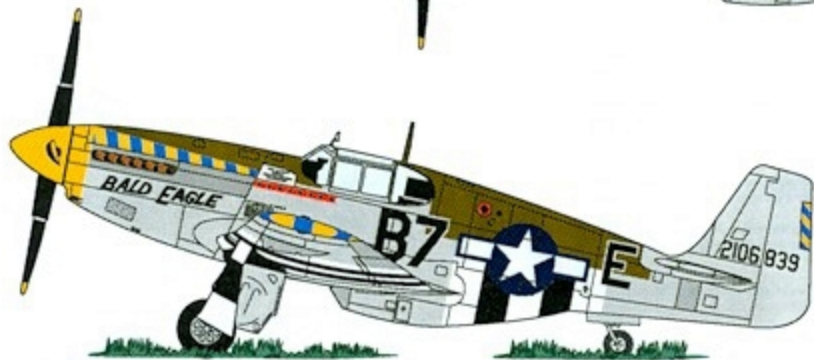
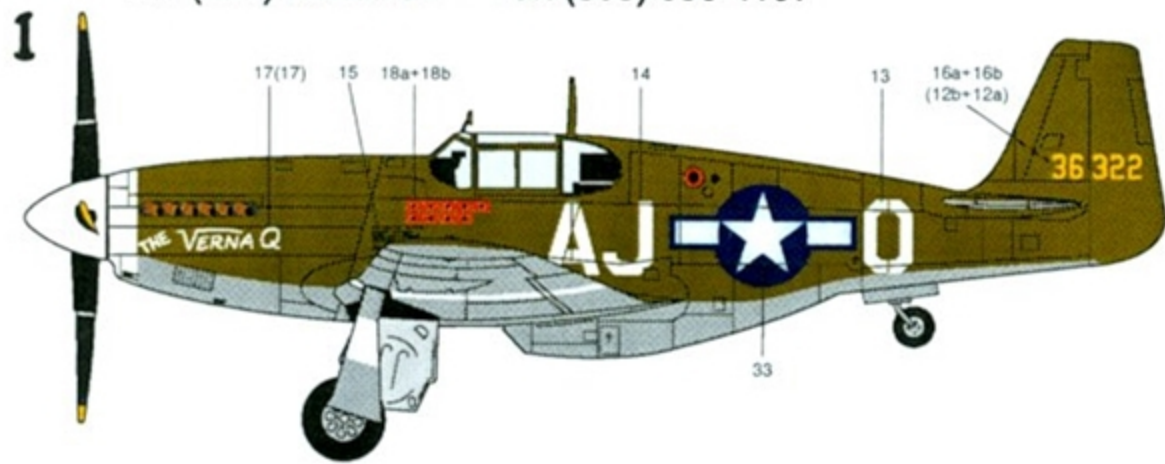


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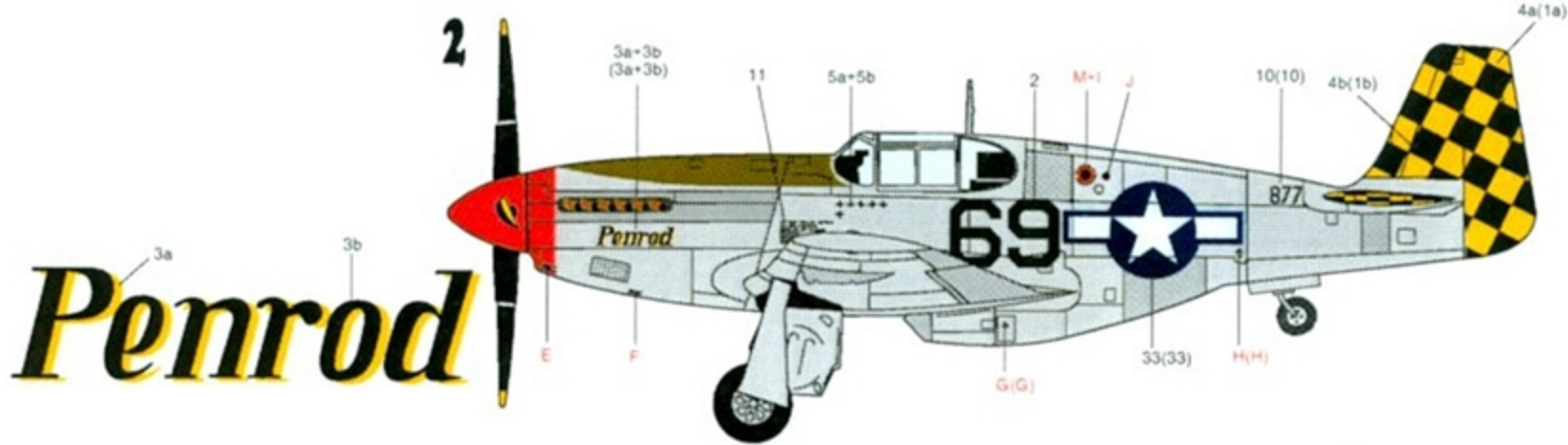
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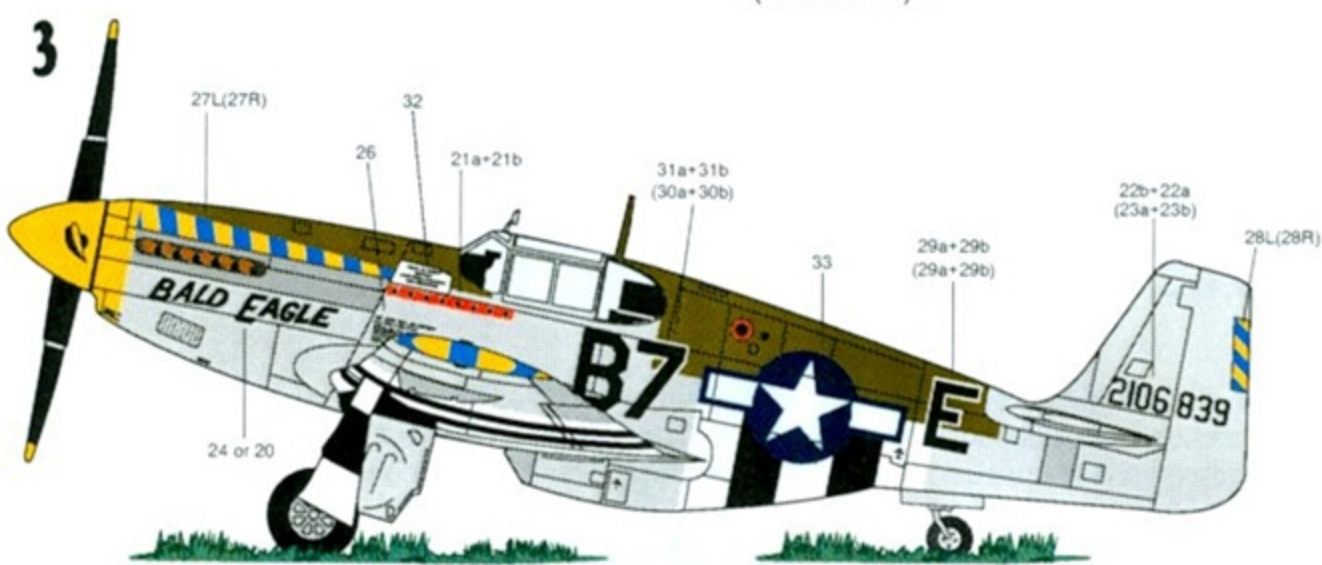


A/C #1: P-51B 43-6322 "THE VERNA Q", flown by Major Frank O'Connor, 356th FS. The aircraft was painted olive drab over neutral gray with white spinner & nose band. White stripes were applied to the wings and rear horizontal stabilizers. It is not known if the nose art was carried on the stbd. side of the aircraft.



A/C #2: P-51B 42-106877, flown by Major Roy B. Hogg, 318th FS, 325th FG, Italy, Summer 1944. The aircraft was overall duraluminum with an olive drab anti-glare panel, red spinner and foward fuselage. The fin, rudder & horizontal stabilizers had a yellow & black checkerboard applied to them. When applying decals 3a+3b, apply the yellow first, then offset the black to the left and top of the yellow, creating a yellow drop shadow to the lower right of the black letters as depicted in the scrap view, above.

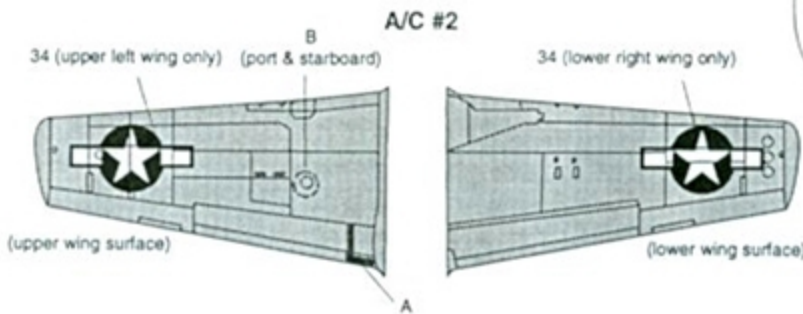
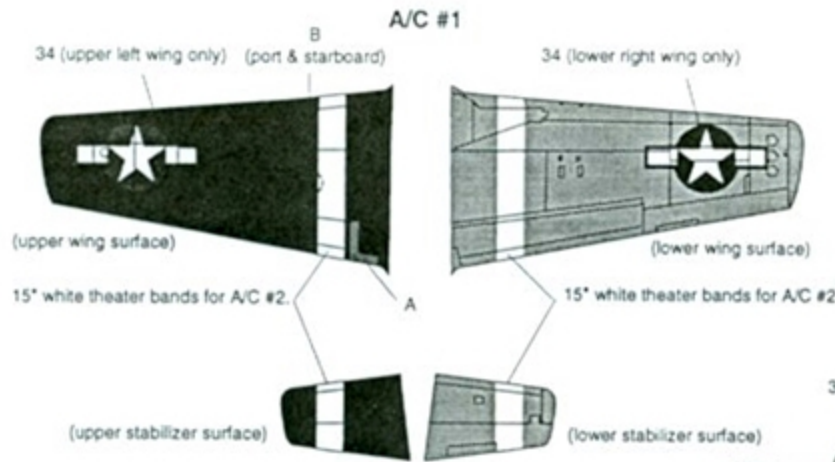
A/C #3: P-51B 42-106839, 374th FS, 361st FG, Little Walden, Essex, Fall 1944. Flown by Lt. Robert Eckfeldt. The aircraft was overall duraluminum with an olive drab anti-glare panel and aft upper fuselage, yellow spinner and foward fuselage. The standard D-Day invasion stripes were carried on the lower fuselage and lower wings, with the area where they should be on the upper wings painted most likely O.D. 41 or possible Green 42. Model Art 401 P-51 Mustang (Ref #4) clearly shows a right side picture of Bald Eagle without name or Drab upper fuselage panel (June 1944).



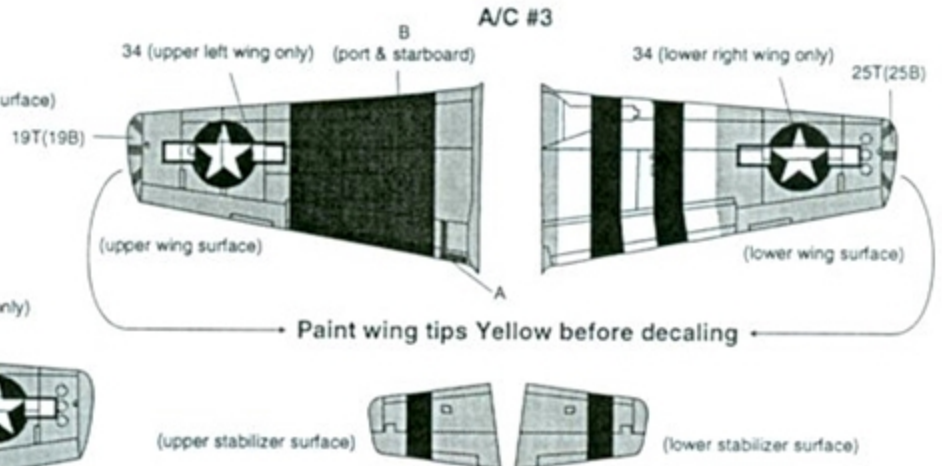
ABOUT BALD EAGLE.

Although virtually featured in every book on the P-51 and countless decals, we believe this to be the closest approximation to the real A/C to date. The name has been shown in Red or Black. We believe black to be the correct color. Also, the spine and wing upper surface is O.D., not Blue as originally believed. You may also depict **Bald Eagle** as seen during June 44. Simply wrap around the Invasion Stripes and omit decal parts 29b, 31b and 30b. See picture of this A/C taxiing for take off on page 132 of Model Art 401, P-51 Mustang. Name was only on the left side.

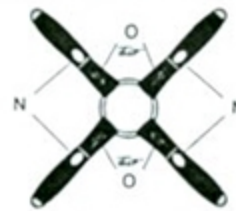
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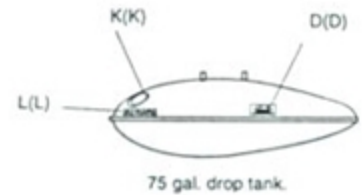
***NOTE:** P-51's were delivered in a standard finish consisting of natural metal on the fuselage, vertical fin, and horizontal stabilizers. The majority of the upper and lower wings were painted aluminum lacquer with all rivets and joints sealed to provide smoother airflow over the laminar flow wing. Ailerons and flaps were left in natural metal.



Propeller (front view)



Propeller blades flat black with yellow tips.



Suggested Kits:

Accurate Miniatures P-51B
Monogram P-51B
Tamiya P-51B/C

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Colors required to complete the aircraft depicted on this decal sheet.

9001 Black	9004 Blue
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9005 Red	9043 U.S. Neutral Gray 43

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