### 1/144 RAF Thunderbolts Mk.II – SEAC



This decal set is recommended for Platz-Bego and recent F-Toys kits. Decals are made using silk print technology (BOA Bodecek Agency) and feature a limited amount of transparent base around the graphics.

No less than a dozen RAF SEAC 'Jugs' are depicted in this set – both camo'ed and NMF ones. Our other RAF P-47D set (SO314437) covers selected 73OTU airframes.



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P-47D-25-RE 42-26480, HD185, FL-D No.81 Squadron, Air Command South East Asia, RAF Java, late 1945

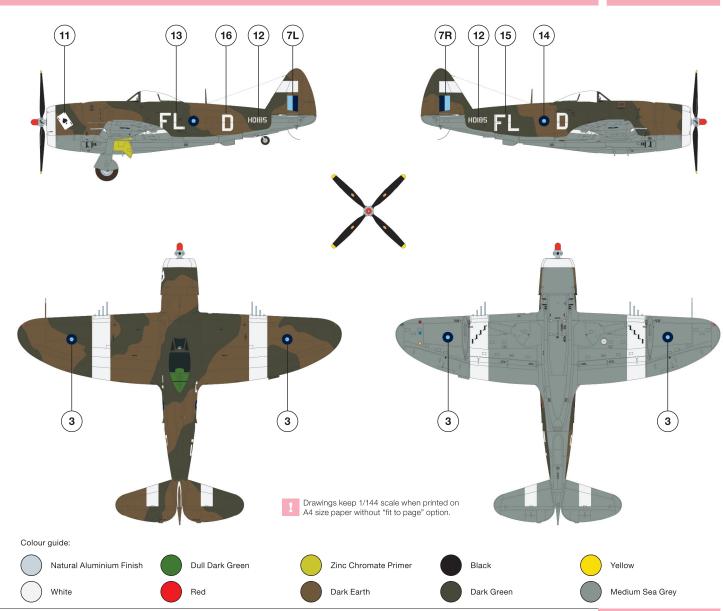
One of the first Bubbletops delivered to the RAF. It was given a complete overhaul, which is why the serial number is white. Some stencilling was visible (available separately as Shelf Oddity decal set SO314431).

The front of the engine cowling as well as the bands on the wings and tail were White as a standard RAF SEAC quick identification feature for aircraft in camouflage finish. Note the vertical stabiliser band is slightly skewed and it seems it was painted parallel to ground level.

The 81 Sqn Ace of Spades badge was placed on the portside of the cowling only.

The blades of Hamilton-Standard propeller featured manufacturers markings and yellow propeller tips were visible. The propeller hub was painted red.

The finish of the wheel hubs' inner sides is unknown - either flat wheel caps or spoked hubs could be used.



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P-47D-27-RE 42-26908, HD295, NA-F Flown by Sqn Ldr R.A.C. Weir, No.146 Squadron Air Command South East Asia, RAF Kumbhirgram, India, October 1944

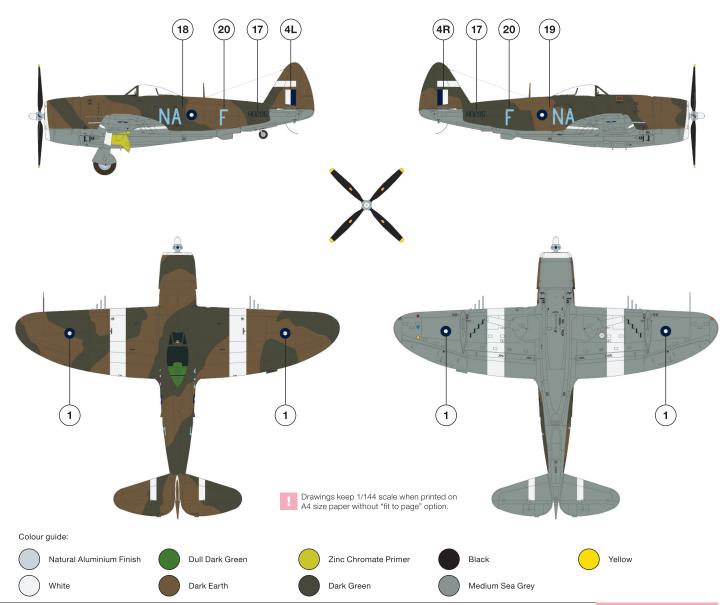
One of the first Bubbletops featuring RAF SEAC quick identification white bands. The white bands on this plane are non-standard, and seem more like a trial application. They are much thinner on the empennage and located closer to the fuselage on the wings (that is why their parts are visible on MLG doors). The white cowl ring on the nose is also much smaller.

Also the light blue colour in the RAF insignia seems to be replaced with white - it is much brighter than the code letters on the existing photographs of this a/c.

Some stencilling was visible (available separately as Shelf Oddity decal set SO314431).

The blades of Hamilton-Standard propeller most likely featured manufacturers markings. Yellow propeller tips were visible plus the propeller hub was painted white.

The finish of the wheel hubs' inner sides is unknown - either flat wheel caps or spoked hubs could be used.



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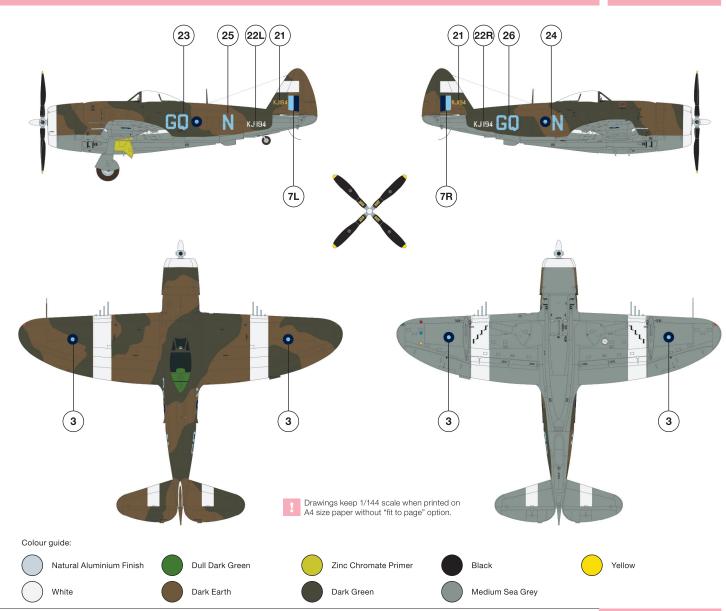
P-47D-28-RE 44-19832, KJ194, GQ-N No.134 Squadron, Air Command South East Asia, RAF Burma, late 1945

The white serial number hints at a complete overhaul to this aircraft. Some 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 White as a standard RAF SEAC quick identification feature for aircraft in camouflage finish. Note the vertical stabiliser band is slightly skewed and it seems it was painted parallel to ground level.

The paddle blades of Curtiss-Electric propeller most likely featured manufacturers markings and the yellow stencilling. Yellow propeller tips were visible plus the propeller hub was painted white.

The finish of the wheel hubs' inner sides is unknown - either flat wheel caps or spoked hubs could be used.



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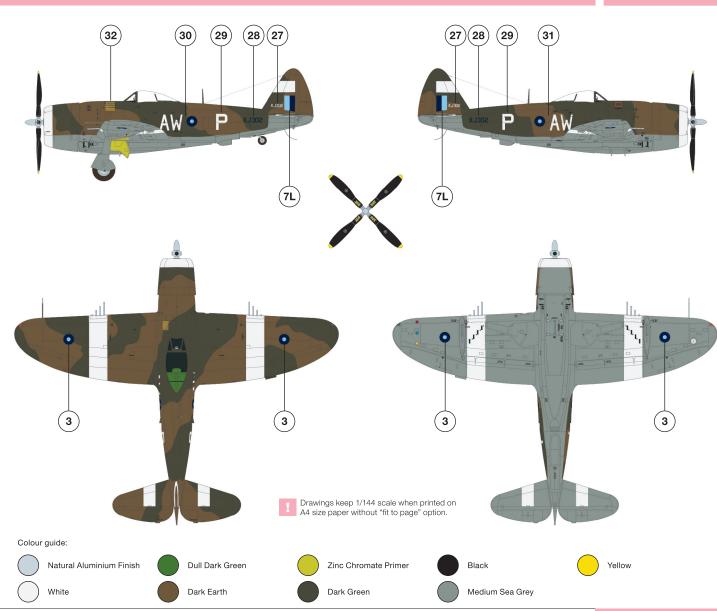
P-47D-30-RE 44-20312, KJ302, AW-P No.42 (former No.146) Squadron, Air Command South East Asia, RAF, Meiktila, Burma 1945

Some 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 White as a standard RAF SEAC quick identification feature for aircraft in camouflage finish. Note the vertical stabiliser band is slightly skewed and it seems it was painted parallel to ground level.

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 spoked with Natural Aluminium finish.



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P-47D-30-RE 44-20312, KL231, NV-V No.79 Squadron, Air Command South East Asia, RAF **Burma 1945** 

It was delivered from United States in a factory applied camouflage - the US paints were used!

There is some evidence that ANA613 Olive Drab has been partially over-painted with British Dark Green resulting in a patchy camouflage pattern. Check the existing references - especially an unique colour wartime movie depicting this machine [click].

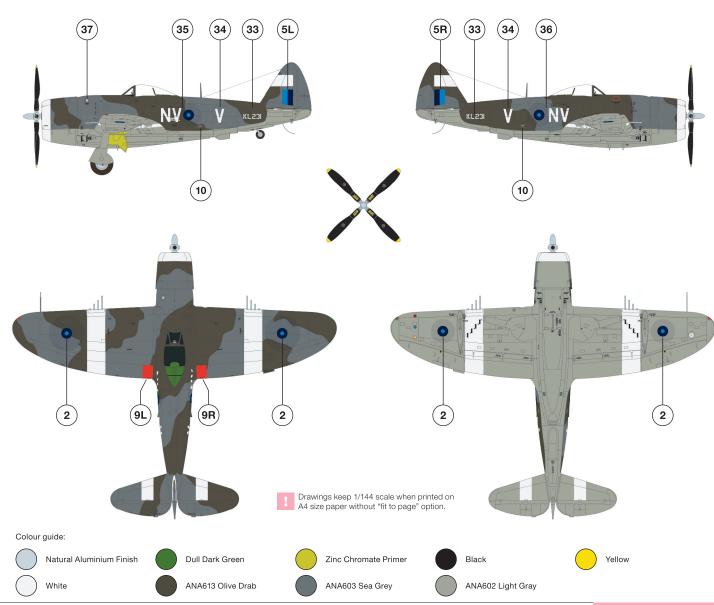
The previous, large RAF insignia has been removed. Their residues are visible as slightly darker circles around of SEAC small roundels. Note that the lighter blue colour of roundels was unusually dark on this machine.

The front of the engine cowling as well as the bands on the wings and tail were White as a standard RAF SEAC quick identification feature for aircraft in camouflage finish. Note the vertical stabiliser band is slightly skewed and it seems it was painted parallel to ground level.

Some 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.

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



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P-47D-30-RE 44-20833, KL274, FL-T No.81 Squadron, Air Command South East Asia, RAF Batavia, Java 1945

Most likely it was delivered from United States in a factory natural metal finish. The previous, large RAF insignia has been removed. Their residues are visible as slightly darker circles around of SEAC small roundels.

The 81 Sqn Ace of Spades badge was placed on the portside of the cowling only.

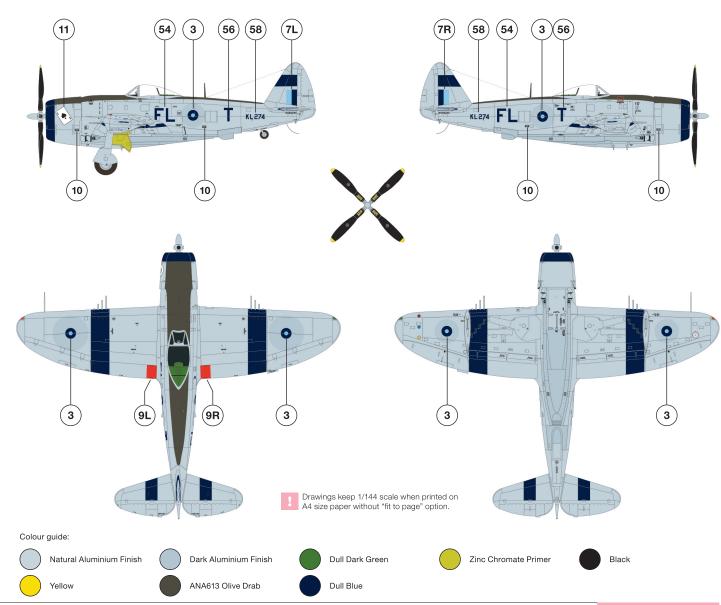
The serial number is a guesstimate – only the 'KL-' part of the serial number is visible on the available photo. There are three other serials possible for this particular machine. We have supplied them in our set in case that a bit more solid evidence emerges: 44-20774 KL234 (57), 44-20879 KL290 (59) and 44-20884 KL295 (60).

Some 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 Dull Blue as a standard RAF SEAC quick identification feature for aircraft in NMF finish. Note the vertical stabiliser band is slightly skewed and it seems it was painted parallel to ground level.

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 spoked with Natural Aluminium finish.



### 1/144 RAF Thunderbolts Mk.II - SEAC



P-47D-30-RE 44-20968, KL339, FL-O No.81 Squadron, Air Command South East Asia, RAF Kemajoram, Java 1945

It was delivered from United States in a factory natural metal finish. The dorsal fin was present.

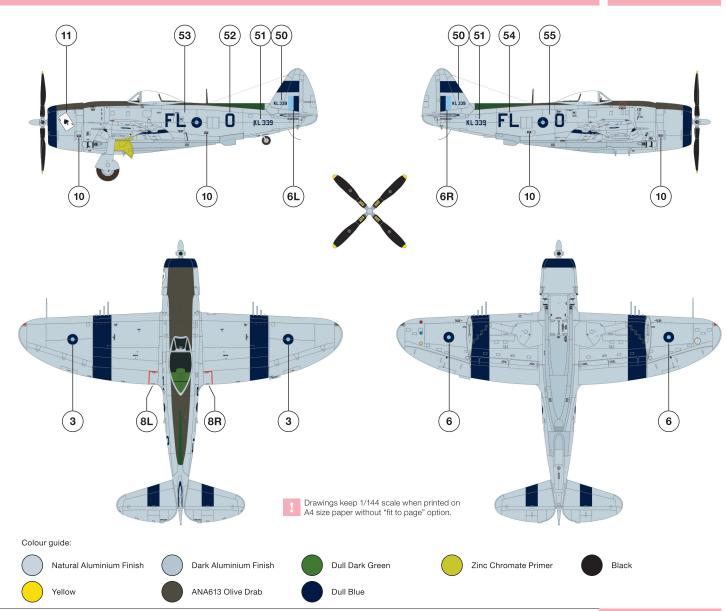
The 81 Sqn Ace of Spades badge was placed on the portside of the cowling only.

Some stencilling was visible (available separately as Shelf Oddity decal set SO314431). Note a nonstandard wing root red "no step" markings.

The front of the engine cowling as well as the bands on the wings and tail were Dull Blue as a standard RAF SEAC quick identification feature for aircraft in NMF finish. Note the vertical stabiliser band is slightly skewed and it seems it was painted parallel to ground level.

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.



### 1/144 RAF Thunderbolts Mk.II - SEAC



P-47D-30-RE 44-20897, KL308, RS-C Flown by WO K. Twynam, No.30 Squadron Air Command South East Asia, RAF Baigatchi, India 1945

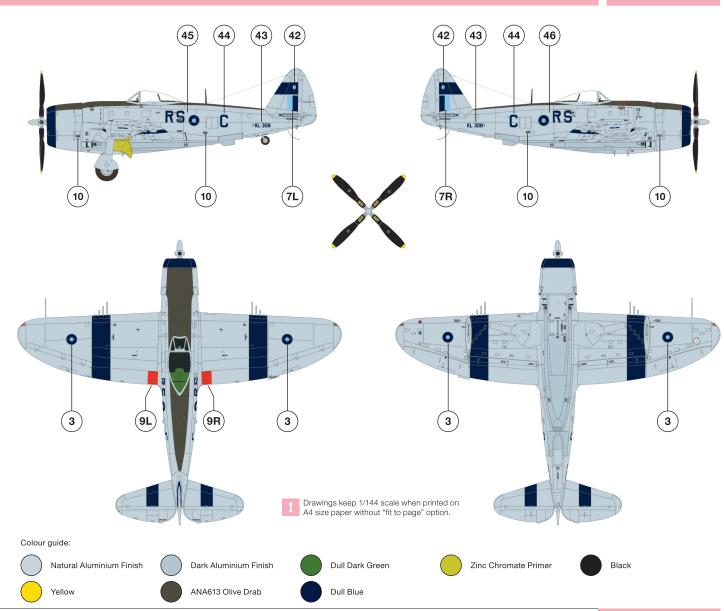
It was delivered from United States in a factory natural metal finish. Some stencilling was visible (available separately as Shelf Oddity decal set SO314431).

There is a small 30 Sqn badge placed on both sides of the tail.

The front of the engine cowling as well as the bands on the wings and tail were Dull Blue as a standard RAF SEAC quick identification feature for aircraft in NMF finish. Note the vertical stabiliser band is slightly skewed and it seems it was painted parallel to ground level.

As a standard for the machines originally supplied in NMF 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 44-20904, KL315, AW-F A personal machine of Sqn Ldr M.M. Soutter No.42 (former No.146) Squadron Air Command South East Asia, RAF Meiktila, Burma 1945

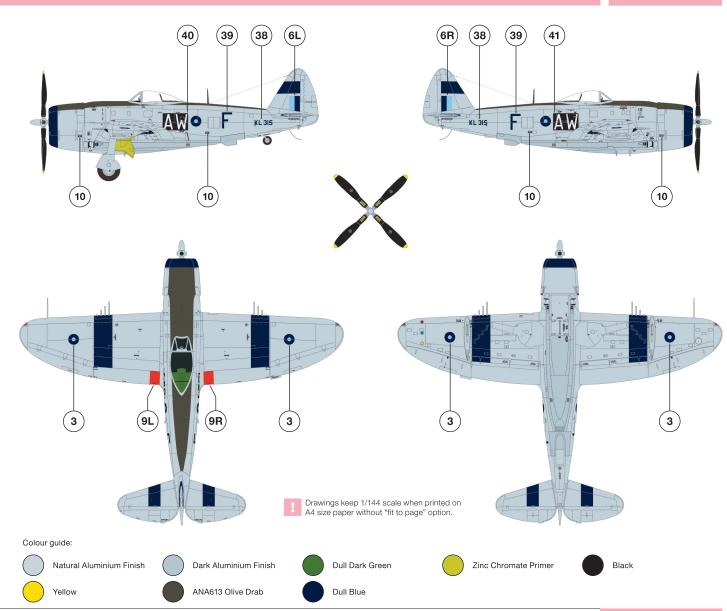
It was delivered from United States in a factory natural metal finish.

Some 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 Dull Blue as a standard RAF SEAC quick identification feature for aircraft in NMF finish. Note the vertical stabiliser band is slightly skewed and it seems it was painted parallel to ground level. An unique KL315 feature were shortened wing bands which did not extend onto moveable flap surfaces.

As a standard for the machines originally supplied in NMF 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 spoked with Natural Aluminium finish.



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P-47D-30-RE 44-20968, KL841, EG-U Flown by G.V. Sorrell No.34 Squadron, Air Command South East Asia, RAF Zayatkwin, Burma, October 1945

It was delivered from United States in a factory natural metal finish. The previous, large RAF insignia has been removed. Their residues are visible as slightly darker circles around of SEAC small roundels.

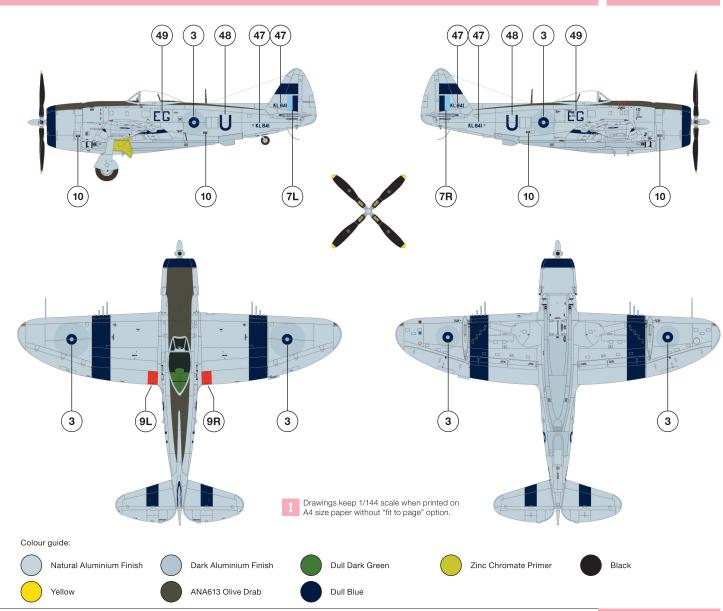
The dorsal fin was present.

Some 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 Dull Blue as a standard RAF SEAC quick identification feature for aircraft in NMF finish. Note the vertical stabiliser band is slightly skewed and it seems it was painted parallel to ground level.

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 most likely spoked with Natural Aluminium finish.



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P-47D-30-RE 44-90093, KL859, MU-T Flown by F/O J.W. Stacey No.60 Squadron, Air Command South East Asia, RAF Batavia, Java, October 1946

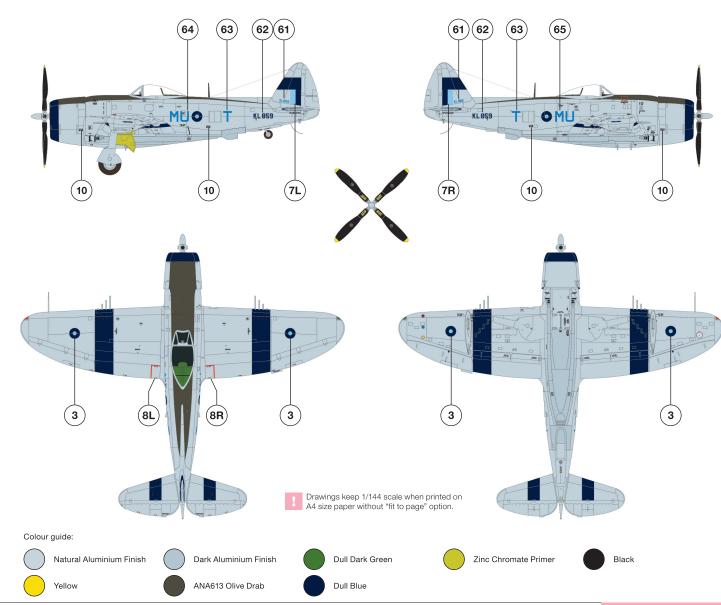
It was delivered from United States in a factory natural metal finish. The dorsal fin was present.

Some stencilling was visible (available separately as Shelf Oddity decal set SO314431). Note a nonstandard wing root red "no step" markings seen also on the other 60 Sqn machines.

The front of the engine cowling as well as the bands on the wings and tail were Dull Blue as a standard RAF SEAC quick identification feature for aircraft in NMF finish. Note the vertical stabiliser band is slightly skewed and it seems it was painted parallel to ground level.

As a standard for the machines originally supplied in NMF the paddle blades of Curtiss-Electric propellers most likely featured manufacturers markings and the vellow 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 44-90116, KL882, MU-H No.60 Squadron, Air Command South East Asia, RAF Don Muang, Thailand, September 1945

It was delivered from United States in a factory natural metal finish. The dorsal fin was present.

Some stencilling was visible (available separately as Shelf Oddity decal set SO314431). Note a nonstandard wing root red "no step" markings.

The front of the engine cowling as well as the bands on the wings and tail were Dull Blue as a standard RAF SEAC quick identification feature for aircraft in NMF finish. Note the vertical stabiliser band is slightly skewed and it seems it was painted parallel to ground level.

As a standard for the machines originally supplied in NMF 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.

#### Selected sources:

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