

TBD *Devastator* torpedo bomber with folded wings aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Enterprise* (CV-6). *All photos* © *LIFE magazine*. *For educational, non-commercial use.* 



Northrop BT-1 dive bomber, # 0631.



Gun crew aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Enterprise* (CV-6) relax during US Navy's Pacific Fleet maneuvers near Hawaii, 1940.



March 1941—Relaxed shot of crewmen aboard the American aircraft carrier USS *Enterprise* (CV-6).



Curtiss SBC-3 *Helldiver* scout-dive bombers being readied for takeoff from the aircraft carrier *Enterprise* (CV-6) during the US Navy's Pacific Fleet maneuvers around Hawaii.



SBC-3 *Helldiver* scout plane (# 0542) preparing for carrier launch during US Navy maneuvers off the Hawaiian Islands. 1941



Squadron of American Douglas TBD *Devastator* torpedo bombers from the aircraft carrier USS *Enterprise* (CV-6) in flight near Diamond Head prior to WWII.



Squadron of Douglas TBD *Devastator* torpedo bombers in flight during the US Navy's Pacific fleet maneuvers.



Crew of the American aircraft carrier USS *Enterprise* (CV-6) servicing SBC-3 *Helldiver* dive bombers on deck during maneuvers off Hawaii.



Flight crews awaiting return of planes aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Enterprise* (CV-6), 1941.



Marines in dress uniforms.