

P-51 SQUADRON CODES, KILLS AND NAMES; ENGLAND 1945

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During the latter part of 1945, large numbers of AAF aircraft were being returned to bases in the British Isles for redeployment to the United States and the Pacific Theatre. One of the bases receiving P-47 and P-51 aircraft was the Lockheed Aircraft Overseas Corporation, American Assembly Unit No. 1, located at Speke Airport, Liverpool. It was at this base that the observations listed below were made. Circumstances did not allow the recording of color schemes in relation to the squadron code letters and the general condition of log books made it impossible to identify, with any accuracy, the operational unit to which an individual aircraft carrying code letters was actually attached. Nevertheless, it is hoped that the listing below, which, due to space limitations, represents only the P-51, may be of interest to students of this field. The pilots name was usually found painted below the cockpit on the left side as were the symbols representing the "kills". The paintings which illustrated some of the pet names should be left to the imagination. The dash in the code letters indicates the national insignia.

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>AAF SERIAL</u>	<u>CODE LETTERS</u>	<u>KILLS</u>	<u>AIRCRAFT NAME</u>
	44-73144	None	26	Man O' War
Maj. Robin Olds	44-72922	L2-W	24	
Lt. Col. Elder	44-73065	OS-R	20	
Capt. G. Compton	44-72299	YJ-O	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	Little Bouncer
	44-72382	PH-Q	18	Sizzlin' Liz
	44-11225	QP-O	17	Red Dog XII
	44-63764	WR-Y	15	
	44-72244	B6-F	15	
	44-72719	N2-D	14	Constance
Maj. C. A. P. Duffie	44-72516	9B-A	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	Give 'em Hell for H.L. Jr.
	44-72449	6N-E	12	Imogene
Capt. John Kirla	44-72180	GA-H	12	Spook
Capt. N.J. Fortier	44-72361	WR-N	12	
	44-72313	C5-U	11	
	44-72199	G4-A	11	
Capt. Herb Kolb	44-72259	LH-R	11	Baby Duck Too II
Lt. R.J. Lanoue	44-73046	LH-W	11	
	44-72098	6N-D	10	
	44-72364	SX-L	10	Upupa Epps
Capt. D.J. Pierce	44-72336	L2-R	10	Setonia No. 3
	44-72469	CY-V	10	
Lt. J.A. Kirk	44-63620	HL-C	10	Small Boy Here
Lt. Col. Blickenstaff	44-72374	LH-V	10	Betty-E
	44-64005	E9-Z	9	Mary Mine
	44-72774	GQ-K	9	Pvt. Betty Mae
Lt. Hopcroft	44-72431	9B-G	8	Poontang II
	44-72713	6N-K	7	Little Betty Anne
Capt. E.R. Kulik	44-72964	HL-X	7	
Lt. R.C. Gordon	44-72292	LH-N	7	Miss Florida
	44-72384	6N-S	7	
Capt. W.F. Tanner	44-72212	LH-O	7	Prudence 7th

	44-72392	SX-V	6	Aurora Haun 'Dawg - Feed it its hungry
Lt. R. T. Rose	44-72754	SX-K	6	Snuggle Bunny
Lt. Col. Bill Bailey	44-63684	SX-B	6	Double Trouble Two
	44-72679	6N-N	5	B Ware
Capt. R.E. Hartley	44-15539	YJ-H	5	Ku
Lt. H. G. Marsh	44-63869	YF-U	5	Passions Playground
Lt. W.H. Bancroft	44-64081	YF-Q	5	The Body's Bastard II
Capt. M. Clark	44-72784	CG-N	5	Tennessee Belle
Capt. C.K. Maxwell	44-63861	C5-H	5	Lady Esther
Lt. J. F. Sanches	44-72375	FT-G	5	Beautiful Dreama II
	44-72171	YJ-Q	5	Mr. Gary II
	44-72816	VF-P	5	The Duchess
	44-13704	B7-H	5	Ferocious Frankie
Capt. W. Brown	44-72191	MX-F	4	Lady Helen III
Lt. Greenfield	44-72845	LH-P	4	Lil' - Muss' - Boomerang
Lt. Ken Wise	44-64104	FT-H	4	Wano
Lt. F. Boron	44-63729	AJ-Q	4	Snuffy the Mad Pole
	44-72519	LC-D	4	Gumpy
	44-72282	5Q-M	4	Watonga State Bank
	44-72451	C5-V	4	Campus Queen
Lt. E. F. Bickford	44-73137	AJ-V	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	Alice-Marie
Lt. L. R. Campi	44-72911	MX-R	3	
Lt. Groker	44-72534	5Q-G	3	Madame Queen
Capt. E. S. Gosnell	44-12233	QL-G	3	
	44-63865	FT-M	3	
	44-72084	6N-H	3	Dibbo
	44-72526	E2-L	3	Miss Margie
	44-73100	WD-B	3	
	44-73041	MX-Q	3	
Lt. Hubert Davis	44-63864	HL-W	2	Twilight Tear
Capt. D. A. Harville	44-12236	YC-D	2	
Lt. Jim Jernigan	44-63771	E6-J	2	
Lt. T. V. Thain	44-72203	WZ-S	2	Sweet and Lovely
Capt. Haynes	44-72399	LH-M	2	Hey Bolo II
Lt. R. J. Blossom	44-72237	MX-A	2	Cutie III
	44-12125	MX-V	2	
	44-73042	MX-U	2	Sooner Hotshot - Jenny
	44-72263	LH-Q	2	Cozy Rosie
	44-63843	L2-F	1	Laura/Jo
	44-72740	MX-C	1	
Lt. Bevington	44-72362	CY-B	1	
	44-63279	None	1	
F/O Regner	44-72046	HL-P	1	
	44-63677	WR-O	1	Ruthie R
Lt. Bob Bohna	44-63675	E6-D	1	Sierra Sue II
Capt. E. W. Hughes	44-12227	QL-B	1	
Lt. C. F. Coffey Jr.	44-15707	WZ-N	1	Kitten Jean
Lt. "Chuck" Nelson	44-63819	E6-N	1	Hotshot Charlie
	44-15187	HL-T	1	
	44-72446	WR-P	1	
	44-72161	5Q-I	1	