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## OLD BILL



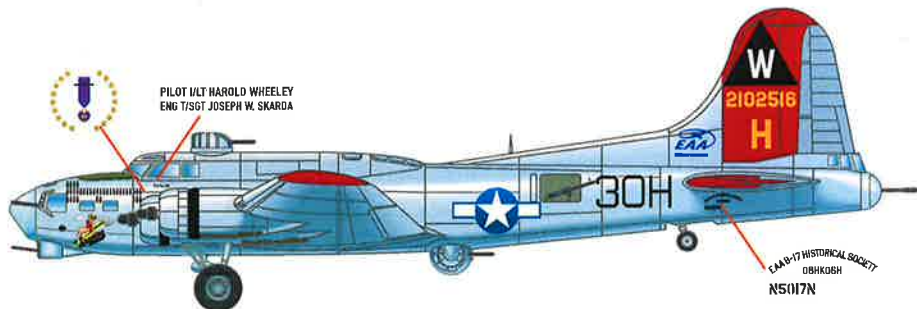
THE SPIRIT OF AVIATION

B-17F 42-29673 JJ-S 365BS 305BG Chelveston May 1943



Capt. Bruce Bairnsfather painted "Old Bill" whilst she was in for repair April 1943

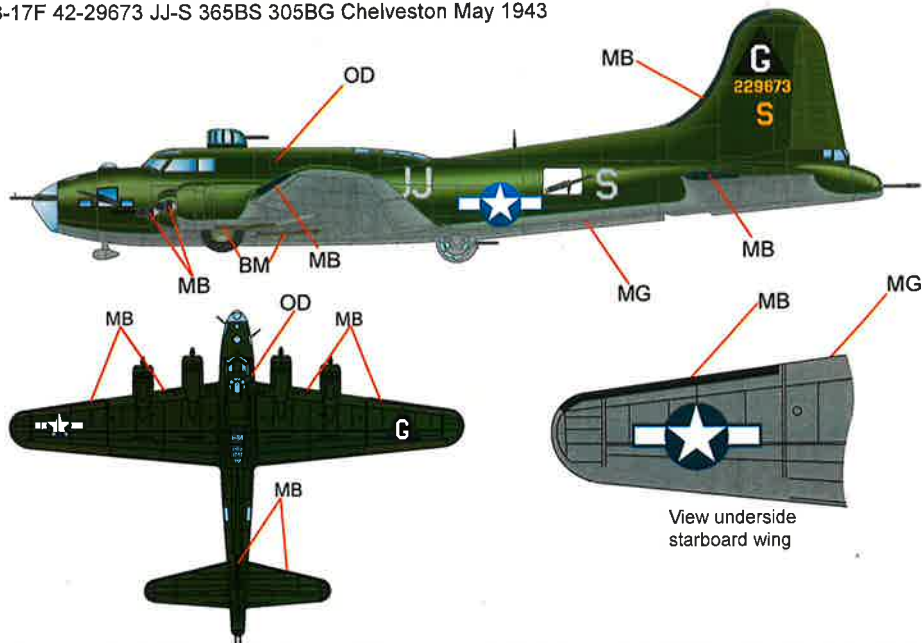
B-17G-VE 42-102515 H 'Aluminium Overcast' Experimental Aircraft Association



Purchased as surplus from the military inventory for a mere \$750 in 1946, the airplane has flown more than 1 million miles. It has served as a cargo hauler, an aerial mapping platform and in pest control and forest dusting applications.

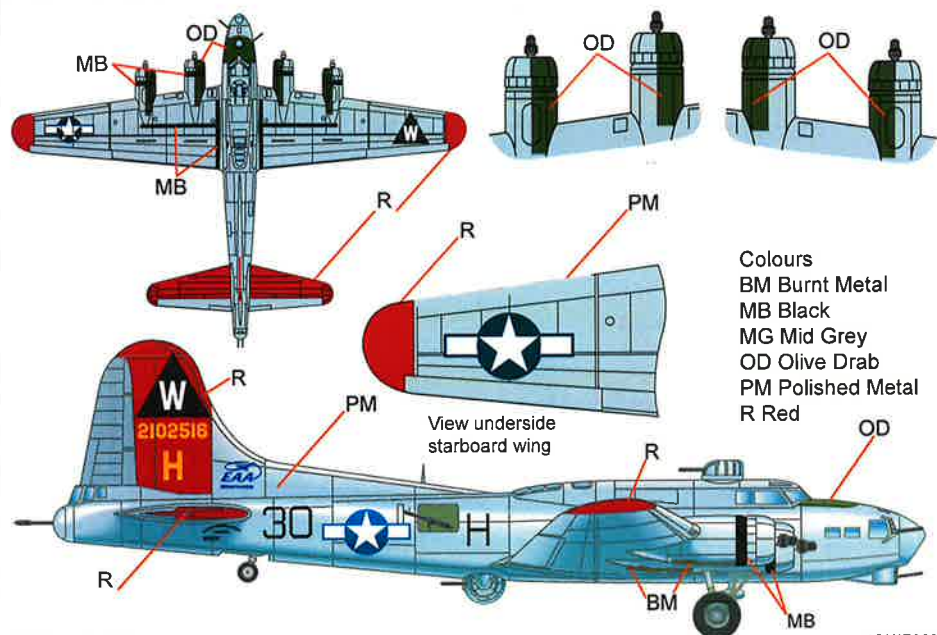
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The final mission for "Old Bill" was on the 15th May 1943, and was described in the 422 Bomb Squadron Diary "The mission for today is Wilhelmshaven for a third maximum effort in three days, weather over the target was poor. A Target of Opportunity presented itself in the Heligoland Islands off Wilhelmshaven and our bombs found the target. Before altitude was reached 60 fighters and 10 bombers attacked the composite group in the biggest encounter to date with the enemy. With no escort the groups gunners withstood all attacks.

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Colours  
 BM Burnt Metal  
 MB Black  
 MG Mid Grey  
 OD Olive Drab  
 PM Polished Metal  
 R Red