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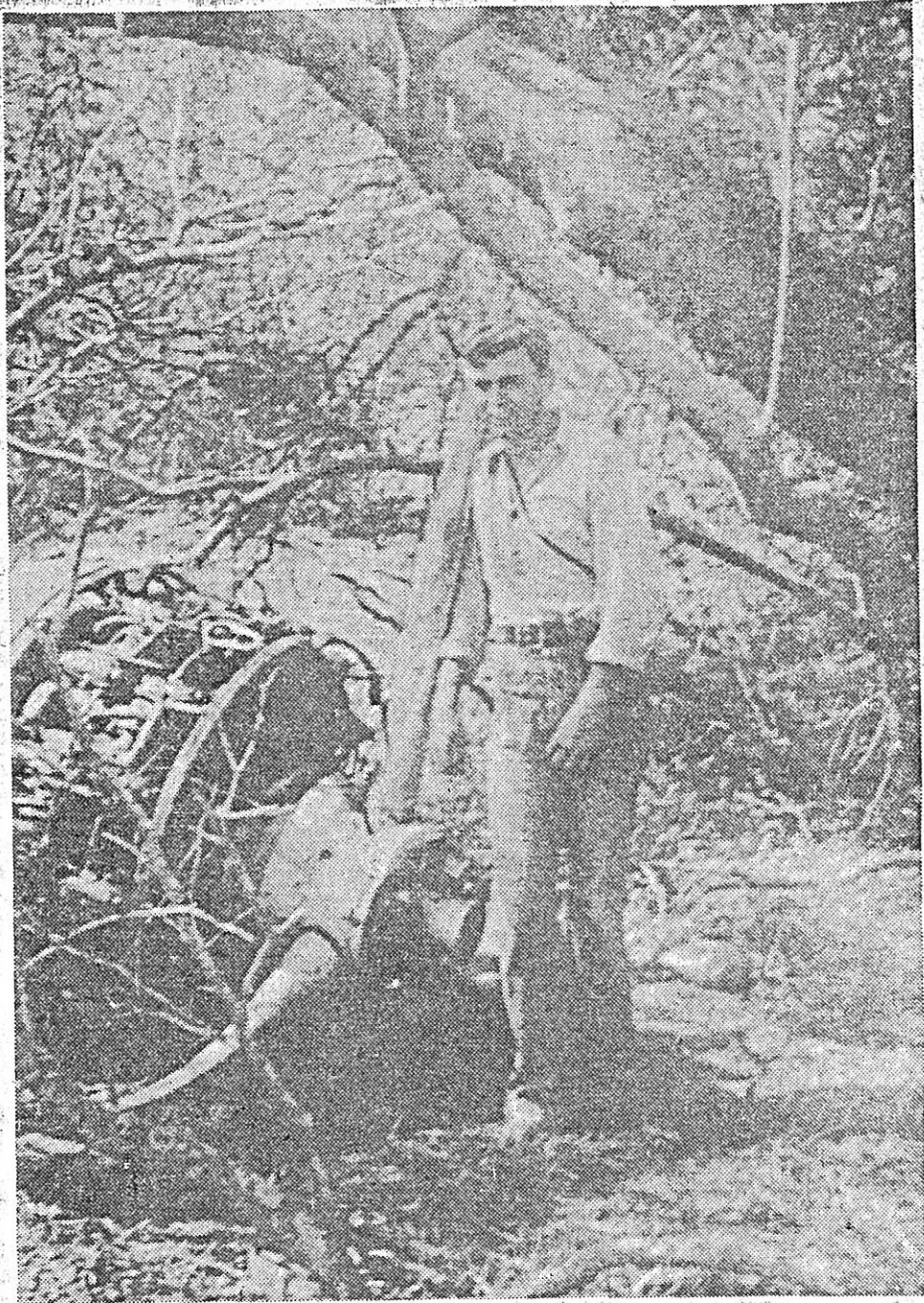
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**Dec. 7, 1941:**

## What is the Truth About What Happened On Niihau?

Unpublished Photos and Eye Witness Story in Section B Pages 2-3

30 YEARS AGO a young sailor, Wesson Kirkman snapped pictures of the plane that crashed on Niihau December 7, 1941. Here one of his buddies took him standing next to the engine of the crashed plane. From the other pictures Mr. Kirkman took comes the proof that the plane was a Zero fighter. Mr. Kirkman gave the pictures to Tom Hines of Lihue, who in turn graciously gave them to the author for use in her story. In 30 years, this is the first time such pictures will be seen by the public and the existence of any photos has been denied by authorities.



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## Clearly a Zero From the Hiryu



NO STRIPES ON THE TAIL, therefore not a Zero flown by a section or squadron leader off the Carrier Hiryu, but one flown by a lesser officer identified as Nishikaichi. An unidentified Naval Officer

stands next to the plane in 1941 to have his picture taken for posterity, never thinking it would be published 30 years later.