



The Photographic Laboratory on board the Forrestal, which is provided with the newest, most advanced technical equipment in Naval Aviation, still functions with the time proven theory that one picture is worth ten thousand words.

A part of the Operations Department, the Laboratory operates, percentage wise, in seven categories. . . 18% PIO, 22% Progress Reports (this includes photos of RUDM's, which are reports of unsatisfactory or damaged materials), 25% Aerial Reconnaissance, 16% for ID cards, 16% for motion pictures, 3% for general purpose pictorial views, and 10% for supervised training.

A round-the-clock schedule is maintained in the Photo Lab. during Flight Operations. Eight men are assigned to the flight deck at all times taking motion pictures and stills of every plane that takes off and lands. These pictures are processed and are made available for the pilots to look over for possible mistakes and to check air flying techniques prior to the next day's flight.

Skilled in the latest techniques, the photo personnel shoot, develop, process, edit and disseminate or file all motion picture or still film in either black or white or color.

Two vital divisions of OP are Air Intelligence Office and Operations Department Office. AI provides air intelligence and photo interpretation services for ship, Flag, and squadrons, while the Operations Department Office is responsible for all clerical and administrative traffic for the entire Operations Department.