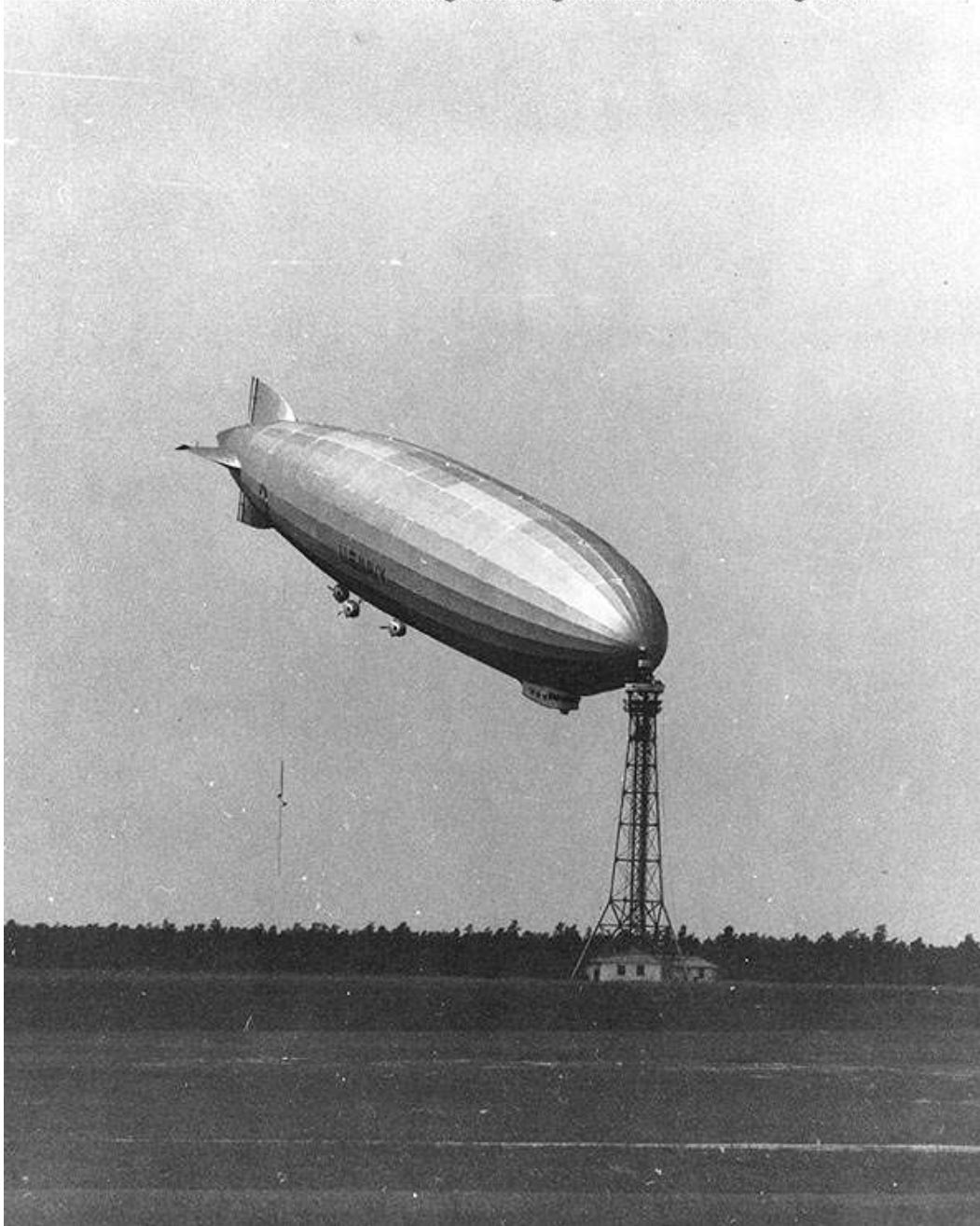


The Nose Stand of the USS Los Angeles – ZR-3 at Naval Air Station Lakehurst, New Jersey

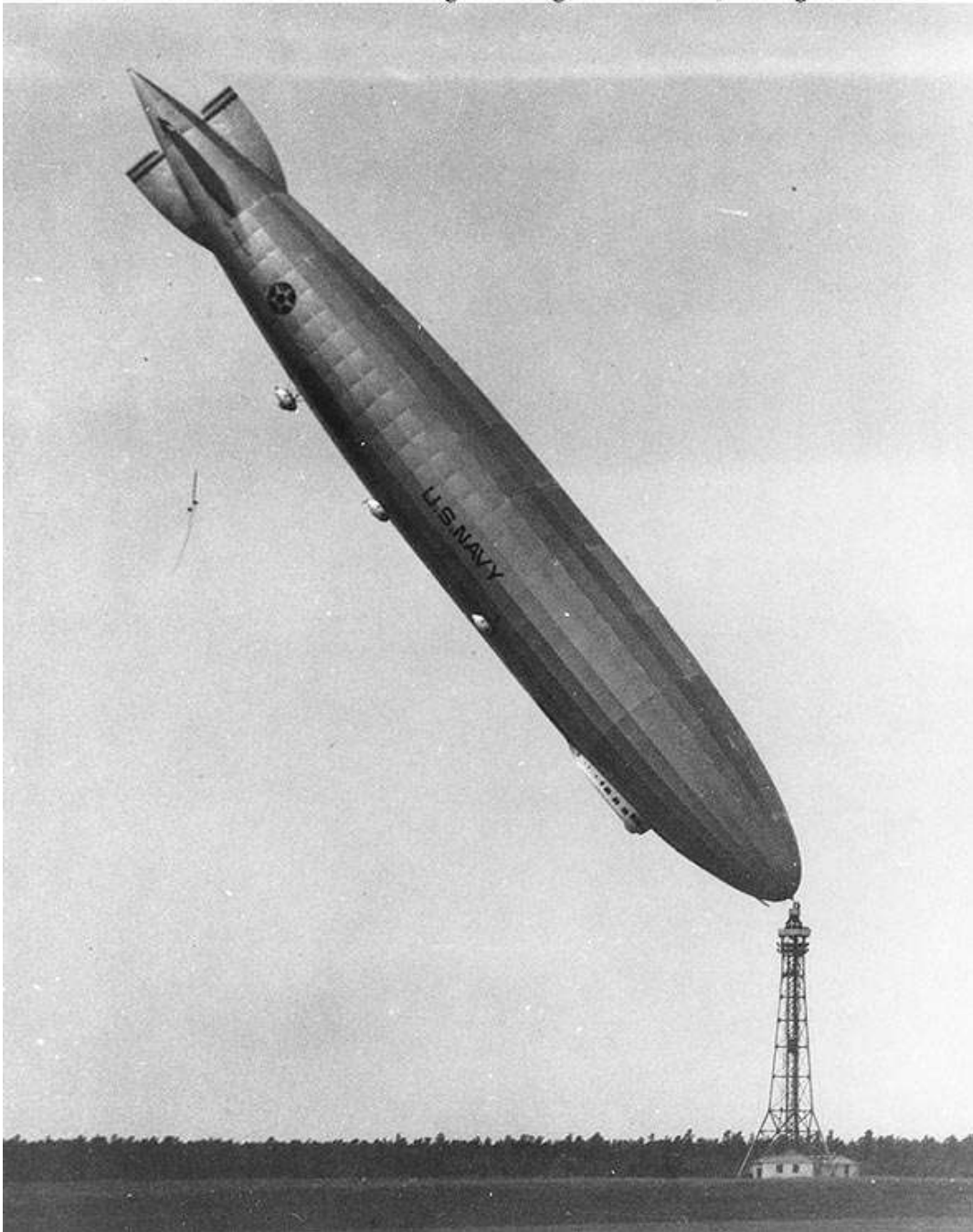
On August 25, 1927, while tethered at the NAS Lakehurst high mast, a gust of wind caught the tail of the Los Angeles.

Photo # NH 84566 USS Los Angeles rising out of control, 25 Aug. 1927



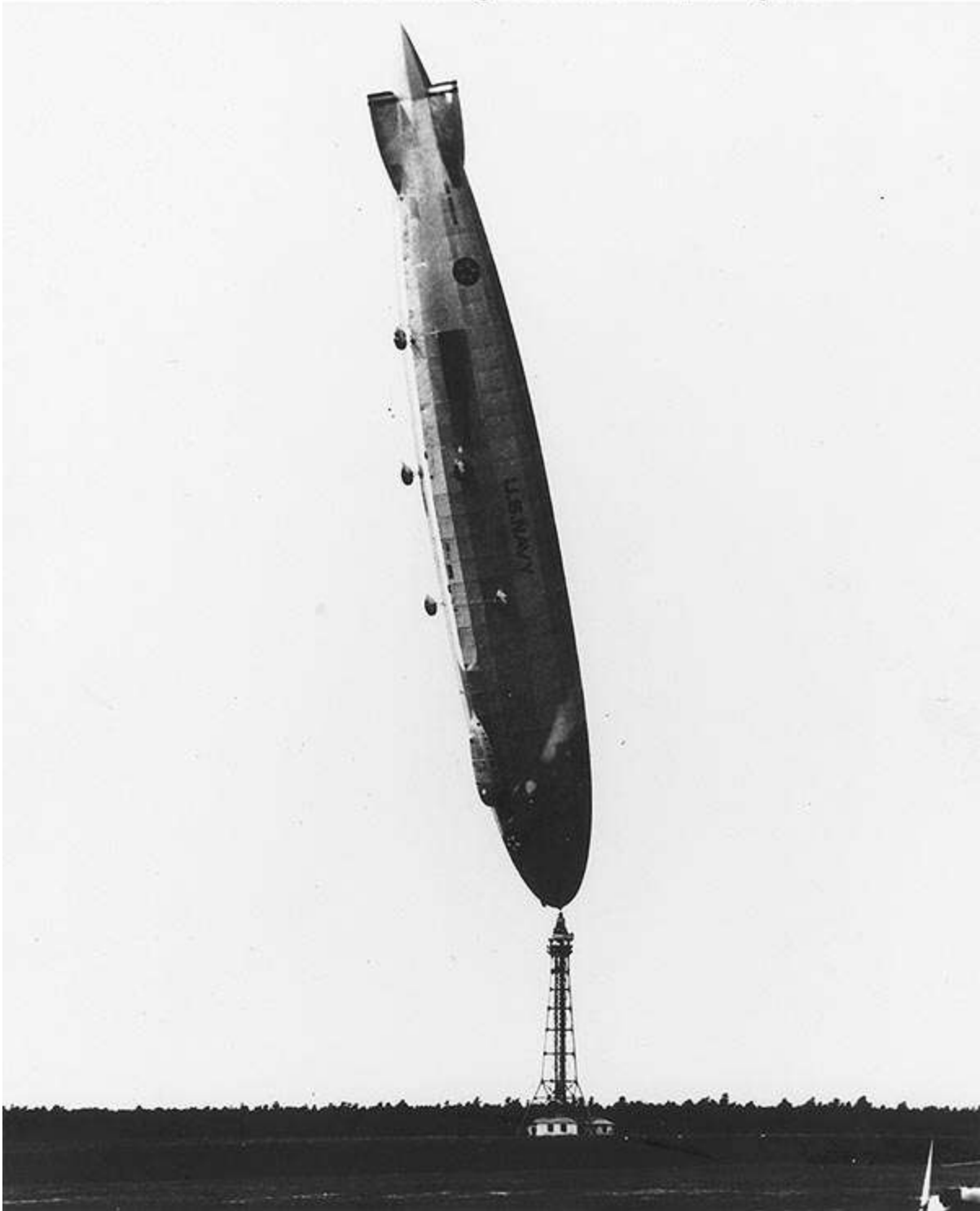
The USS Los Angeles begins to rise as it is caught by a gust of wind.

Photo # NH 84567 USS Los Angeles rising out of control, 25 August 1927



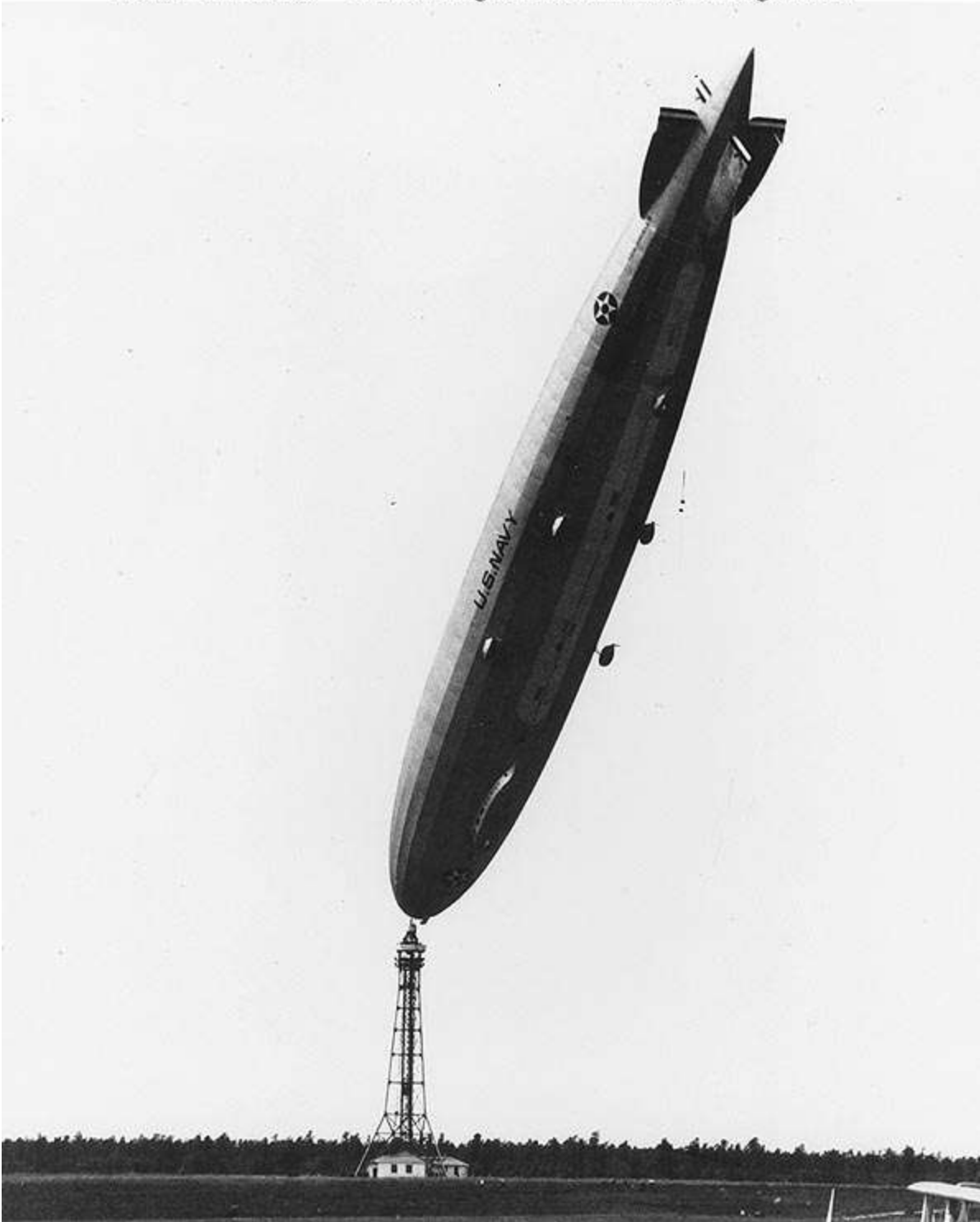
The airship, caught in a layer of colder, denser air just above it, continues to rise. The crew on board tried to compensate by climbing up the keel toward the rising tail.

Photo # NH 84568 USS Los Angeles stands on end, 25 August 1927



They were not able to stop the ship and it reached an angle of 85 degrees.

Photo # NH 84569 USS Los Angeles stands on end, 25 August 1927



*It finally descended slowly.
Amazingly, the ship suffered only slight damage and was able to fly the next day.*