

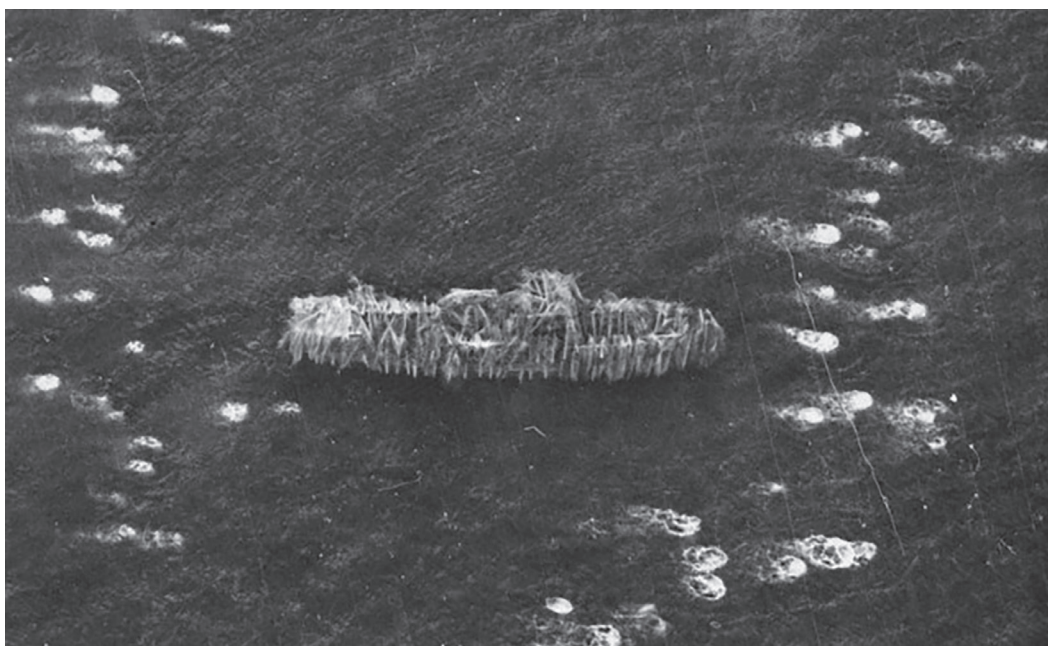
Corporal DW Madden of No. 42 Squadron. Only the bodies of Straus, Parry-Okeden and Rogers were recovered.³

Throughout March and into April the Liberators maintained the shipping sweeps, along with a number of harassing raids. Sergeant Rod McDonald, a bomb aimer, flew shipping sweeps during the period February to April, along with attacks on Kalabahi, Kendari and Ambesia. He flew a nine-hour 40 minute strike on Kendari on 5 April, however they were forced to bomb the secondary target, Kairotoe strip. McDonald recorded:

Bombed secondary tgt Kairotoe strip ... 48 x 100 lb demos. All bombs in strip area – nil sightings – 2 bursts of A-A from Village near strip.



RAAF Liberator A72-61, identified as part of No. 21 Squadron because of the "MJ" fuselage code. No. 21 Squadron became operational at Fenton in January 1945. (Bob Livingstone)



A camouflaged Japanese Sugar Dog transport, as photographed from a No. 24 Squadron Liberator near Lombok. The vessel is ringed by splashes from machine gun fire. (AWM)

3 The story of A72-80 made the news decades later when the lost wreck was found by a local scuba diver, Jim Miles.