

North American P-51D Mustang racing

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33 / 12

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Flat White

Flat Black

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Белый матовый

Черный матовый

Желтый

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Chromate

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Желто-зеленый

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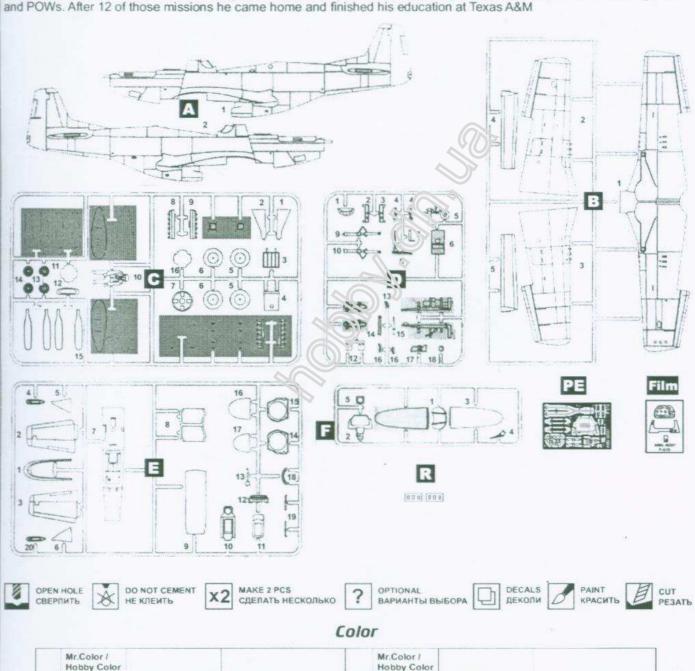
The Mustang has quite the storied past. Delivered to the U.S. Army Air Forces shortly after the conclusion of WWII, the airframe ended up in surplus and was purchased in 1963 and assigned the registration N6168C. The P-51 suffered an engine failure on it's way to Pensacola, Fla., resulting in a forced landing with wheels up, off airport in Sarasota, Fla., on Aug. 10, 1968. In 1970, famed air racer, Marvin "Lefty" Gardner purchased and repaired the aircraft and like his P-38,

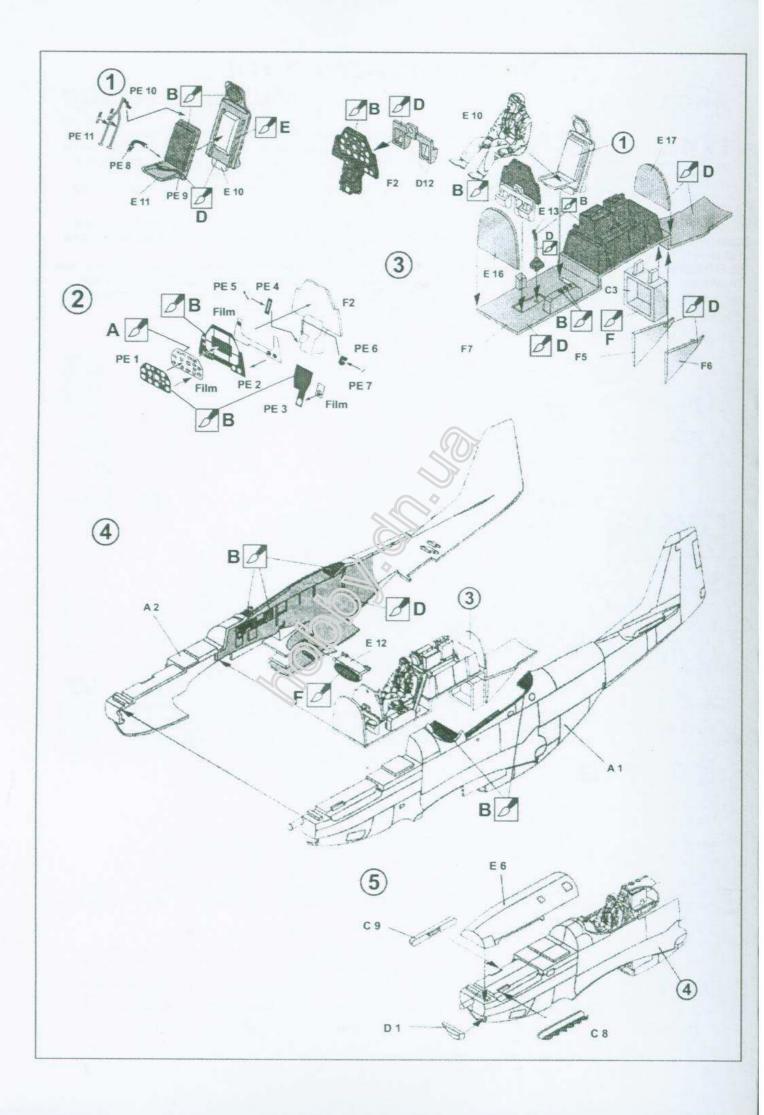
dressed the Mustang in Thunderbird red, white and blue colors as Race 25.

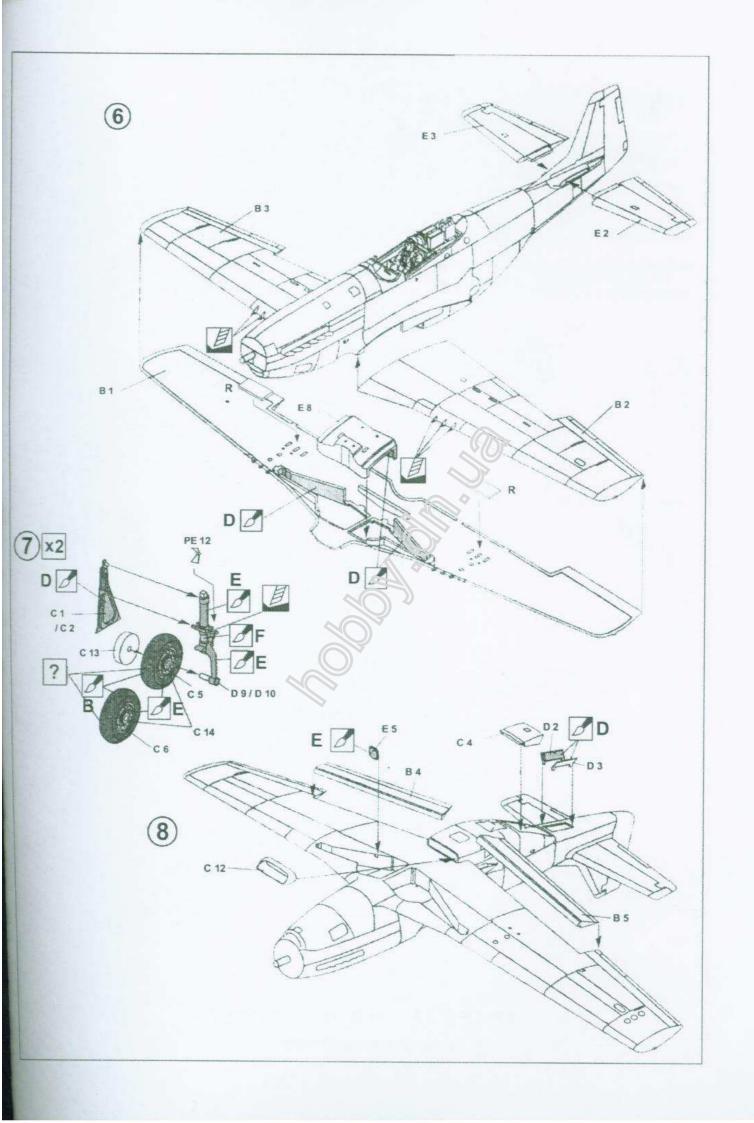
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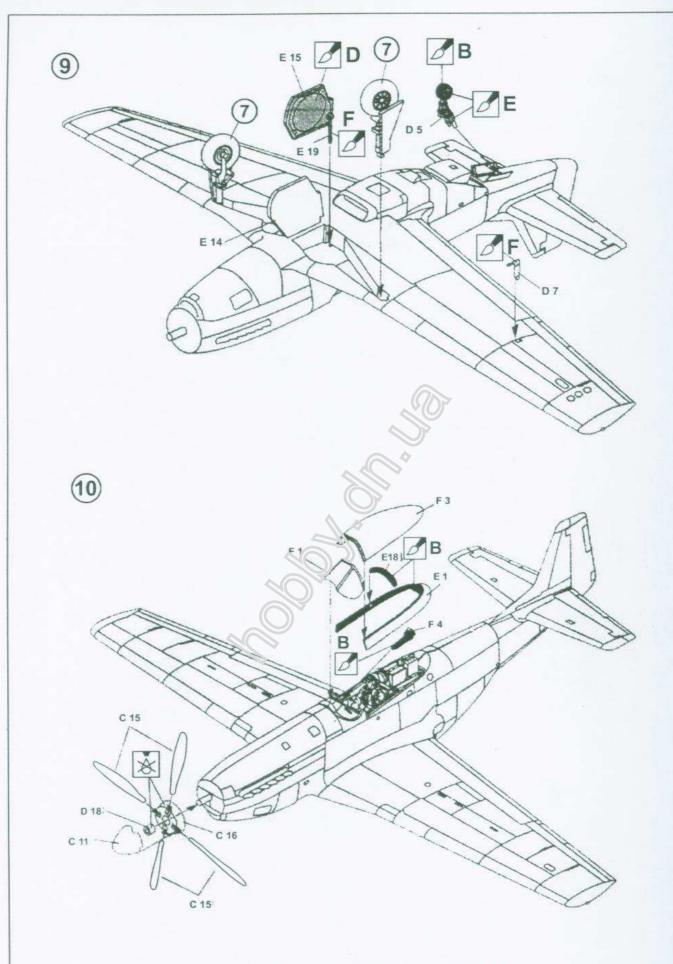
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He started flying in actuality at the age of 21, when he joined the then-Army Air Corps. He flew 34 missions in the European Theater during WW II in B-24s and B-17s, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters. After that tour he joined an elite group of pilots flying into Sweden, at night, carrying supplies for the underground and POWs. After 12 of those missions he came home and finished his education at Texas A&M.









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