

LIBERATOR PHOTO IDENTIFICATION QUESTIONS

Researcher seeks your help in answering two questions

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QUESTION #1: Can you prove the identity of this Mark II Lib of 159 Squadron?



I believe it is either **AL526** or **AL579**. Clearly the nose art is of the Disney character "Goofy". Therefore, most likely, the fuselage code was "G", but it is not visible in the photo. The only two "G"-coded Mark II candidates at 159 Squadron are **AL526** and **AL579**. [Note that the exact same "Goofy" nose art was later applied to a Mark VI Liberator of 159 Squadron, **BZ980**.]

QUESTION #2: What is the identity of this Mark II Lib of 159 Squadron?



It was identified as **AL579** and **AL597**, both Libs on 159 Squadron. The painted serial number on the rear fuselage is partially obscured by the starboard outer engine. I can make out "AL" and the bottom of a number which could be "5". The next digit might fit a "9" better than a "7", but honestly it's an imperfect call.

Any ideas? Your help will be greatly appreciated.

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