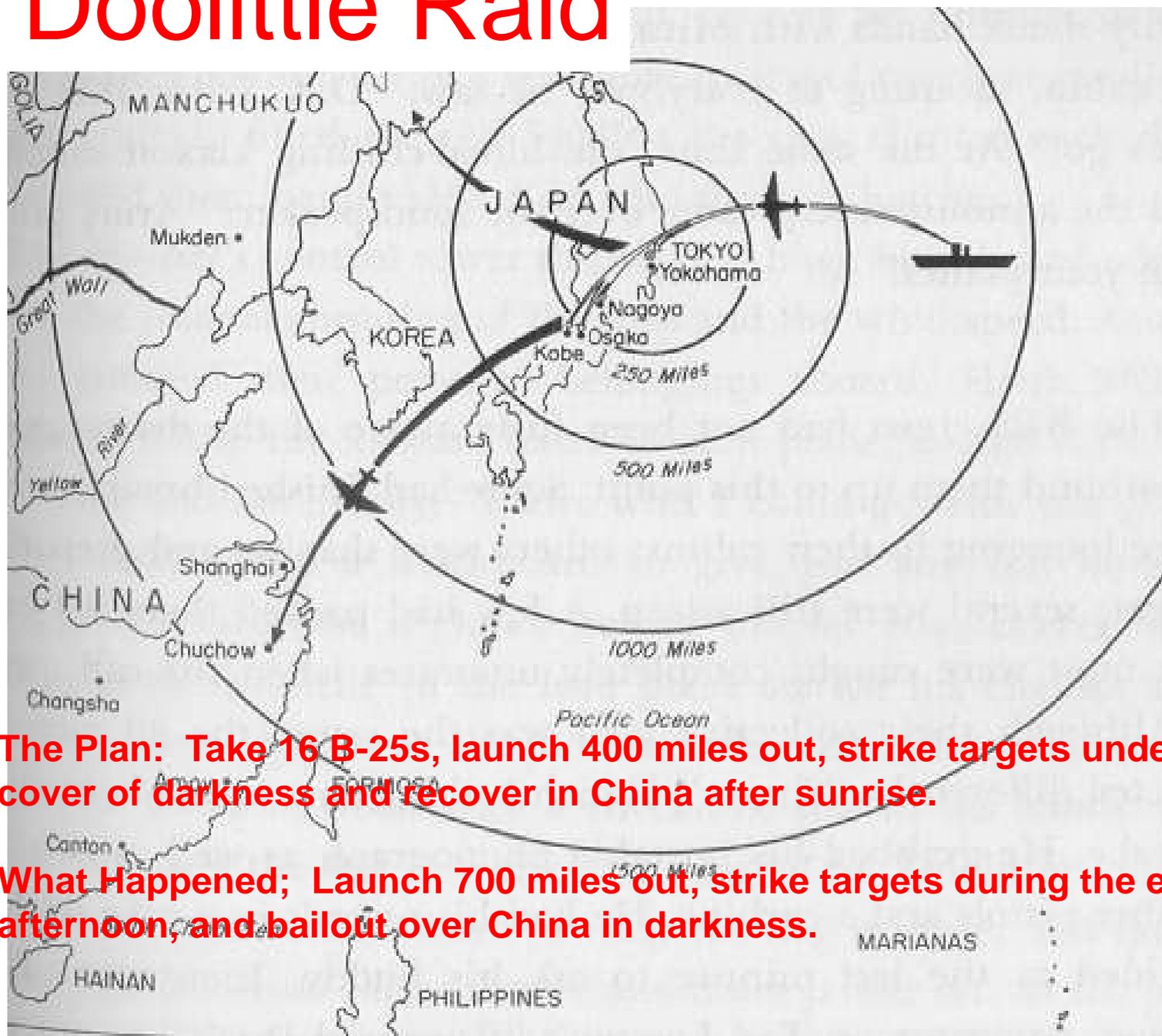


Doolittle's Raiders

18 Apr 1942

Doolittle Raid



The Plan: Take 16 B-25s, launch 400 miles out, strike targets under the cover of darkness and recover in China after sunrise.

What Happened; Launch 700 miles out, strike targets during the early afternoon, and bailout over China in darkness.



Crew 1

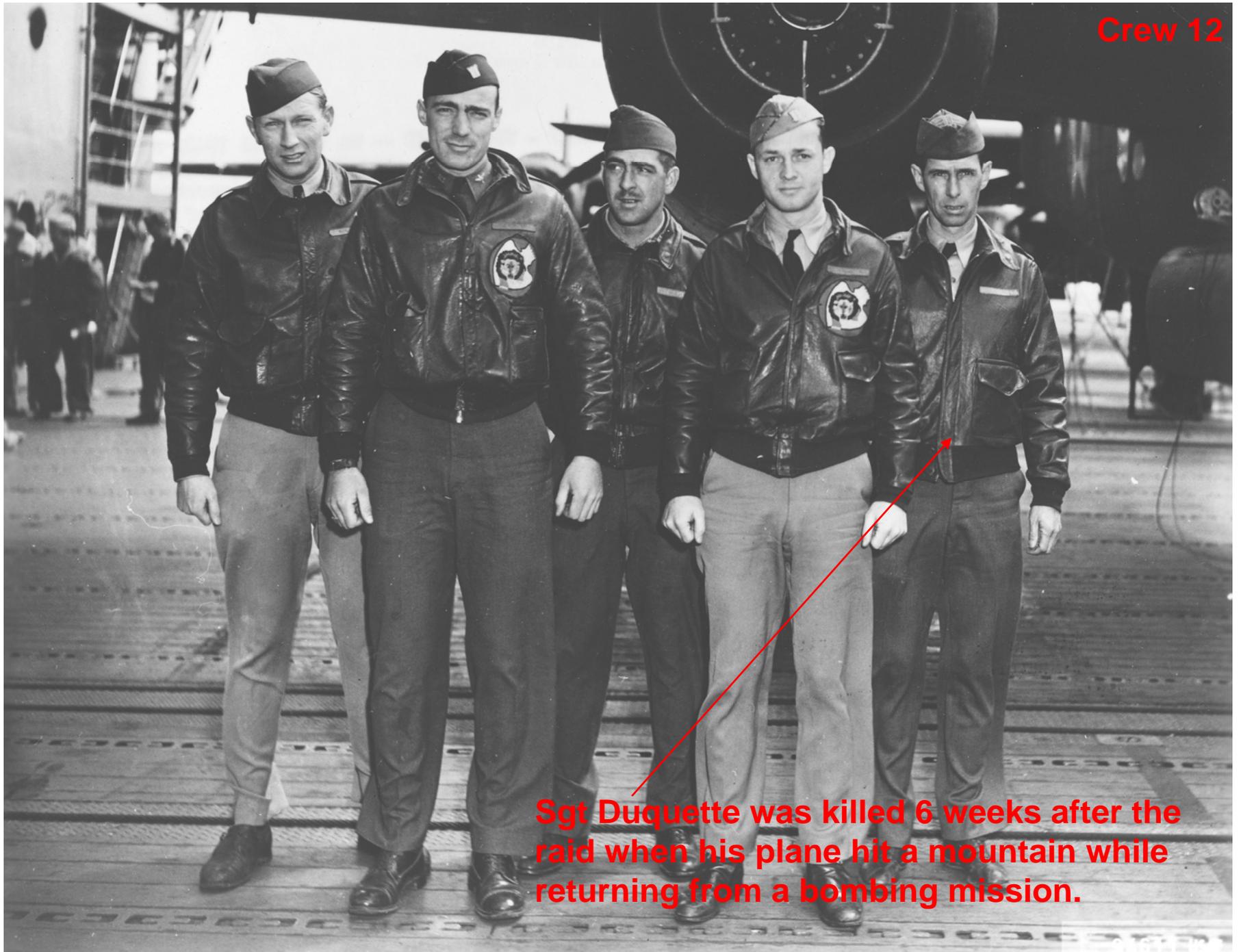
Lt Col Jimmy Doolittle and Crew. Dick Cole, a member of the Greatest Generation, is thankfully still with us today and remains active on his farm in Comfort, Texas.

Crew 8



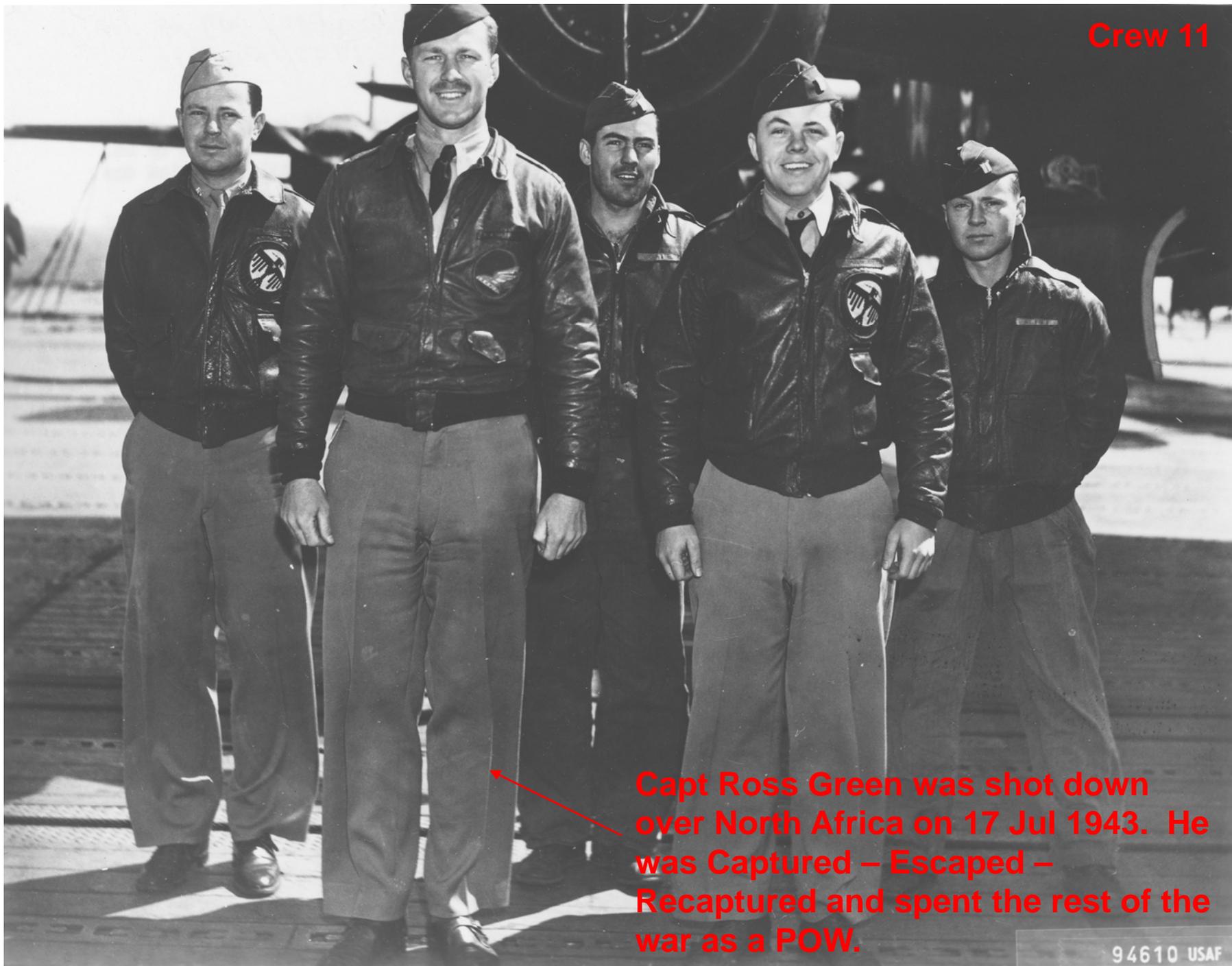
Crew 8 landed near Vladivostok with engine trouble and were interned in Russia until they escaped through Iran in May 1943.

Crew 12



Sgt Duquette was killed 6 weeks after the raid when his plane hit a mountain while returning from a bombing mission.

Crew 11



Capt Ross Green was shot down over North Africa on 17 Jul 1943. He was Captured – Escaped – Recaptured and spent the rest of the war as a POW.

Crew 16



Crew was captured by the Japanese after bailing out. Lt Farrow and Sgt Spatz were executed on 15 Oct 1942 along with Lt Hallmark from Crew 6.



Photo # NH 53289 USAAF B-25B bombers on board USS Hornet for the Doolittle Raid, April 1942



Photo # NH 53290 B-25Bs on board USS Hornet for the Doolittle Raid, April 1942



Photo # NH 53291 USAAF B-25B on board USS Hornet for the Doolittle Raid, April 1942



Photo # NH 53292 USS Gwin & USS Nashville astern of USS Hornet during the Doolittle Raid, April 1942



Photo # NH 53293 B-25Bs parked on board USS Hornet during the Doolittle Raid, April 1942

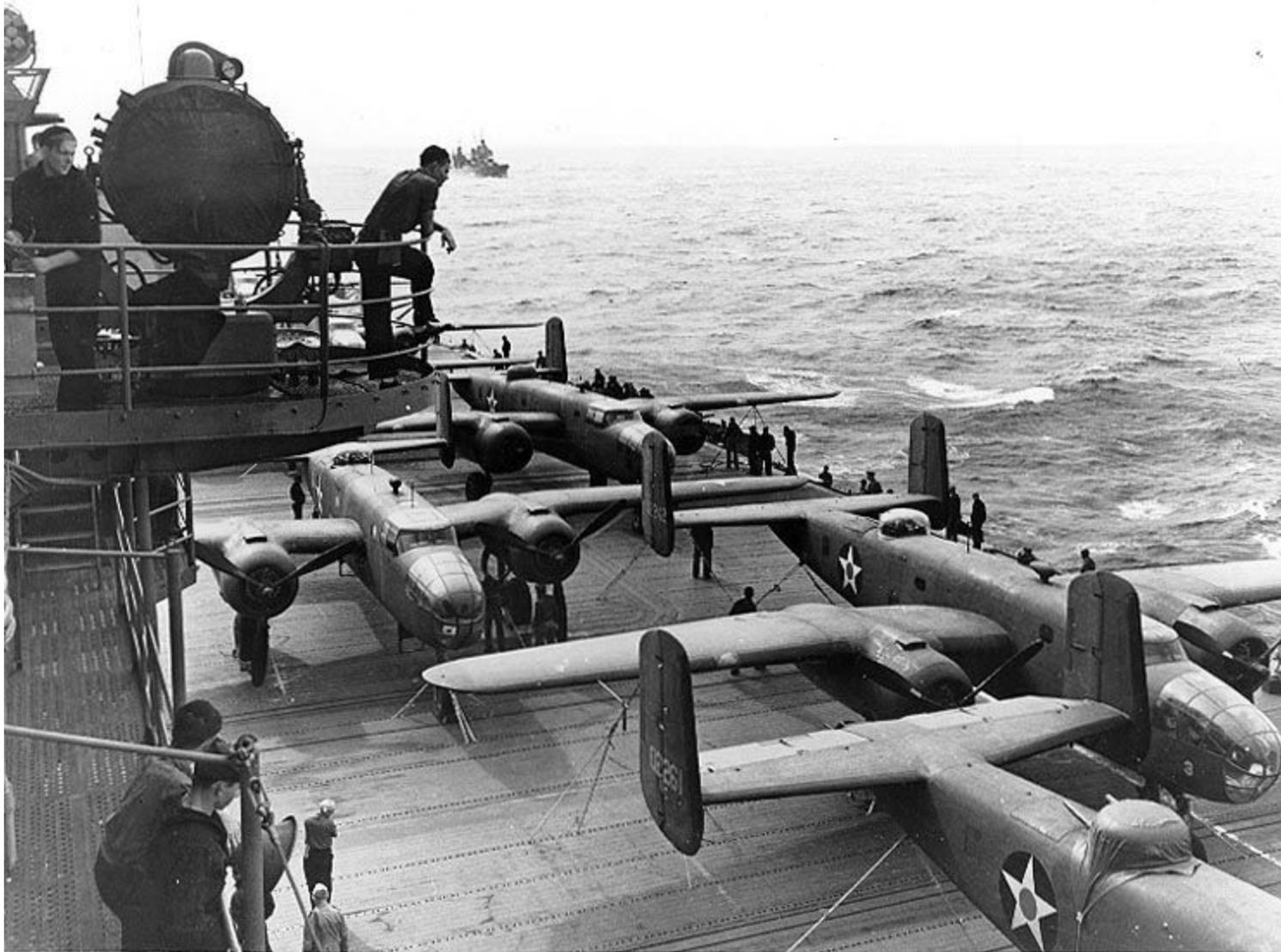


Photo # NH 53295 Army B-25Bs aboard USS Hornet for the Doolittle Raid, April 1942



Photo # NH 53296 Army B-25Bs aboard USS Hornet for the Doolittle Raid, April 1942

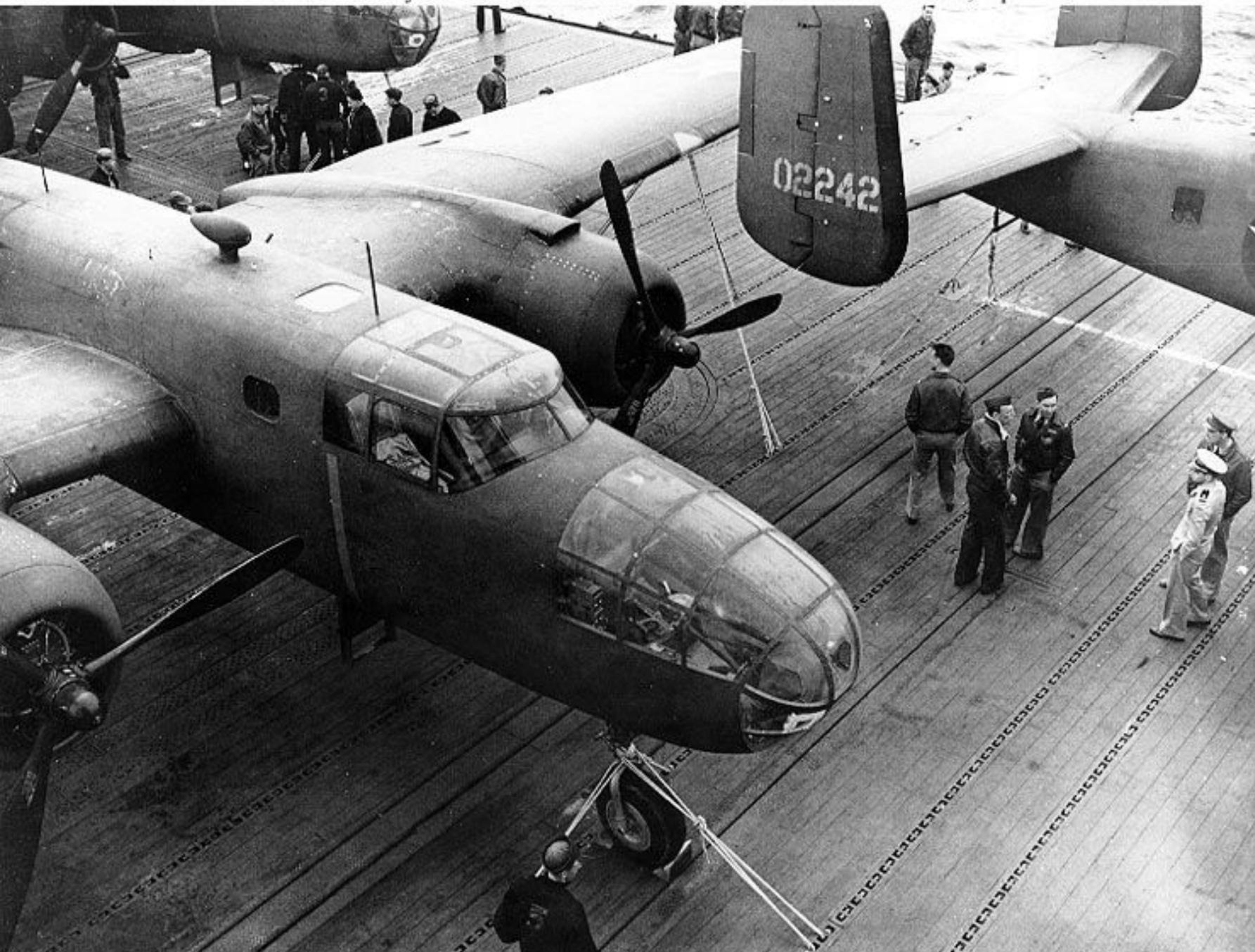


Photo # NH 53422 B-25Bs and F4F-3s aboard USS Hornet while en route to raid Japan, April 1942



Photo # NH 53425 B-25Bs on board USS Hornet, while en route to raid Japan, April 1942



Photo # NH 64472 LtCol. Doolittle & Capt. Mitscher with USAAF crews aboard USS Hornet, April 1942



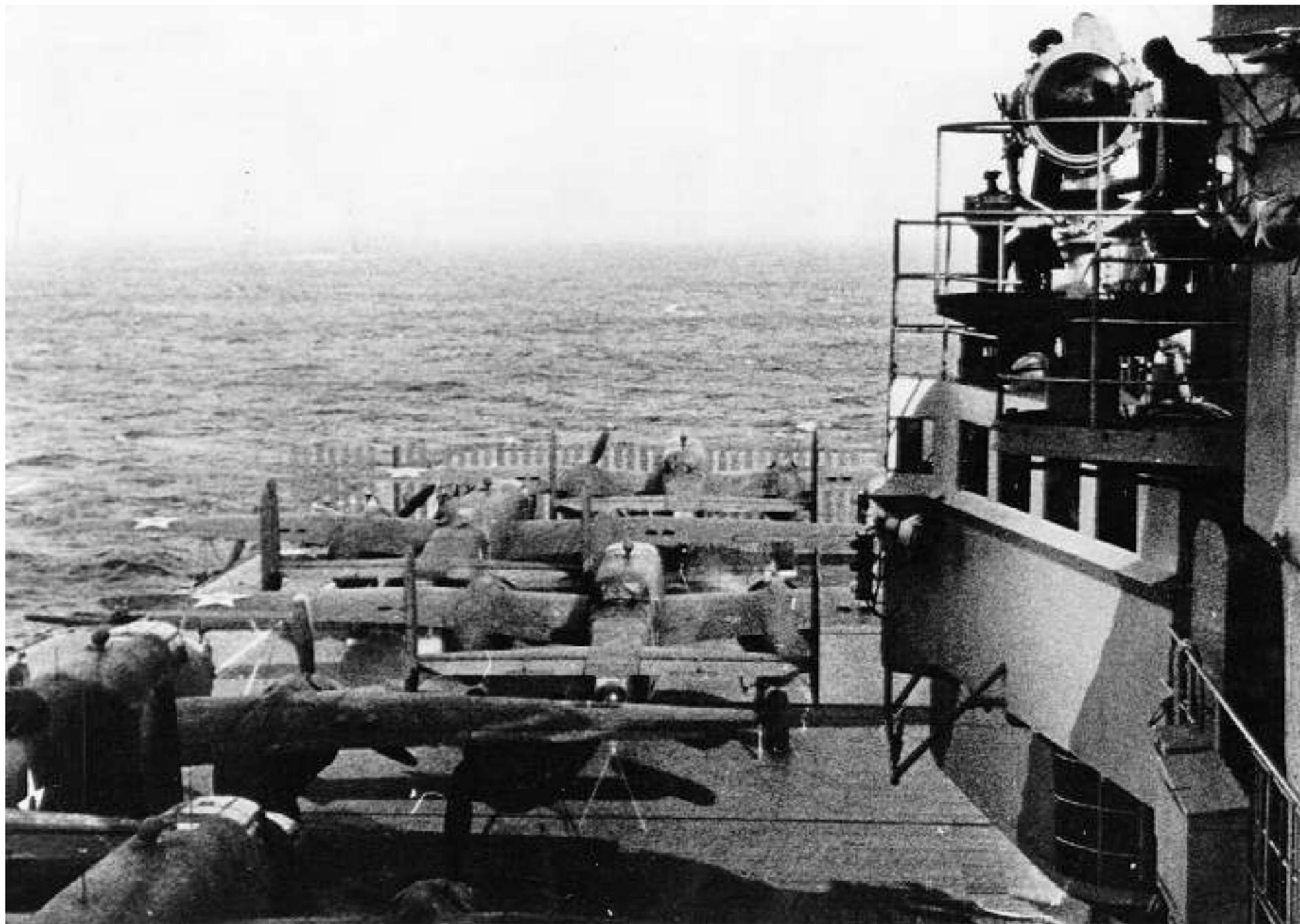




Photo # NH 97502 LtCol. Doolittle and crewmen in China after April 1942 raid on Japan







- 80 Men flew from the Hornet on 18 Apr 1942
 - 3 were killed bailing out
 - 8 were captured by the Japanese
 - 3 POWs were executed
 - 1 died of malnutrition and mistreatment
 - 4 were repatriated 40 months into captivity
 - 10 were KIA in Europe, North Africa & Indo-China
 - 4 were shot down and interred as German POWs
- As of 21 Dec 05
 - 16 Raiders are still with us.

