

ARRIVAL OF THE JAAF AND THE IJN RESTRUCTURE



*A transport Nell arrives at Buin, against a backdrop of No. 582 Ku Model 22 and 32 Zeros warming their engines. The completion of Buin allowed a large portion of Rabaul's airpower to be based there for use in the Solomons.*



*An IJN launch. These ubiquitous craft patrolled Rabaul's harbour area incessantly, especially following Allied air raids looking for downed crews.*