

# Stearman PT-17

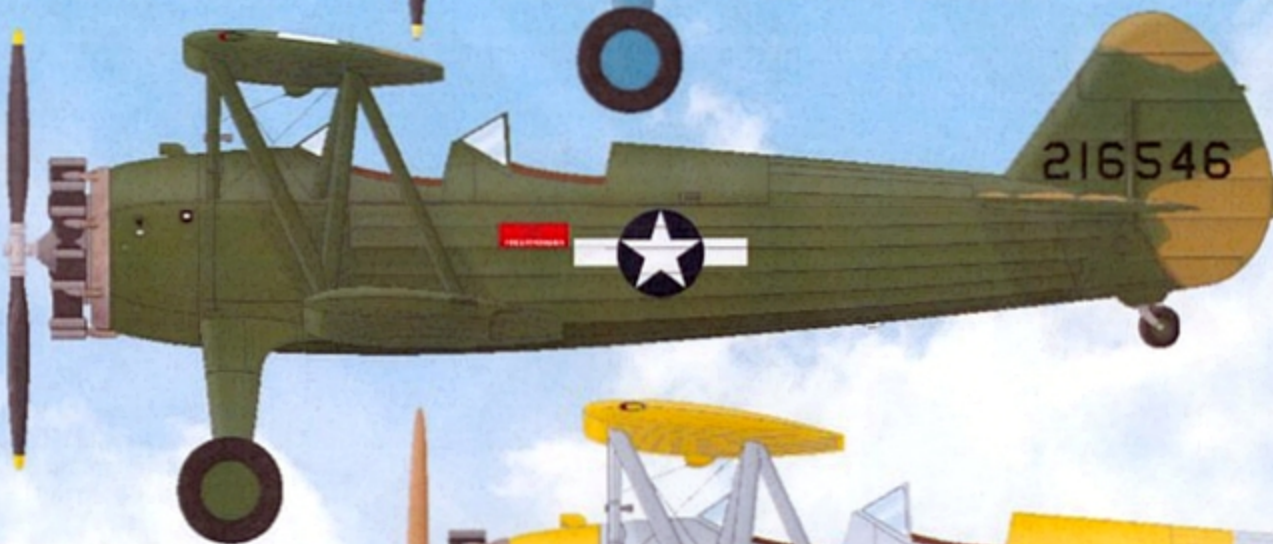
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PT-17 used by 4BFTS (British Flight Training School) at Mesa, Arizona, early 1940s. The aircraft is in standard US Army scheme of Light Blue #23 and Yellow #4. The "BP" code designates 4BFTS. Note that the finish on this aircraft is rather weathered and faded.



The early version of Light Blue #23 is a difficult colour to match. A close equivalent would be FS 15193 with a bit more blue. The later fuselage blue (sometimes called "True Blue") was a much darker colour.

Note: Yellow #4 is similar to FS 13432, but darker, less orangey, and less intense.



PT-17, 216546, Kunming, China, 1943. The aircraft has been refinished in the US equivalent of Dark Green, with blotches of what is believed to be Dark Earth (same colours as used on their P-40s) around the flying surface edges. The national insignia has merely had white bars added to the earlier style markings.

N2S-3 (US Navy designation for PT-17), 39123, ca. 1944. The aircraft is a mix of aluminum doped and Orange Yellow (FS 13538) areas. This aircraft has a wood propellor.



Undercarriage leg is Light Grey (FS 16376).

N2S-4, 29950, Grosse Ile, Michigan, Oct., 1943. Originally built for the USAAF as a PT-17, but handed over to the Navy, the aircraft retains its Air Force colour scheme of early Light Blue #23 and Yellow #4. The rudder has been painted in the fuselage colour. The bottom right wing is a replacement, finished in Aluminum. The aircraft has a wood prop.



PT-27 (RCAF version of the PT-17), FJ888, of 36 EFTS, Pearce, Alberta, Summer 1942. The aircraft is overall Orange Yellow (FS 13538).



Aluminum wheel hub

Official Boeing/Stearman colour photos seem to show that standard US colours were used for all foreign national insignia they applied!

