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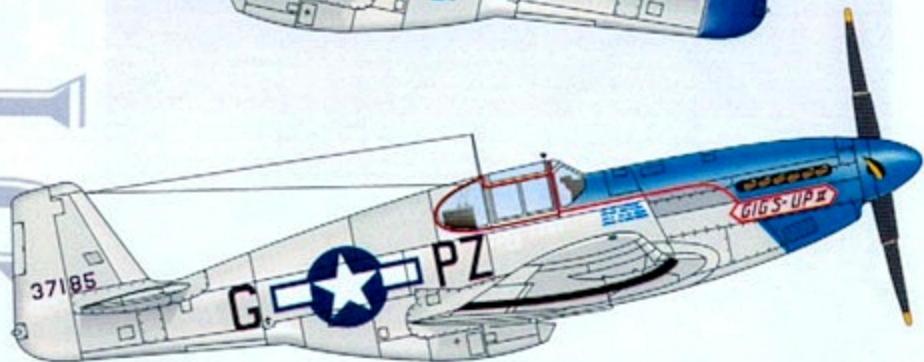
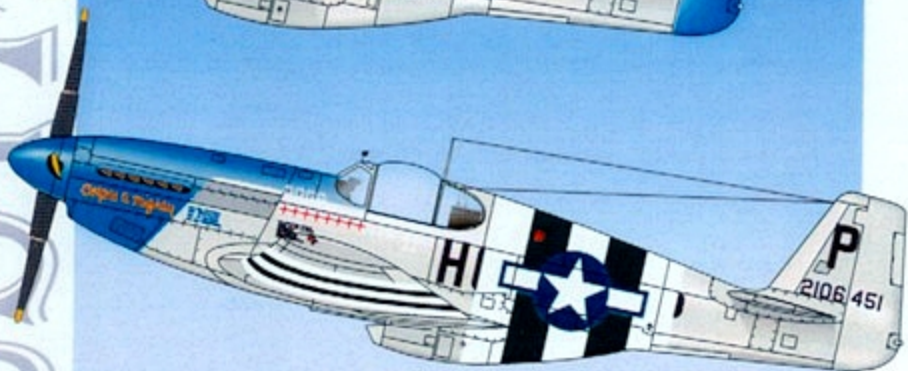
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BLUE NOSE

BIRDS OF *Bodney*

IN PROFILE

PART 5 OF 6



SUGGESTED KIT: TAMIYA 1/48 P-51 FAMILY



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IN PROFILE — PART 5

A/C Type P-51B-10, s/n 43-7185.
Pilot & Unit Edward "Pappy" Gignac, "B" flight leader, 328 F.S.

Locale & Date U.K., prior and after D-Day, June 6, 1944.

Camouflage & Markings Natural Metal finish with Med Blue nose. Name on N.M. panel, edged in Red. Red border goes up and around canopy and wind screens. 15" Black ID stripes on horizontal flying surfaces. (top and bottoms). Black mirror. This A/C can also be depicted in full D-Day battle dress. Codes would have to be chopped off as 'Cripes A Mighty' (A/C 3). A very colorful and challenging paint job! Notice the unshrouded exhausts. Fuselage insignias may have been grayed out at some time.

A/C Type P-51D-10, s/n 44-14397.

Pilot & Unit F/O. Cyril B. Doleac.

Locale & Date U.K., 1944.

Camouflage & Markings Natural Metal finish with Med Blue nose and rudder. Names on the left side only. No Black ID stripes on this A/C. Notice the shrouded exhausts. No rear view mirror.

A/C Type P-51B-10, s/n 42-106451.

Pilot & Unit Maj. George E. Proddy, 487 F.S.

Locale & Date U.K. June 6, 1944.

Camouflage & Markings Natural Metal with Med. Blue nose. Black ID bands on tail horizontal surfaces. Twin Black mirrors. Full D-Day invasion stripes. Notice the shrouded exhausts.

A/C Type P-51D-15, s/n 44-15513.

Pilot & Unit Lt. Karl Waldron, 487 F.S.

Locale & Date U.K., 1944/45.

Camouflage & Markings Natural Metal with Dk. Blue nose and rudder. No external mirrors. Black aiming tape applied. No Black ID bands around wing or tails. Notice the shrouded exhausts.

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.

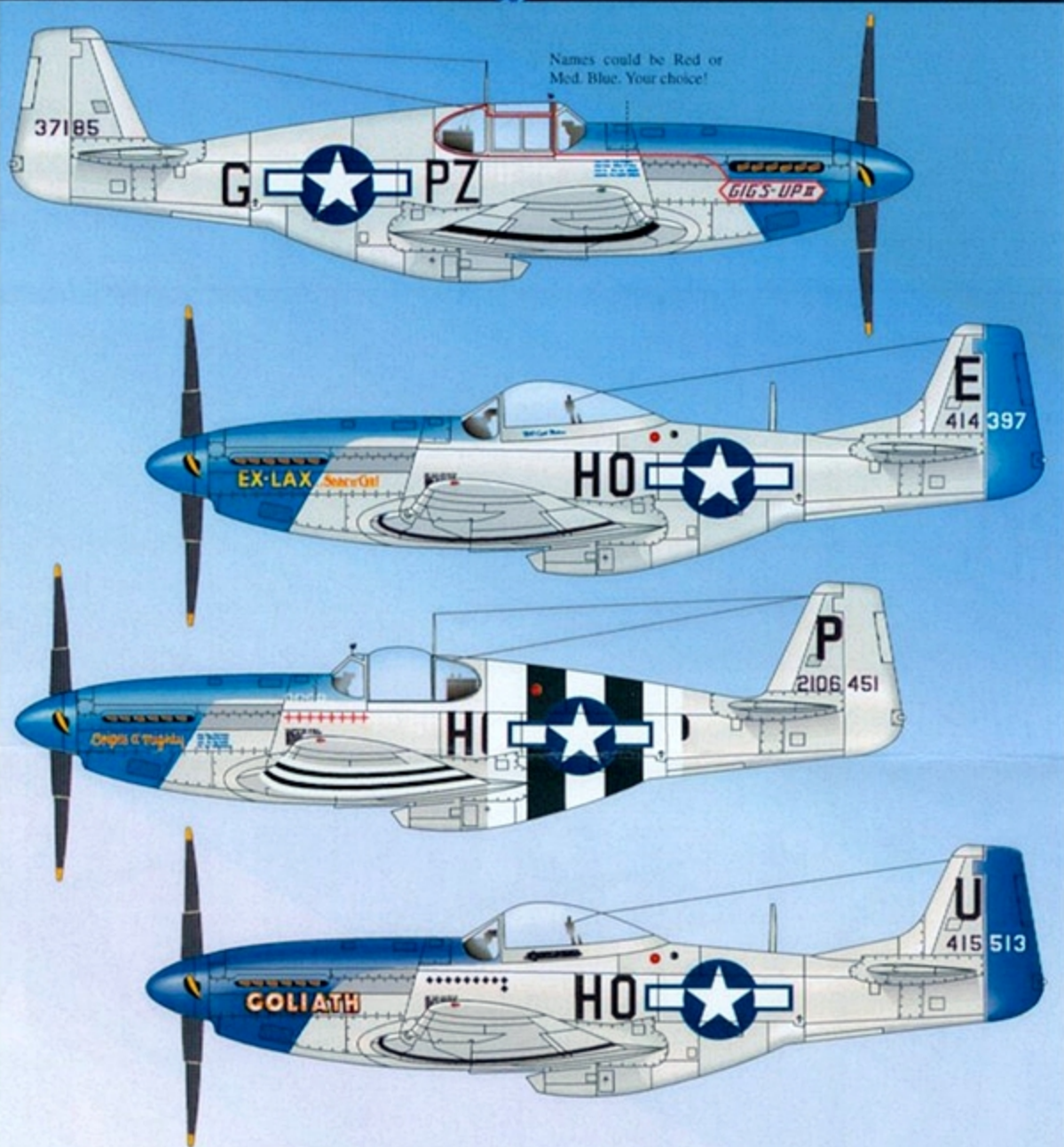
Based at Bodney, Norfolk, UK in 1944, it had some of the best nose art artists of any airforce during W.W.II, as this series of decals will prove. Most of their A/C (never say all) were characterized by a Blue Nose, and according to our contributors, three very specific shades were used.

The dark shade matches German Imperial Infantry Blue (floquil's 303080) 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) 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.

Crew chief Art "Snoots" Snyder who was also the squadron barber, was one of their most talented artists, 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

