

B17s of the Mighty Eighth Air Force 'Nose Art'

This sheet includes Nose Art for two B17G's Flying Fortresses of the 406th NLS and 322rd Bomb Groups. These feature 'Tondalayo' & 'Wee Willie'.

'Tondalayo' with the 406th Night Leaflet Sq. based in England. Painted matte black for special ops, she was shot down by British defensive guns after returning from a mission to Holland on March 4, 1945.

'Wee Willie' was on its 128th mission when it was struck by flak while flying over its bombing target. It was the next to last B-17 from the 91st Bomb Group which was lost in combat.

Boeing B17G Flying Fortress 'Tondalayo' 406th Night Leaflet Squadron

Two versions supplied based on commonly seen depictions & actual photograph.

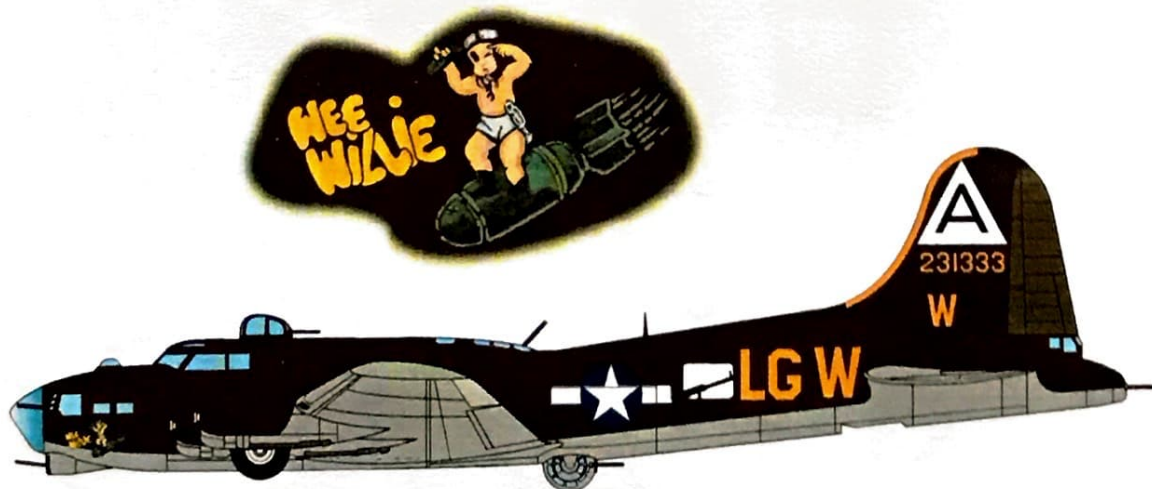


Tondalayo was the personal aircraft of the squadron CO Col Aber.

B-17G serial # 43-37516 operated with the 406th Night Leaflet Sq. based in Cheddington, England.

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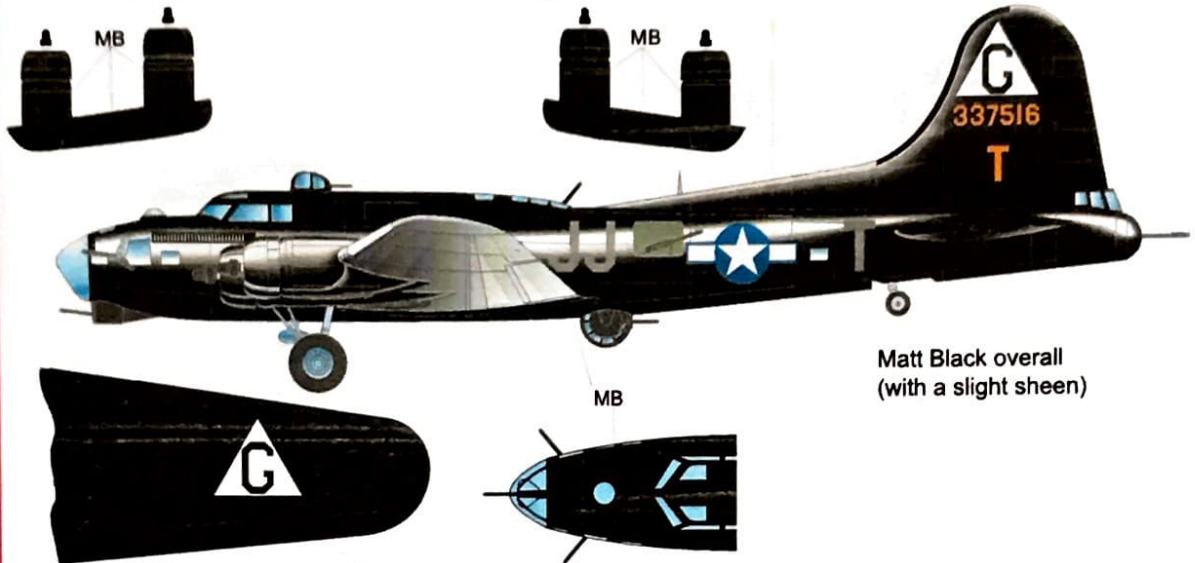
Boeing B17G Flying Fortress 'Wee Willie' 322nd Squadron, 91st Bomb Group



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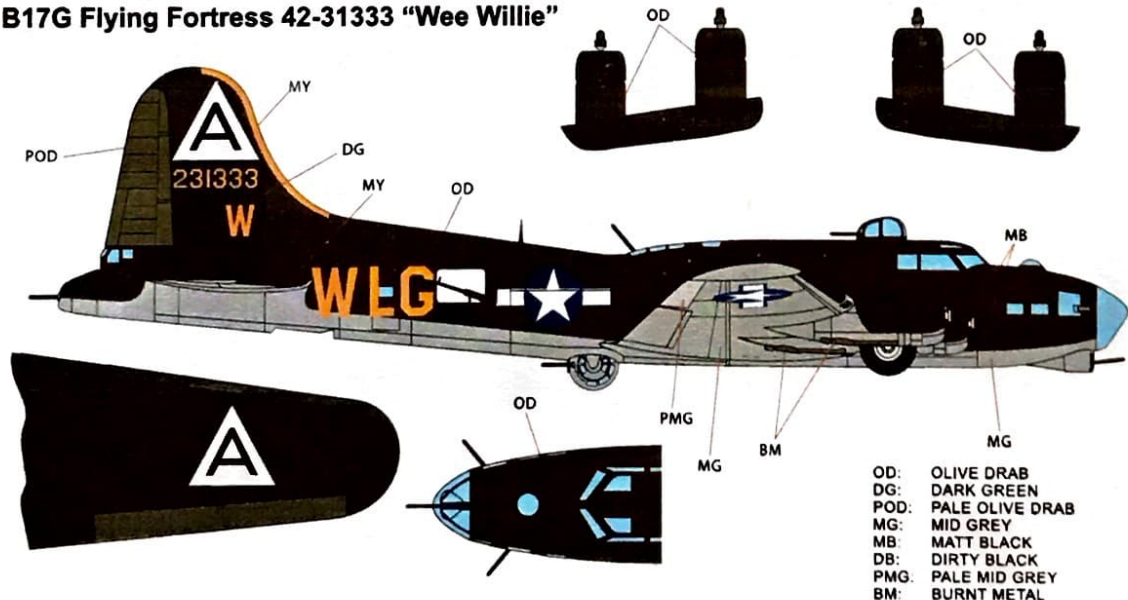
Don't forget to add oil and exhaust stains - the exhaust on the B17 exited under the engine/wing from the turbo charger leaving a dirty grey/brown/black soft edged 'fan' shaped stain, broadening out toward the rear edge of the wings.

Recommended Kits: Revell/Monogram

B17G Flying Fortress 43-37516 "Tondalayo"

Matt Black overall
(with a slight sheen)

When the 406th Squadron designation was turned back to 8th Air Force following the reorganization of 13 August 1944, it was given to a special squadron at Cheddington composed of B-24s and B-17s. Unlike the daylight bombers, who dropped their leaflets at high altitude, and the Carpetbaggers, who dropped their propaganda by hand, the 406th NLS flew at medium altitudes and dropped sophisticated leaflet "bombs" in cardboard cylinders which dispersed the leaflets over a wide area. Additionally, because they were involved later in the war, most of their propaganda was directed toward destroying the enemy's will to fight. On 15 March 1944, this unit was attached to the 492nd Bomb Group at Harrington and moved to Station 179 for the remainder of the war.

B17G Flying Fortress 42-31333 "Wee Willie"

OD: OLIVE DRAB
DG: DARK GREEN
POD: PALE OLIVE DRAB
MG: MID GREY
MB: MATT BLACK
DB: DIRTY BLACK
PMG: PALE MID GREY
BM: BURNT METAL

Wee Willie's last mission was on 8 April 1945. A direct flak hit and tore off a wing. The pilot of this mission was 1st/Lt. Robert Fuller and he survived along with some of the crew.

Wee Willie was the last 91st B-17 to be downed in action and was credited with 120 missions.