



CHOWHOUND 2ND

P-47D-28-RA • 42-28445 • 509 FS/ 405 FG Flown by Capt. Robert Blackie Blackburn. This A/C had two different versions of the same nose art theme. This one is the second version of the artwork. The first one is featured in part two of this collection of Best Seller Thunderbolts (48-688). A typical 509 FS A/C with an aggressive hound for nose art. Capt. Blackburn ran a very impressive score of fighter sweeps, escort, and bombing missions, all carefully reproduced on this decal sheet. Notice the Red heart on the right side of the A/C. Hearts were sometimes applied to a spot where enemy fire hit an aircraft.

THE MOLE

P-47D-26-RA • 42-28354 • 509 FS/405 FG. Flown by Lt. Michael Titre, who was a member of the Brow Organization and known as The Mole within that group. As a result, Mike claimed that he had no control over what artwork was painted to the port side of his P-47D as the subject was ordered by The Brow and applied by Sgt Gutierrez. His beautiful A/C was decorated in typical 509 scheme of Reds and Natural Metal. The front exhaust door was also Red and it had a small letter C on the rudder trim tab. Notice the alternating Red/Natural Metal cowl flaps, three Red ones on each side, and the Black gun leading edge panel.

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THUNDERBOL



Big Ass Bird II

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P-47D-30-RA of the 513FS (406FG), flown by Capt. Howard Parks from Asch, Belgium, wears overall aluminum with olive drab anti-glare panel and red cowl flashing. Note the D-Day invasion stripe on the fuselage only. Park's mount shows one victory. First P47D-30 equipped to launch 5" HVAR s. There were two launchers under each wing, between tank pylon and L.G. strut. This A/C was also the first A/C credited with destroying a German tank with this weapon. The victim: PZK V Panther V.

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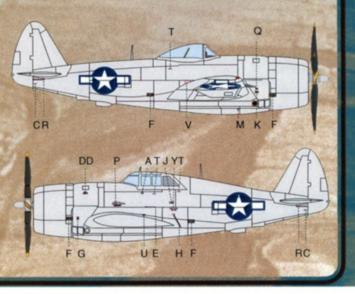
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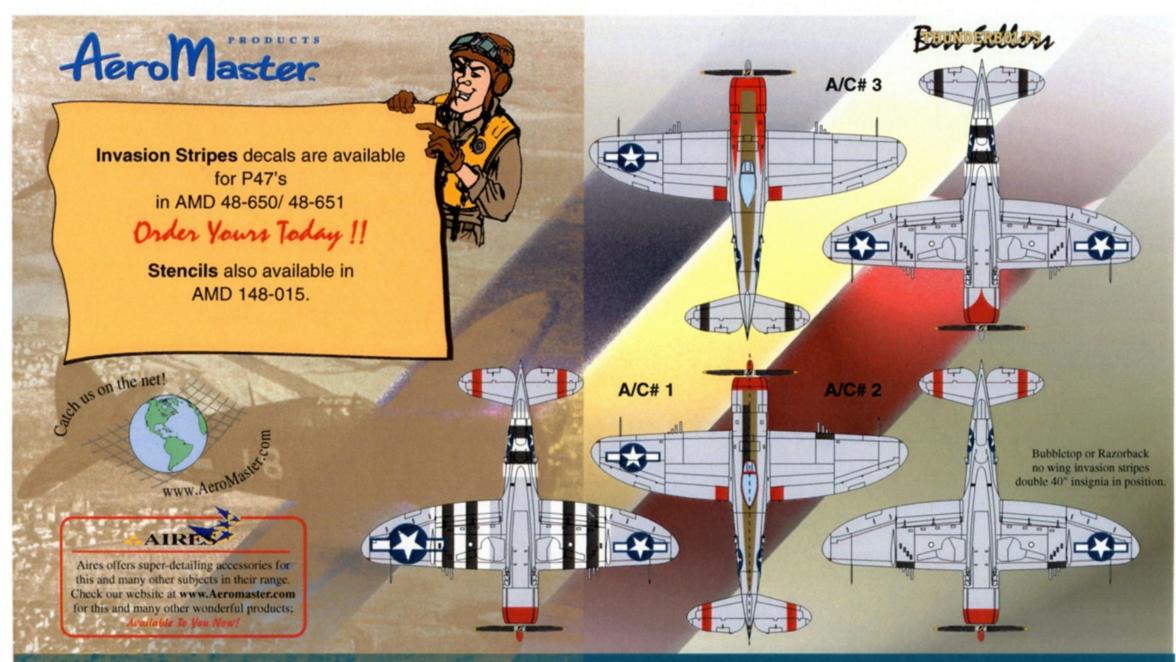
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