



IP4808

BLUE NOSE

BIRDS OF *Bodney*

IN PROFILE

PART 2 OF 6



SUGGESTED KIT: TAMIYA 1/48 P-51 FAMILY

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A/C Type	P-51B-15, s/n 42-106914.
Pilot & Unit	Flown by Lt. Robert H. Powell Jr. 328 F.S.
Camouflage & Markings	Standard Natural Metal with Med. Blue nose and full D-Day markings.
Remarks	15" Black ID stripes on horizontal tails.

A/C Type	P-51B-5, s/n 43-6704.
Pilot & Unit	Flown by Lt. Edwin Heller, 486 F.S.
Date	September 1944.
Camouflage & Markings	A/C seems to wear a U.S. Green 42 or British Green over Neutral Gray. Lt. Blue nose and White ID stripes on wings and stabilizers.
Remarks	Malcolm hood and whip aerial complete this A/C. No rear view mirrors. See IP 4809 for later A/C.

A/C Type	P-51D-15, s/n 44-14906, 328 F.S.
Pilot & Unit	Flown by Maj. George Preddy, 328 F.S.
Date	December 24, 1944.
Camouflage & Markings	Standard Natural Metal with Med. Blue nose, Red rudder and two D-Day stripes under the fuselage.
Remarks	Perhaps the most famous of all P-51s ever. Notice candy stripes on radio mast, barber pole on right fuselage and Red semicircle on wheel covers. Two Black rear view mirrors. Wing leading edge panel White with Red tear drops. Black ID stripes on BOTTOM of horizontal tails ONLY.



A few facts about the 352 nd F.G.

This Fighter Group, better known as The Blue Nose Bastards Of Bodney, was one of the most colorful and famous of the 8th A.F.

Based at Bodney, Norfolk, UK in 1944, it had some of the best nose art artists of any airforce during W.W.II, as this series of decals will prove. Most of their A/C (never say all) were characterized by a Blue Nose, and according to our contributors, three very specific shades were used.

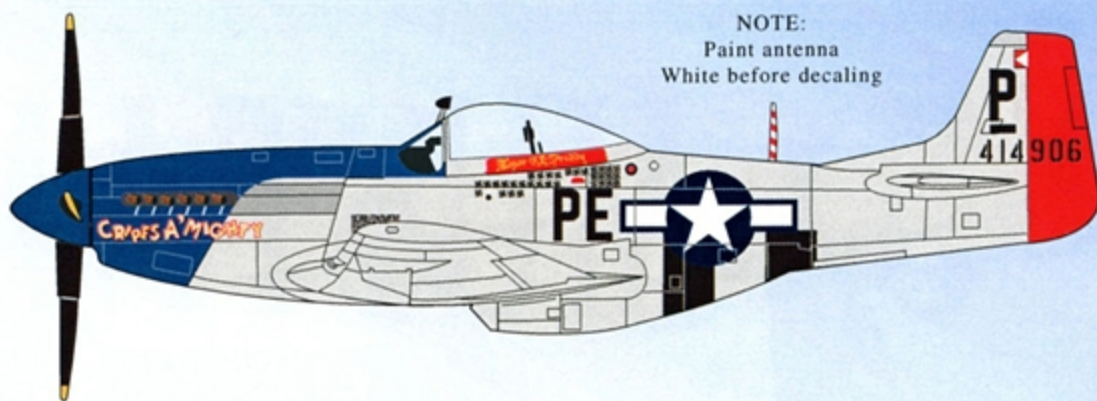
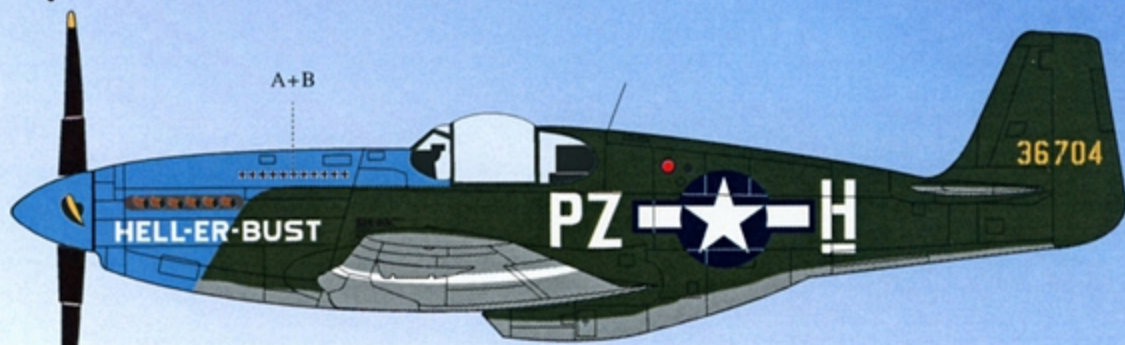
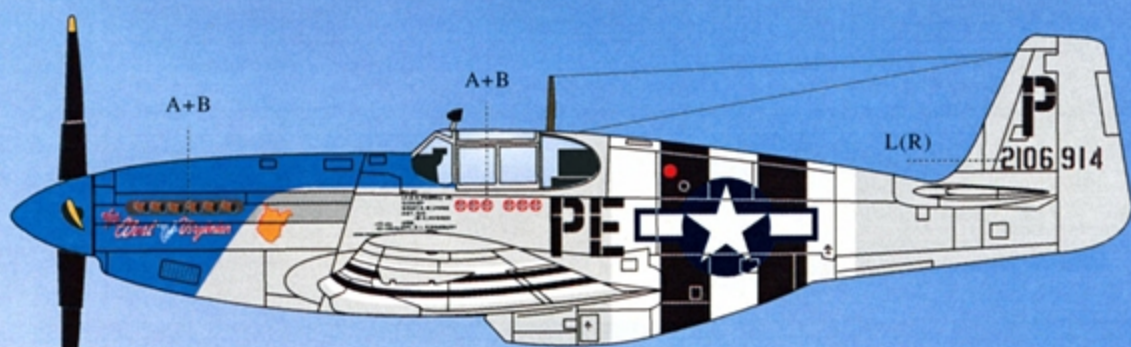
The dark shade matches German Imperial Infantry Blue (flock's 303080) and it had a reddish tint to it. This color was used on most D's arriving after September 44 and on replacement aircraft, or repair jobs.

The medium blue has been identified as USAAC Blue 23 (flock's 303275) and very likely the early B's and D's may have received this color.

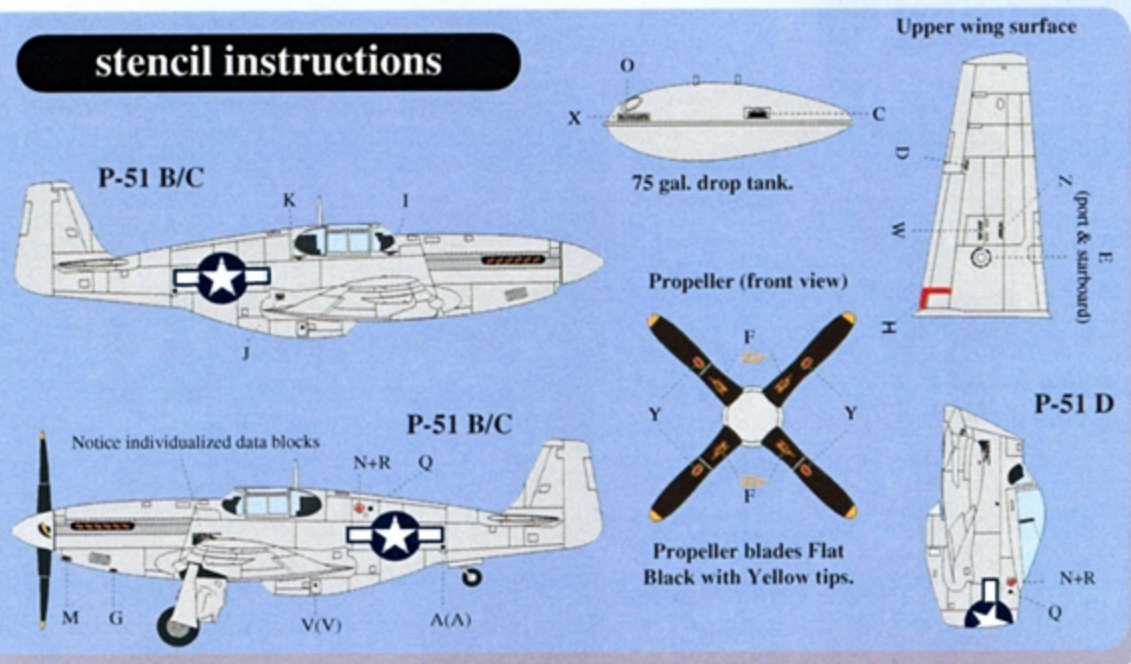
The third color might have been an oxidation of these two colors. We suggest you add a drop or two of White or very Light Gray to the original shade if you must depict this weathering process.

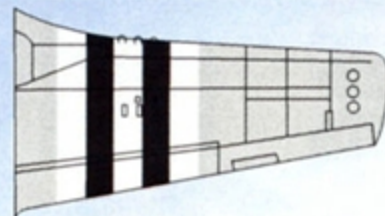
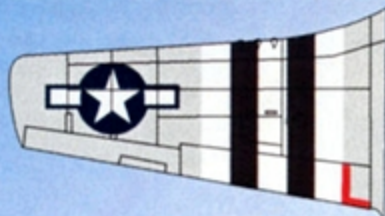
Crew chief Art "Snoots" Snyder who was also the squadron barber, was one of their most talented artists, hence the barber pole and White/Red/Blue decorations. Two of his masterpieces were "Snoot Sniper" and Preddy's "Cripes A' Mighty".

We hope you enjoy this decal series on this very famous Fighter Group. Do not miss it !!



stencil instructions

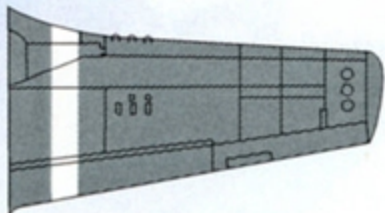




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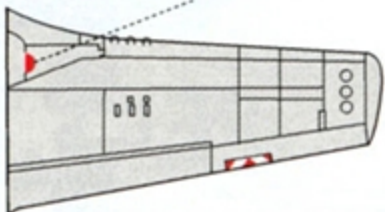
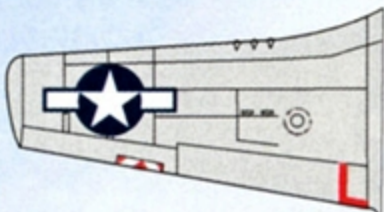


Trim tab decorations
on upper and lower surfaces.



Notice Red semi-circle
on the landing gear door.

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COLOR SCHEMES

A/C 3



Bottom View

Scrap view wing guns
(Modeller must paint
White panel)



Top View



A/C # 3: canopy w/two rear
view mirrors (painted Black).



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Suggested Kits:

- We suggest that modellers use the Tamiya P-51 Family in 1/72 and 1/48 scale. The Academy kit is recommended for the 1/72 P-51B.
- Notice that many other good kits of the Mustang exist, and they may also be used.

Decaling: Apply decals only to a glossy surface.

1. With a sharp scissors or knife, carefully cut item to be used, being careful of not cutting off the clear film around it or that belonging to an adjacent item.
2. Submerge in clean tap water for over 10 seconds and lay over an absorbent paper towel. Decal will slide freely in about 20 seconds. Do not leave decal on water bowl over ten seconds, or adhesive quality will suffer.
3. With a clean brush, apply a setting solution to the area where the decal will finally lay. (Micro, Super or Aero Set will do). With a clean pointed brush slide the decal on to the final area. Allow the setting solution to dry for about 3-5 minutes.
4. With another clean brush, apply a solvent solution over the decal (Micro, Super or Aero Sol will do). Do this if possible in one stroke since your decal will soften up and wrinkle immediately. This is an important step in the process, whatever you do DO NOT TOUCH THE DECAL, after this process until it is totally dry, preferably overnight.
5. When thoroughly dry, rinse your model with tap water and mild soap to wash of excess glue.
6. Finish your model with the desired final coat (gloss, flat, or semi-gloss).

Research by Norris Graser.

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- 352ndfightergroup.com (photos and infomation).