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# BLUE NOSE

BIRDS OF *Bodney*

IN PROFILE

PART 1 OF 6



SUGGESTED KIT: TAMIYA 1/48 P-51 FAMILY

P-51 MUSTANG



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IN PROFILE — PART 1

A/C Type P-51B-10, s/n 42-106703.

Pilot & Unit Flown by Lt. Francis Horne, 328 F.S.

Camouflage & Markings Standard Natural Metal with Blue nose and wing tips. Red rings around guns. Red/White/Blue designs on all trim tabs and rudder mass balance. Blue nose panel is edged in White/Red but edging does not meet at the bottom.

Remarks Barber pole on right side with one shilling price for a hair cut! Red/White decorations under each of the exhaust stacks. Outer wheel hub was half Red, half Blue. Notice decorations on wing tips. Black ETO ID bands on upper and lower stabilizers. Black on Red kill marks. Notice Red edged wing gun camera port. Malcolm hood, whip antenna and lower D-Day bands complete this possibly most colorful of all 352nd A/C. No rear view mirror. Did anyone say that Fw-190s and Me-109s were colorful? You may also depict this A/C with full D-Day stripes, but without the Blue wing tips and using a standard canopy. Your choice!!

A/C Type P-51D-10, s/n 44-14111.

Pilot & Unit Flown by Lt. Col. James Mayden, 328 F.S.

Camouflage & Markings Standard Natural Metal with Blue nose and Red rudder/fin cap.

Remarks At one time this A/C had full invasion stripes, but we are depicting it on it's final dress. Two Black stripes under the stabilizer. One Black mirror on the windshield frame.

A/C Type P-51D-10, s/n 44-14061.

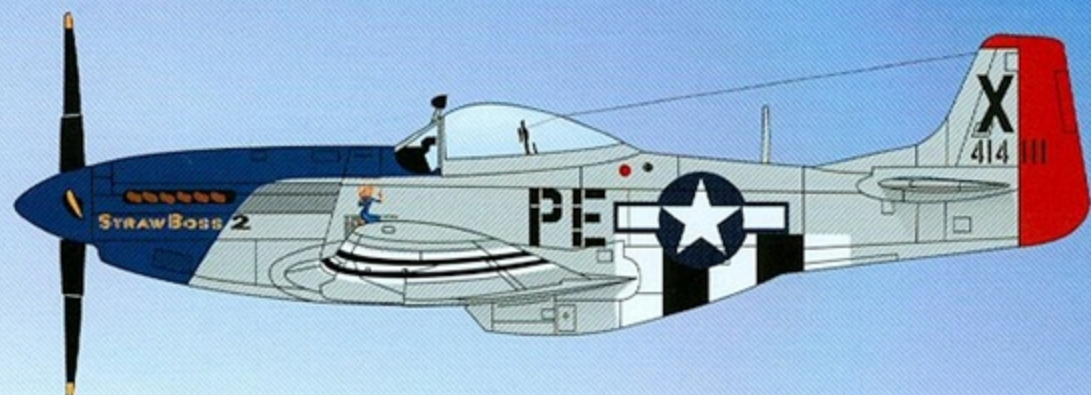
Pilot & Unit Flown by Capt. D.S. Bryan, 328 F.S.

Camouflage & Markings Standard Natural Metal with Blue nose and Red rudder.

Remarks Only 2 Black lower fuselage bands show on this A/C. Two horn type rear view mirrors on top of the windshield frame, painted a color that looks like the Blue on the nose.



F or F+F (shown Black for identification)



### A few facts about the 352 nd F.G.

This Fighter Group, better known as The Blue Nose Bastards Of Bodney, was one of the most colorful and famous of the 8th A.F.

Based at Bodney, Norfolk, UK in 1944, it had some of the best nose art artists of any airforce during W.W.II, as this series of decals will prove. Most of their A/C (never say all) were characterized by a Blue Nose, and according to our contributors, three very specific shades were used.

The dark shade matches German Imperial Infantry Blue (Floquil's 303080 or F.S. 15052) and it had a Reddish tint to it. This color was used on most D's arriving after September 44 and on replacement aircraft, or repair jobs.

The Medium Blue has been identified as USAAC Blue 23 (Floquil's 303275 or F.S. 15092) and very likely the early B's and D's may have received this color.

The third color might have been an oxidation of these two colors. We suggest you add a drop or two of White or very Light Gray to the original shade if you must depict this weathering process (F.S. 15182-15087).

Crew chief Art "Snoots" Snyder who was also the squadron barber, was one of their most talented artist, hence the barber pole and White/Red/Blue decorations. Two of his masterpieces were "Snoot Sniper" and "Preddy's Cripes A' Mighty".

We hope you enjoy this decal series on this very famous Fighter Group. Do not miss it !!

### stencil instructions

