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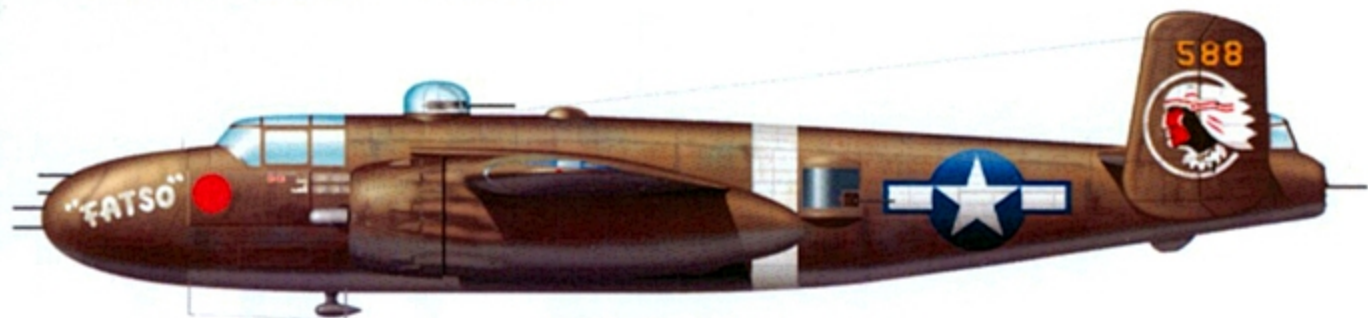
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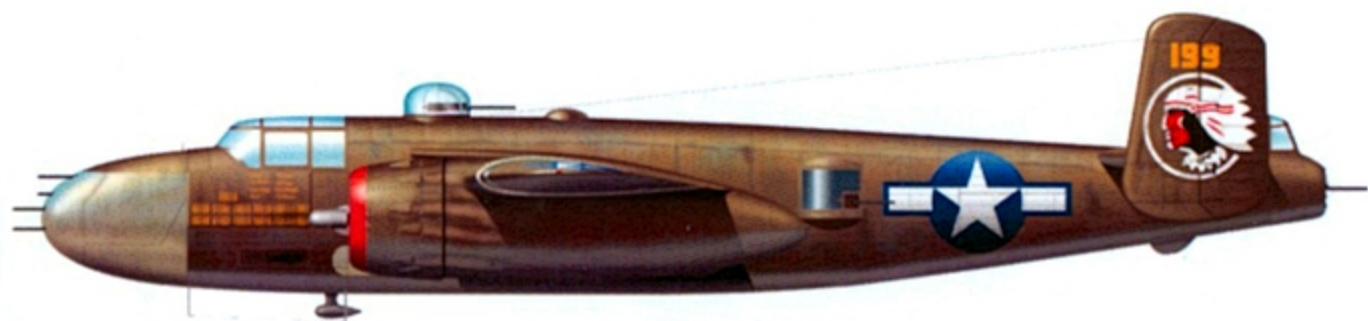
345TH BG AIR APACHES

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“Fatso” B-25J-22 44-29588

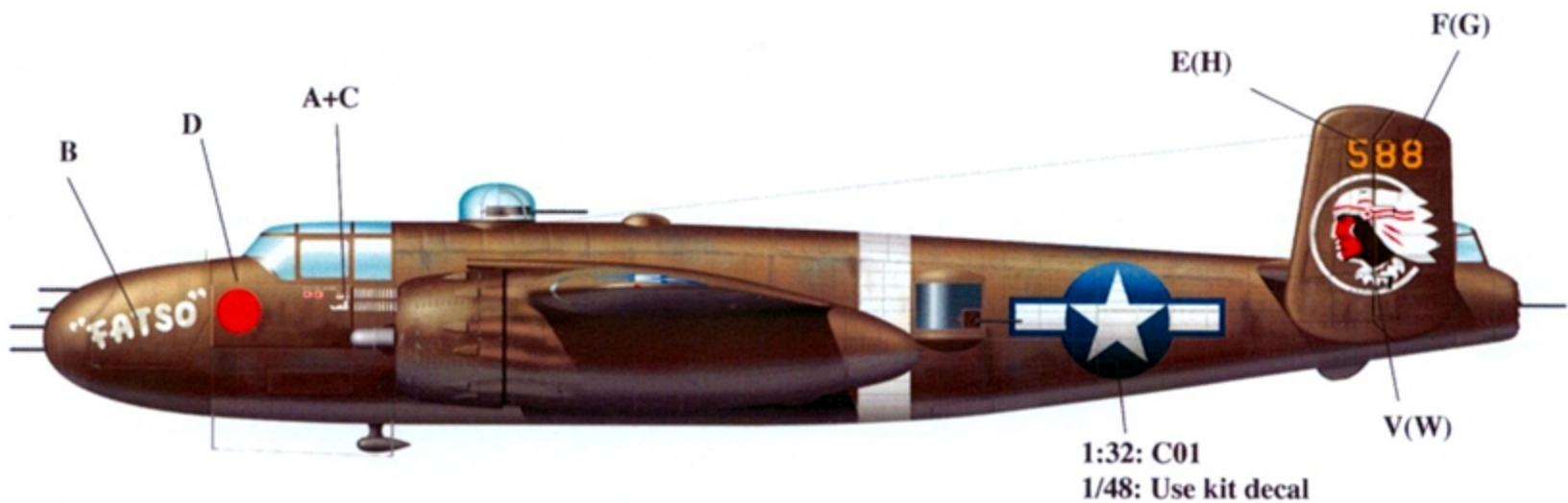


“199” B-25J-11 43-36199

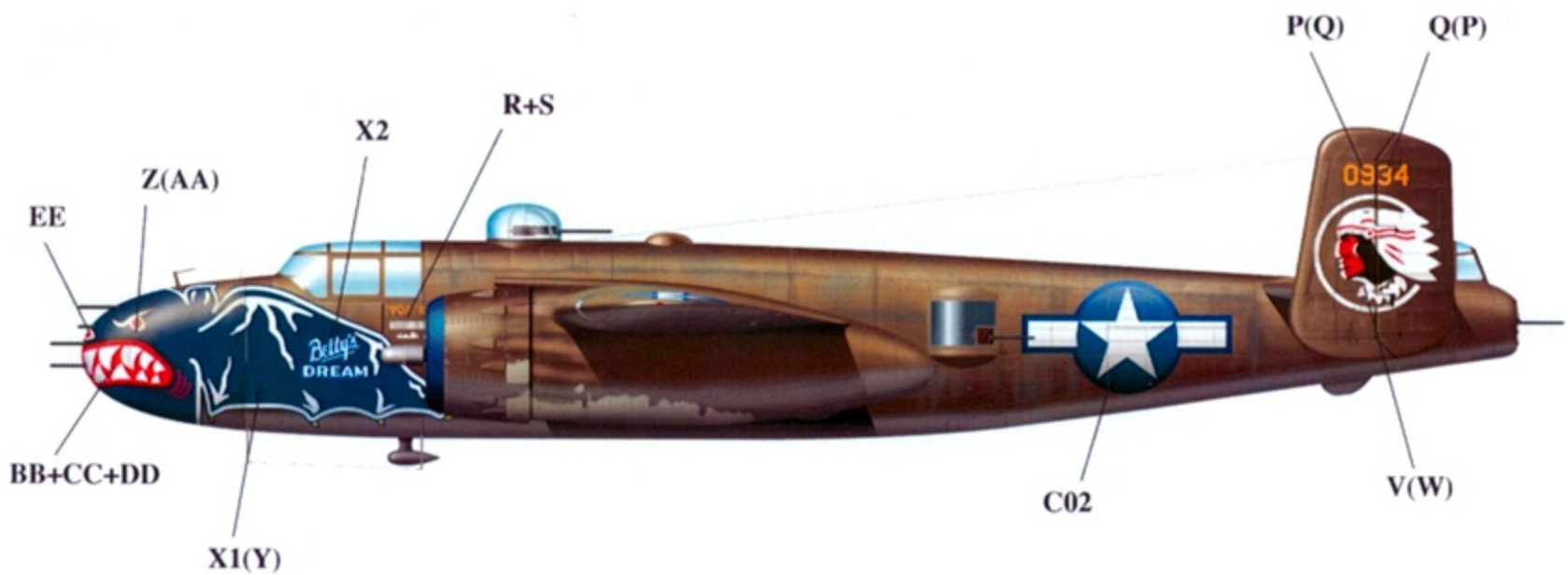
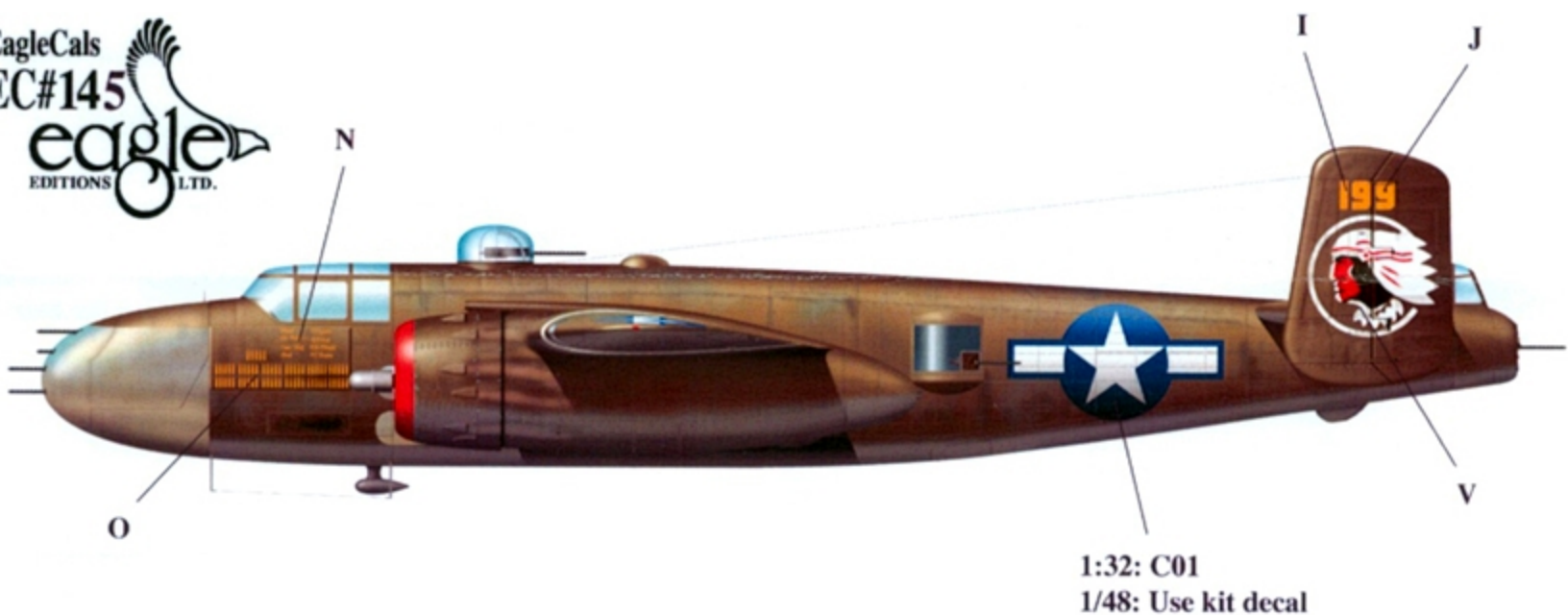


Betty's Dream B-25J-32 44-30934



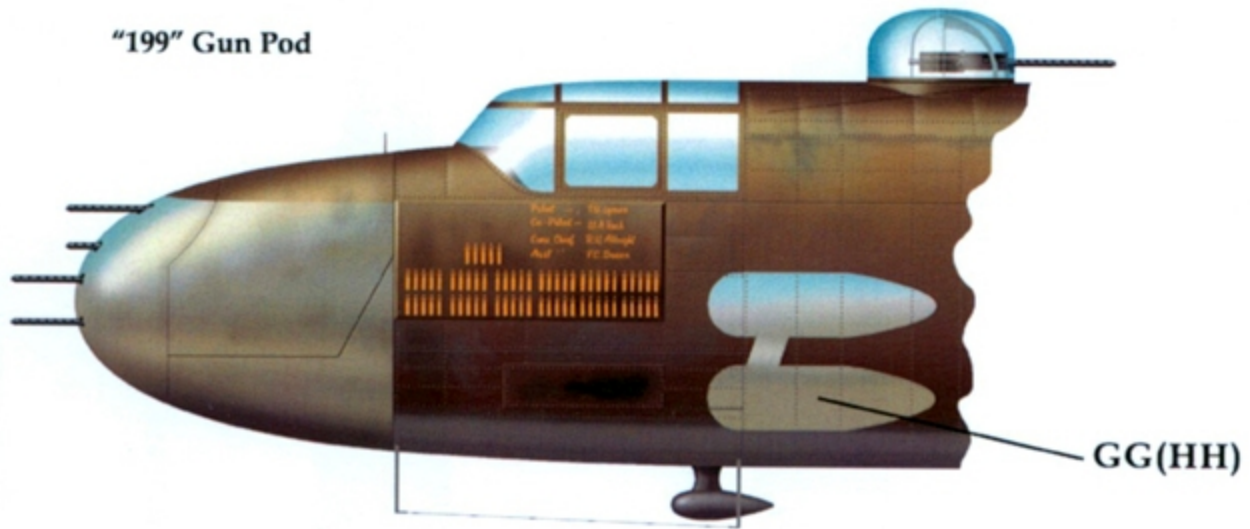


We could not determine if markings M, T & U were on the aircraft at the time they appeared in these markings. They are supplied as a bonus.

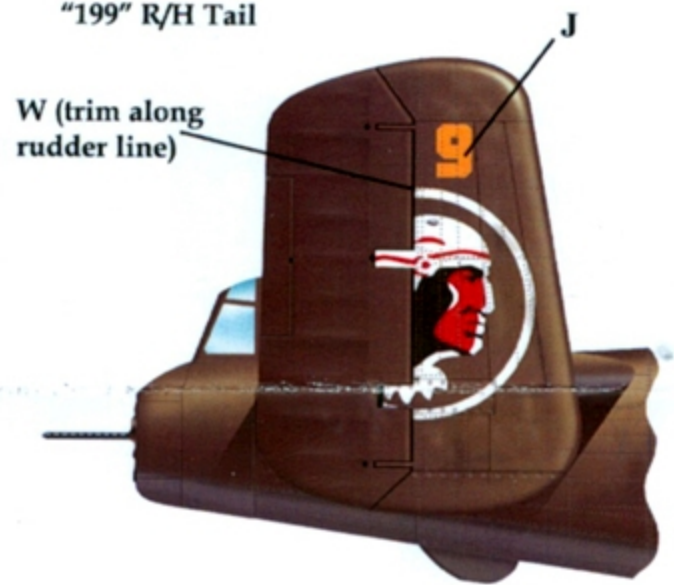


Presented are various scrap views to aid in detailing the model.

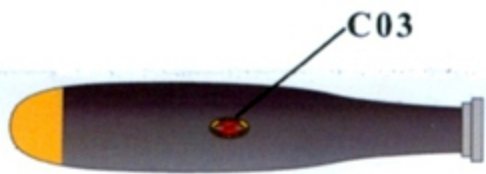
"199" Gun Pod



"199" R/H Tail



Prop Front View Showing Correct Stencil Placement



"Fatso" Gun Pod



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Unit history books are great references sources enabling researchers, modelers and enthusiasts to find numerous photos and experiences not necessarily printed in more "mainstream" titles. Highly recommended is **Warpath Across The Pacific** by Lawrence J. Hickey, a superb reference on the 345th BG and served as a primary reference for the creation of this decal sheet. The book is filled with great photo imagery, many in color. There are extensive profiles and detailed information on many of their aircraft and crews.

"199" **B-25J-11** **43-36199** **501st Sqn** **July 1945**

At the time the aircraft photographed, it had completed more than 75 combat missions. It crash landed at Clark Field piloted at the time by 2/Lt. Donald J. Britton. This B-25J was a favorite of 1/Lt. Ralph Blount. He commanded it on 28 April 1945 when the Squadron received a Distinguished Unit Citation. The aircraft displayed a replacement rudder on the right side revealing only a portion of the group insignia. Its original nose was replaced by an eight gun solid nose kit and was never painted. The side package guns are also removed leaving a lighter color (likely natural metal) visible on the side of the fuselage where the guns once were.

Colors: Uppersurfaces and portion of upper turret: Olive Drab.
Lowersurfaces: Neutral Gray.
Identification Markings: White stripes on wings upper and lower. Cowl ring: Red.
Props: Standard with heavily weathered leading edges.

"Fatso" **B-25J-22** **44-29588** **500th Sqn** **April 1945**

Assigned on 12 January 1945, this aircraft eventually became the personal aircraft F/O Charles Gilmore. The two Red circles on both sides of the nose were meant to be finished as personal insignia but was never accomplished. In mid-May, the name "Fatso" applied to both sides but remained for only a short time. Side package guns were originally fitted but later removed. The aircraft was damaged by flak over Tainan on 30 May, eventually being repaired and finishing the war, one of the few 500th BG aircraft to do so.

Colors: Uppersurfaces and portion of upper turret: Olive Drab.
Lowersurfaces: Neutral Gray.
Identification Markings: White stripe on aft fuselage.
Props: Standard with heavily weathered leading edges.

Betty's Dream **B-25J-32** **44-30934** **499th Sqn** **August 1945**

Assigned June 1945, this aircraft eventually became the personal aircraft 1/Lt. (later Capt.) Charles E. "Pop" Rice, the group's Operations Officer. It displayed 22 mission markings and silhouettes for two ships sunk. This aircraft was used as an escort for the Japanese Betty bombers that shuttled the surrender delegation between Japan and Ie Shima. Side package guns removed.

Colors: Uppersurfaces and portion of upper turret: Olive Drab.
Lowersurfaces: Neutral Gray.
Identification Markings: Cowl ring and nose: Insignia Blue FS15044.
National Insignia: Despite profile in reference book, the late-war solid blue insignia (provided) may be more applicable.

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