



Profile 18 - Mitsubishi G3M2 tail code S-305, No.1 *Buntai*

One of the nine Nells from the Chitose *Ku* No. 1 *Buntai* operating from Truk in January 1942 specifically to conduct operations against Rabaul.

Profile 19 - Mitsubishi G3M2 tail code S-368, No.4 *Buntai*

One of the nine Nells from the Chitose *Ku* No. 4 *Buntai* operating from Truk in January 1942 specifically to conduct operations against Rabaul.

Profile 20 - Mitsubishi G4M1 tail code S-359, No.3 *Buntai*, observer Warrant Officer Makino Koushichi

Operated by No. 3 *Buntai*, this G4M1 was used to reconnoitre Rabaul from Truk in December 1941, and also as an advance observer aircraft for the two Rabaul bombing missions on 4 and 16 January 1942. Warrant Officer Makino Koushichi, the seventh child in his family, was a regular aircraft commander for these flights. Note the symmetrical numeral “3” in the tail number. This Betty was later abandoned in the Marshalls.