

# Ventura Decals

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Curtiss P-40s. American Volunteer Group P-40N 1/32<sup>nd</sup> scale  
and RAAF P-40M and Ns,

P-40N P-11461 "Boss's Hoss", August 1944



"Angry Bee" of No.80 Squadron, November 1944.



"Watch my form" of No.78 Squadron, Noemfoor Island, late 1944.



A29-325, No.86 Squadron, New Guinea, late 1943.



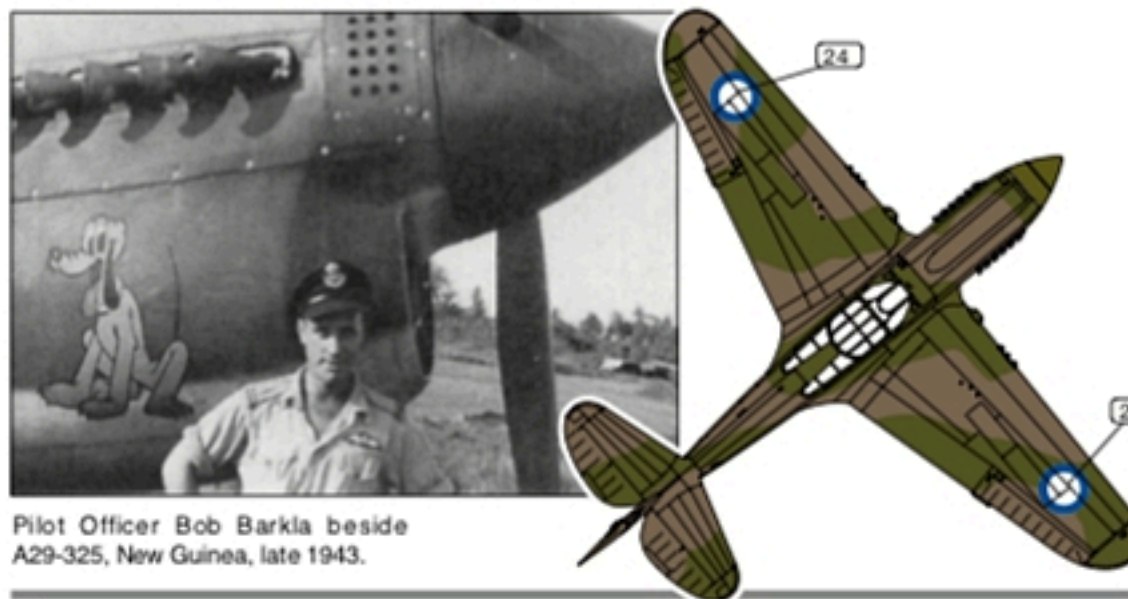
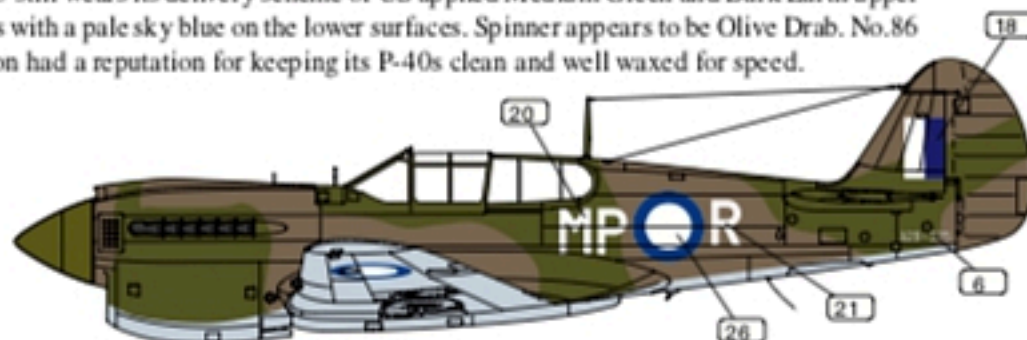
Wing tip detail for "Boss's Hoss". Camouflage is Olive Drab upper surfaces with Neutral Gray lower. The Nationalist Chinese insignia is in the same location above and below the wings in four positions. Our reference book shows "Boss's Hoss" as clean but with some paint weathering. The aircraft was flown by Lt. Colonel Reed, CO of the 7th FS, 3rd FG Chinese-American Composite Wing at Liangshan, China in August 1944. Reed finished the war with nine victories.



Actress Ann Sheridan signs her name on the nose of Boss's Hoss with Lt. Col. Reed looking on.

P-40M A29-325, No.86 Squadron, late 1943

A29-325 still wears its delivery scheme of US applied Medium Green and Dark Earth upper surfaces with a pale sky blue on the lower surfaces. Spinner appears to be Olive Drab. No.86 Squadron had a reputation for keeping its P-40s clean and well waxed for speed.



Pilot Officer Bob Barkla beside A29-325, New Guinea, late 1943.

## References

RAAF Camouflage & Markings 1939-1945 Vols 1 & 2, by Geoffrey Pentland, Kookaburra Technical Publications.  
Osprey No.35, P-40 Warhawk Aces of the CBI.



P-40N-20 A29-671, No.80 Squadron, November 1944

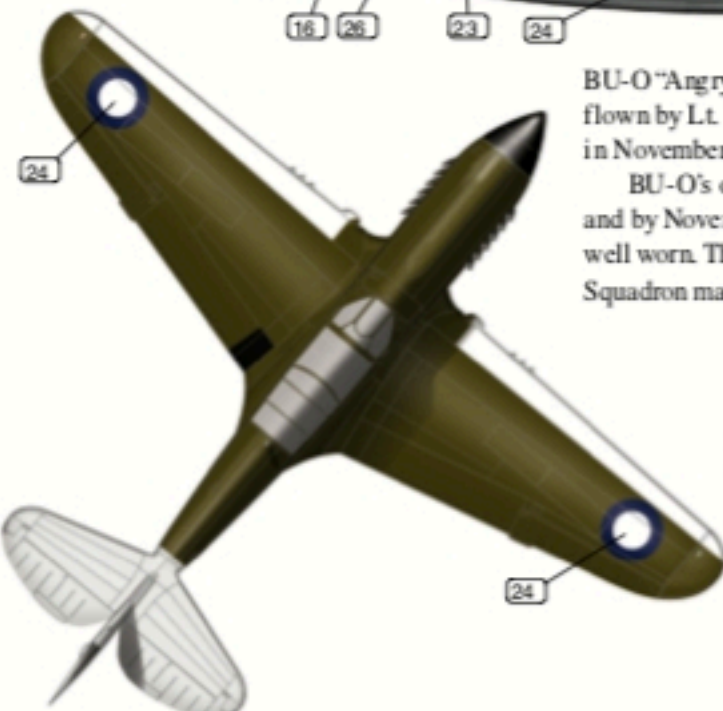


BU-O "Angry Bee" of No.80 Squadron RAAF, flown by Lt. Ken Goldring, Noemfoor Island in November 1944.

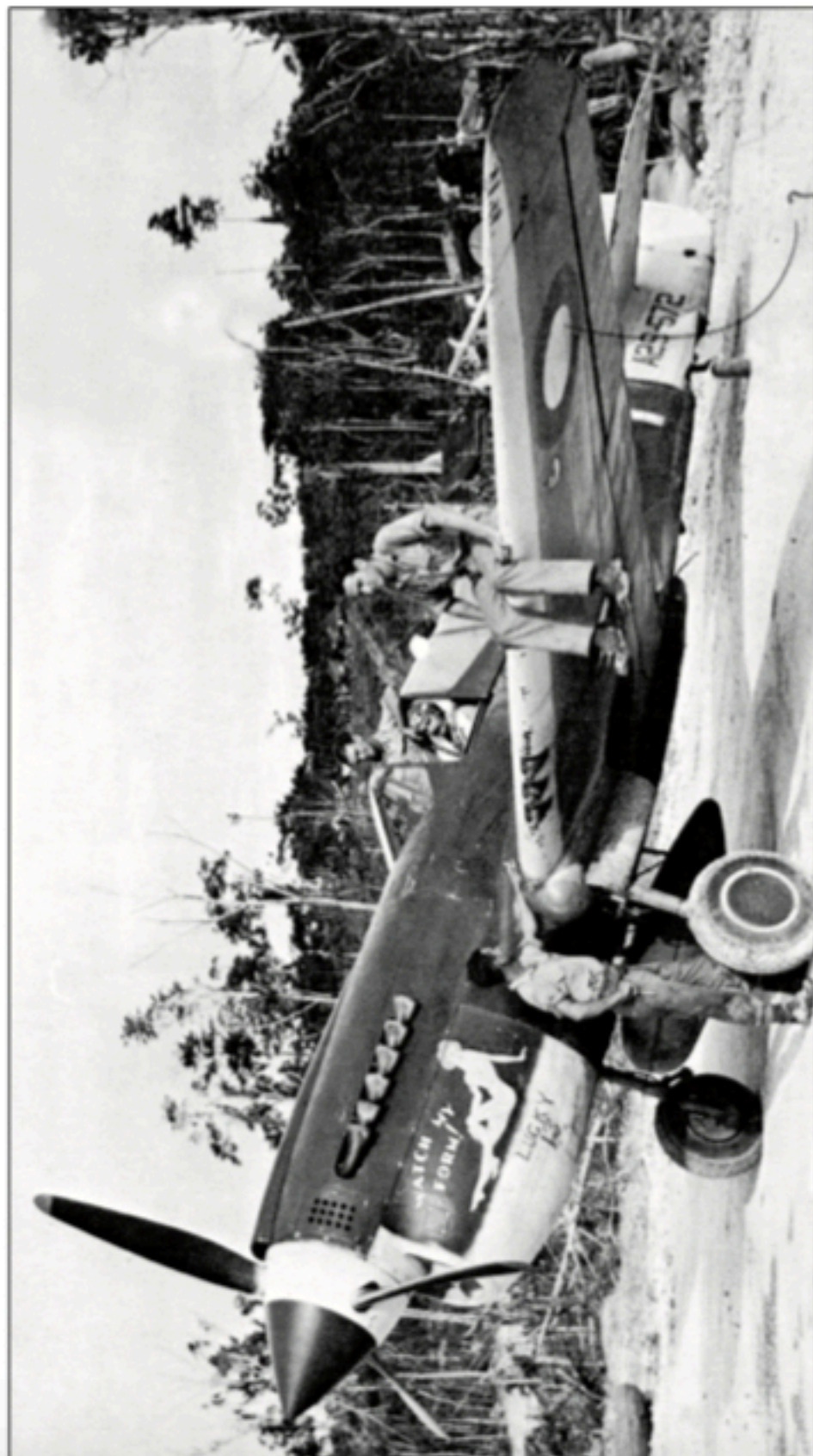
BU-O's over-painted serial was A29-671 and by November 1944 its paint scheme was well worn. The spinner, rudder tip (a flight-in-Squadron marking) and wing walk were black.

### Camouflage scheme

For both A29-572 and A29-671 camouflage was American Olive Drab upper surfaces with Neutral Gray below. The white wing leading edges and tail section were theatre markings. Propeller blades were black with yellow tips.



P-40N A29-536, operated by No.80 Squadron, photographed at Townsville, 1944. (via R Hourigan)



P-40N A29-572 was operated by No.78 Squadron on Noemfoor Island in late 1944. The photo shows Sergeant D A Smyth ready to take off on a dive bombing mission. The "Lucky 13" was written as a temporary marking, possibly for one mission. The cowling with "Watch my form" has been photographed on more than one P-40 and has pale blue lower surfaces. Modellers may add lighter pink highlights to the woman's body. Spinner is white with a dark blue cap. (RAAF)

Ventura Decals are printed thinly. Cut out each item and dip in water for a few seconds, then leave to stand on a non absorbent surface. At first the decal will curl up and then flatten out. This indicates it has loosened. Apply carefully to a gloss painted surface and position with a minimum of moving about. We suggest "Micro Set" and "Micro Sol" to aid setting down these decals. WARNING. Test them on a decal from this sheet that is not needed for your subject.