

Cooper's Snooper was a P-61B of the 548th NFS based on Iwo Jima during 1945. The **Snooper** was flown by LT George Cooper.

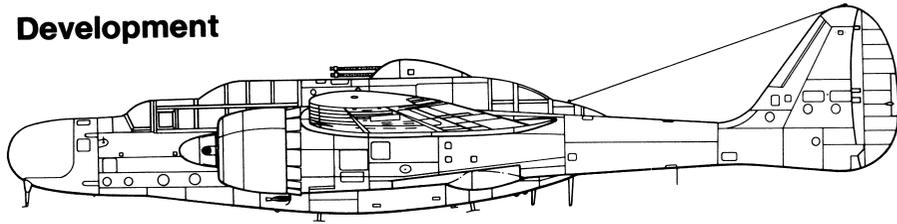
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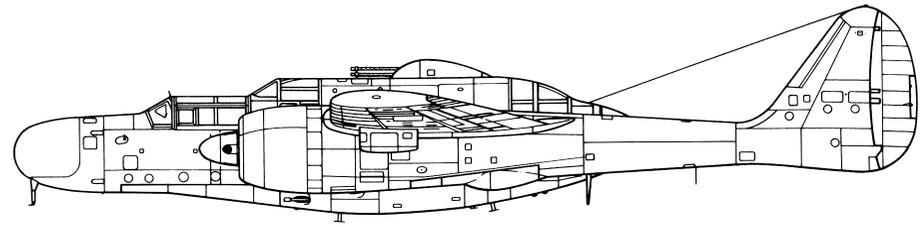
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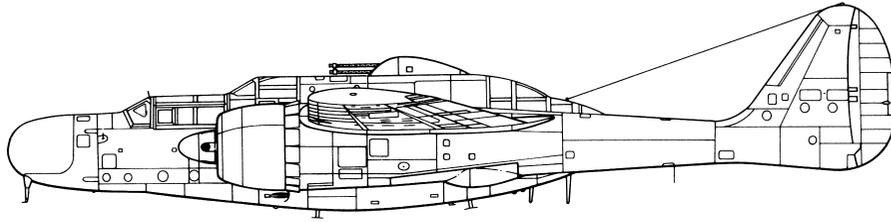
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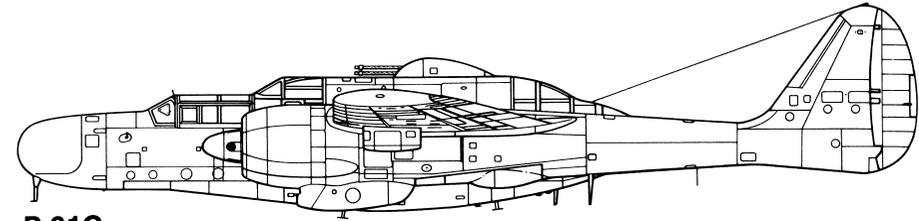
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YP-61**



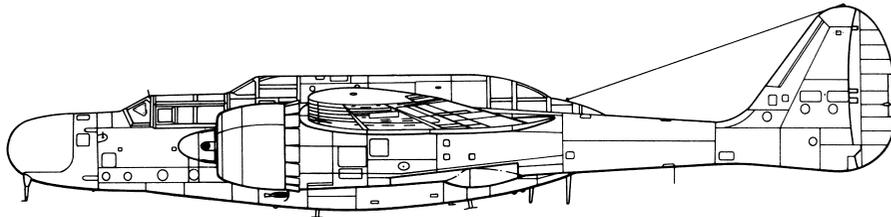
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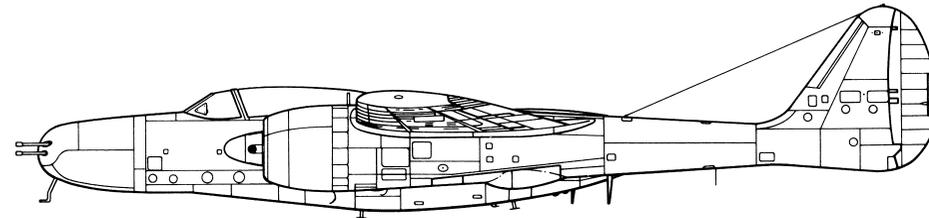
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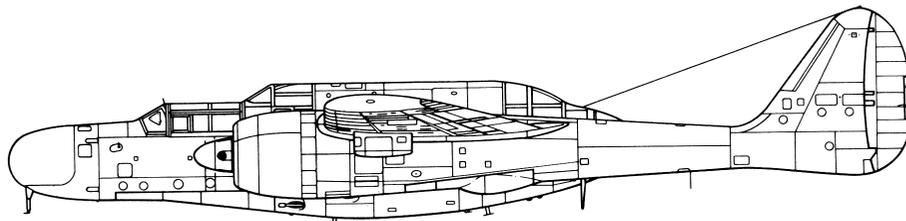
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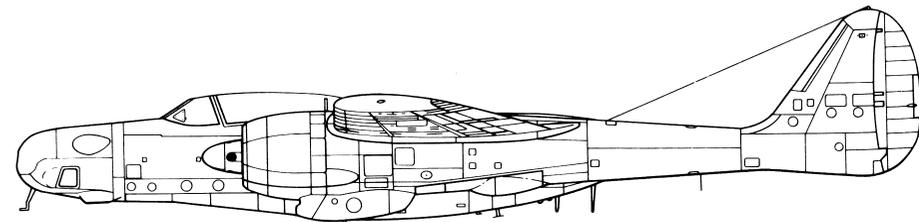
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**XP-61E
(1st Prototype)**



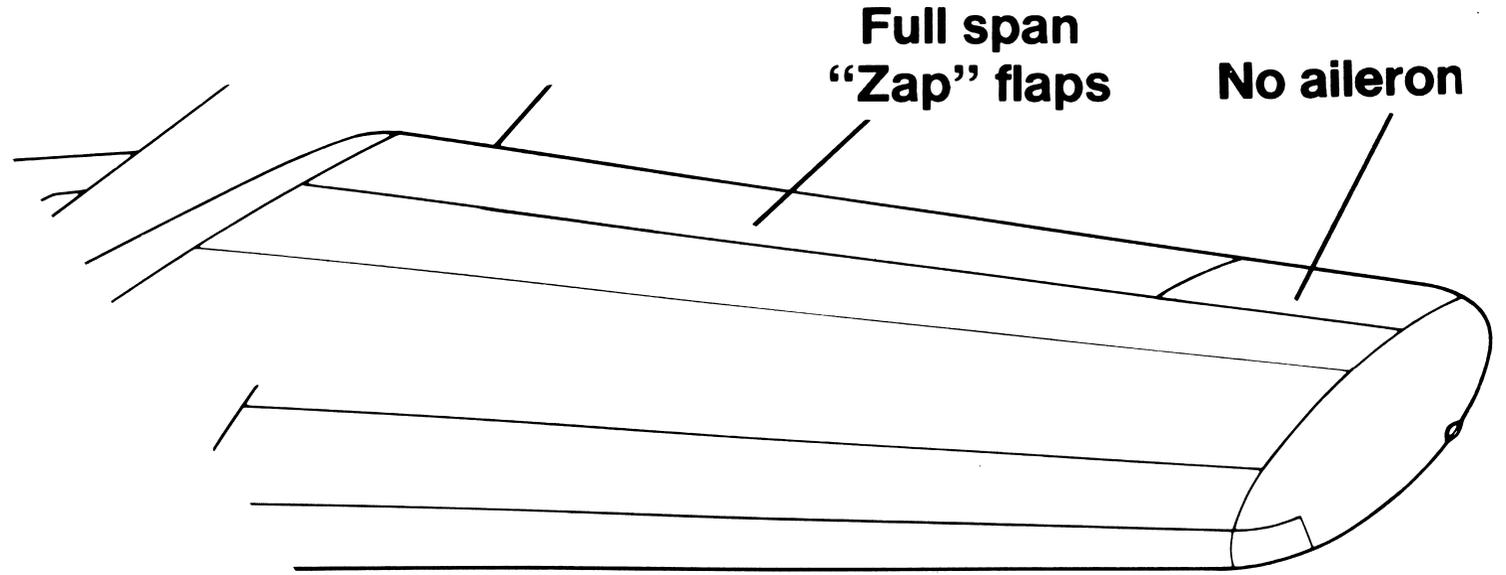
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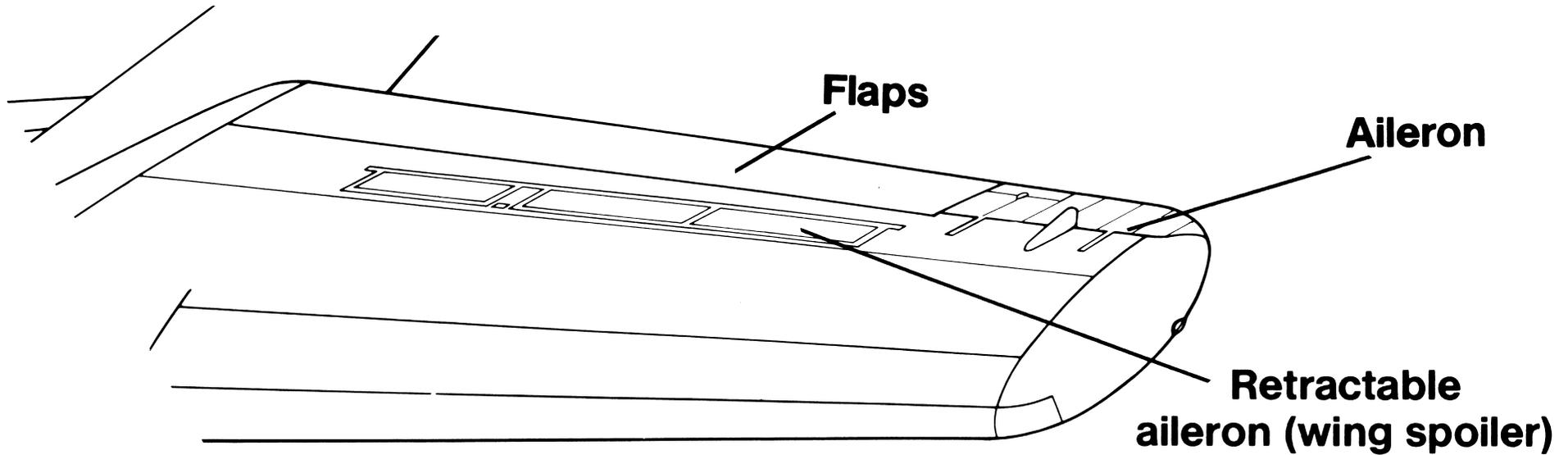
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Wing Flaps

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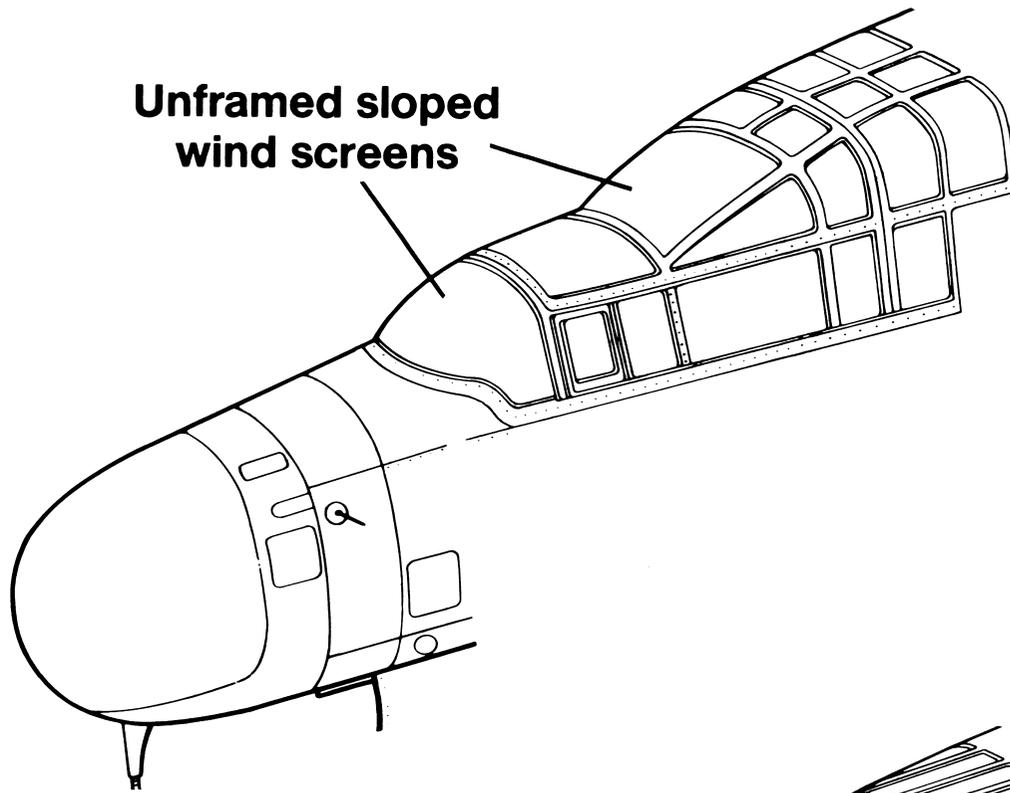
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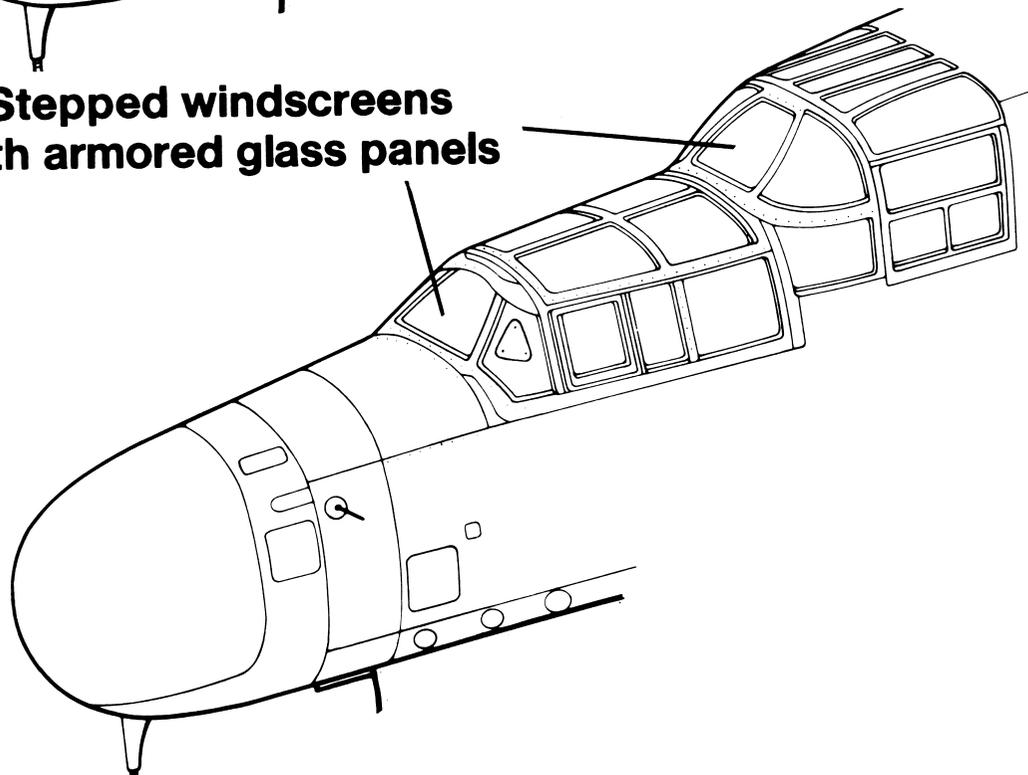
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**Unframed sloped
wind screens**



**Stepped windscreens
with armored glass panels**

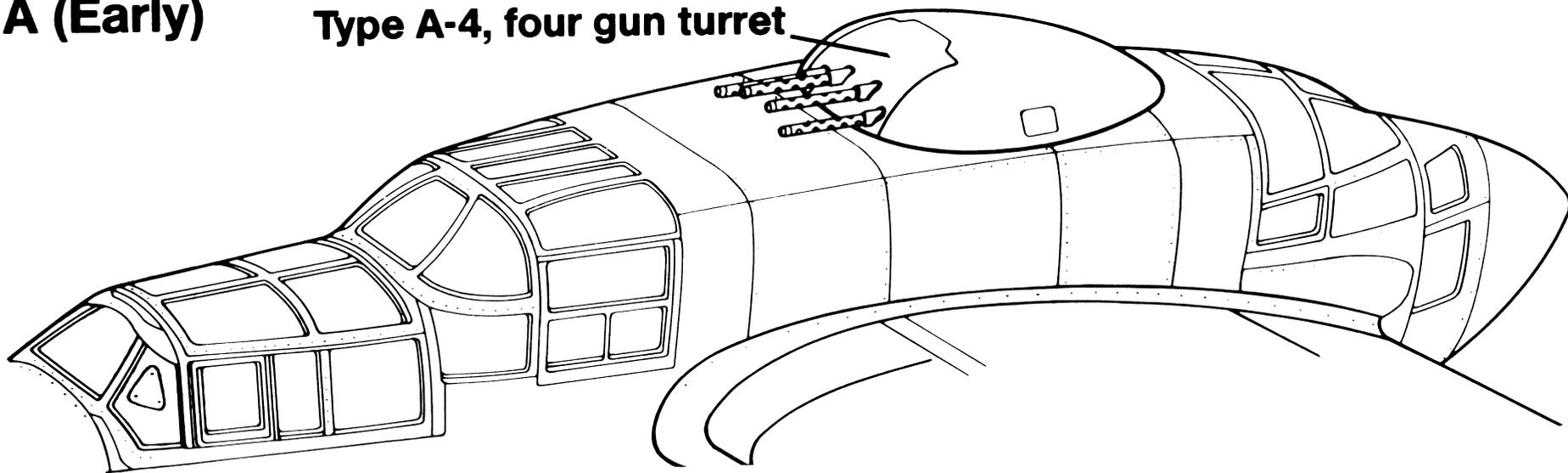
P-61A



Turret Installation

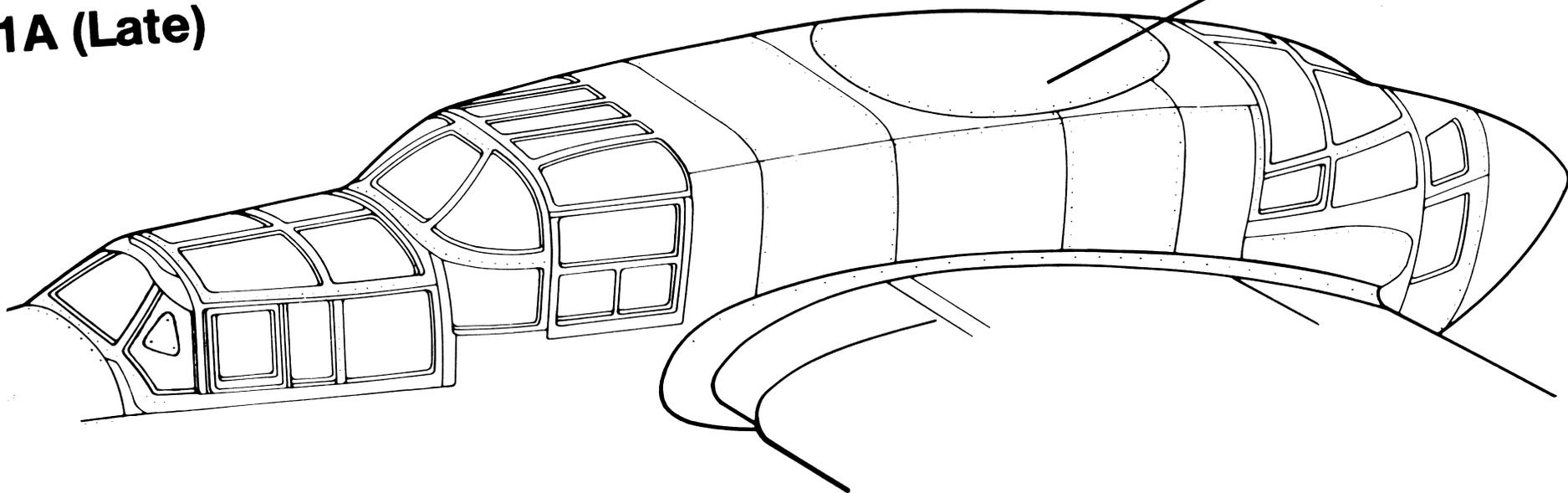
P-61A (Early)

Type A-4, four gun turret

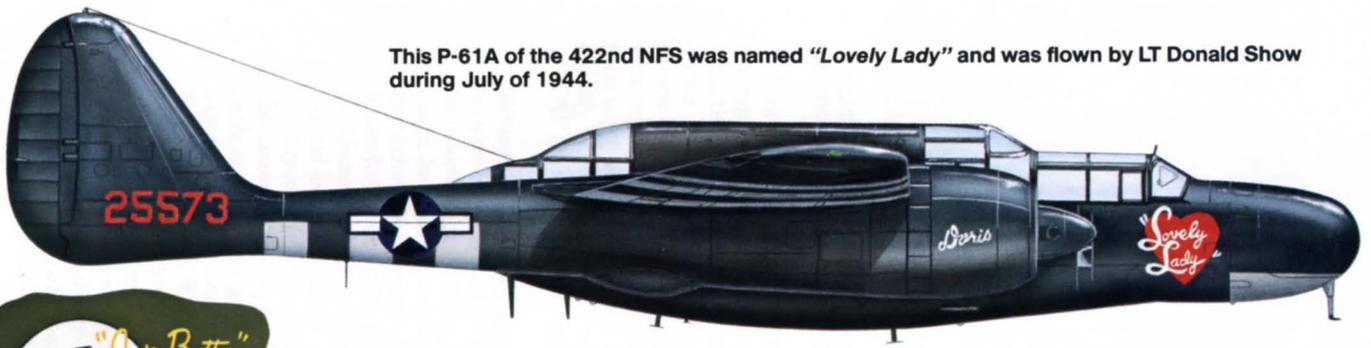


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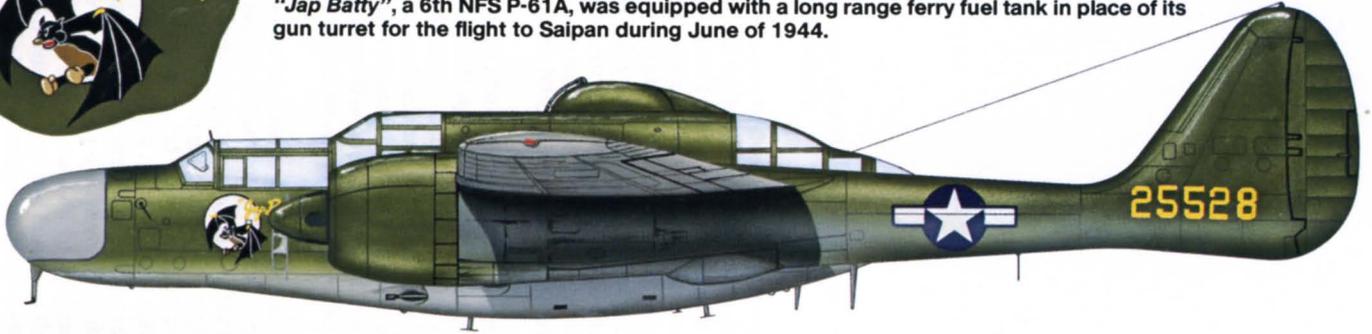
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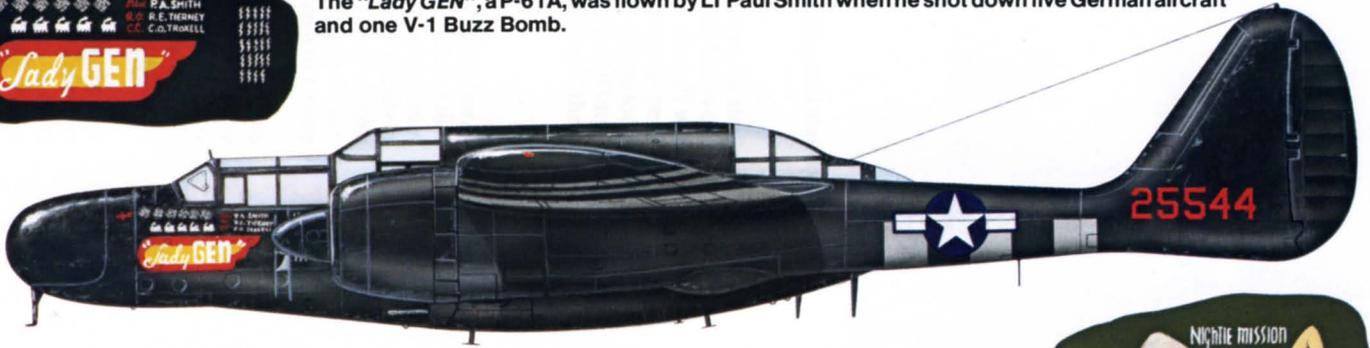
This P-61A of the 422nd NFS was named "Lovely Lady" and was flown by LT Donald Show during July of 1944.



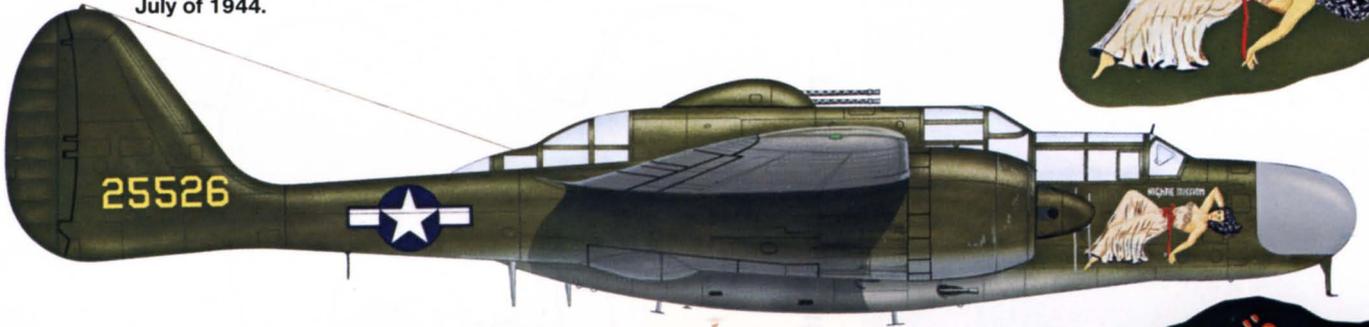
"Jap Batty", a 6th NFS P-61A, was equipped with a long range ferry fuel tank in place of its gun turret for the flight to Saipan during June of 1944.



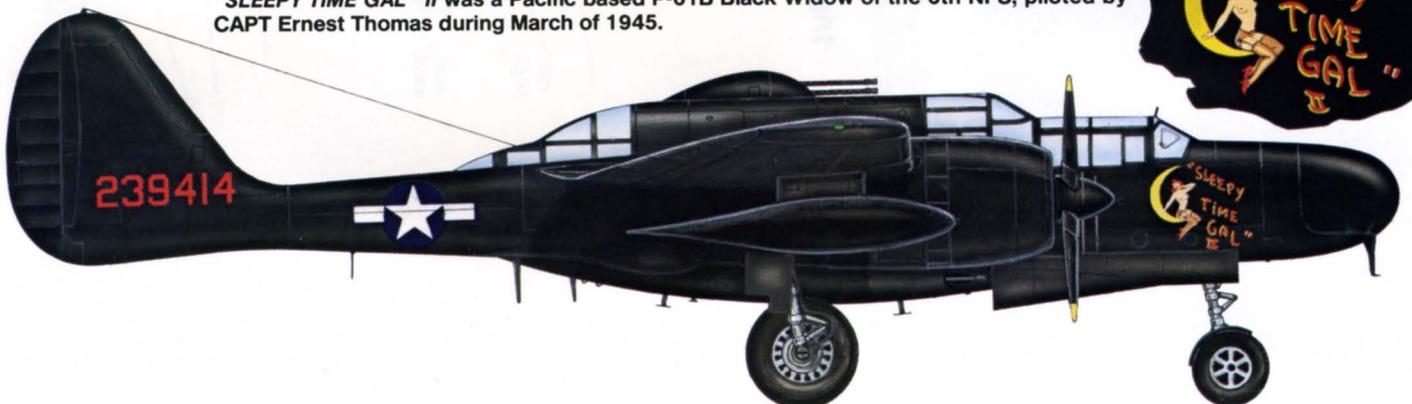
The "Lady GEN", a P-61A, was flown by LT Paul Smith when he shot down five German aircraft and one V-1 Buzz Bomb.



NIGHTIE MISSION, a P-61A of the 6th NFS, was based at Kagman Point Field, Saipan, during July of 1944.

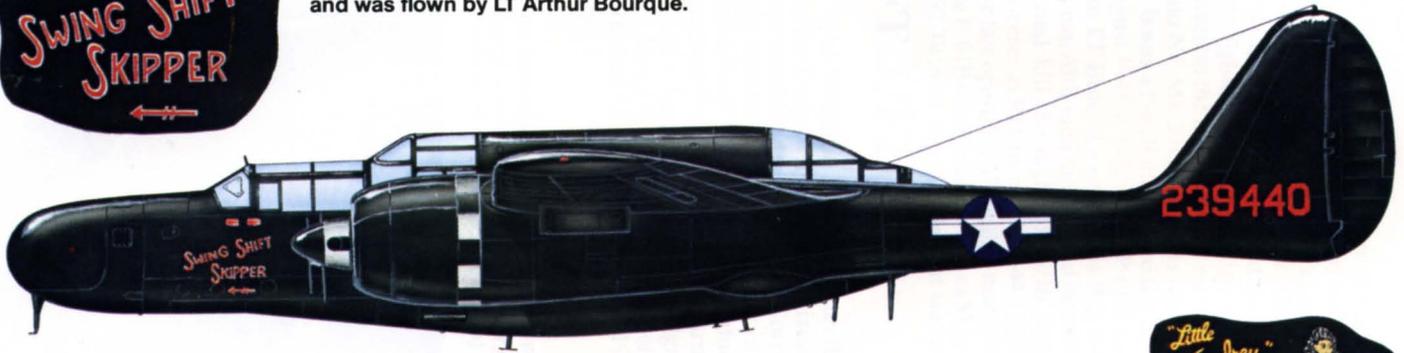


"SLEEPY TIME GAL" II was a Pacific based P-61B Black Widow of the 6th NFS, piloted by CAPT Ernest Thomas during March of 1945.

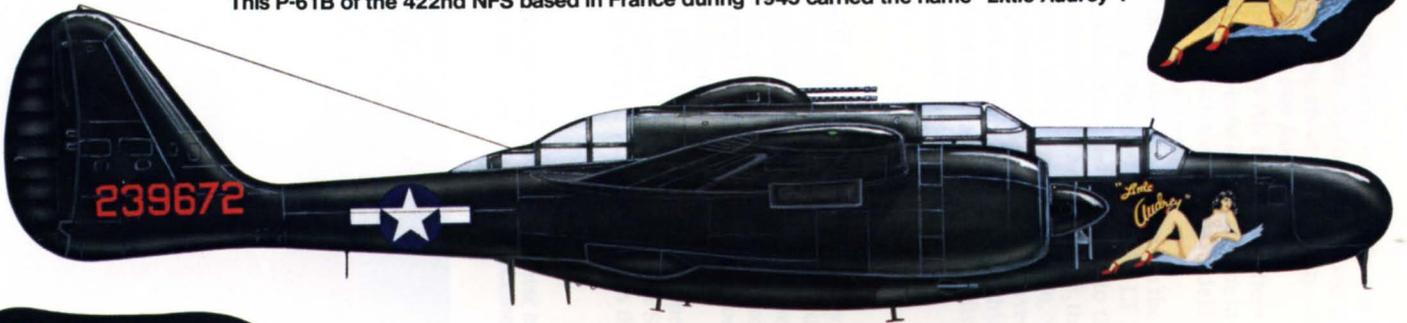




SWING SHIFT SKIPPER, a P-61B of the 547th NFS was based at Lingayen Airstrip, Philippines and was flown by LT Arthur Bourque.

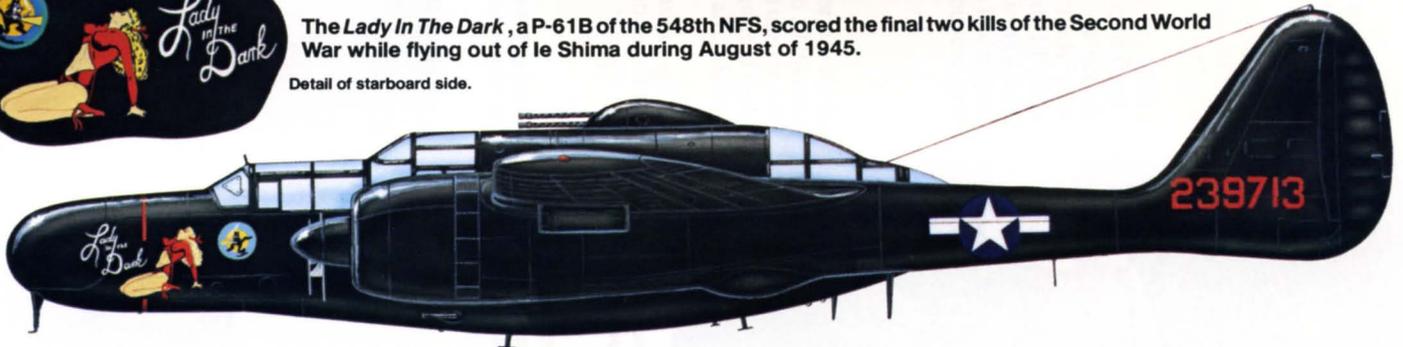


This P-61B of the 422nd NFS based in France during 1945 carried the name "Little Audrey".



The Lady In The Dark, a P-61B of the 548th NFS, scored the final two kills of the Second World War while flying out of Ie Shima during August of 1945.

Detail of starboard side.



GENNY was a P-61B assigned to the 52nd F(AW)G at Mitchell Field, New York during the Spring of 1948.



An F-15A Reporter of the 8th Photo Reconnaissance Squadron at Johnson Air Base, Japan during 1948.



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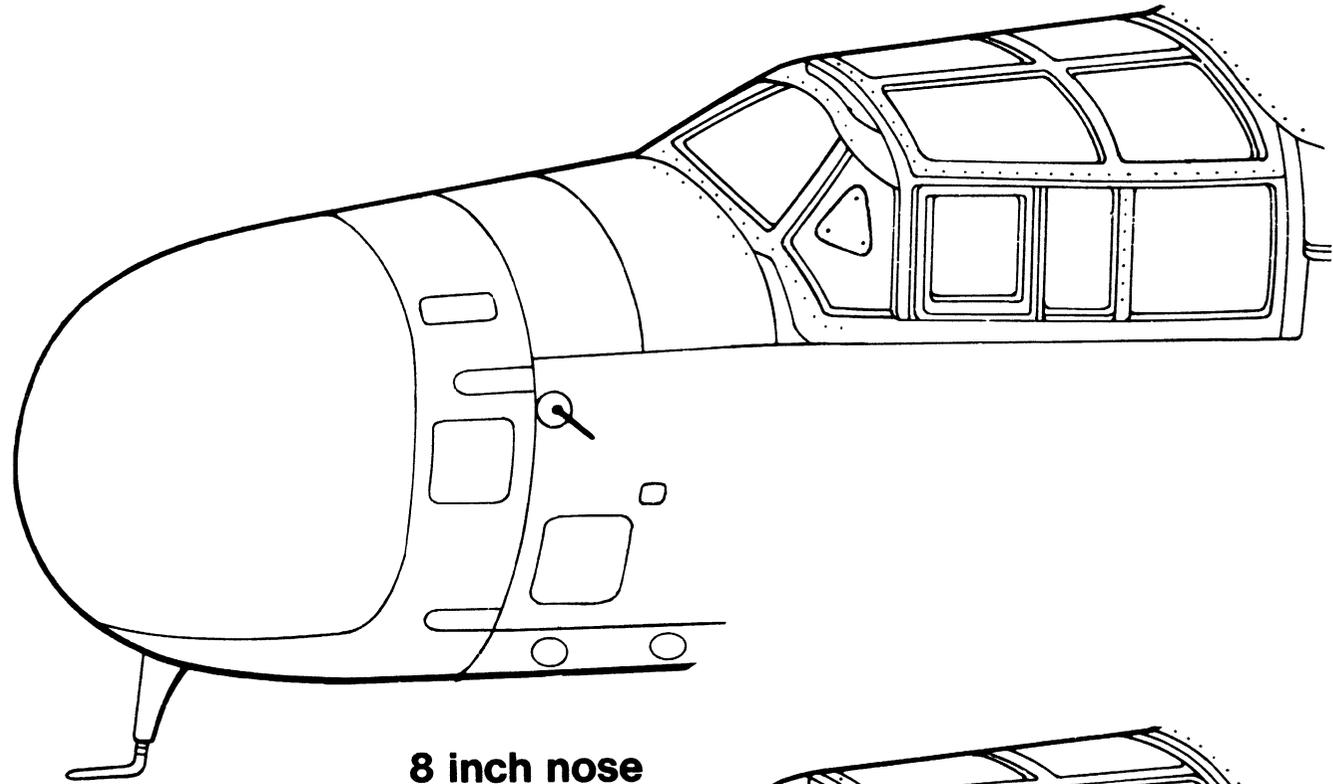
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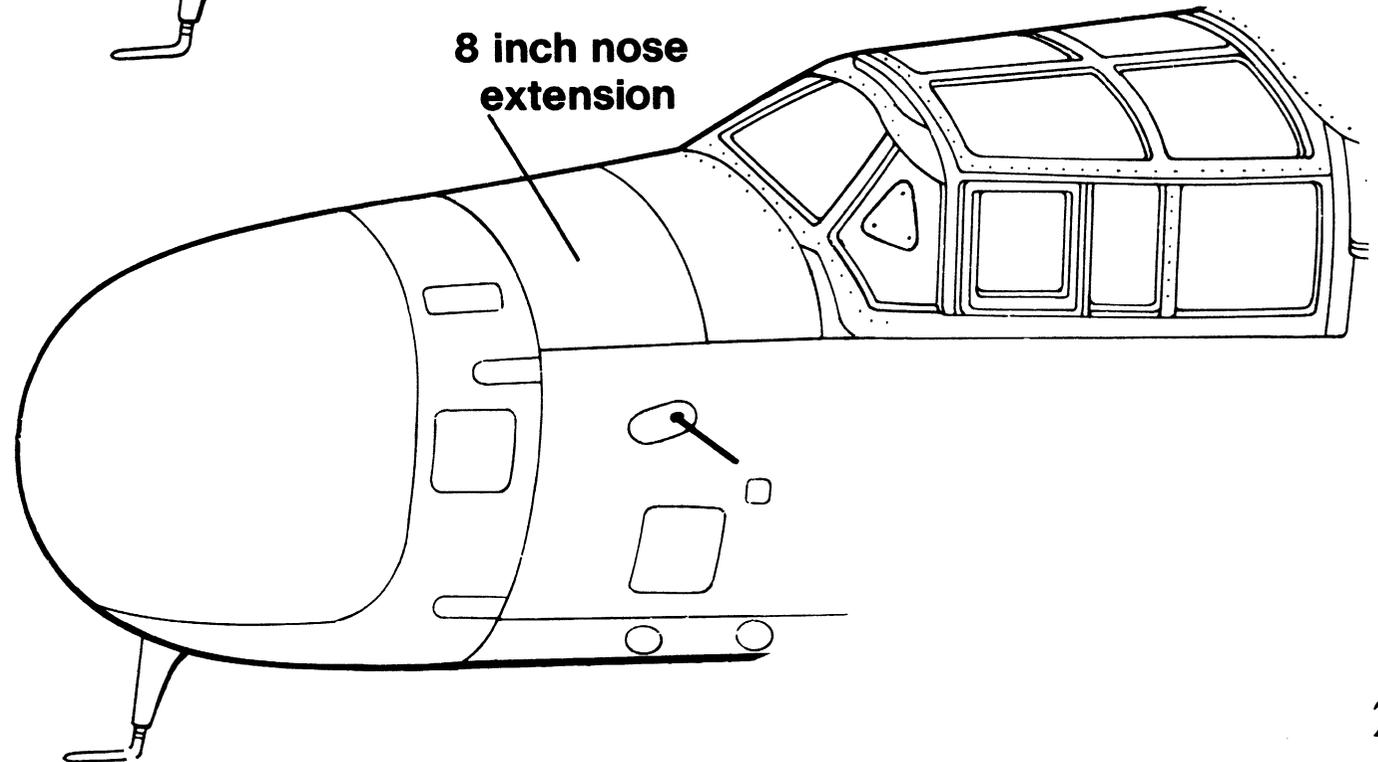
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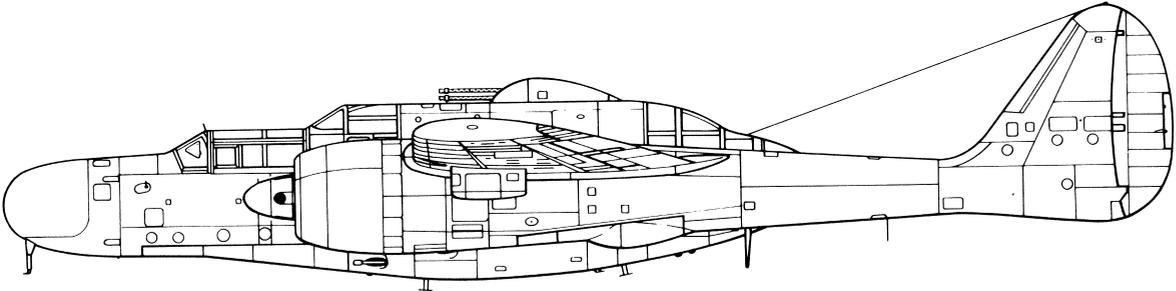
Nose Development

P-61A



P-61B





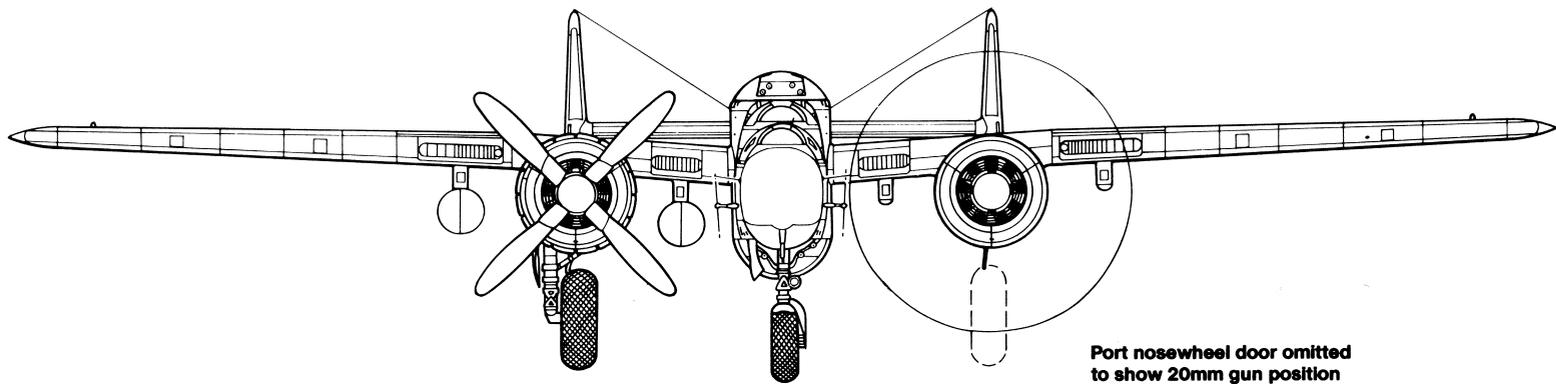
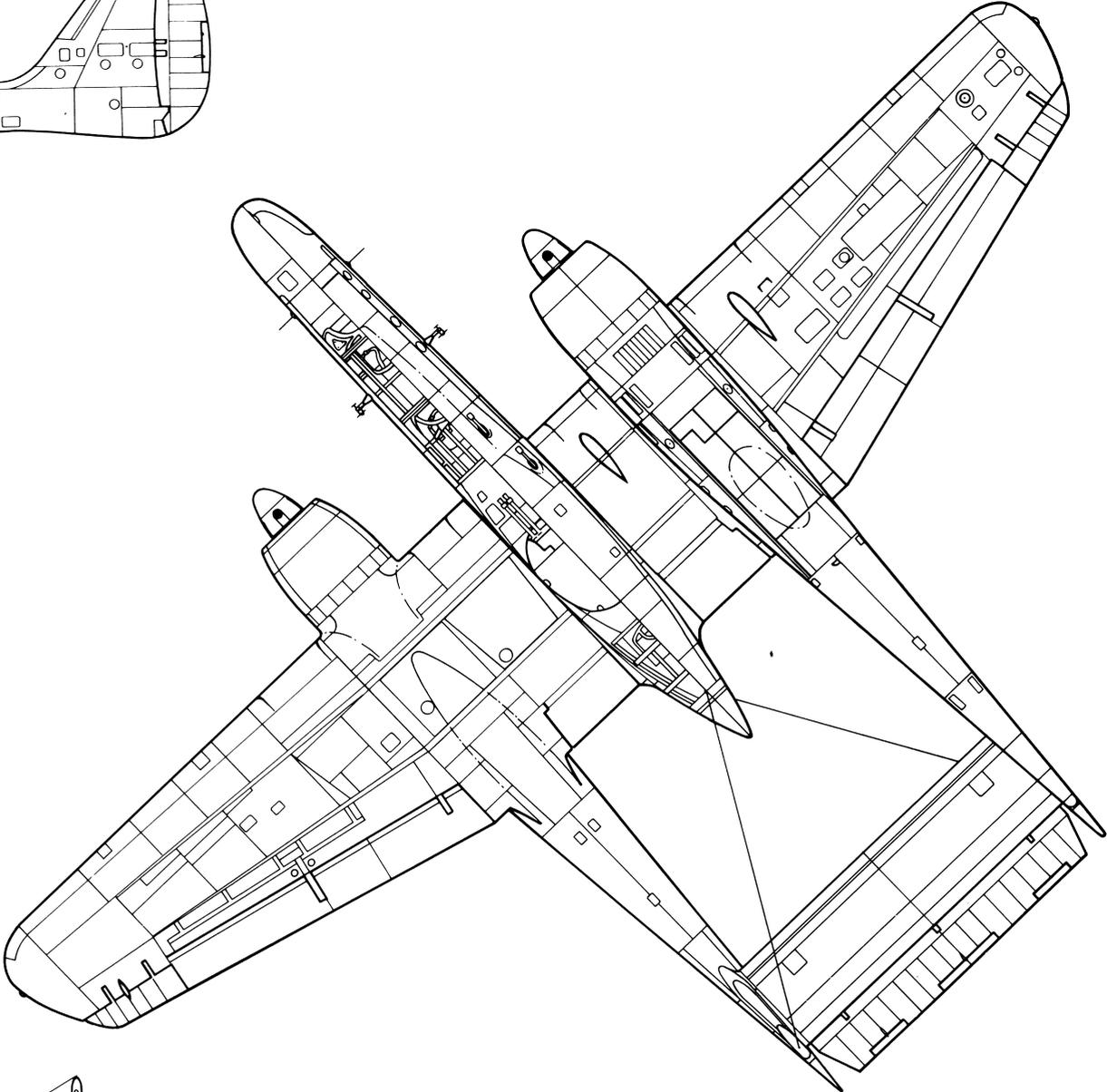
Specifications

Northrop P-61B Black Widow

Wingspan66 feet
Length49 feet 6 inches
Height14 feet 8 inches
Empty Weight27,000 pounds
Maximum Weight38,000 pounds
Powerplants.....Two 2,000 hp Pratt & Whitney R-2800-65 radial engines.

Armament.....Four 20mm cannon and four .50 caliber machine guns.

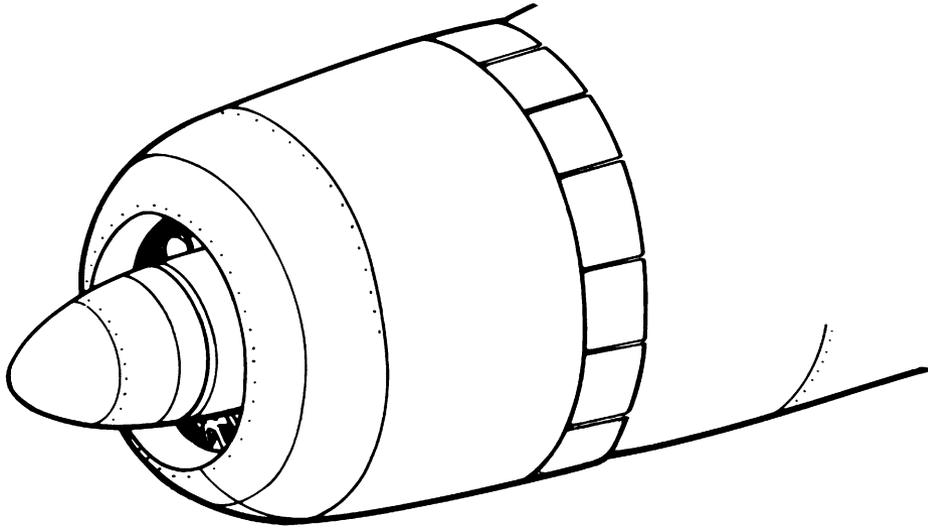
Performance
Maximum Speed366 mph
Service ceiling.....33,100 feet
Range1,010 miles
CrewTwo or three



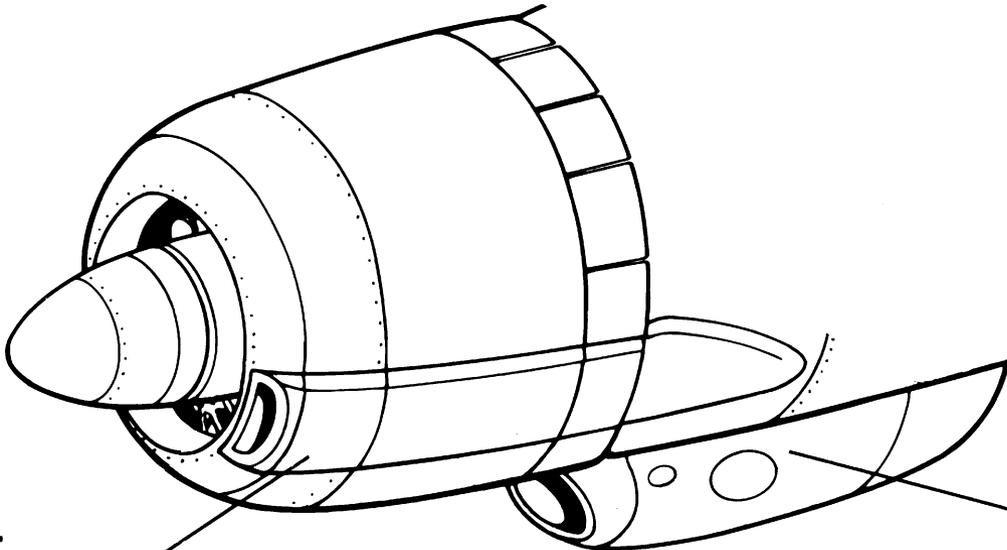
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Cowling

P-61A/B



**XP-61D
P-61C**



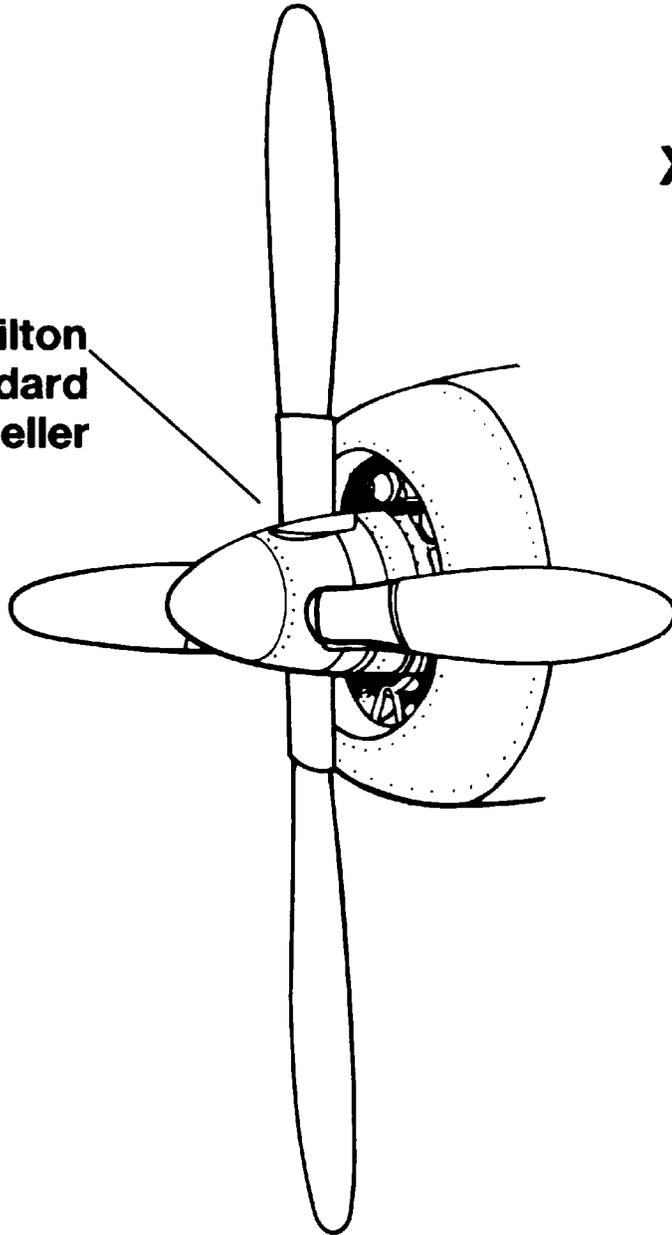
**Cheek
carburetor
intake
(both sides)**

Turbo supercharger

Propeller

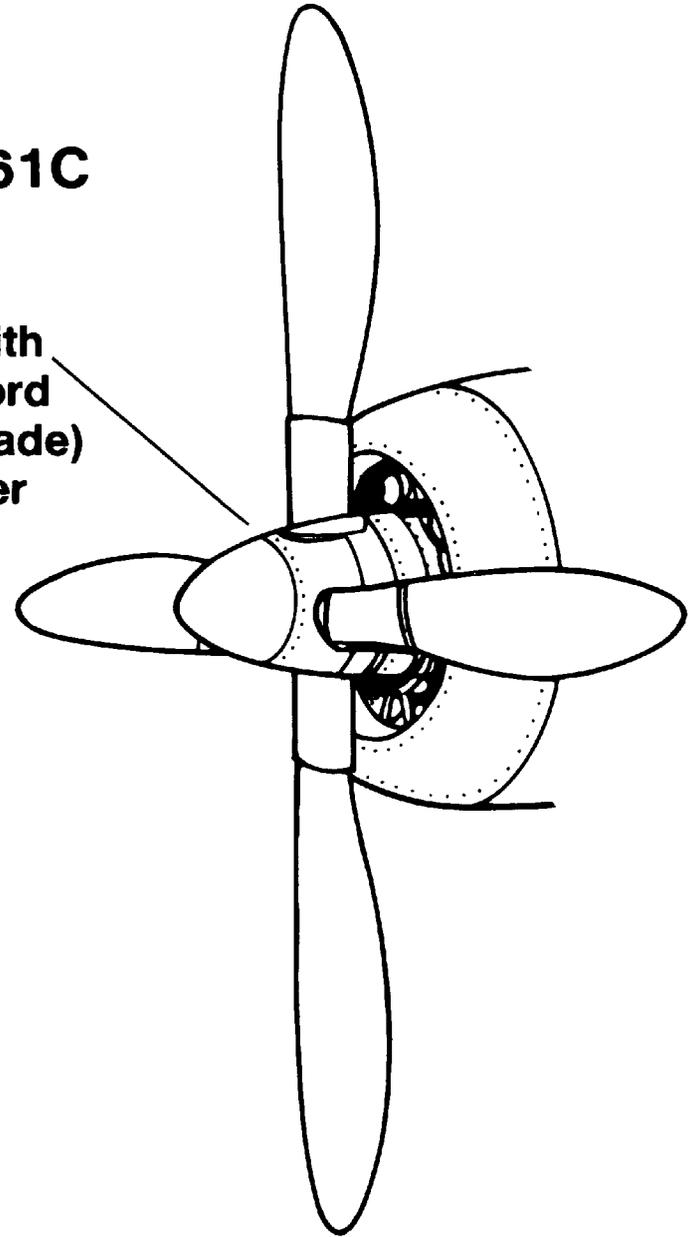
P-61A/B

**Hamilton
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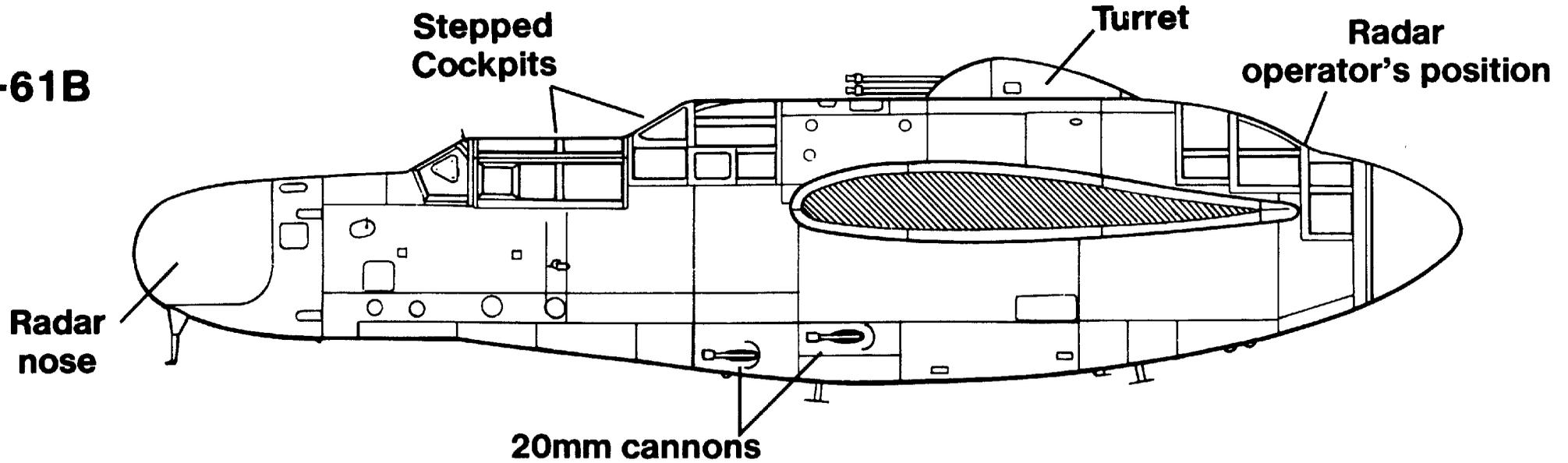
XP-61D/P-61C

**A.O. Smith
wide-chord
(paddle blade)
propeller**

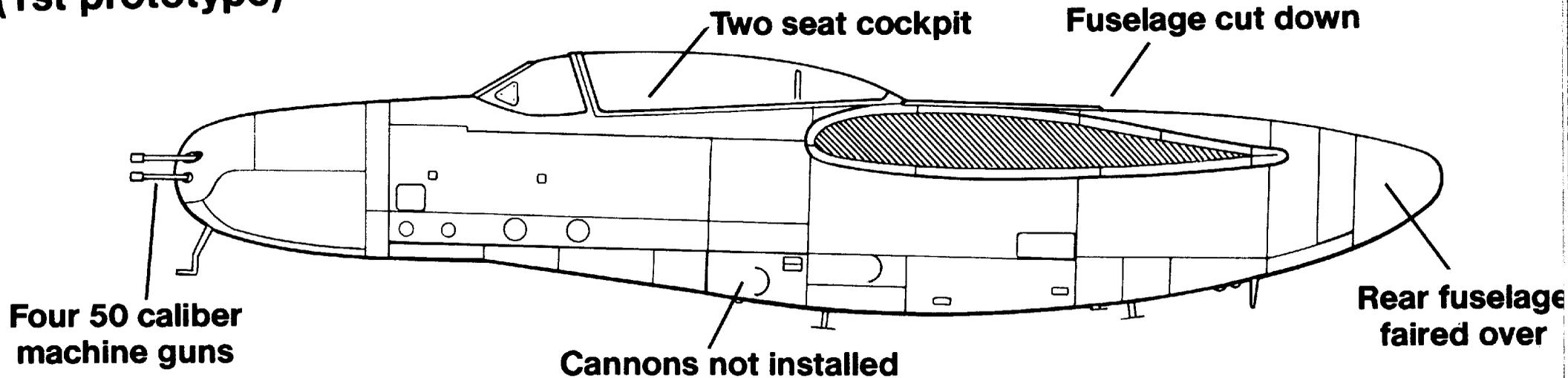


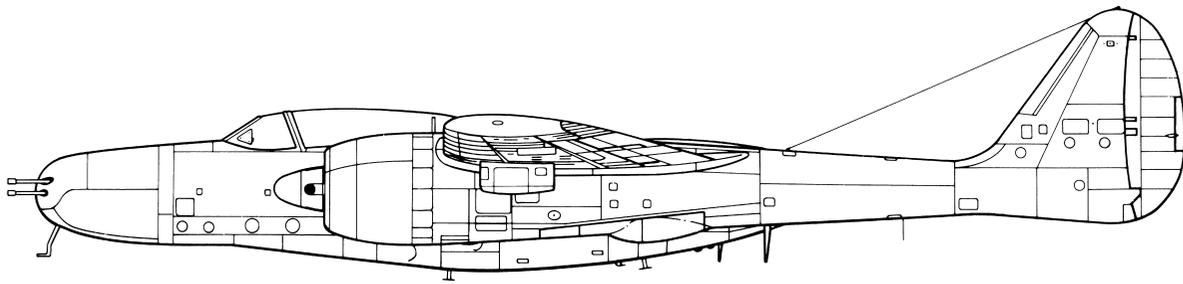
Fuselage Development

P-61B



**XP-61E
(1st prototype)**





Specifications

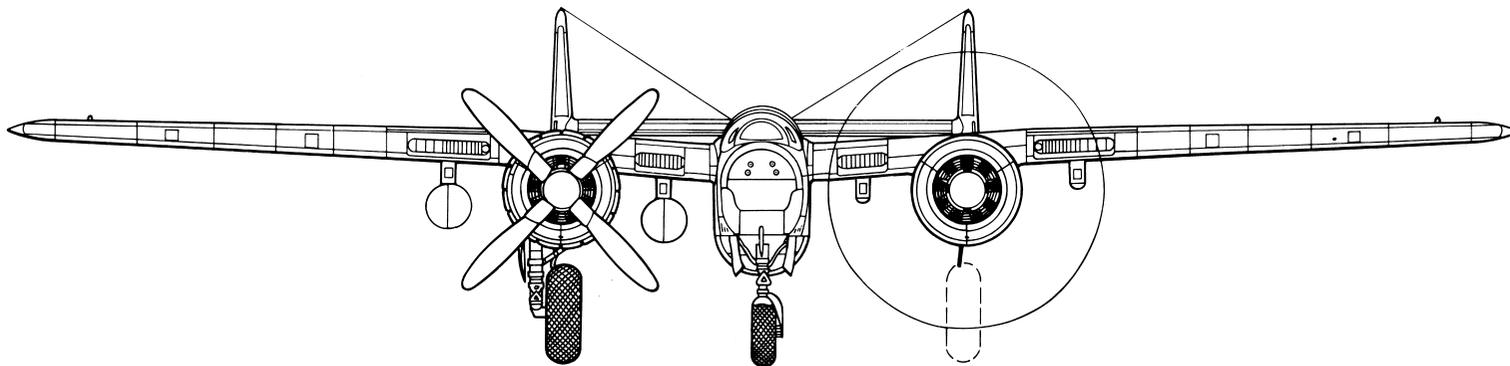
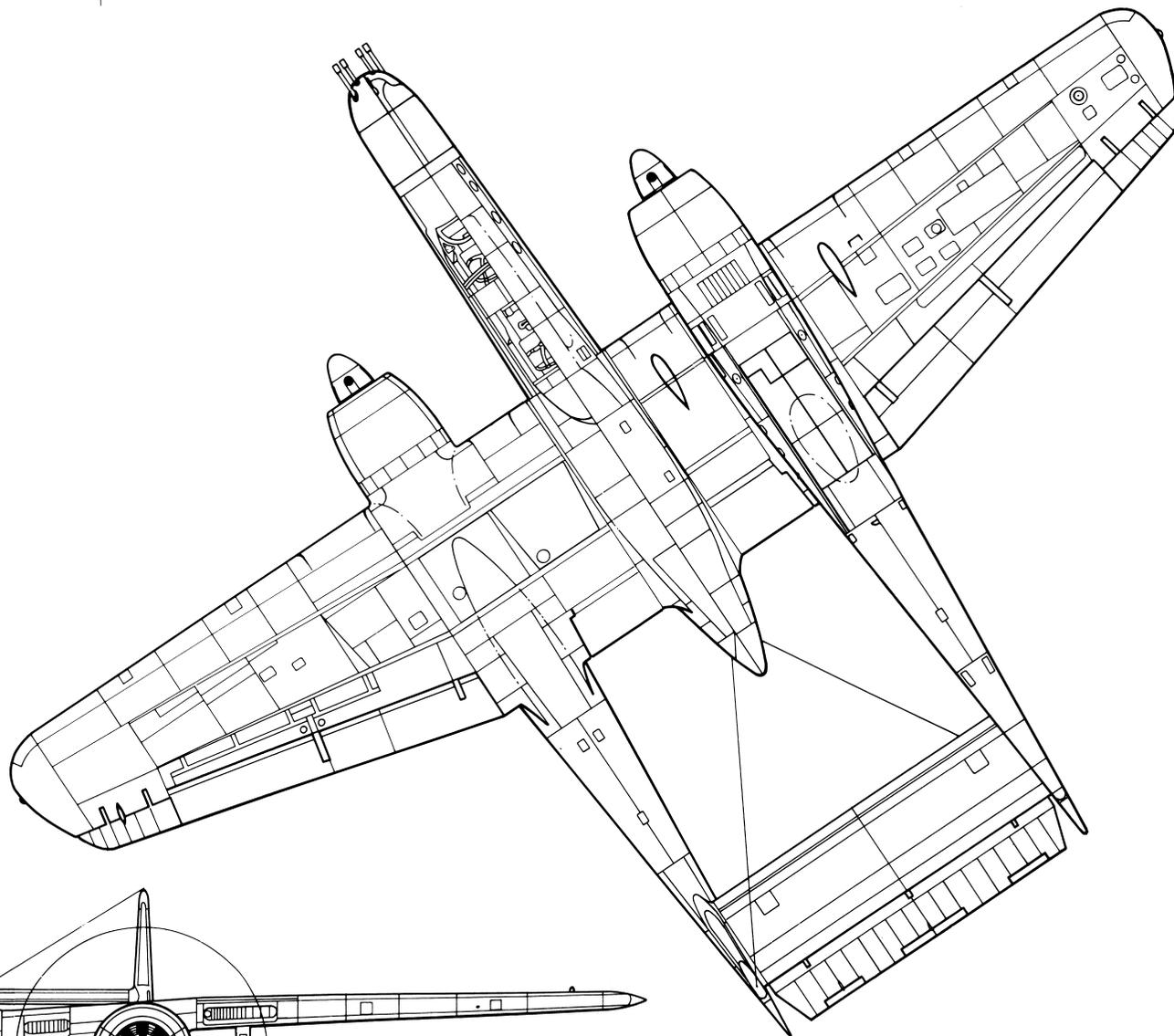
Northrop XP-61E (1st Prototype)

Wingspan66 feet
Length51 feet
Height14 feet 8 inches
Empty Weight21,350 pounds
Maximum Weight46,181 pounds
Powerplant.....Two 2,000 hp Pratt & Whitney
R-2800-65 radial engines.

Armament.....Four .50 caliber machine guns.

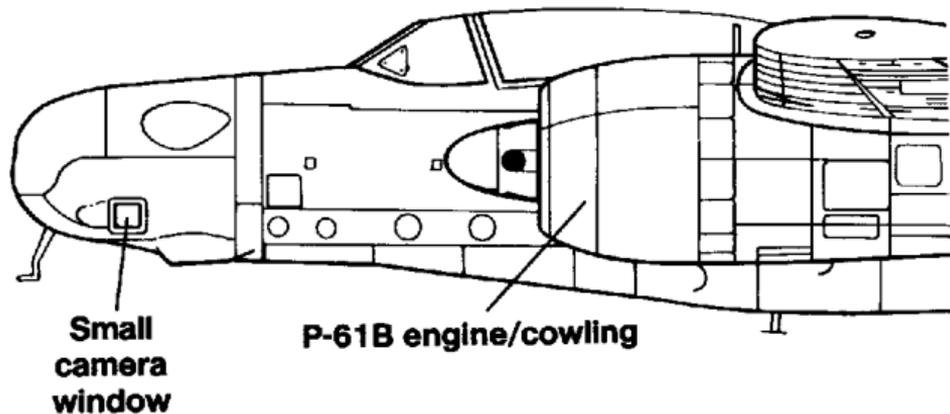
Performance

Maximum Speed376 mph
Service ceiling.....30,000 feet
Range2,550 miles
CrewTwo

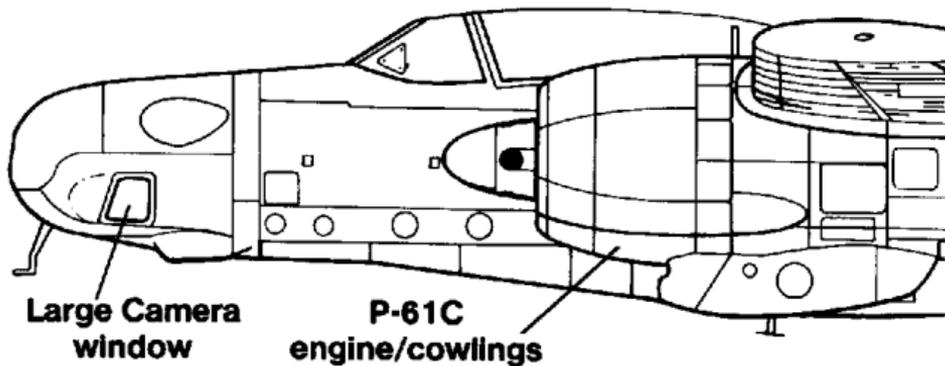


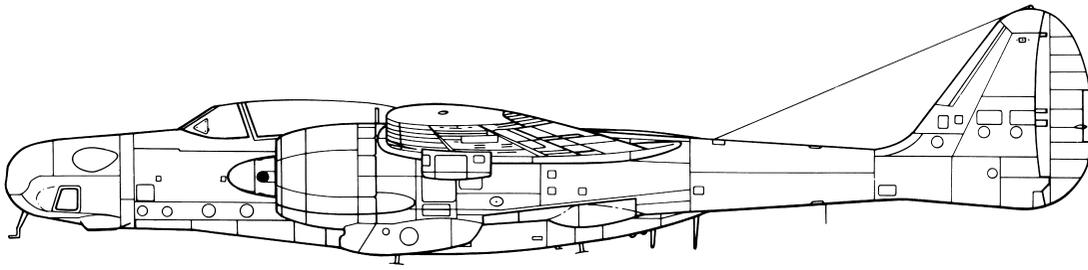
F-15 Development

XF-15 Prototype



F-15





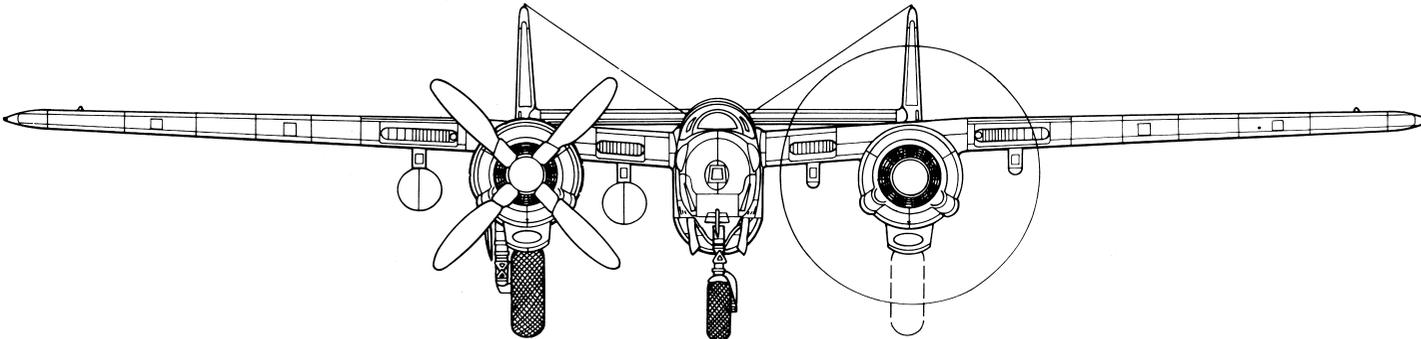
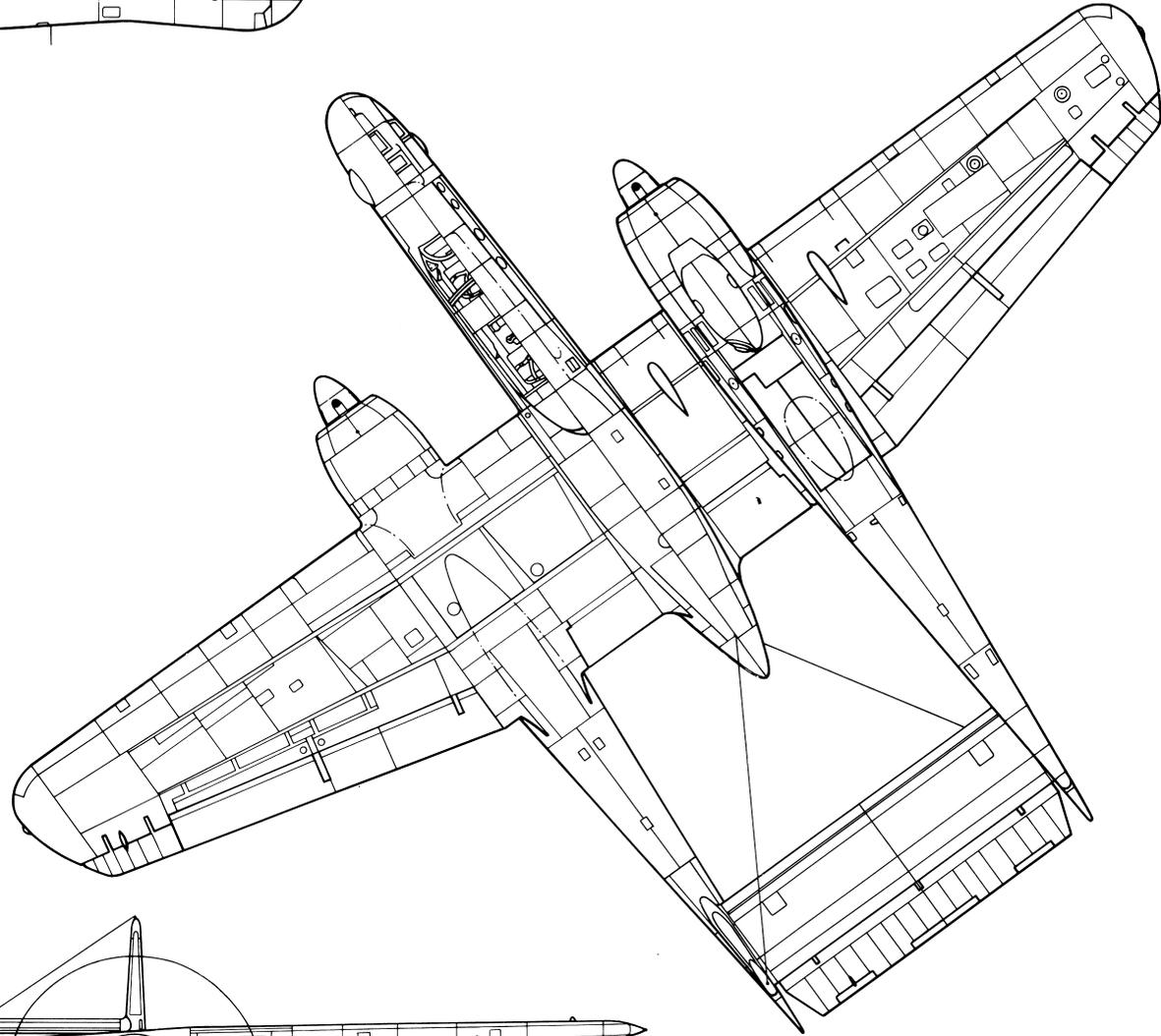
Specifications

Northrop F-15A (RF-61C) Reporter

Wingspan 66 feet
Length 50 feet 4 inches
Height 14 feet 2 inches
Empty Weight 21,350 pounds
Maximum Weight 37,190 pounds
Powerplants Two 2,800 hp Pratt & Whitney
R-2800-C radial engines.

Armament None

Performance
Maximum Speed 440 mph
Service ceiling 41,000 feet
Range 4,000 miles
Crew Two



THE MISSING LINK was an F-15A assigned to the 8th Photo Reconnaissance Squadron at Johnson Air Base, Japan, during 1948. All F-15A reporters were delivered in overall natural metal finish. The 8th PRS F-15s carried a small Red, White, and Blue stripe on the fin tip. (Lin-kiewicz via David Menard)

