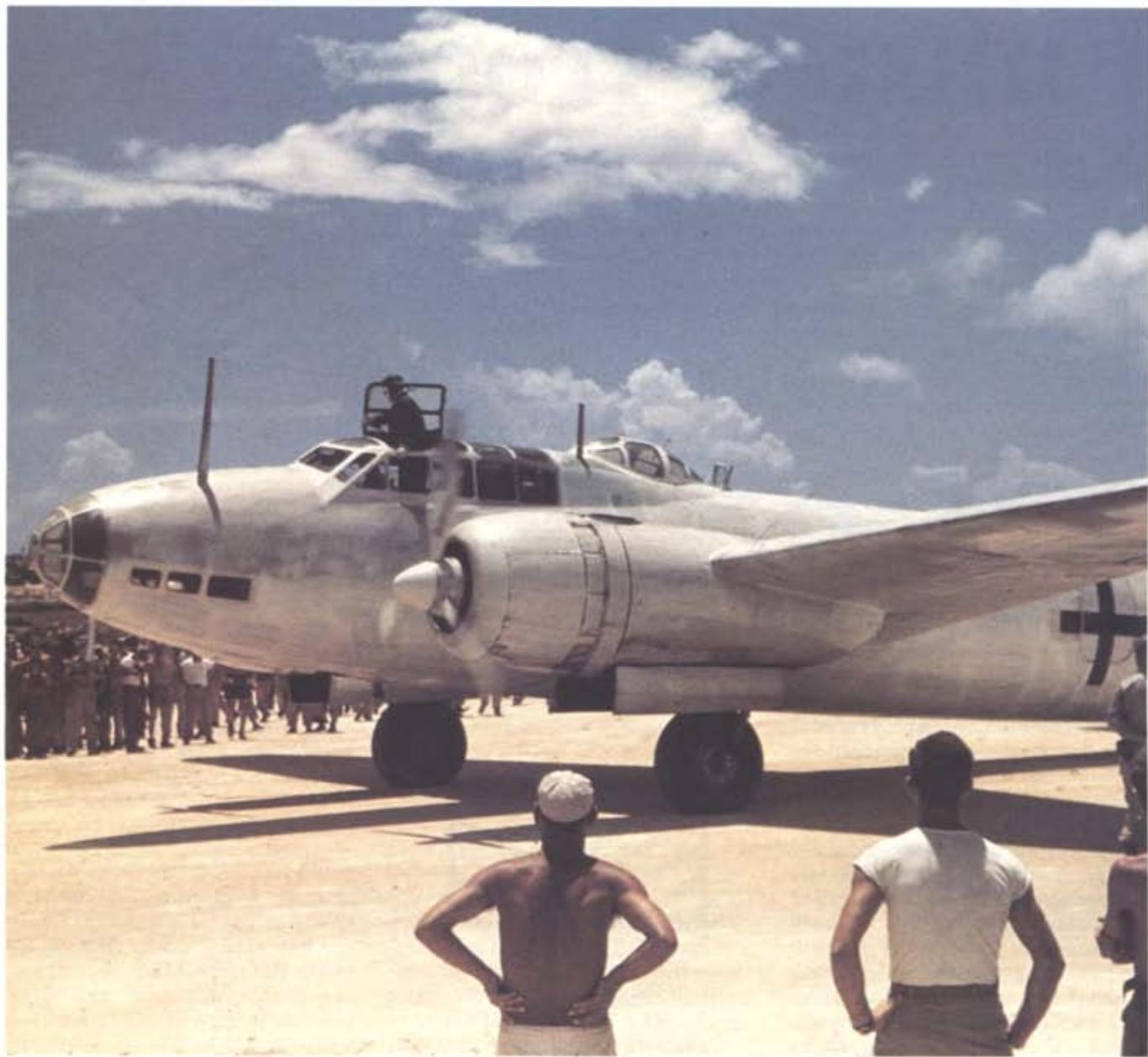


Betty's Last Bow



Named "Betty" by the Allies, Japanese G4M1 bombers were a common, deadly sight during World War II. After Japan announced its surrender in August 1945, two of the bombers were converted to transport Japanese peace envoys to the Philippines and back to Tokyo. A rare color photograph of this Betty, with its striking white finish and dark green crosses

covering its wartime camouflage and red hinomaru insignias, captures the transport making a preliminary stop on Ie Shima—quite a spectacle for GIs gathered to catch a glimpse of the enemy they had fought so hard to defeat.

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