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1/48th Scale Razorback Thunderbolts

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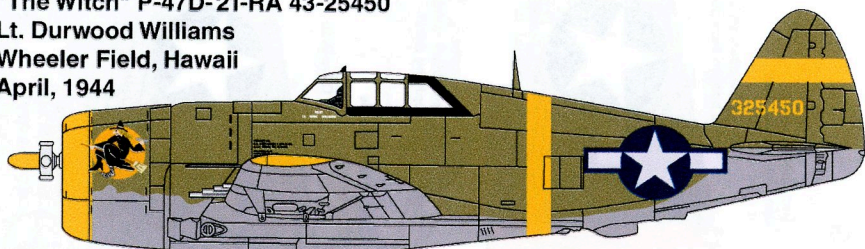
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Lt. Durwood Williams

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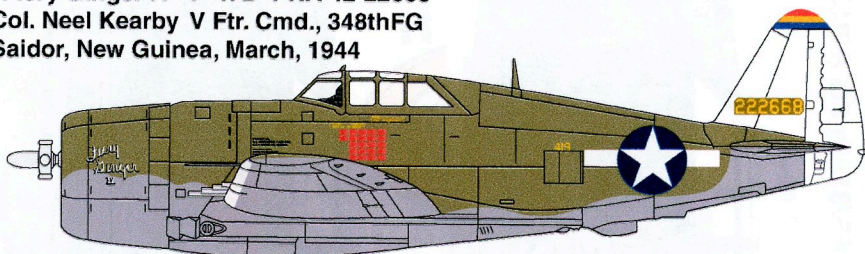
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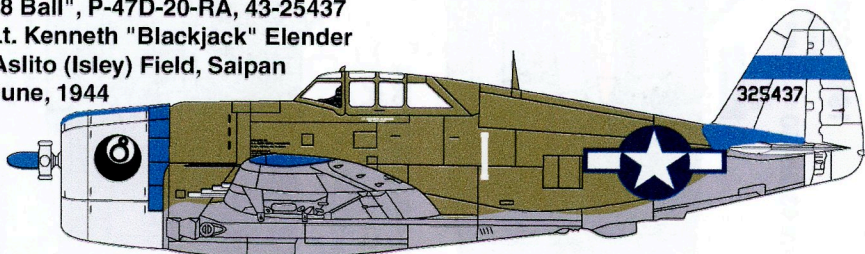


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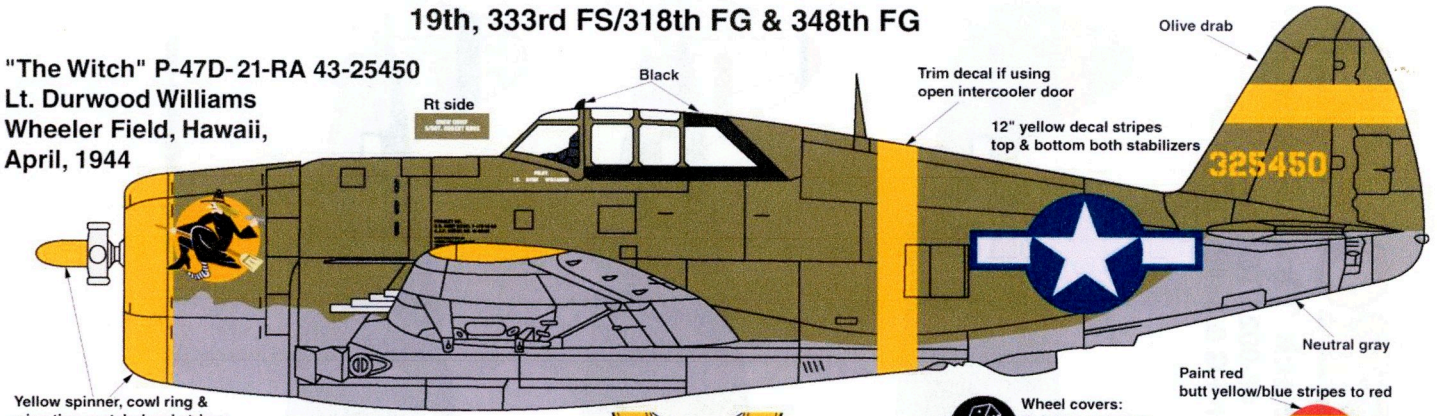
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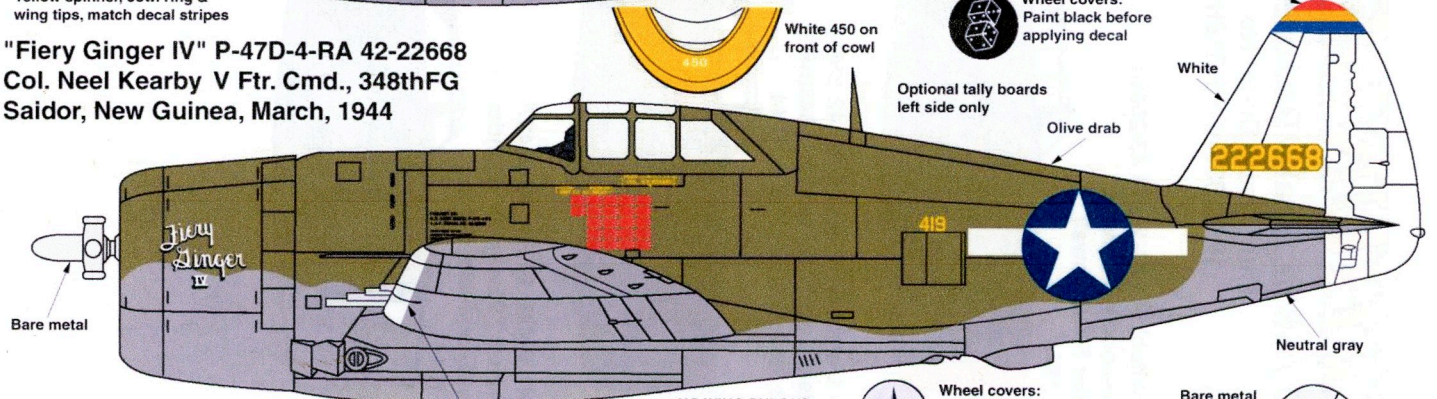


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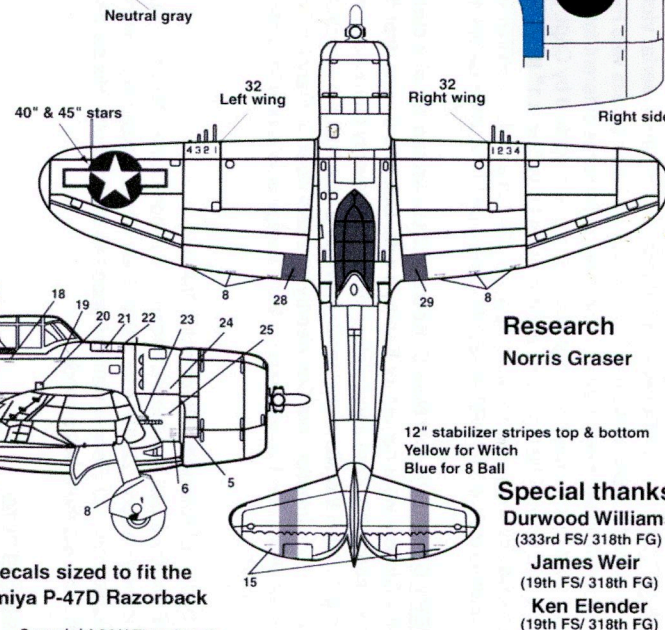
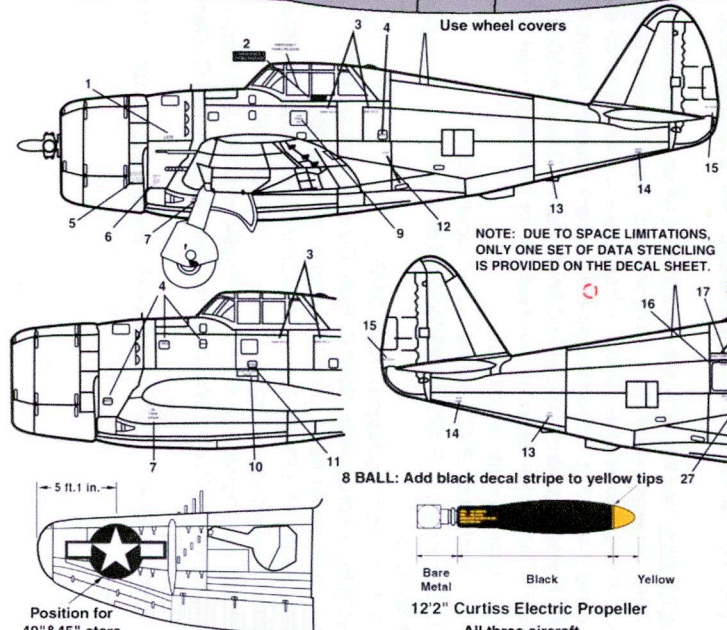
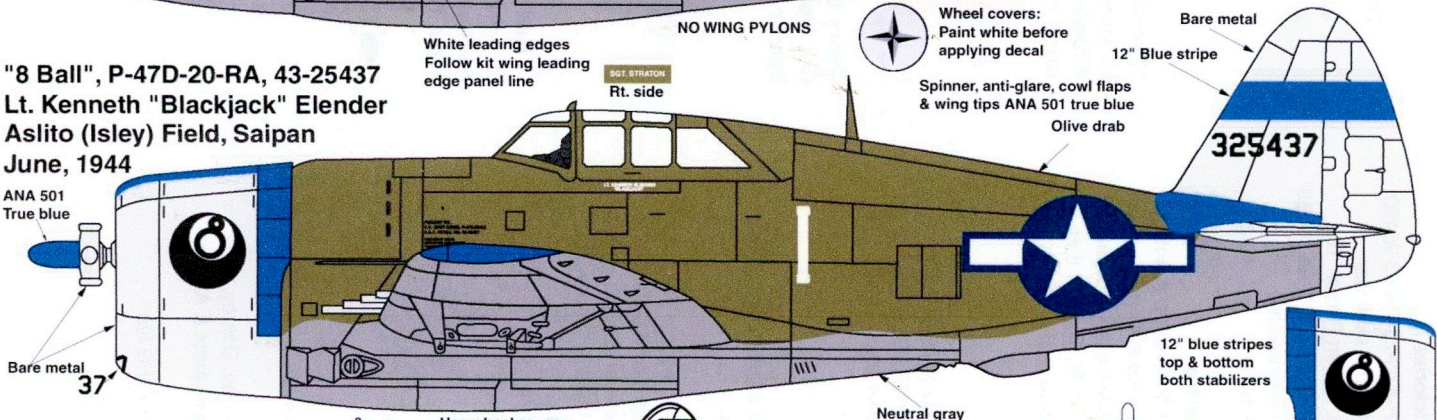
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THE WITCH

Lt Durwood Williams 3 confirmed aerial victories

Lt. Durwood "DeBe" Williams 1st of 3 assigned Thunderbolts was P-47D-21-RA 43-25450 based at Wheeler Field, Hawaii. The artwork (which is different for either side) was suggested by his crew chief, Sgt Robert Knox and applied by Capt. Robert Rieser. The plane and artwork lasted a very short time as Lt. Williams 1st flew it on April 1, 1944. It was destroyed during an air show on April 27, 1944 in a midair collision with another Thunderbolt (P-47D-21-RA 43-25511 piloted by Lt. Thomas Benichasa).

FIERY GINGER IV, Col Neel E. Kearby 22 confirmed aerial victories

All 4 Gingers were named for Kearby's wife. Col. Kearby was shot down a few minutes after scoring his 22nd aerial victory. Some controversy surrounded what P-47 he was flying. In 1995 the site of the wreck provided a rare find; the vertical tail with intact serial number; confirmation that Col. Kearby was shot down in Fiery Ginger IV. The fact that Ginger already had 22 victories on the fuselage side is now thought to be a probable from Dec 1943.

8 Ball, Lt Kenneth "Blackjack" Elender,

Lt Elenders 8 Ball was loaded aboard the escort carrier, Natoma Bay (CVE-62) and launched on June 22, 1944 for Aslito (Isley) Field, Saipan along with 24 other 19 FS Thunderbolts. Lt Elender was assigned two thunderbolts. His second was a P-47N-1-RE still featuring the 8 ball artwork.

Modeling notes

Decals are sized to the Tamiya Razorback. However, with minimal adjustment for the stripes, they can be used with any available 1/48th scale razorback.

Fiery Ginger Use the 35"(fuselage) and 45" (wings) national insignia without the blue outlines. No wing pylons The cowling featured straight, square bottom cowl flaps. It is recommended to use the Tamiya or Hasegawa razorbacks for an easier build as pylons are optional in either kit. Some Hasegawa razorback releases feature the straight cowl flaps (47th Fighter Squadron #09398 and South Pacific Theatre #09058.)

For the Tamiya kit- Resin kits are available for the straight cowl flaps.

- Loon models # LO4807
- Quickboost P-47D-5/6 (G-5) open cowl flaps
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