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Chapter One

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Chapter Two

As with Chapter One, this chapter also benefited from many firsthand accounts, but three stories particularly warranted a fresh look, those being the Truk long-range reconnaissance flight of 9th January 1942, the encounter between Japanese fighter pilots and a Hudson over the northern coast of New