

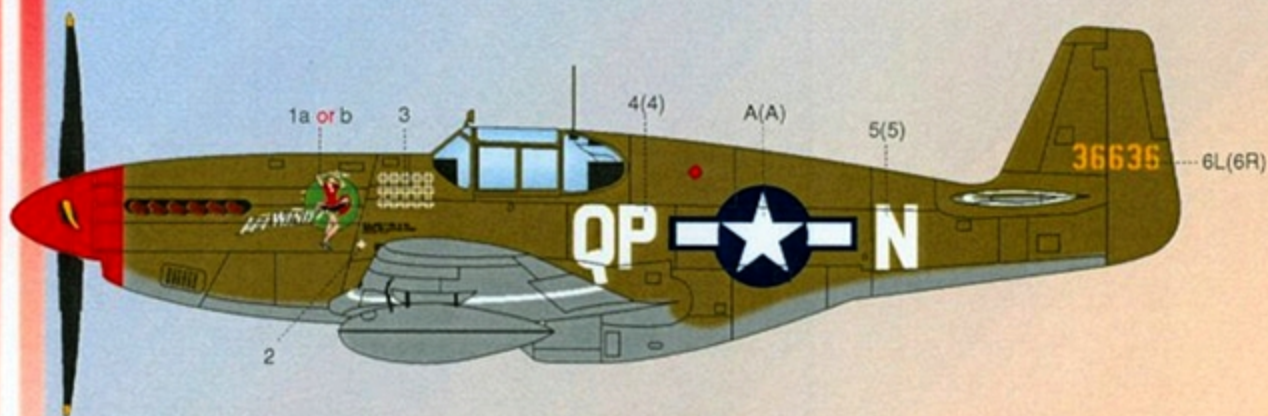
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Debden Ponies PART I
P51B 4th FG



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1. *P-51B-5-NA 43-6636 Ill Wind?* flown by Capt Nicholas "Cowboy" Megura, 334th FS in April, 1944. Olive Drab 41 upper surfaces with Neutral Gray 43 lower surfaces. Red spinner and nose band, white ETO ID bands on wings and horizontal tails. Fifteen crosses forward of the windscreen. Megura force landed P-51B QP•F in Sweden on 22 May 1944 after sustaining severe battle damage. The nose art on *Ill Wind?* and all the 334th FS aircraft on this sheet was by Sgt. Don Allen. Codes on the right side read N•QP. Note the Spitfire style rear view mirror. We have B/W pictures of ILL WIND. We cannot define with certainty the color of the disc behind the Lady. It may be Yellow or Lt. Green. Our choice is the last one. You decide.

2. *P-51B-10-NA 42-106686 Ann III* of Capt Joseph H. Bennett, 336th FS, in May, 1944. Natural Metal Finish overall with Dark Olive Drab antiglare panel. Red spinner and nose band, black ETO ID bands on all wing and tail surfaces. Eight black crosses on the nose. Codes on the right side read T•VF. Bennett was shot down in a dogfight while flying P-51B 43-6572 on 25 May and spent the rest of the war as a POW. The crew chief of *Ann III* was SSgt John Ferra who had been Capt Don Gentile's crew chief on VF•T *Shangri-La*. Use tail stripes from kit decal.

3. *P-51B-5-NA 43-6957 Turnip Termite* flown by Lt Don Malmsten of the 336th FS in May, 1944. Olive Drab 41 upper surfaces with Neutral Gray 43 lower surfaces. Red spinner and nose band. White ETO ID bands carried on wings only. *Turnip Termite* carried Sgt Don Allen's rendition of the Al Capp cartoon creature. Codes on the right side read M•QP. Note the unshrouded exhausts and the Spitfire style rear view mirror.

