



JAPANESE MARITIME SELF DEFENCE FORCE **SNB-4/5 BENIBATO**

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The Beech C45 Expeditor was a military version of the civil Beechcraft Model 18 light transport aircraft, one of the most adaptable and versatile twin-engined aircraft built by the USA. The type first flew in 1937 and orders for military versions were placed in 1941 with a total of 5024 being delivered during the war in the variants: AT-7, AT-11, UC-45, C-45, JRB and the SNB.

They were produced, for example, as an advanced trainer in 1941 under the designation AT-7 "Navigator." Many, as C-45Bs, served as transports. Large numbers were lend leased to the British who called them MK 1 "Expeditors." Yet another version, identifiable by its glassed-in nose, was produced as the AT-11 "Kansan" for training bombardiers. A model fitted out for photographic duties was called the "Discoveror." SNB was the US Navy designation, the latter also called the "Bugsmasher" as it was affectionately named by the USN.

UC45F-BHs were final military production model with seven seats, two 450hp Pratt & Whitney R-985-AN-1 engines and a slightly lengthened nose. Production totaled 1,522 of which 42 were completed as F-2B-BH and 343 were diverted to the US NAVY as SNB-4 and SNB-5. Out of these 343 aircraft, 32 SNB-4/5s were later transferred to Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force [JMSDF]. These aircraft were numbered between 6401 and 6432.

SPECIFICIATIONS:

Engine : 2XPW R-985 Wasp

: 9ft 9 inch

Loaded weight : 7500 lb

Max. Power : 450 hp

Max. speed : 225 mph

Wing span : 47 ft. 9 inch

Ceiling : 25085 ft.

Lenght : 34 ft. 4 inch

Range : 1200 mls

Armament : -

Height





