

Gentlemen,

There is a great deal of confusion over two planes in the May/June 44 time frame, both having the same A/C number but different call numbers, both D models. While the transcribed mission reports are VERY confusing, the tower log is not, as the below will show. While the 27 June mission report lacks the call sign, as does the tower report, the fact that Peavyhouse is recorded as the pilot seems to assure that it was 776 N flying that night and not "F". The original mission reports may clarify this, but meantime a beer is bet on my hunch!

776 N - From Harrington Tower Log - First Appearance 21 April 1944

776 F - From Harrington Tower Log - First Appearance 12 June 1944

Available records indicate 776 N was: B24D 42-63766 N, received from BAD 20 Dec 43, last recorded on 6 Mar 45 inventory report. Brittan records it as an ex-479th plane and the 8th AF shows it as a 482nd BG plane, both strong indicators that this is the correct plane. 8th AF HS records also indicate 801st/492nd custody with eventual owner 15th AF.

Available records indicate 776 F was: B24D 42-40776 F, aka Old Blister Butt when in the 389th BG and believed to be "Widow" when flying for the 801st/492nd. Salvaged war weary in Ireland on 29 May 1945, this plane shows up in 8th AF HS records in both the 389th BG and 801st/492nd BG. Salvage date of 29 May 1945 agrees with Brittan.

776 N - 21Apr44 - Peavyhouse

776 N - 24Apr44 - Peavyhouse

776 N - 27Apr44 - Peavyhouse

776 N - 28Apr44 - Rudolph

776 N - 30Apr44 - Peavyhouse

776 N - 05May44 - Wolcott

776 N - 06May44 - Peavyhouse

776 N - 07May44 - Stinchcomb

776 N - 09May44 - Stinchcomb

776 N - 10May44 - Stinchcomb

776 N - 15May44 - Archambault

776 N - 31May44 - Alford

776 N - 01Jun44 - Peavyhouse

776 N - 02Jun44 - Cunningham

776 N - 03Jun44 - Johnson

776 N - 05Jun44 - Kitko

0776 F - 12Jun44 - Fish

776 N - 20Jun44 - Peavyhouse 0776 F - 20Jun44 - Munn

776 N - 22Jun44 - Peavyhouse

0776 F - 23Jun44 - Lucey

776 - 27Jun44 - Peavyhouse - Scrub



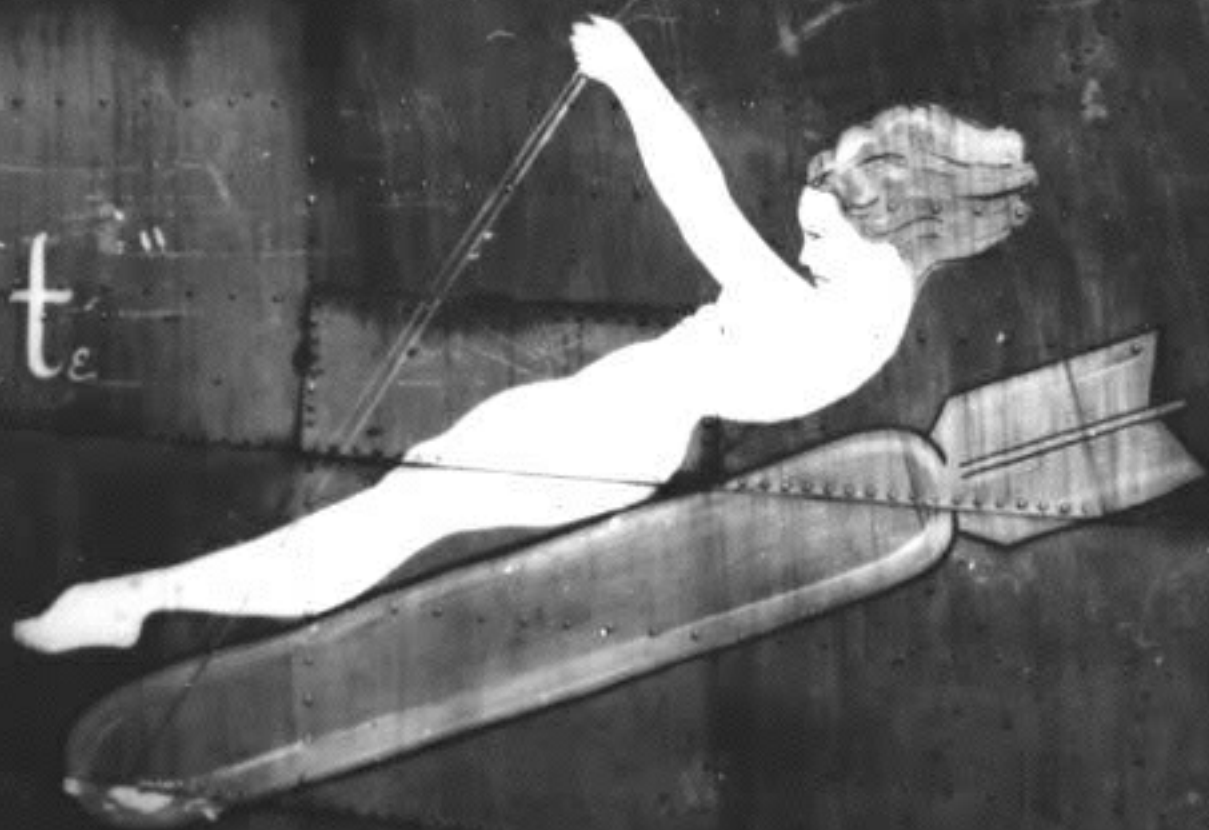
B24D 42-40776 "Old Blister Butt" 389th BG, 564th BS
before it was a Carpetbagger plane. Photo courtesy Ray Bowden.

Flown by Cunningham, Fish, Lucey, and Peavyhouse of
the 801st BG, 406th BS in June of 1944. Salvaged 29 May 1945.

Upper right hand corner shows the nose art when it was an 801st BG
plane. Inset photo courtesy the 801st/492nd BG.

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"Old
Blister
Butt"





**B24-D 42-40776 "Widow"
at Harrington - 1944**