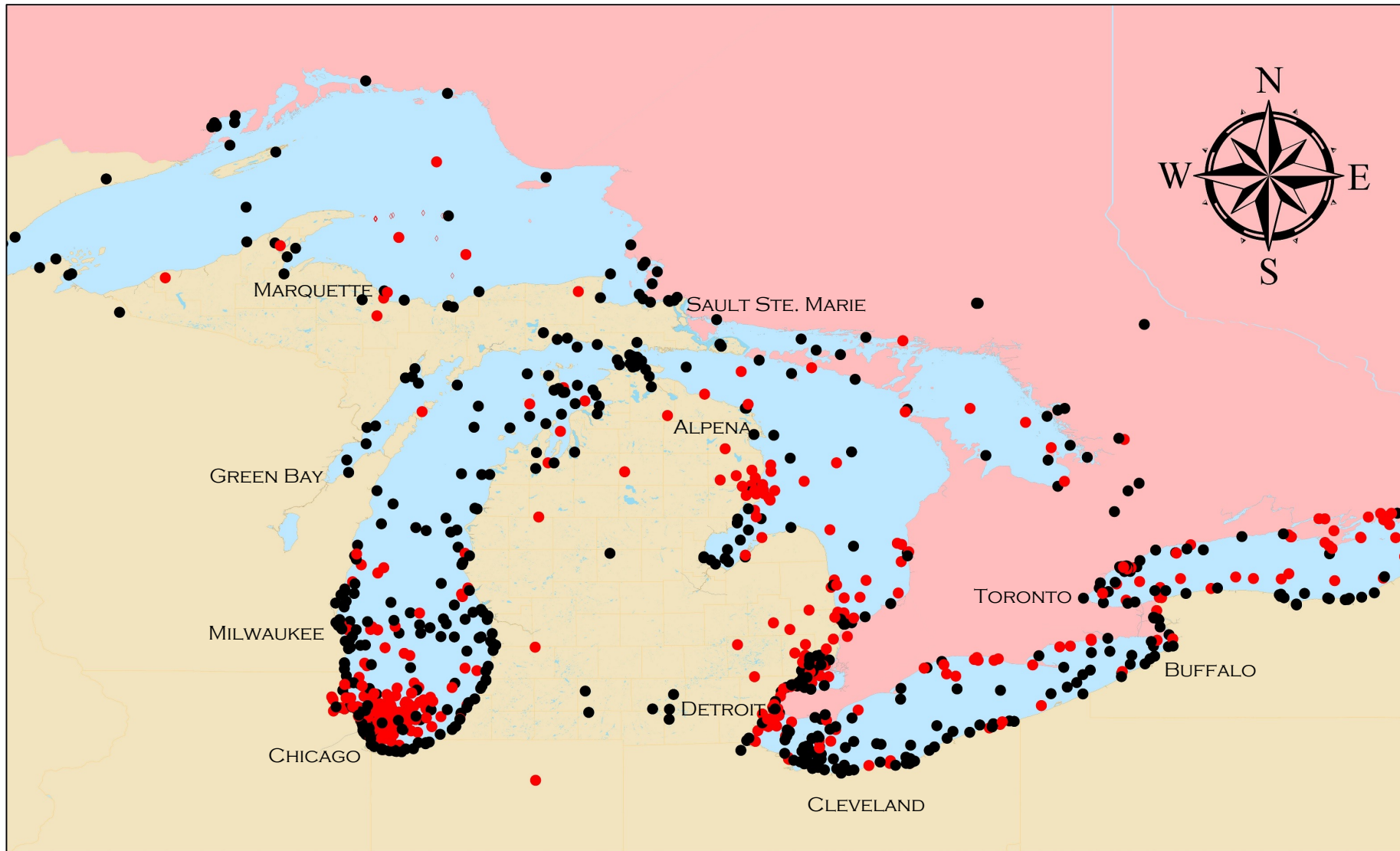
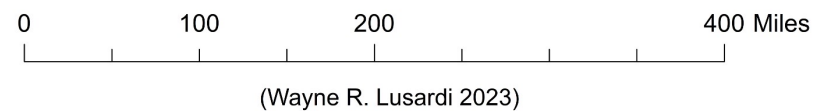


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Civil and Military Aircraft Losses Great Lakes & Inland Water Bodies



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Red = U.S. Army, U.S. Navy & Foreign Military Aircraft

1,100 PROJECTED LOCATIONS

LAKE HURON RED TAILS!

RECOVERING A TUSKEGEE WARBIIRD



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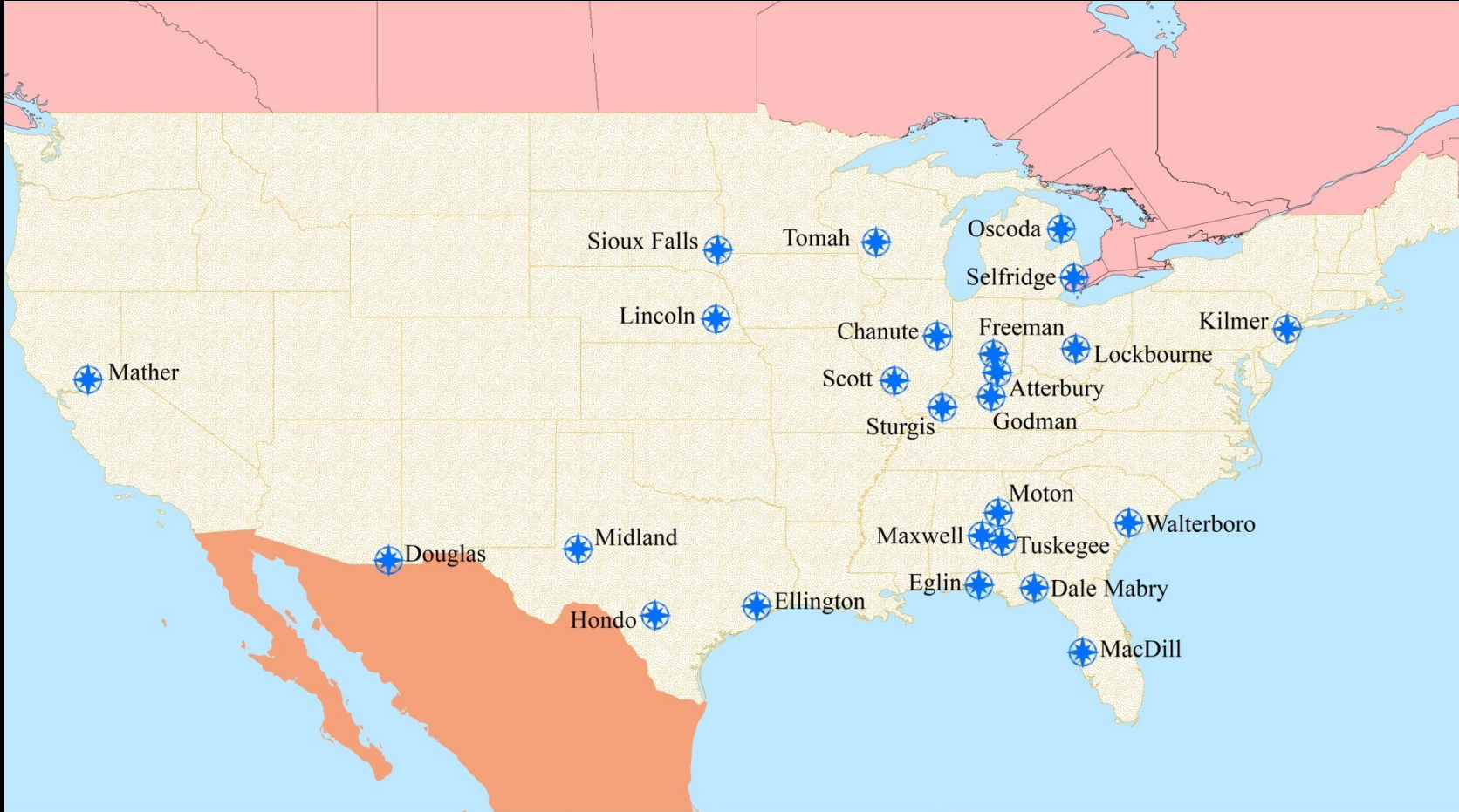
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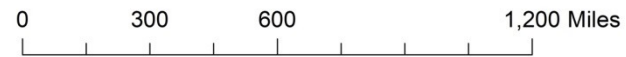
99TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

TUSKEGEE AIRMEN IN MICHIGAN

MARCH 1943 TO MAY 1944



Tuskegee Airmen Training Airfields



(Wayne R. Lusardi 2018)

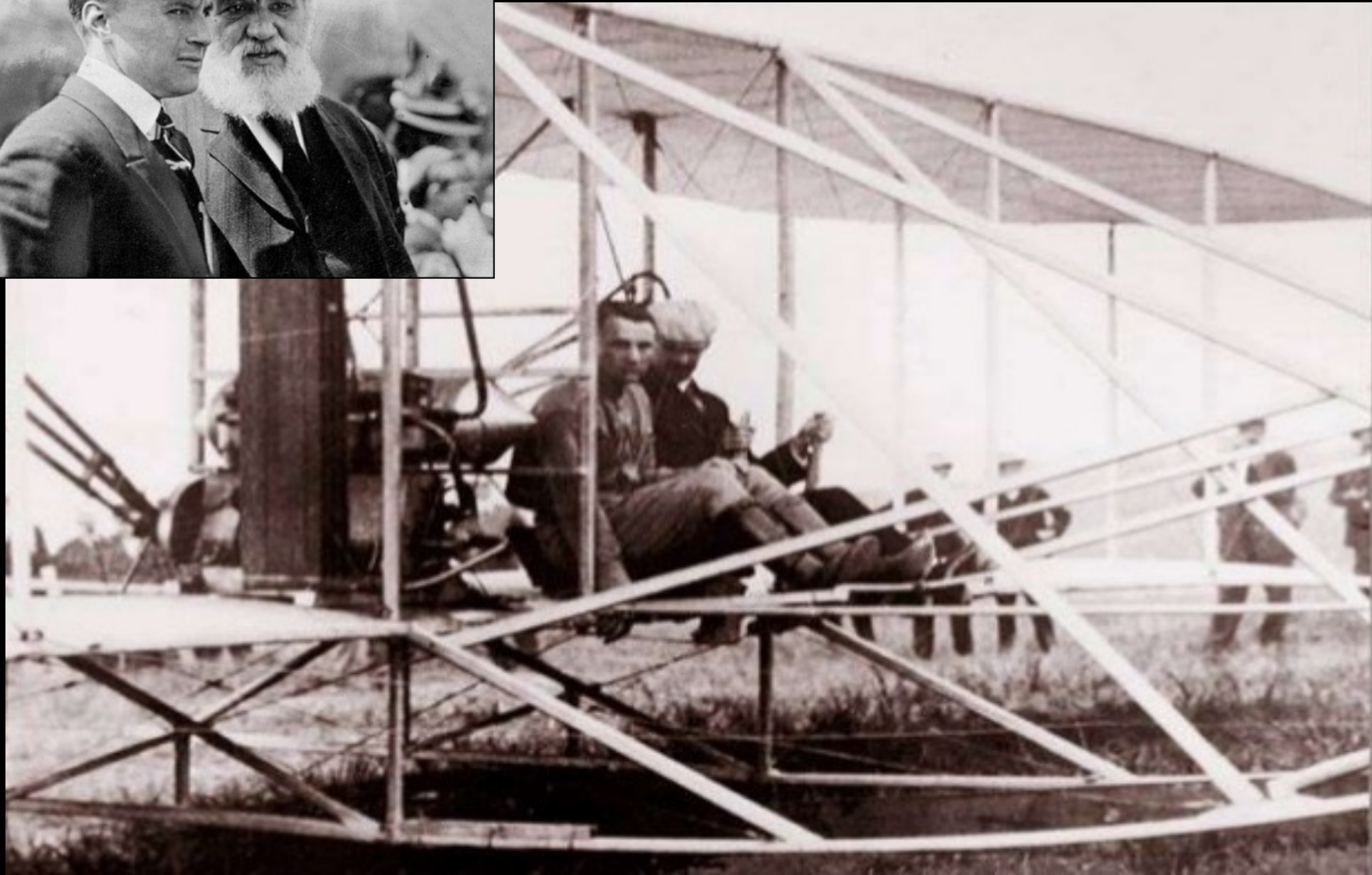
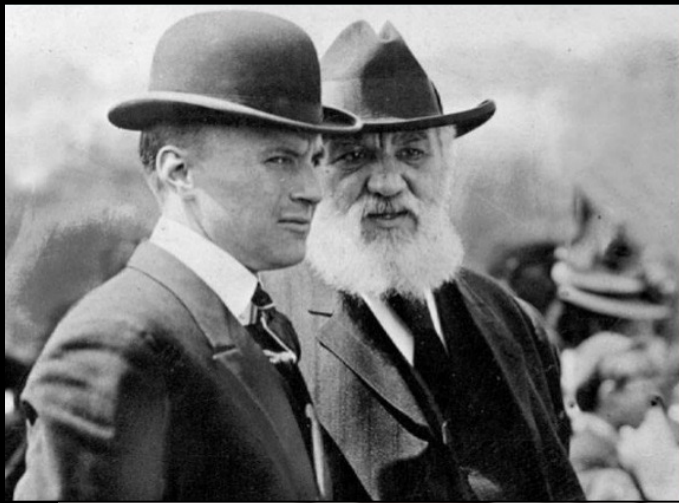
100TH, 301ST & 302ND FIGHTER SQUADRONS
COMPRISING THE 332ND FIGHTER GROUP

SELFRIDGE FIELD

EST. APRIL 1917



1932 AIR SHOW, SELFRIDGE FIELD, MT. CLEMENS, MICHIGAN

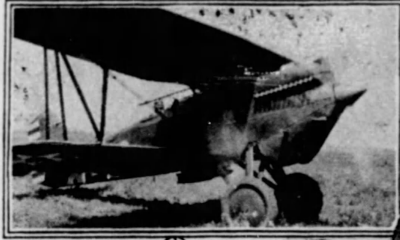


LT. THOMAS SELFRIDGE & ORVILLE WRIGHT
FORT MEYER, VIRGINIA 9/17/1908

CAMP SKEEL

EST. 1923. OSCODA ARMY AIRFIELD (1942), WURTSMITH AIR FORCE BASE (1953)

Selfridge Fliers Learn War Game At Camp Skeel

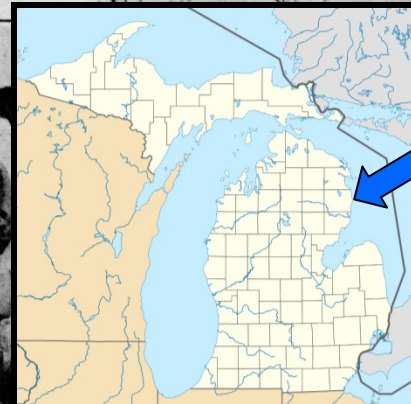
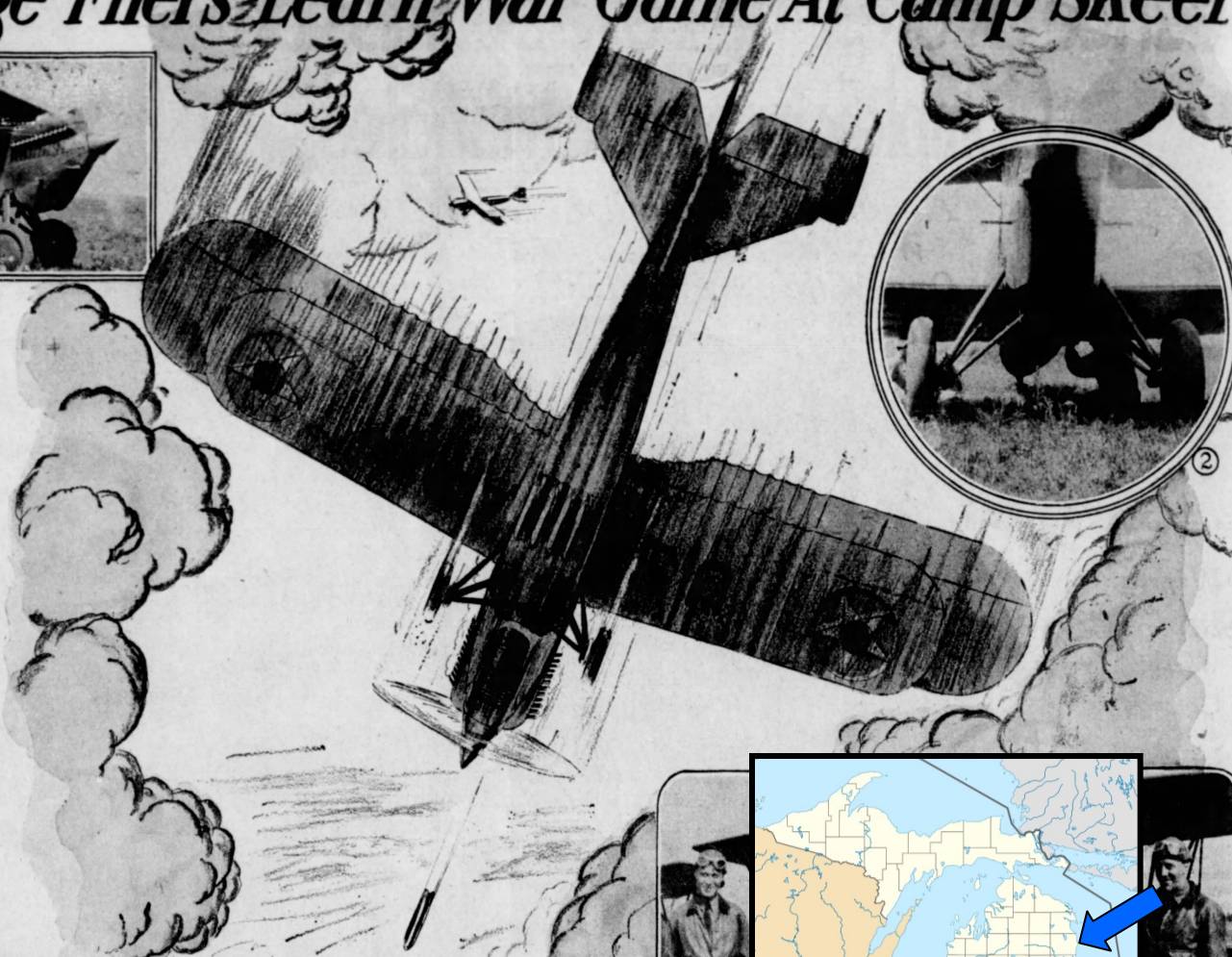


Summer Maneuvers Above Sandy Plains Along Au Sable Profitable

By LEONARD S. HALL.
OSCODA, MICH.

THE primitive quiet of the sandy wilderness north of the Au Sable river has been shattered this summer by the staccato bark of machine guns and the ground-shaking blast of aerial bombs.

This extraordinary invasion of an area which has known only the swift passing of the deer, fox and rabbit during the half century since lumberjacks clipped the plains of their burden of pine, is part of the program of the United States Air Service, which has chosen this wild section







**Tuskegee Aircraft Wrecks
1943-1944**

✈ Known
 ✈ Missing

(W.R. Lusardi 2017)

CURTISS P-40 WARHAWK



No.: 41-13655
DIMENSIONS: 31'8" LENGTH, 37'4" WINGSPAN
LOSS: TAWAS, 5/9/1943
PILOT: 2ND LT. WILMETH W. SIDAT-SINGH

VULTEE BT-13 VALIANT



No.: 42-42926
DIMENSIONS: 28' 10" LENGTH, 42' 0" WINGSPAN
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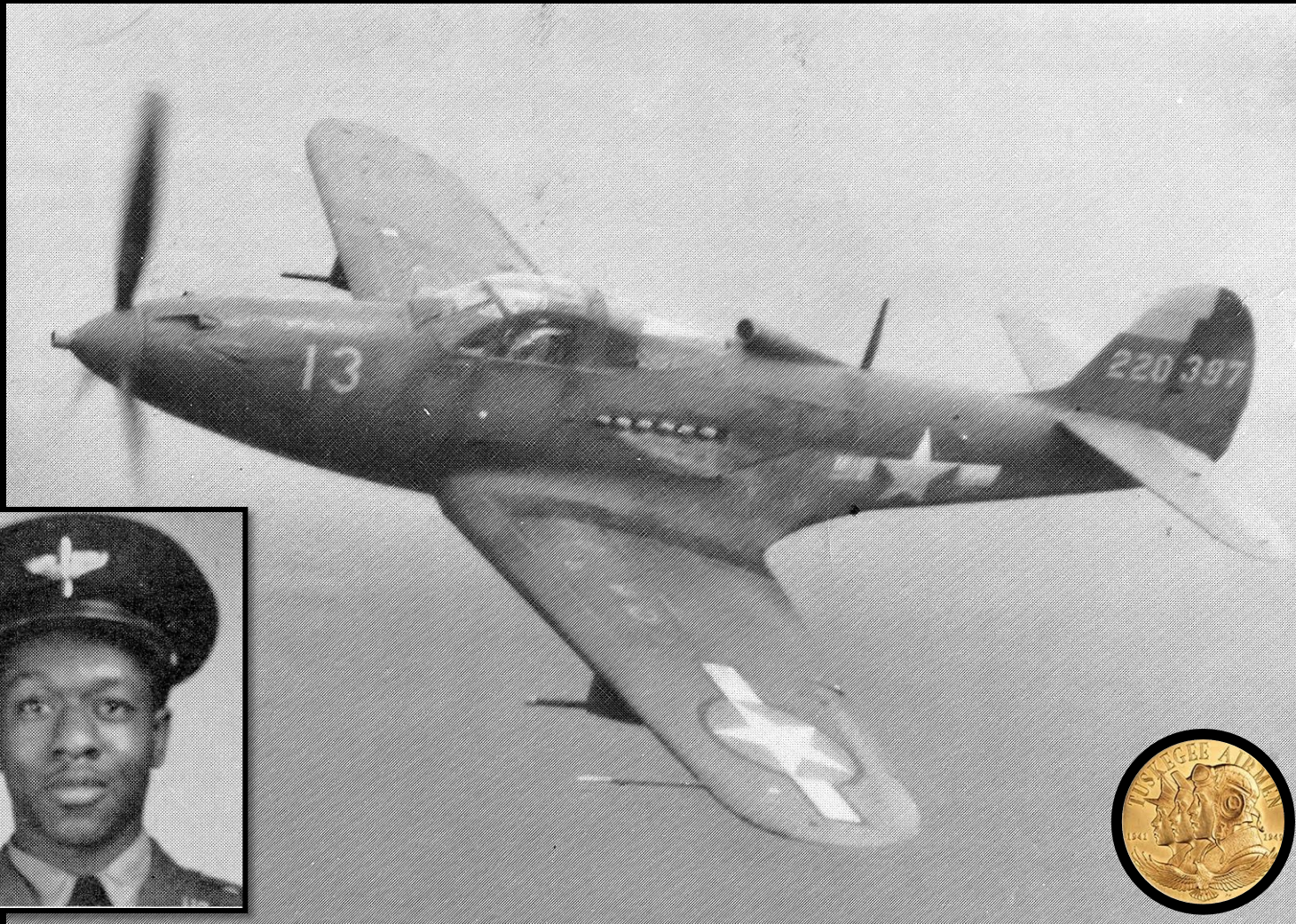
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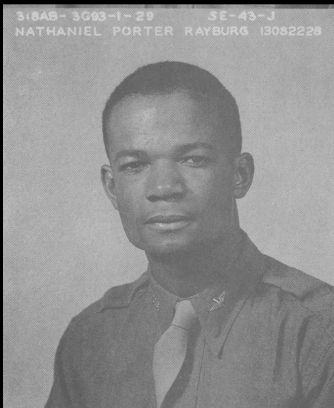


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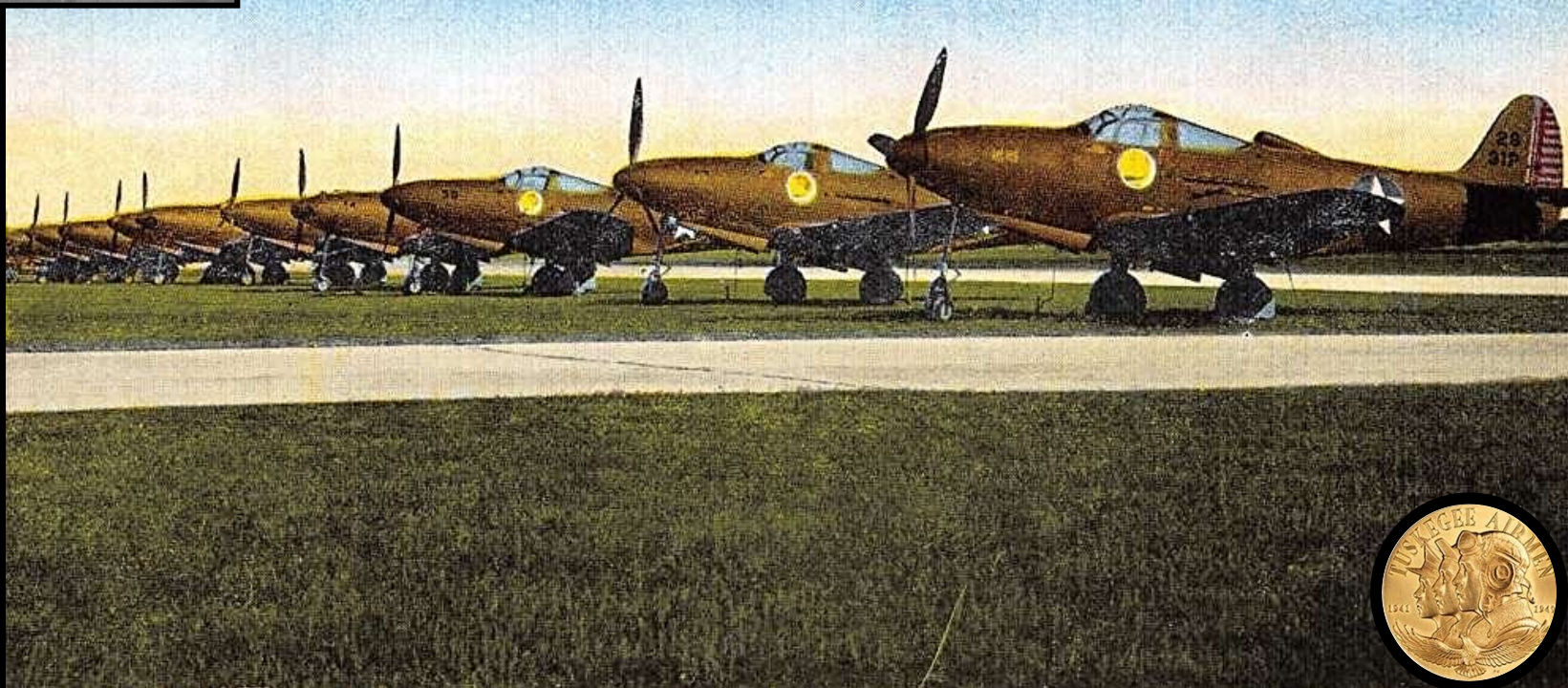


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PILOT: 2ND LT. WILLIAM E. HILL



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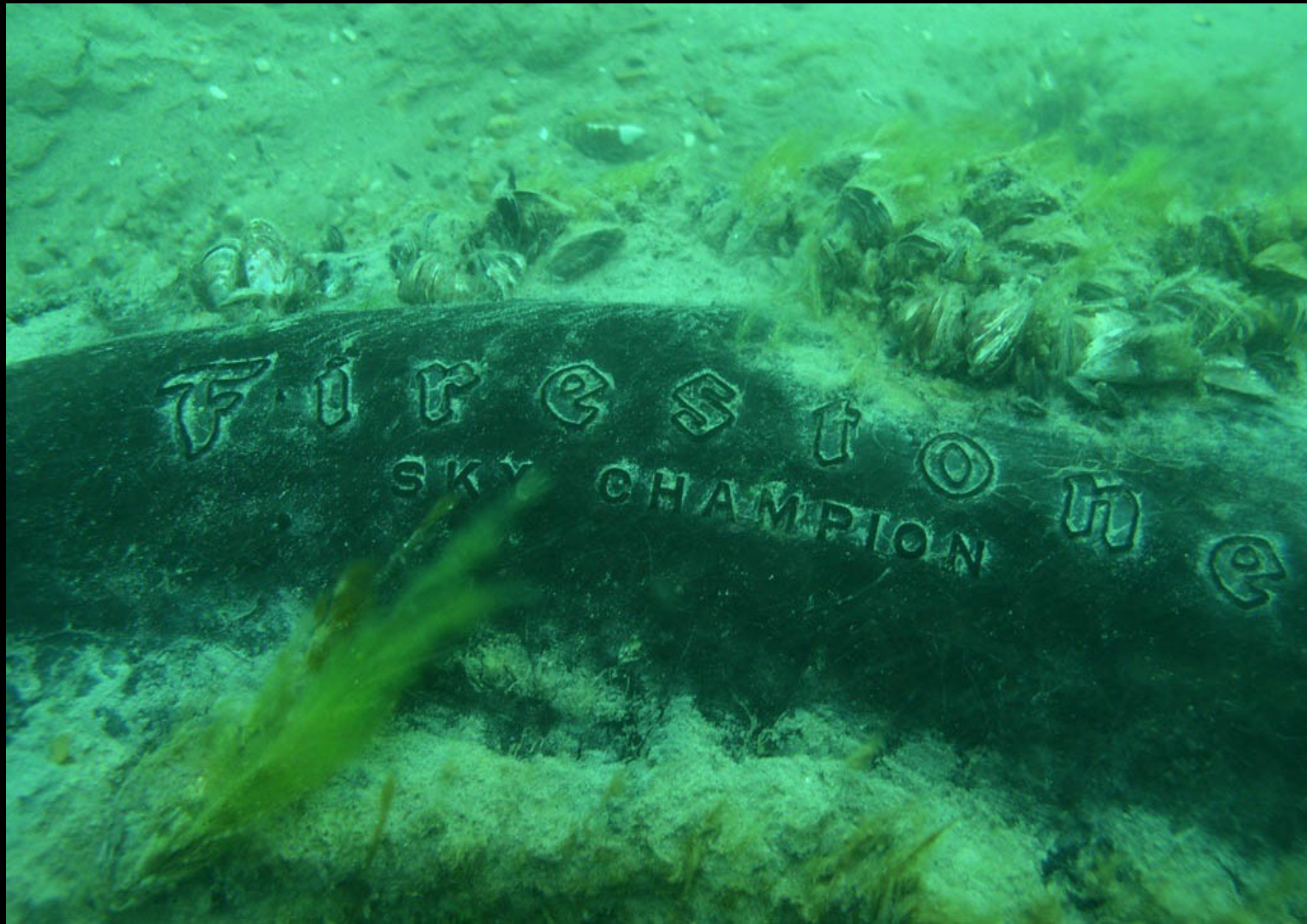


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PILOT: FO NATHANIEL PORTER RAYBURG





FIRESTONE
SKY CHAMPION





FRANK HEMAN MOODY

12/18/1921 – 4/11/1944





TUSKEGEE CLASS 44-B-SE

TUSKEGEE BELL P-39Q AIRACOBRA

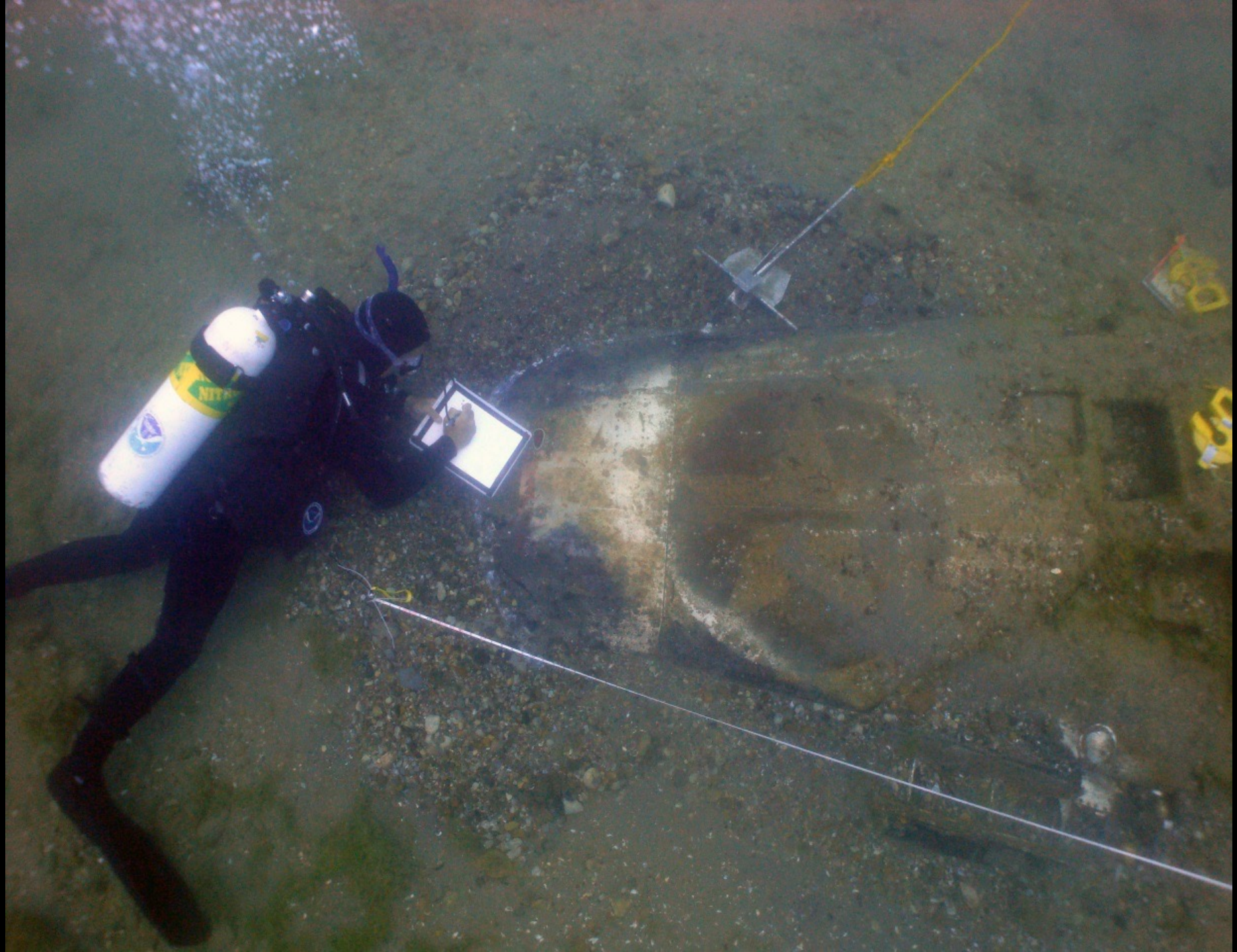


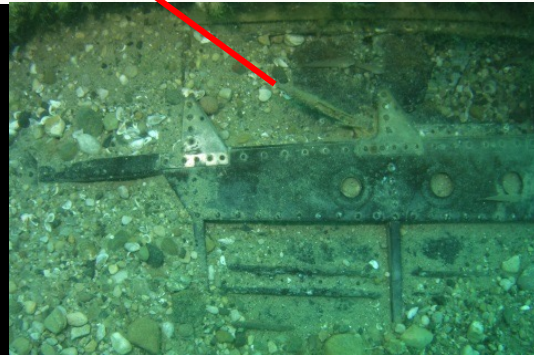
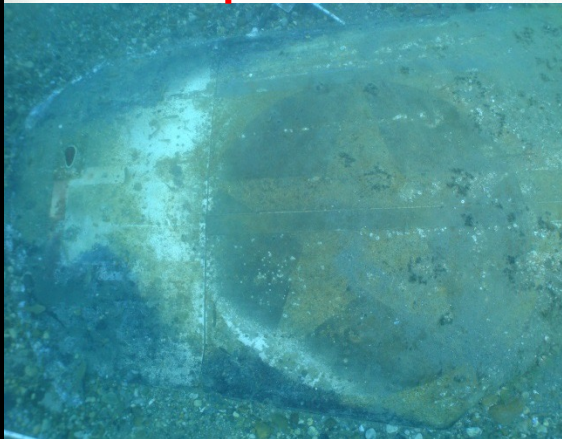
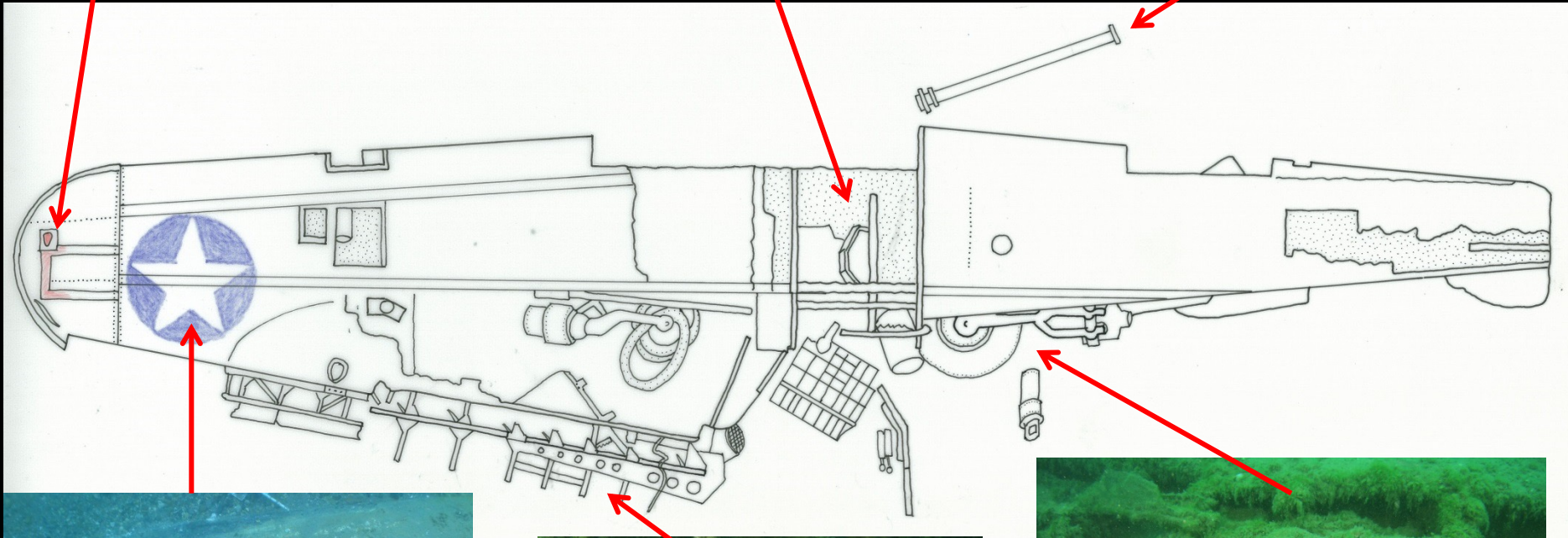
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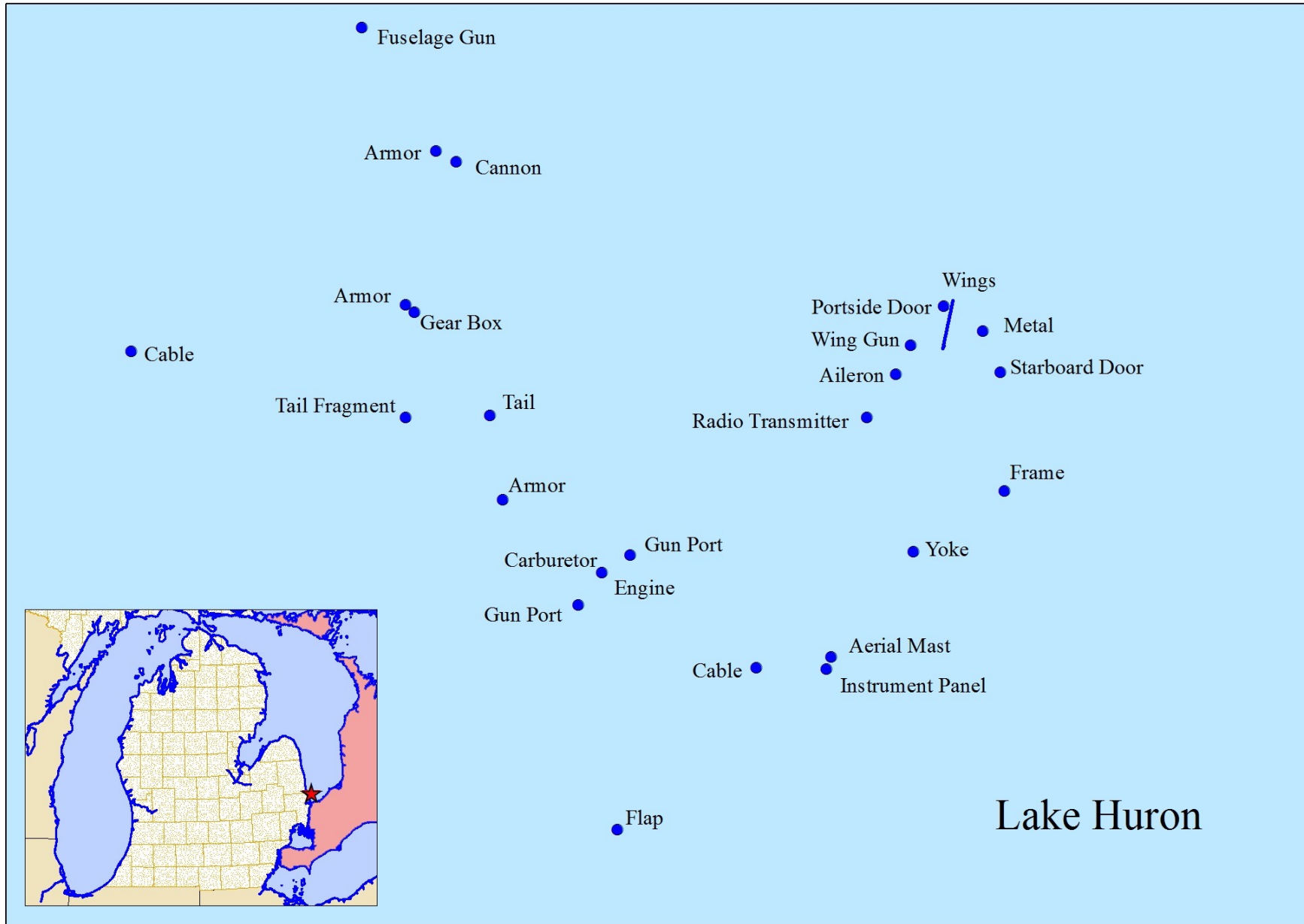


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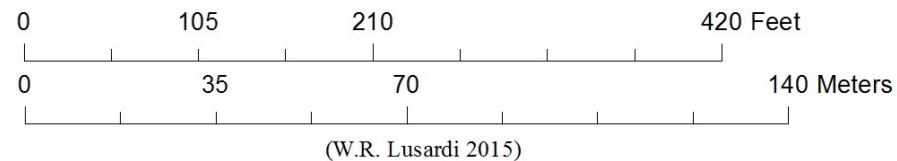






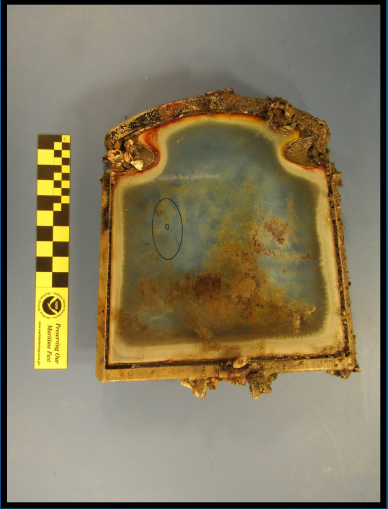
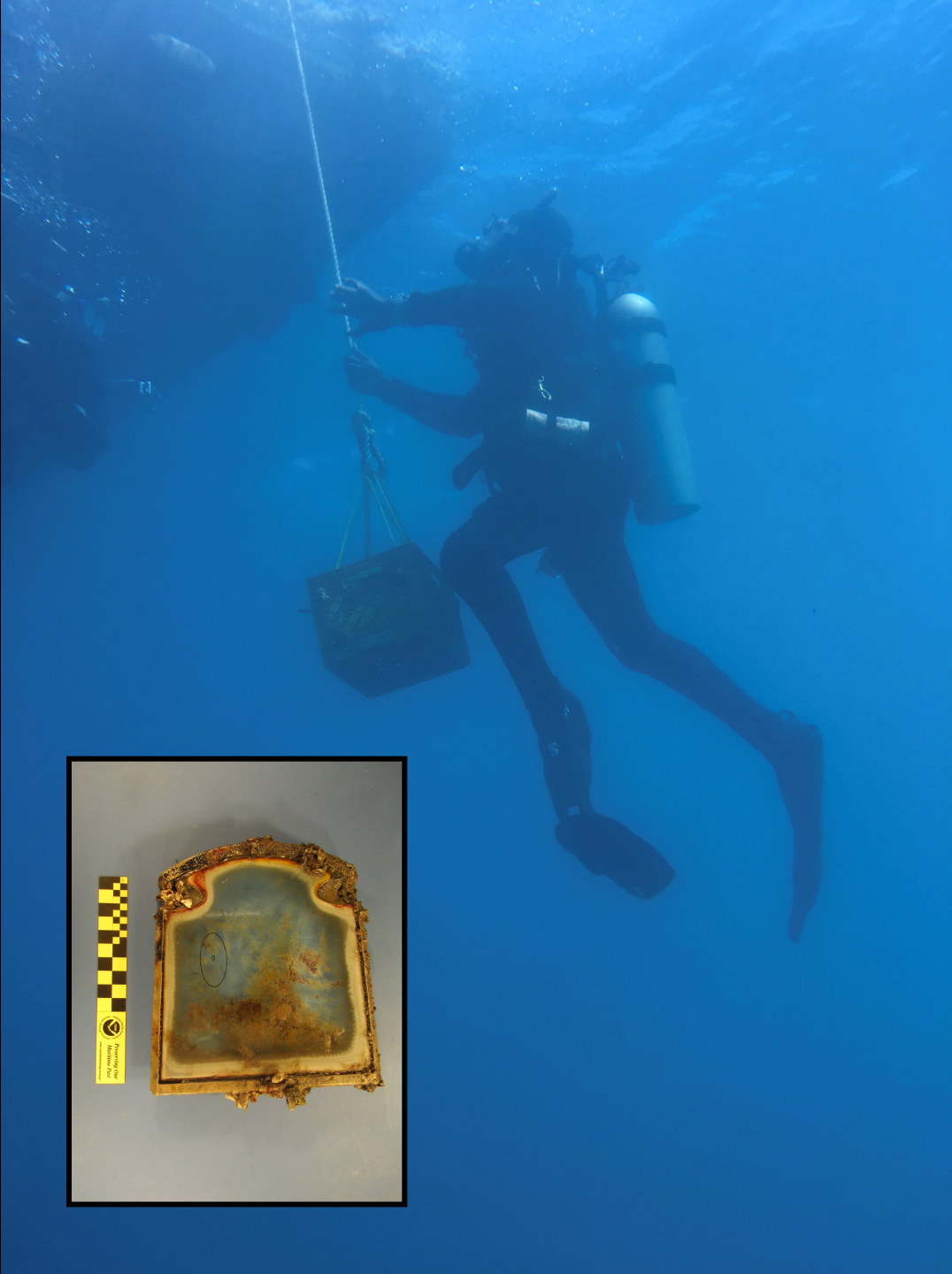


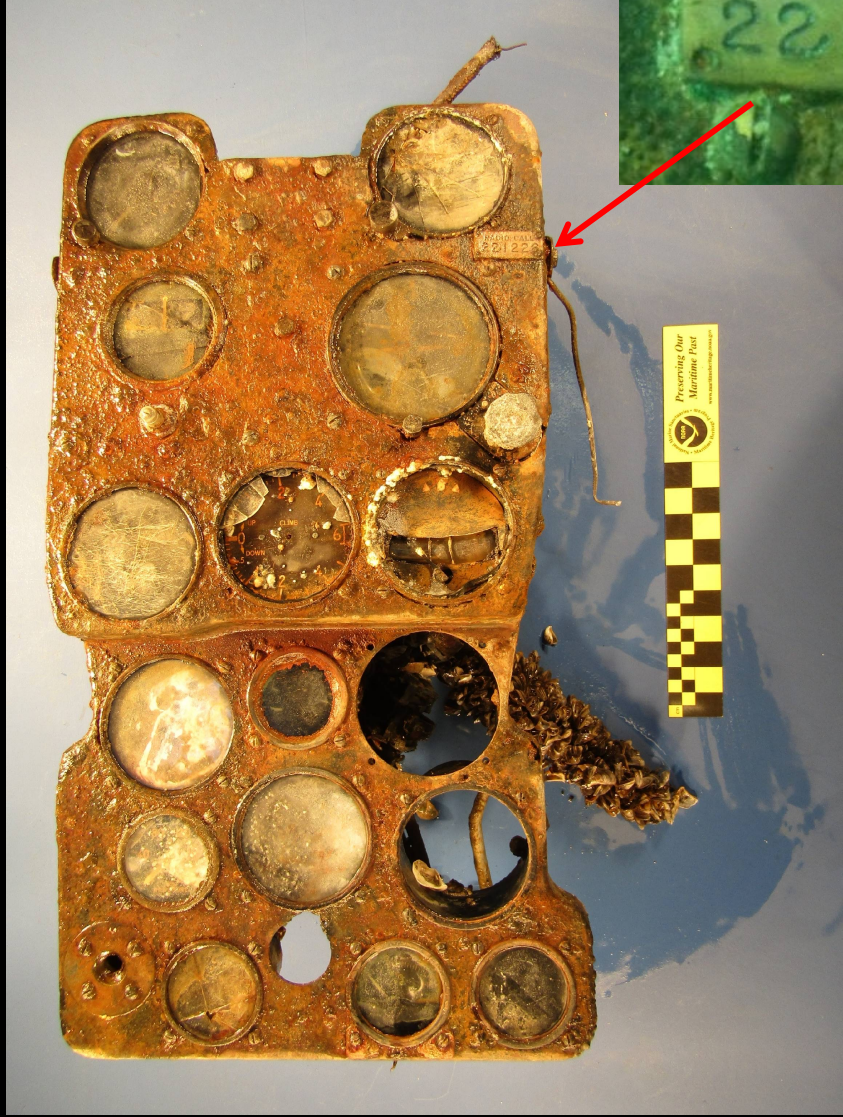
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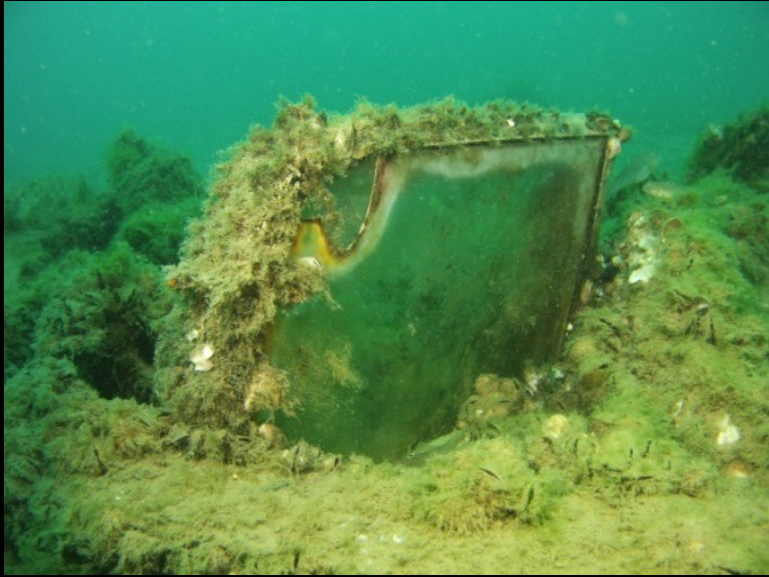
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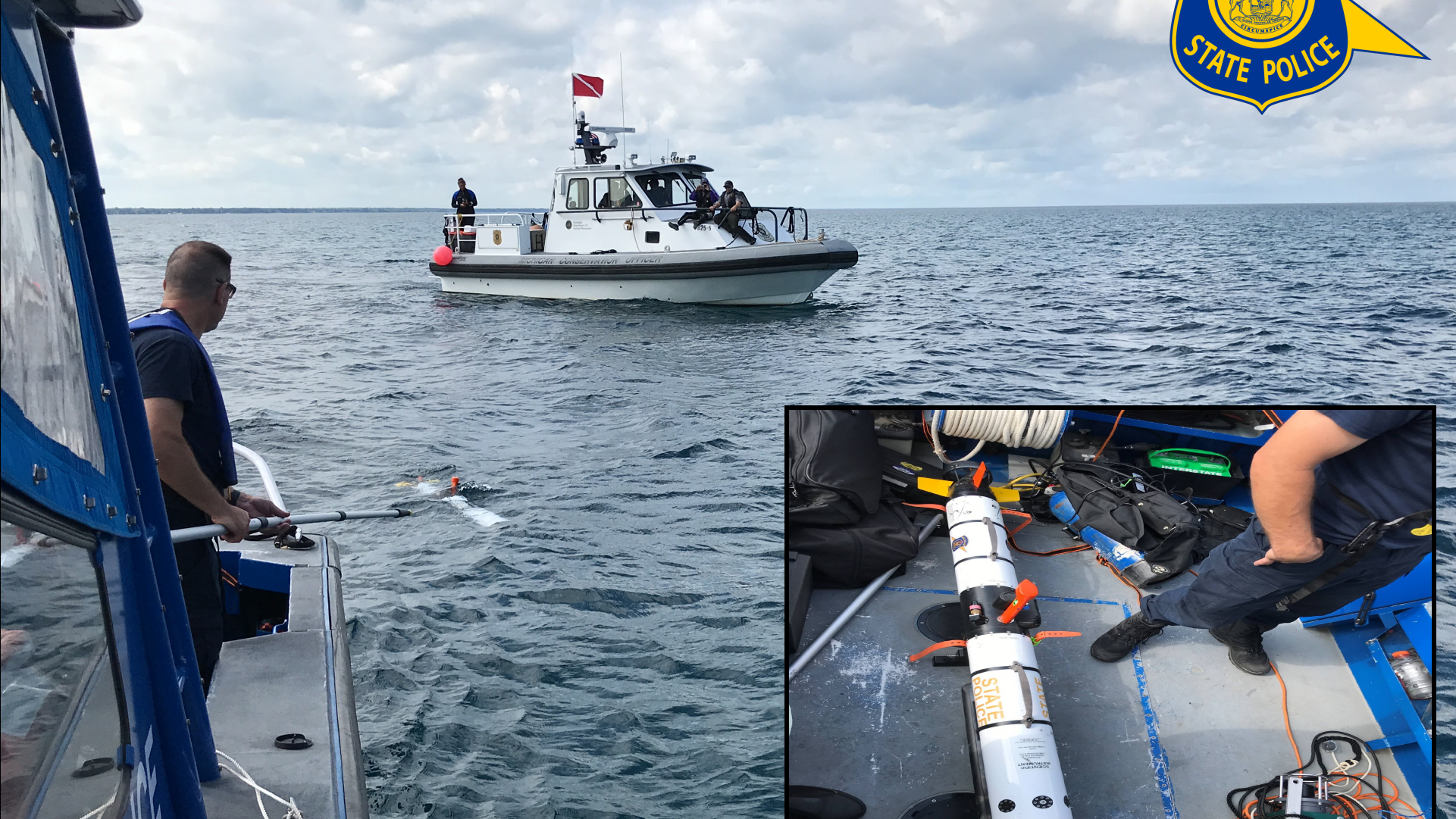


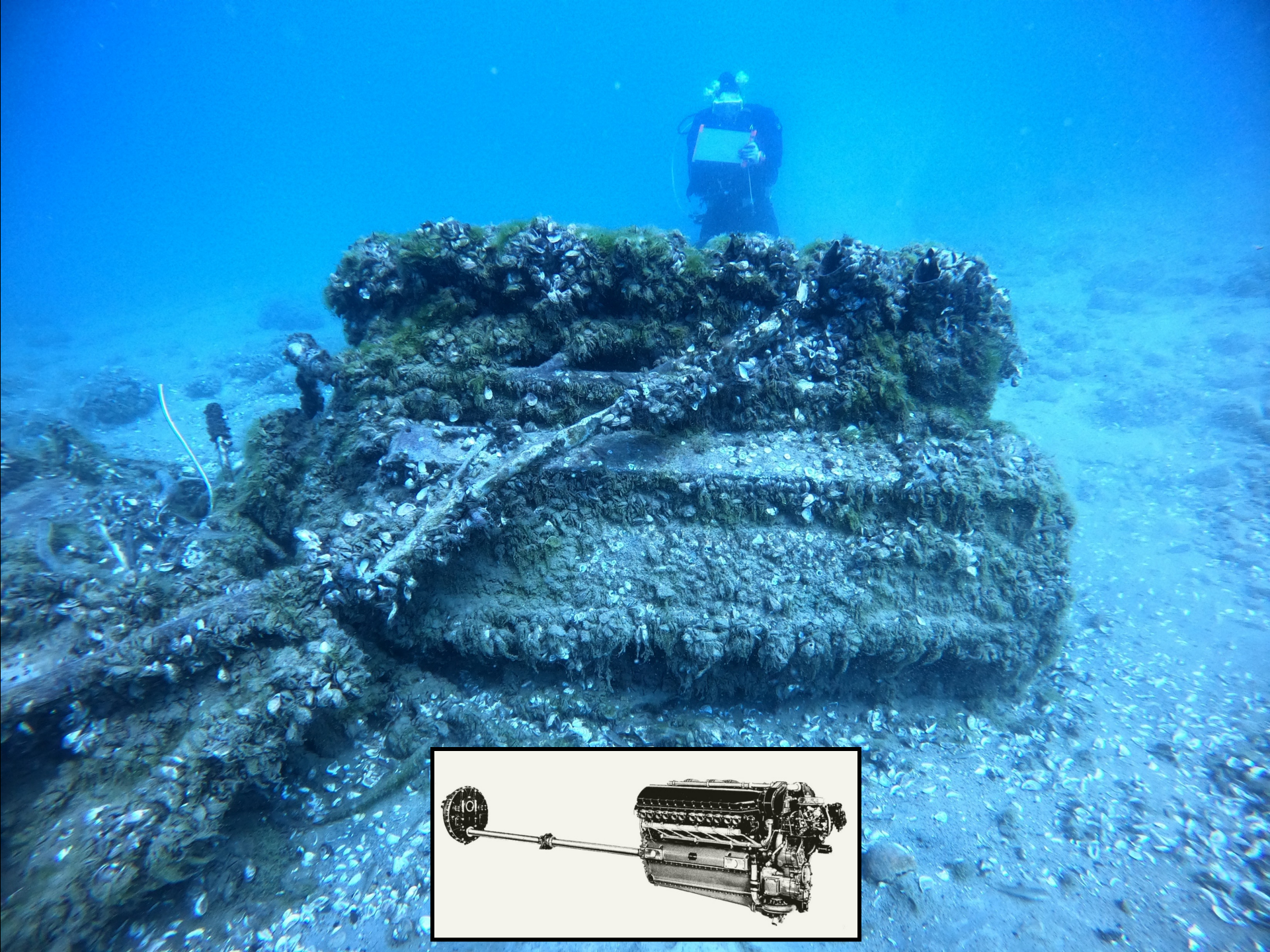


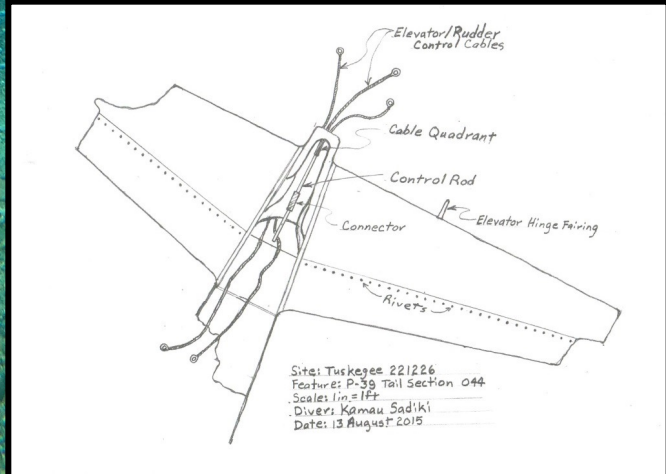
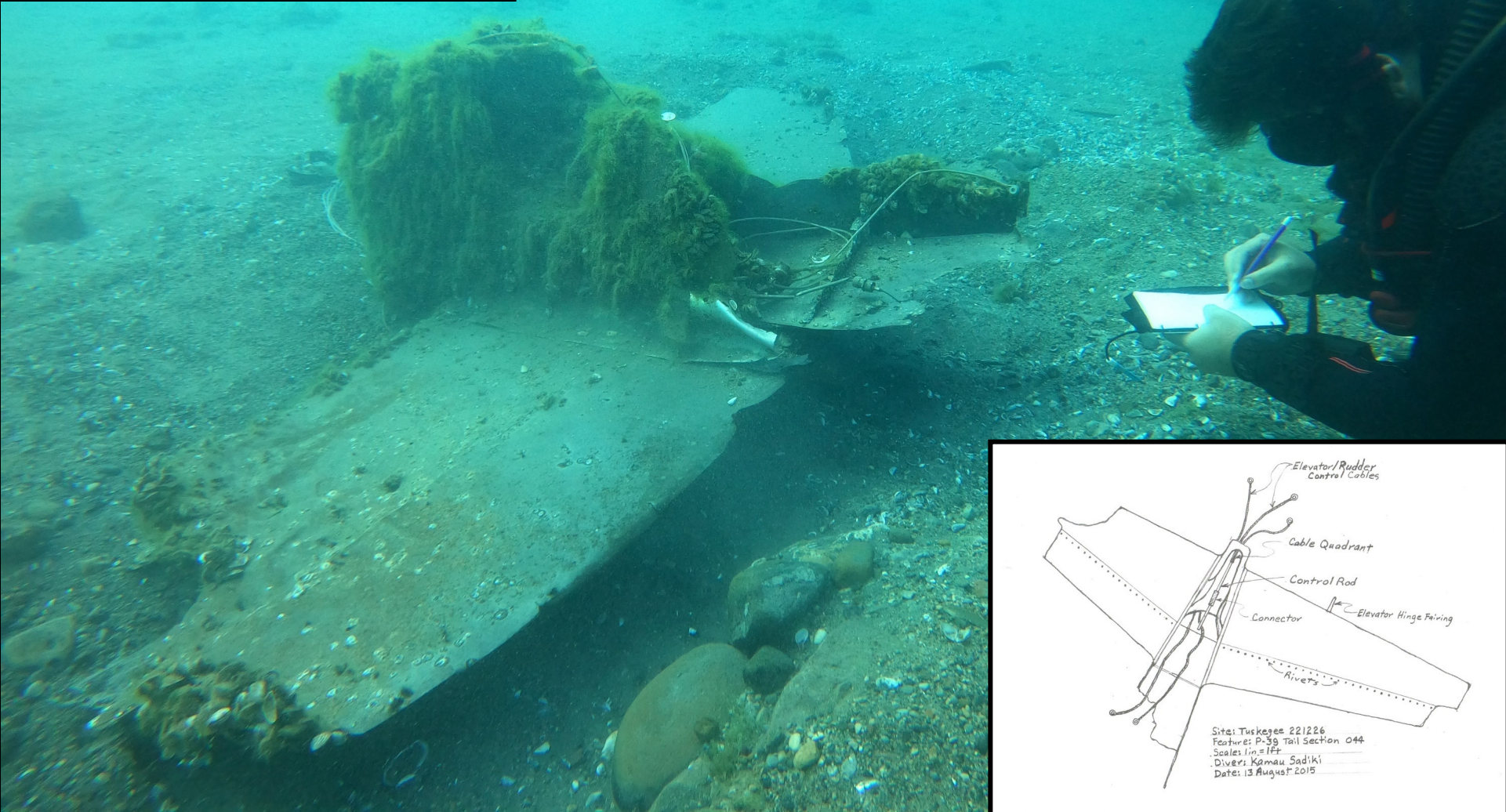
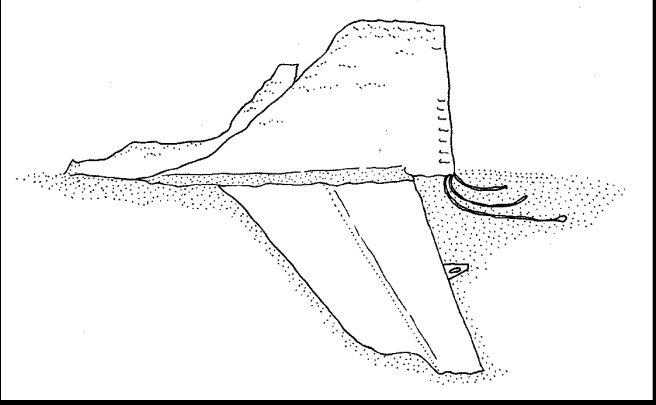
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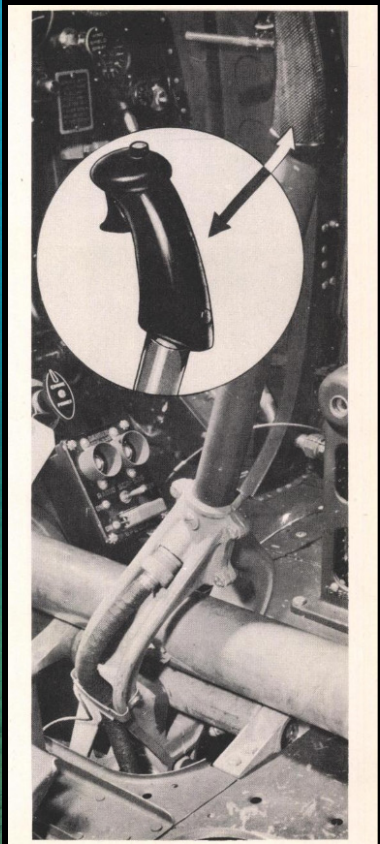
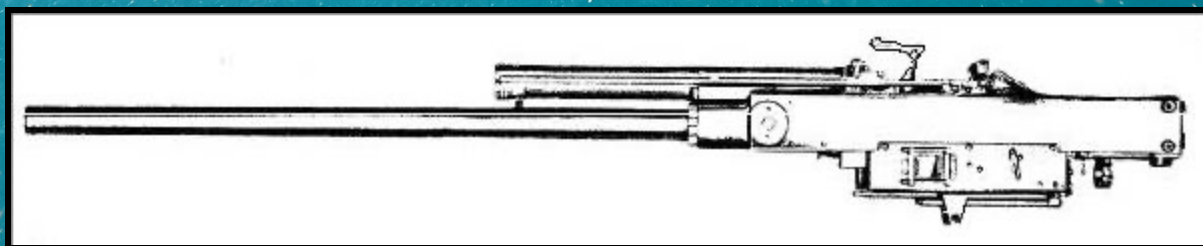
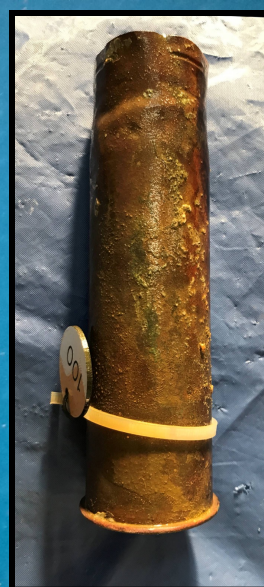
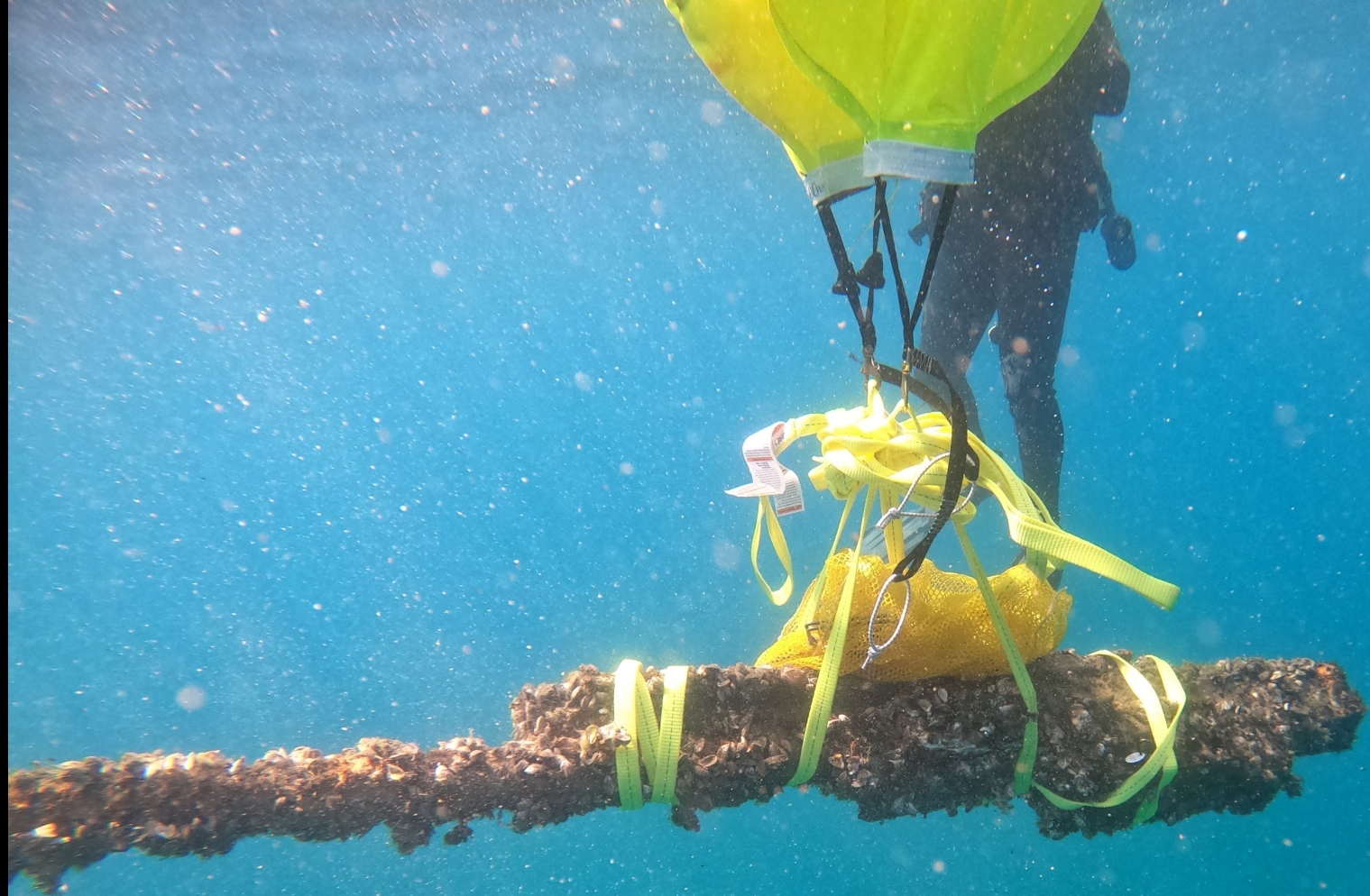
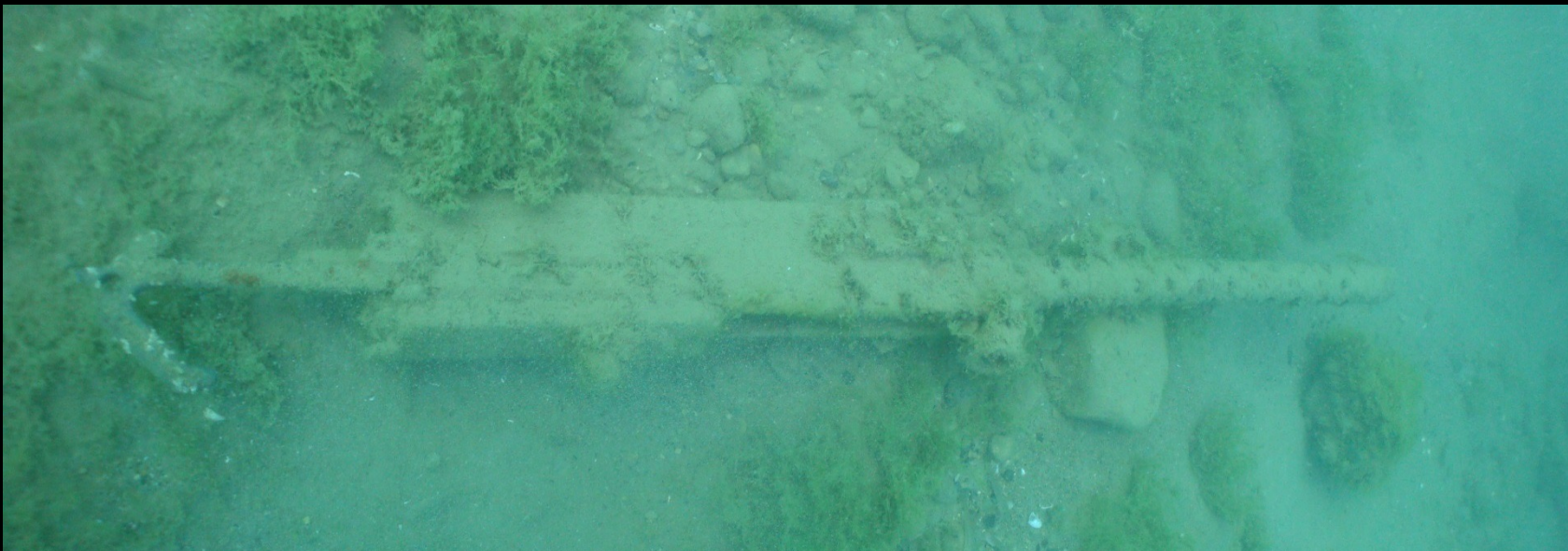
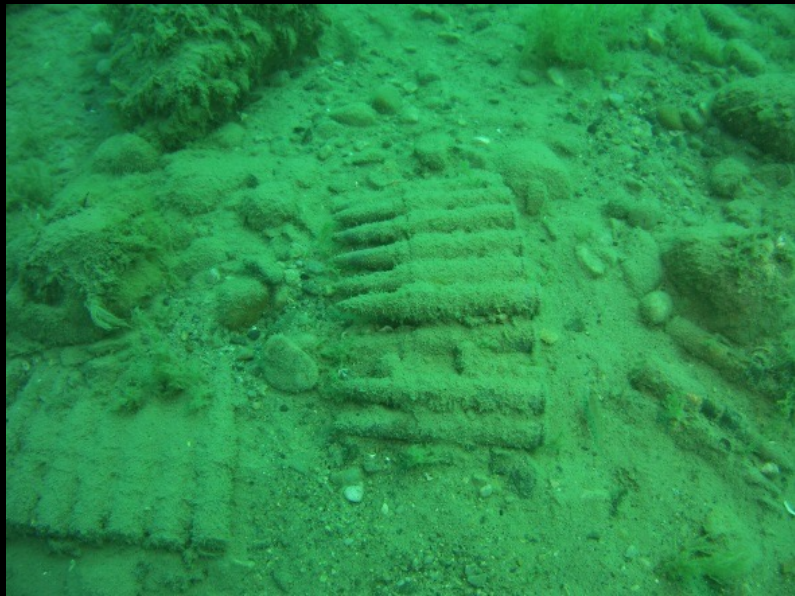
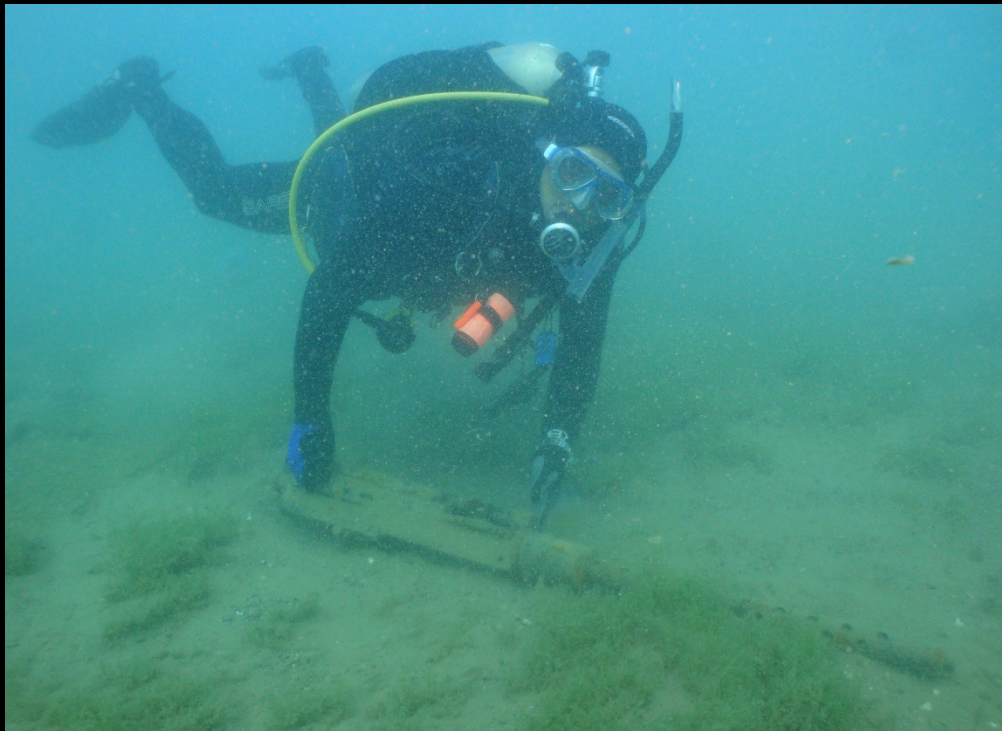
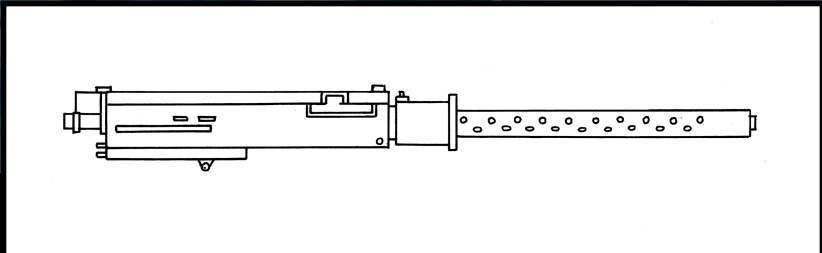
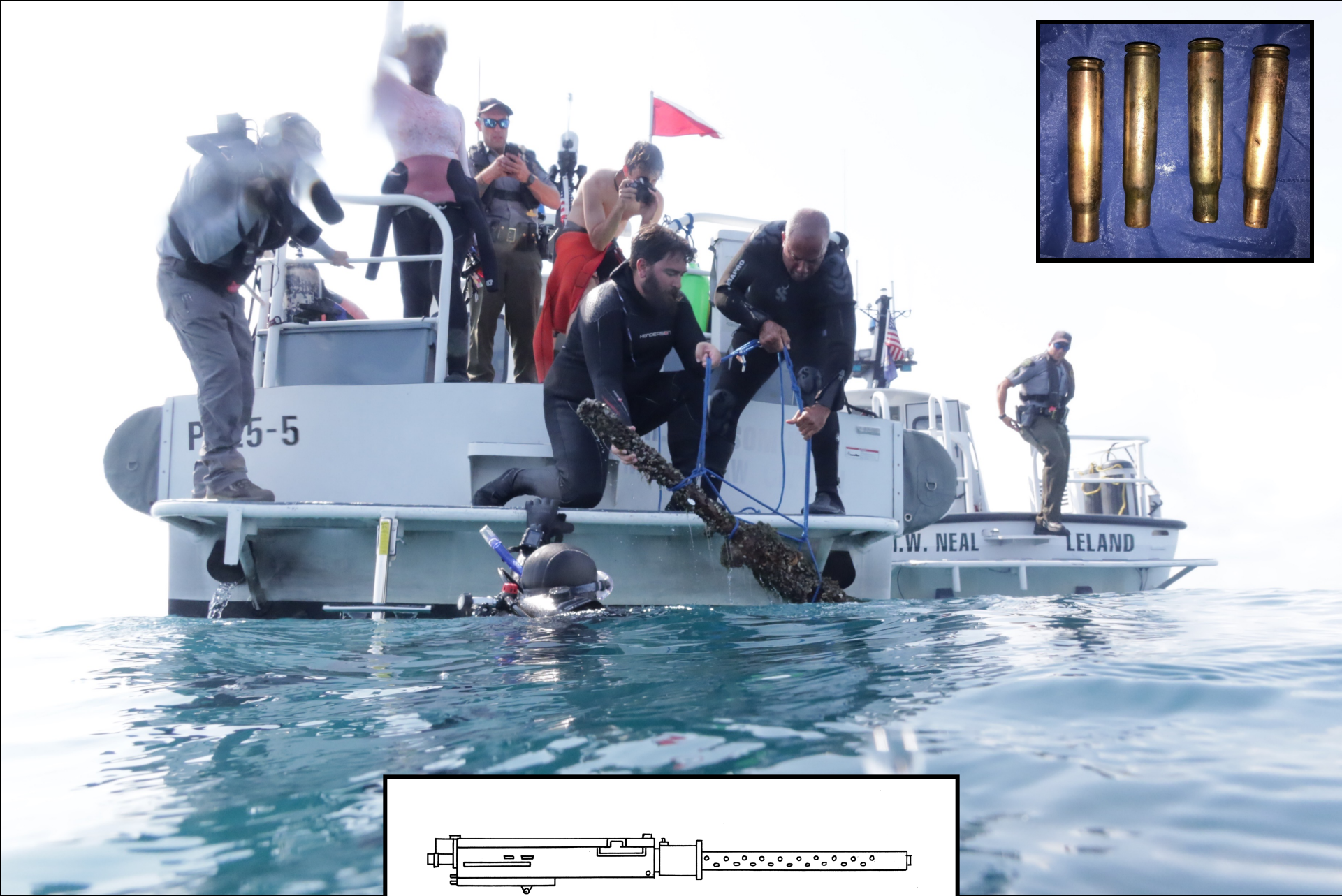


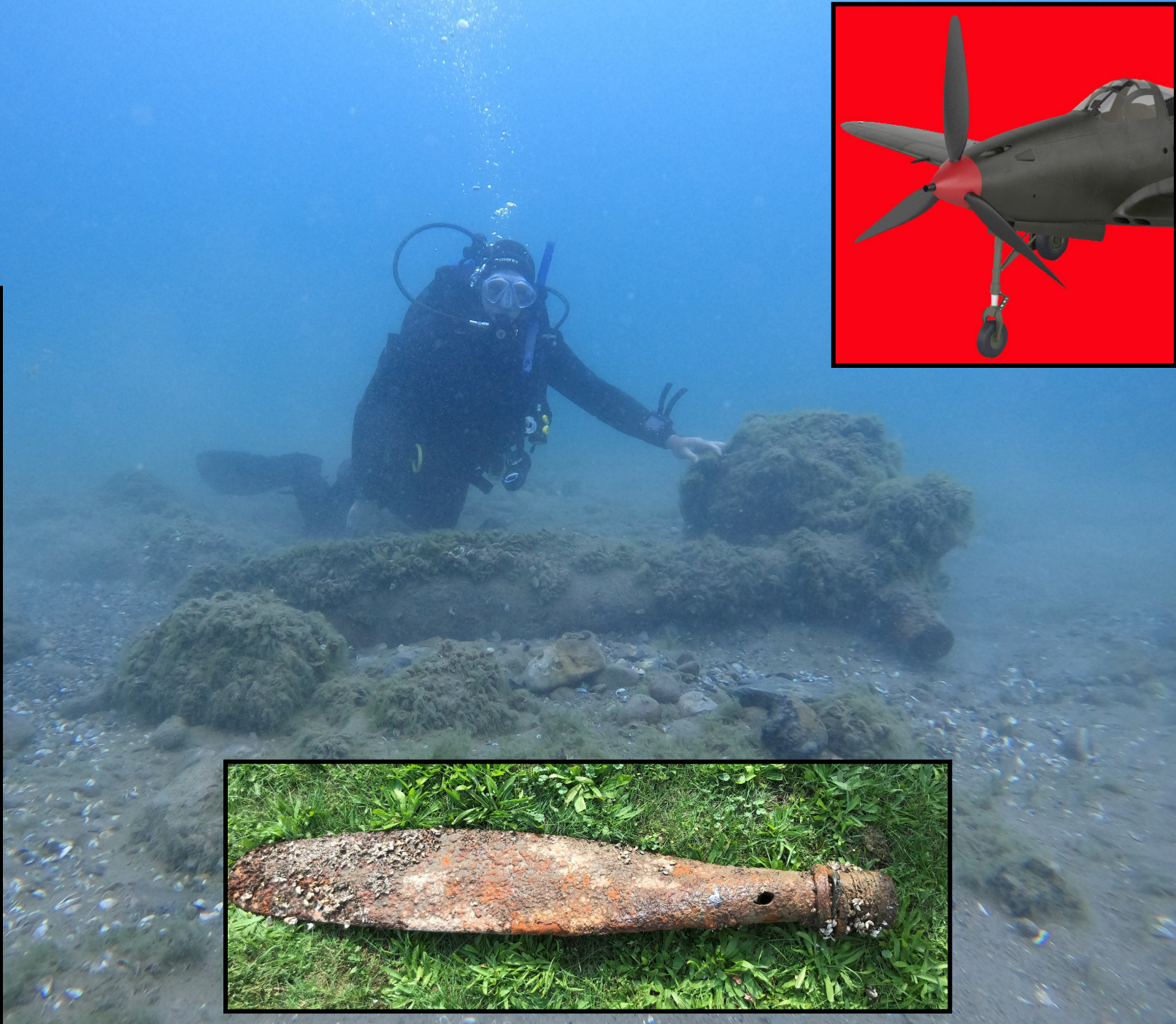
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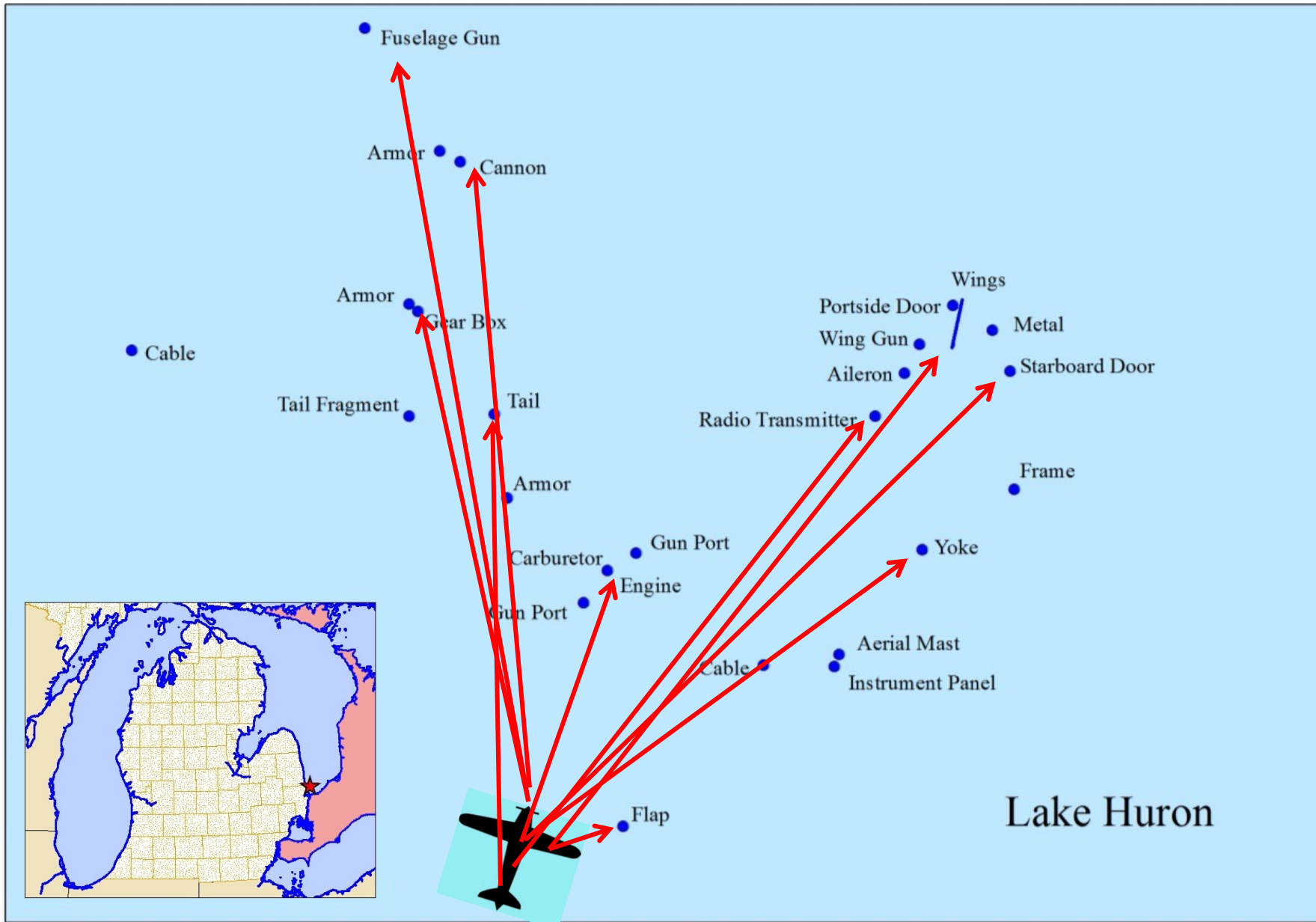




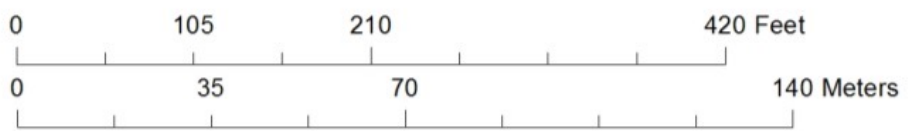








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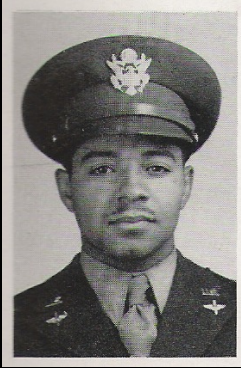


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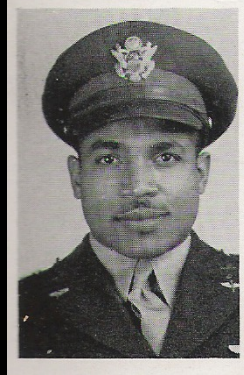




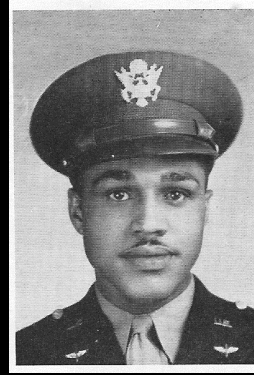
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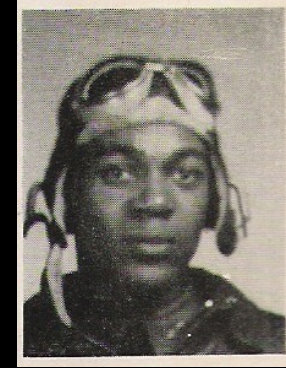
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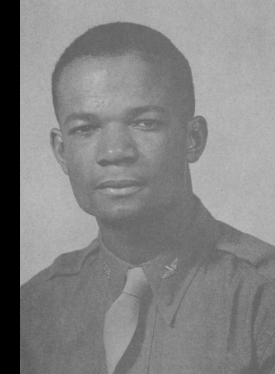
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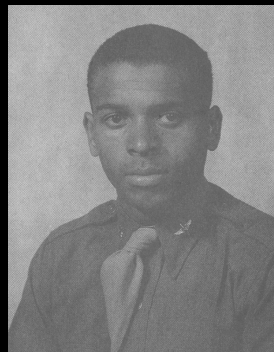
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2Lt. Charles W. Dickerson
(1920 – 2/18/1944)



2Lt. Vincent J. Mason
(7/19/1923 – 3/18/1944)



2Lt. Frank H. Moody
(12/18/1921 – 4/11/1944)



ALABAMA'S TUSKEGEE AIRMEN IN MICHIGAN

DURING THE MIDDLE YEARS OF WORLD WAR II, MICHIGAN WAS HOME TO SEVERAL OF THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN AIR COMBAT UNITS KNOWN AS THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN.

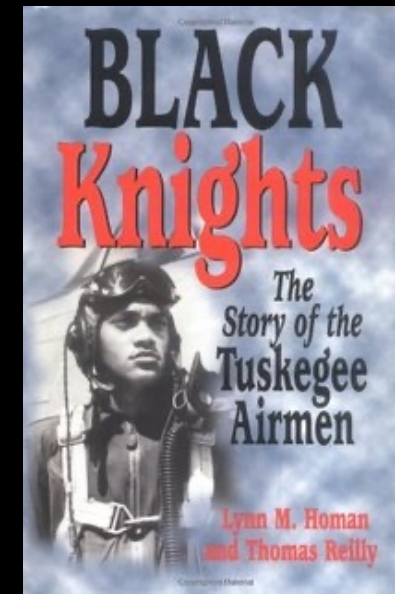
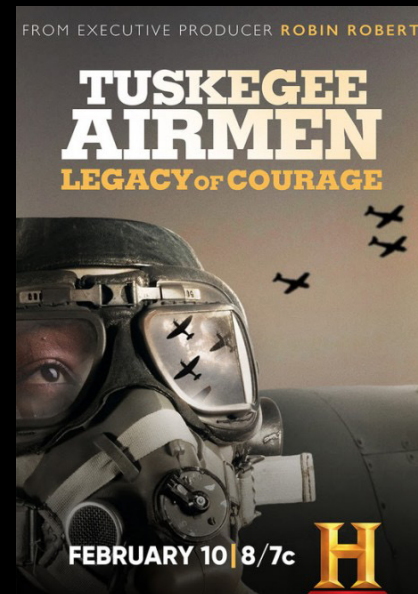
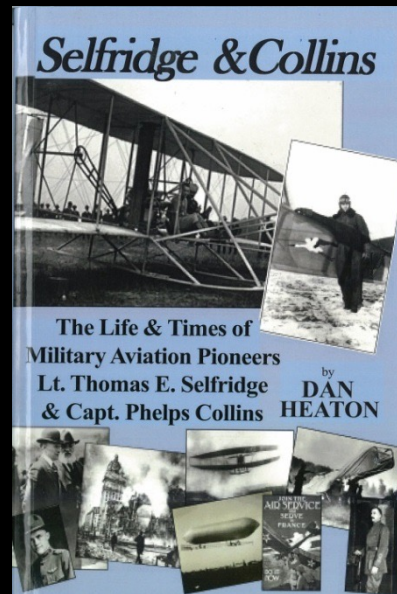
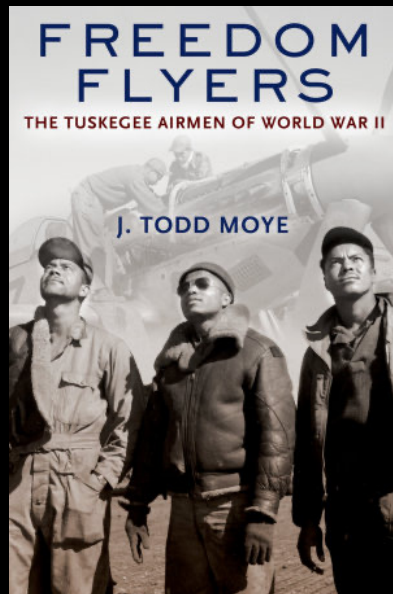
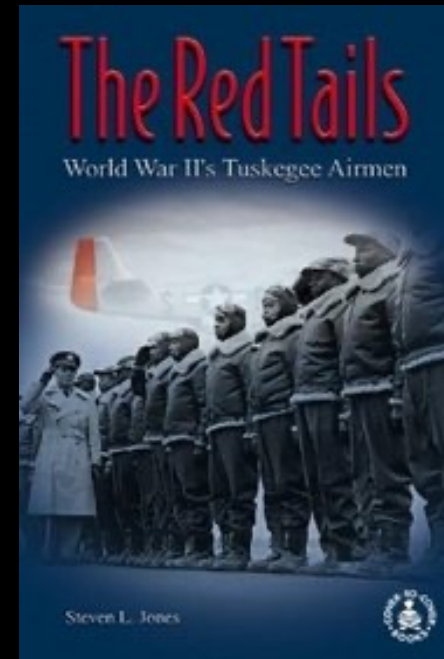
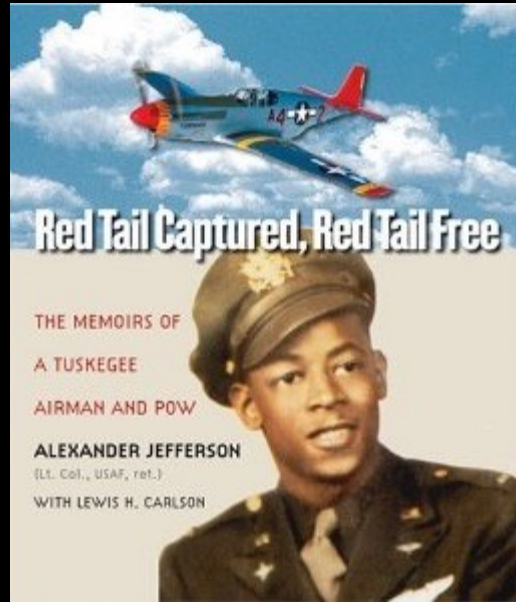
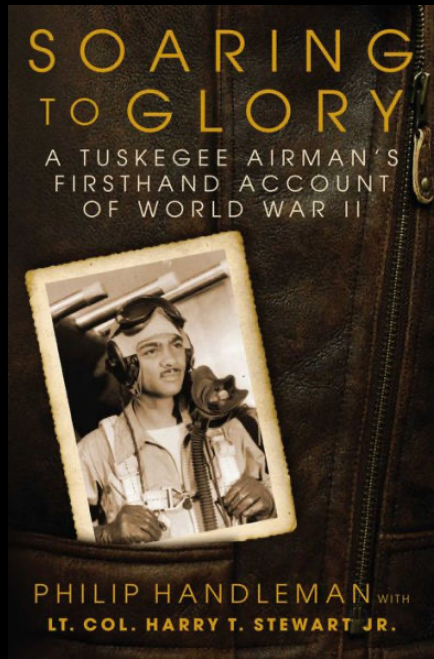
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THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN FOUGHT FOR THEIR BELIEFS AND SOME OF THESE PAID WITH THEIR LIVES FOR THIS COUNTRY. WHEN THEIR COUNTRY DID NOT VALUE THEM, FOUR MEMBERS OF THE TUSKEGEE GROUP WERE EVENTUALLY BE NAMED U. S. MARTYRS.

THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN TRUST WAS ESTABLISHED TO PRESERVE AND PROMOTE THE HISTORY OF THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN. DEDICATED AUGUST 2018.



ADDITIONAL READING



NICK LUSARDI TUSKEGEE AIRMEN IN MICHIGAN

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AVIATORS DOWN: SURVEY SUMMARY

[HTTPS://OCEANEXPLORER.NOAA.GOV/EXPLORATIONS/18AVIATORSDOWN/WELCOME.HTML](https://oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/explorations/18aviatorsdown/welcome.html)

HONORING THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN IN MICHIGAN

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