



406 BS

*"The
Loretta
Ann"*



Bales Crew at Mountain Home, ID April 1944

Back Row,L-R

Sgt Leo Ensminger, radio operator and waist gunner, Marion, Ohio
2nd Lt. Arthur J. Simcek (now Simms), bombardier, Racine, Wisconsin
2nd Lt. Joseph M. Sekerak, navigator, Berlin Heights, Ohio
2nd Lt. James A. Doyle, copilot, Bronx, New York
1st Lt. William L. Bales, pilot, Lampasas, Texas
SSgt Jerry A. Hobbs, engineer, St. Paul, Minnesota

Front Row,L-R

Sgt. James P. Bowden, upper-turret gunner, Texarkana, Texas
Sgt. Silas S. Stamper, ball-turret gunner, Pennington Gap, Virginia
Cpl Frank Bielawski, nose-turret gunner, Hamtramck, Michigan
Sgt William H. Fox, waist-gunner, Bismarck, North Dakota



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Transferred to 406 BS.

MISSION DETAILS

May 29, 1944 41-29602 **Loretta Ann**

Arrived from Eye at 2308 hours.

Mission #12 June 6, 1944 41-29602 L/I (ground spare – taken over by Hayes) **Loretta Ann**

Mission #12 June 6, 1944 41-29602 L/I 7BS Hayes **Loretta Ann**

Took off at 1743 hours.

Flew position 1-3 in High Squadron.

Carried 12 500 lb bombs. Dropped on the Primary but no time or altitude report.

No damage report.

Landed 2357 hours.

Hayes (P)

Anderson (CP)

Maw (N)

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Gibbons (E)
Bowers (R)
Murphy (G)
Rockey (G)
Duffelmeir (G)
Gray (G)

Mission #14 June 11, 1944 41-29602 L/I 4BS Halbert **Loretta Ann**

Took off at 0510 hours.

Flew position 2-2 in Low Squadron.

Carried 12 500 lb GP bombs. Brought back all bombs to base due to 10/10 cloud coverage of target.

No battle damage reported.

Landed 1030 hours.

Halbert (P)
Ragland (CP)
Goetschuis (B)
Fredrickson (R)
Drost (E)
Flaharty (NG)
Minnick (TG)
Lynch (BG)
Fix (G)

Mission #15 June 12, 1944 41-29602 L/I 7BS Dean **Loretta Ann**

Took off at 0511 hours.

Flew position 4-1 in Lead Squadron.

Carried a K-20 camera.

Carried 24 250 lb bombs. Dropped on the Primary at 0911 hours from 21,750 feet.

No damage reported.

Landed 1102 hours.

Dean (P)
Ferris (CP)
Leckenby (B)
Mayer (R)
Holt (E)
Kordes (G)
Gibson (G)
Hayes (G)

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Mission #17 June 17, 1944 41-29602 L/I 7BS McDermott (Airborne spare) **Loretta Ann**

Took off at 1658 hours.

Flew as Airborne spare, but flew the mission, position unknown.

Carried 12 500 lb bombs. Dropped on the Primary at 2023 hours from 17,500 feet.

Slight battle damage reported.

Landed 2243 hours.

McDermott (P)
Durratt (CP)
Booth (N)
Roberts (R)
Welch (E)
Palmer (G)
Hudson (G)
Brauks (G)
Wingfield (G)

June 20, 1944 9602 Alexander (#3, a different crew) **Loretta Ann**

Took off at 1021 hours on a flight to Chutch Stanton.

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Landed 1626 hours.

Mission #19 June 20, 1944 41-29602 L/I (ground spare) **Loretta Ann**

Mission #20 June 22, 1944 41-29602 L/I Marsden (ground spare) **Loretta Ann**

Took off at 1457 hours for Formation Practice.

Landed 1807 hours.

June 23, 1944 41-29602 L/I Gallagher **Loretta Ann**

Took off at 1646 hours on a local flight.

Landed 1738 hours.

Mission #22 June 24, 1944 41-29602 L/I 18BS Harris **Loretta Ann**

Took off at 0433 hours.

Was to fly in High Squadron but aborted due to malfunction of #1 and #2 superchargers.

Carried 52 100 lb bombs. Brought all bombs back to base.

No damage report.

Landed 0842 hours.

Harris (P)

Casey (CP)

Smith, R. (N)

Kovack (B)

Willoughby (R)

Burns (E)

Whitaker (BG)

Lower (TG)

Martinelli (NG)

Holtz (G)

June 24, 1944 41-29602 L/I Blair **Loretta Ann**

Took off at 1908 hours on a local flight.

Landed 2008 hours.

Mission #28 June 29, 1944 41-29602 L/I 7BS Tuttle **Loretta Ann**

Took off at 0518 hours.

Flew position 2-3 in High Squadron.

Landed 1220 hours.

#1 Turbosupercharger slow. Inspected and repaired.

Tuttle (P)

Strong (CP)

Gullace (N)

Rogers (B)

Chatoin (R)

Henry (E)

Pell (BG)

Touhill (TG)

Marshall (NG)

Havron (G)

Mission #29 July 2, 1944 41-29602 L/I 391BS Marsden **Loretta Ann**

Took off at 1023 hours.

Flew position 3-2 in Group C, with target of Montlouis Ferme.

Carried a K-24 camera.

Carried 18 250 lb GP bombs. Dropped on the Primary at 1349/45 hours from 21,070 feet.

No damage reported.

Landed 1513 hours.

Marsden (P)

Sneed (CP)

Beall (N)

Kelson (B)

Kovalich (R)
Dunkel (E)
O'Hearn (BG)
Algaze (TG)
Vargo (NG)
Baulanger (G)

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Exhaust segment blown out #1 engine. Repaired.
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Interphone system inoperative. Inspected and repaired.
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Thanks, Al

Interesting to note: Al Blanco (Blanco = "White") from Al "Blue"!!

<heh heh>

Dan

----- Original Message -----

From: [Allan Blue](#)

To: [Dan Stockton](#)

Sent: Saturday, October 20, 2007 7:38 AM

Subject: Fw: BLACK ZOMBIE

Dan,

The fellow in the photo is Al Blanco - a 492nd ground crewman who sent me the pictures around 1965. Photos should be credited to him.

Tom Brittan had the following information:

Thanks, they are new to me. It's a 406th NLS aircraft:

H-15 CF 41-29602 J6 Q BLACK ZOMBIE, RZI 8 Jul 45. It was originally THE LORETTA ANN in 490 850 RCL: N, transferred before 6 Jun 44 to 34 391 RCL: I

Tom.

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Al



Pat

ACK ZOMBIE

From: "Daniel L. Stockton" <dstockton1@cox.net>
To: "* Al Blue" <alblue@earthlink.net>; "* Bob "Oz" Livingstone" <ev982@netspace.net.au>; "* Jim Leddy" <jimleddy1@comcast.net>; "* Pete Johnston" <judepete@bigpond.net.au>; "* Ted Williams" <tjwil@ecn.purdue.edu>; "* Tom Brittan" <Tombrittan@aol.com>; "* Chris Gregg" <chris.gregg@389thbg.net>; "* Brendan Wood" <brendan.wood1@ntlworld.com>; "* Georges "Gino" Künzle" <ginox@bluewin.ch>
Subject: Fw: B-24 Black Zombie
Date: Monday, June 02, 2008 8:35 AM

B-24 Black Zombie----- Original Message -----

From: John Stanley
To: alblue@cvn.net ; dstockton1@cox.net
Sent: Monday, June 02, 2008 6:17 AM
Subject: B-24 Black Zombie

My grandfather is Robert D Stanley and this is a picture of him (middle) with Pat Blanco (left) and Russ Valleow (spelling?) on the right and the Black Zombie in the background.

I'm not exactly sure what my grandfather did on these planes, but I know he got to name one after my dad. They called it "Dickie Boy", but I personally do not have a picture of that one.

<<BlackZombie 001.jpg>>

John J Stanley

R E S T R I C T E D

2nd Lt (1034)	Brejcha, Charles J., Jr	0703599	Navigator
2nd Lt (1035)	wojack, Adam M.	0698947	Bombardier
S/Sgt (748)	Cabral, Ernest J.	31246023	Engineer Gunner
S/Sgt (757)	Wylong, Francis G.	11103279	ROK Gunner
S/Sgt (748)	Markley, William F.	34544276	Aerial Gunner
Sgt (612)	Silva, Wilbert A.	39414475	Aerial Gunner*
Sgt (612)	Calderon, Ralph A.	32891311	Armorer Gunner
Sgt (611)	Marion, Eugene O.	31299976	Aerial Gunner
Capt (2161)	Smith, Willard H.	0417731	Sq Oper O**

Flight "C"

Crew 51

Airplane # 42-94918

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2nd Lt (1024)	Sandberg, Bernard A.	0693069	Pilot
2nd Lt (1022)	Markworth, Ralph H.	0758710	Co-Pilot
2nd Lt (1034)	Carey, John L., Jr.	0703604	Navigator
2nd Lt (1035)	White, Ralph P.	0697751	Bombardier
S/Sgt (748)	Johnson, Eugene L.	34682470	Engineer Gunner
S/Sgt (757)	Redel, Arthur F.	17034362	ROK Gunner
S/Sgt (748)	Nederostek, Michael E.	33188395	Aerial Gunner
S/Sgt (612)	Brader, Philip H.	19056952	Aerial Gunner
S/Sgt (612)	Blansfield, Floyd E.	31343484	Armorer Gunner
Sgt (612)	Neely, LeRoy D.	37519388	Aerial Gunner

Crew 52

Airplane # 42-94876

2nd Lt (1024)	Michelson, David A.	0807758	Pilot
F/O (1022)	Shaw, John P., Jr.	T-1880	Co-Pilot
2nd Lt (1034)	Boyde, Donald C.	0703598	Navigator
2nd Lt (1035)	Weiss, Melvin	0695572	Bombardier
T/Sgt (748)	Patterson, Duncan L.	12072733	Engineer Gunner
S/Sgt (757)	Hovanec, William J.	35533579	ROK Gunner
S/Sgt (748)	Wooten, Enoch A., Jr.	34604500	Aerial Gunner
S/Sgt (612)	Jones, Jack A.	19125817	Aerial Gunner
S/Sgt (748)	Marinoff, Arnold	32787037	Armorer Gunner
Sgt (611)	Holander, John B.	16117462	Aerial Gunner*
1st Lt (1034)	Seyers, Jack R.	0685737	Sq Navigator**

Crew 53

Airplane # 41-29594

1st Lt (1024)	Wright, Richard L.	0455369	Pilot
2nd Lt (1022)	Culver, Edwin L.	0818629	Co-Pilot
2nd Lt (1034)	Brinkman, Edward A.	0703692	Navigator
2nd Lt (1035)	Sauer, Donald S.	0697739	Bombardier
S/Sgt (748)	Mort, Robert R.	37601367	Engineer Gunner
S/Sgt (757)	Kensinger, Dean G.	16169976	ROK Gunner
S/Sgt (748)	Koski, Paul J.	31078262	Aerial Gunner
S/Sgt (612)	Wagner, Gilbert H.	33678573	Aerial Gunner
Sgt (612)	May, Robert E.	15018322	Armorer Gunner
S/Sgt (748)	Reed, Donald C.	34721455	Aerial Gunner

Crew 54

Airplane # 41-29602

Louetta Ann

1st Lt (1024)	Bales, William L.	0664494	Flight Leader
2nd Lt (1022)	Doyle, James J.	0818126	Co-Pilot
2nd Lt (1034)	Silverstein, Milton	0669128	Navigator
2nd Lt (1035)	Simcik, Arthur J.	0698927	Bombardier
S/Sgt (748)	Hobbs, Jerome A.	17154090	Engineer Gunner

* EM DS to Ground Echelon
** Passengers

R E S T R I C T E D