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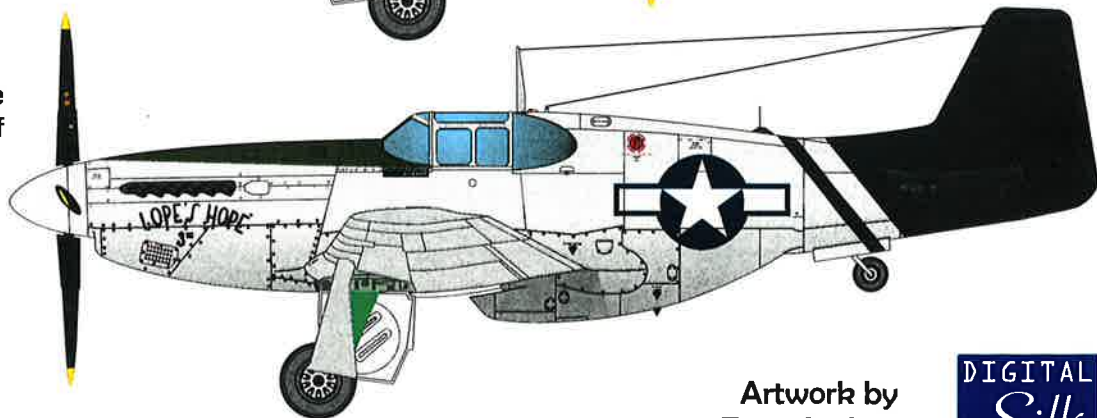
Set 48s-P51-160
"Lope's Hope 3rd" P-51B

"Civil Decals for the Civilized"



LOPE'S HOPE
3RD

"Lope's Hope 3rd" has been immaculately restored as the aircraft of Lt Donald Lopez of the 75th FS, 23rd FG



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Recommended Kit:

1:48 Accurate Miniatures P-51B

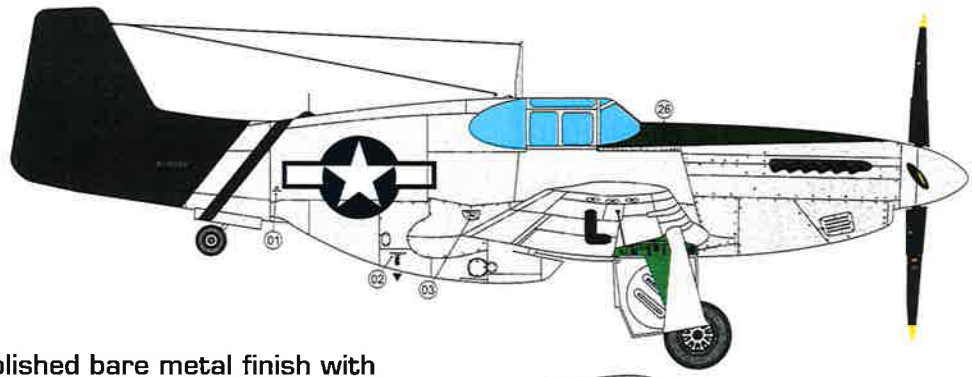


PLEASE NOTE: ALL decals need to be applied to a smooth and glossy surface!

PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS, as these decals may apply a bit differently than you may be used to using.

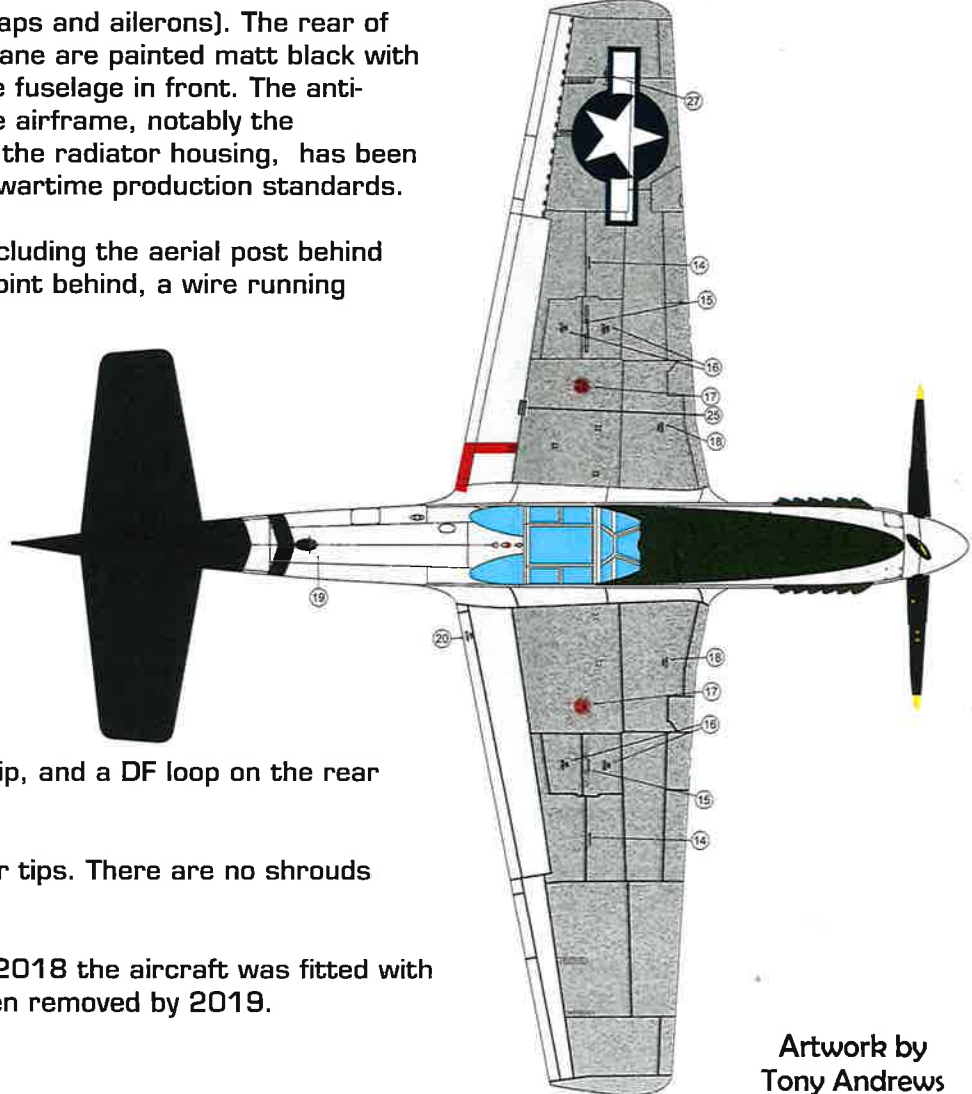
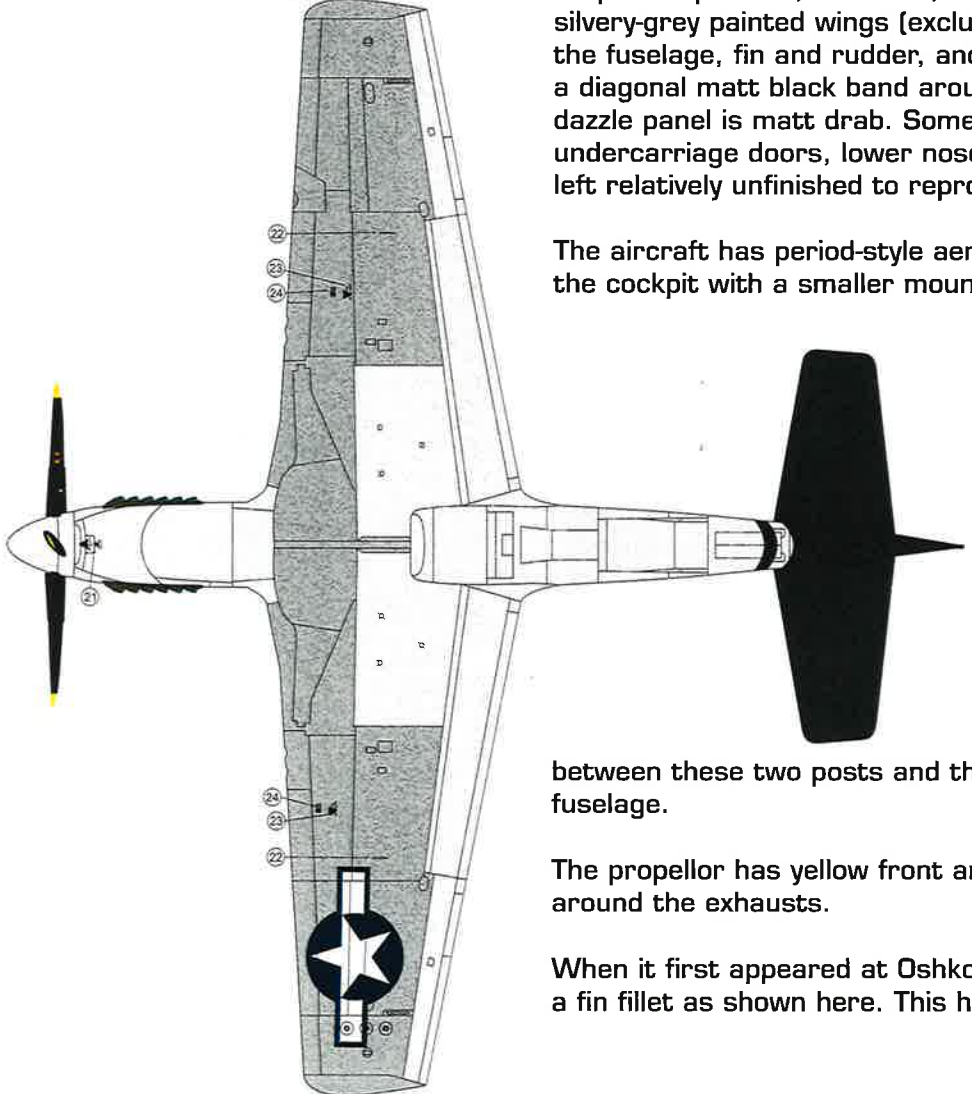
Next Generation DIGITAL Silk decals are extremely durable and do not easily scratch, and are printed on a continuous, clear film. Each design will need to be cut out individually. **Next Generation** DIGITAL Silk decals do not generally need to be clear coated prior to use. Use care when applying as the decal film is **exceptionally** thin. **Next Generation** DIGITAL Silk decals are tough, durable and exceptionally *flexible*. **DO NOT** float the decal off of the backing paper, as it will curl up and likely become unusable. Rather, soak the decal in warm water for about 5 seconds then remove it and allow it to sit for 30 seconds before trying to slide it off of the backing paper. "Normal" decal setting solutions can be used with these decals but will have little effect. For most applications, NO decal solvent will be needed. If you feel the need, we recommend using Microscale's Micro Set (a wetting agent) and Micro Sol (a SOLvent), but note the decal solvents only effect the clear film and have **LITTLE** effect on the inks. Brush the Micro Set directly on your model before sliding the decal into position. Only slide a small portion of the decal off of the backing paper, place the decal into position then pull out the backing paper allowing the decal to land in place. After you adjust the decal into position and soak up the excess liquid, apply a thin coat of Micro Sol (the **solvent**) to soften the clear carrier. It is important to get the Micro Sol **under** the decal, as the solvent has little effect on the ink, but it will dissolve the clear carrier which allows the decal to dig into the paint. After this coat dries and you are certain the decal is in its final position, apply a second heavier coat of Micro Sol. Note repeated applications of decal solvent will only wash away the glue. After the decals are **completely** dry, clear coating your model after applying these (or any) decals is a must! I repeat this is a **must**. The clear coat will seal your decal and prevent it from becoming damaged. Airbrush lacquers only in very light, misting coats. Another method to clear coat the decal is to use Future acrylic floor polish. Good luck and thank you for using **Next Generation** DIGITAL Silk decals!

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"Lope's Hope 3rd", N6555B, has a polished bare metal finish with silvery-grey painted wings (excluding flaps and ailerons). The rear of the fuselage, fin and rudder, and tailplane are painted matt black with a diagonal matt black band around the fuselage in front. The anti-dazzle panel is matt drab. Some of the airframe, notably the undercarriage doors, lower nose, and the radiator housing, has been left relatively unfinished to reproduce wartime production standards.

The aircraft has period-style aerials including the aerial post behind the cockpit with a smaller mounting point behind, a wire running



between these two posts and the fin tip, and a DF loop on the rear fuselage.

The propellor has yellow front and rear tips. There are no shrouds around the exhausts.

When it first appeared at Oshkosh in 2018 the aircraft was fitted with a fin fillet as shown here. This had been removed by 2019.