

Saga of “Black Nan”

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Lugo, Italy - Troop Support



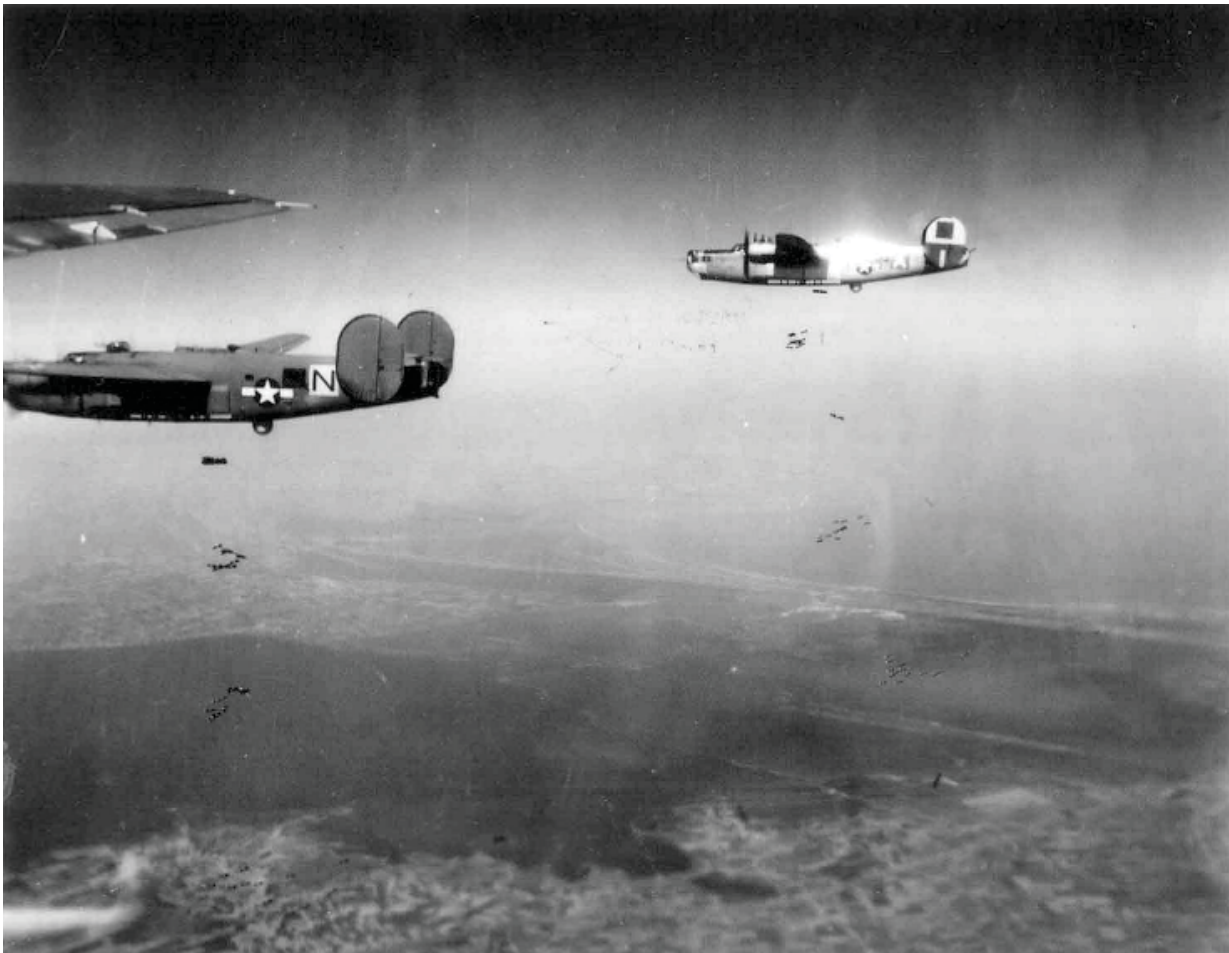
Number 1: Bombs away

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Number 2: A second or two later....

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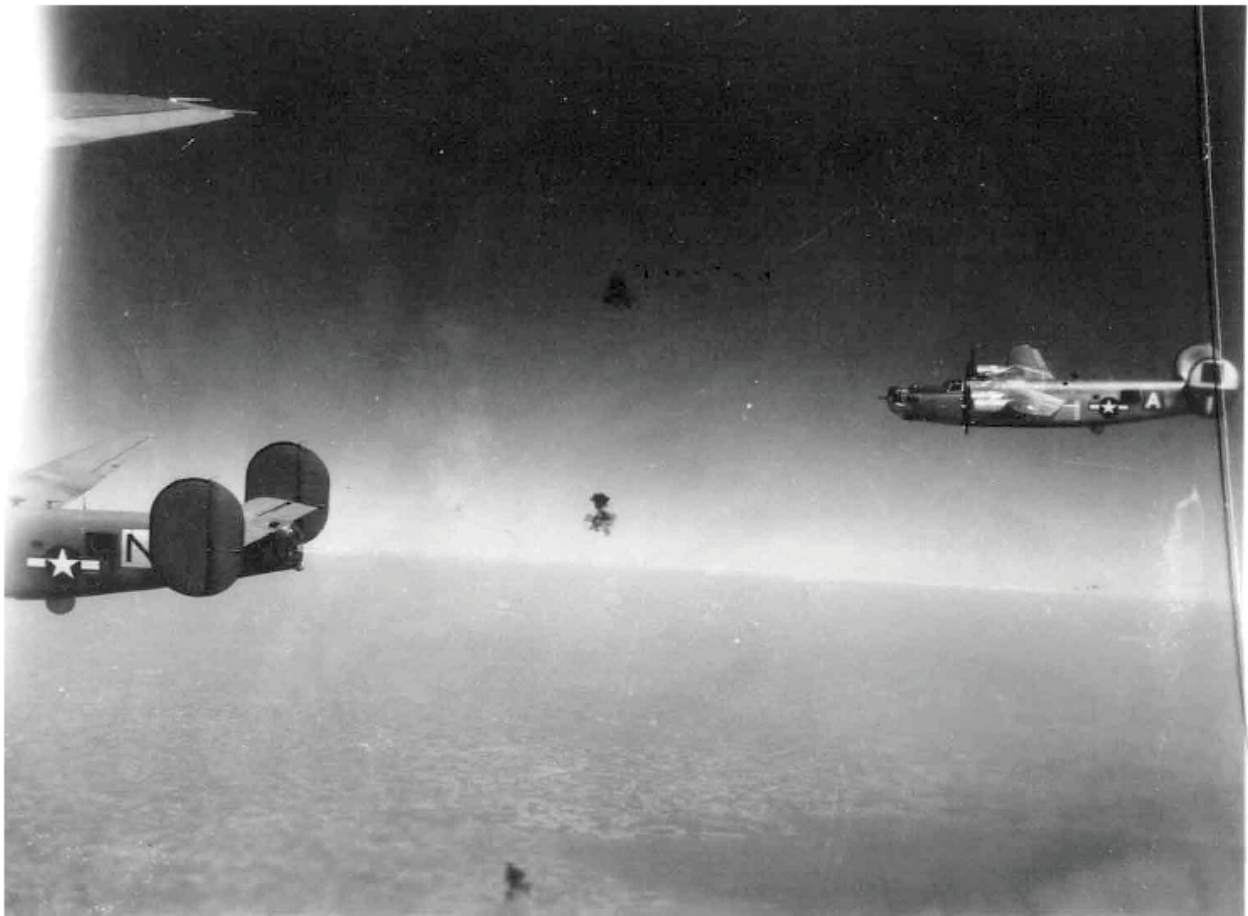
Number 3: A few more seconds have elapsed....

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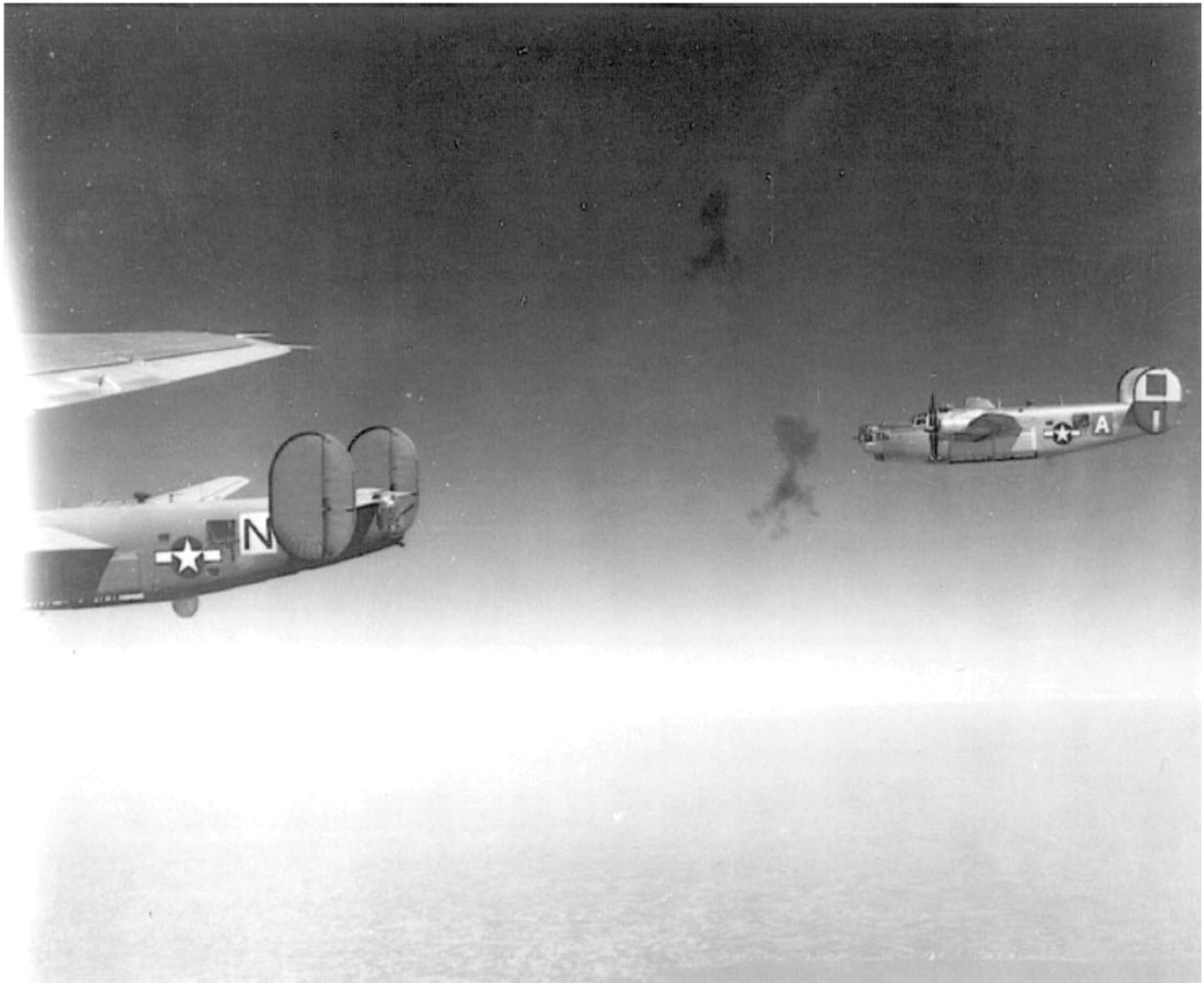
Number 4: A few more seconds....

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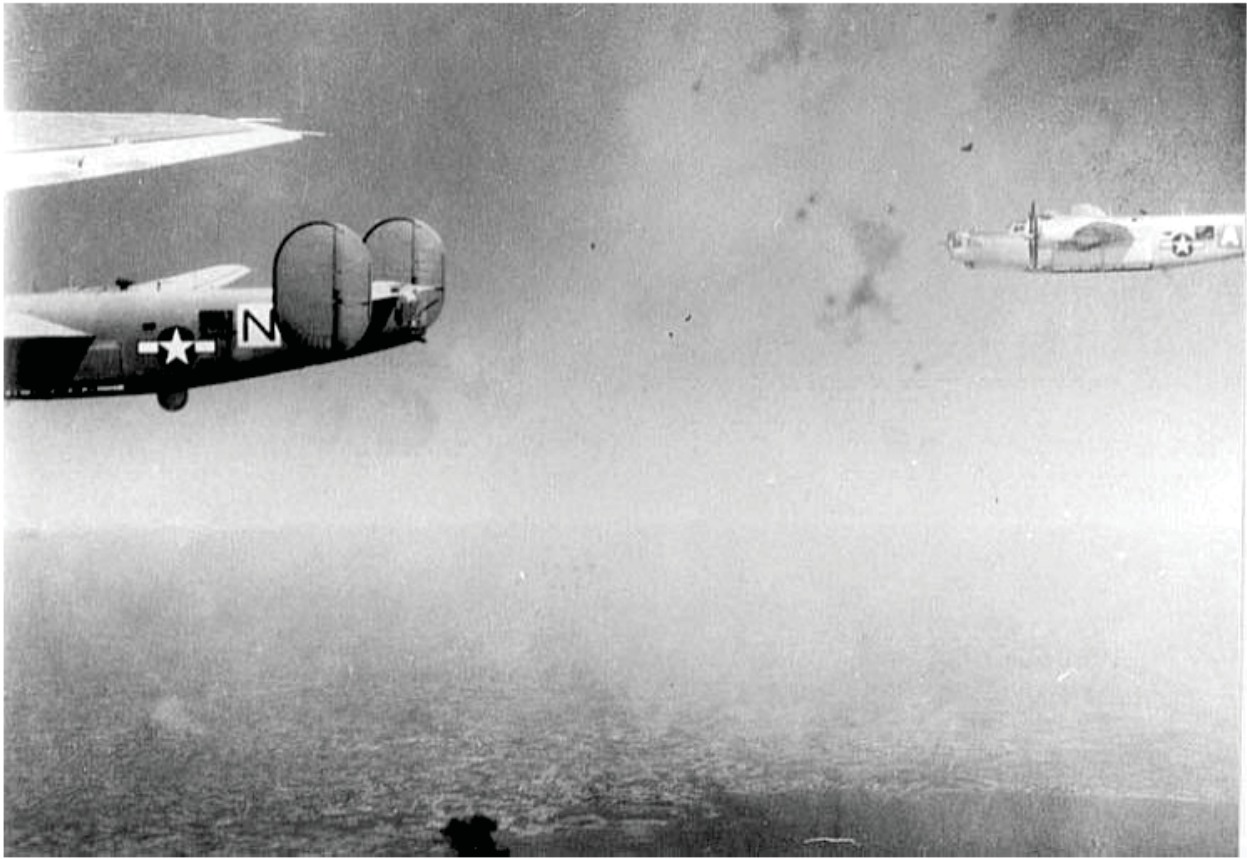
**Number 5: A few seconds later... Three flak bursts in center of picture
One bottom-center, one center, and one barely visible center above
others.**

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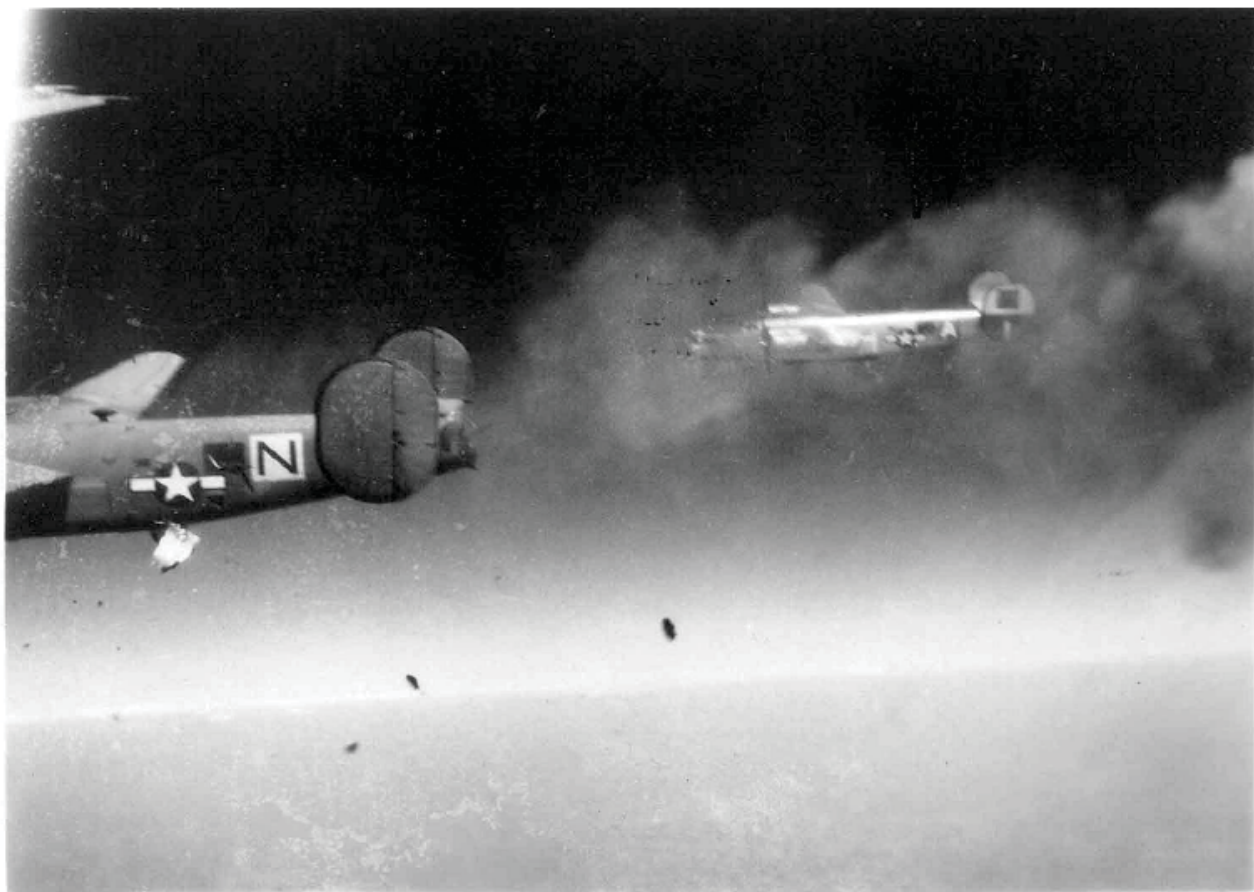
Number 6: One of the flak bursts' smoke appears in front of White Able

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Number 7: A total of four flak bursts ... note the smoke still in front of White Able, another flak burst at bottom.

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Number 8: One of the bursts hits the plane. Note the smoke and small parts flying in the air.

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Number 9: The aircraft flipped on its back and plunged down 15,000 ft.

11 Man Crew

Pilot - Lt. Col. James B. Gilson

Nav - 1Lt. Robert J. O’Leary

Bomb - Capt. George R. Wall

Eng/Gun - T/Sgt. Jerrold R. Ruben

Gun - S/Sgt. Robert C. Rogers

Gun - S/Sgt. Melvin Thomason

Co-Pilot - Capt. Charles H. Foote

Nav - Capt. Lacey P. Morton

Radar/Bom - 1Lt. Edward F. Walsh

Radio/Gun - S/Sgt. Charles F. Montegut

Gun - S/Sgt. Norman S. Cope

Sole survivor: 1Lt. Edward F. Walsh

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