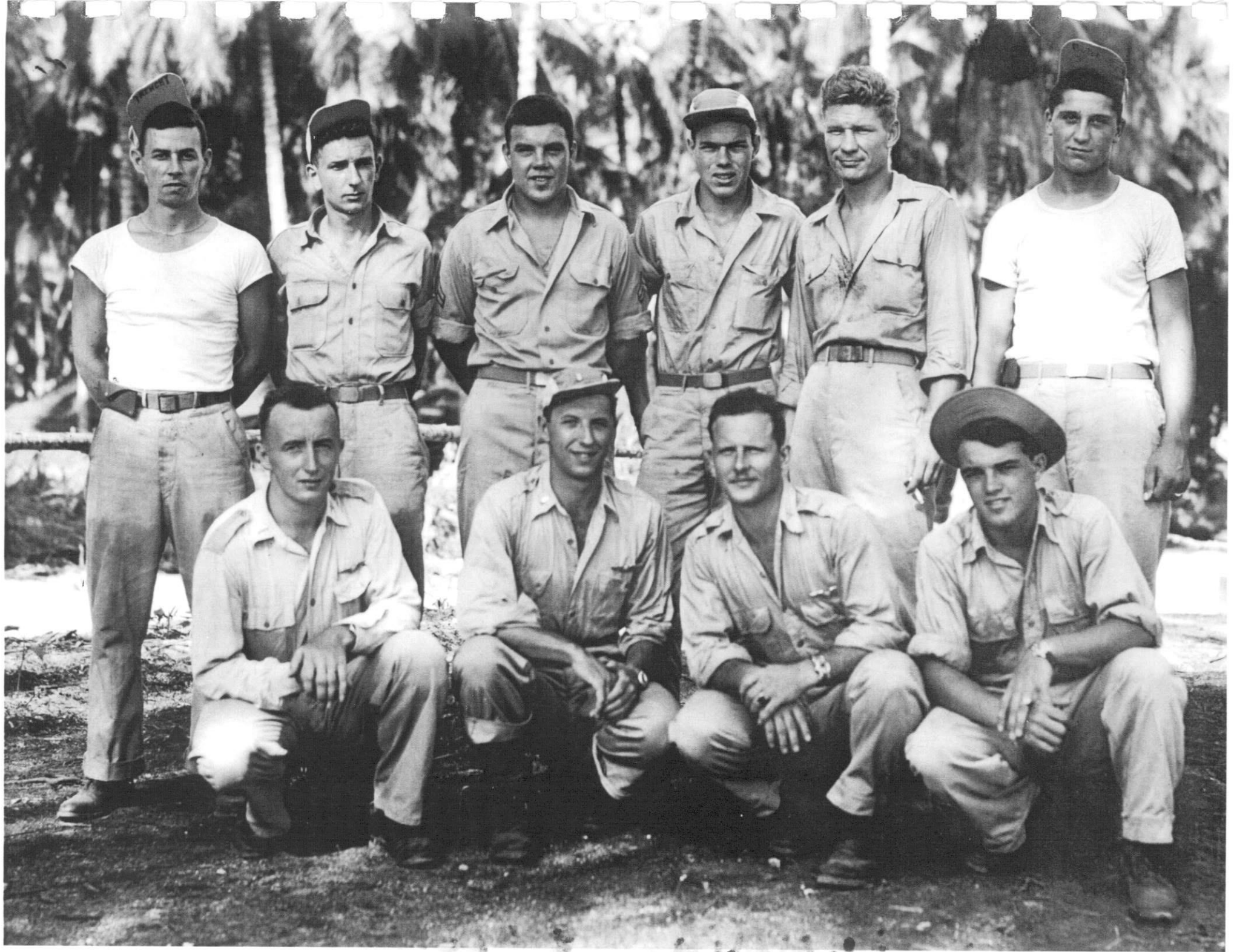




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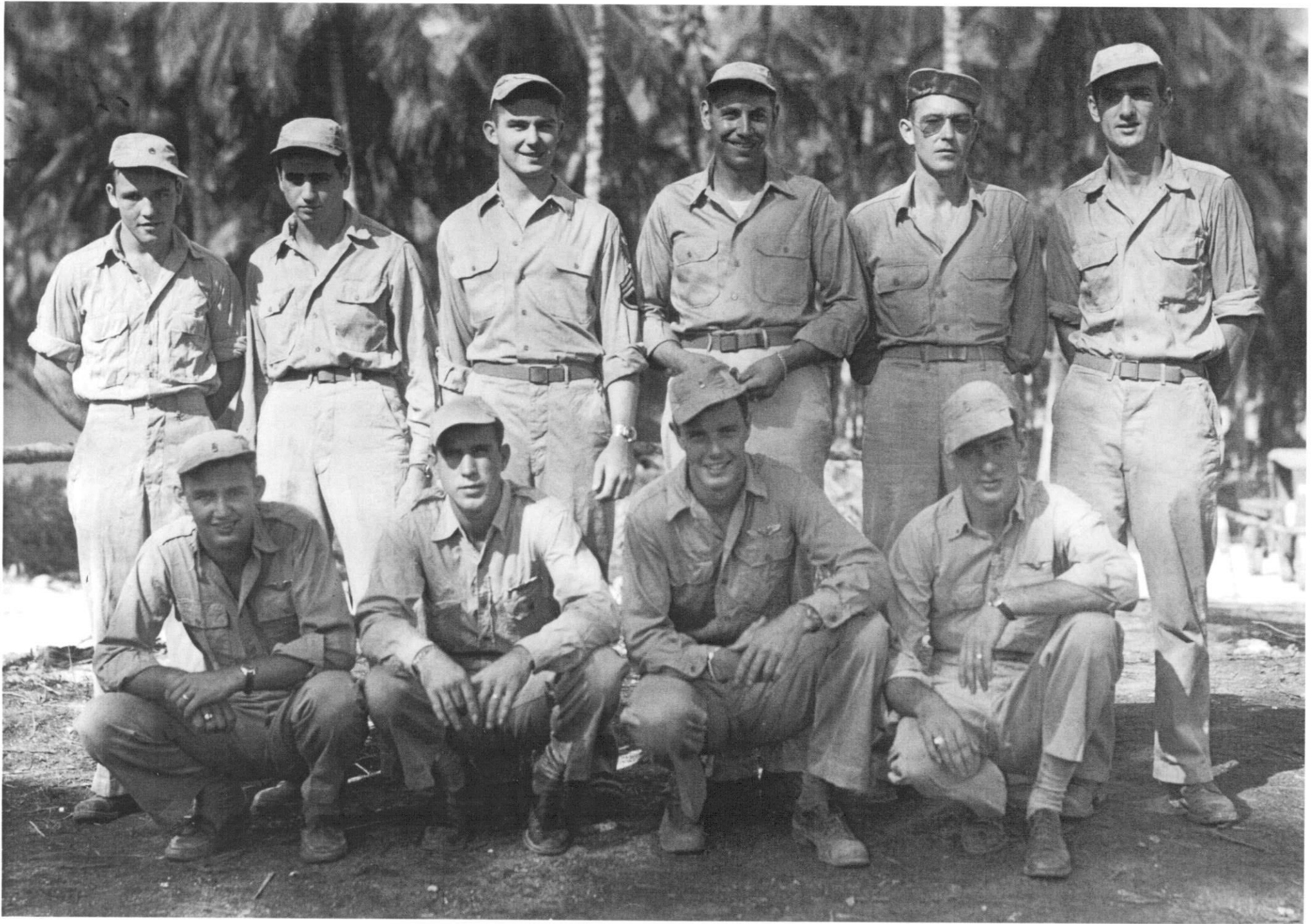












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Lt. Colonel & Crew









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