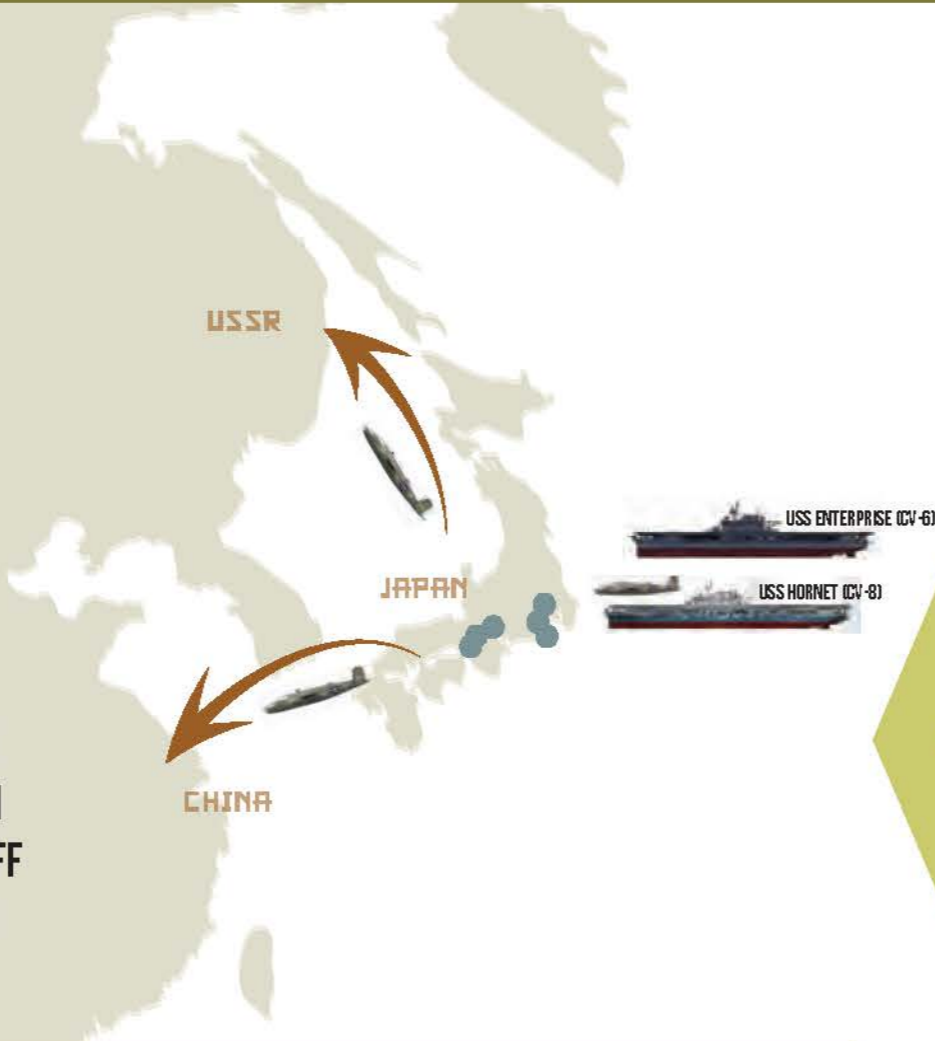


DOOLITTLE RAID ON TOKYO

APRIL 18, 1942



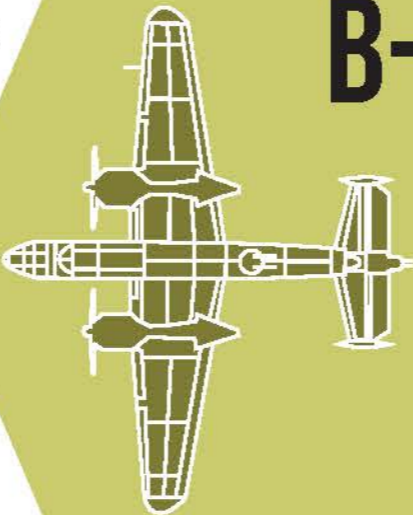
APRIL 18, 1942 - DOOLITTLE RAID
FOLLOWING THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR
AMERICA STRUCK THE HEART OF THE JAPAN.
IN A JOINT ARMY-NAVY BOMBING OPERATION
IN WHICH B-25 MITCHELL BOMBERS TOOK OFF
FROM AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER AND ATTACKED
STRATEGIC CITIES IN JAPAN.



6 JAPANESE CITIES WERE HIT



B-25B MITCHELL BOMBER 16 B-25S



CREWS FLEW AN AVERAGE OF 2,250 NAUTICAL MILES,
THE LONGEST DISTANCE EVER FLOWN BY A B-25
AVERAGE AMOUNT OF TIME IN THE AIR: 13 HOURS.
12 OF THE 16 AIRCRAFT CRASH-LANDED NEAR CHINA, 3 WERE DITCHED AT SEA.
1 FLEW NORTH AND LANDED IN THE USSR.

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

USS HORNET (CV-8)

CAPTAIN: MARC A. MITSCHER
LAUNCHED THE B-25S



LAYOUT OF B-25S ON THE USS HORNET (CV-8)
THE FIRST B-25 HAD ONLY 467 FT. TO TAKE OFF

USS ENTERPRISE (CV-6)

CAPTAIN: GEORGE D. MURRAY
ESCORTED AND PROVIDED FIGHTER COVER FOR THE USS HORNET

80 U.S. ARMY AIR FORCES MEN MAKING UP 16 CREWS TOOK PART IN THE RAID.
16 SHIPS AND 10,000 NAVY PERSONNEL MADE UP THE RAID FLEET.
LT. RICHARD E “DICK” COLE IS THE LAST LIVING DOOLITTLE RAIDER.

5 MEN CREWED EACH AIRCRAFT



THE MISSION WAS CONCEPTUALIZED BY SUBMARINER CAPT. FRANCIS S. LOW.



THE LEADER WAS LT. COL. JAMES H. “JIMMY” DOOLITTLE, WHO WAS 46 AT THE TIME.