

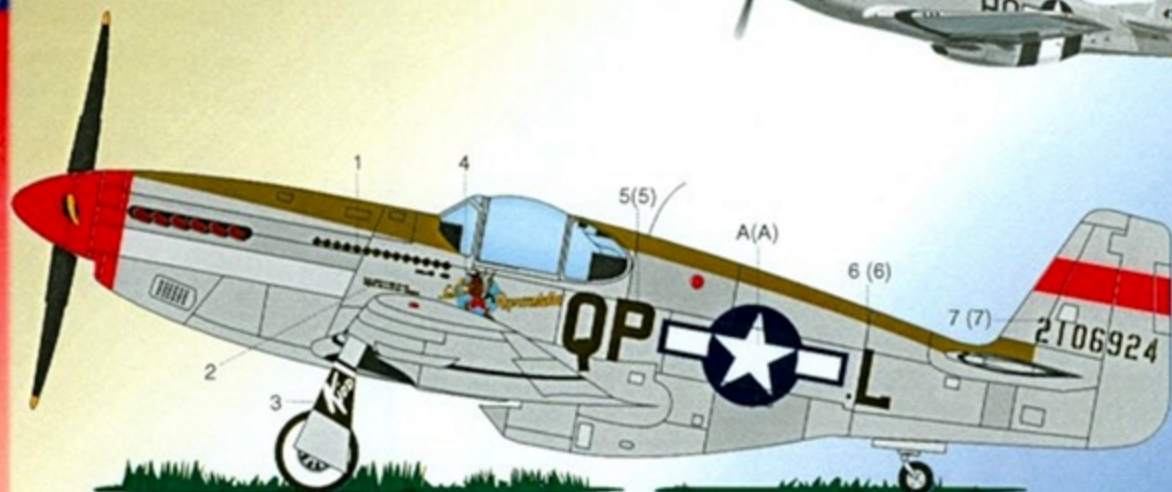
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Debden Ponies PART 4
P51B 4th FG



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1. P-51B-15-NA 42-106924 *Salem Representative* flown by Lt. Ralph "Kidd" Hofer, 334th FS in May of 1944. Natural Metal Finish with Olive Drab 41 upper fuselage decking and wing upper surfaces. Red spinner and nose band, 15-inch black ETO ID bands on wings and horizontal tails, and 12-inch Red band on vertical tail. Hofer's scoreboard included fourteen crosses, two sailing vessels and a train. Hofer was lost in another P-51 on 2 July 1944 on a mission to Budapest. He was reportedly downed after a long dogfight with Germany's top ace, Erich Hartmann. Hofer had 30.5 victories including 16.5 aerial victories. Note the Malcolm hood, White sidewall tires. Codes on the right side read L•QP.

2. P-51B-5-NA 43-6832 *Miss Dallas* flown by Capt Victor France, 334th FS. Olive Drab 41 upper surfaces with Neutral Gray 43 lower surfaces. Red spinner and nose band, White ETO ID bands on wings and horizontal tails. Eight Black and White crosses. France, an ex-Eagle Squadron pilot, was lost in *Miss Dallas* on 18 April 1944. Crew Chief was Sgt Don Allen, who did most of the 334th's nose art. Codes on the right side read K•QP. Note the Spitfire style rear view mirror.

3. P-51B-1-NA 43-12214 *Rebel Queen* of F/O Fred Glover, 336th FS, early April, 1944. Olive Drab 41 upper surfaces with Neutral Gray 43 lower surfaces. Red spinner and nose band, White ETO ID bands on wings and horizontal tails. Eight White crosses forward of the cockpit show the way to Glover's eventual total of 22.8. Codes on the right side read C•VF. Note the Spitfire style rear view mirror.

