



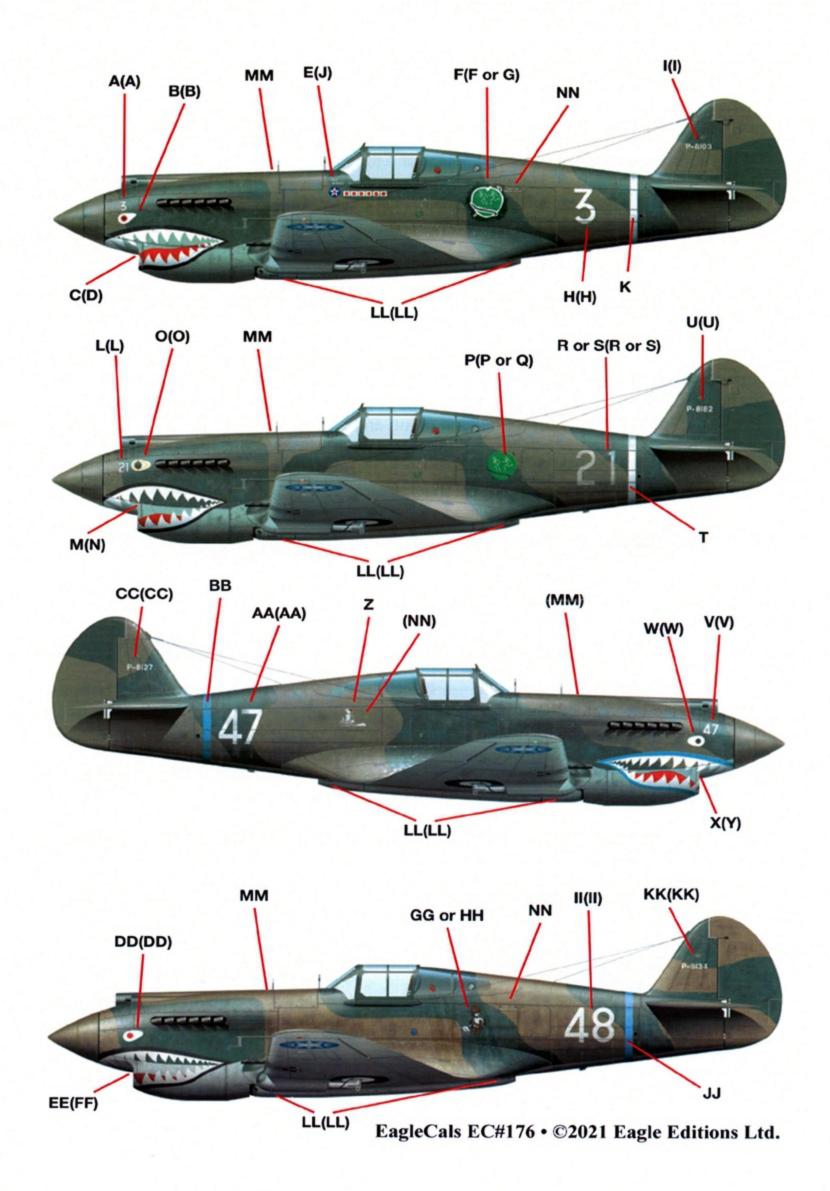
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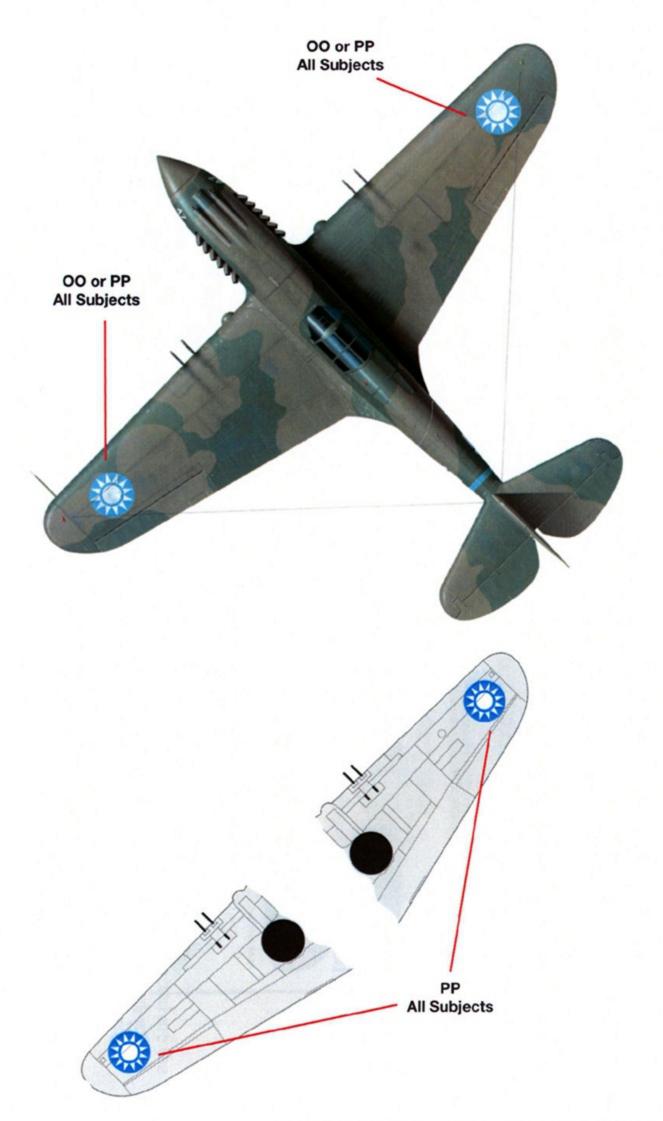


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P-40s of the A.V.G. 1st and 2nd Pursuit Sqn.

Four interesting and colorful Hawk 81-A2 aircraft (the export version of the P-40 B/C) appear on this sheet. Each is based on period photos and illustrations in the book *Tigers Over China: The Aircraft of the A.V.G.* by Thomas A. Tullis. The American Volunteer Group, or "Flying Tiger," represented the United States first covert military operation against a foreign nation. It was formed by a secret Executive Order issued by President Roosevelt in the spring of 1941 and was operational from August 1941 to July 1942 when it was absorbed into the 23rd Fighter Group, USAAF.

Color and Markings Notes: For all aircraft, the upper surfaces were to be painted Dark Green and Dark Earth. The DuPont paints used were close to the specified RAF colors. In some cases, the Brown color used had a slightly more Yellow hue to it that the RAF color, something that became more evident when fading occurred in the field as shown in several color plates in the reference book. The DuPont paints used were 71-065 (Dark Brown) and 71-013 (Dark Green) on the upper surfaces. Lower surfaces finished 71-021 (Light Grey). Unless noted, wheel hubs were 71-065. The Blue paint used for the national insignia was prone to rapid fading. Therefore, included are roundels in two shades of Blue. The Dark Blue represents fresh/unfaded paint, and the lighter shade is intended to show the faded version. Recommended: use the Dark Blue insignia for the lower wings as these would not have faded, and use faded Blue for the upper wings. Due to repainting, upper wings could also be Dark Blue or even a mix of both! The propellers were Black with Yellow tips.

FS 595B Equivalent:

- Dark Green 71-013 (34052)
- Dark Brown 71-065 (34088)
- Light Grey 71-021 (16473 or 36463)

#3 Serial Number: P-8103 Pilot: Dick Rossi

1st Pursuit Sqn.

#21 Serial Number: P-8182 Pilot: Greg "Pappy" Boyington 1st Pursuit Sqn.

Note non-standard camouflage pattern on mid-port fuselage forward of cockpit. Fuselage numbers have faded to a Grey color. Included are fresh White decals should an earlier version be required. Note non-standard simplified unit insignia.

#47 Serial Number: P-8127 Pilot: Bob Layher/John Petach 2nd Pursuit Sqn.

#48 Serial Number: P-8134 Pilot: David Lee "Tex" Hill 2nd Pursuit Sqn.

Note the provisional details of the "Panda Bear" applied to the left fuselage side is based on views of the starboard side and interviews with the pilot.

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