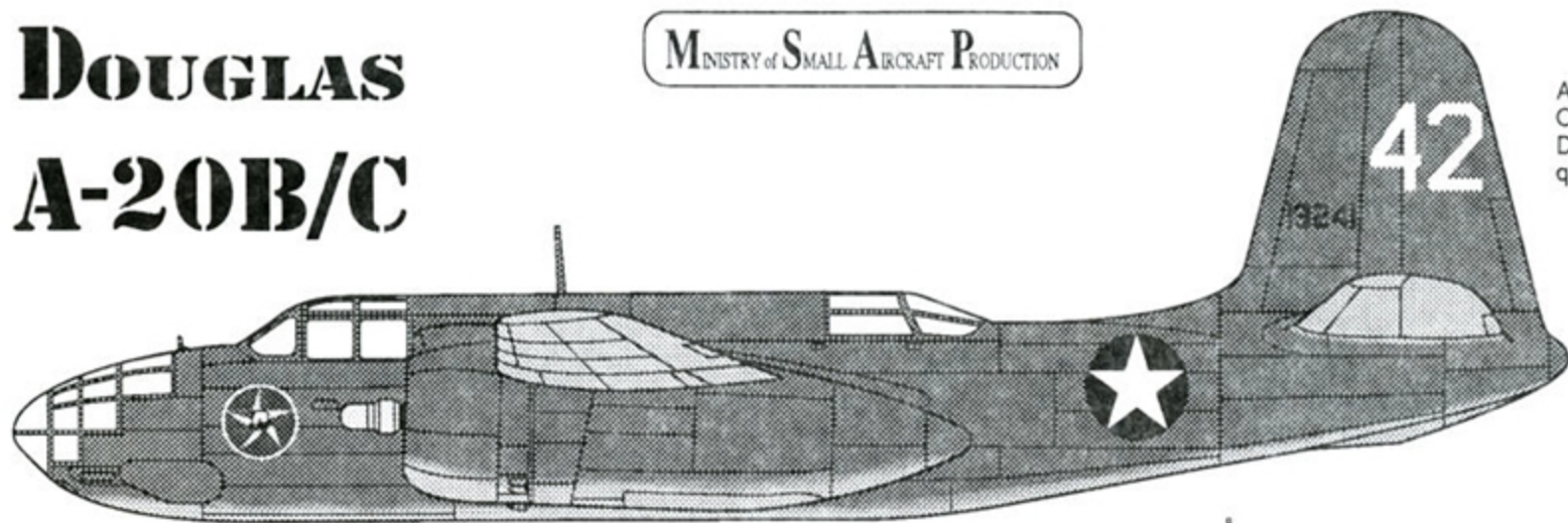


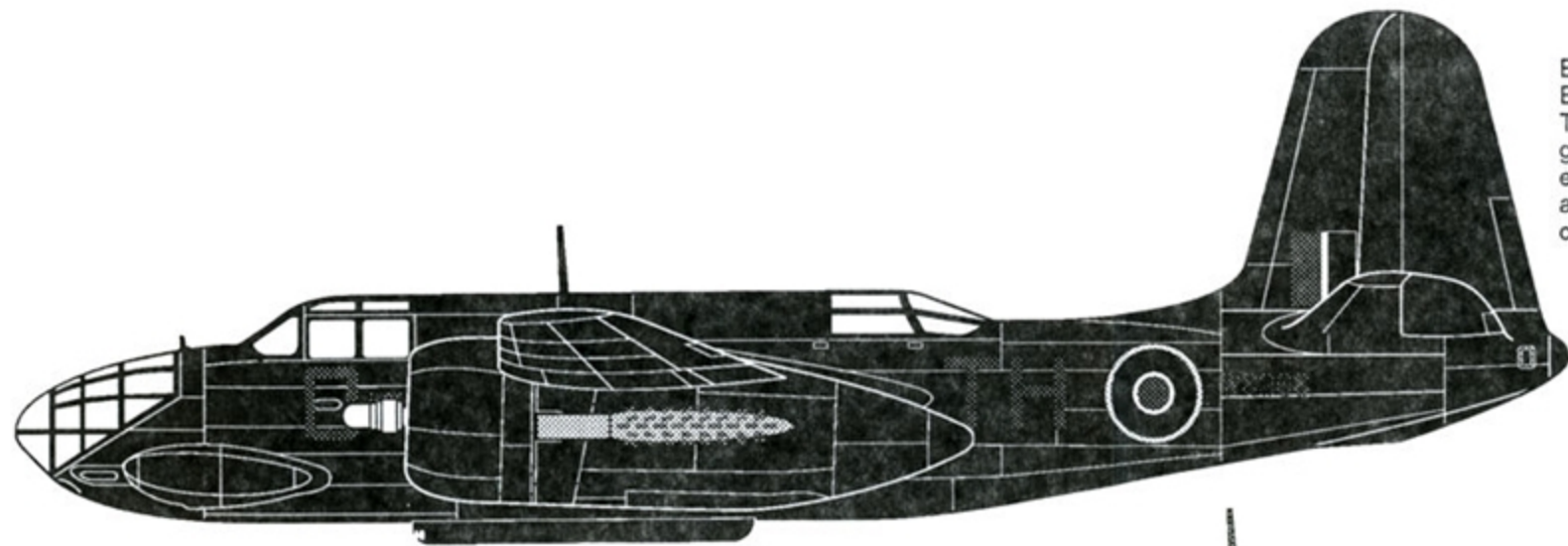
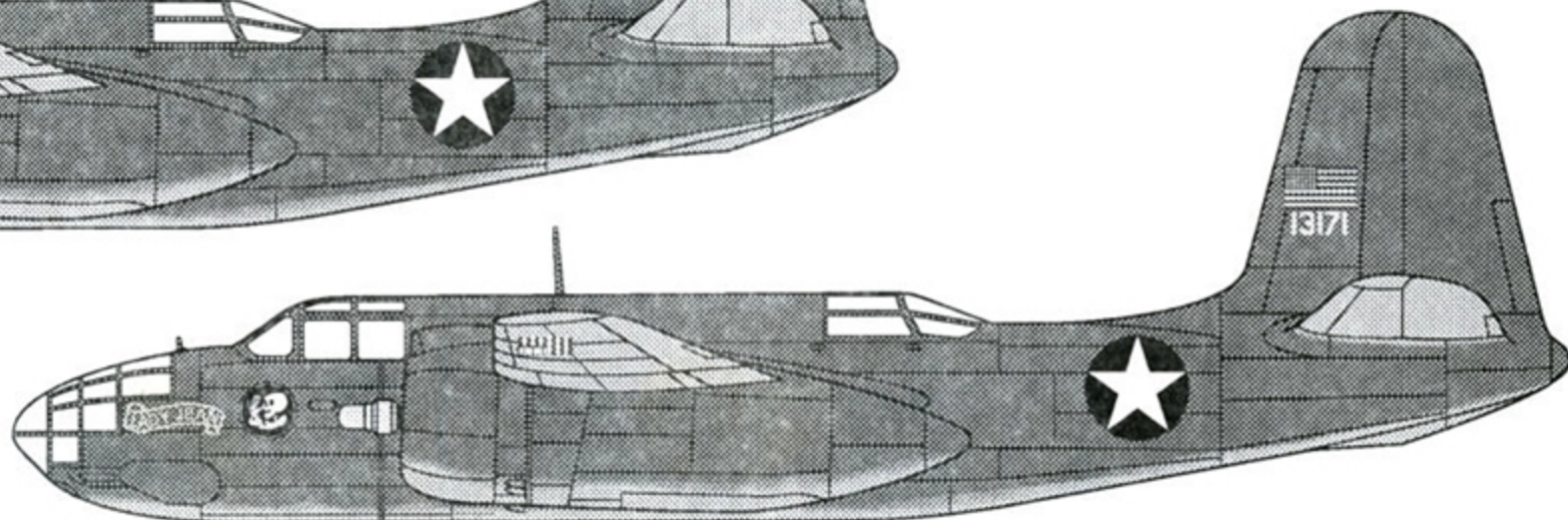
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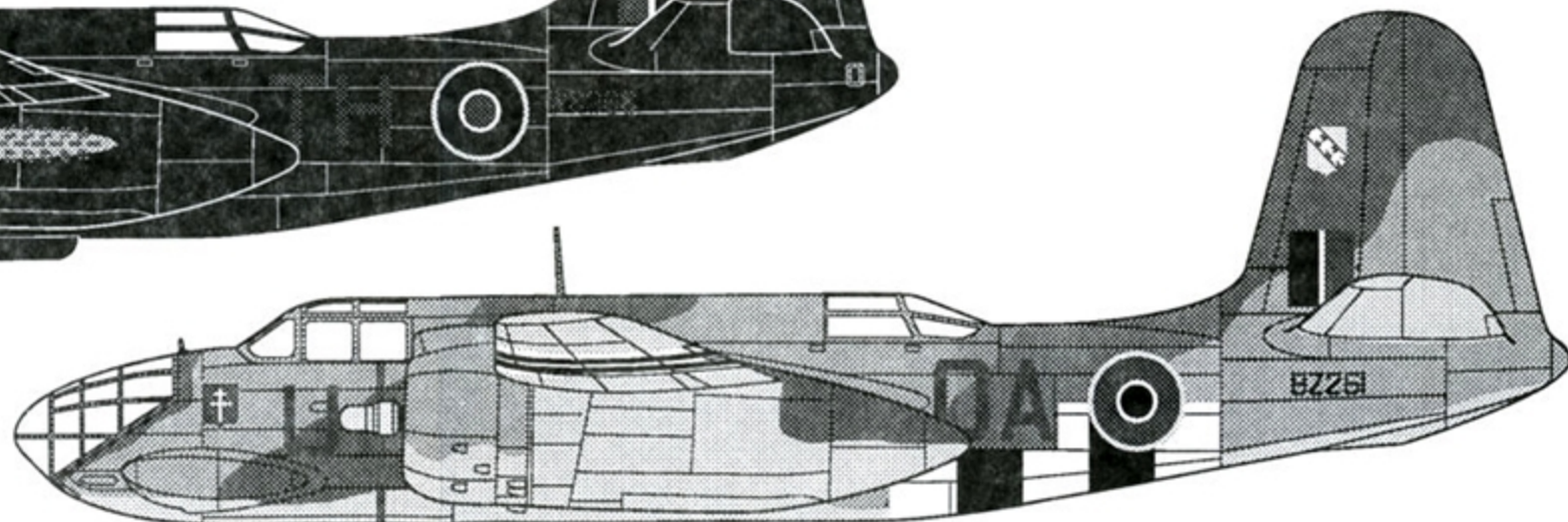
A-20B, 13241, of the 111th Observation Squadron, 68th Observation Group, Tunisia, early 1943. Aircraft is Olive Drab with Neutral Grey undersurfaces, and the finish is quite worn and weathered.

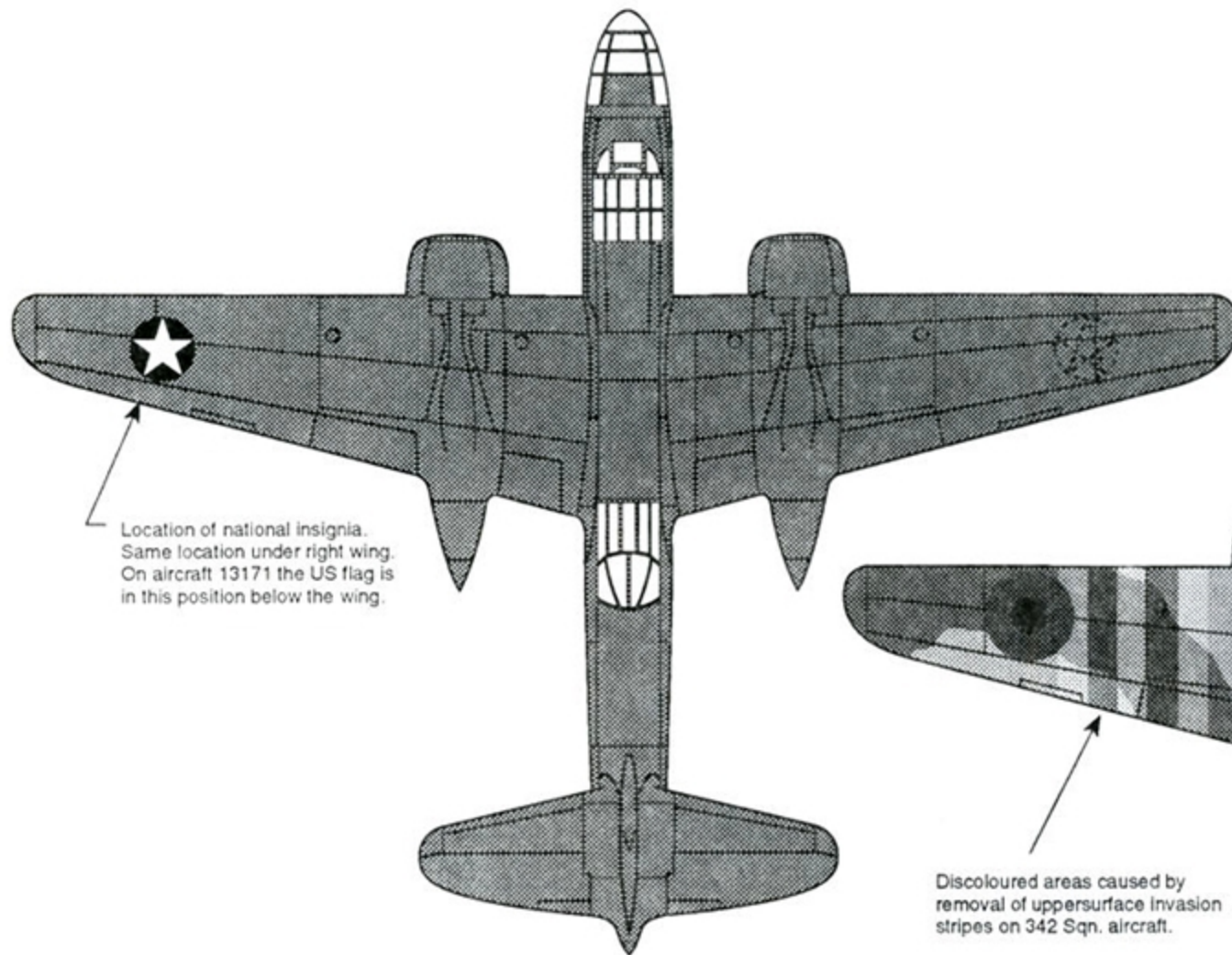
A-20B of the 47th BG, Algeria, December 1942. Aircraft is in weathered Olive Drab and Neutral Grey. US flag markings are carried on the fin and under the left wing.



Boston III W8268 'O for Ottawa', of 418 (Intruder) Sqn., RCAF, England, early 1942. This aircraft is an overall Night (black). The aircraft is fitted with flame-dampening exhausts and ventral gun pack. The Night finish is quite worn and weathered, especially on the lower half of the fuselage and nacelles around and aft of the exhausts. Note the small 'O' at the extreme rear of the fuselage.

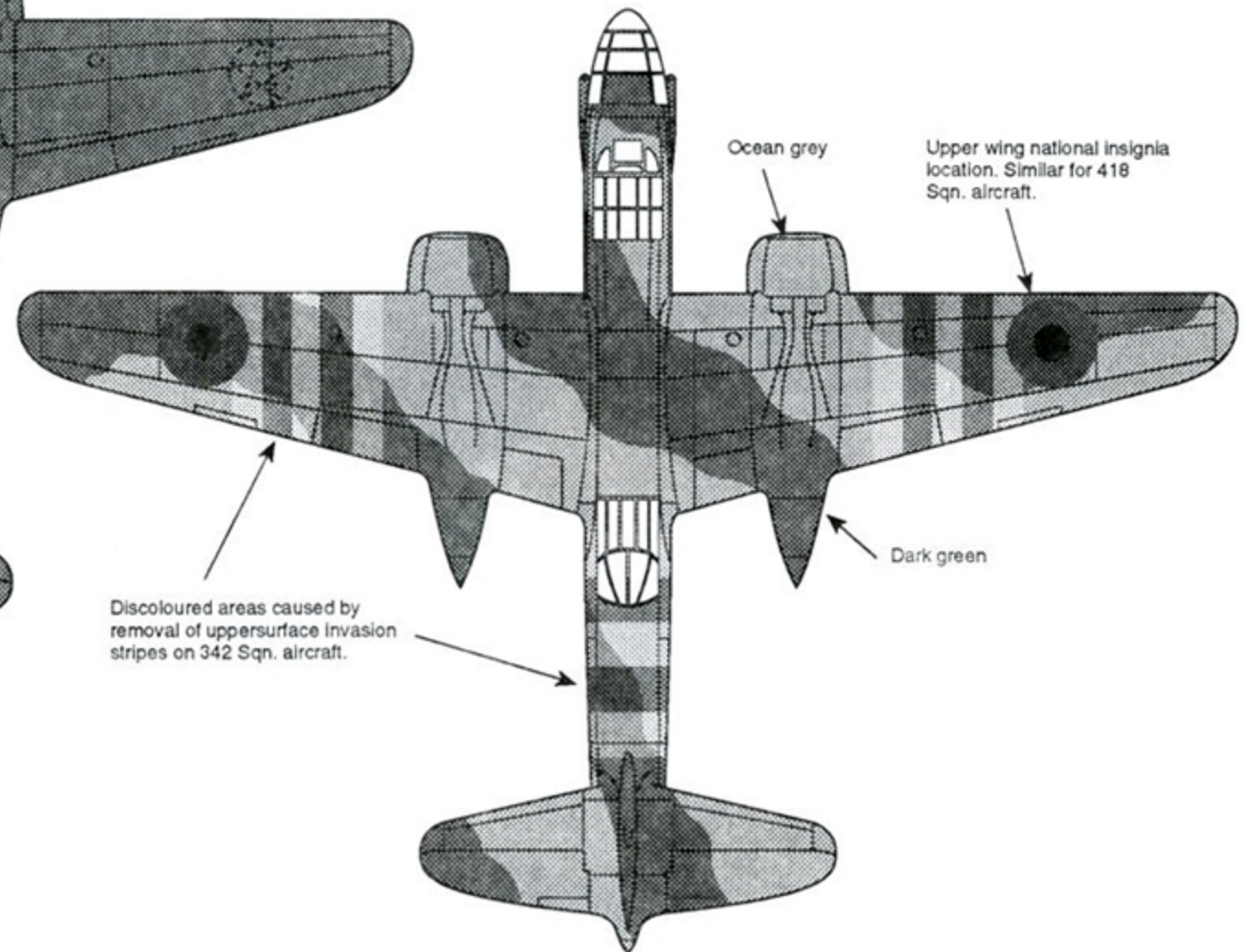
Boston IIIA of 342 'Lorraine' Sqn., Hartford Bridge, UK, June 1944. Aircraft is finished in Dark Green and Ocean Grey with Medium Sea Grey undersurfaces. The Invasion stripes have been removed from the upper surfaces of wings and fuselage, and these areas are noticeably discoloured. Free French Cross of Lorraine carried on the nose, and the arms of Lorraine on the fin.





BASIC FINISH

Standard finish for the A-20B/C was Olive Drab 41 (approx. FS 34087) on upper surfaces, and Neutral Grey (approx FS 36173) on the undersurfaces. Clean, fresh A-20s are a rare sight. All seem to be worn and weathered to some extent, those in the North African and Southern Pacific theaters especially so. RAF/RCAF aircraft sported a number of finishes. Intruders were usually overall Special Night, a matte black finish which weathered and scuffed wear easily.



REFERENCES

References recommended for building, detailing and finishing these A-20s include the following:

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- 2 - A-20 Havoc in Action, Aircraft No. 144
- 3 - Samolot bombowy Boston (Havoc), TBU #108
- 4 - Wings, vol.6, No.3
- 5 - Airpower, vol.6, No.4
- 6 - Plastic Kits Revue, various issues
- 7 - Aircraft Profile # 202
- 8 - Air Enthusiast #36
- 9 - Air Force Colors Vol. 2, by Dana Bell

KITS

The only injection moulded 1/48 A-20B or C is the example from AMT/Ertl. An older vacuform kit by Koster is also very good, and in addition comes with a wealth of resin, metal, and photo-etched detail parts. For the simple conversion to the Boston III or IIIA refer to the various references, especially the A-20 Havoc In Action book.

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