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The Very Long Range Escorts

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Fancy Art
Part 1



Suggested Kit: Tamiya P-51D Mustang.

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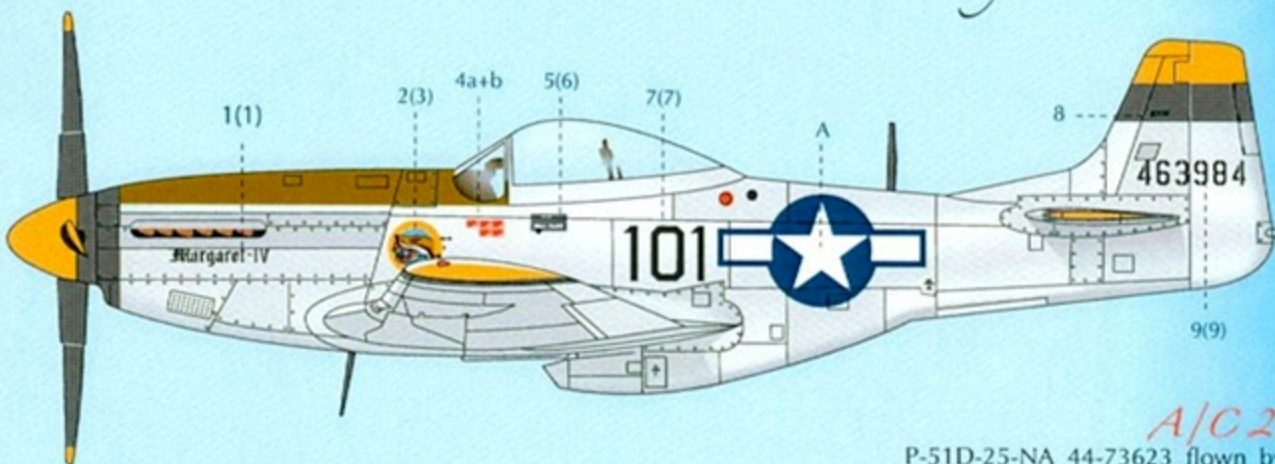
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A/C 1

P-51D-20-NA 44-63984 flown by Major James B. Tapp, 78th Fighter Squadron, 15th Fighter Group, which arrived at South Field, Iwo Jima, in February of 1945. 78th Squadron's Natural Metal aircraft carried Black and Yellow spinners, wing and tail surface tips. The name *Margaret IV* and the 78th FS Bushmaster badge were carried on both sides of the nose. Five victory markings were carried on the left side under the cockpit. Twin VHF antennas.

Aircraft can be alternatively marked without squadron badges (Decal #s 16, 25). For this scheme, use extra aircraft data block (Decal #17) provided.



A/C 2

P-51D-25-NA 44-73623 flown by Major Harry C. Crim, 531st Fighter Squadron, 21st Fighter Group, based at South Field, Iwo Jima in the Summer of 1945. The 531st FS applied White bands outlined in Black to their spinners, wing/horizontal tail tips and vertical tail surfaces. The name *My Achin' [Ass]* design was carried on the left nose only. Major Crim's nose art was carried on the left main gear door. This Mustang sports six aerial victory mark plus, six more enemy aircraft destroyed on the ground. In addition, there are eighteen long range escort mission and six fighter sweep markers. Note the twin antenna masts.

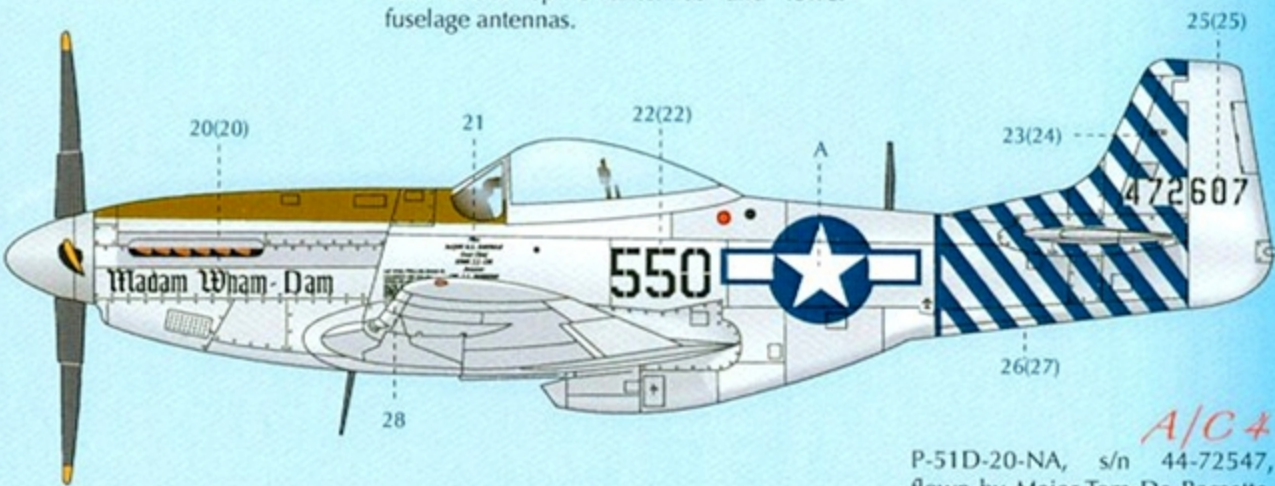


Notes:

All these a/c had shrouded exhaust stacks, dual Black spine antennas and lower fuselage antennas.

A/C 3

P-51D-25-NA, s/n 44-72607, flown by Major Harrison Shipman, 458 FS, 506 FG, airfield #3, Iwo Jima, May 1945. All Natural Metal a/c except for the OD antiglare panel and the Dk. Blue stripes on the empennage but not on the control surfaces. The name *Madam Wham-Bam* was on both sides of the cowling under the shrouded exhaust stacks. The Nudie on the right side could have been Red, Blue or Yellow, Blue being our choice. Very plain but attractive a/c, the ideal base to show off your proficiency at NM finishes.



A/C 4

P-51D-20-NA, s/n 44-72547, flown by Major Tom De Barmette, CO. of the 462 FS, 506 FG. This a/c was share with Lt. Col. Harley Brown, Deputy CO. of the 506 FG. Aircraft based at airfield #3, Iwo Jima, summer of 1945. The *Tallahassee Lassie* name was on both sides of the nose and this a/c was identical to a/c 3 except for the all Yellow tail (not the control surfaces which were doped aluminum) and the 462 FS badge on the left side below the cockpit. An OD antiglare panel protected the pilots vision on these very long range missions. This a/c was photographed with P-38 underwing tanks, a common occurrence in the VLR missions.



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