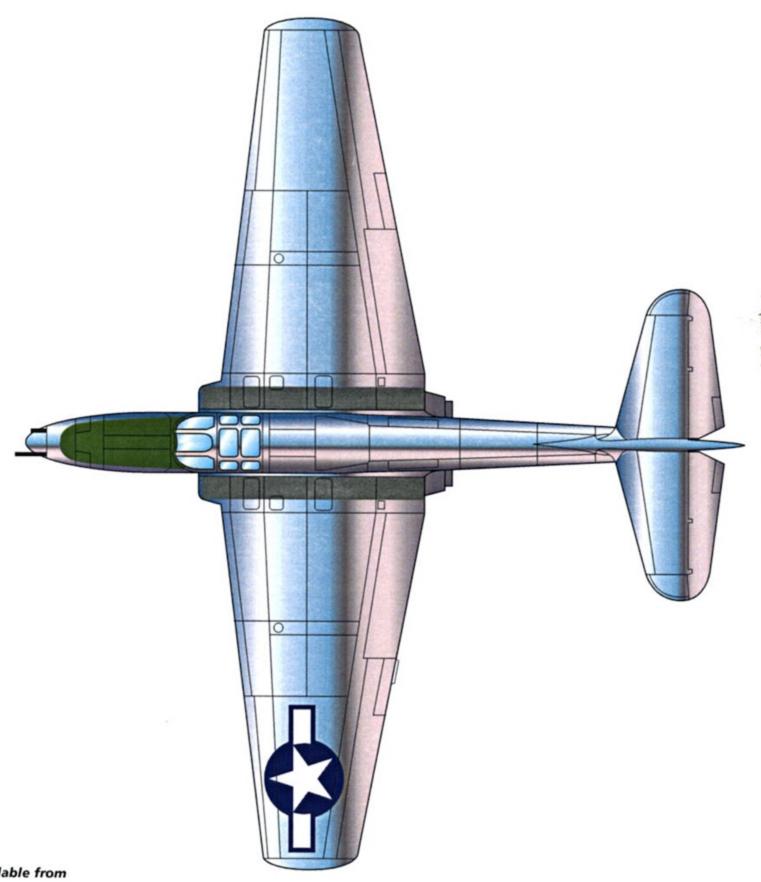


Standard insignia location for all aircraft on this sheet.



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### P-59 Airacomet Part 2



### 2108783

- Originally painted O.D. and Neutral Gray, aircraft was later repainted overall ANA 509 (FS 11136) Red. When this occurred the nose art was repainted in a slightly different position.
- Different sources list the text "Mystic Mistress" as being both yellow and blue. We've supplied it in both versions on the decal sheet. Artwork appeared on only left hand side of aircraft.
- Aircraft used as a drone controller.
- Some published references say the late scheme was glossy black. Colors expert Dana Bell has told us he's seen a
  color photo of this jet and that this is incorrect—the aircraft was overall glossy red.

#### 422613

• P-59A flown by Flying Tiger legend Tex Hill. many thanks to Tex for his assistance researching this aircraft!

### NATC

The 'TT' on nose stands for Tactical Test Division.

## Applying the Decals

You probably already know all this stuff, so feel free to use your regular process; however, if you're new to aftermarket decals, here goes:

- Generally, use the Microscale Finishing System. We don't recommend extremely strong decal solvents such as Solvaset.
- Your model must have a smooth, glossy surface, as decals won't adhere well to matte surfaces. Use gloss paints
  or your favorite clear gloss overspray over matte or semigloss paint.
- Cut each subject out without trimming off the slight excess film (this helps the decal film disappear when dry).
- Put the decal in warm water that has a drop or two of liquid dishwashing soap or photo-flo for 10 seconds.
- When the decal will slide off the backing paper without forcing it, apply it to the proper position on your model.
   Slide the backing paper out from underneath.
- Gently blot off excess water and smooth out bubbles under the decal surface. If you wish, carefully brush on a mild decal softener such as Micro-Sol.
- · When all decals are completely dry, gently wash off all excess decal adhesive.
- Finally, overcoat your model with a good quality gloss coat, followed by your choice of matte or eggshell clear topcoat.

## **FS 595 Color Cross Reference**

Olive Drab FS 4087 Xtracolor X111, Floquil 303108/303170/303263, Gunze Sangyo H304,

Modelmaster 1711, Mr Color 304, Pro Modeler 88-0028

Neutral Gray FS 6173 Xtracolor X158, Gunze Sangyo H053, Pro Modeler 88-0035, Floquil 303176

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