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Looks like this grimacing airman of the 140 Ftr-Bomb Wing is digging into a huge gruasusher, but the effect is caused by the raised armor-plate covering fuselage sections and the gun ports of the 500 Shooting Star on which he’s working. (Colo&ANG photo.)