

EAGLE STRIKE



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Suggested Kit: Hasegawa/Otaki/AMT/Mauve P-40 Families.



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P-40F flown by 1Lt. Alfred Froning, 86th FS, 79th FG, Italy, 1943. RAF Middlestone and Dark Earth uppersurfaces, Azure Blue undersurfaces. Red spinner. Right side reads x4○4



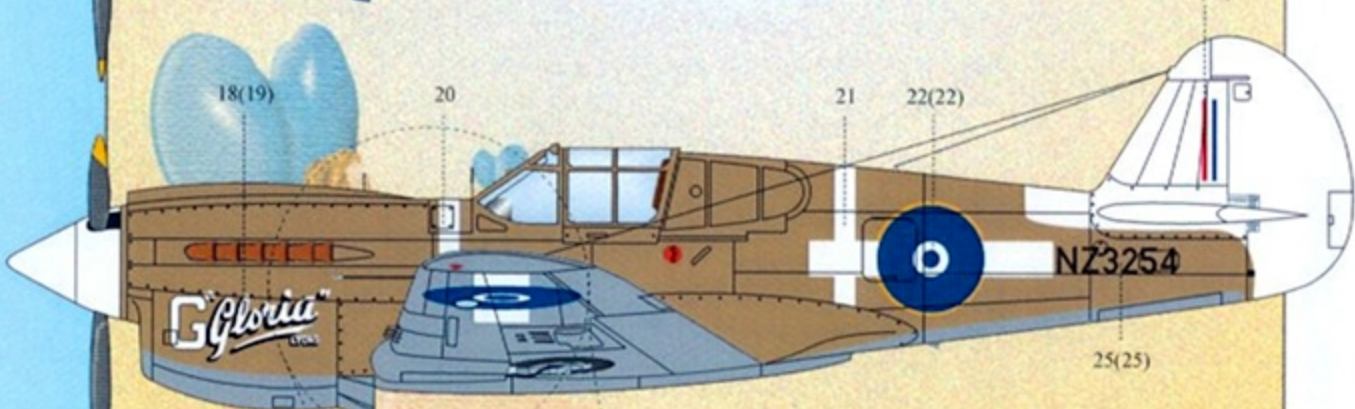
Kittyhawk Mk IV (P-40N), flown by Kevin Donald, RAAF 76th Sqdn., SWPA, 1945. Foilage Green over Sky Blue, with forward half of spinner bright yellow. Right side reads SV○G



Capt. Richard J. Vodra's P-40N "Squirrelbate" of the 8th Ftr. Sqn. appears to sport Dark Green and Middlestone over Azure blue with white empenage and a white/yellow spinner. Although not perfectly clear to us, the colors on Squirrelbate were most likely US Dupont lacquers manufactured for and used on a/c with a destination somewhere in North Africa, this time. The dark color could have been US Olive Drab, which is known to have been used, instead of Dk. Green in many instances. Your call!!



P-40N 42-104752 Warhawk NZ3254 Gloria Lyons. No. 4 Servicing Unit, RNZAF, based at Ondonga in December of 1943. USAAF Olive Drab and Neutral Gray scheme with White spinner and fuselage ID stripes. Gloria Lyons was a 19-year old tuberculosis patient in Christchurch who was "adopted" by the squadron as their mascot. Aircraft was a P-40N-1 with the early style canopy but with a six-gun wing, making its outwardly identical to the P-40M. The first of three P-40s to carry the Gloria Lyons name.



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