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THE CREW OF THE B-24J BOMBER "JEETER BUG"

The members of the crew of "Jeeter Bug" were on their 21st combat mission on the night of March 13, 1945 when their aircraft was severely damaged by flak over their target, ChiChi Jima. With one engine out and another losing power, the aircraft commander made the decision to attempt an emergency night landing on Iwo Jima in the midst of the battle for the island. With critical support from the Marine Combat Forces, they made a successful landing on the short, unlighted and shell-cratered runway, changed the engine and flew the aircraft safely back to Guam three days later. A remarkable performance made possible by good leadership on the part of the pilot, the late Frank Jeter, good teamwork and lots of courage.

Lt. William F. Jeter, II, Pilot

Lt. Herbert C. Harter, Co-Pilot

Lt. Ernest J. Weller, Navigator

Lt. Anatole G. Babykin, Bombardier

TSgt. Robert L. Larson, Engineer

TSgt. Dale A. Henderson, Radio Operator

SSgt. Samuel E. Tillery, Armorer

SSgt. Doyle V. Ebel, Gunner

SSgt. Raymond V. Fritter, Gunner

SSgt. Victor G. Crowell, Gunner

TSgt. Richard A. David, Radio Operator

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