

A "good" landing—the pilot and crewman walked away.

pilots continued to do a bang-up job. Those accidents hurt, but they had to be expected. BATAAN shrugged it off as best she could and sailed on. But she would not forget.

During this period BATAAN'S crew rested, pulled liberty and worked. In Yokosuka there were sightseeing tours to Kamakura, the city of shrines and curio shops, and

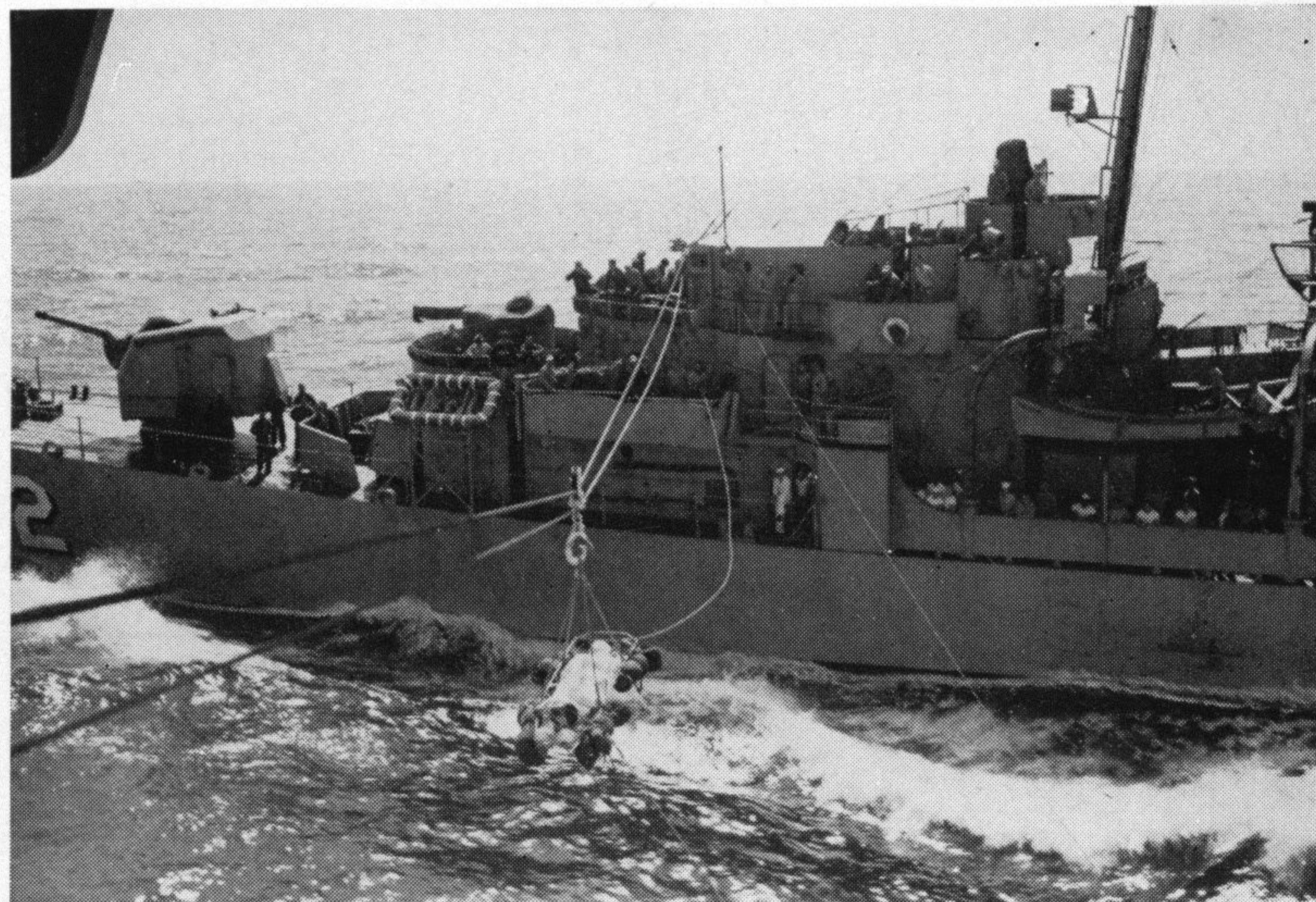
Chaplain Coffee celebrates a memorial mass for our dead shipmate J. F. Lyons, AT2.



On the evening of the 26th, BATAAN felt her first pain of the new operation. An AF circled sickeningly and lost altitude. It fell into the sea, carrying with it a pilot and two crewmen. The pilot sank with the plane. One crewman was injured seriously and he died in the water. There was some consolation for BATAAN in the fact that one of the crewmen was rescued.

BATAAN never slowed. Her crew continued to launch planes and the

Transfer of the dead.



to Okura, the China factory area. Intra-mural bowling teams were organized and exciting contests ensued. BATAAN basketball teams won and lost games, but the morale and spirit were high. A great time was had by all.

On Sunday, 6 April, BATAAN left Buckner Bay for the last time. She was bound for a bigger job in a place called Korea.