



*Nakajima A6M2-N Rufe, No. 802 Ku hikotaicho Lieutenant Yokoyama Takeo, Porporang Island, Shortlands, February 1943.*

*On 1 November 1942 all floatplanes based in Rabaul and the Solomons were brought under the umbrella of the newly formed No. 802 Ku, to become part of Rear-Admiral Jojima Takatsugu's R-Area Force. The unit was assigned a tail code prefixed N1, and its Rufes were numbered N1-101 onwards. The double red horizontal bands denote Yokoyama's chutaicho status, and the white fuselage bands indicate assignment to the 11<sup>th</sup> Air Fleet.*