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THIS PAGE: P-51D-10-NA 44-14734 *Baby Mine* of the 50th Fighter Squadron, 339th Fighter Group. This Mustang was originally assigned to Lt. Jack Daniell who applied the name *Sweet 'n Low Down* on the left cowl and as *Sweet and Lowdown* of the right cowl. The P-51D was reassigned to Lt. Stephen Ananian who changed the name to *Baby Mine* — a popular song from the Walt Disney film *Dumbo*. On 26 September 1944, the Mustang was involved in a taxiing accident at Station 582 (Warton) that damaged or destroyed P-51Ds 44-14600, 44-14838, 44-14671, and 44-14361. Ananian was shot down on his first mission and spent an hour in the freezing North Sea before being rescued. He returned to his unit and flew 62 combat missions, shooting down an Me 262 during February 1945. He passed away in 2017.



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