

BUNA LANDING NEW GUINEA 21-31 JULY



This is the only known photo taken of 3rd BG A-24s departing for a combat mission, taken at Fourteen-Mile in mid-1942. By July the dive-bombers had been effectively retired but eight were rushed back to Port Moresby on 22 July following the Buna landing.



A Betty bomber launches from Vunakanau. On 25 July ten Bettys were forward deployed to Lae from where they flew a series of intimidation missions against nearby villages.



The damage incurred on 27 July on the ground at Horn Island when B-17E Flying Dutchman collided with Tojo's Physic.