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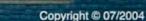
"The Gay Mare," a B-25D-1 of the 501st BS, wears standard Olive Drab/Neutral Gray war paint, Medium Green mottling, Red cowl rings. White fin & rudder LD, bands (inside and outside surfaces) and overpainted nose glazing. Note the colorful nose wheel hub device. It crashed in bad weather August 30th, 1944, Pilot at the time of this profile was 1st LT. Lawrence Schrade.

Depicted as it appeared in July 1943, "Lucky Bat" of the 499th BS (below) sports Olive Drab/Neutral Gray camouflage, unpainted nose glazing, and Blue cowl fronts. It flew at least 66 missions before being reported missing in action, on July 30th, 1944. Our inset (right) shows the presentation of "Lucky Bat's" starboard nose art.

Originally a B-25 D-15, this A/C was assigned to the 498 BS, during August, 1943. This A/C was considered as the personal machine of Col. J. V. Crabb, CO. of the 345 BS, Crabb's successor, Lt. Col. Clinton True was credited with shooting down a Zeke with the nose guns. This A/C was lost on Dec 26th, 1943, when it was shot down by friendly fire while supporting operations at Cape

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Gloucester, Col. True and wounded crew members boarded their raft and after rowing several miles arrived at the marine beach head during the night, A/C wears the standard OD, over Neutral Gray with Yellow cowl rings and White fin/radders.



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