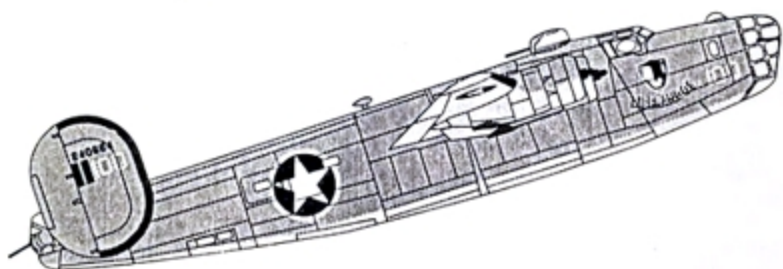


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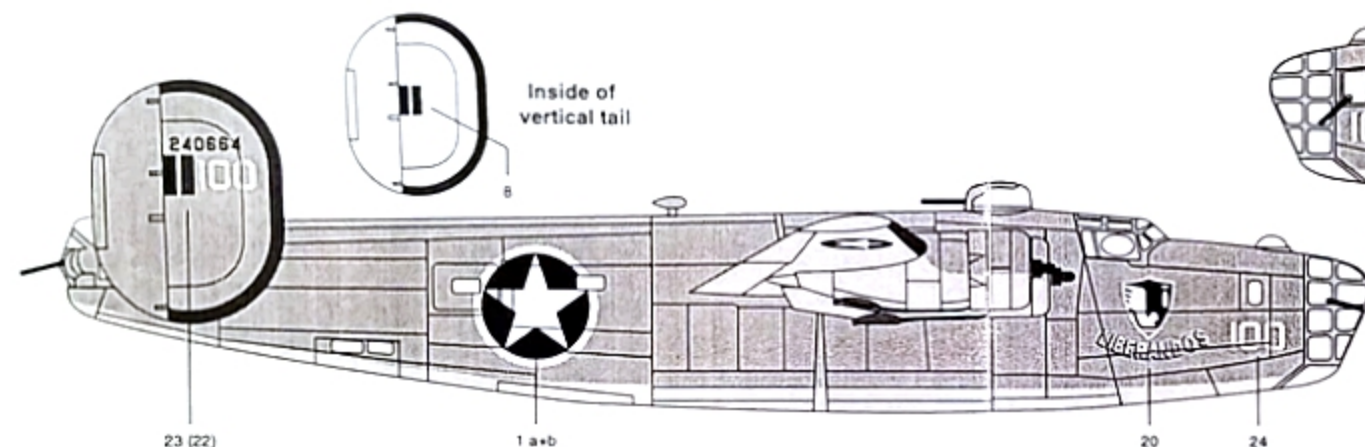
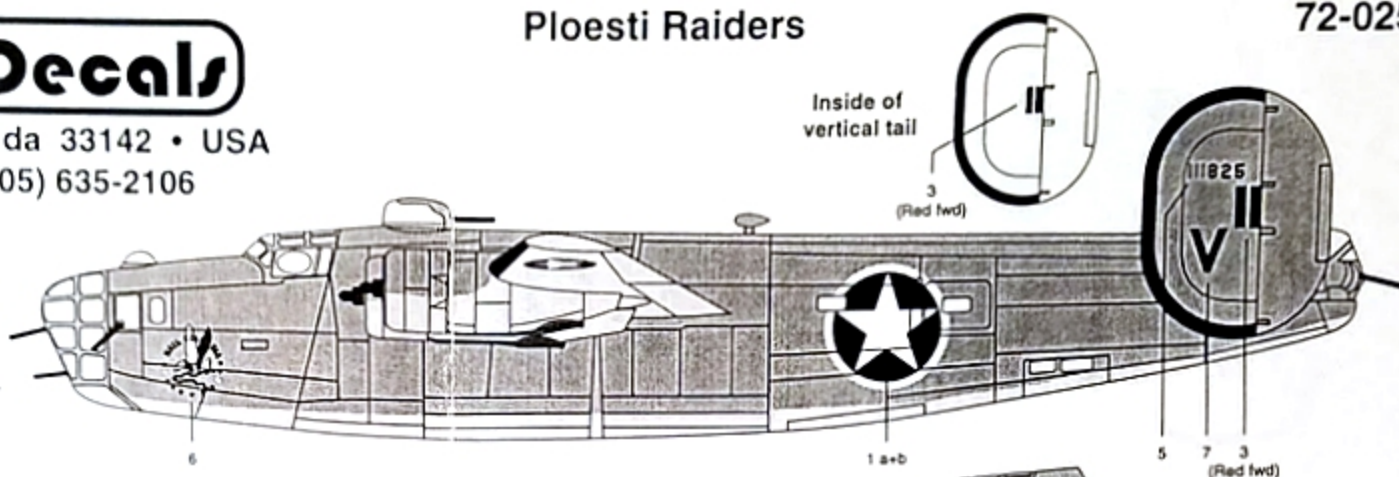
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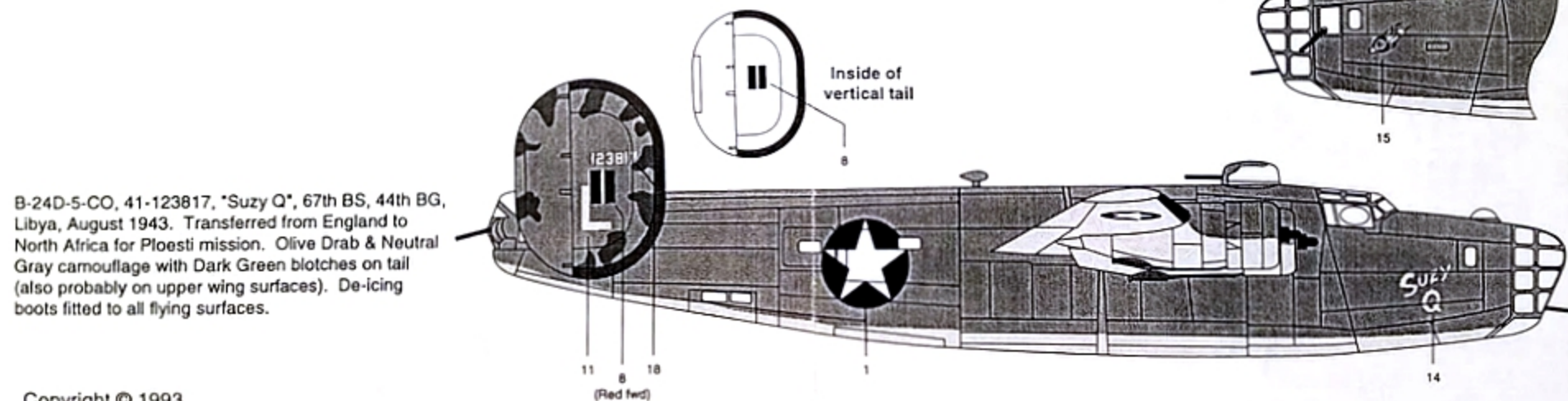
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B-24D 41-11825, "Hail Columbia", 344th BS, 98th BG, Benghazi, Libya, August 1943. Flown by Col. John R. Kane. Faded Sand (F.S. 30279) and Neutral Gray camouflage. De-icing boots fitted to all flying surfaces.



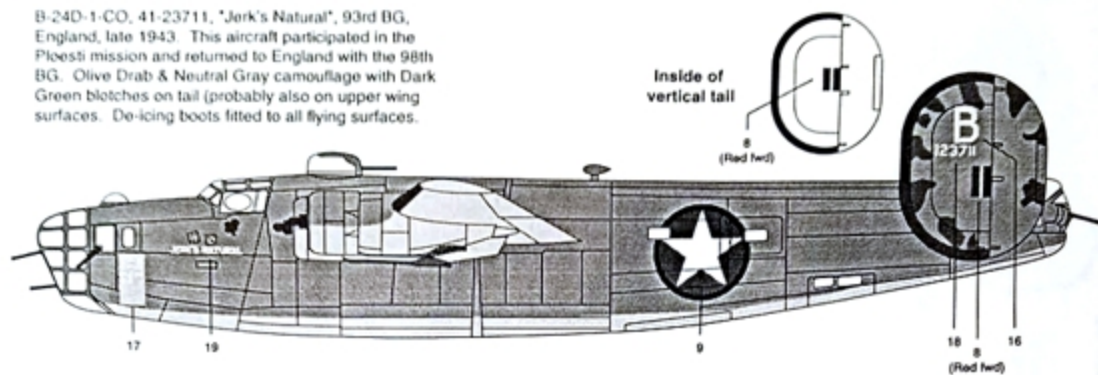
B-24D-85-CO, 42-40664, "Teggie Ann", 376th BG command aircraft, Libya, August 1943. Flown by Col. Keith Compton with Brig. Gen. Uzal G. Ent on crew for Ploesti mission of 1 August. Faded Sand (F.S. 30279) and Neutral Gray camouflage. De-icing boots fitted to all flying surfaces.



B-24D-5-CO, 41-123817, "Suzy Q", 67th BS, 44th BG, Libya, August 1943. Transferred from England to North Africa for Ploesti mission. Olive Drab & Neutral Gray camouflage with Dark Green blotches on tail (also probably on upper wing surfaces). De-icing boots fitted to all flying surfaces.

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B-24D-1-CO, 41-23711, "Jerk's Natural", 93rd BG, England, late 1943. This aircraft participated in the Pleesti mission and returned to England with the 98th BG. Olive Drab & Neutral Gray camouflage with Dark Green blotches on tail (probably also on upper wing surfaces). De-icing boots fitted to all flying surfaces.



Upper and lower
wing insignia
location - all aircraft

2 a+b for "Hail Columbia" & "Teggie Ann"
2 for "Suzy Q"
10 for "Jerk's Natural"

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Suggested Kit:

Minicraft B-24D

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Operation Tidal Wave - it sounded like an unstoppable force. When nearly 200 B-24 Liberators of the 9th Air Force took off from bases in North Africa in an attempt to knock out Germany's main oil refinery complex at Ploesti in Rumania, little did the crews involved know how they would go down in history.

August 1st, 1943 was the date when Tidal Wave took off, but due to navigational errors as a result of the tree-top height of the bomber formations, many of the B-24s missed their targets and were decimated by the German and Rumanian defenses. Ploesti was one of the most heavily defended targets in Europe, and the beating endured by the 9th Air Force showed it.

Here we have provided markings for four of the B-24s involved in this historic raid, including the command ship "Teggie Ann". We hope you will enjoy building these pieces of history, and as always . . .

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