

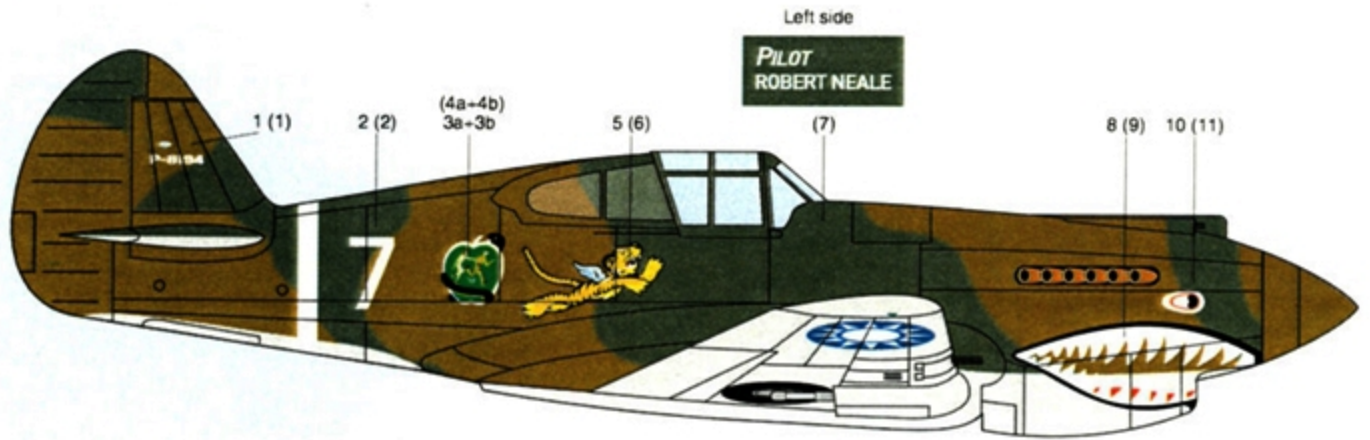
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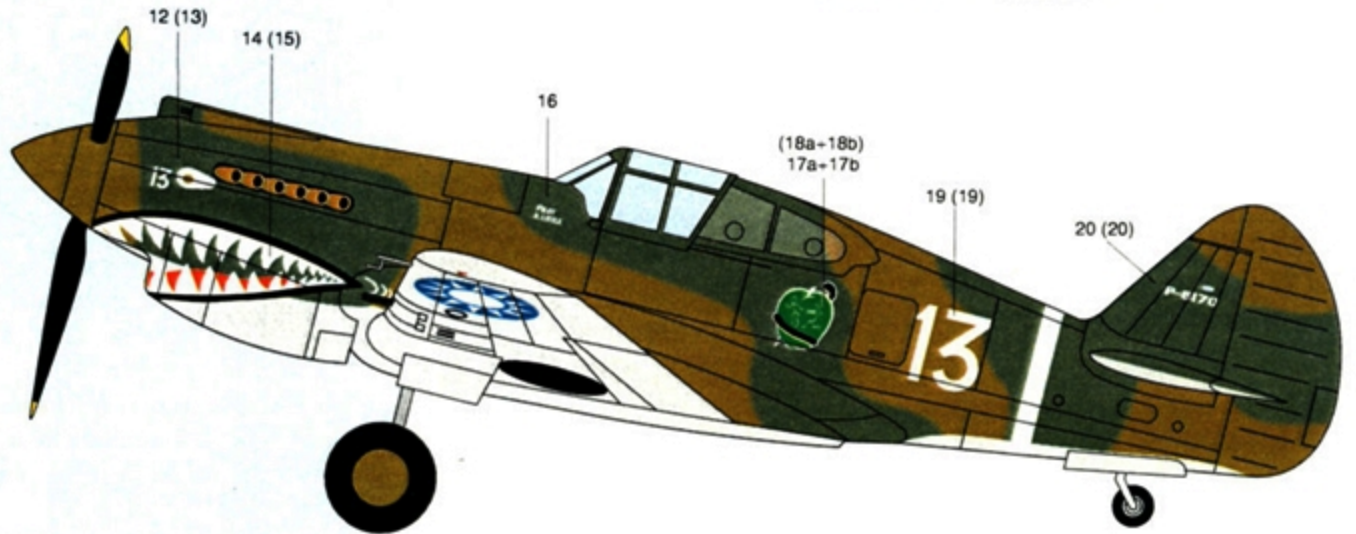
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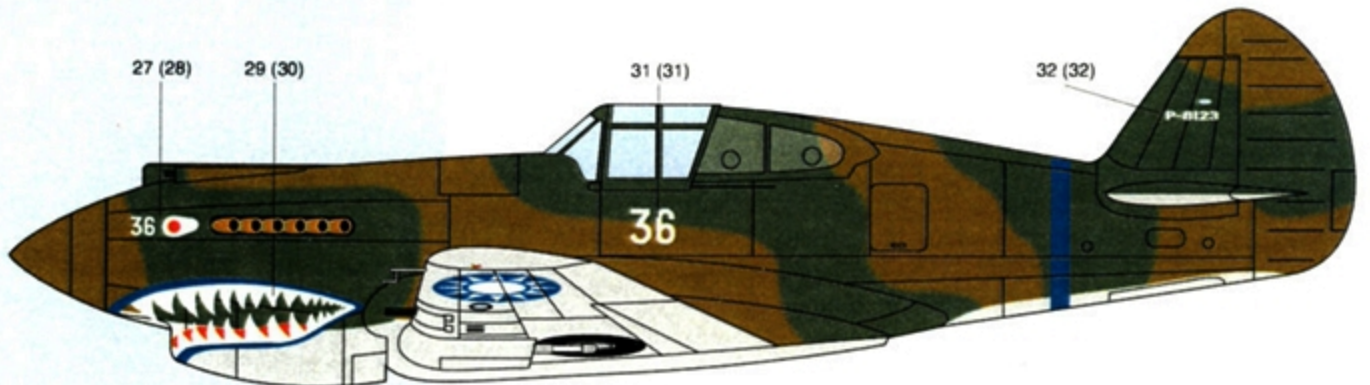
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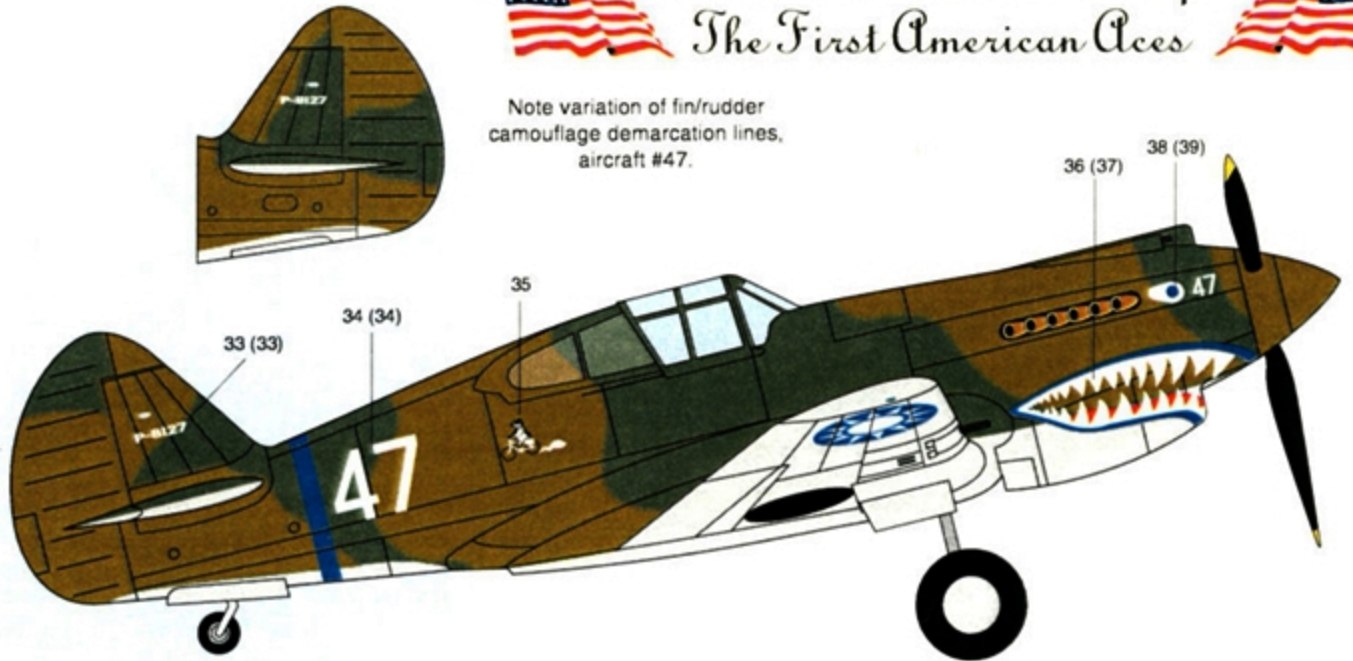
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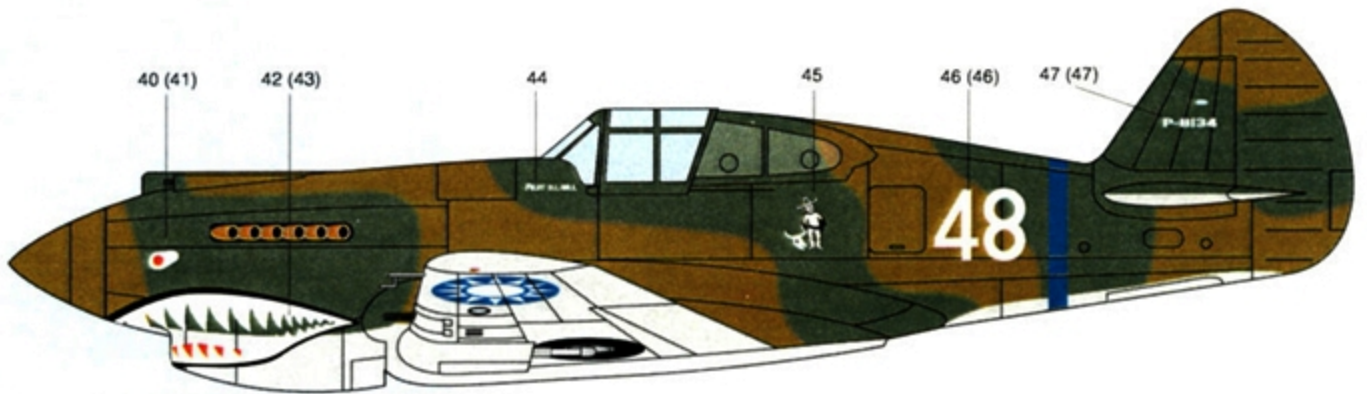


Note variation of fin/rudder  
camouflage demarcation lines,  
aircraft #47.

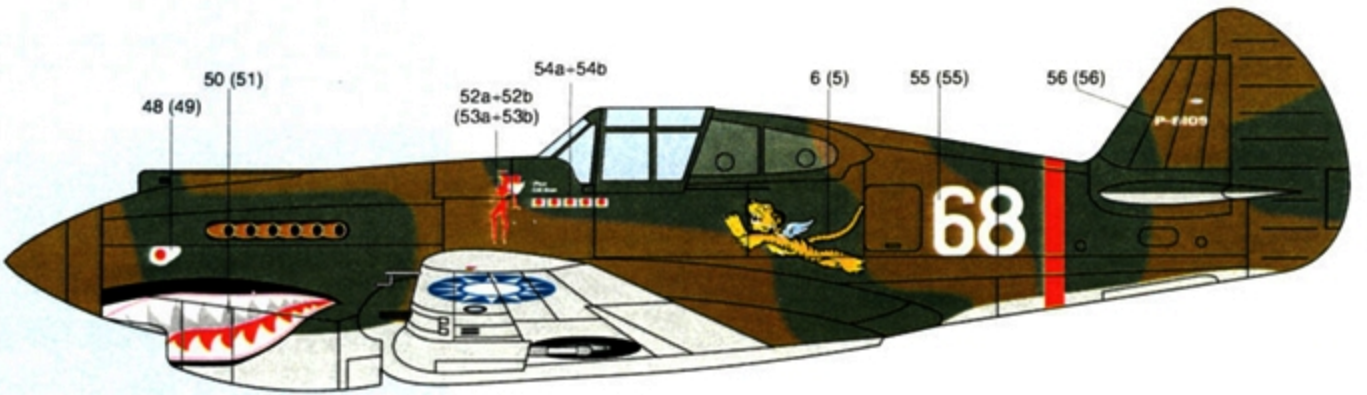
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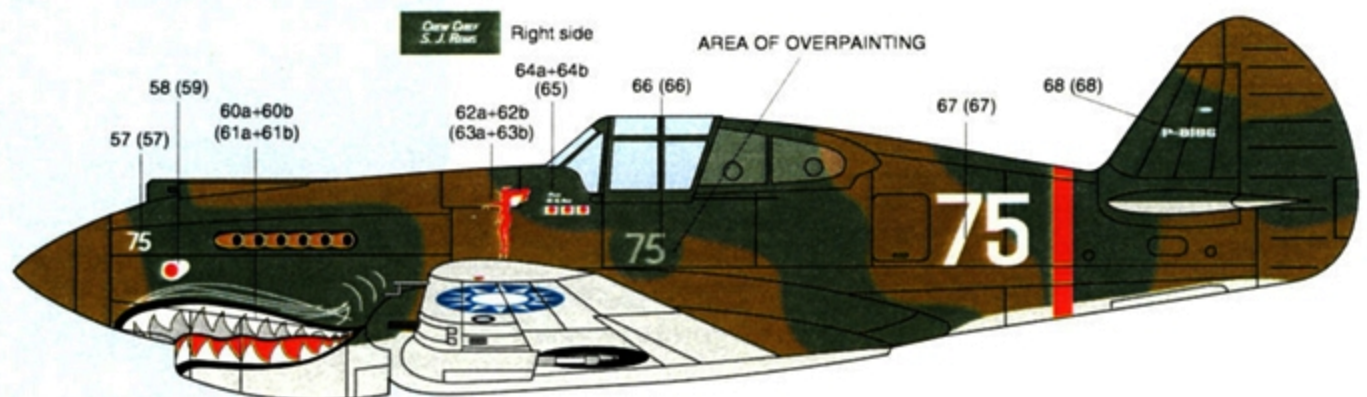
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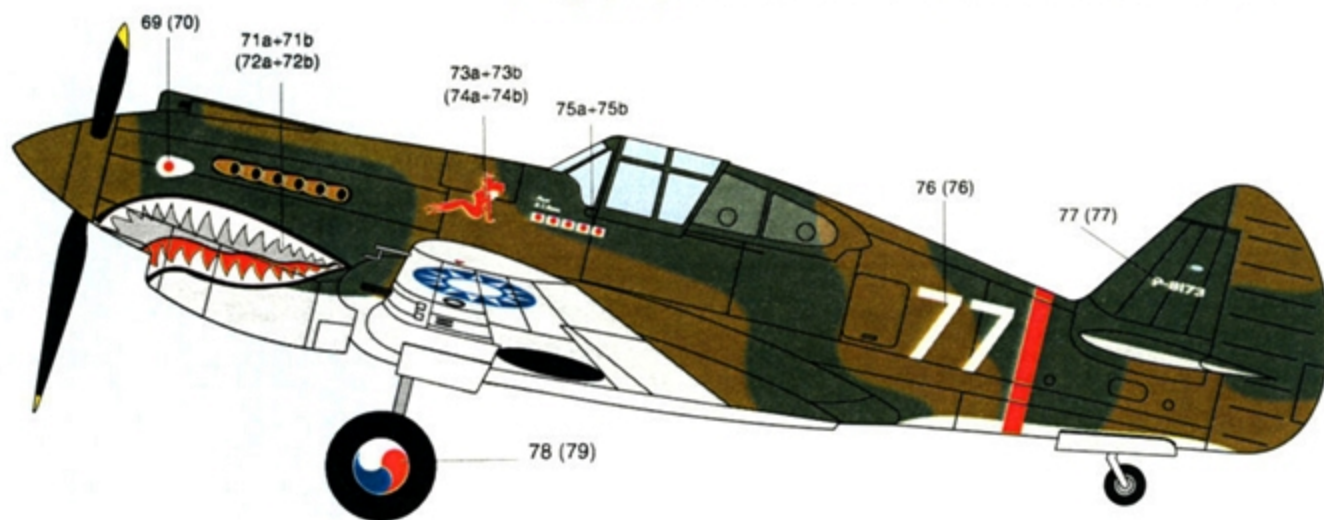


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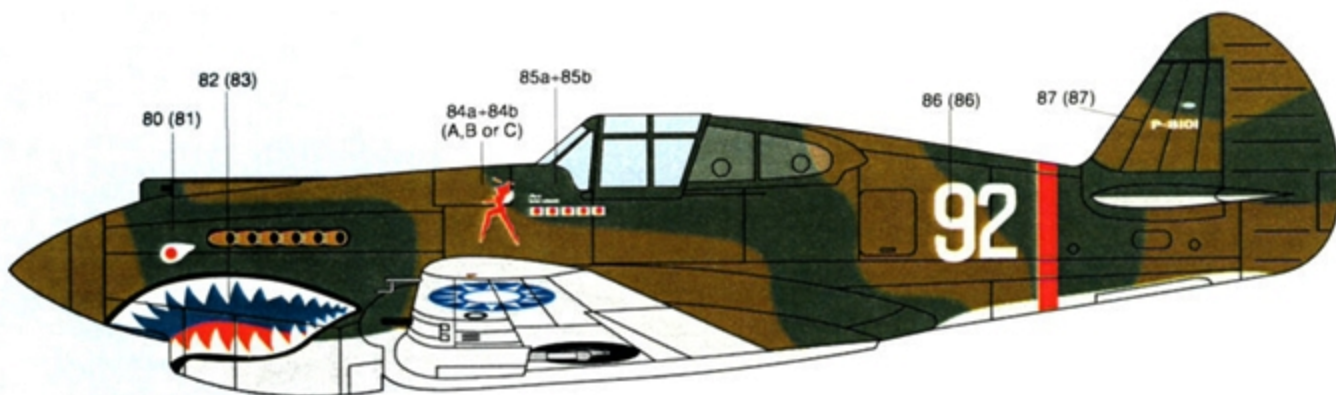




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Curtiss Hawk 81-A2 flown by Robert H. Neale, First Pursuit Squadron Leader, AVG. This aircraft had the wheel disks painted a light color, probably white. White tail band denoted the First Squadron.

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Curtiss Hawk 81-A2 flown by AVG Flight Leader Robert Little, First Pursuit Squadron, AVG. This aircraft had the wheel disks painted Dark Earth.

3

Curtiss Hawk 81-A2 flown by Charles Bond, First Pursuit Squadron, AVG. Photos show this aircraft with somewhat dark numbers, which could be attributed to dirty or deteriorating paint. Note the variation in the camouflage demarcation lines on fuselage port side. Wheel cover color is unknown, likely Dark Earth or Gray.

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Curtiss Hawk 81-A2 flown by Deputy Squadron Leader Ed Rector, Second Pursuit Squadron, AVG. The Blue fuselage band signified the Second squadron, and was the same shade of blue as the Chinese insignias. Wheel cover colors unknown, likely Gray or Dark Earth.

5

Curtiss Hawk 81-A2 flown by John Petach, Second Pursuit Squadron, AVG. Wheel cover colors unknown, likely Gray or Dark Earth.

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Curtiss Hawk 81-A2 flown by David Lee 'Tex' Hill, Second Pursuit Squadron, AVG. Wheel cover color is unknown, likely Dark Earth or Gray.

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Curtiss Hawk 81-A2 flown by Flight Leader Charles Older, Third Pursuit Squadron, AVG. Aircraft had 'pinwheel' wheel covers, decals 78 (left) and 79 (right).

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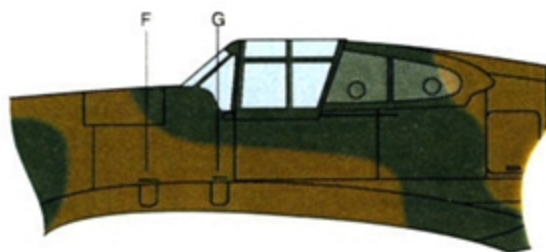
Curtiss Hawk 81-A2 flown by Flight Leader William Reed, Third Pursuit Squadron, AVG. Aircraft likely had 'pinwheel' wheel covers, decals 78 (left) and 79 (right). Smaller '75' under cockpit was overpainted with a round patch of green paint; the number still showing through slightly.

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Curtiss Hawk 81-A2 flown by Flight Leader R. T. Smith.

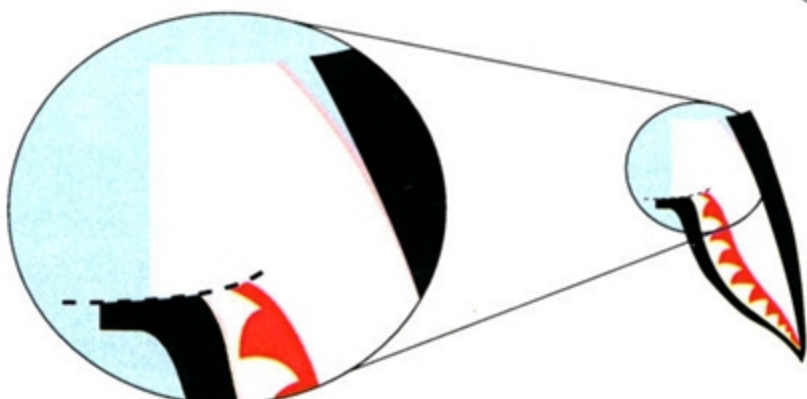
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Curtiss Hawk 81-A2 flown by Flight Leader Duke Hedman, Third Pursuit Squadron, AVG. This aircraft also had the 'pinwheel' wheel covers, decals 78 (left) and 79 (right). Aircraft likely had an angel on starboard side; style unknown.(3 possibilities provided on sheet 3)



**NOTE:**  
Camouflage pattern extends into quarter window cutouts on all aircraft.

Slit shark mouths as shown below (along the dotted line) before wetting the decals. This will allow a better fit around the nose.

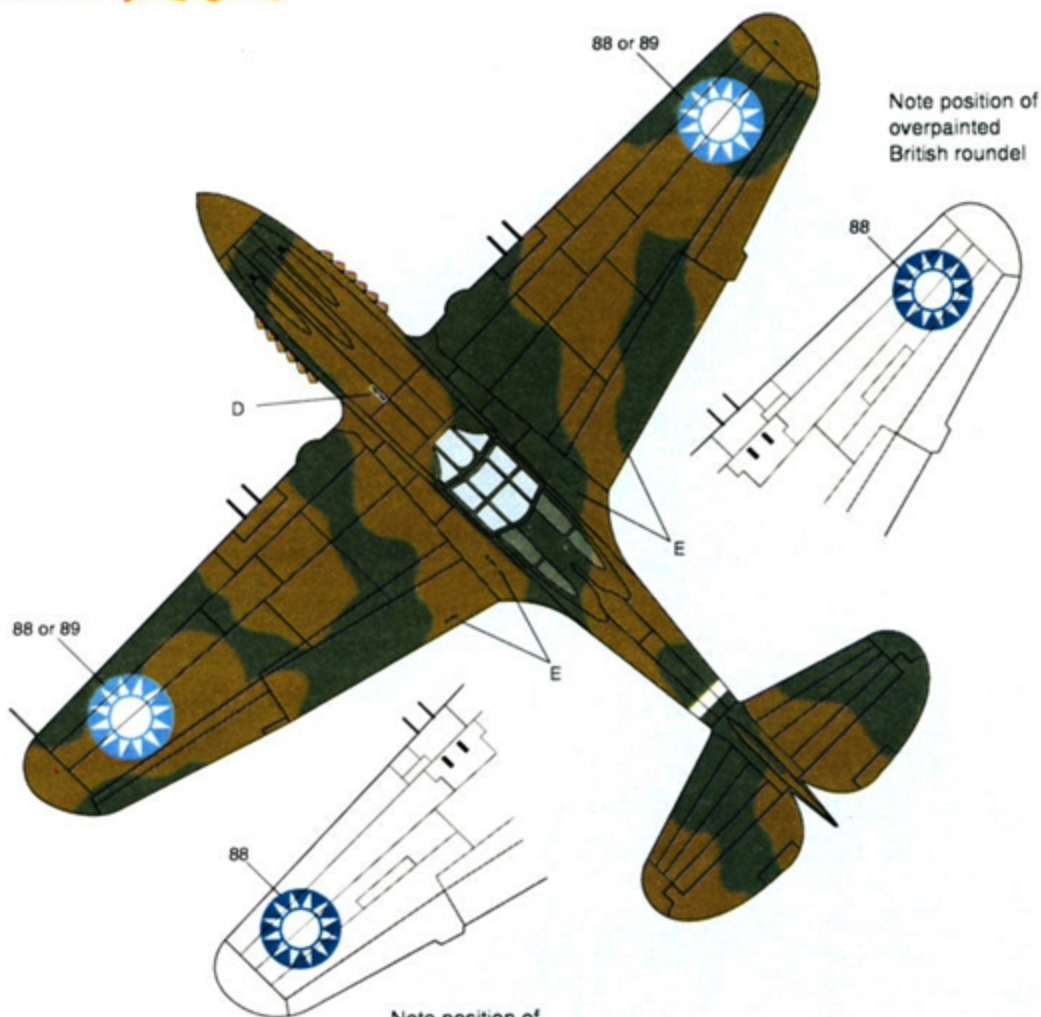


### Color notes on AVG aircraft

The Hawk 81-A2 aircraft used by the AVG were painted by Curtiss using DuPont paints which were not matched to British standards. The Green used (DuPont 71-013) was nearly an exact match for US Green 42. Most, if not all Tomahawks were painted using a Dark Brown (DuPont 71-065) which was virtually identical to British Dark Earth. Undersurfaces were finished in a Gray color that was mistakenly matched to British 'Sky Grey'. The most accurate match for this color is Aircraft Gray, ANA 512/FS 36473. All edges were sharp, as Curtiss used mats and masks, a standard practice for British camouflage painting.

Lighter Chinese roundels are provided to be used on the wing upper surfaces. Use your discretion.

**Suggested Kits:**  
Hobbycraft P-40C



Note position of overpainted British roundels



Recommended AeroMaster Warbird Colors			
Acrylic			
1001	Gloss Clear	1012	White
1002	Semi-Gls Clr	1013	Black
1003	Flat Clear	1014	Red
1004	Tire Black	1015	Blue
1011	Yellow	1016	Green
		1042	US Green 42

Recommended AeroMaster Warbird Colors			
Enamels			
9001	Black	9110	Dk Earth
9002	White	9042	US Green 42
9003	Yellow		
9004	Blue		
9005	Red		
9010	Tire Black		

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