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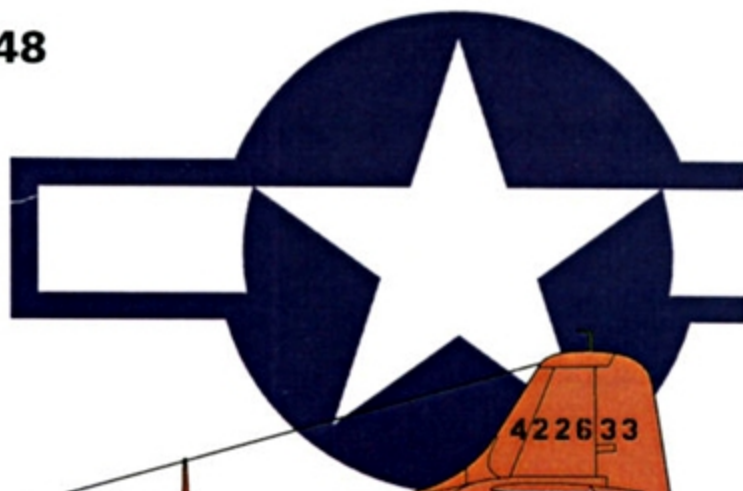
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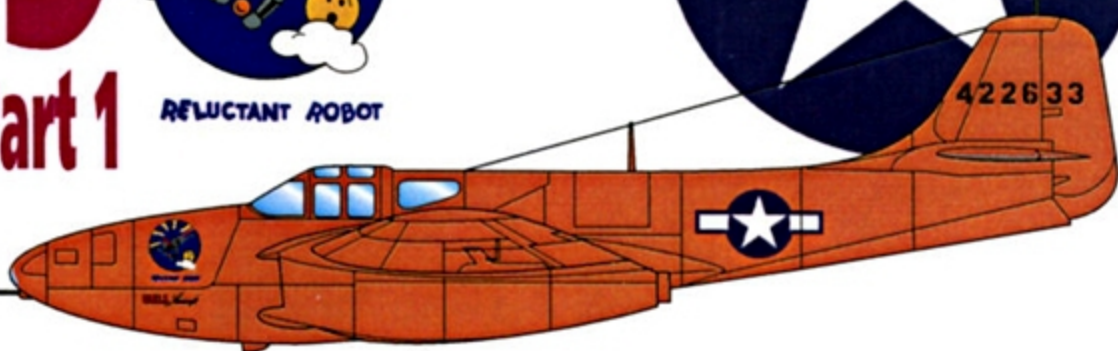
## Airacomet Part 1



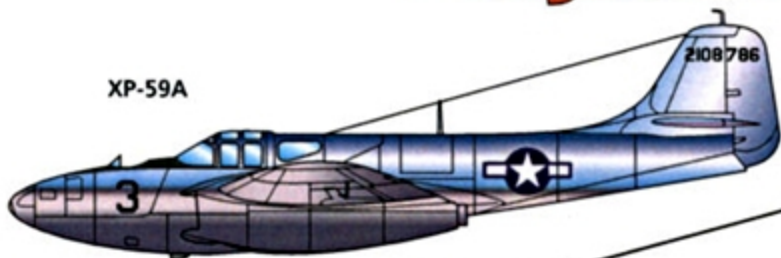
RELUCTANT ROBOT



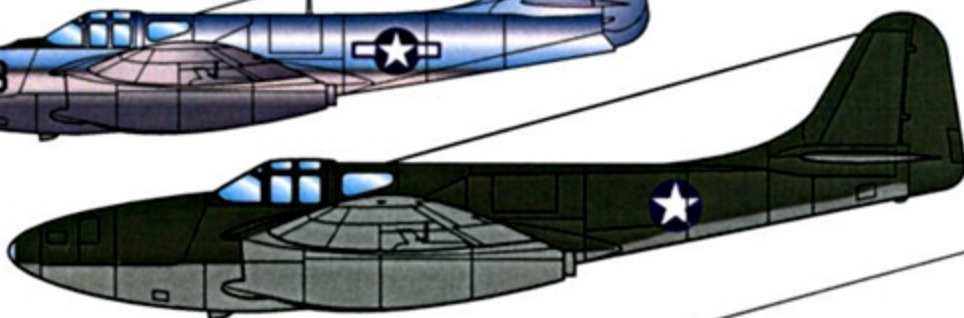
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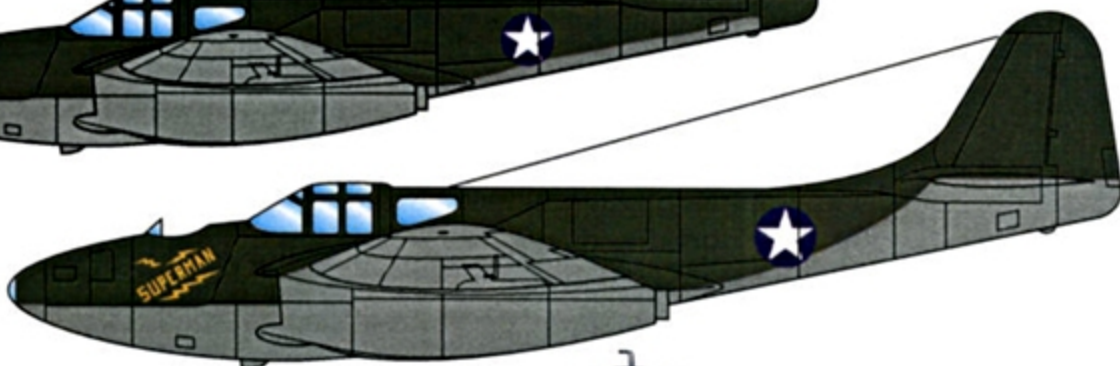
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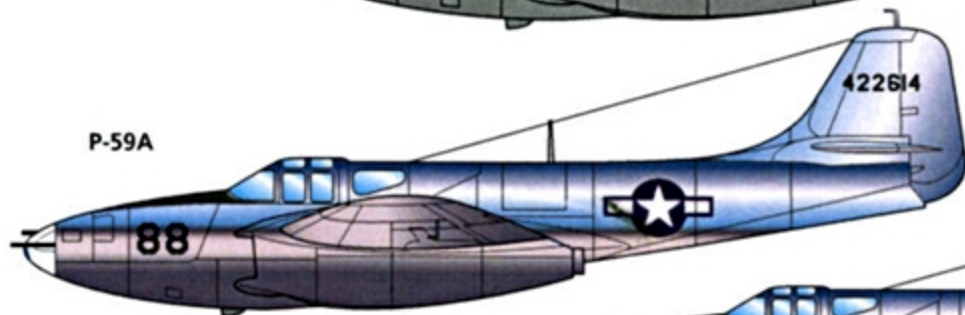
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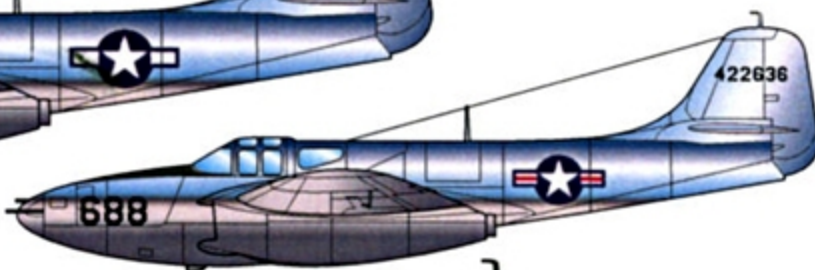
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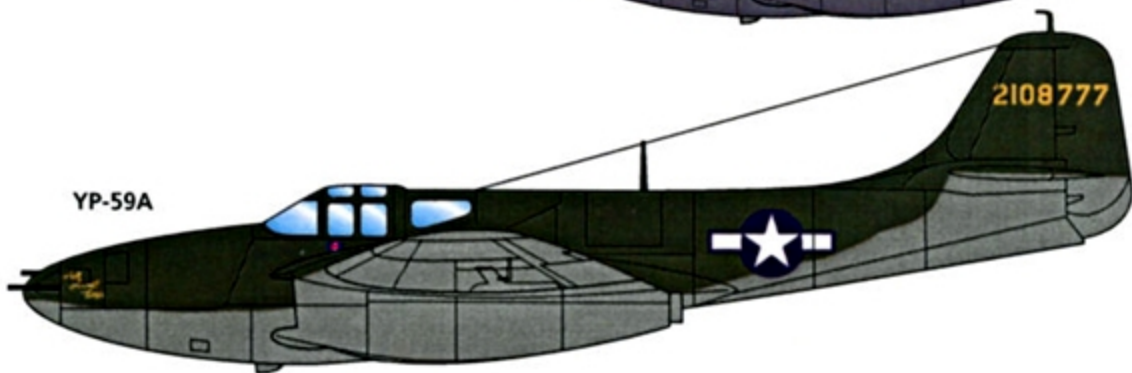
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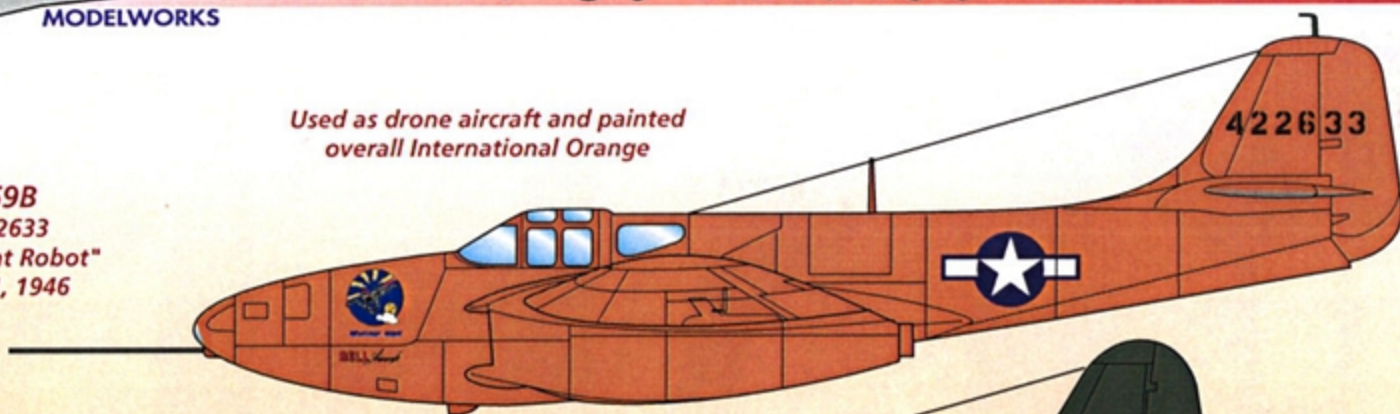
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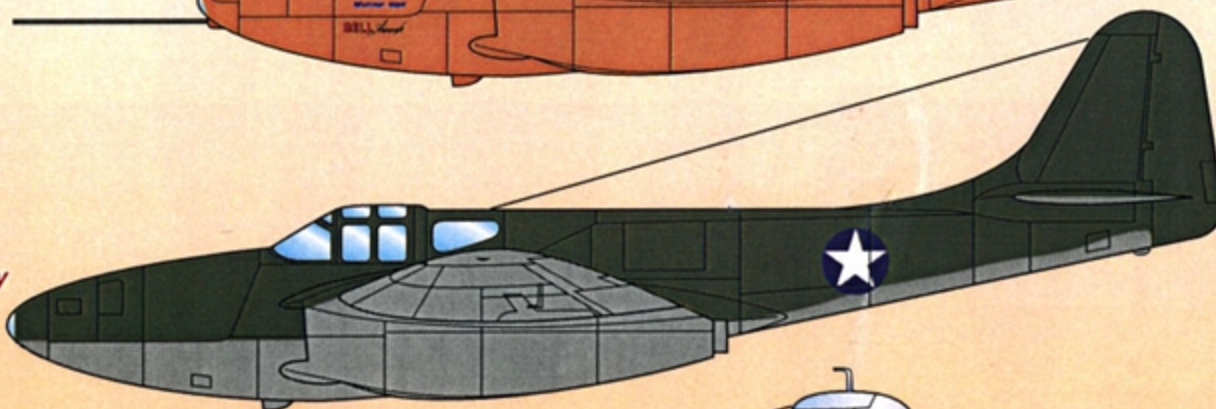


Used as drone aircraft and painted overall International Orange

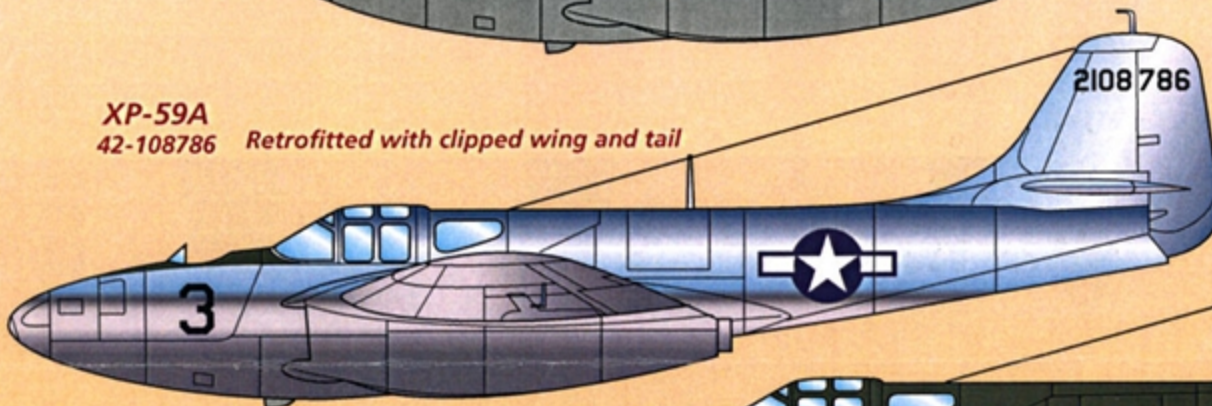
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"Reluctant Robot"  
July 11, 1946



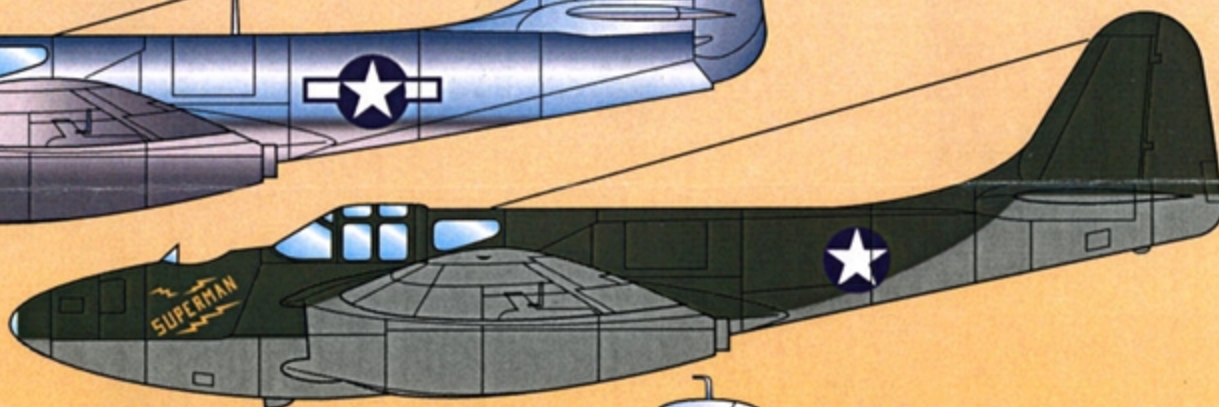
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First flight scheme  
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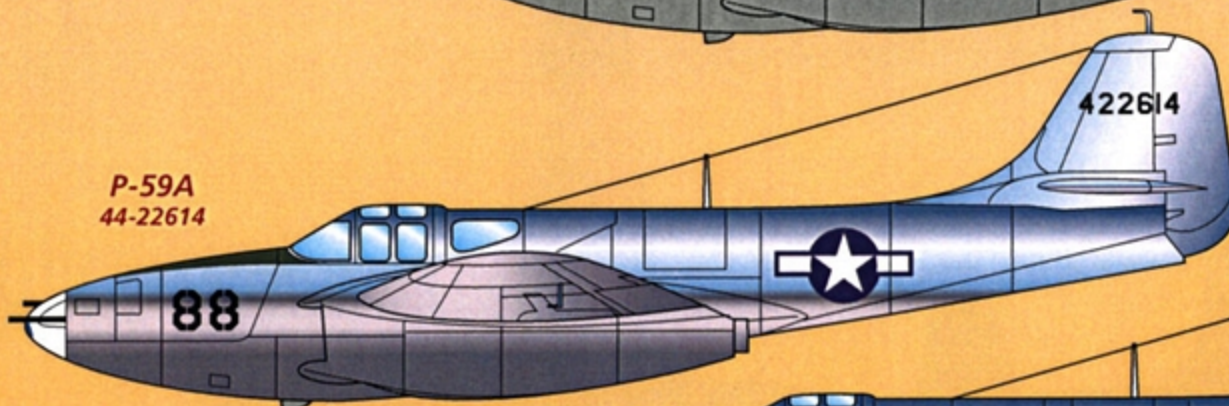
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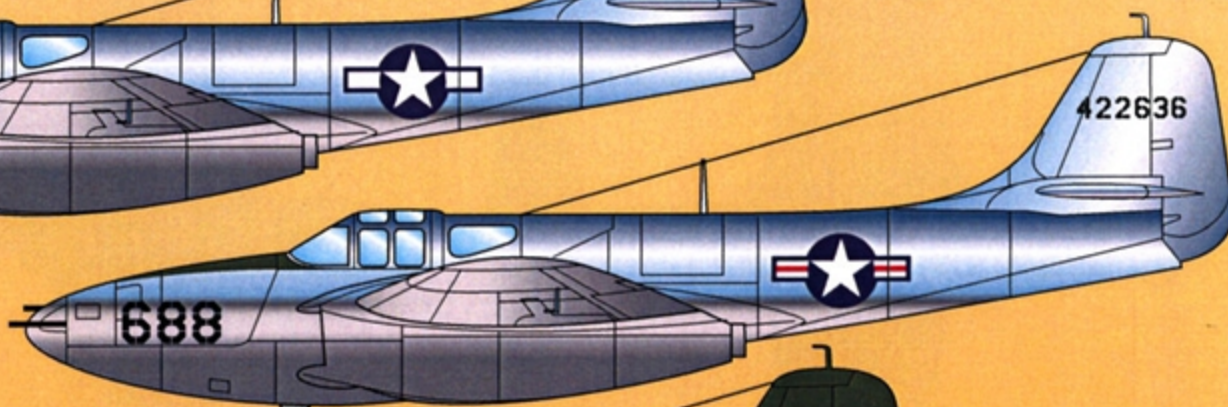
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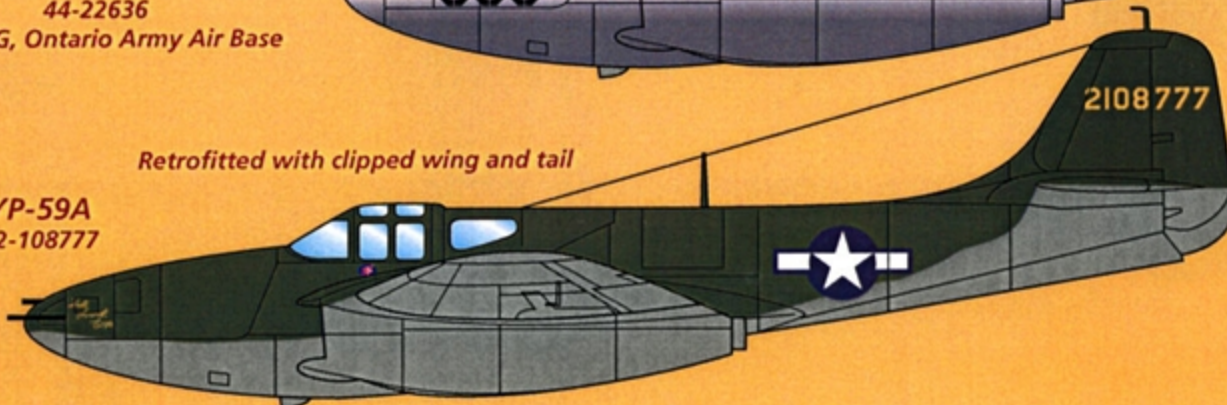


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44-22636  
412th FG, Ontario Army Air Base



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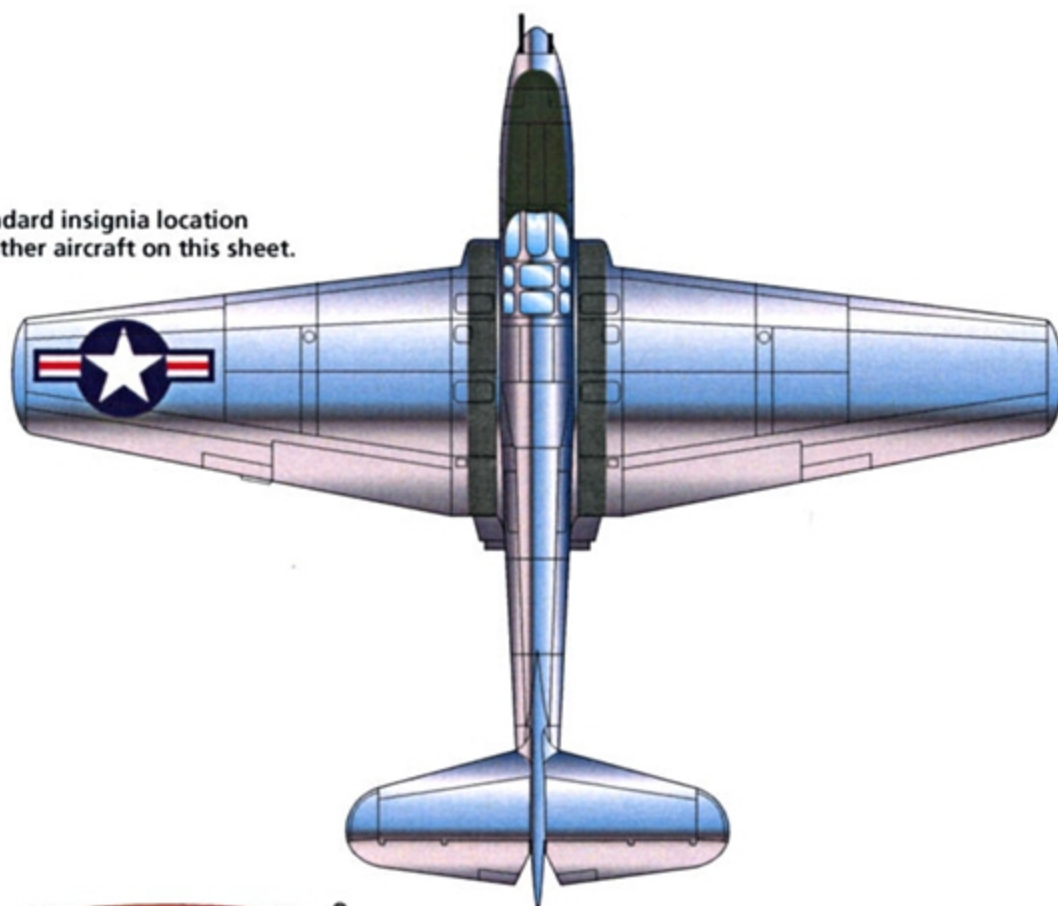


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Note cut off bar on national insignia from shortening of wing.



Standard insignia location  
for all other aircraft on this sheet.



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## 422633

- Aircraft painted overall ANA 508 International Orange (FS 12197) and used as a target drone.
- Unknown if art was applied to opposite side of nose.

## 2108777

- National insignia was never repainted when the original wing tips were replaced with the clipped version resulting in a cropped bar on both the upper and lower insignias. We've supplied extra insignias already cropped to the proper length.

## Applying the Decals

You probably already know all this stuff, so feel free to use your regular process; however, if you're new to aftermarket decals, here goes:

- Generally, use the Microscale Finishing System. We don't recommend extremely strong decal solvents such as Solvaset.
- Your model must have a smooth, glossy surface, as decals won't adhere well to matte surfaces. Use gloss paints or your favorite clear gloss overspray over matte or semigloss paint.
- Cut each subject out without trimming off the slight excess film (this helps the decal film disappear when dry).
- Put the decal in warm water that has a drop or two of liquid dishwashing soap or photo-flo for 10 seconds.
- When the decal will slide off the backing paper without forcing it, apply it to the proper position on your model. Slide the backing paper out from underneath.
- Gently blot off excess water and smooth out bubbles under the decal surface. If you wish, carefully brush on a mild decal softener such as Micro-Sol.
- When all decals are completely dry, gently wash off all excess decal adhesive.
- Finally, overcoat your model with a good quality gloss coat, followed by your choice of matte or eggshell clear topcoat.

## FS 595 Color Cross Reference

Olive Drab	FS 4087 Xtracolor X111, Floquil 303108/303170/303263, Gunze Sangyo H304, Modelmaster 1711, Mr Color 304, Pro Modeler 88-0028
Neutral Gray ANA 508	FS 6173 Xtracolor X158, Gunze Sangyo H053, Pro Modeler 88-0035, Floquil 303176 FS 12197 Xtracolor X104, Floquil 818634

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