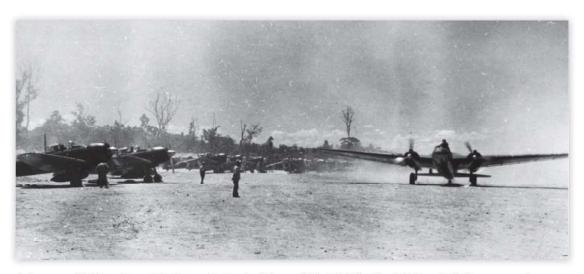
ARRIVAL OF THE JAAF AND THE IJN RESTRUCTURE



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.