TRANSPORT SERVICE



MINICRAFT
NODBLATS

Legends in the making

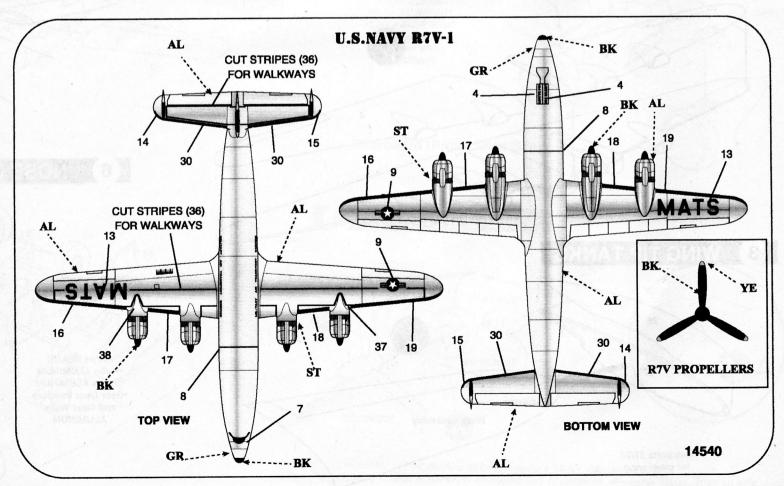
At the outset of World War II, the American armed forces had only 12 airplanes able to transport critical military supplies and personnel overseas. This led to the immediate contracting of civil airlines to provide the combat forces with a rapid airlift capability. When America was drawn into the war by the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Air Transport Command, Troop Carrier Command and the Naval Air Transport Service were quickly formed with specific duties and responsibilities.

On June 1, 1948, along with the creation of the U.S. Air Force, the Military Air Transport Service was formed by consolidating the former groups and placing them under the control of the USAF. In less than a month, the new organization, known as MATS, flexed its muscles in Operation Vittles in the Berlin Airlift. Joined by the two divisions of the Naval Air Transport Services, the airlift proved itself during the 15 month Russian Blockade of Berlin. The overall MATS

organization consists of several internal divisions, including Air Weather Service, Special Airlift Mission, Aeromedical Transport Wing, Air Rescue Service and five additional squadrons, provided by the U.S. Navy.

Originally, the unit was split into the Atlantic, Pacific and Continental divisions. Later these were separated into just two divisions, the Eastern Transport Air Force and Western Transport Air Force. Each individual service had their own aircraft type. Among those used by MATS were the C-47 Skytrain, C-54 Skymaster, C-97 Stratofreighter/Stratocruiser, C-118 Liftmaster and the C-121 Super Constellation.

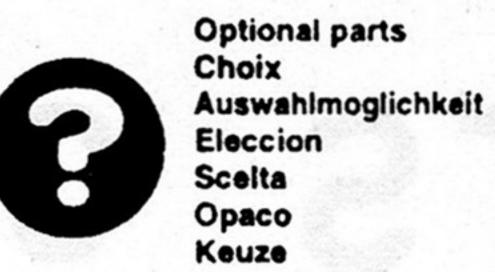
MATS was deactivated on January 1, 1966, and was superseded by the Military Airlift Command, or MAC. Many soldiers and sailors were grateful to be able to "stand by" for a MATS flight home during a leave.

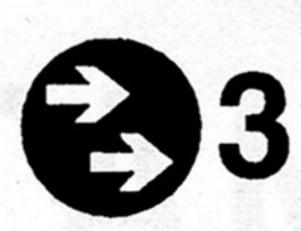




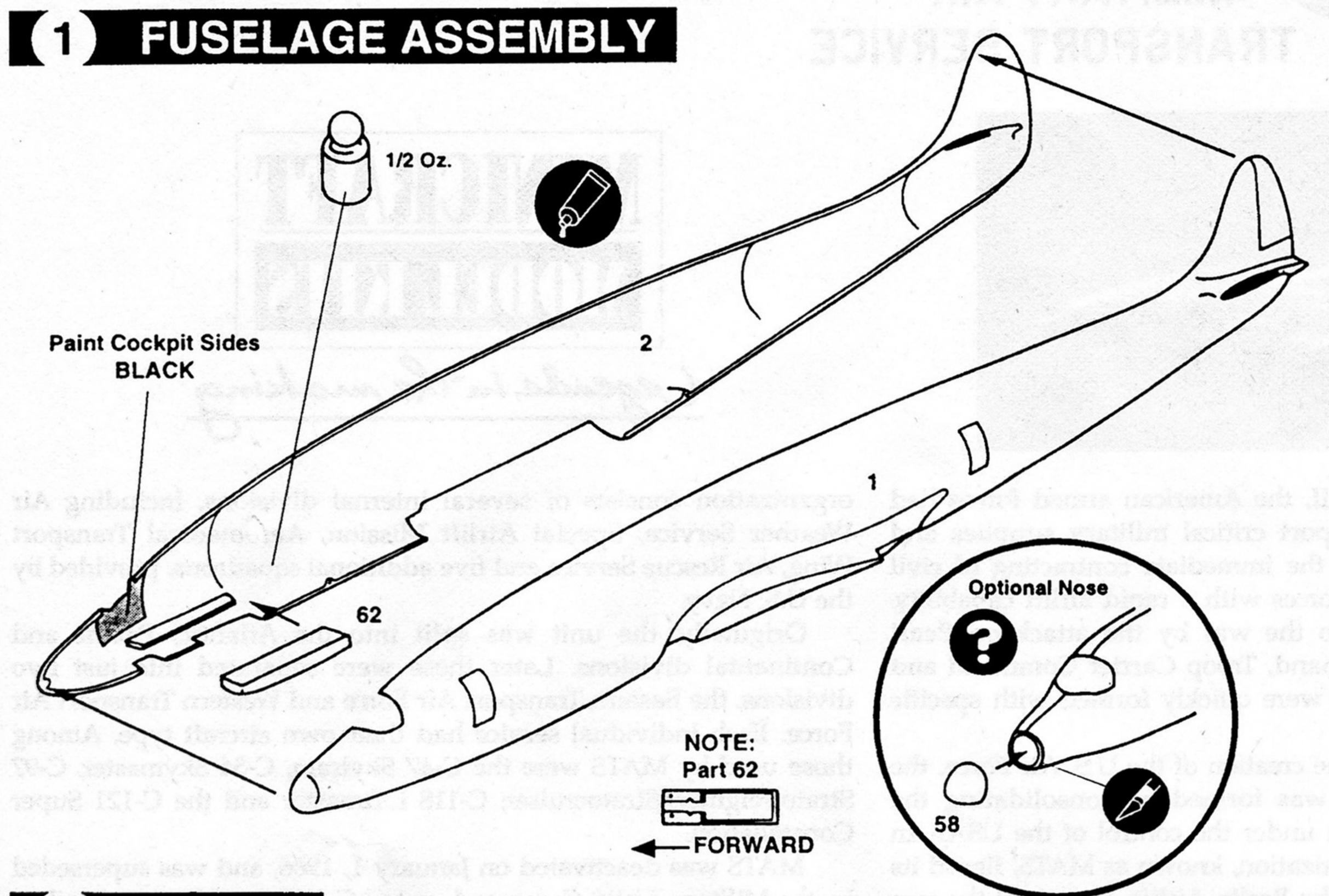




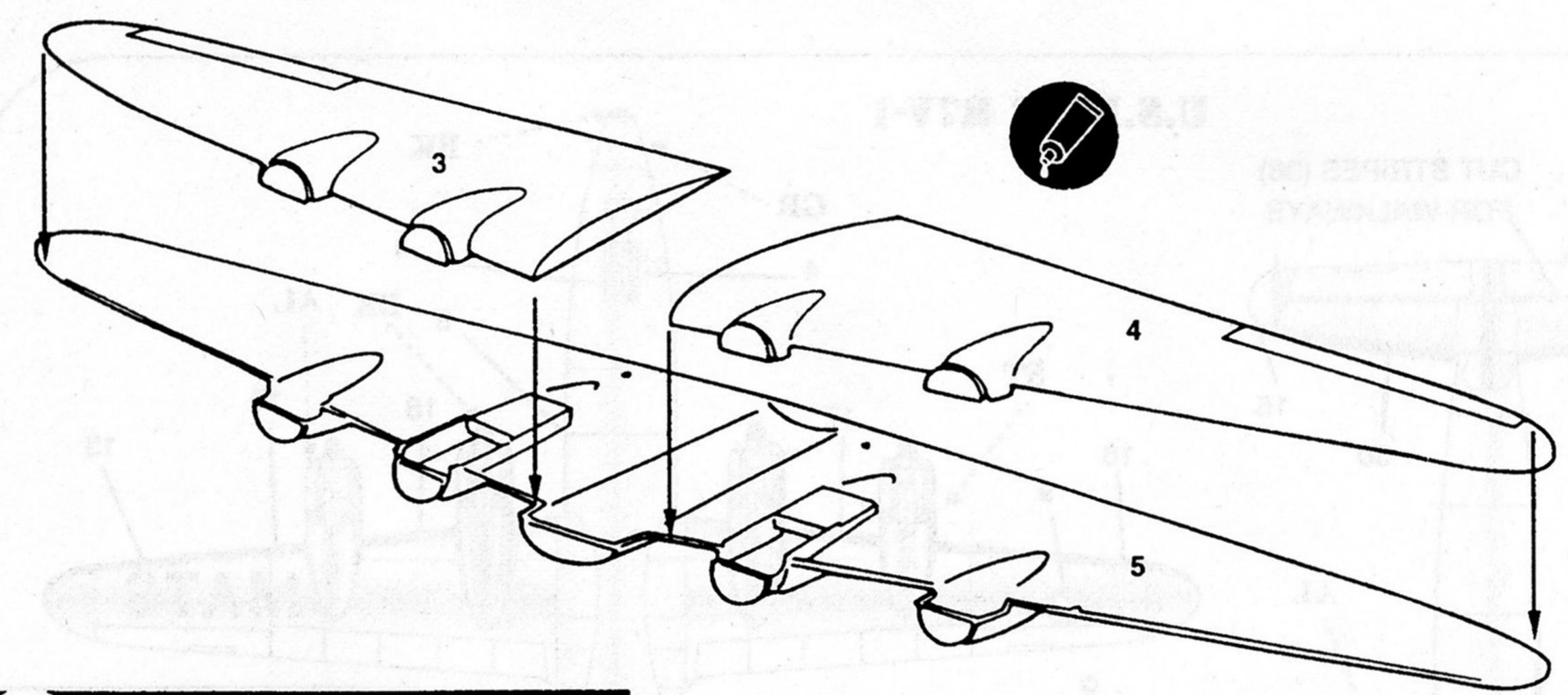




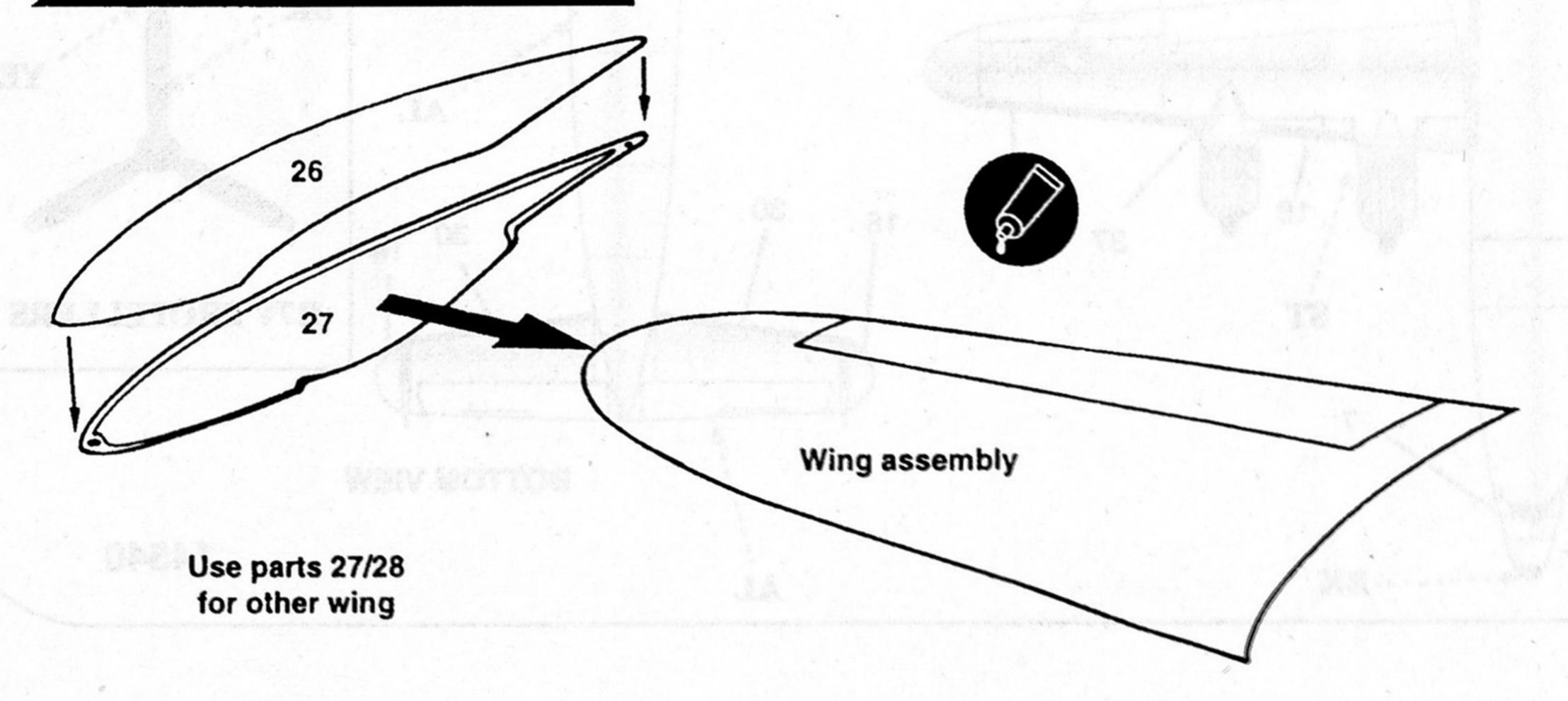
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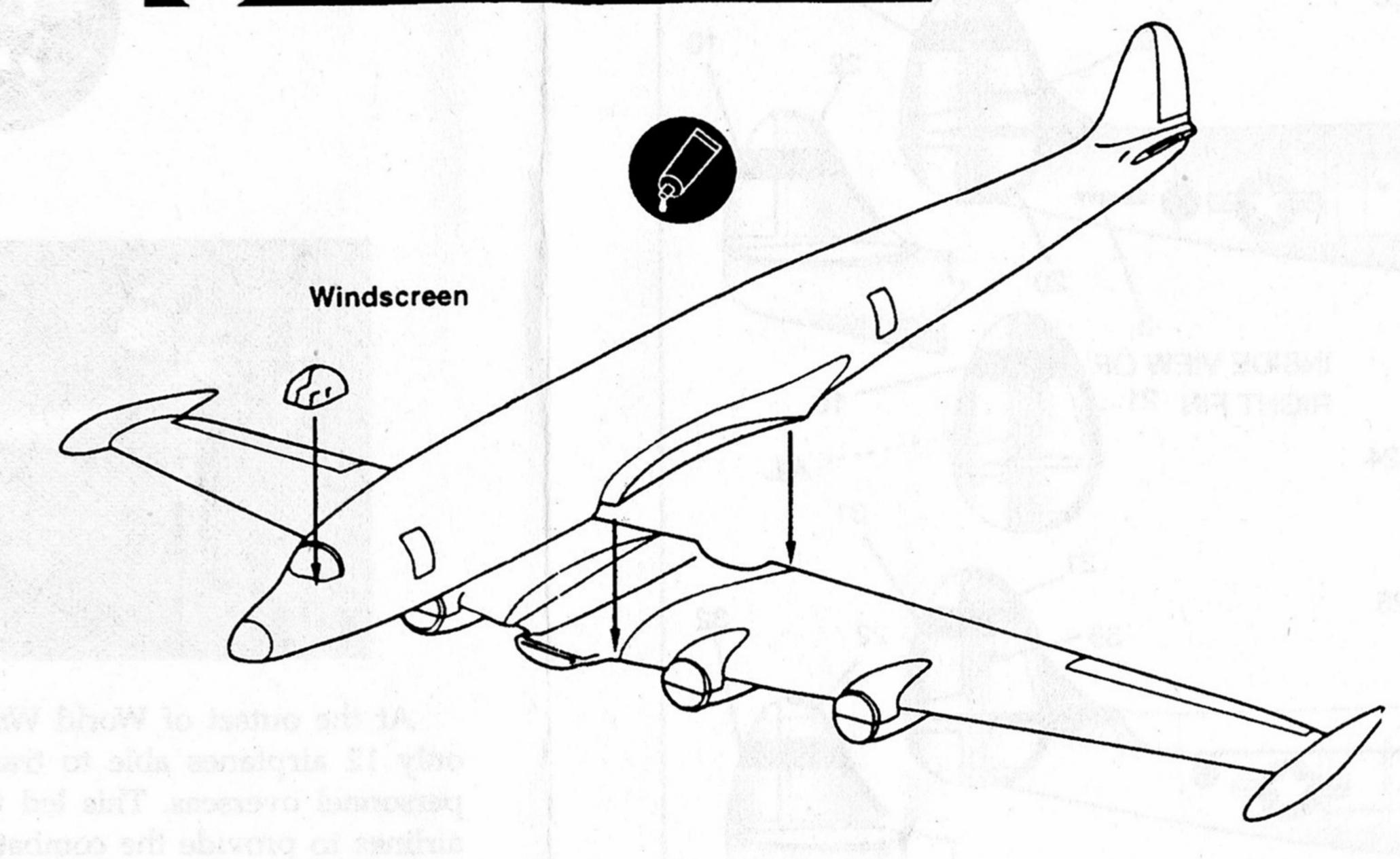
## 2) WINGS



### 3) WING TIP TANKS

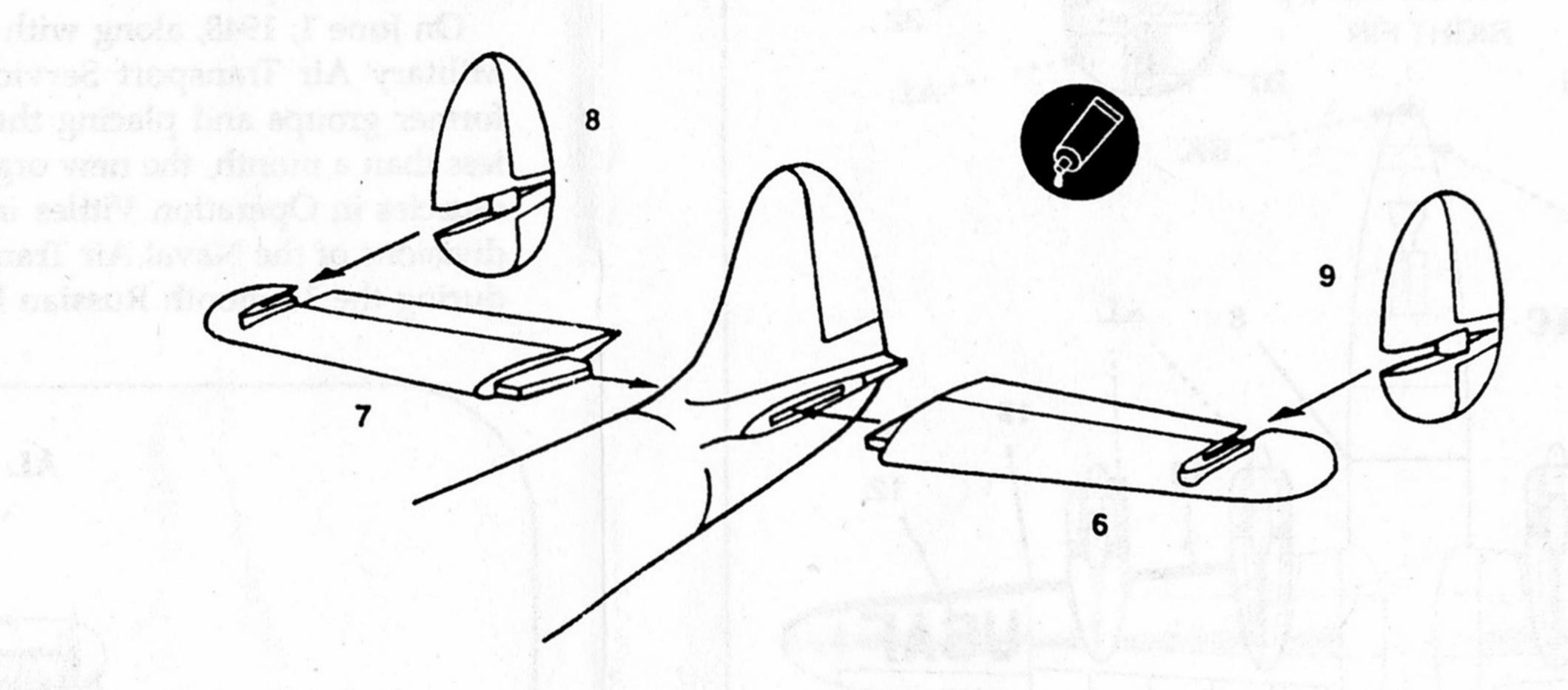


### 4 FUSELAGE / WINGS



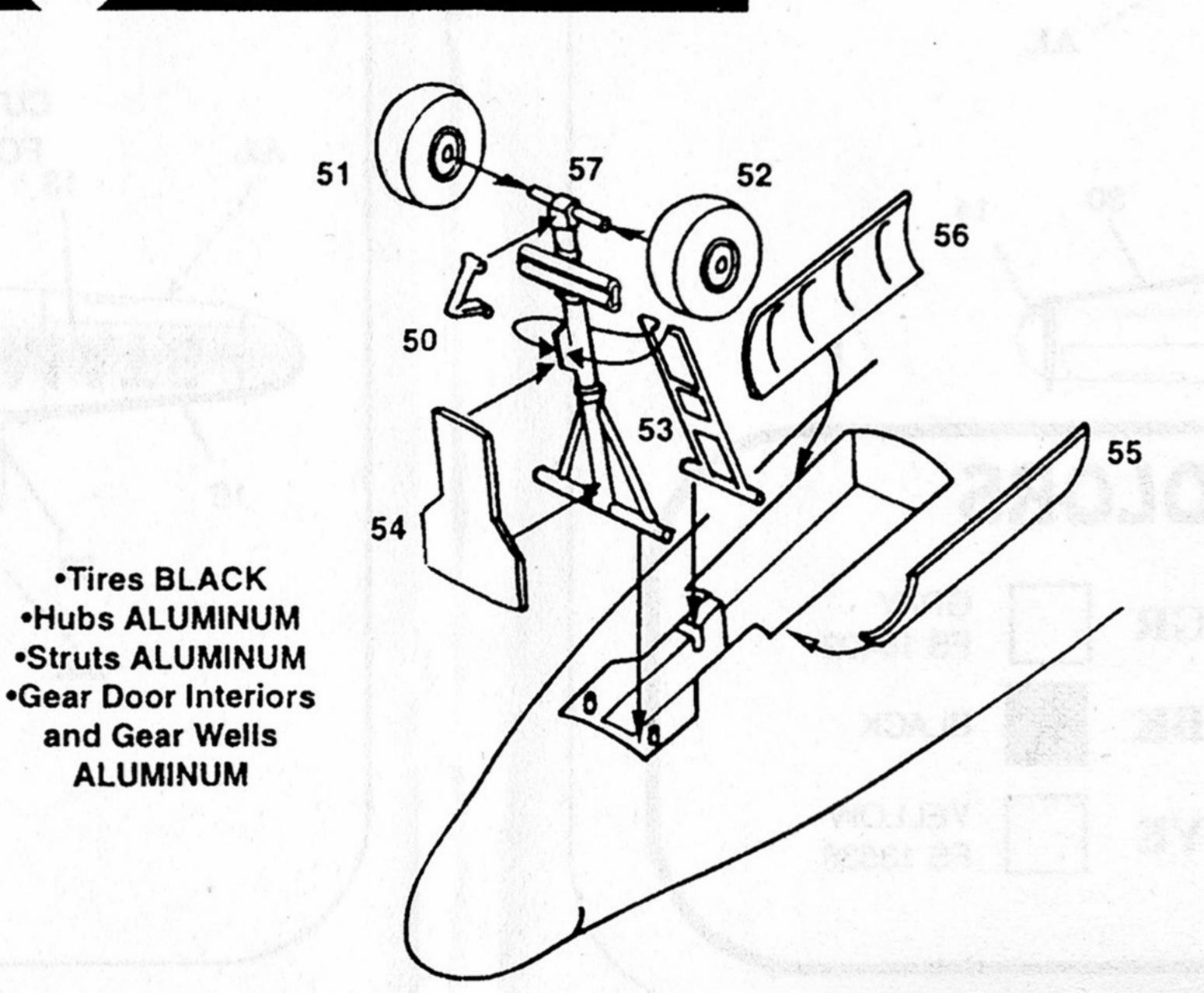
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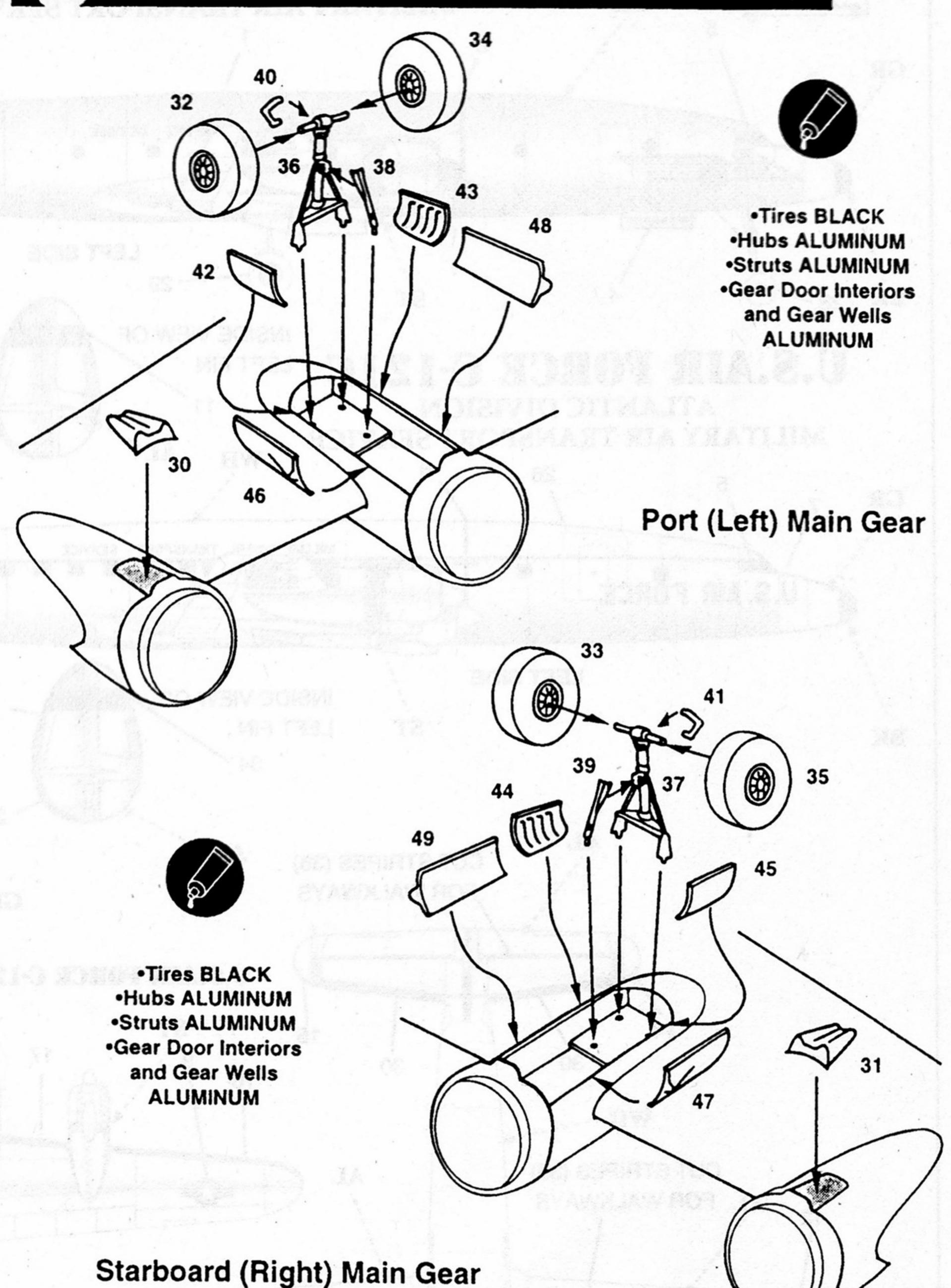


## 6) NOSE GEAR

ALUMINUM



### MAIN LANDING GEAR



## 8 POWERPLANTS

