

## NO. 5 SQUADRON AND OTHER UNITS



*A Japanese tank burns after being attacked by No. 5 Squadron Boomerangs and RNZAF Corsairs on Bougainville on 3 March 1945. (AWM)*



*A camera is removed from a No. 5 Squadron Boomerang at Torokina in April 1945. (AWM)*



*A46-228 was a late build CA-19 Boomerang received by No. 5 Squadron on Bougainville in May 1945. (Michael Claringbould)*

the unattached belly tank instead of the starboard wing tank. With the Boomerang running out of fuel Morrison attempted to land on a road. However, the aircraft struck a tree stump during the landing and overturned, killing the unfortunate pilot.

**FLYING OFFICER WILLIAM THOMPSON (A46-48):** Thompson took off from Mareeba at 0730 on 17 March 1944 to practise directing artillery fire. The engine cut out an hour into the flight. Thompson attempted a forced landing, but the aircraft crash landed and Thompson was severely injured, dying later the same day.

**FLYING OFFICER ROBERT GRANGER (A46-192):** On 5 November 1944 the departure of No. 5 Squadron's air echelon for active service at Torokina was approved. The high tempo of the squadron's training continued despite the imminent move and Flying Officer Granger