JULY - DECEMBER 1944: NOEMFOOR & MOROTAI



Flight Lieutenant James MacMillan struggles to reach Sansapor for a precautionary landing on 8 October 1944. MacMillan shut down the port engine of A28-52 after it sustained combat damage.

he was hit squarely by an anti-aircraft shell burst. The bomber careered onwards still toting two bombs, then crashed into the ocean about 1,500 yards offshore. The other three Bostons, A28-52, A28-57 and A28-60, circled the area for twenty minutes to search for survivors. Making no findings, they then returned to Kamiri without making further attacks, in some cases landing with their bomb loads.

September concluded with a suite of return missions to Boela and Langgoer airfields. Back at Kamiri a new officer's mess had been completed, along with volleyball courts which proved popular. A concert was held to raise funds for the family of LAC Frank Street, a casualty of the 14 September Boston test-flight accident. Along with the participation of other units, the "Street Fund" raised a total of 150 pounds. Meanwhile, No. 26 Repair and Salvage Unit, which had been assigned to maintain No. 22 Squadron's Bostons, was busy indeed with an inordinate amount of repairs and maintenance, while No. 27 Air Stores Park maintained the Boston's spares inventory.

On 4 October eight A-20Gs departed Kamiri at 0830 to conduct a shipping sweep around