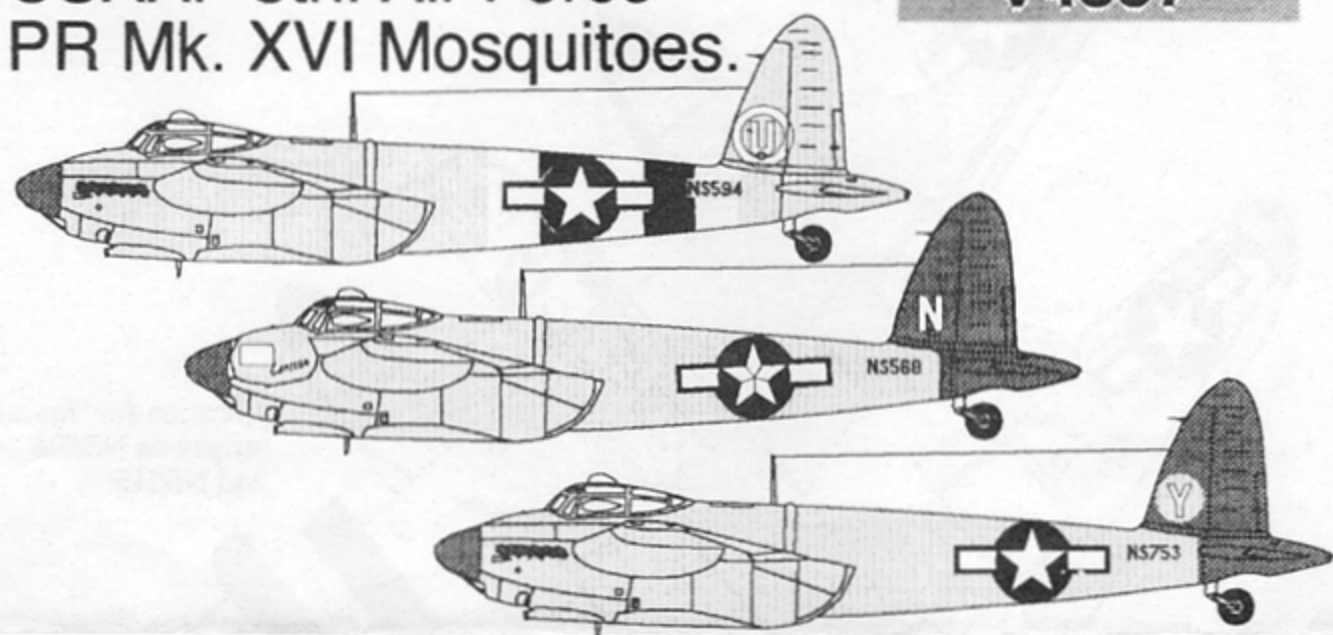


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USAAF 8th. Air Force
PR Mk. XVI Mosquitoes.

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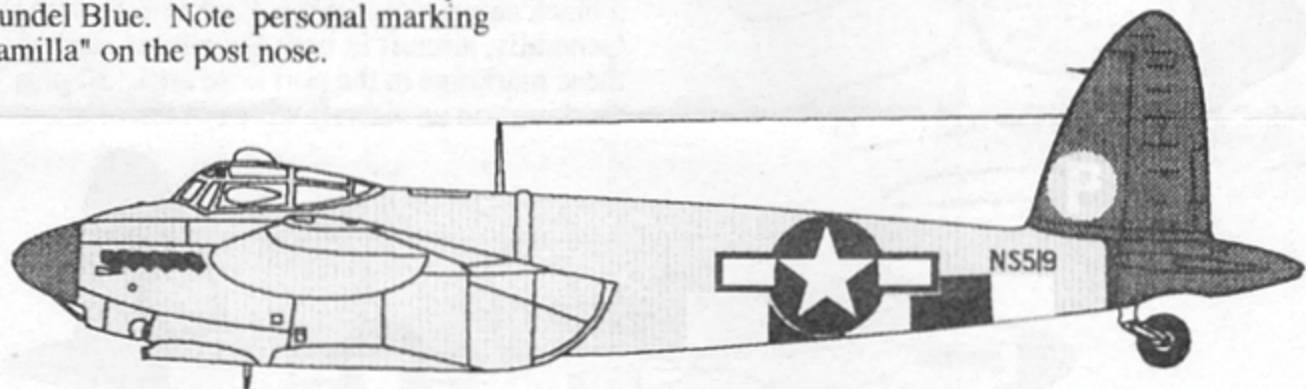
The USAAF 8th Air Force used DH Mosquito PR Mk XVI aircraft in the photo-reconnaissance roll from February, 1944 to May, 1945. This decal sheet includes five options for aircraft of the 653rd and 654th BS.

NS594 was with the 8th RS (later the 653rd BS) and is depicted here in full "D" Day markings on upper and lower surfaces. It is RRU Blue overall, with British roundel Blue spinners.

NS569 was with the 654th BS and has an interesting variation of national markings. For some reason the star's stencil lines were never removed. All other aircraft depicted on this decal used standard star-and-bars of the same size as NS569. Tail section is red, spinners Roundel Blue. Note personal marking "Camilla" on the post nose.

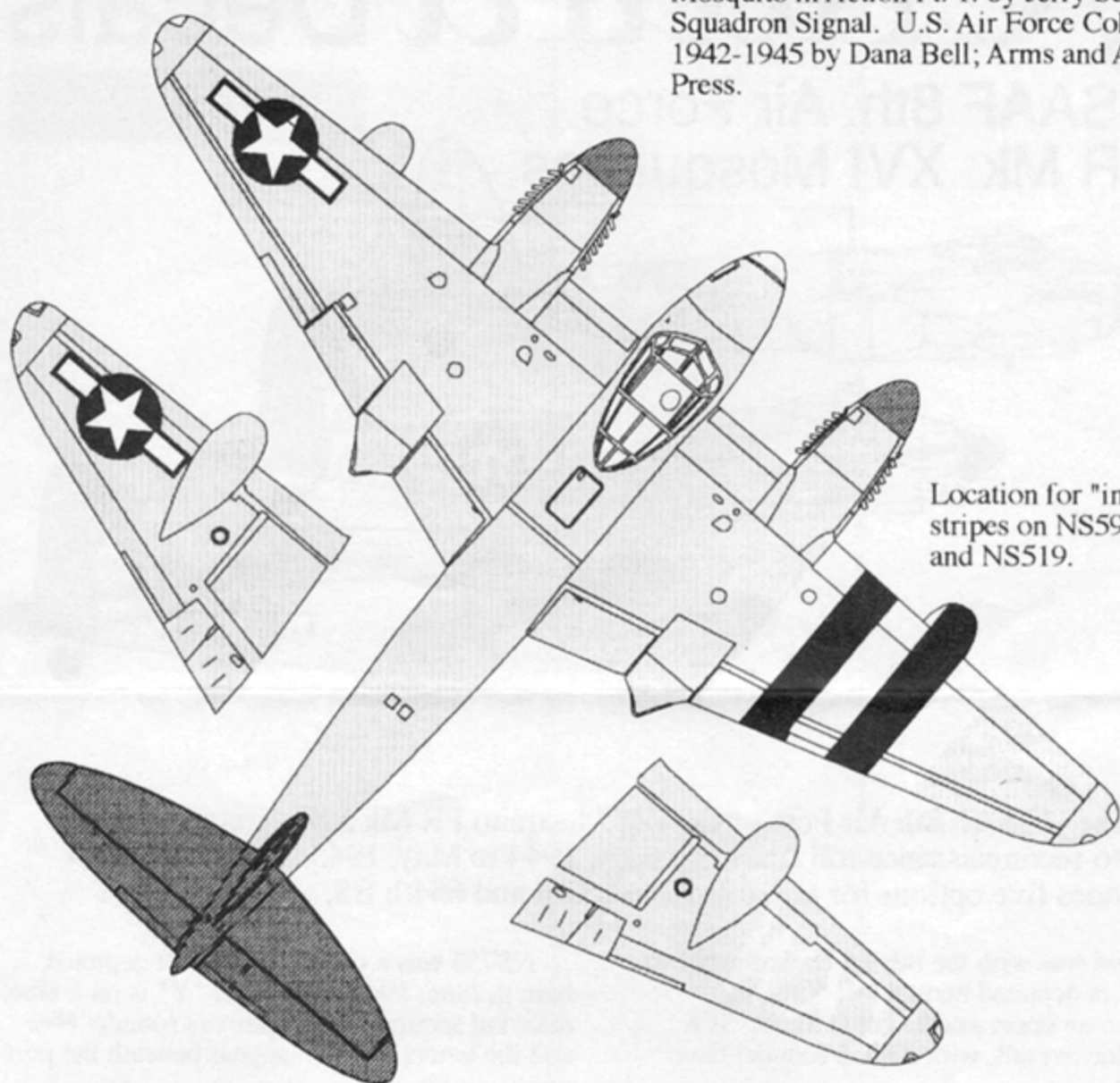
NS753 was a 653rd BS aircraft depicted here in June, 1945. The letter "Y" is on a blue disc, tail section is red, spinners roundel blue and the letters "WXY" appear beneath the port wing.

NS519 was also a 653rd BS aircraft and is depicted here in September, 1944. Invasion stripes are limited to wing and fuselage lower surfaces. Tail section red, spinners Black.

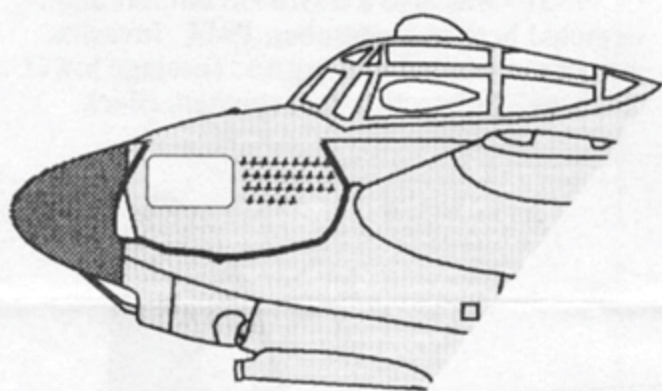


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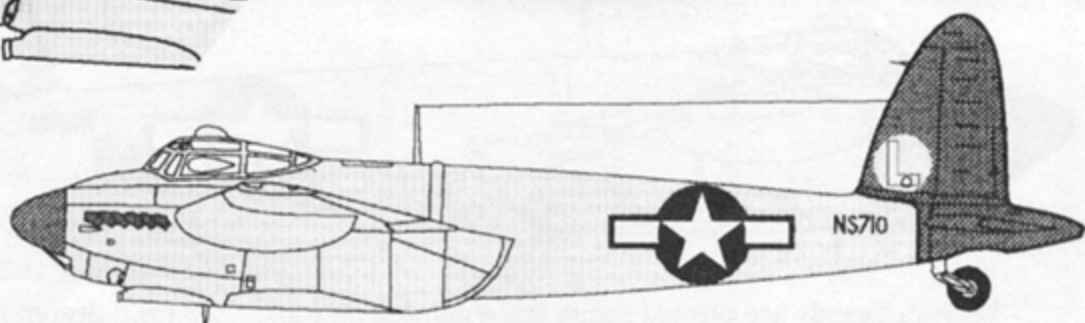
References:- Camouflage and Markings No. 21 by Roger A. Freeman; Ducimus. Mosquito in Action Pt. 1. by Jerry Scutts; Squadron Signal. U.S. Air Force Colours 1942-1945 by Dana Bell; Arms and Armour Press.



Location for "invasion" stripes on NS594 and NS519.



In addition to the five aircraft decal options two sets of mission markings are included. 653rd BS aircraft used a red and white lightning bolt through cloud symbol and 654th BS aircraft a black camera over white flash bomb symbols. Generally, aircraft in both Squadrons carried these markings in the port nose area. 30 plus markings on an aircraft were not uncommon.



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NS710 was a 653rd BS aircraft and is depicted on the back cover of "Mosquito in Action Part 1." It was PRU Blue overall with red tail section and Roundel Blue Spinners.