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Four interesting and colorful Hawk 81-A2 aircraft (the export version of the P-40 B/C) were selected for this sheet, all of which are based on period photos and illustrations in the book **Tigers Over China** by Thomas A. Tullis. The American Volunteer Group, or "Flying Tigers", represented the United States first covert military operation against a foreign nation. It was formed by a secret Executive Order issued by President Roosevelt in the spring of 1941 and was operational from August 1941 to July 1942 when it was absorbed into the 23rd Fighter Group, USAAF.

Recommended kits: 1/48 Hobbycraft or Monogram 1/72 Academy or Minicraft

References: **Tigers Over China, The Aircraft of the A.V.G.** by Tom Tullis, Eagle Editions Ltd. 2001
Montana USA

Color and Markings Notes:

Note for all aircraft, the upper surfaces were to be painted Dark Green and Dark Earth, and the DuPont paints used were fairly close to the specified RAF colors. In some cases the Brown color used had a slightly more Yellow hue to it than the RAF color, something that became more evident when fading occurred in the field as shown in several color plates in the reference book. The DuPont paints used were 71-065 (Dark Brown) and 71-013 (Dark Green).

Undersurface: F.S. 16473 Aircraft Gray Unless noted wheel hubs were 71-065

As the Chinese Blue paint that was used for the national insignia faded rapidly, we have included roundels in two shades of Blue. The Dark Blue represents fresh/unfaded paint, and the lighter shade is intended to show the faded version. We recommend using the Dark Blue for the lower wings as these would not have faded, and either for the top depending on how recent a paint job you wish your aircraft to represent. In some cases aircraft would have a fresh roundel repainted on one top wing, with the other wing retaining its faded one resulting in a very unique appearance.

The propellers were Black with Yellow tips.

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| 44 | Serial Number: P-8184 | Pilot: Peter Wright Flight Leader | Late 1941 |
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| 47 | Serial Number: P-8127 | Pilot: John Petach and Bob Layher both flew this aircraft. | |
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- Aircraft later was transferred to 3rd PS and repainted in 3rd PS colors (Red stripe on aft fuselage, Black lips and Hell's Angel insignia) and was then flown by R.T. Smith. Photo taken late 1941.
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| 49 | Serial Number: P-8133 | Pilot: Swartz | |
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- This aircraft MAY have had Blue lips originally. Aircraft later was transferred to 3rd PS and repainted in 3rd PS colors (Red stripe on aft fuselage, Black lips and Hell's Angel insignia) and flown by Tommy Haywood.
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| 52 | Serial Number: P-8147 | Pilot: Erik Schilling | |
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- This aircraft was modified to perform photo reconnaissance duties. Note wing guns have been removed and 10" hole cut in fuselage bottom directly under fuselage access hatch for camera opening.
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