



Profile 81 - B-25D-20 Serial 41-30567, *Steamin' Jean*

This B-25D-20 was assigned to First Lieutenant Claude Simmons' crew who named the aircraft *Steamin' Jean* in the US. *Starlite Room* was painted below the nose escape hatch, named after a San Francisco nightclub of the same name. This Mitchell was among the original batch ferried via Hawaii to the South Pacific in March 1943. Just before dusk on 6 October 1943 it departed Carney Field on Guadalcanal for a low-level bombing and strafing mission against Kahili Airfield. It cartwheeled into the ocean near the target just after sunset when it sustained a direct hit from anti-aircraft fire. Six crewmen were lost.

Profile 82 - B-25C-1 Serial 41-13124, *The Alpine Milkman*

This Mitchell's name derived from a popular 1930s song of the same name. After arriving in Fiji in March 1943, it subsequently commenced combat from Henderson Field where it flew an estimated seventeen bombing missions. The ground crew decorated the nose wheel hub with red and white squares as illustrated. It was later converted to a B-25D-1 strafer at Townsville. It returned to Guadalcanal for combat missions and was photographed at Banika field in the Russell Islands in late 1943 with a scoreboard of around 50 missions. By January 1944 this had increased to more than 150 missions which spanned both sides of the nose, with a later photograph indicating 187 missions. In July 1944 it was stripped for usable parts in Townsville and scrapped.