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1/48th Scale Razorback Thunderbolts

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P-47D Razorback Thunderbolts PTO Part 3

69th, 310th & 311th FS/ 58th FG

"My San Antonio Rose"

P-47D-16-RE 310th FS /58th FS

Capt. LeeRoy M. Caldwell

Flt. Leader, Yellow Flt.

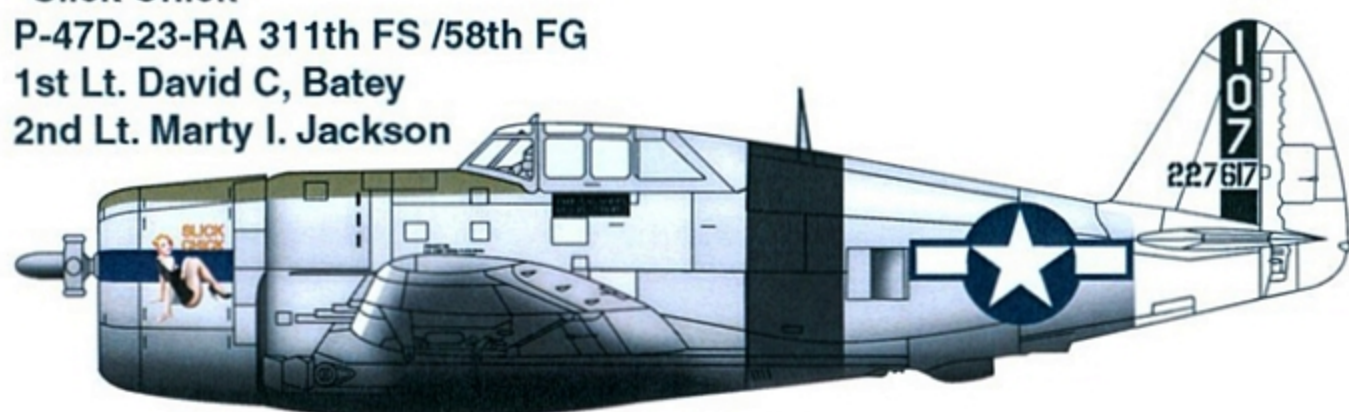


"Slick Chick"

P-47D-23-RA 311th FS /58th FG

1st Lt. David C. Batey

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"The Golden Gopher"

P-47D-15-RA 69th FS / 58th FG

Capt. Harry McMullen Ops Officer

C/C S/ Sgt. Geroge Mayer



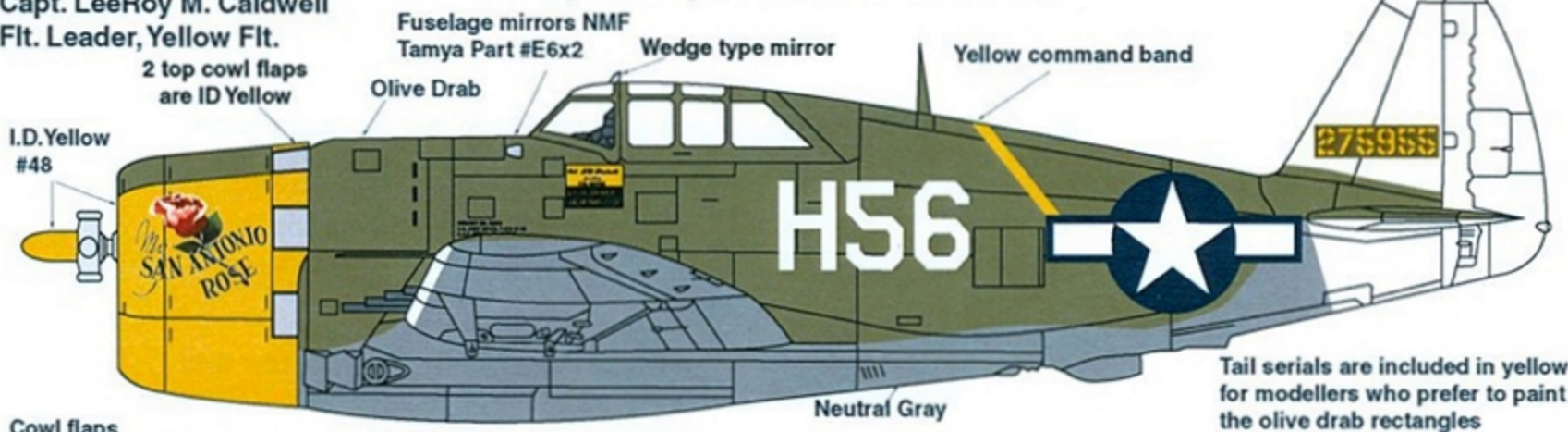
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Tail is white except top of stabilizers are Olive Drab

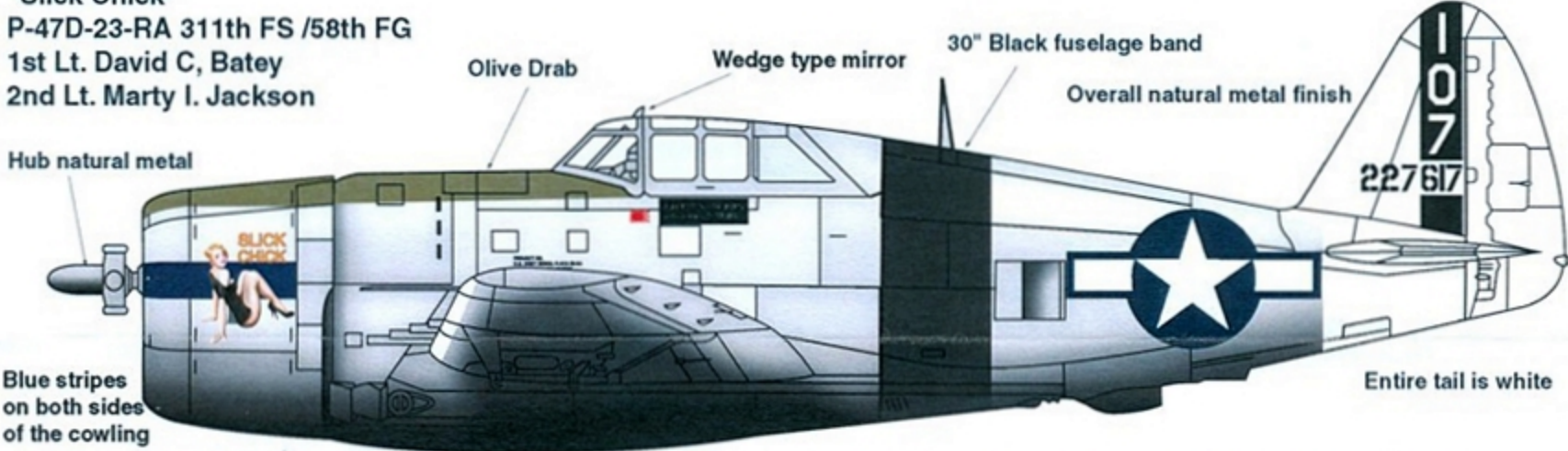
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Cowl flaps Alternating I.D. Yellow/ NMF with black outlines
White wing leading edges
Prop 12'2" No C.E. logos
Blade tips solid yellow
Wheel covers are yellow #48

Black cowl outlines are matched to Tamiya open cowl flaps
Separate black stripes are provided for closed or other kit cowl flap detailing

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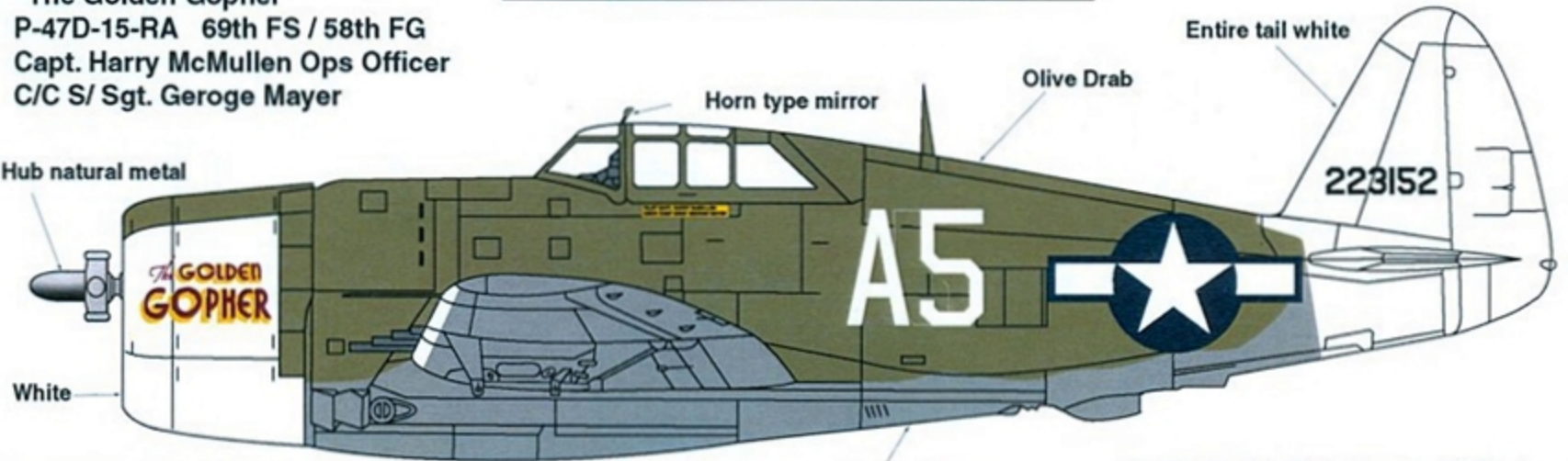


Blue stripes on both sides of the cowling
Prop: 12'2" No C.E. logos
If using Japanese victory use 13' symmetrical prop with C.E. logos
White wing leading edges
Wheel covers natural metal

Optional girl, Slick Chick and tail numbers for those who wish to paint the vertical 12" wide black tail stripes and / or 12" wide blue nose stripes. Med. Dark blue stripe was likely a squadron custom mix.

White wing leading edges varied in width, but in general, 9" wide at the wing root and 4" wide at the wing tip.

"The Golden Gopher"
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Prop; 12'2" No C.E. logos
prop tips yellow with black pin stripes
White wing leading edges
Wheel covers Neutral Gray

Decals sized to fit the Tamiya 1/48 Scale P-47D Razorback, but suitable for Hasegawa, Otaki and Revell/Monogram 1/48th scale Razorbacks

We are interested in any P-47 or other aircraft type. Info, images and suggestions for future projects.
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Charles Mayer

Thundercal No. 48-003 Aircraft / Aircrew info and data placement

Aircraft and crew info by Frank Emmett Ph.D. 58th FG Historian

"The Golden Gopher" was assigned to Capt. Harry Leo McMullen, the 69th FS Ops Officer. The crew chief, Sgt George Mayer, chose the name for his home state of Minnesota. It was to be painted on the starboard cowl panel where the crew chief's art was customarily supposed to go, but the painter got the cowl panels reversed. Gopher was lost on 18 May 1944 when a bomb hung up and exploded at low altitude. Capt. McMullen bailed out and spent 13 days on the ground with a continuous fighter CAP over him. On the eleventh day Lt. Guy Johnston of the 69th FS landed a Piper L-4 in a clearing, and the two men then spent two days hacking out a takeoff strip to fly back to their base at Sador, NG.

"My San Antonio Rose" was assigned to Capt. Lee Roy M. Chadwell of San Antonio, TX. The crew chief was S/Sgt Frank W. Huyck of Walton, New York, Assistant CC was Sgt. Eugene W. McKittrick of Palos Park, IL and armorer was Sgt. James H. Leatherwood of Fayetteville, NC. The aircraft had previously been named "Munchkin" by Capt. Chadwell, but then the dreaded "Dear John" letter arrived. The aircraft was stricken from the squadron record on 22 March 1945, but the nose art was moved onto Chad's new mount, a P-47D-28.

"Slick Chick" was flown by two 311th FS pilots, 1st Lt. David C. Batey of Newton Upper Falls, MN and 2nd Lt. Marty I. Jackson of Chicago, IL. Lt. Batey was credited with a "Zeke" shot down over Clark Field on 3 Jan 1945 in this aircraft. The a/c is a former 348th FG/460th FS mount and was stricken from the squadron's record on 19 April 1945 after blowing a tire on takeoff from Porac, causing the plane to swerve off the runway and nose up.

References:

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DATA: Insignia and comprehensive stenciling/ data is provide for one aircraft. It should be noted that many razorbacks in the SWP did not carry a full complement of stenciling, including the red wing root No Steps.

Prop data:

12'2" propellers on SWP P-47s often did not carry the C.E. logo on the prop blades.

Additionally, prop blade tips were solid yellow or yellow with a black pin stripe

