

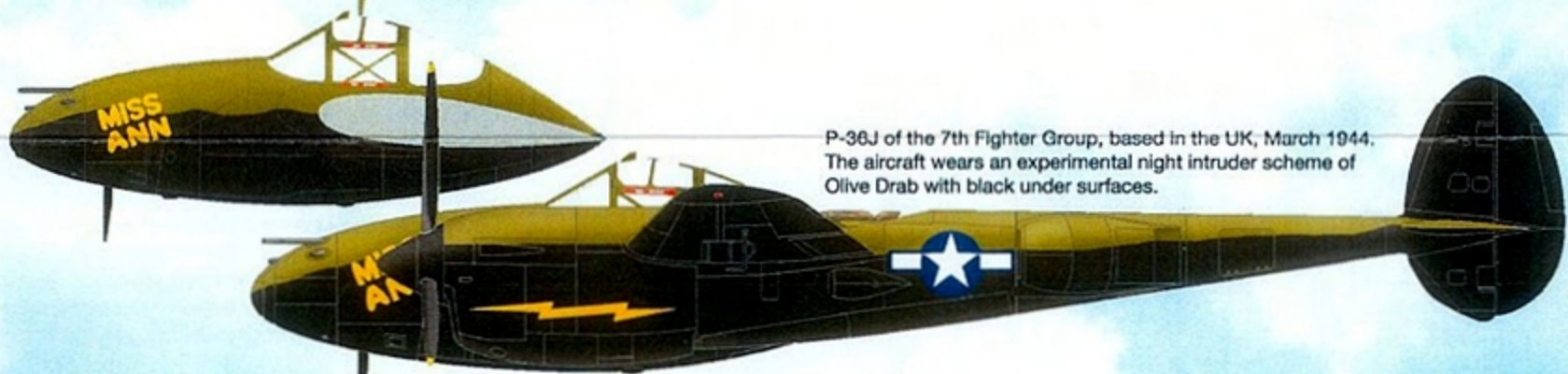
P-38J/L *Lightning*



P-36J flown by Lt. Ken Ladd, 80th FS, 8th FG, New Guinea, late 1944. Overall natural metal with OD anti-glare areas. Spinners are white & black. Fin trim is black (both sides). Green & white wing bands.



P-36J flown by Col. Howard Rau, 79th FS, 20th FG, June 1944. Aircraft is Olive Drab and Neutral Grey, with black & white 'invasion' stripes around the fuselage and wings. The nose is natural metal with a white band.



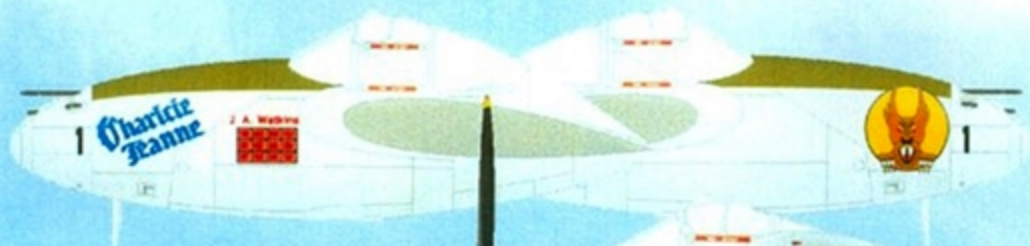
P-36J of the 7th Fighter Group, based in the UK, March 1944. The aircraft wears an experimental night intruder scheme of Olive Drab with black under surfaces.



P-36J flown by Lt. J.C. McHenry, 7th FS, 49th FG, Philippines, Dec. 1944. Natural metal with OD anti-glare areas. Spinners and nose are medium blue & white. Fin trim is medium blue (both sides).



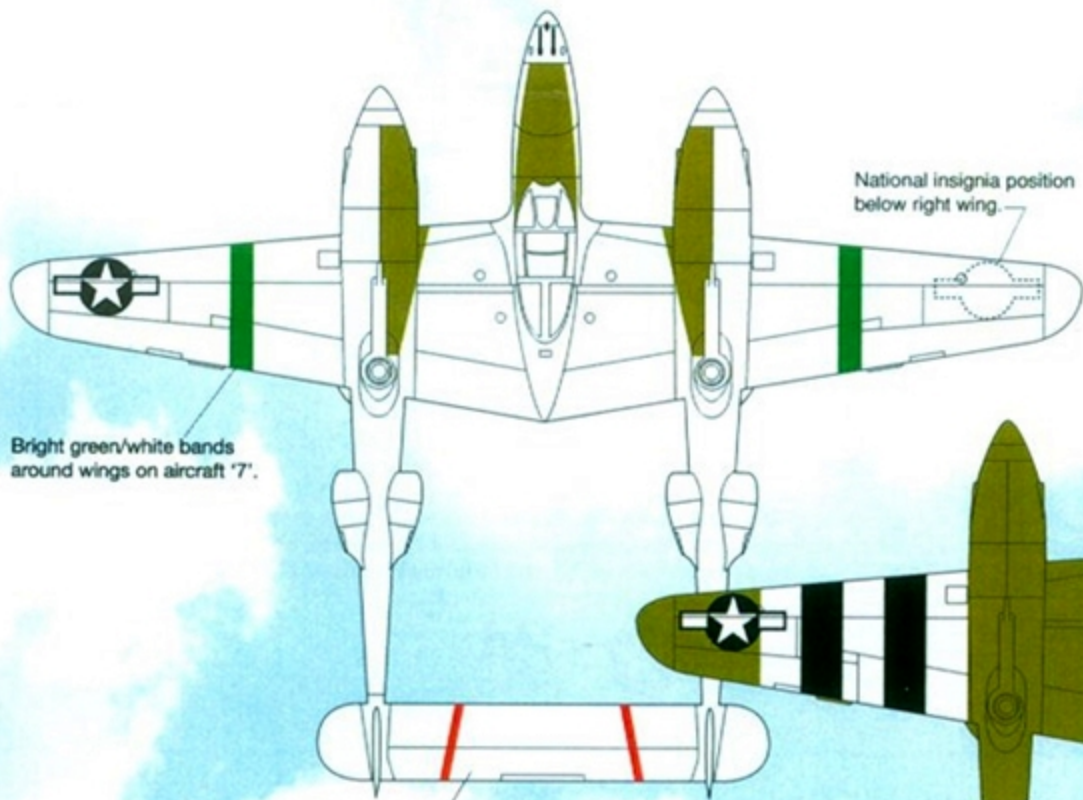
P-36J flown by James Morris, 7th FS, 20th FG, Kingscliffe, UK, spring 1944. Aircraft is Olive Drab and Neutral Grey. A white "E" is carried on the inside of the vertical fins.



P-36L flown by Maj. J.A. Watkins, 7th FS, 49th FG, New Guinea, late 1944. Overall natural metal with OD anti-glare areas. Spinners and fin trim are medium blue.



P-36L, 44-25786, was damaged by AA over Austria in April 1945, and put down at Sombor, Yugoslavia. The aircraft was interned and the white stars of the insignia were quickly overpainted red. Natural metal with red-bordered white bands on the fin outsides and the horizontal tailplane.



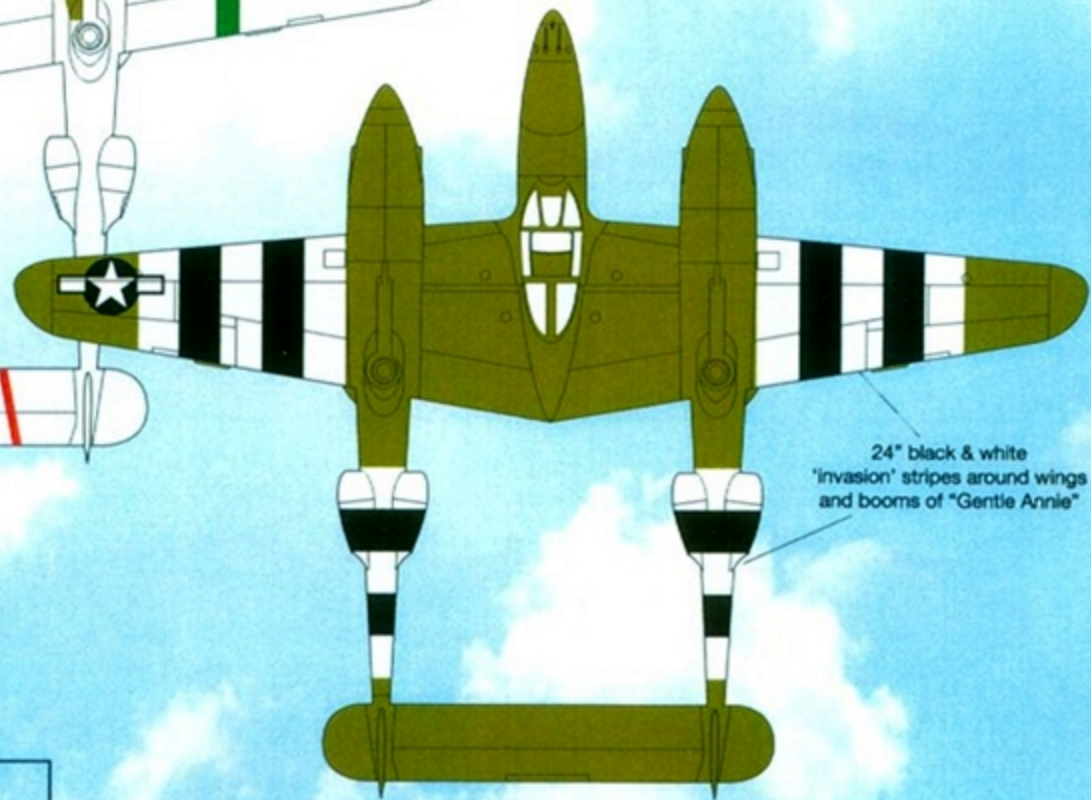
Bright green/white bands around wings on aircraft '7'.

National insignia position below right wing.

Red & white band as on horizontal tail of 44-25786.

COLOUR NOTE

P-38s generally left the factory in either Dark Olive Drab with Neutral Grey under surfaces or, later, overall natural metal. On the natural metal aircraft, Olive Drab anti-glare panels were carried on the nose in front of the cockpit, and on the top insides of both nacelles. There was a small oval-shaped area left unpainted and highly polished on the inner face of the nacelles to serve as a visual undercarriage position aid.



24" black & white 'invasion' stripes around wings and booms of "Gentle Annie"