

V. M. F. SQUADRON 115



"ANCESTOR MAKERS"

Beware, Tojo! The "Ancestor Makers" are on the march and are led by your biggest worry, Major Joe Foss, the Ace of Aces. With him he brings forty of the fightenest sons of freedom ever welded together into a fighting team. When the "Ancestor Makers" hit your strongholds many of you will again see your ancestors and as a whole we can but say, "So solly."

On the ground there are many fighting yanks, striving to keep the planes of the "Ancestor Makers" in the air—mechanics, radiomen, metalsmiths.

The intelligence officer, communication officer, gunnery officer, adjutant, all with blood in their eye and hatred for the little "yellow men" in their hearts.

July 1, 1943, VMF-115, now known as the "Ancestor Makers," was authorized by the head of Marine Aviation and since that time has completed a syllabus of training as rigid and thorough as any in the United

July 19, 1943, Major Joe Foss accepted Command and a little later Captain W. L. Bacheler moved in as executive officer. From the beginning Lieutenant W. G. Colbern has performed the duties of Squadron Adjutant. Every officer and every enlisted man, because of a grim desire, has done his utmost to make VMF-115 the most efficient combat team in the world.

At some undisclosed time the "Ancestor Makers" will move out again to become the fear of every "nip" pilot in the Pacific theater of war. Because of a tremendous respect by every man for the Commanding Officer and an unbreakable "esprit de Corps" felt by



every man, VMF-115 is as formidable a weapon as the United Nations has.

From the mighty Ace of Aces to ever-present mechanics the "Ancestor Makers" are ready to make ability, desire and a will to win add up in dead "nips" and destroyed property.

Look out, Tojo! This is your warning. Soon we'll show you. Tally ho!!!



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Engineering Officer



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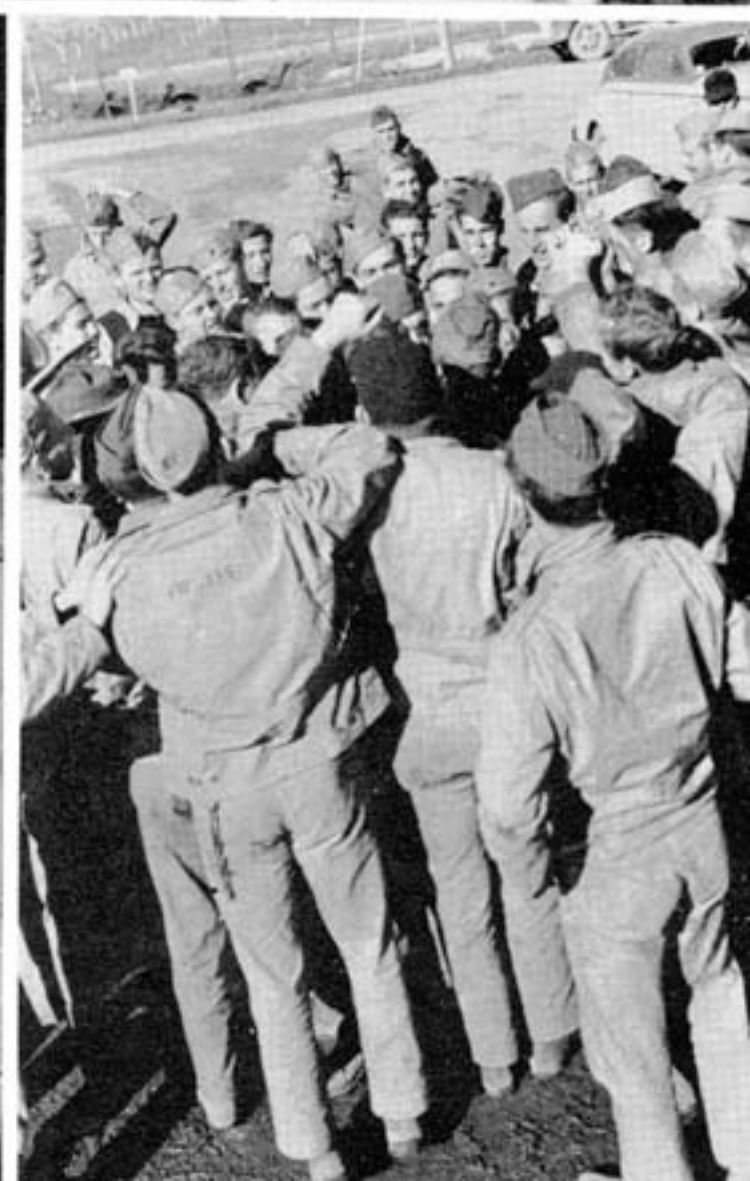
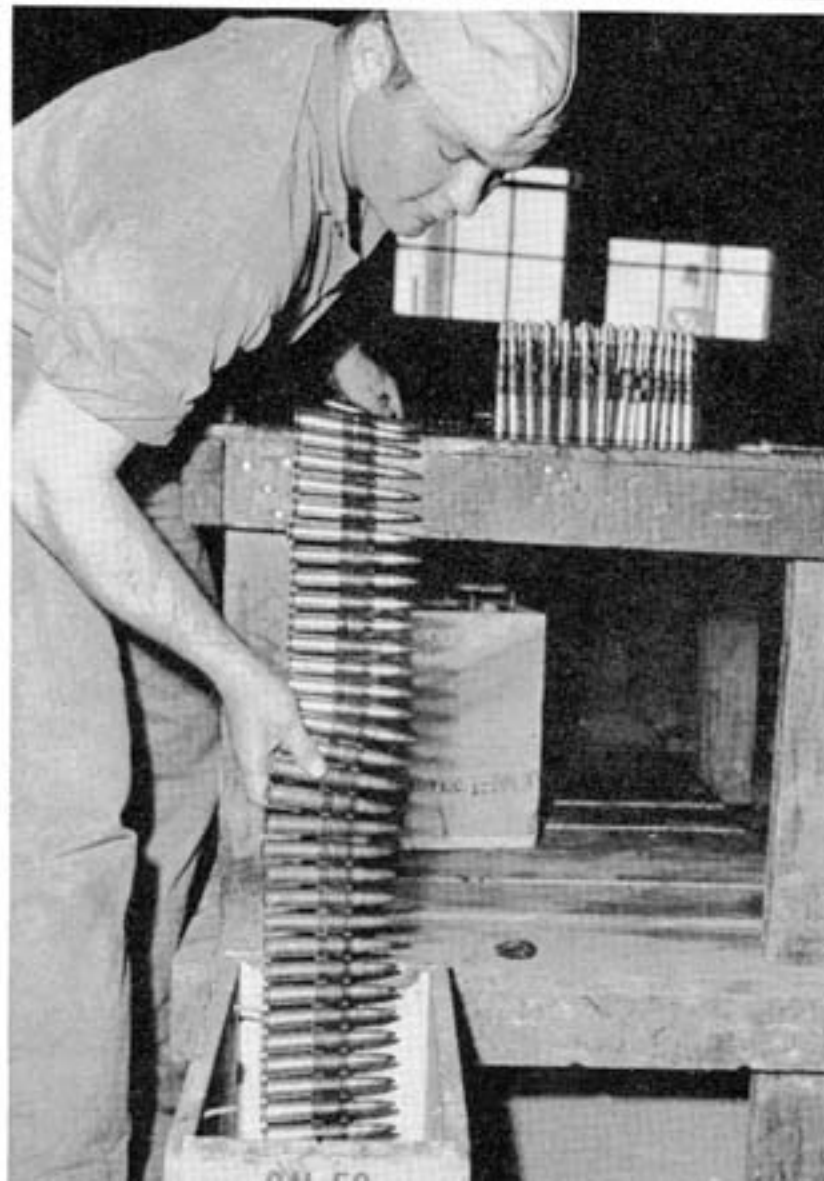
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