

March 19, 1945

We attacked Kure Island again today. Our planes received much ack ack fire from the island. Had a large number of planes attack our ships again today. The Franklin air overnight carrier did not receive many direct hits from enemy planes and had to be abandoned but was later saved. There is a shuttlebug that there were 2000 casualties aboard her.

The Hancock was also damaged today but very slight.

Our total for the 2 day strike is as follows:

sunken	damaged	planes
8 freighters	2	shot down and
5 destroyers	2	damaged
2 small carriers	1	200
	1 battleship	planes
	1 large carrier	
4 cargo ships	4 cruisers	

March 20, We were attacked by enemy planes, shot down all. Total shot down 40 left 1

March 22, 1945

Took Admiral Clarke aboard from the Wasp and also his staff.