

PATROL-BOMBER SQUADRONS AT MOFFETT FIELD

VPB-142

1 June 1943: established as VB-142 equipped with PV-1 *Ventura*
Dec 43 – Jul 44: operated in combat zone from Tarawa and Majuro.
5 Sept 1944: assigned to Moffett Field.
1 Oct 1944: redesignated VPB-142.

Moffett News 10 Nov 44, page 1
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LCDR J. H. Guthrie, CO

Jan 45: started conversion to PV-2 *Harpoon*.
1 Mar 1945: assigned to Kaneohe.

2 Apr 1945: PV-2 (BuNo 37096) lost wing during gunnery practice.
Crew of 6 killed. Pilot was LTJC Allen W. Keagle.

May – Sept 45: operated in combat zone from Tinian.
27 Jun 45: Sank I-165 submarine.

15 May 1946: redesignated VP-142.
14 Jun 1946: disestablished.

VPB-144

1 July 1943: established as VB-144 equipped with PV-1 *Ventura*.
Dec 43 – Sept 44: operated in combat zone from Tarawa and Roi.
1 Oct 1944: redesignated VPB-144.
1 Nov 1944: reformed at Whidbey with PV-2 *Harpoon*.
3 Mar 1945: at Moffet Field for training.
(not officially assigned)

Moffett News 16 Mar 45, page 1,8
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LCDR C. L. Thies, CO

8 Apr 45: started deployment to Hawaii.
Jun 45 to May 46: operated in combat zone from Eniwetok.
15 May 1946: redesignated VP-144.
15 Nov 1946: redesignated VP-ML-4.
1 Sept 1948: redesignated VP-4 (2nd).

VPB-146

15 Jul 1943: established as V-146 equipped with PV-1 *Ventura*.

Jun 44 – Feb 45: operated in combat zone from Admiralty Islands, Morotai & Los Negros Island.

1 Oct 1944: redesignated VPB-146.

15 Apr 1945: assigned to Moffett Field and converted to PV-2 *Harpoon*.

Moffett News 27 Apr 1945, pages 1, 8

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LCDR V. L. Schrager, CO

30 Jul 1945: assigned to Alameda.

15 May 1946: redesignated VP-146.

15 Nov 1946: redesignated VP-ML-6.

1 Sep 1948: redesignated VP-6 (3rd).

31 May 1993: disestablished.

VPB-148

16 Aug 1943: established as VB-148 equipped with PV-1 *Ventura*.

Apr 44 – Oct 44: operated in combat zone from Munda and South Georgia.

1 Oct 1944: redesignated VPB-148.

10 Jan 1945: reformed at Whidbey.

Apr 1945: assigned to Moffett Field (awaiting transportation).

LCDR A. B. Dusenberry,, CO (24 Jan 45 to 1946)

No mention in *Moffett News*.

30 May 1945: departed for Hawaii.

5 June 1945: assigned to Kaneohe.

Jun 45: started conversion to PV-2 *Harpoon*.

15 May 1946: redesignated VP-148.

15 Jun 1946: disestablished.

VPB-150

15 Sep 1943: established as VB-150 equipped with PV-1 *Ventura*.

Jul 44 – Mar 45: operated in combat zone from Tarawa and Tinian.

1 Oct 1944: redesignated VPB-150.

5 May 1945: assigned to Moffett Field. Converted to PV-2 *Harpoon*.

Moffett News 25 May 45, p. 1, 8.

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LCDR J. W. Lenney, CO

20 Jul 1945: disestablished.

VPB-152

1 Apr 1944: established as VB-152 equipped with PV-1 *Ventura*.

1 Oct 1944: redesignated VPB-152.

23 Nov 1944: assigned to Alameda.

1 – 25 Jan 1945: part of squadron sent to Moffett for training.

Moffett News 22 Dec 44, p. 1, 2

Patrol Bomber Squadron at Moffett

LCDR G. C. Atteberry, CO

(1st CO with CDR L. J. Stone)

17 Nov 1945: assigned to Kaneohe.

Apr 45 – Nov 45: operated in combat zone from Peleliu.

2 Aug 1945: Patrol flight (LTJG W. C. Gwin) spotted survivors from *USS Indianapolis*.

16 May 46: redesignated VP-152.

16 Jun 46: disestablished.

VPB-153

15 Apr 1944: established as VP-153 equipped with PV-1 *Ventura*.

1 Oct 1944: redesignated VPB-153.

9 Nov 1944: assigned to Moffett Field. Converted to PV-2 *Harpoon*.

Moffett News 24 Nov 44, p. 1

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CDR E. M. West, CO

24 Mar 1945: assigned to Kaneohe.

1945: PV-2 (BuNo 37101) crashed on night take off. Crew of 5 killed.

Jun 45 – Oct 45: operated in combat zone from Agana, Guam.

15 May 1946: redesignated VP-153.

14 Jun 1946: disestablished.

VPB-198

12 Sep 1944: established at Moffett Field as VB-198 equipped with PV-1 *Ventura*.

Moffett News 15 Sept 44, p. 1, 12

Patrol Bomber Units at Moffett

LT M. D. Trewill, CO of bomber training unit.

LT J. L. Longabaugh, CO of bomber servicing unit.

LT J. H. Follmer, CO of bomber servicing unit.

1 Oct 1944: redesignated VPB-198.

Apr 1945: started receiving PV-2 *Harpoon*.

1 Apr 1946: disestablished.

Unidentified VPB

Moffett News 1 Sep 1944, p. 1, 12

Patrol Bomber Squadron at Moffett Field

LCDR S. G. Schilling, CO

LT C. E. Koontz, XO

Current best guess is that this unit was VPB-140.

21 Apr 1943: established as VB-140 equipped with PV-1 *Ventura*.

Aug 43 – Feb 44: operated in combat zone from Munda and Guadalcanal.

Apr 1944: assigned to Alameda for conversion to PV-2 *Harpoon*.

Conversion cancelled because of PV-2 delivery delays.

1 Oct 44: redesignated VPB-140.

18 Oct 44: assigned to Hutchinson for conversion to PB4Y-1.

20 Nov 44: redesignated VPB-123.

LCDR S. G. Schilling, CO (replacing LCDR V. Williams).

15 May 1946: redesignated VP-123.

1 Oct 1946: disestablished.