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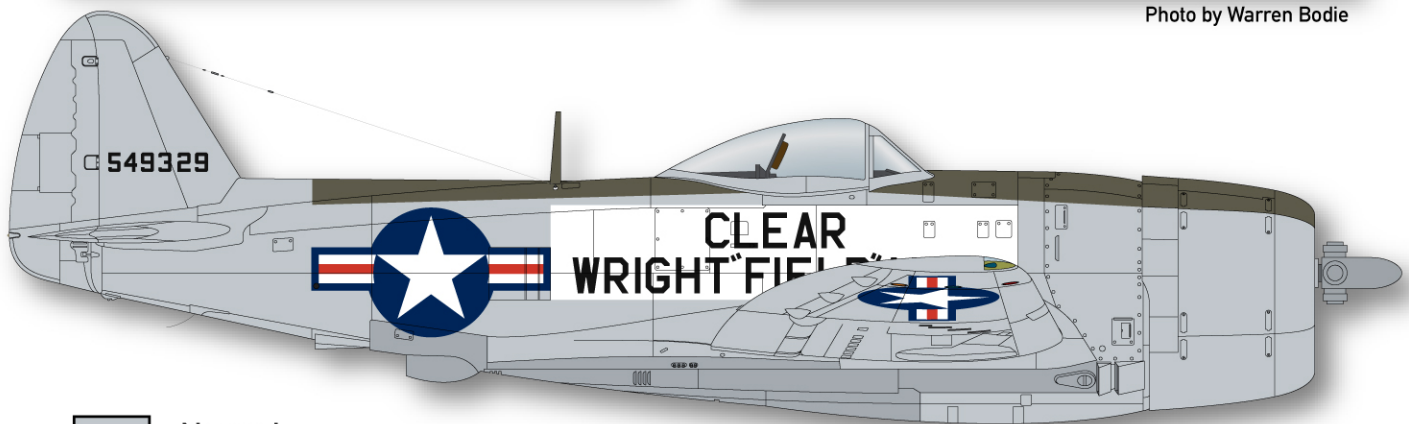
This rather interesting post-war F-47D-40-RA was photographed by the late Warren Bodie on the ramp at Wright-Patterson AFB, probably in late 1948 or the spring of 1948. She still carried her "PE" buzz number prefix, but she had the post-September 1947 red bars. With all the test flying that happened on and around the Wright Field area, and the fact that the majority of civilian light aircraft in those days were without radios, the military needed a way to warn off aircraft that might come into harm's way.

Warren Bodie was apparently the only person who ever photographed the aircraft. Contrary to the claim in one publication that the background behind the sign was fluorescent red-orange, Mr. Bodie stated emphatically that it was white. That's good enough for us, not to mention the fact that there was no fluorescent paint in existence in 1948!

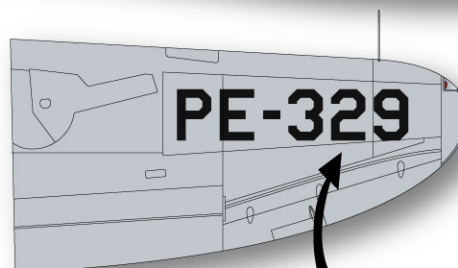
The aircraft was overall natural metal in varying shades. The prop hub is dark metal, or possibly some other unknowable color. The guns were removed, as were the HVAR rocket stubs and the bomb racks. The anti-glare panel was standard factory painted Olive Drab. She appears to have a homing beacon receiver and the associated wire antenna from the fin to the fuselage just to the right of the command radio antenna mast.



Photo by Warren Bodie



-  Natural Aluminum
-  Dark Natural Metal
-  ANA 613 Dark Olive Drab



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Buzz number carried below left wing only.