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## 1/144 RAF Thunderbolts Mk.II – 73 OTU

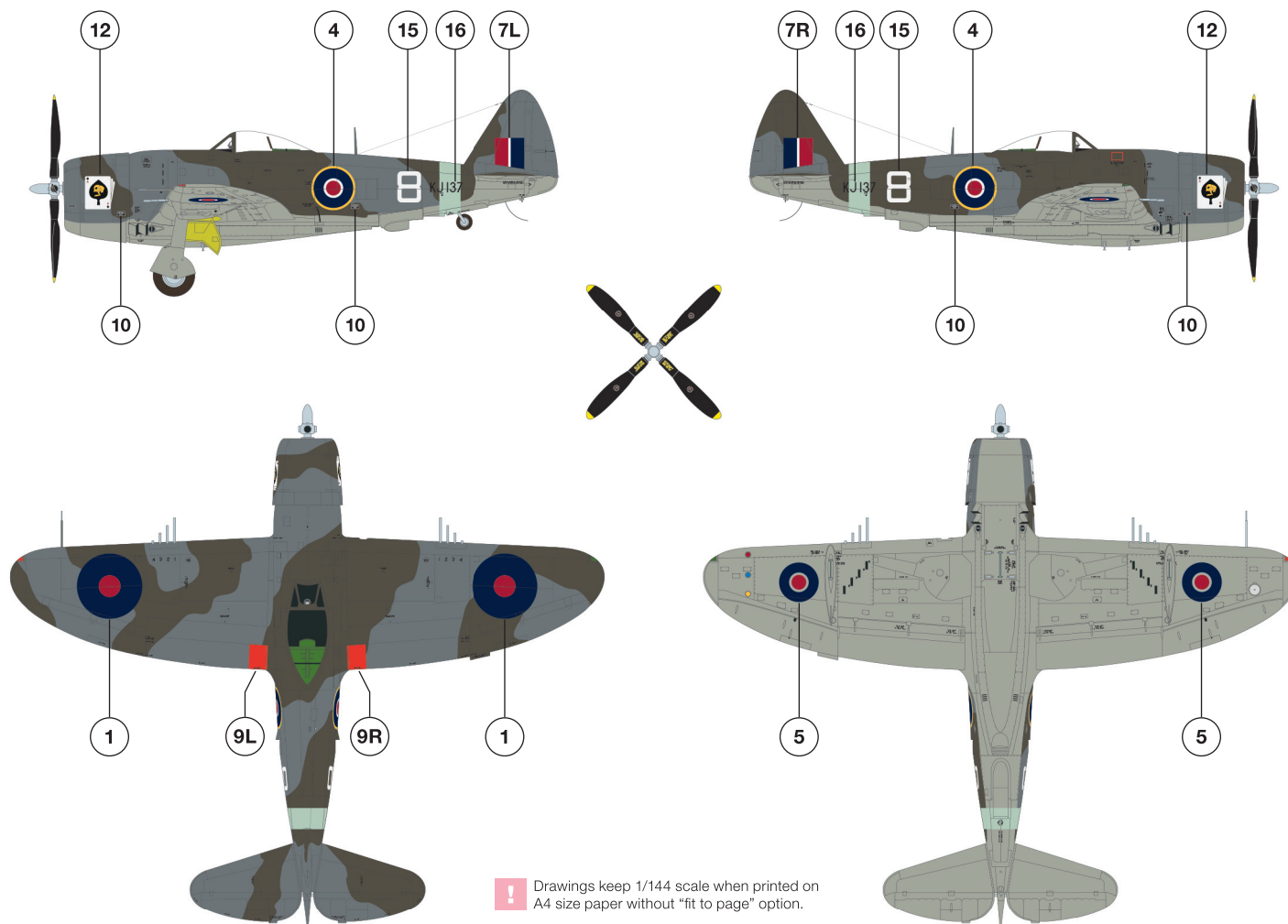
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P-47D-28-RE 44-19628, KJ137, white 8,  
No.73 Operational Training Unit RAF,  
Air Command South East Asia, Fayid, Egypt 02.1945

It was delivered from United States in a factory  
applied camouflage – the US paints were  
used! Also, full stencilling was visible (available  
separately as Shelf Oddity decal set SO314431).

The paddle blades of Curtiss-Electric propellers  
featured manufacturers markings and the yellow  
stencilling. Yellow propeller tips were visible.

During of 73 OTU service the wheel hubs' inner sides  
seem to be covered with flat wheel caps (most likely  
in Natural Aluminium finish).



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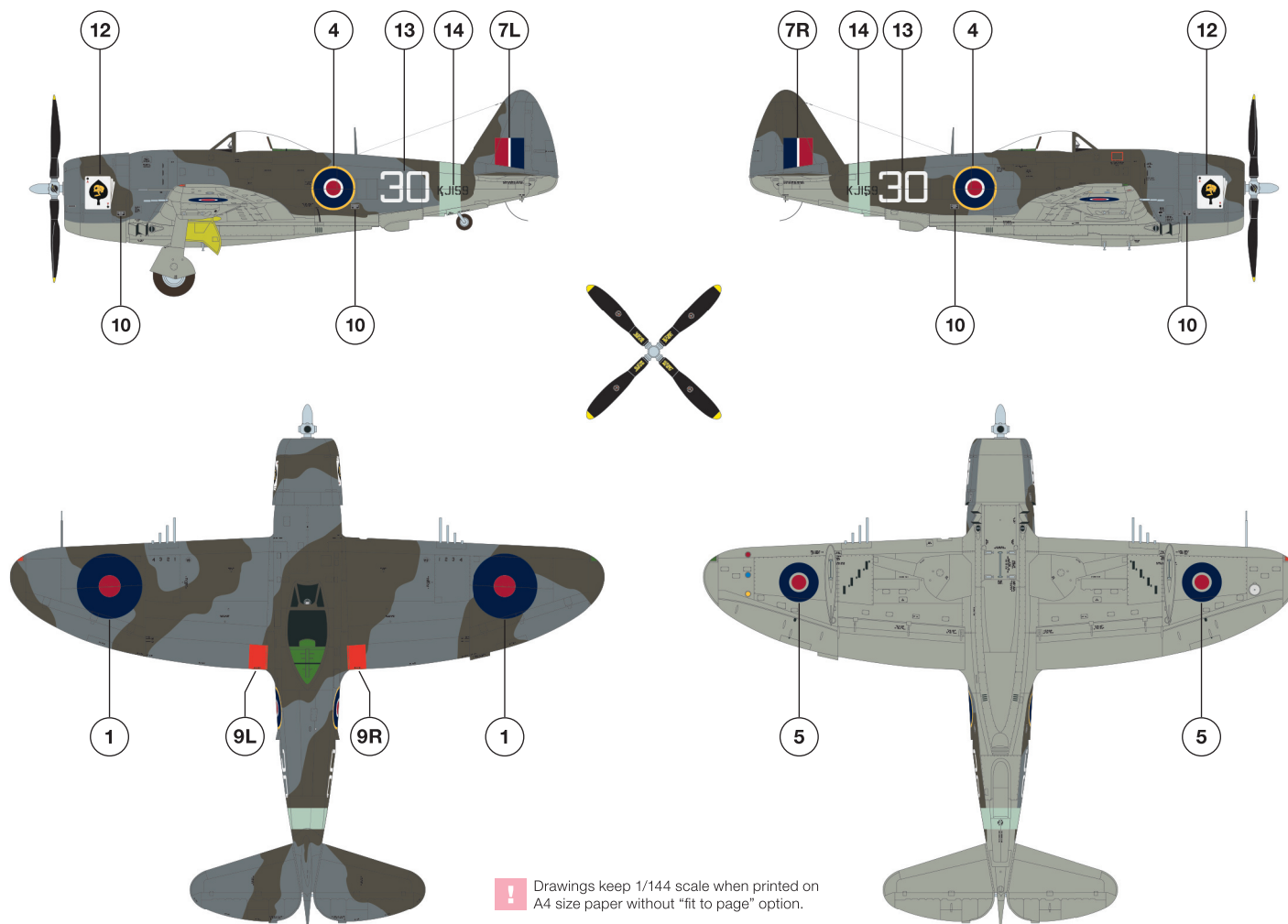
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P-47D-28-RE 44-19650, KJ159, white 30,  
No.73 Operational Training Unit RAF,  
Air Command South East Asia, Fayid, Egypt 1945

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applied camouflage – the US paints were  
used! Also, full stencilling was visible (available  
separately as Shelf Oddity decal set SO314431).

The paddle blades of Curtiss-Electric propellers most  
likely featured manufacturers markings and the yellow  
stencilling. Yellow propeller tips were visible.

The wheel hubs' inner sides were most likely spoked  
with Natural Aluminium finish.



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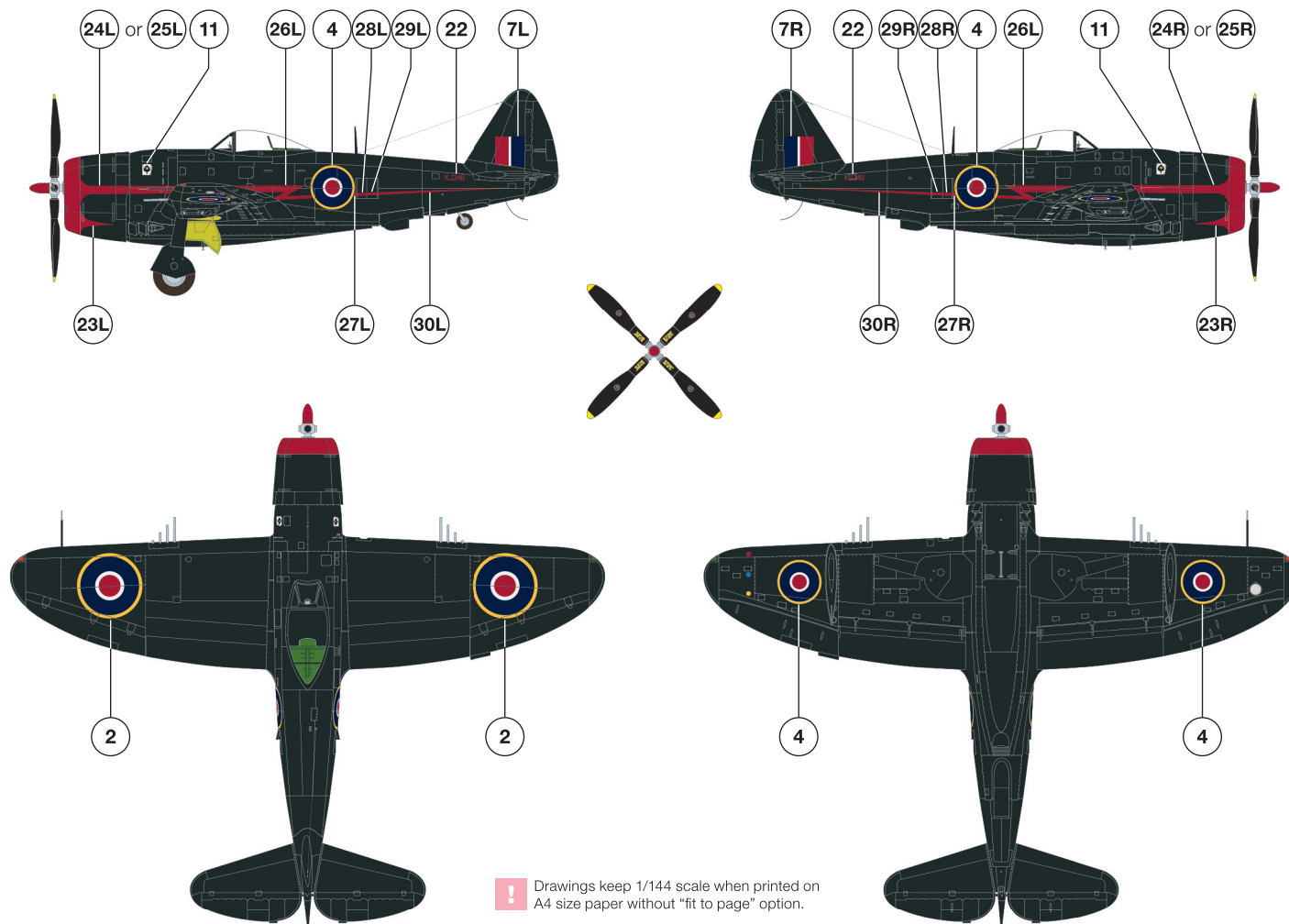
P-47D-30-RE 44-20508, KJ347, G/C Frank Carey  
No.73 Operational Training Unit RAF,  
Air Command South East Asia, Fayid, Egypt 1945

As a commander's plane it was repainted all-black  
(of rather semi-matt finish) with Dull-Red trim.  
The stencilling has been most likely painted over.

The paddle blades of Curtiss-Electric propellers  
featured manufacturers markings and the yellow  
stencilling. Yellow propeller tips were visible.

The wheel hubs' inner sides were covered with  
flat wheel caps in Natural Aluminium finish.

! Use decals 24L/24R for the Platz-Bego/Eduard kit  
and 25L/25R for the F-Toys one.



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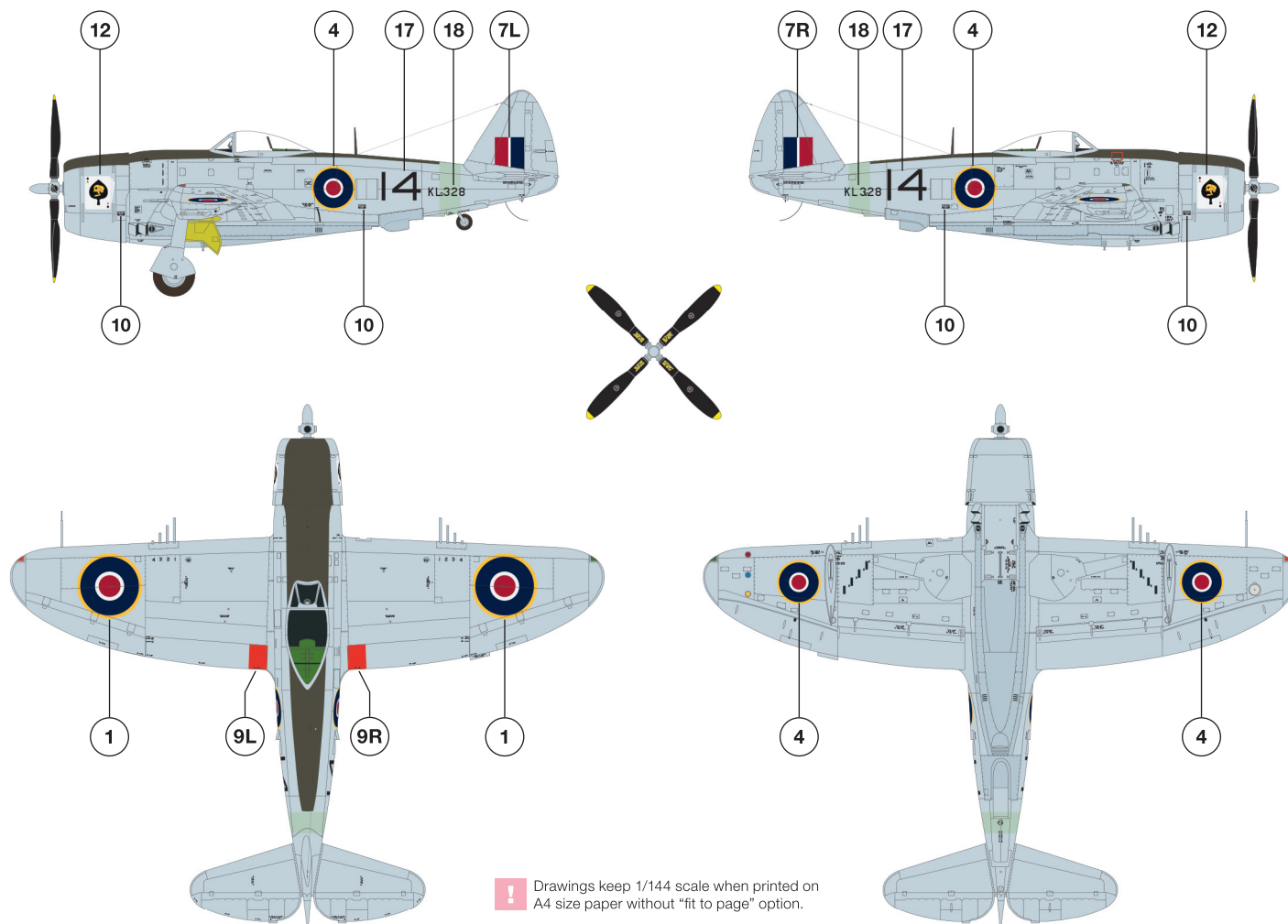
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P-47D-30-RE 44-20957, KL328, black 14,  
No.73 Operational Training Unit RAF,  
Air Command South East Asia, Fayid, Egypt 1945

It was delivered from United States in a factory NMF  
finish – the US paint may have been used for the  
tail band. Also, full stencilling was visible (available  
separately as Shelf Oddity decal set SO314431).

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P-47D-30-RE 44-20959, KL330, PJ-S,  
No.73 Operational Training Unit RAF,  
Air Command South East Asia, Fayid, Egypt 1945

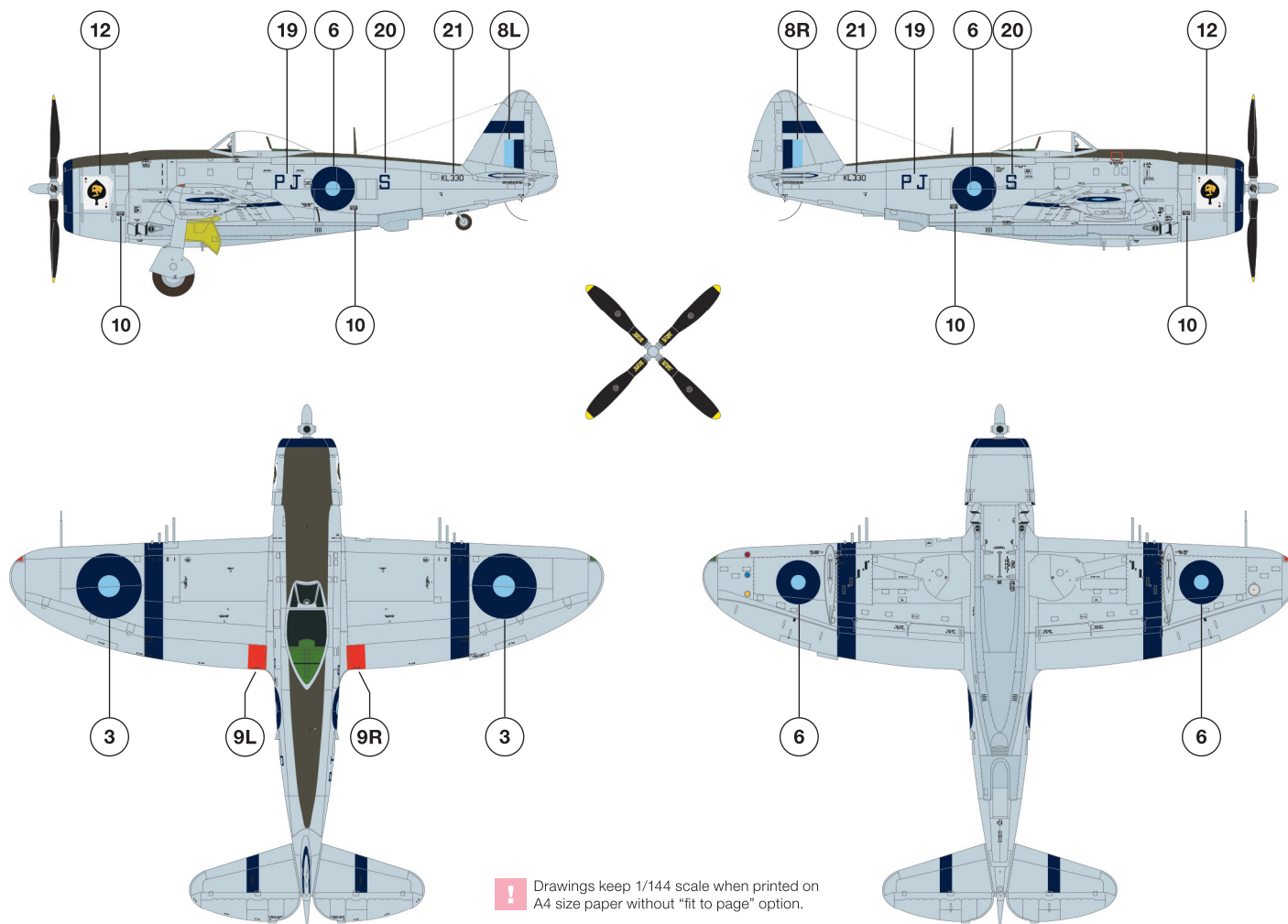
Most likely it was delivered from United States in a factory NMF finish. Also, full stencilling was visible (available separately as Shelf Oddity decal set SO314431). The front of the engine cowling as well as the bands on the wings and tail were kept Dull Blue.

This rather unusual machine featuring large SEAC-style RAF markings in combination with 73 OTU emblems most likely was a personal mount of an unknown higher rank pilot (all 73 OTU records for this period have been destroyed) and could have been used to accustom new pilots with the markings used in the Far East theatre.

Note: the empennage markings are guesstimated as the tail is non-visible on the only photo of this a/c. The presence of red square wing root markings is also a guesstimate.

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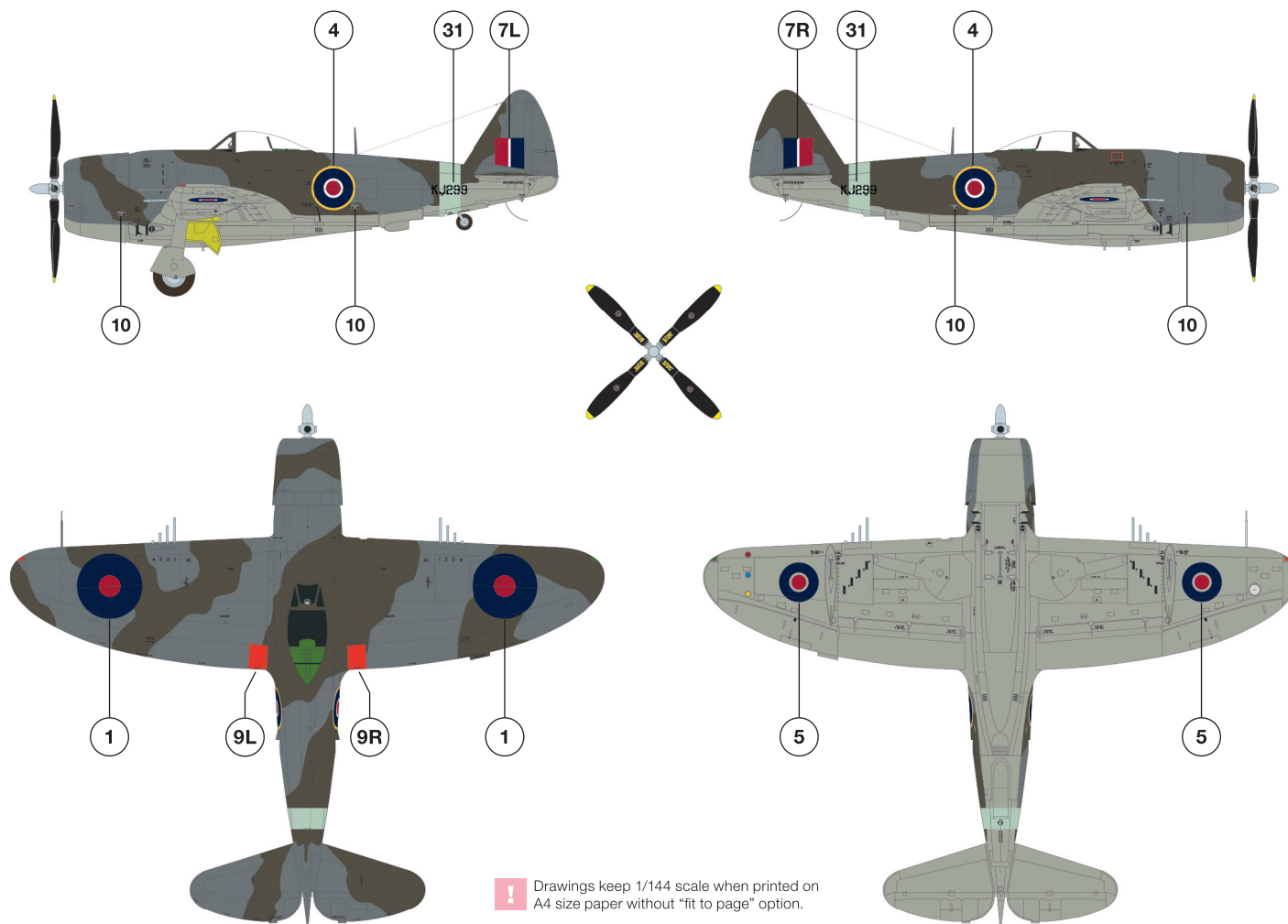
P-47D-30-RE 44-20309, KJ299,  
Heston Aircraft Company, Heston, UK 1944

Aircraft used for trials in UK.

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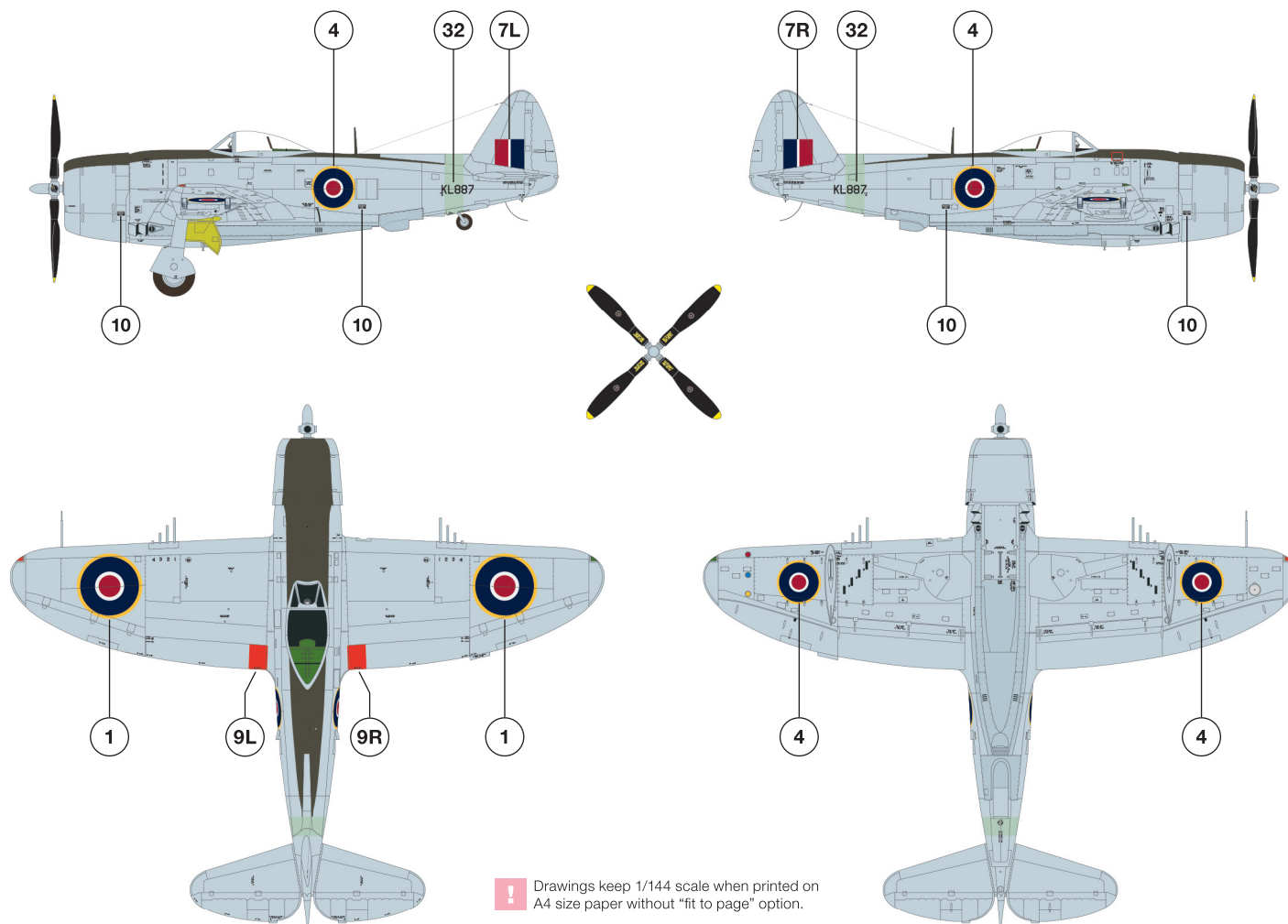
P-47D-40-RA 44-90335, KL887,  
No.51 Maintenance Unit RAF, UK 1945

The last and only late D-40 Thunderbolt in RAF service – the small dorsal fin as well as HVAR rockets stubs located under the wing are visible.

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### Selected sources:

The Republic Thunderbolt Mk.II – RAF in Combat 23  
P-47 Thunderbolt in Action 208 – Squadron Signal  
Malowanie i oznakowanie RAF SEAC 1941-45 – Militaria 117

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