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Subject: Re: Identity of the B-24 "Nulli Secundus"

Date: Friday, December 16, 2005 15:58

OzBob,

Thanks. You have pointed me in the right direction!

[\\_Cliquez ici : 406th Night Leaflet Squadron - Franke Crew\\_](http://www.carpetbaggerops.org/406thNLS/406thNLS-FrankeCrew.html)

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On the Harrington Operations Log, the Franke crew appears as follows in

406th NLS (N for Nextmorn - squadron I/D taken at Harrington from 857th BS):

756 C (42-94756 with picture of a reclining girl on the starboard side and

known to the Pattillo crew as NITE AND DAY but the name was not displayed.

Previously 487th BG) Apr 17/18

555 G (42-51555 OMA) Apr 18/19

873 V (42-94873 BLACK JACK previously FEUDIN' WAGON in 34th & 486th BGs) Apr

21/22

598 P Apr 22/23

598 P Apr 23/24

598 P Apr 24/25

598 P Apr 25/26

602 Q (41-29602 BLACK ZOMBIE previously THE LORETTA ANN in 490th & 34th BGs)

Apr 26/27

598 P May 6/7

598 P May 11

598 P May 16

598 P May 18

598 P May 20

598 P May 24

880 Y (41-28880 WINNIE THE POOH in 34th & 486th BGs) May 26

598 P May 30

598 P Jun 3

601 M (41-29601 GREMLIN'S ROOST previously 490th & 486th BGs) Jun 8

598 P Jun 13

598 P Jun 14

598 P Jul 8 (RZI)

I consider the fact that the crew flew 598 (41-29598) no less than 15 times, including on the home run, coupled with the photo taken in front of it, is sufficient evidence, albeit circumstantial, to link the name **NIGHT IN GALE** to that aircraft.

As regards the name CHESTY, I established with Gary Ferrell beyond any doubt that this was 42-94890 in 34th BG, 391st BS (RCL: J) whose combat record was

very brief, ending on 29 May 44 with battle damage that resulted in the plane being salvaged.

I suspect that the name NIGHT IN GALE was given to 41-29598 after its assignment to 406th NLS because neither Gary nor Robin Smith records any name for the plane.

Tom

Dans un e-mail daté du 16/12/2005 21:48:01 Romance Standard Time, livo@digisurf.net.au a écrit :

Tom,

I have an (att) photo of a black B-24 with the name NIGHT IN GALE (not NITE).

Bob

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Sent: Saturday, December 17, 2005 3:48 AM

Subject: Re: Identity of the B-24 "Nulli Secundus"

Gentlemen,

It is quite a bit more complicated than John shows. The history of each of  
the aircraft he lists is as follows:

41-28770 (STRIP TEASE in 492nd BG but not known whether this was already  
there before application of gloss black paint)

44th BG, 66th BS (QK H+) transferred on 15 Oct 44 to 67th BS (NB A)

transferred between 2 Nov & 6 Dec 44 to:

492nd BG, 858th BS (E changed between 22 Feb & 8 Jul 45 to G) RZI 8 Jul 45.

41-28880 (WINNIE THE POOH in 34th BG, shark jaws added and known as the  
ghost ship in 486th BG but that name was not painted on the aircraft)

34th BG, 391st BS (E) transferred between 1 & 6 Jun 44 to:

486th BG, 833rd BS (4N S) G-H equipment installed and transferred between 21

Jun & 4 Jul 44 to 834th BS (2S R) returned between 20 & 28 Jul 44 to:

34th BG but to 18th BS (S) transferred after 24 Aug 44 to:

406th BS - Night Leaflet (J6 Y) RZI 8 Jul 45

(It was never in 492nd BG, 858th BS, but 406th BS came under the administration of 492nd BG from mid Mar 45 when the squadron moved from Cheddington to Harrington).

41-29598 (Name, if any, unknown. Name NITE IN GALE new to me - any photographic or other evidence?)

34th BG, 7th BS (C) transferred between 1 & 6 Jun 44 to:

486th BG, 833rd BS (4N P) G-H equipment installed and transferred between 17

Jun & 3 Jul 44 to 834th BS (2S P) returned between 19 Jul & 15 Aug 44 to:

34th BG but to 18th BS (U) transferred after 16 Aug 44 to:

406th BS - Night Leaflet (J6 P) RZI 8 Jul 45

(It was never in 492nd BG, 858th BS, but 406th BS came under the administration of 492nd BG from mid Mar 45 when the squadron moved from Cheddington to Harrington).

41-29607 (CALIFORNIA BABY in 492nd BG)

486th BG but flew no combat missions with that Group, modified to

Carpetbagger and assigned before 3 Jul 44 to:

801st BG(P)/492nd BG 850th/857th BS (L changed between 1 Oct 44 & 19 Feb 45

to T) transferred between 11 & 14 Mar 45 to 856th BS (C changed between 16

Mar & 9 Jul 45 to P) RZI 9 Jul 45

(It was never in 858th BS)

42-51154 (SILVER DOLLAR in 466 & 467th BGs)

466th BG. 784th BS (T9 M) transferred between 10 Sep & 4 Oct 44 to:

467th BG, 791st BS (4Z RCL unknown) transferred between 11 Nov & 6 Dec 44 to;

492nd BG, 858th BS (N) RZI 9 Jul 45

42-94831 (THE SACK in 489th BG)

489th BG, 844th BS (4R D) transferred after 10 Nov 44 to:

389th BG, 566th BS (RR A+) transferred between 7 Jan & 6 Feb 45 to:

492nd BG, 857th BS (L) transferred between 1 Apr & to 9 Jul 45 to 856th BS

(T) RZI 9 Jul 45.

(It was never in 858th BS)

Tom.

Dans un e-mail daté du 16/12/2005 15:54:45 Romance Standard Time,

livo@digisurf.net.au a écrit :

Dan,

I had a quick look at what I have regarding these serials, and am unable to come to a conclusion as simple as John does.

Since this is an area that Tom & Al are far better equipped to comment upon than myself, I will defer gratefully to them to respond in a meaningful way.

OzBob

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Thanks, John

We'll look into this.

Dan

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Subject: RE: Identity of the B-24 "Nulli Secundus"

GENTLEMEN:

As you know, the black B-24 Liberator named "Nulli Secundus" recently has been proven NOT to be 41-28770. Photographic evidence indicates that "770 G" was in fact "Strip Tease". For the sake of discussion, please find below a list of the 492nd Bomb Group (Second Organization) B-24's that were flown to Searcy Field, Stillwater, Oklahoma after World War Two:

B-24 41-28770, "STRIP TEASE" 858th Bomb Squadron, 492nd Bomb Group (Second Organization)

B-24 41-28880, 858th Bomb Squadron, 492nd Bomb Group (Second Organization)

B-24 41-29598 "NITE IN GALE", 858th Bomb Squadron, 492nd Bomb Group (Second Organization)

B-24 41-29607 "CALIFORNIA BABY", 858th Bomb Squadron, 492nd Bomb Group (Second Organization)

B-24 42-51154, 858th Bomb Squadron, 492nd Bomb Group (Second Organization)

B-24 42-94831, 858th Bomb Squadron, 492nd Bomb Group (Second Organization)

Through the process of elimination, one can ascertain that there are three possible B-24's that could have been named "Nulli Secundus". They are: 41-28880, 42-51154, and 42-94831.

I'd be interested in receiving your comments concerning this matter. Any assistance you can give to me and my organization will be greatly appreciated. THANK YOU!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS,

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