Dan,

WINNIE THE POOH's block needs correcting in the data strip from 10 to 15.

This is a particularly interesting plane for a number of reasons. It was one of the first ten NMF B-24H DTs with the level anti-glare panel stretching above the pitot tube masts all the way to the nose turret. Its assignments were as follows:

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8 34 391 RCL: E (traced 24 - 31 May 44)
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At this stage it had the full name WINNIE THE POOH and a baby bear artwork on the nose. At some time during its subsequent assignment to 486th BG, the artwork and part (or all?) of the name were removed and shark jaws added

8 486 833 4N S (traced 6 - 20 Jun 44)

G-H equipment was then installed and the aircraft became a lead "PFF" ship (but did <u>not</u> have H2X radar)

8 486 834 2S R (traced 5 - 19 Jul 44, including 14 Jul 44 when it led 487th BG)

8 34 18 RCL: S (traced 29 Jul - 24 Aug 44)

8 406 NLS J6 Y (RZI 8 Jul 45)

The plane was also known in 486th BG as THE GHOST SHIP but I don't think this name was ever displayed on the nose (see comments by Robin Smith at Cliquez ici: Ghost Ship (B24) (NOTE FOR ROBIN: the "last three" needs changing from 800 to 880).

The name UMBRIAGO, too, has been associated with it and I think this was after it had been painted gloss black and assigned to 406th NLS.

Tom.

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