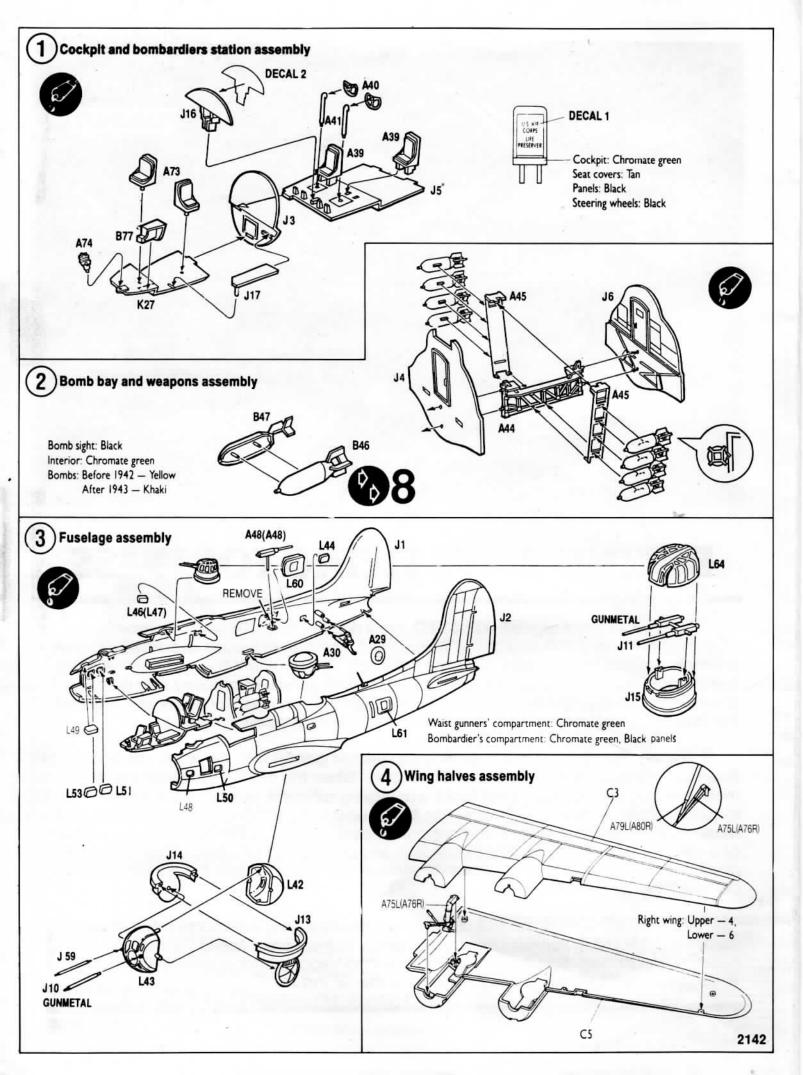


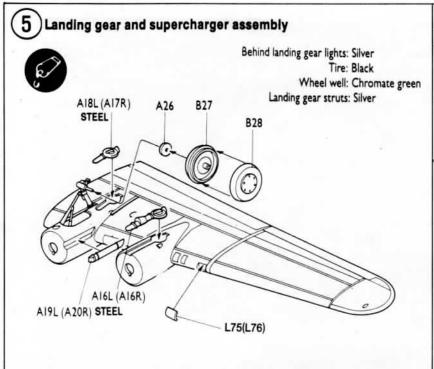
BOEING B-17F FLYING FORTRESS

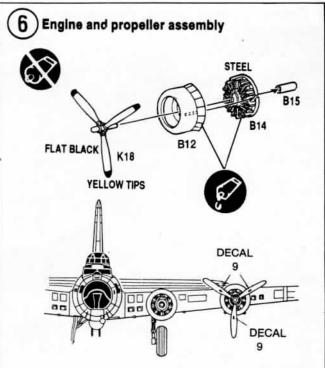
The **Fort Alamo II** was a **B-17F-65-BO**, serial number 42-29606 which compiled an amazing performance record during World War II. **Fort Alamo II** was the absolute mission champion of the 15th Air Force, of which the 840th Bombardment Squadron of the 483rd Bombardment Group was a part. She flew 131 missions and was credited with shooting down seven enemy fighters. Starting from the North African and Mediterranean theaters, the 15th flew many missions into Germany as the war progressed.

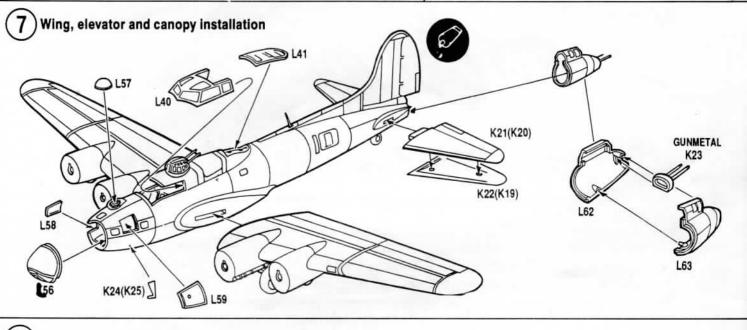
The **B-17F** was developed from the experience gained with the **"E"** model which was flown extensively by the RAF Coastal Command. When the RAF first received the **"E"** models, it was quickly discovered that it was lacking sufficient defensive armament required for penetration into Europe. The **B-17F** received additional nose armament and a manually operated ball-turret in the belly. Its appearance was changed with the addition of a clear Plexiglas nose canopy, paddle-bladed propellers and slightly different engine cowlings to accommodate the new propellers. With these changes, the "F" was slower, but much better armed against fighter attack.

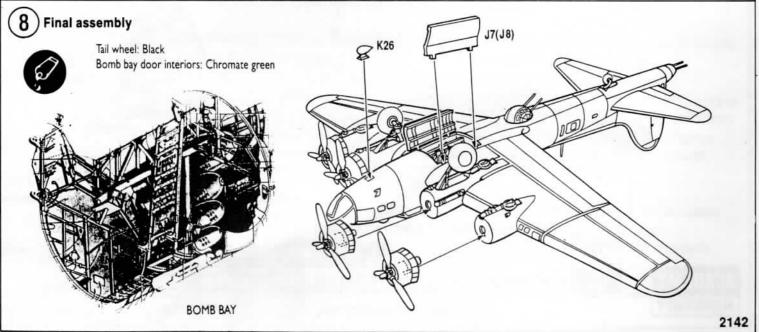
Capable of carrying up to 8,000 pounds of bombs if the external bomb racks were used, the **B-17F Flying Fortress** contributed heavily to the destruction of Germany's industrial production. Built by Boeing, Douglas, and Vega, a total of 3,405 **B-17F** models were completed before production shifted to the "G" model.

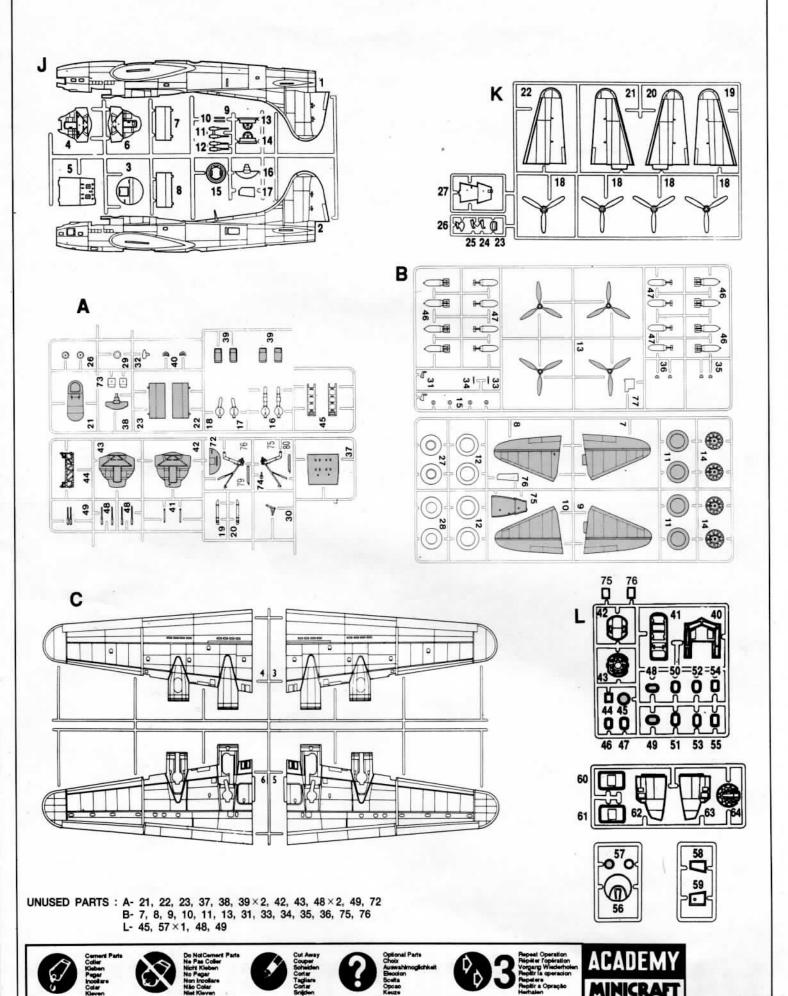


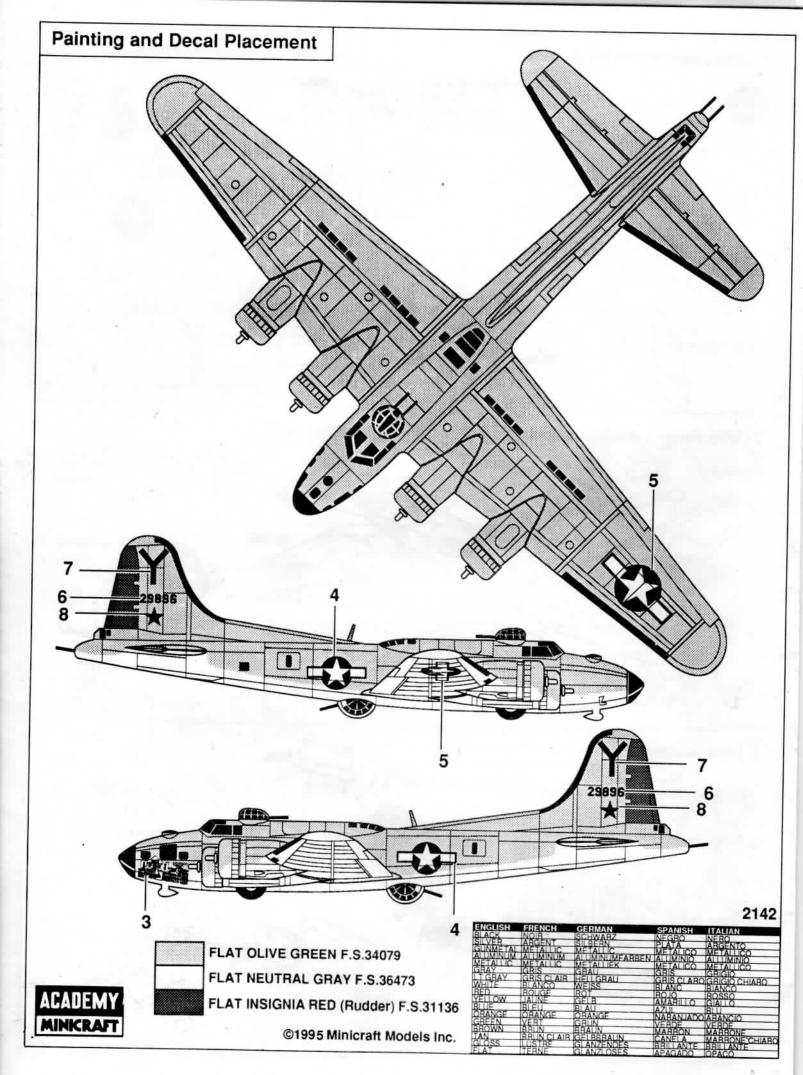














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