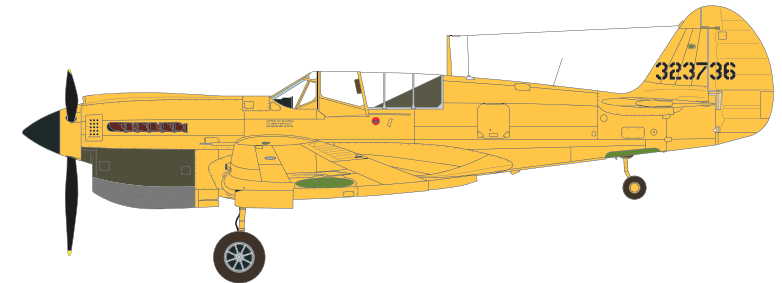
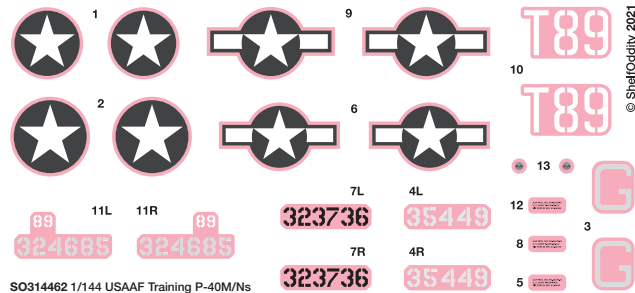


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This decal set is recommended for AFV Club and recent F-Toys kits. Decals are made using silk print technology (BOA Bodecek Agency) and feature a limited amount of transparent base around the graphics.

Three non-combat Warhawks flown during WW2 over US territory. Two were the training machines and the third – the yellow one – most likely have been used as a personal mount of the unknown high rank officer.

The liveries of all three machines shown here are partial guesstimates – we have been able to find photographs depicting only one side of each aircraft.

Please note that Medium Green 42 blotches on the upper surfaces and on the vertical stabilisers shown here are just an indication of this camouflage feature – for their exact layout use your references.

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P-40M-1-CU, 43-5449, G

Air Fighter Training Center USAAF, Gunter AFB 1944

The '5449 engine caught fire during ferry flight from Punta Gorda AAF to Greenville, SC and pilot forced to bail out Apr 26th, 1944. Plane crashed just east of Mayo, Florida.

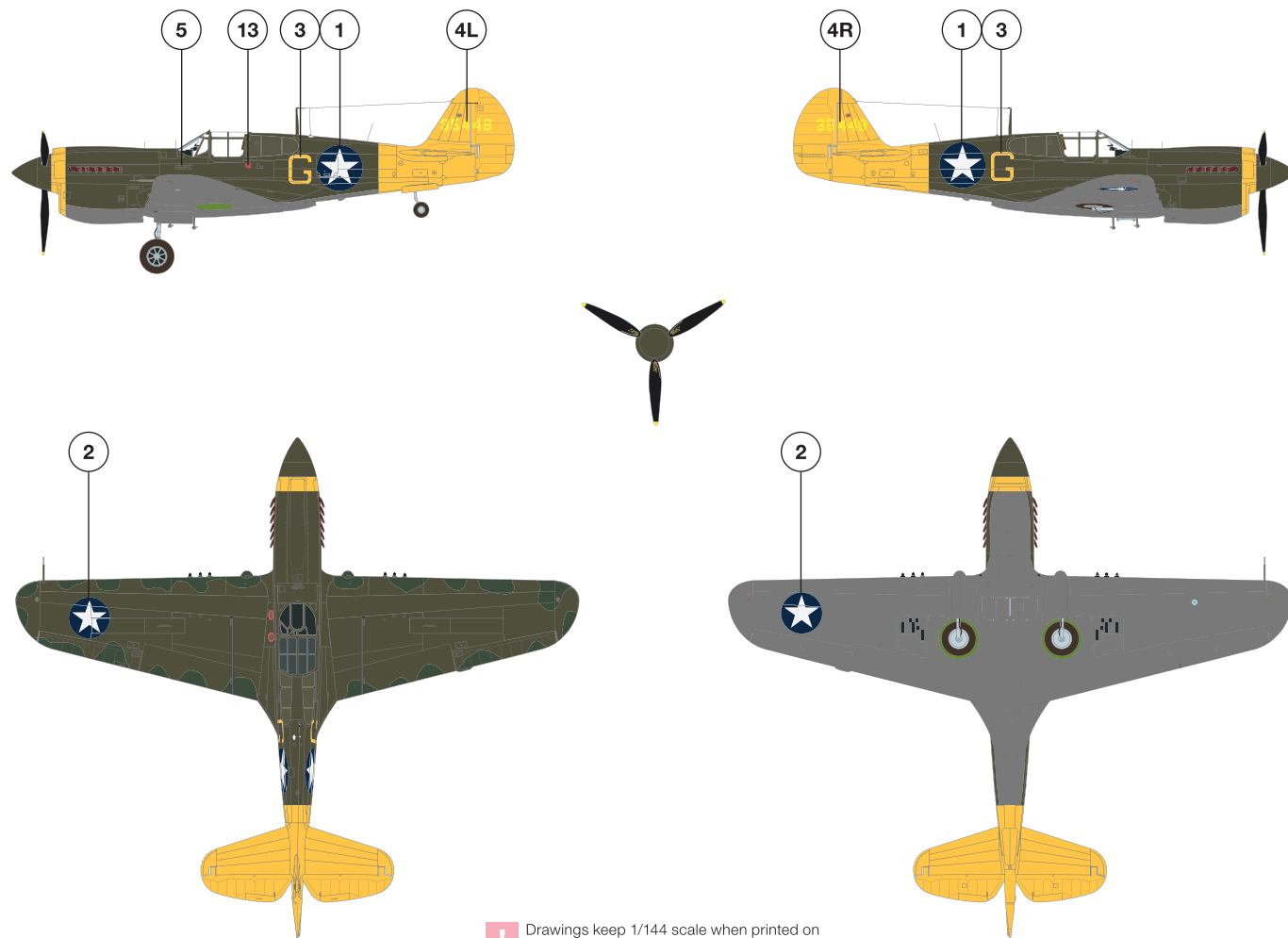
The single photo of this a/c shows its port-side plus upper surfaces only. The stencils are visible also on the yellow areas (available separately as Shelf Oddity decal set SO314450).

The identity of this machine is a rather puzzling one. It is often described as 41-35449 but this serial number was assigned to another Curtiss machine – C-46 Commando.

It features “long” tail but at the same time the -M/-N version trademark perforated gills located on front of the exhaust pipes are not visible on the existing photo.

The propeller blades most likely featured the yellow stencilling. Yellow propeller tips were visible.

The wheel hubs were spoked with Natural Aluminium finish.



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Colour guide:



Natural Aluminium Finish



Interior Green



Black



ANA 614 Orange Yellow



Olive Drab 41



Medium Green 42



Neutral Grey 42

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P-40N-20-CU, 43-23736

HQ Flight, 72nd Fighter Wing, 2nd Air Force USAAF
Harding Field, LA 1944-45

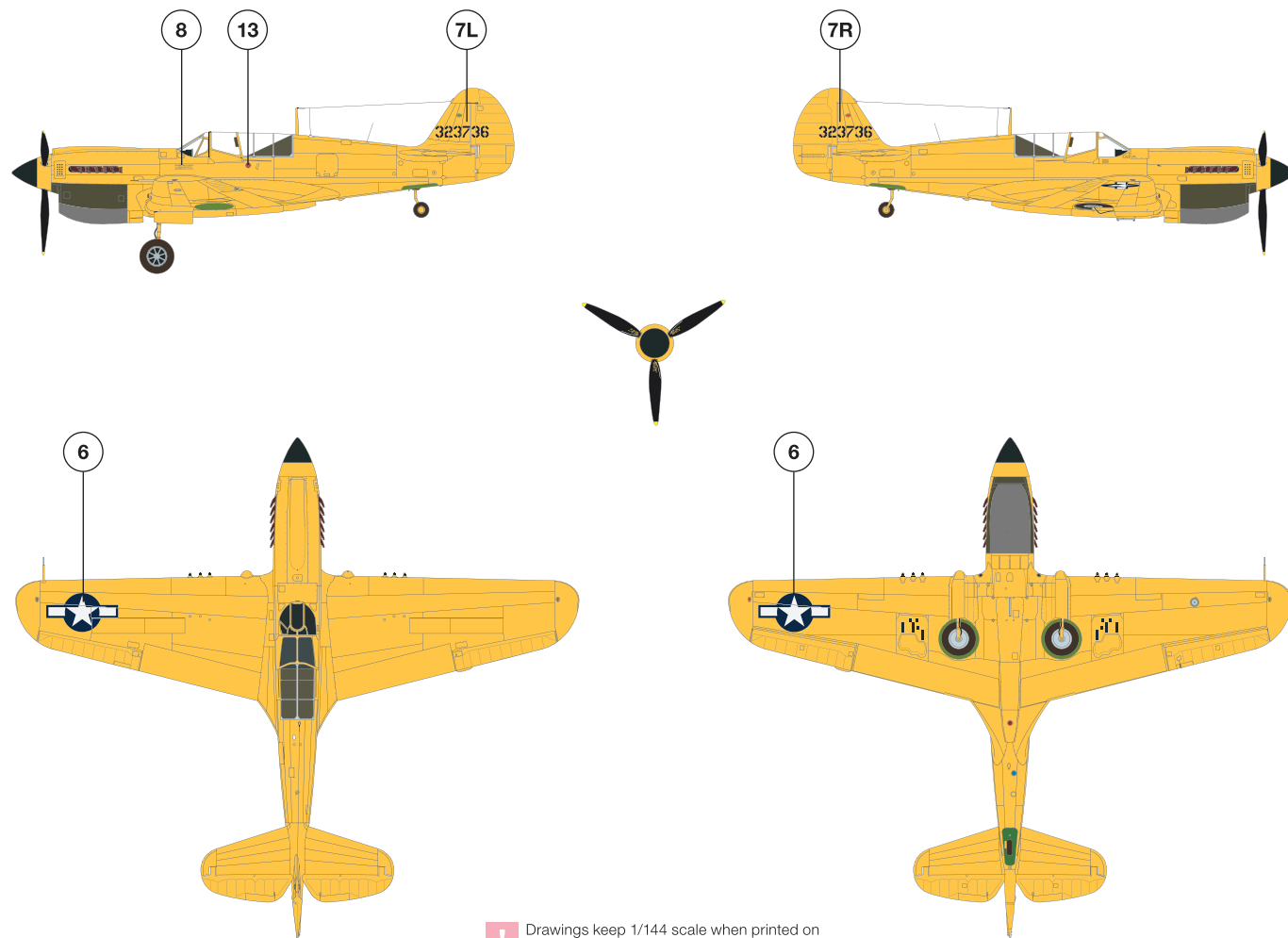
The single photo of this a/c shows its starboard only. The stencils are not visible – they most likely were painted over with yellow. The MLG legs and the tail gear were also painted yellow. The tail gear covers and the gun sight in the cockpit are not visible on the photo.

It features standard OD/NG lower engine cowlings and the rear canopy frame in NMF.

This machine was involved in an accident at Galveston AAF, Texas on January 16th, 1945, which may be the reason for the replacement cowlings.

The propeller blades most likely featured the yellow stencilling (available separately in Shelf Oddity decal set SO314450). Yellow propeller tips were visible. The tip of the spinner was most likely black.

The wheel hubs were spoked with Natural Aluminium finish.



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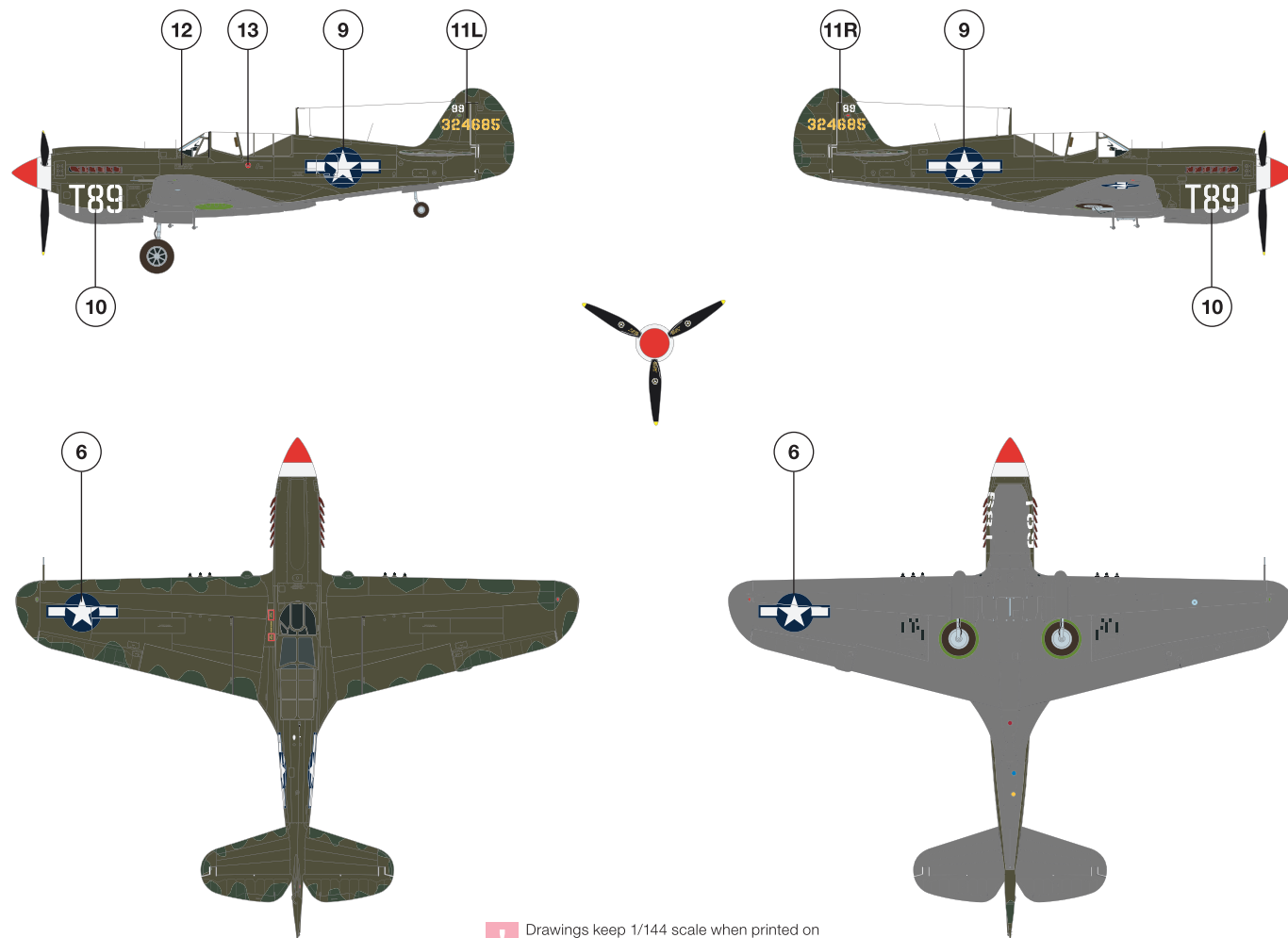
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P-40N-25-CU, 43-24685, T89
3rd Air Commando Group USAAF
Dale Mabry Field, FL, August 1944

The single photo of this a/c shows its starboard only. The stencils are most likely in place (available separately in Shelf Oddity decal set SO314450).

The propeller blades most likely featured yellow stencilling and manufacturers logos. Yellow propeller tips were visible. The spinner was white with a red tip.

As usual with the later -N series the wheel hubs most likely were spoked with Natural Aluminium finish.



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Sources:

P-40 Warhawk Vol.1-3 – AJ-Press Monografie Lotnicze 064-066
P-40 Warhawk in WWII Color – MBI

Colour guide:

