

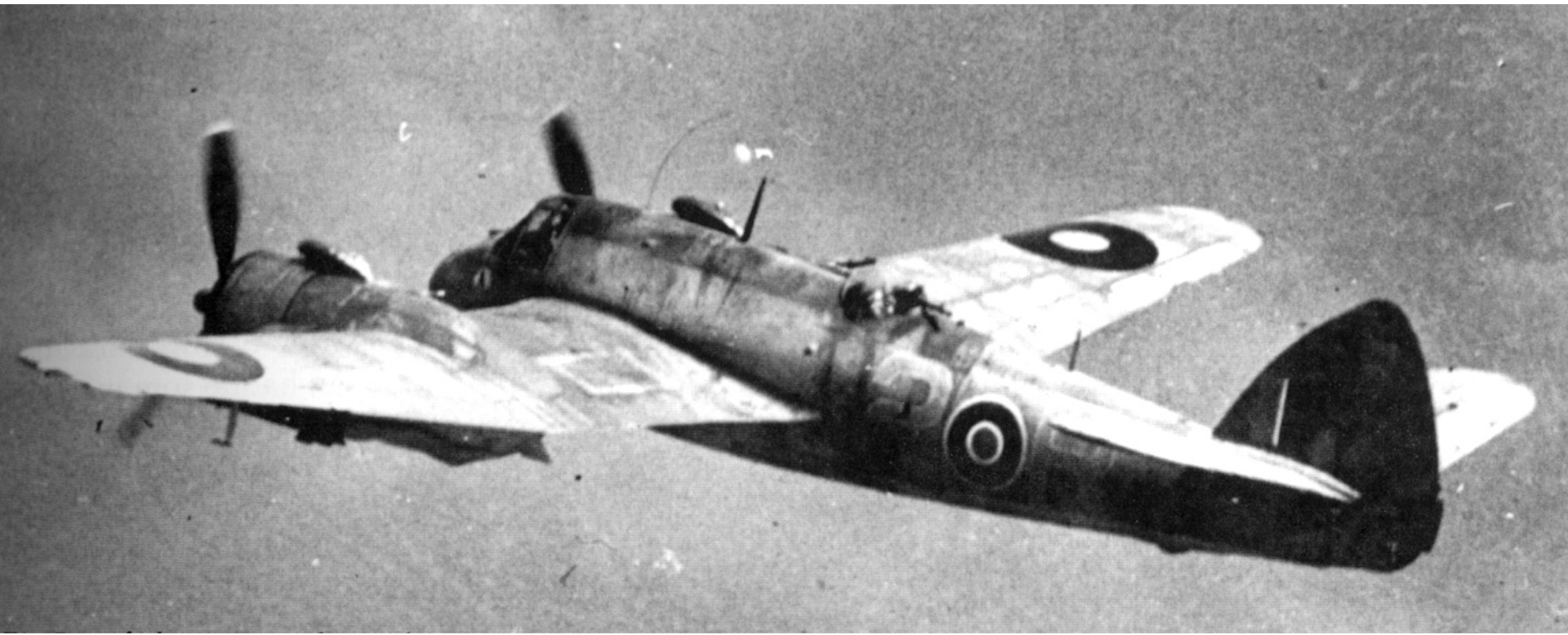
The Last Beaufighter!

Little is remembered today about “Coastal Command.” It included air squadrons from across the Commonwealth, including Canada’s 404 Squadron. They flew the small fighter/bomber aircraft, the *Bristol Beaufighter*, described as the finest all-around twin engine aircraft of the war. From northern Scotland, they attacked enemy shipping all along the European coast throughout WWII.

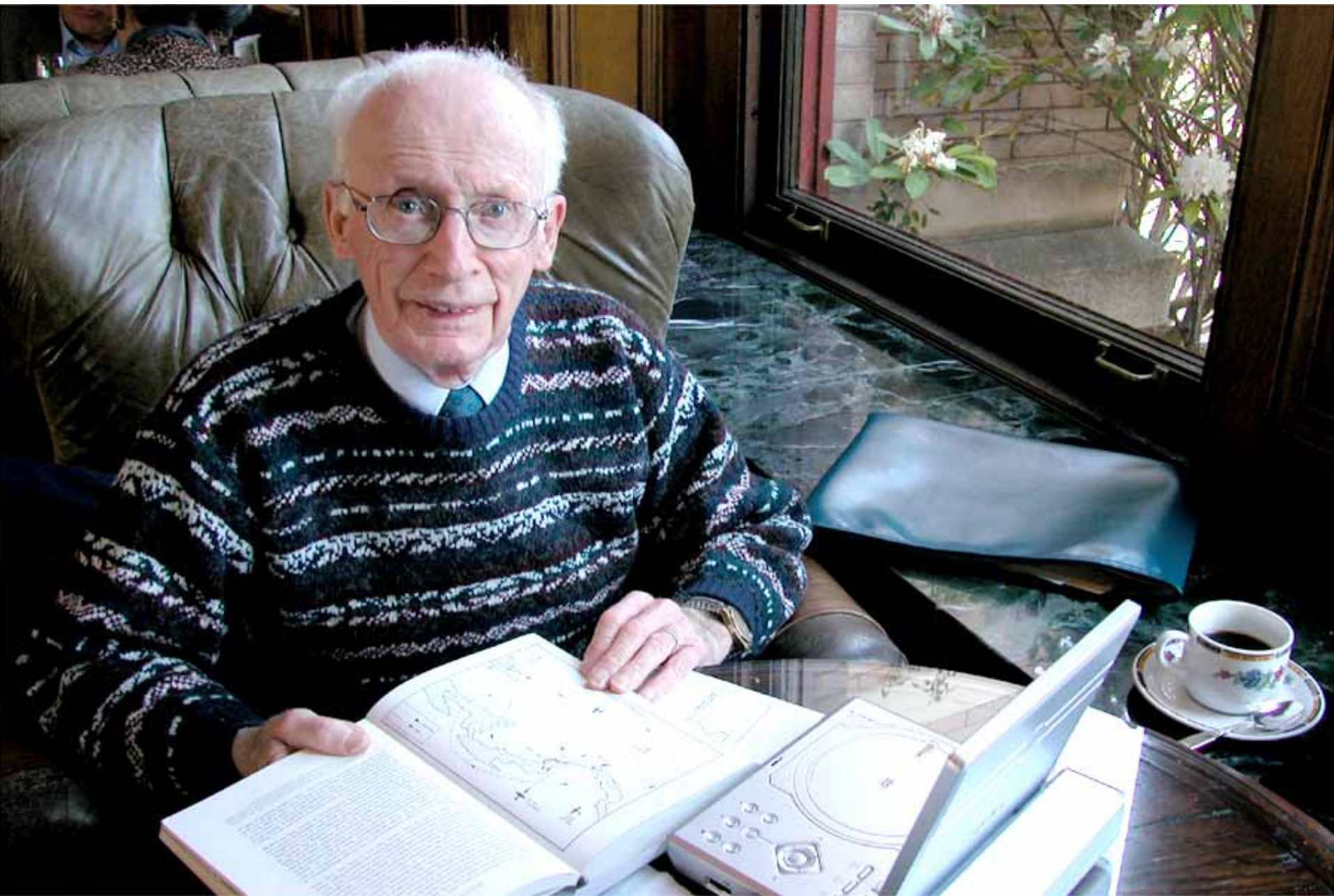
Bert Ramsden, of Victoria, B.C., (85) is the last surviving Canadian Beaufighter pilot from “Black Friday.”

On February 9th, 1945, ten Allied aircraft were shot down in Norway during the raid on an enemy flotilla made up of a German destroyer and several other warships. Six of the planes shot down were from the RCAF’s 404 Squadron. Of the 14 Allied airmen who died that day, ten were Canadian. It was the worst loss in Coastal Command’s history!



















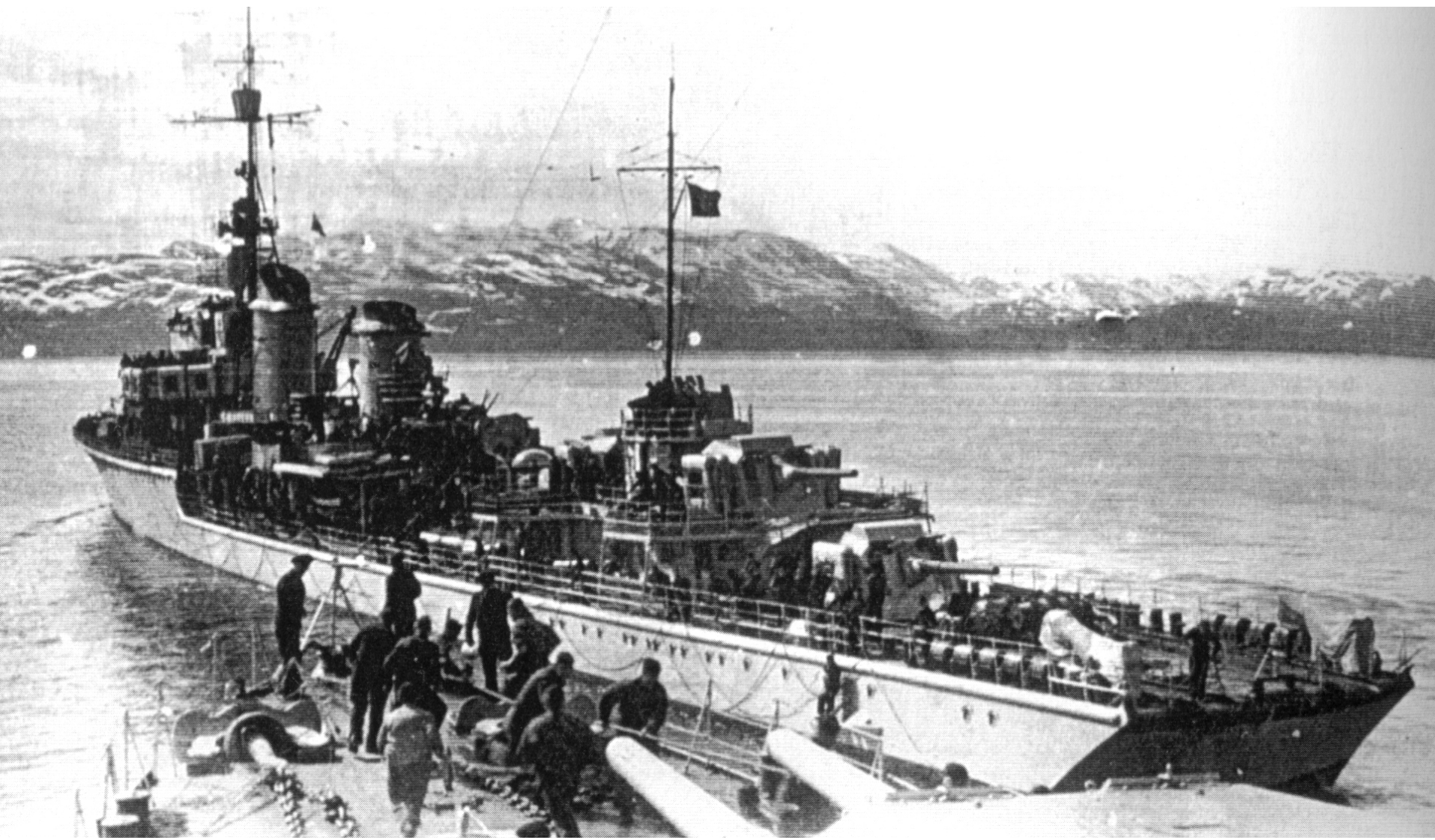


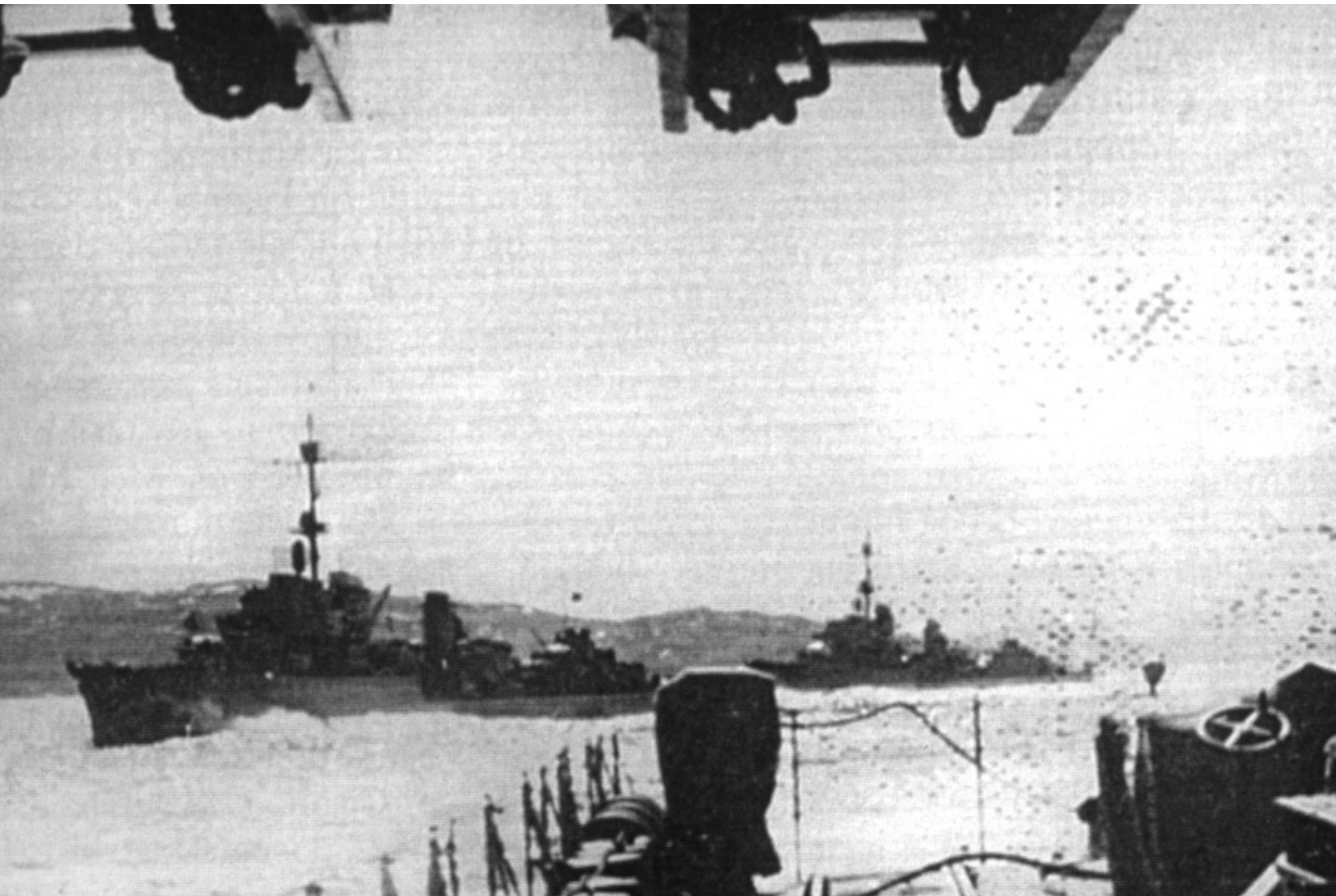




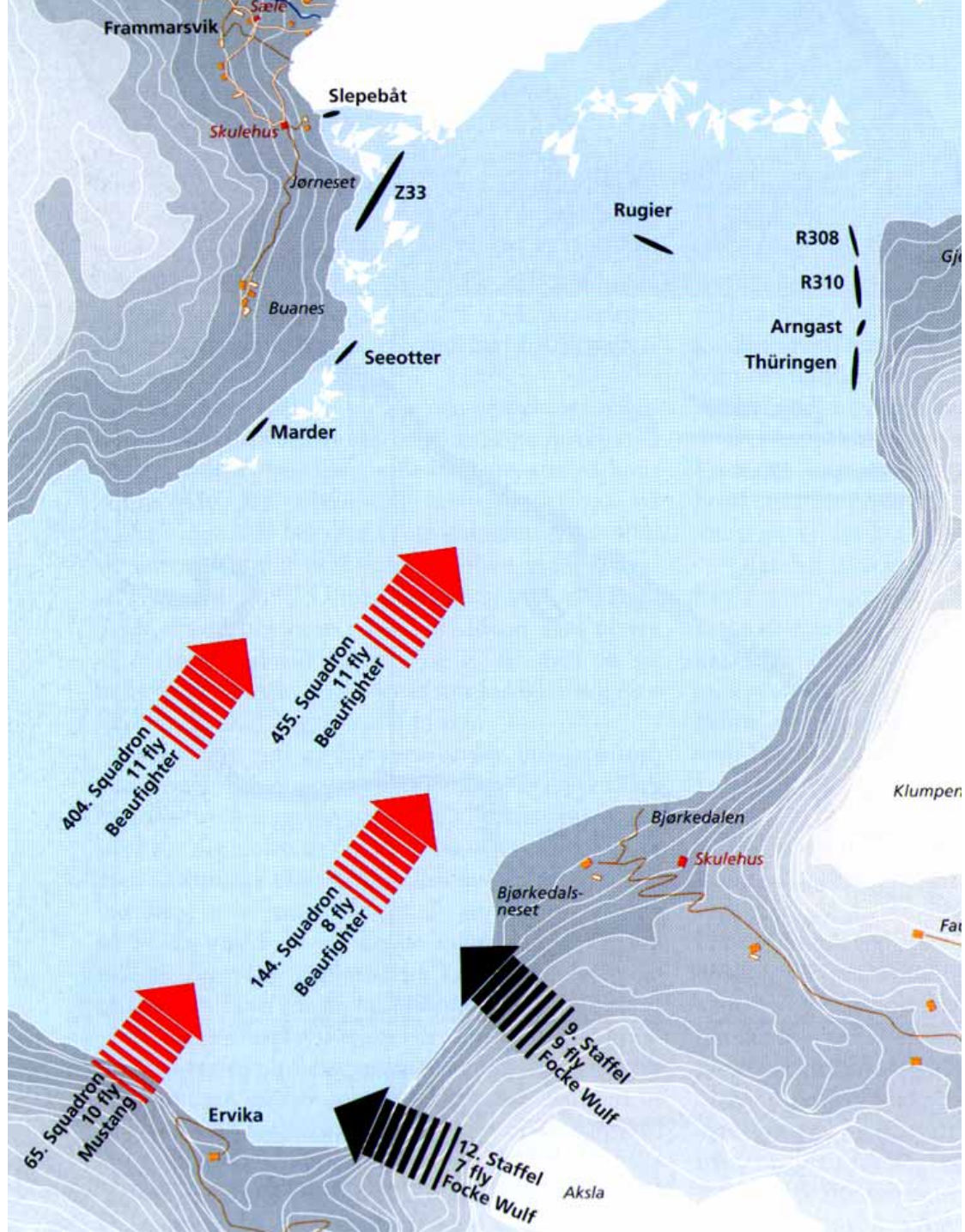






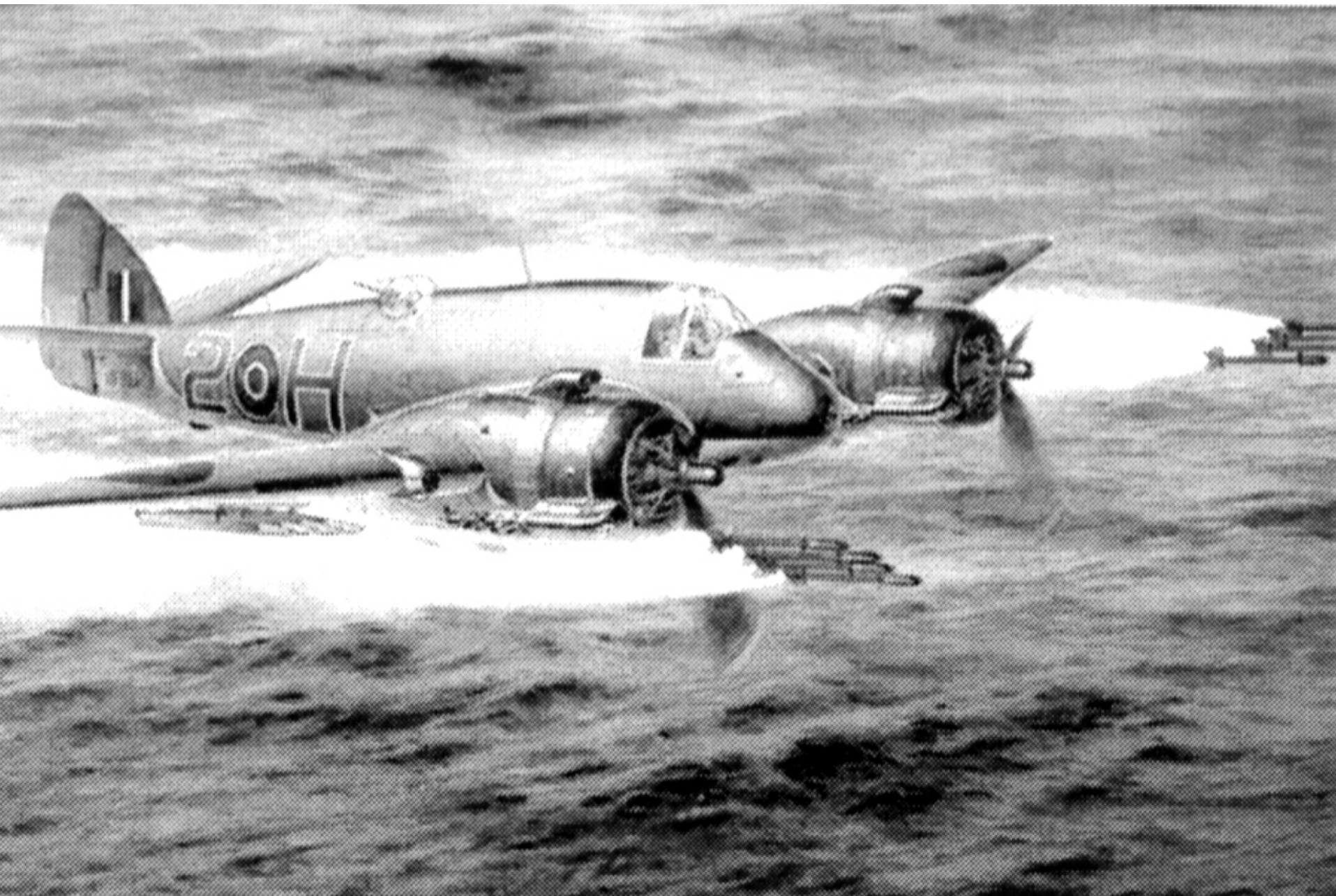






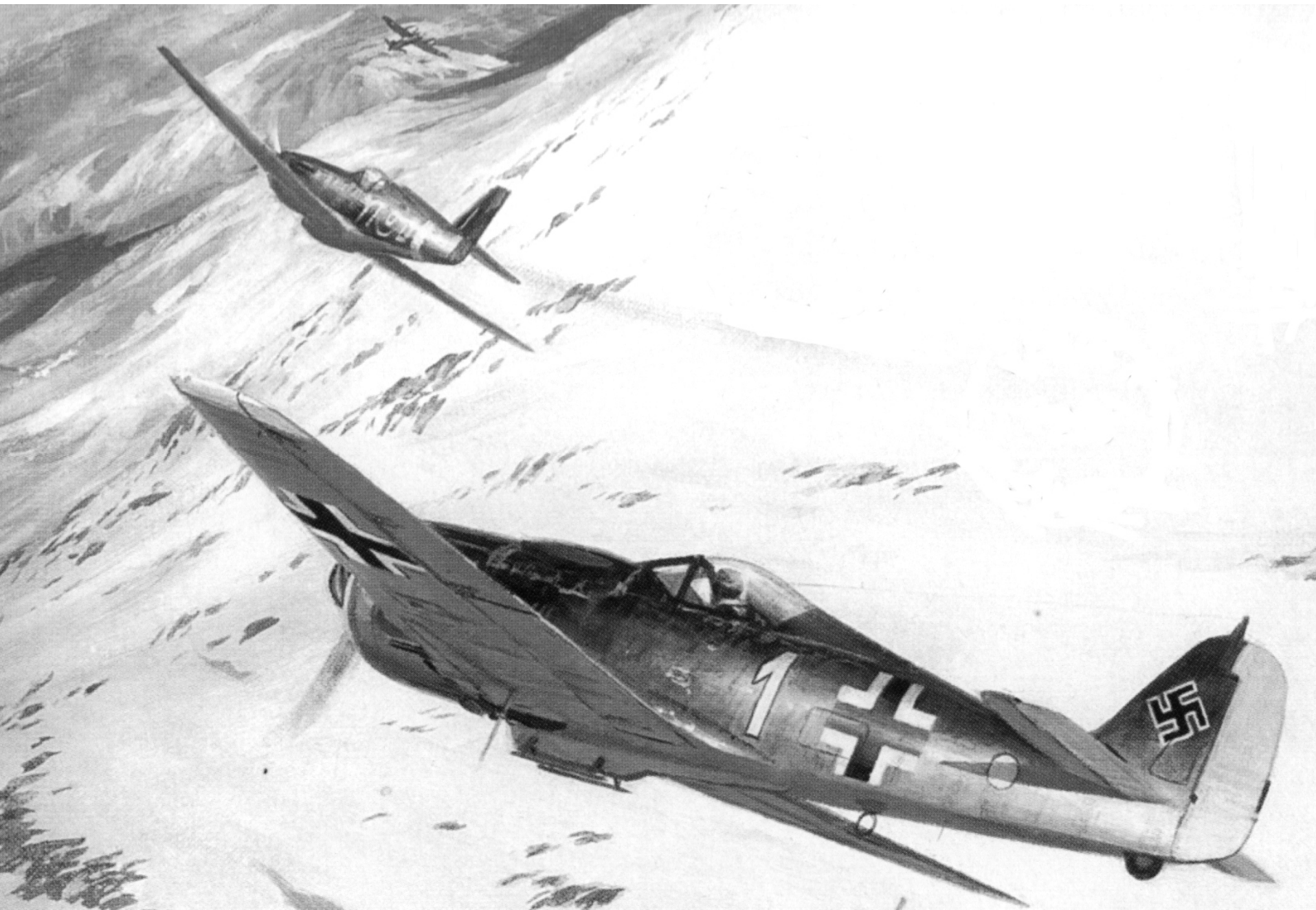


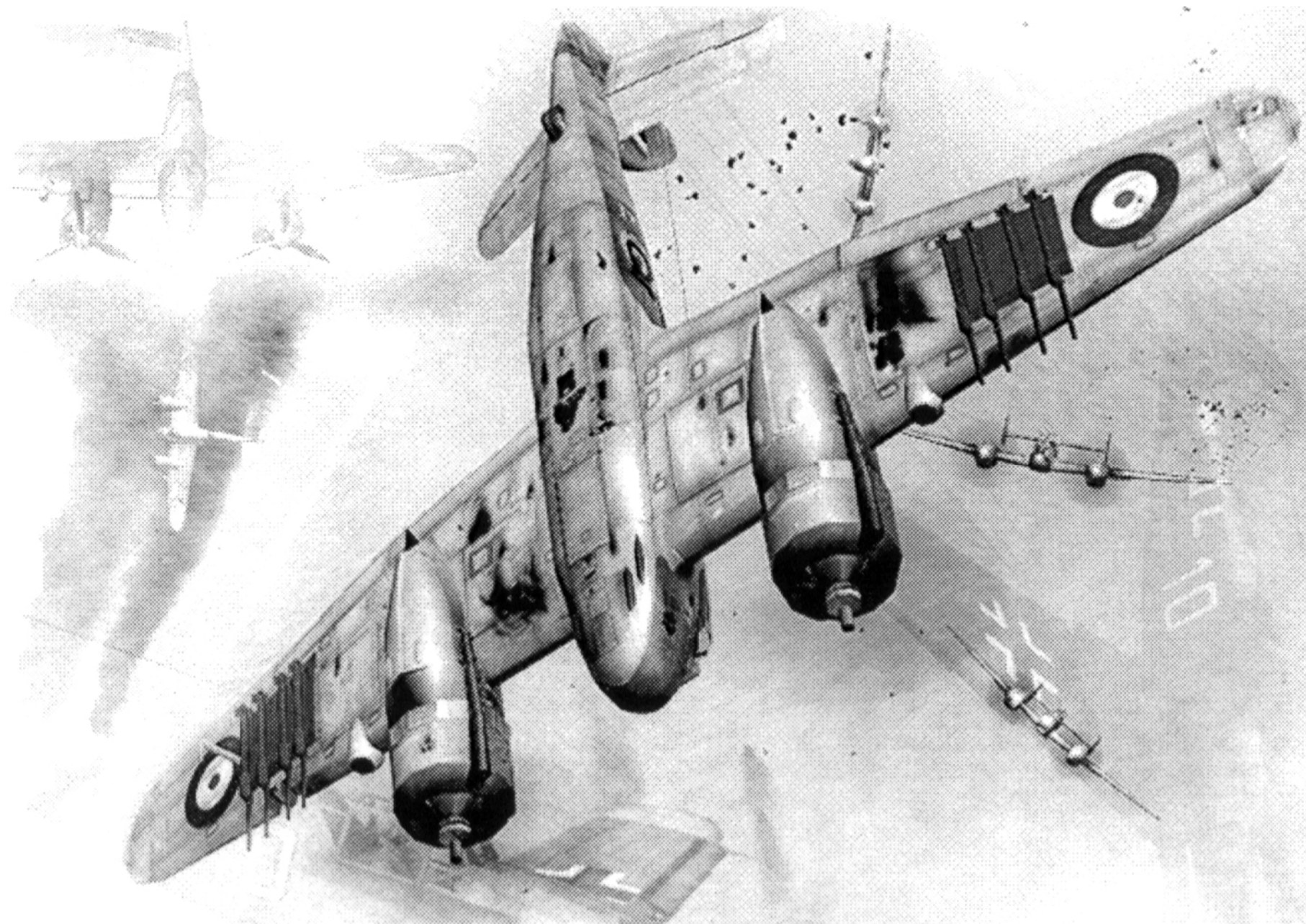




















Of all the Allied planes shot down during Black Friday, only two have been dove on to date. One was an RAF Beaufighter which crashed in 80 ft. of water near Naustdal. We were able to dive and film the wreck of this plane during 2005's expedition.

Also, the possible wreck sites of four other Beaufighters (three Canadian) have, since then, been identified. Our plan is to look for these in 2007. And once we've found a plane, we'll document it using an underwater high definition video camera system.

Please help us find Canada's "Last Beaufighter!"

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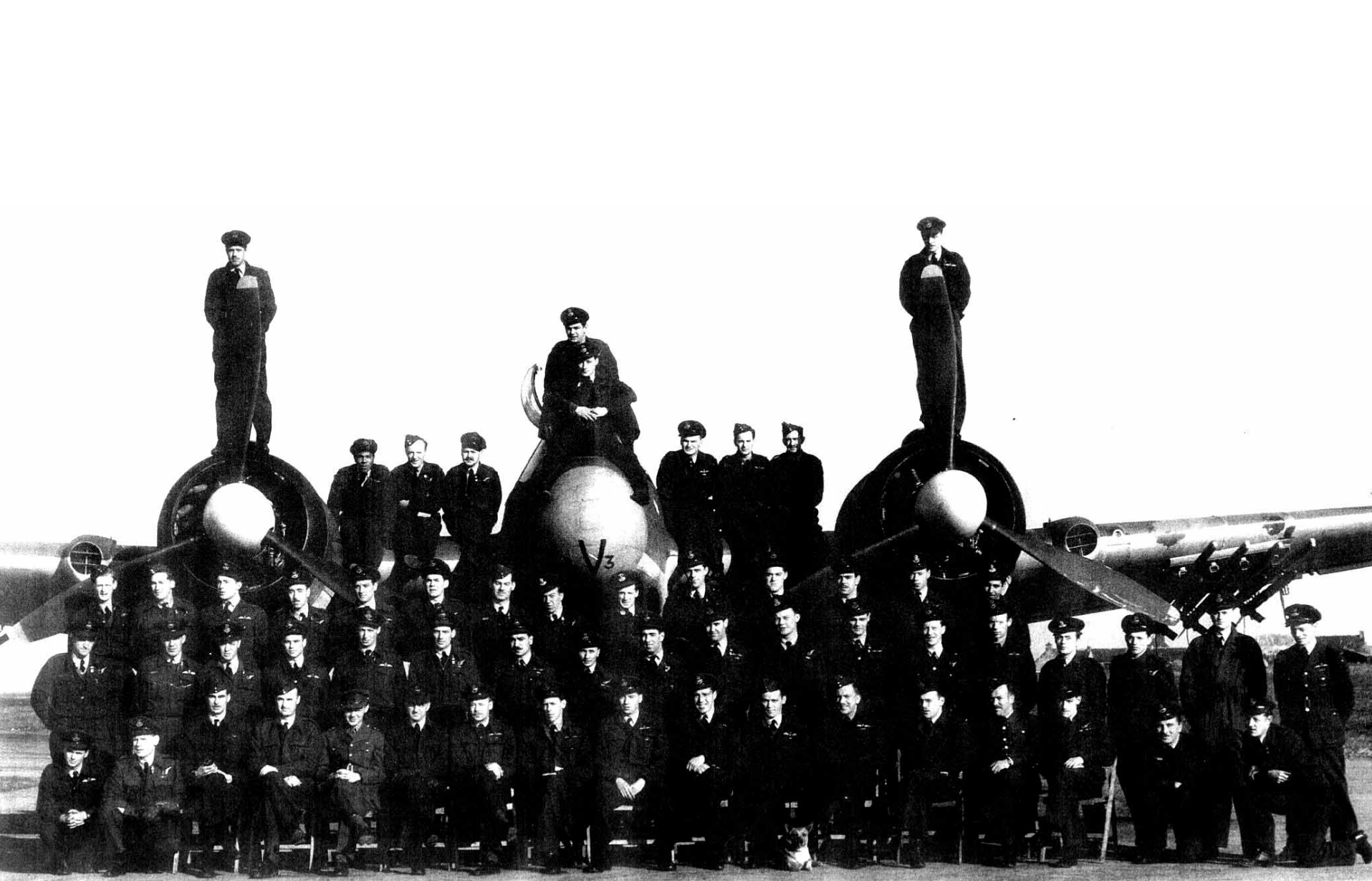


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