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Dear Mr. Frost,

I am ordering a couple of items from you, for my dad. At the same time, I am very interested in obtaining a color picture of the "nose art" of his B-17 plane that he was a tail gunner in.

To the best of my knowledge, he was in two different planes during the war. One, was the "Devil's Brigade" and the other one was "Picadilly Circus".

I have looked in the main library of Harris County, in downtown Houston but, have not found anything even close to it.

I am in the process of building a 1/64th model of his plane but, it wouldn't be the same without the proper nose art decal. If I can find a picture of the nose art, there is a place that can duplicate a decal for me.

My dad just turned 75 and he has cancer in his left lung and ribs, his prostate and his left hip. He had his left ear removed last year because of cancer, also. He is taking chemo treatments and radiation at the VA Hospital, here in Houston.

I have moved in with him and mother to keep them from going to a nursing home. My mother is a cancer patient, also. Both of them get around using a walker (in the house) and a wheelchair when leaving the house.

I would very much appreciate any help you can give me in obtaining a color picture of the nose art of his plane. After the main library, I don't know where else to look.

Thanks for your time and effort,

Sincerely,

Gary Cox

P.S.

My Dad's name is Harvey Lee Cox and his dog tag number is 18058605 T42-3 A. I hope I have given you enough information. If not, please let me know. Our telephone number is (713) 697-7396.

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Dear Gary:

WWII was NOT shot in color. When you see color pictures regard them as a rarity. There are only a few 306th planes in color, and those were filmed late in the war.

PICCADILLY COMMANDO was a replacement plane, arriving in Mar 43 and remaining with the 369th Squadron until 8 Sep 43 when it was transferred to the 91st Bomb Group. This was not uncommon, and multiple names were not uncommon for a plane. Often when planes changed groups the names and pictures changed as well.

The picture I am enclosing you can keep. A Piccadilly Commando was a prostitute in downtown London at that time. She's holding a 500 pound bomb.

The plane was an F model, no chin turret. It would have been painted in camouflage. Silver planes were almost all G's and were much more likely to have been around in 1944.

On the attached sheet shows some of the detail.

Sincerely yours,