

# Members "Big Do" Limited Ed Painting Repro Order Form



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## "THE BIG DO"

Limited Edition Archival Quality Painting Reproduction .

The painting itself without the borders measures 43.5 x 67.0 cm but a little bigger with signatures.

1 x Print Aud \$160 plus postage \$11.40

The limited edition collectors print of the painting by Teneille Chapman .

The print is on high quality archival matte paper ,signed by 42 + men of the 78 Squadron. Some famous names has been acquired with permission of the relevant families . This exciting print is the only official memorabilia ever created for this mighty squadron which was made to celebrate the 65th Anniversary of the squadron formation .The Big Do" is a graphical reproduction of a famous event that will be forever immortalised in this print.

On that Saturday 78 Squadron were detailed to give cover over the landing craft and US Navy at Biak Island. The first aspect that needs to be stressed is that the pilots of 78 Squadron were out numbered by more than 2 to 1. Although 16 Kittyhawks were detailed to take part only 15 made it to Biak Island as one had engine problems and had to abort. From the Japanese perspective there were some 31 aircraft comprising 22 Zeros from 202nd and 381st Kokutai's and 9 Judys from 503 Kokutai. Despite these overwhelming numbers the Australians took the fight to them and by taking the initiative, pressing home their attacks and providing top cover at all times they prevailed, shooting down 7 fighters and 3 dive bombers for the loss of a Kittyhawk and its pilot F/Sgt Happy Harnden. So for the RAAF this was the largest number of Japanese aircraft shot down in a single engagement by a RAAF fighter squadron.

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