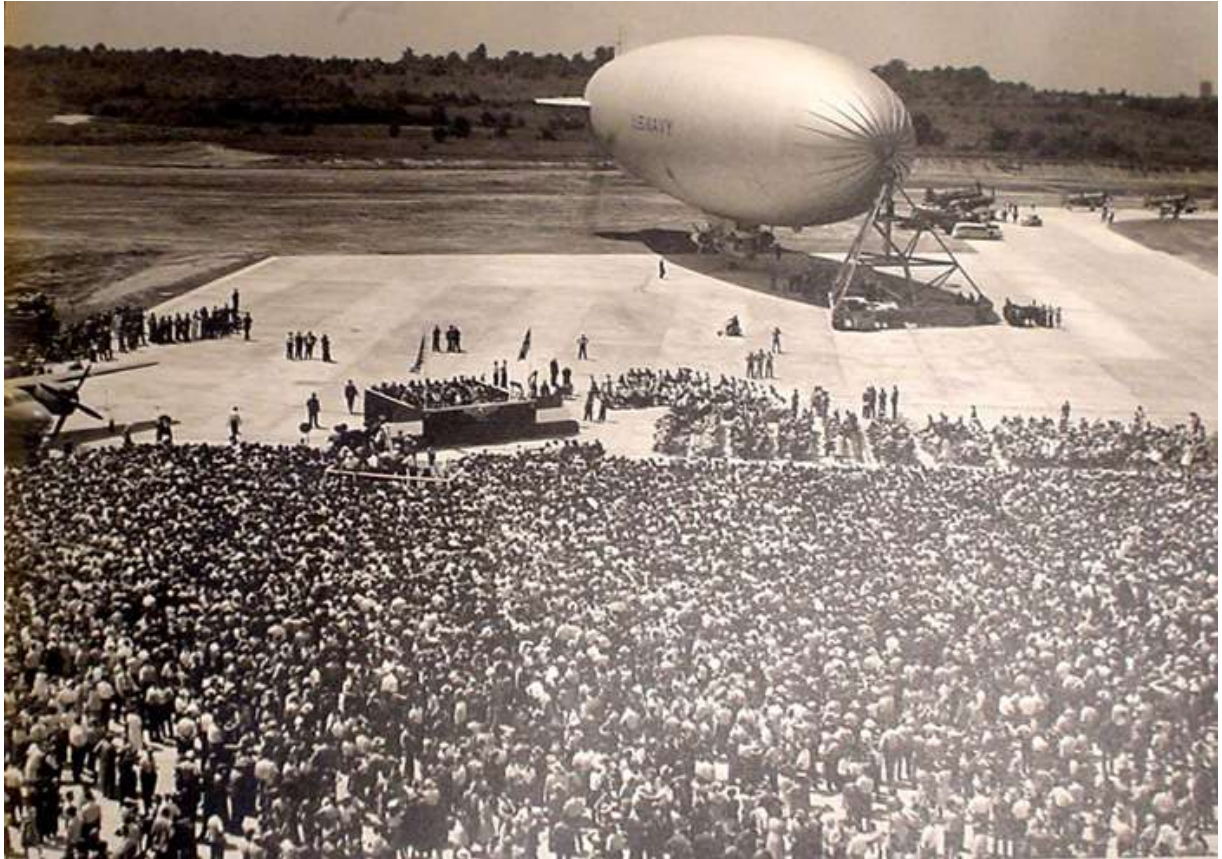


## **U-134 was attacked by K-74 of ZP-21 on July 18, 1943**



In July of 1943 workers at the Goodyear plant near Akron, Ohio were shown the final product of their labors. Airships were not normally seen at the plant because inflation and final assembly was performed at the nearby 1918 Wingfoot Lake hangar. The next ship off the line, for no particular reason the K-74, roared in and was masted in front of the workers.



During the ceremonies, LT Joy Bright Hancock, herself twice widowed by the rigid airship program, christened the K-74. Capt C.V.S. Knox, Officer In Charge of war production at several Ohio plants and a rigid airship veteran, looks on with RAdm S.E. Rosendahl, Chief of Naval Airship Training and Experimentation, in from Lakehurst, New Jersey.



On August 30, 1944, Commander H.C. Spicer, Jr., acting for Commander, Fleet Airships, Atlantic presents the Purple Heart to AMM2/c J. L. Schmidt (at left), ARM2/c J.F. Rice (middle), and Ensign John Jandrowitz, all members of the crew of K-74, for injuries suffered in the action against an enemy submarine. Ensign Jandrowitz was at the controls of K-74 and was commissioned after the attack.

During her final patrol U-134 was attacked by airship K-74 of squadron ZP-21 based at NAS Richmond, Florida. Records and photographs concerning this one-of-a-kind attack were generously provided by Richard G. Van Treuren of the Naval Airship Association.