

April 6th, 1945

Twass the 6th of April of '45  
and nary a man was left alive  
that remembers all and remembers well,  
with burning fury, "War is Hell".

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With an enemy plane descending fast  
to make that "Glory Dive" his last.  
Too late to check, he crashed aboard  
and spoke Communion with the Lord.

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Now many a man was lost that day  
When the enemy carried his life away.  
Too late to jump! Too late to run!  
Killed by the crash of the rising sun!

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The Captain knew he'd made a slip.  
John "King" Hart cried "men save the ship".  
Then to save a great man's hide,  
he lowered "himself" over the side.

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The enemy planes came in again.  
Our ack-ack really began to count.  
We knew that we could save the ship  
with "Mullany Men" in the mount.

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Two more planes were splashed  
and not on our deck.  
Their pilots took off  
on their glory trek.  
~~Back aft by the fire~~-----  
Back aft by the fire was Ensign Riley  
giving his all for the ship.  
But alas, from his error, no water had he,  
Oh, what a terrible slip.

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At last we secured from the fire  
caused by that dirty Nip.  
Then to make the crew combatant  
we all abandoned ship.  
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