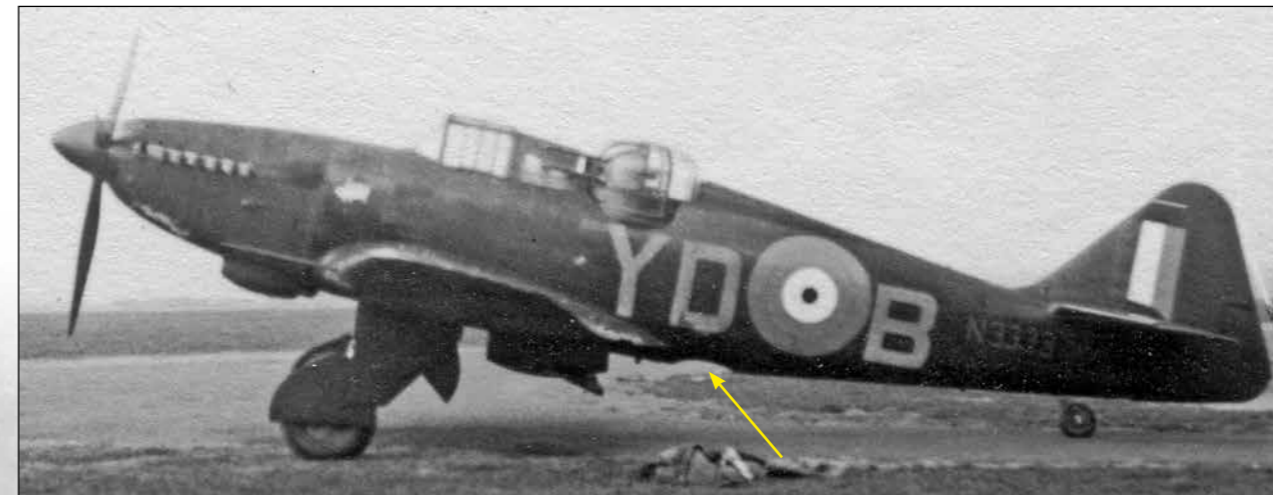


Left: N3323 JT-U of 256 Squadron in mid-1942. The arrowed item is one of the inner undercarriage doors. The footstep is still extended as well, clearly the pilot is not having the best of days!

Main: An unusual view of T4037 with both front and rear fairings down. This aircraft was delivered in the overall black scheme, note the light coloured W/T stencils on the rudder (inset below).



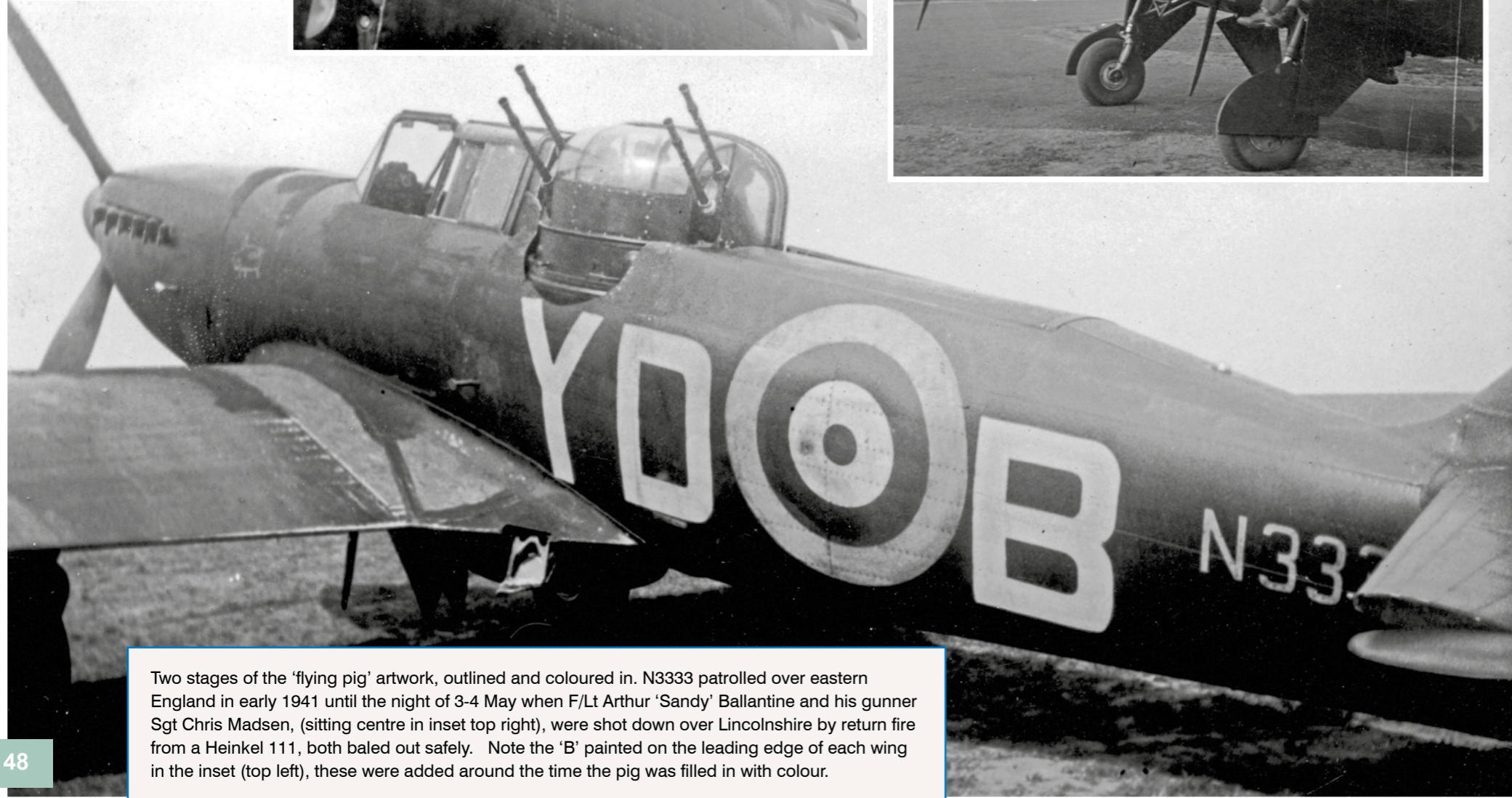
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Below: N3333 of 255 Squadron shortly after delivery in its early day fighter finish. The photo was taken at Cranwell in December 1940, (visiting for a fighter leaders' conference).

Left: The same aircraft a few months later having been adapted for night fighting. N3333 has been painted black overall and has gained a flying pig nose-art. The three exhaust stacks have been replaced with six and the rear aerial mast has been removed. The original cockpit canopy has also been replaced with the later version. Note the under fuselage hatch is missing (arrowed) in this photo.





# DEFIANT N3333 YD-B, 255 SQUADRON, SPRING 1941



### Modeller's notes

Black paint overall

Later style canopy

Six exhaust stacks

Red serial number

IFF Mk.II aerials fitted

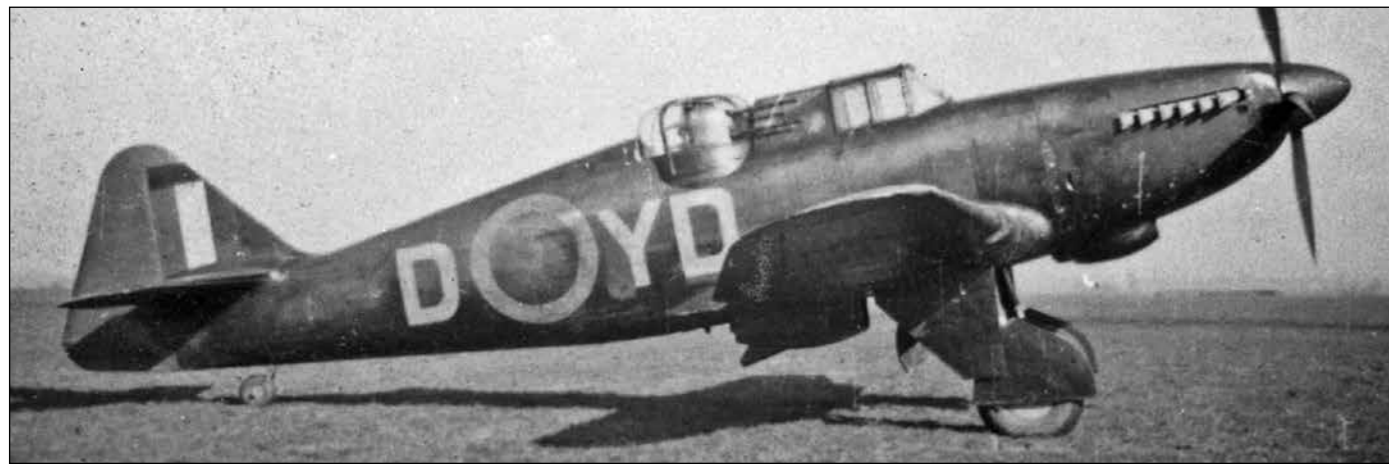
Flying pig nose art

'B' on leading edge of each wing

No rear aerial as in photo below



Two stages of the 'flying pig' artwork, outlined and coloured in. N3333 patrolled over eastern England in early 1941 until the night of 3-4 May when F/Lt Arthur 'Sandy' Ballantine and his gunner Sgt Chris Madsen, (sitting centre in inset top right), were shot down over Lincolnshire by return fire from a Heinkel 111, both baled out safely. Note the 'B' painted on the leading edge of each wing in the inset (top left), these were added around the time the pig was filled in with colour.



Left: N3340 YD-D of 255 Squadron, based at Kirton in Lindsey, very similar to N3333 but with a toned down fuselage roundel.

Middle: T3937 of 409 (Canadian) Squadron at Coleby Grange in the late summer of 1941. The squadron was formed at Digby in June 1941 and became operational in August, but very soon re-equipped with Beaufighters.

Bottom left: A rare photo of Defiant N1538 of 1480 (AA Co-op) Flt based at Newtonards, Northern Ireland late 1942.



Opposite page: The following few pages contain some crystal clear official Press photos of 410 Squadron at Drem in autumn 1941.

Opposite page - Top: V1123 RA-R of 410 Squadron (RCAF) at Drem on 25 September 1941. It appears to have blue/red roundels in all positions including under the wings.

Opposite page - Bottom: RA-P. In the background is Hurricane AK-E formerly of 213 Squadron.

410 Squadron (RCAF) was formed at Ayr, Scotland, in June 1941, and flew Defiants until it was re-equipped with Beaufighters in May 1942.