



Profile 51 P-61B serial 42-39525 *Night Take-Off*

This P-61B was among the second major shipment of replacement P-61Bs sent to the Pacific in late January 1945. Most of these were assigned to the 549th NFS, however, *Night Take-Off* joined the 548th NFS as a replacement aircraft.

Profile 52 P-61B serial 42-39375 *Hangar Lil*

This Black Widow was delivered to the 548th NFS on 11 October 1944 in Hawaii and was assigned to pilot First Lieutenant Robert Bertram and radar operator Second Lieutenant George Fairweather. Crew Chief Staff Sergeant Richard Baugh's biggest job was repairing *Hangar Lil* following a landing accident at Palmyra on 14 February 1945. No crew were injured, and the fighter was quickly repaired. On 24 July 1945 Bertram intercepted and shot down a Betty, previously shot up by a Hellcat. The aircraft was decommissioned when in storage at Clark Field on 5 August 1945.