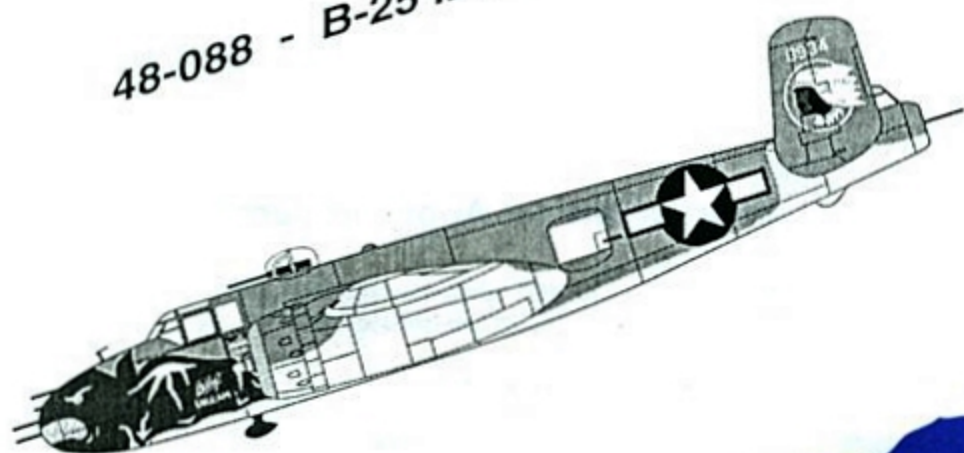


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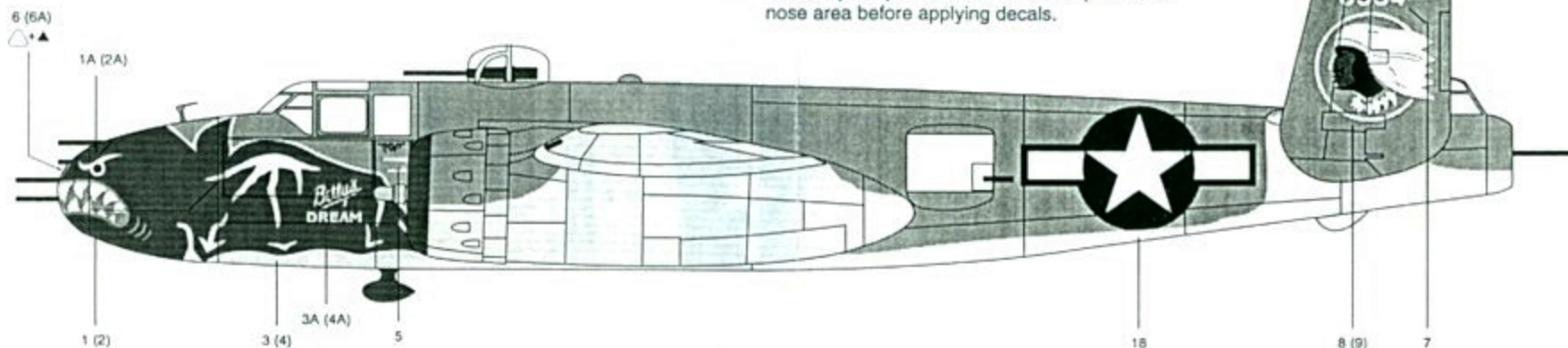
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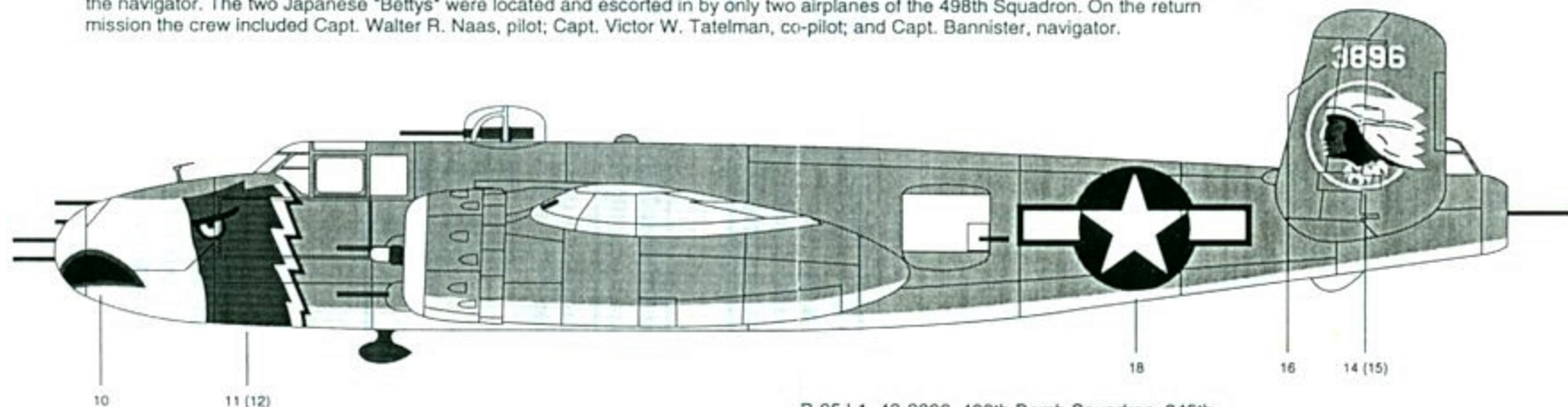
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B-25J-30, 44-30934, "Betty's Dream", 499th Bomb Squadron, 345th Bomb Group, Philippines, 1945. Olive Drab and Neutral Gray camouflage with *very Dk. Blue* bat design on nose and forward cowls. Use template provided on reverse to paint blue nose area before applying decals.



BETTY'S DREAM was assigned to 1/Lt. (later Capt.) Charles E. "Pop" Rice, Jr., who eventually became the Operations Officer of the 499th Squadron. The late-model B-25J was assigned in June, 1945, while the unit was based at Clark Field. BETTY'S DREAM flew escort for the white-painted "Betty" bombers carrying the Japanese peace envoys to Le Shima on August 19th, and also for the return mission of the August 21, 1945, after their surrender conference in Manila with Gen. MacArthur's Staff. On the former mission Maj. Wendell D. Decker, the Squadron C.O., was the pilot, Rice was the co-pilot, and Capt. Edmund Czapski was the navigator. The two Japanese "Betty's" were located and escorted in by only two airplanes of the 498th Squadron. On the return mission the crew included Capt. Walter R. Naas, pilot; Capt. Victor W. Tatelman, co-pilot; and Capt. Bannister, navigator.



B-25J-1, 43-3896, 498th Bomb Squadron, 345th Bomb Group, Philippines, 1945. Olive Drab and Neutral Gray camouflage with yellow and green parrot design on nose. Forward cowls and prop hubs are yellow. Use template provided on reverse to paint yellow nose area before applying decals.