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So took her up to the Northwest Arm. We put her ashore there. And when the tide was out • I was clear of her then • they cut holes in her with acetylene. Then when the tide came in it flooded her, put her out. But she burned up there for a week I guess. The fire kind of settled down on her. Then it started up again. I know there were a lot of copper ingots in her. Even the big army in there hanging down in the hatches where the wooden hatches burnt with the license fused to the wheels and the tires burnt off them, just hanging down in the hatch. I don't know what I thought when I saw it. They tell stories, one fellow asked me. Is it true they were laying on the mat? tresses where they shot themselves? Look, there wasn't enough there to tell anything. Just grease spots, like a burnt shoe. And the only body that you could tell was a body was all black • and he was lying on the engine roora grating, curled around there, suffocated with the heat. He was a body. The rest • well, you could see two or three grease spots and you knew that was a body. I counted 29 • but I think they got 34 • but 29 that I knew were bodies. But oh the yarns. You know, it sounds dramatic • but it was just my turn. Any other pilot would have gone the same as rae. For their help in preparing this article, our thanks to Capt.

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