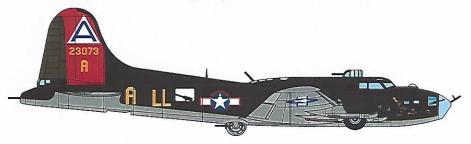
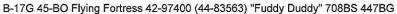
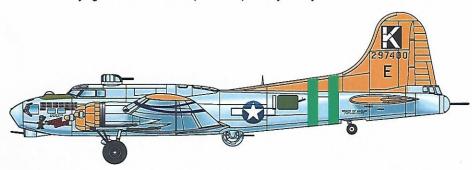


B-17F-20-DL Flying Fortress 42-3073 'Lightning Strikes' 401BS 91BG Bassingborn 1943



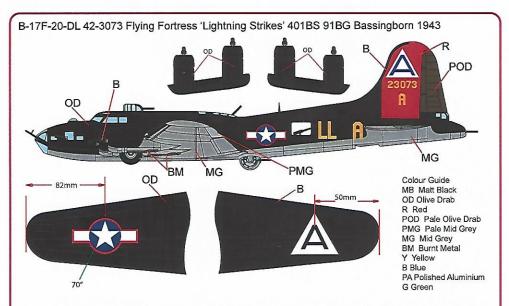
Having survived a crash landing, and several times shot-up in action, "Lightning Strikes"073 finally fell to the guns of Focke-Wulf Fw 190 fighters on the second day of 'Big Week', the war's heaviest series of bombing raids, in which the Allies inflicted fatal damage on the Luftwaffe.





In 2006, sold to Martin Aviation. Since 2009, displayed at Lyon Air Museum

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21 February 1944. MACR 2463 - Lightning Strikes took off from Bassingbourn, assigned target Achmer, Germany. Shot down by fighters the aircraft left the formation on fire, and all the crew baled out safely in the North Rhine area near Herford, Germany. All 10 crew where captured and taken as POW. Pilot - Lt. William F. Gibbons

