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Subject: History of Carrier Air Group EIGHTY FIVE  
from Commissioning on 15 May 1944 to 31  
December 1944.

Reference: (a) Aviation Circular Letter 74-44 of  
25 July 1944.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of History of Commander Carrier  
Air Group EIGHTY FIVE.  
(B) Copy of History of Fighting Squadron  
EIGHTY FIVE.  
(C) Copy of History of Bombing Squadron  
EIGHTY FIVE.  
(D) Copy of History of Torpedo Squadron  
EIGHTY FIVE.

I. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures  
(A), (B), (C), (D), are forwarded herewith.

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NARRATIVE (cont'd)

- (3) From 1 July 1945 to 15 August 1945; sweeps and strikes on the Japanese Empire, extending from Kure, in Honshu, as far north as Hokkaido, with considerable emphasis on the Tokyo area. During these extensive operations every form of Japanese effort to wage war was effectively hit, and great damage inflicted. Airfields and aircraft in the vicinity of Tokyo were repeatedly attacked; the battleship NAGATO, moored at Yokosuka was effectively damaged, while the cruiser OYODO was caused to capsize with the battleship HARUNA left resting on the bottom at Kure. The cruiser TONE was also damaged at Kure. In addition extensive damage was done to shipping and installations in Muroran, Hakodate and Otaru Harbors, Hokkaido, and Maizuru and Sagami Wan in Honshu. Airfields on the northwestern and northeastern coasts of Honshu were attacked and large numbers of enemy aircraft destroyed on the ground. During these operations the enemy was given no rest, and they were terminated only by peace being declared 15 August 1945 Item time.

From 15 August until the air group's detachment from USS SHANGRI LA - 3 September, Task Force THIRTY EIGHT remained in waters close to Japan with Air Group EIGHTY FIVE flying airfield reconnaissance, patrols over Atsugi and Sagami Wan, searching out Prisoner of War Camps and dropping food and clothing to them, and otherwise assisting in the preliminaries to the formal surrender and in the occupation of the Japanese Empire.