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# P-47D

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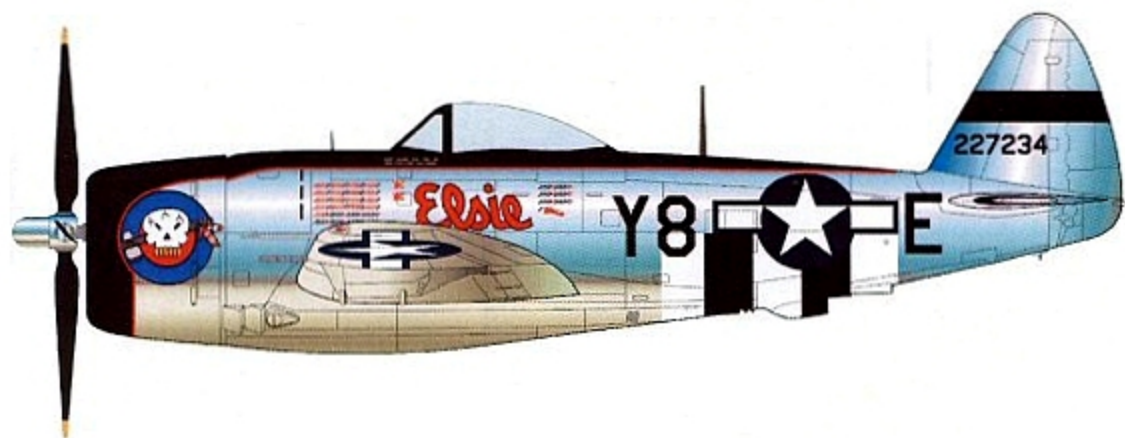
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ELSIE/LIL BUTCH

P-47D-27-RE

404TH FG



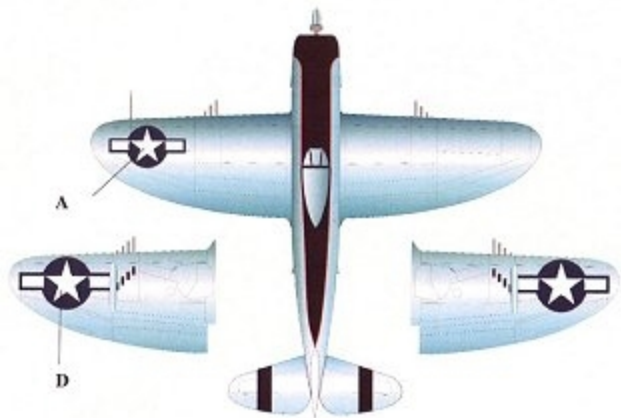
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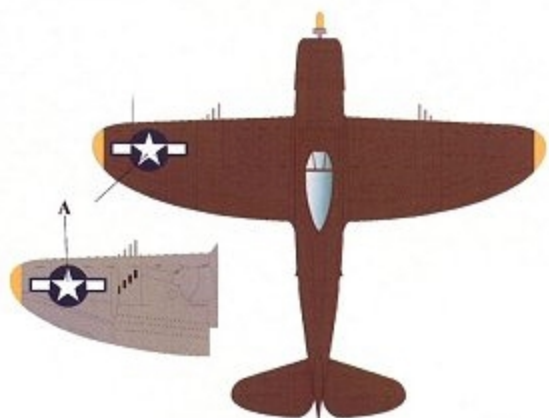
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## P-47 Ds ELSIE/LIL BUTCH & SIGMA NU GIRL

- Designed for use with the Hasegawa 1/32nd scale kit of the P-47D. The Revell kit can also be used.
- In 1/48th scale, look for kits from Academy, Tamiya and Hasegawa.

**ELSIE/LIL BUTCH**    **Y8 ★ E**    **P-47D-27-RE**    **SN 42-27234**    **404th FG**

**Pilot:** Major Clay Tice, Jr. flew early in the war in the SWP with the 49th FG flying P-40s. He had two confirmed kills. After his tour with the 49th he went back to the U.S. and commanded the 507th FS. Clay Tice joined the 404th in the U.S before the group shipped out to Europe. Tice was Sq. Cdr. from 27 Jan 1944 until Sept 1944. After his tour was up with the 404th FG, he returned to the SWP to command the 49th FG flying P-38 Lightnings. He has the distinction of being the first pilot to land in Japan after the war was over.

**Colors:** Natural metal finish. Cowl ring and anti-glare, Black outline with Red (note Yellow shows when canopy is open as the Black was painted with canopy in closed position). Aft anti-glare is Black, edged with Red. Windscreen and canopy, Black framing; invasion stripes lower half of fuselage only. Theatre bands, Black, vertical tail 12", not uniform, stabs 15". Right side fuselage-LIL BUTCH, left side forward fuselage- ELSIE.

**Prop:** Hamilton Standard, prop hub polished metal.

**Dorsal Fin:** not fitted

**National Markings:** Factory Standard

**Stencils:** factory Standard

**References:**

- 1) Graser, Norris. Graser photo collection/Bill Lee photographer
- 2) McDowell, Ernie. *Thunderbolt The Republic P-47 Thunderbolt in the European Theater*, Squadron Signal.
- 3) Reference photos printed in instructions

**SIGMA NU GIRL**    **4K ★ P**    **P-47D-28-RE**    **SN 44-19776**    **404th FG**

**Pilot:** 1st. Lt. Charles Matheny from Alameda, California, flew 79 missions, was awarded DFC, Air Medal and 10 Oak Leaf Clusters. His nickname was "Greasy" because he could grease a P-47 onto a runway like no one else.

**Colors:** Overall OD over Neutral Gray; windscreen and canopy framing, OD. Yellow wing tips and sway braces.

**Prop:** Curtiss Electric Asymmetrical or CE Symmetrical (see photos)

**Dorsal Fin:** Fitted

**National Markings:** Field applied

**Stencils:** Factory Standard in general; non-standard font for serial number on tail.

**References:**

- 1) Images from Graser photo collection, Methany family, John Levesly, Mark McDonnell,
- 2) Squadron in Action
- 3) Reference photos printed in instructions

**This sheet is respectfully dedicated to the memory of Sgt. Charles E. Matheny IV, Army 704th Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; killed in Baghdad on his second tour when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV, 18 February 2006. "Charlie" was the grandson of Charles Matheny pilot of SIGMA NU GIRL.**

