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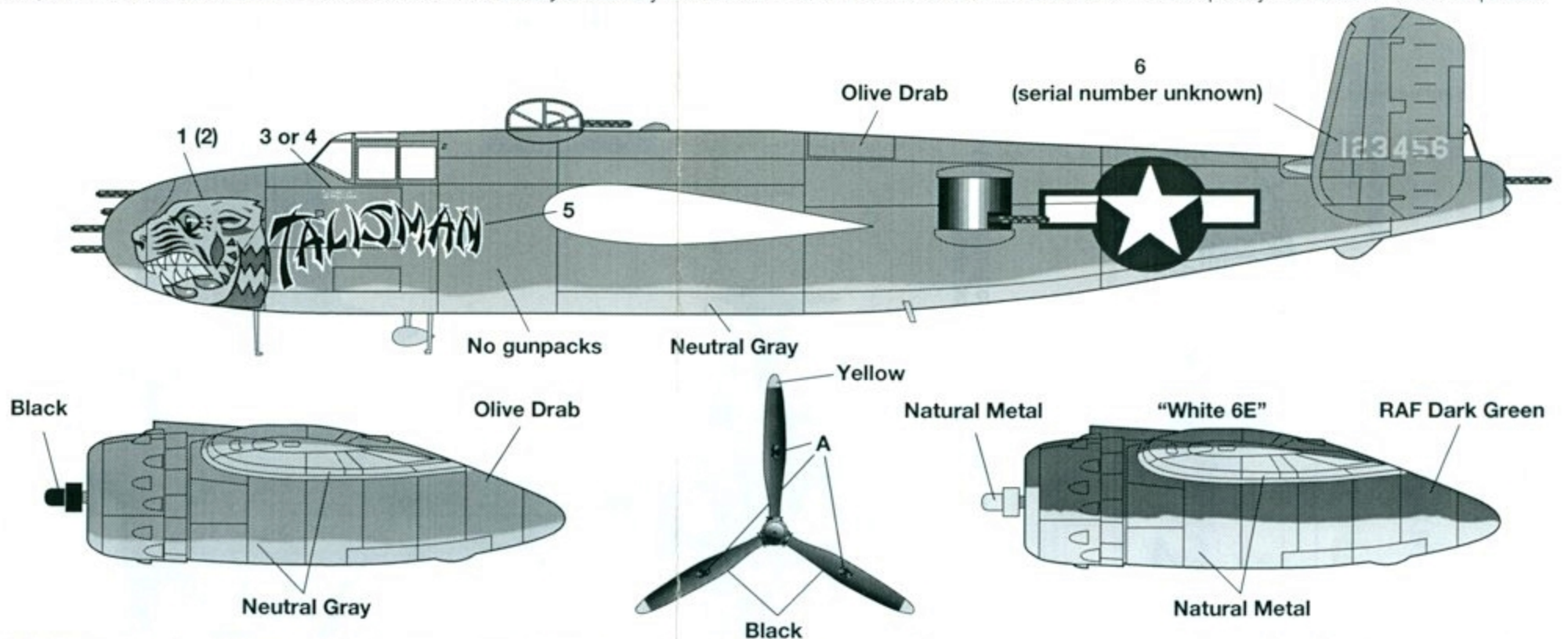


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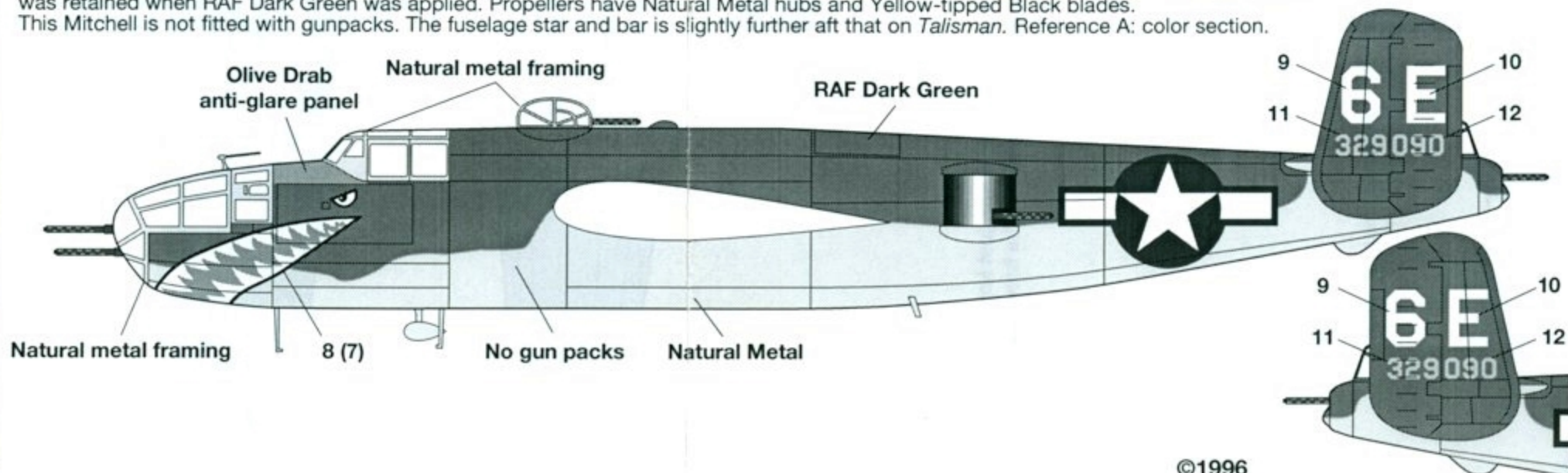
823rd BS, 38th BG & 486th BS, 340th BG

North American B-25J Mitchell

"TALISMAN": B-25J of the 823rd Bomb Squadron, 38th Bomb Group, Yontan Airstrip, Okinawa, August 1945. This Mitchell is believed to have been flown by LT E. H. Rustin before being reassigned to FO John "Jack" Morrissey (presently residing in Chicago). Both pilots' names are provided so you can choose whichever one you prefer. The upper surfaces are A/N613 Olive Drab, which extends down the fuselage sides to a point approximately level with the top hinge line of the bomb bay doors. Undersurfaces are A/N603 Neutral Gray. Propellers have Black hubs and Yellow-tipped Black blades. The serial number of this Mitchell could not be determined, so six full sets of correctly sized numerals, 0 through 9, are provided (decals 6). This Mitchell does not have Blue cowl rings and lower vertical tail halves that you see on some 823rd Bomb Squadron Mitchells nor is it fitted with gunpacks. If you are into weathering, keep in mind that B-25s in the Pacific theatre were usually extremely weathered — and that A/N 613 Olive Drab faded rather quickly. Reference: Personal photo.



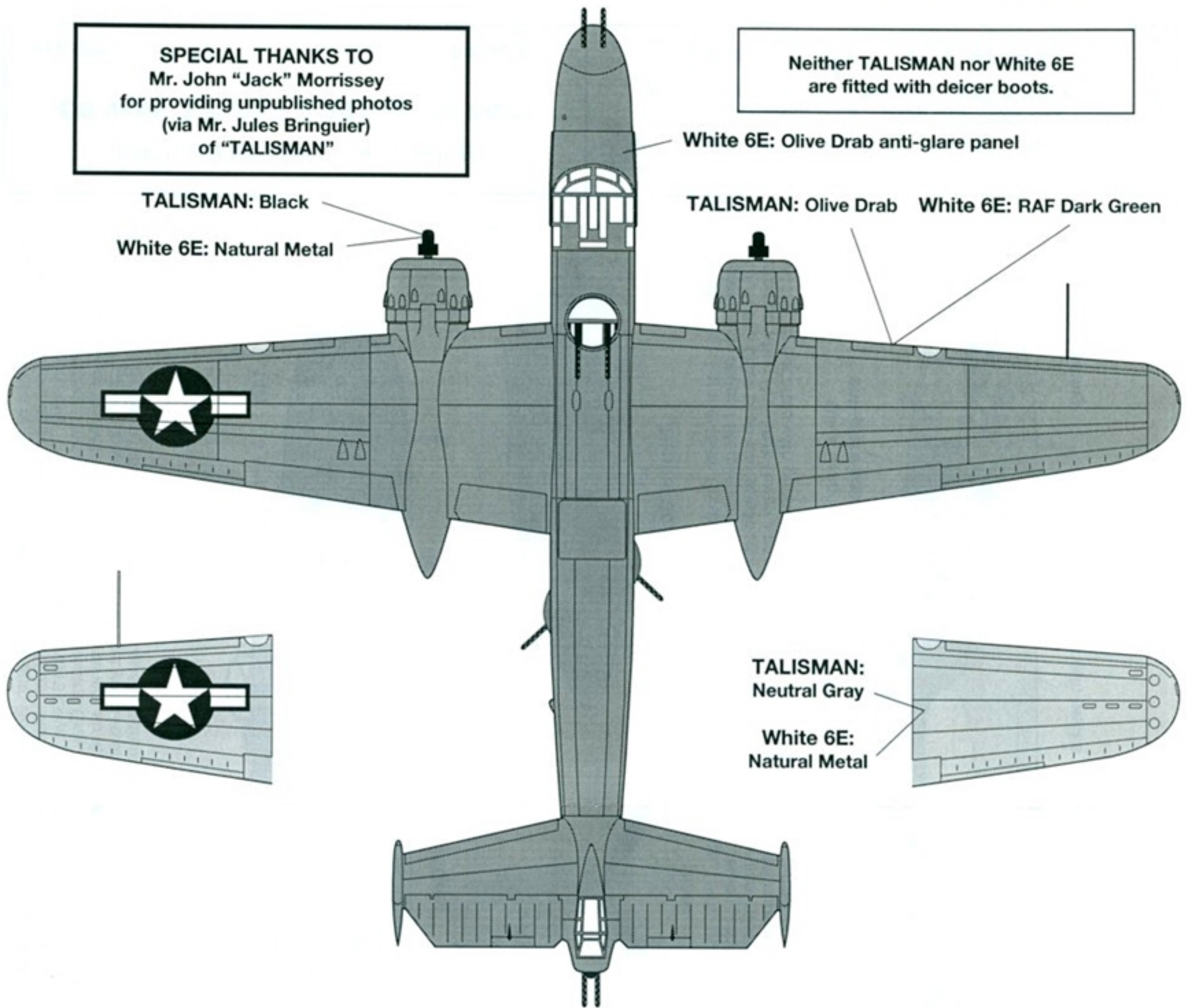
White 6E: B-25J of the 486th Bomb Squadron, 340th Bomb Group, Corsica, 1944. The camouflage scheme reportedly consists of RAF Dark Green applied to the top and side Natural Metal surfaces. The lower sides and undersurfaces, along with the nose, windscreen, canopy and upper turret framing are Natural Metal. A/N 613 Olive Drab was applied forward of the windscreen as an anti-glare measure when this Mitchell was overall Natural Metal and was retained when RAF Dark Green was applied. Propellers have Natural Metal hubs and Yellow-tipped Black blades. This Mitchell is not fitted with gunpacks. The fuselage star and bar is slightly further aft than on *Talisman*. Reference A: color section.



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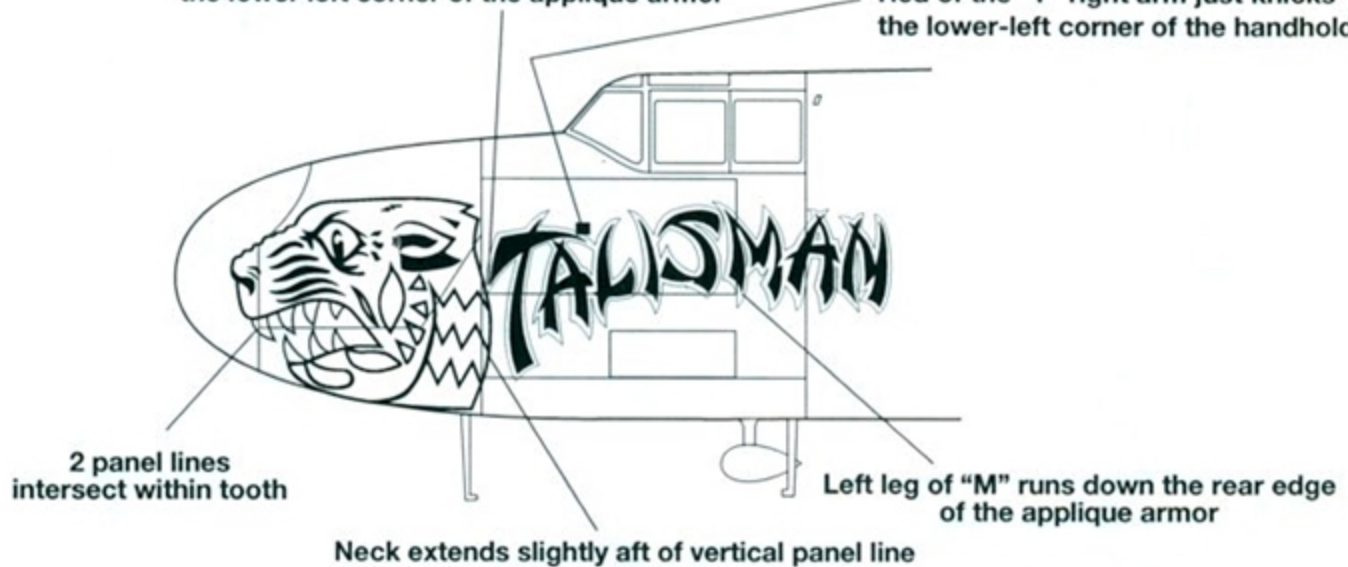
SPECIAL THANKS TO
Mr. John "Jack" Morrissey
 for providing unpublished photos
 (via Mr. Jules Bringuier)
 of "TALISMAN"

Neither TALISMAN nor White 6E
 are fitted with deicer boots.



Bottom point of "T" left arm is at
 the lower left corner of the applique armor

Red of the "T" right arm just knicks
 the lower-left corner of the handhold



SUGGESTED KITS: MONOGRAM B-25J series

REFERENCE A: *B-25 In Action*: Ernest R. McDowell, 1978