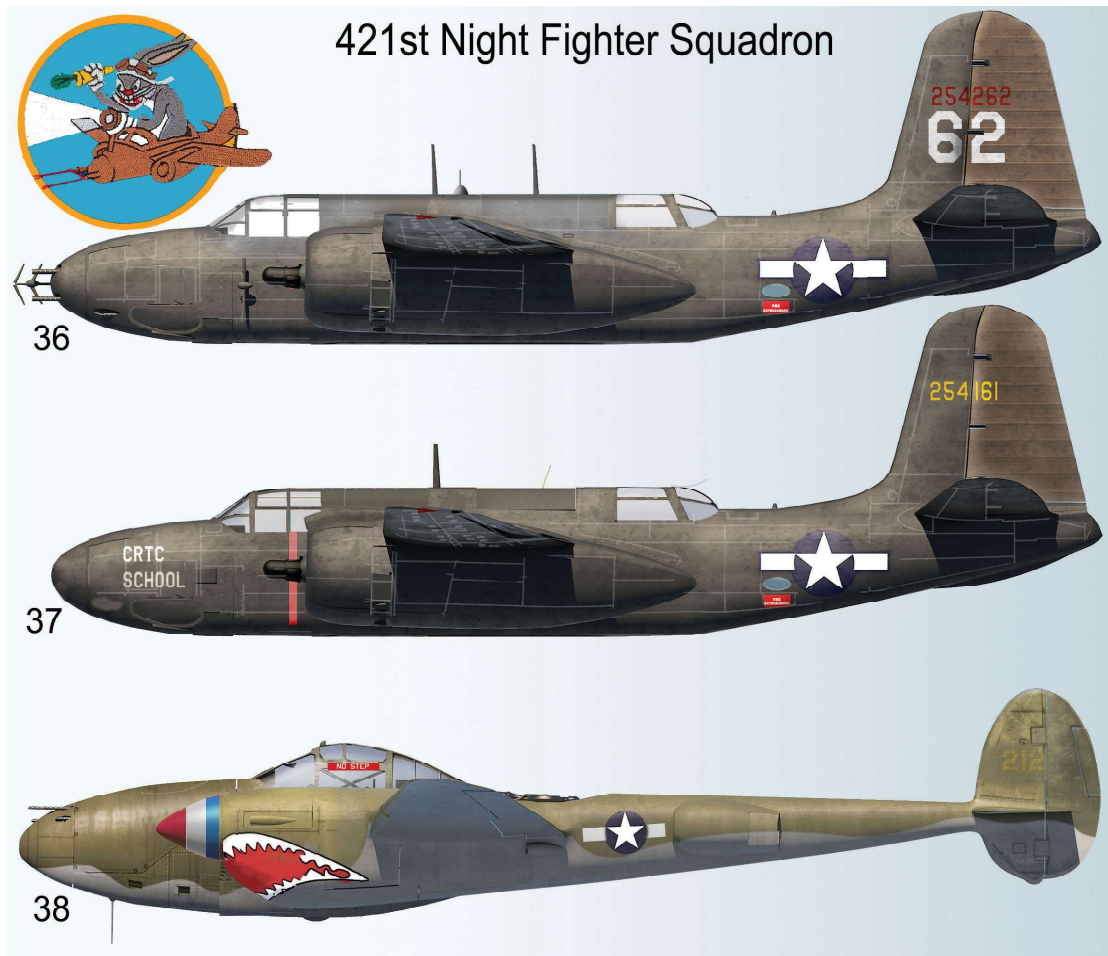


421ST NIGHT FIGHTER SQUADRON



Profile 36 P-70A-2 serial 42-54262, squadron number 62

This P-70A was transferred from the 418th NFS at Nadzab. The last two numbers of the serial were enlarged in white on the fin to assist with aerial identification.

Profile 37 P-70A-2 serial 42-54161

This P-70A was transferred to the 360th Service Group (Combat Replacement Training Center) at Nadzab in late June 1944 when the 421st NFS commenced conversion to P-61s. On 22 October 1944 it went missing in the Mount Albert Edward area flown by Captain Donald Sutliff with two others aboard. It was last sighted by a P-47D mid-afternoon cruising at 14,000 feet on a ferry flight from Port Moresby to Nadzab. It is illustrated as it appeared with the CRTC, as stencilled on the nose.

Profile 38 P-38F serial unknown

This Lightning was transferred to the 421st NFS at Nadzab from the 9th FS. The spinners were painted in the patriotic colours of the US flag, and a unique shark's teeth design was applied around the engine intakes by the ground crew.