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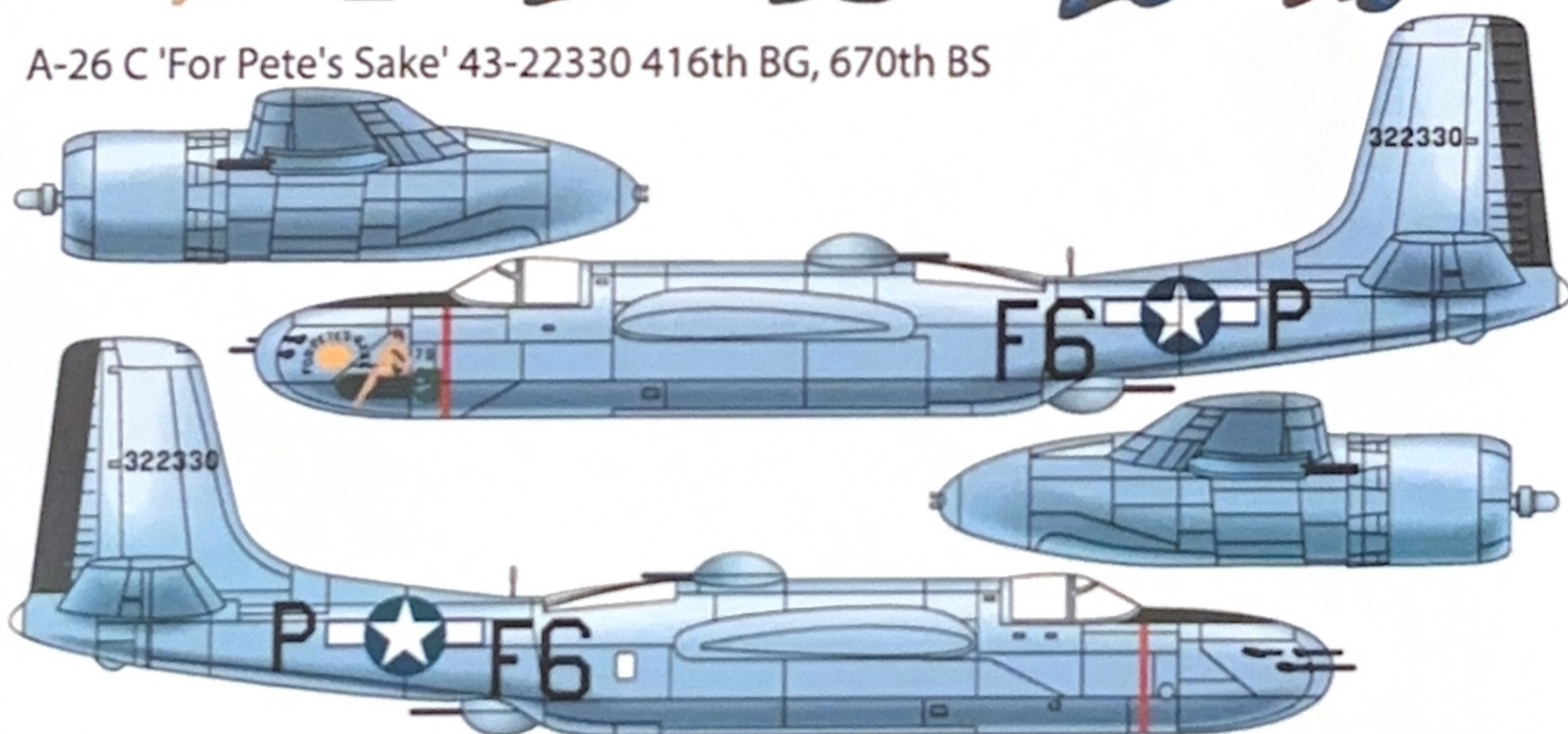
# WAR Birds

1:72 Scale

A 26 B/C Douglas Invader This sheet represents two A 26 attack aircraft from World War Two. 'For Pete's Sake' is an A26B from the 416th Bomb Group based in Laon/Athies Airfield in France operating against V1/V2 launch sites and ground support of troops in the march across northern Europe on into Germany through early 1945 till the end of hostilities. 'Lady Liberty' is in the night attack scheme, the restored aeroplane being the oldest A 26 still flying. She was the 130th Invader to be produced entering service in August 1944, flying from Great Dunmow, Essex, England in September of that year with the 410th Bomb Group, 9th Air Force.

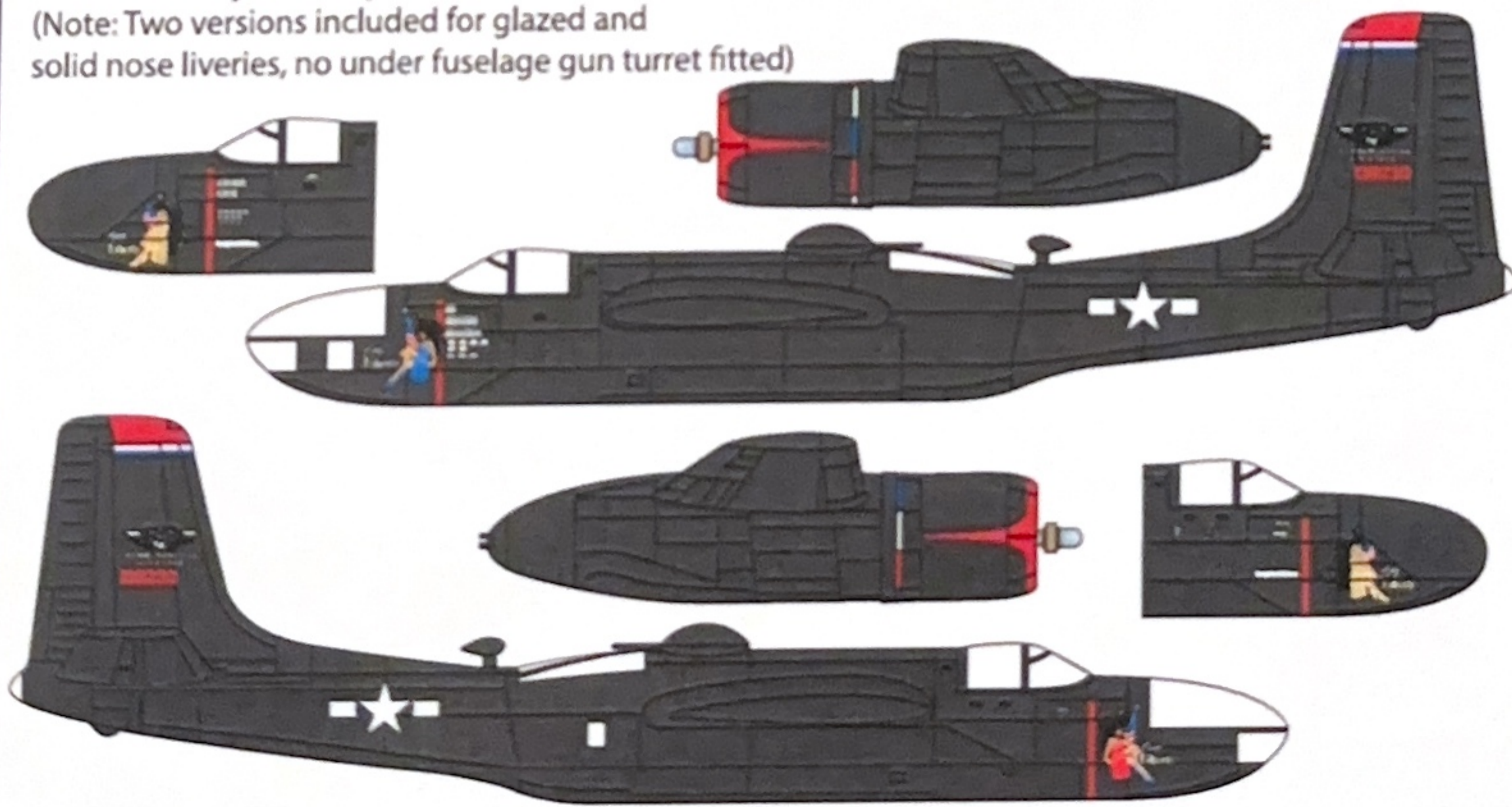


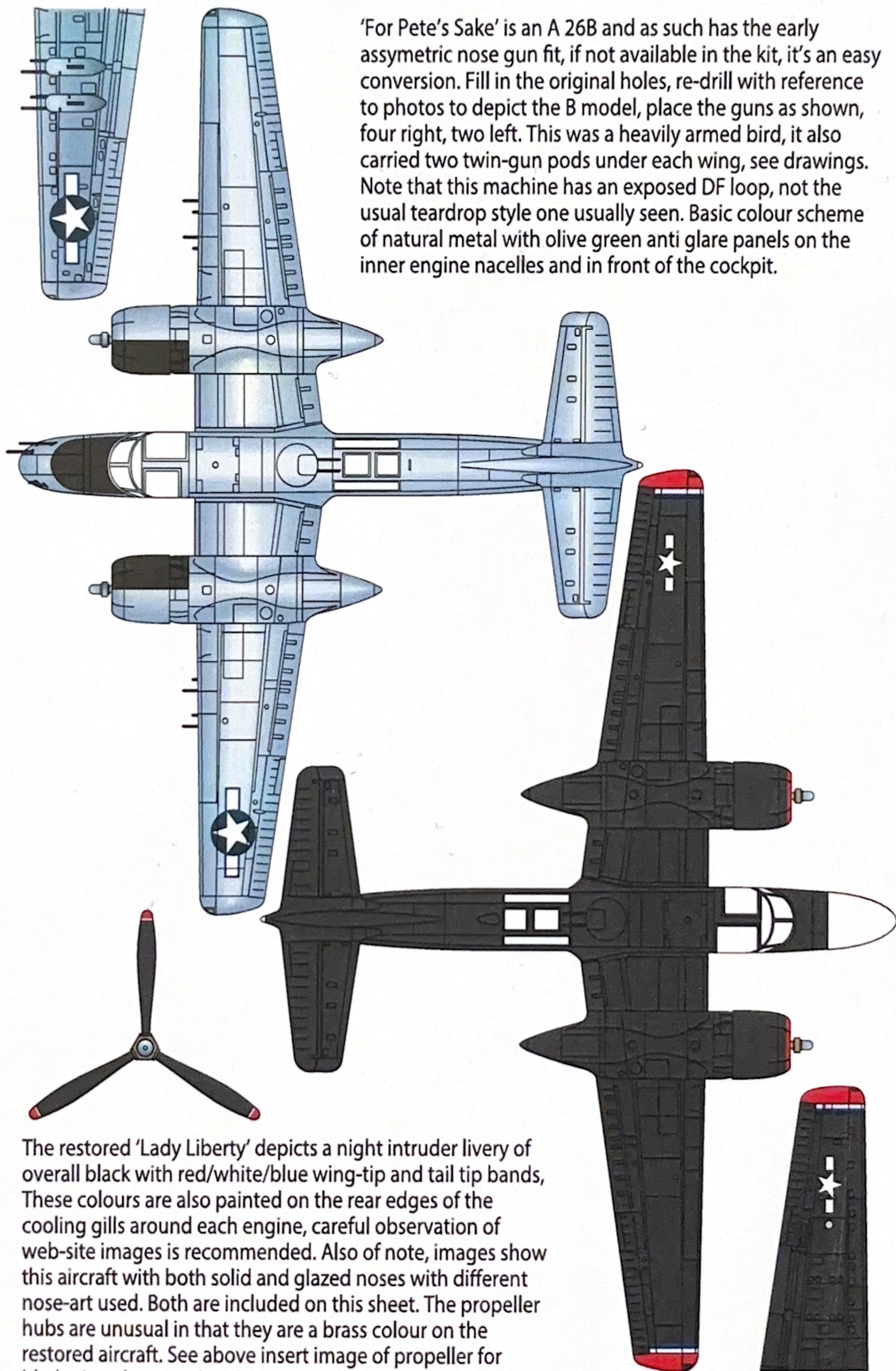
A-26 C 'For Pete's Sake' 43-22330 416th BG, 670th BS



A-26 C 'Lady Liberty' 41-39230

(Note: Two versions included for glazed and solid nose liveries, no under fuselage gun turret fitted)





'For Pete's Sake' is an A 26B and as such has the early asymmetric nose gun fit, if not available in the kit, it's an easy conversion. Fill in the original holes, re-drill with reference to photos to depict the B model, place the guns as shown, four right, two left. This was a heavily armed bird, it also carried two twin-gun pods under each wing, see drawings. Note that this machine has an exposed DF loop, not the usual teardrop style one usually seen. Basic colour scheme of natural metal with olive green anti glare panels on the inner engine nacelles and in front of the cockpit.

The restored 'Lady Liberty' depicts a night intruder livery of overall black with red/white/blue wing-tip and tail tip bands, These colours are also painted on the rear edges of the cooling gills around each engine, careful observation of web-site images is recommended. Also of note, images show this aircraft with both solid and glazed noses with different nose-art used. Both are included on this sheet. The propeller hubs are unusual in that they are a brass colour on the restored aircraft. See above insert image of propeller for blade tip colours, red and white.

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