



A-20G *The Hell'n Pelican II* several days after it was put down by Lieutenant Charles Davidson.



Late afternoon at muddy Gusap on Black Sunday. Tail code K in the foreground is 388th BS A-20G *Rough Stuff* which Bertram Heyman has just landed and behind it an unidentified 13th BS A-20G.

Down Bales Out

A native of Texas, Captain Frank Smart led the 387th BS from *The Texan* identifiable by its colourful Texas flag painted under the pilot's window. Smart's squadron flew in wide circles with the rest of the *Roarin' 20s*, among which was Lieutenant Ed Bistika flying *The Nervous Virgin*. Bistika decided to brave it alone by following the wide Ramu River just above the treeline, eventually breaking into clear air near Dumpu. He eased into Gusap, logging six hours and 25 minutes in the air.

Back among the circling 387th BS A-20Gs, Sergeant Stewart Down was riding as turret gunner with Lieutenant Nicholas Daviscourt. After circling near the lower wisps of the front for what seemed a long while, Daviscourt also broke away to try to find a solo