

25. (C) OTI-796
18 July 1942
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OTI-796, dated 18 July 1942, initiated action to provide the 75 mm. cannon nose installation for all 500 A-26 airplanes on Contract ac-21393.

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE MATERIEL COMMAND

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 18, 1942.

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

Serial No.: **OTL-796.**

Subject: **Installation of 75 mm Cannon in A-26 Airplanes.**

To: **Technical Executive
Materiel Center, Wright Field
Dayton, Ohio**

1. Problem Presented:

a. To install 75 mm nose in all A-26 airplanes on Contract AC-21393.

2. Authority:

a. Directive from the Director of Military Requirements dated July 17, 1942 (4th entry of R&R - copy attached).

3. Action Desired:

a. That the 500 A-26 airplanes on Contract AC-21393 be equipped with the 75 mm gun nose.

b. That the necessary arrangements be made to have these 500 airplanes equipped with the 75 mm gun, with no change in the scheduled production of these airplanes.

7/24/42 - Dist. by **Prod. Div.** By command of Major General **BOHOLS:**

Orig. & cy. to Bomb. Br.
CC: Aero. Equipment Br.
Prod. Control Sec.
Ind. Planning Sec.
Budget Office
Statistical Staff

B. E. MEYERS
Brig. Gen., U.S.A.
Chief of Staff.

See teletype PE-860, 7/22/42, attached.
Incl. as above.

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SUBJECT: A-26 Type Airplanes.

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1. In previous correspondence you indicated a desire for the 75 mm installation on the A-26 airplane in lieu of the light bomber or night fighter version of as many of the 500 airplanes on Contract AC-21393 as possible without delaying production.

2. Present information indicates that guns suitable for the A-26B nose are now available, that engineering on this nose is practically completed, and that the mock-up of this nose has been fired successfully. If the factory is informed now to proceed on this basis, the first 200 airplanes could be equipped with this nose without delay in production.

3. It is requested that a decision be made as to whether any or all of the airplanes on Contract AC-21393 should be equipped with the 75 mm nose. This decision should be expedited so that delays may be avoided.

O. P. E.

Commanding General, Materiel Command

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2. AFRIB AFRGS 7-7

1. This office desires that all A-26 airplanes on Contract AC-21393 be equipped with 75 mm. nose. Since the A-26 so equipped is primarily a tank destroyer airplane and logically becomes an air ground support weapon, the recommendations of your Directorate are desired.

2. Request your comments and recommendations.

F. L. A., Jr.

Act. Dir/Bomb.

3. AFRGS AFAMC-5 1942
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1. This Directorate concurs in comments under item #2.

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SUBJECT: A-26 Type Airplane.

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4. AFIMR AFAMC 7/17

It is desired that all, or as many as is found to be practically possible of the 500 airplanes on Contract AC-21393 be procured with the 75 mm. nose.

/s/ M.E.G.
for M.S.F.,
Dir. Mil. Req.

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