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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
13th FIGHTING SQUADRON
WHEELER AIRFIELD, ALASKA

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24 July, 1947.

AIR CORPS 13th FIGHTING SQUADRON.

I. UNIT REINFORCE

U.S.S. CASCO - Lieut. P.H. Ffolliott, USN., ACI Officer.

II. MIS IONS

68V Lt.(jg) Chaddick	Sector 23
64V Lt.(jg) Johnstone	Sector 24
72V Lt.(jg) Moulton	Sector 25
73V Lt.(jg) Bucklew	Sector 26
75V Lt.(jg) Crockett	Sector 27
69V Lt.(jg) Stitzel	Sector 28

Arrivals.

74V Lt.(jg) Hagen from Anchitka landed 2217.

Rest Hop.

67V Lt.(jg) Moody off 1710 landed 1900.

Special.

73V3 Lt.(jg) Evans rescue for Lt. Wehmeyer Bering Island.
Off 1454 Landed 2125.

III. RESULTS

11 sectors were off at earliest daylight. The weather on the western sectors was unlimited; fog was encountered in southwestern search. Our surface force was contacted at 50-48N 171-38E by sector 28. Russian ships were contacted in the shipping lanes off the coast of Kamchatka. Received a message to rescue Lt. Wehmeyer and crew who had been forced to land in Saranna Lake, Bering Island, due to engine trouble. 44V (Lt. Wehmeyer's plane) developed engine trouble and had to land. Tried to land at Nikol'ski but when ground batteries opened fire hitting the gas tank and seriously damaging plane completely stopping starboard engine. Lt. Wehmeyer circled out to sea jettisoning bombsight IFF and all confidential publications except part of aircraft code book and with just enough power cleared surrounding hills and landed in lake. The Wing Commander's message to not destroy the plane was not received by 44V and Lt. Evans in 73V decoded message to read "if able to salvage plane ... do not destroy". There was very little oil left in the port engine of 44V and Lt. Wehmeyer decided to destroy plane. When the crew had been transferred 44V was sunk by gunfire and all crews arrived safely at this Base at 2125.

a. 68V223 TFO 0544 TOT 0950 TL 1500 163-20.
Sighted large Russian AK at 55-50 163-40E cws 050, speed 8 knots. Russian flag was painted on hull.

b. 64V224 TFO 0546 TOT 1030 TL 1344 163-30.
Flew off course and crossed Bering Island. Ground batteries opened fire and plane received six thirty calibre holes.

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sighted Russians (Two) AKA at 54-40, 164-E on course 330
speed 8 knots had Russian flags.
g. 72V225 TPO 0544 TOT 1100 TL 1551 160-01.
d. 73V226 0542 1005 1410 162-30.
Clear and unlimited to 165 zero zero beyond.
e. 75V227 0637 1050 1443 160-00.
Dense fog at turn, clear to 163-00.
f. 69V228 0535 0955 1525 165-30.
Topped fog at 1500 feet after first clear 75 miles.

71V Lt.(jg) Huskirk flew from Tanaga to Adak today.

IV. WEATHER

sky condition clear becoming broken in early forenoon
fog in sight but not at station throughout the day.
Winds calm to southerly 4 to 6 knots. Barometer steady.

V. PHOTOGRAPHS

Ground shots of Hedron camp.

P.H. FOLLIOTT.