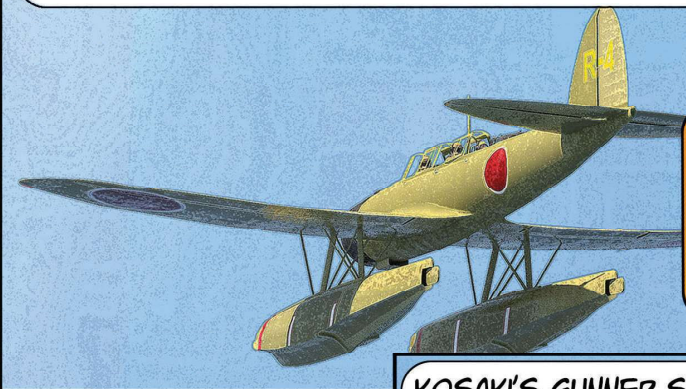


LT TAKEDA SHIGEKI  
LEADS THE FIRST MISSION  
OF THE WAR

AT END OF THE ATTACK THE NINE PURSUED MINESWEEPER USS PENGUIN, JUST RETURNED FROM A PATROL. SEVERAL BOMBS STRADDLED THE SHIP, KILLING ONE SAILOR & WOUNDING SEVERAL.

NEMOTO WORE HIS 'THOUSAND STICHES' BELLY SASH, A GIFT FROM HIS WIFE, VIEWING THE MISSION "A GREAT SUCCESS". TAKEDA THEN LED THE FLOATPLANES BACK TO THE SHIP. THE FOLLOWING DAY AT 1730 HOURS THE ENTIRE SHIP'S CREW ASSEMBLED WHERE COMMANDER TAKAHASHI NOBUYOSHI TOLD THEM THAT JAPAN HAD DECLARED WAR THE DAY PREVIOUS.

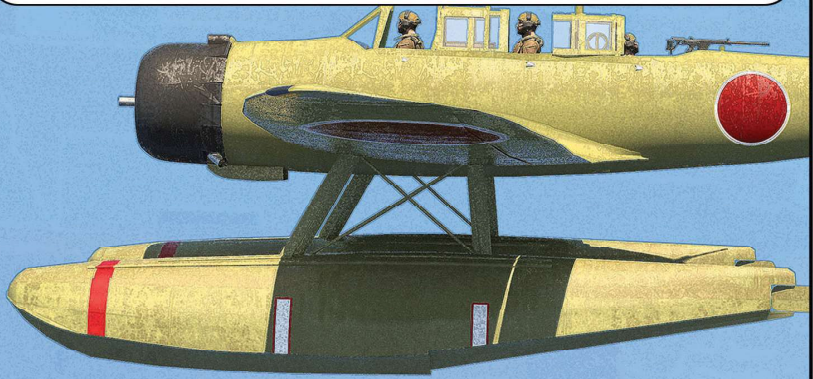
THE THREE JAKES WERE LED BY WO KOSAKI YOSHIYUKI



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TAKAHASHI WAS HIKOTAICHO OF NO 18 NAVAL AIR GROUP, ALSO OPERATING JAKES. HIS UNIT WAS SIMILARLY INVOLVED IN THE SAME OPERATIONS AS THE HEROIC FLYERS FROM KIYOKAWA MARU.