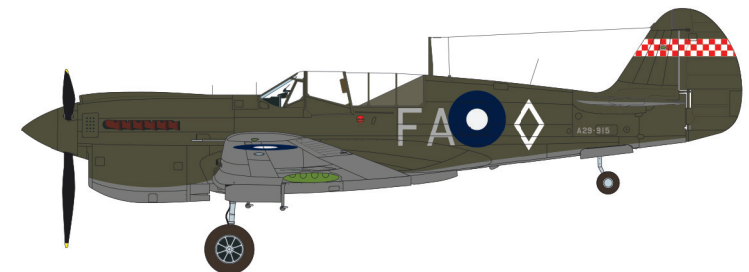
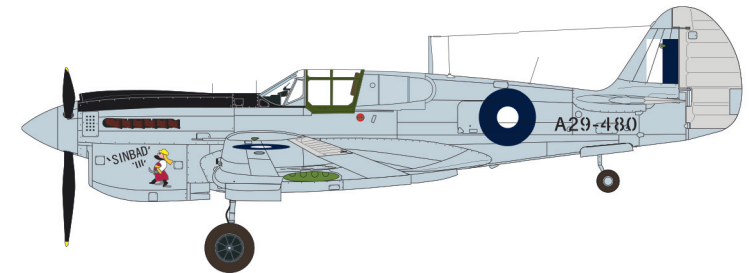
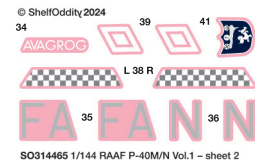
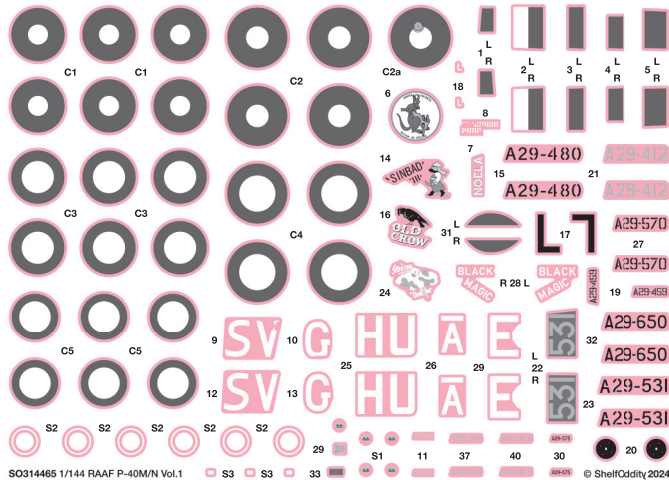


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1/144 RAAF P-40M/N Vol.1

Shelf Oddity



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.

Set contains markings for ten late-war RAAF machines: four bare metal and six camouflaged ones. Three of those aircrafts were very early Ns, to build which a P-40M kit will be needed.

Australian late war P-40s were sporting a rather patchworky combination of various camouflage and marking styles. Service in a very demanding jungle/tropical settings plus extensive self-reliance of the maintenance personnel (real unsung heroes) resulted in this both colourful and weathered mixture. Cheers!

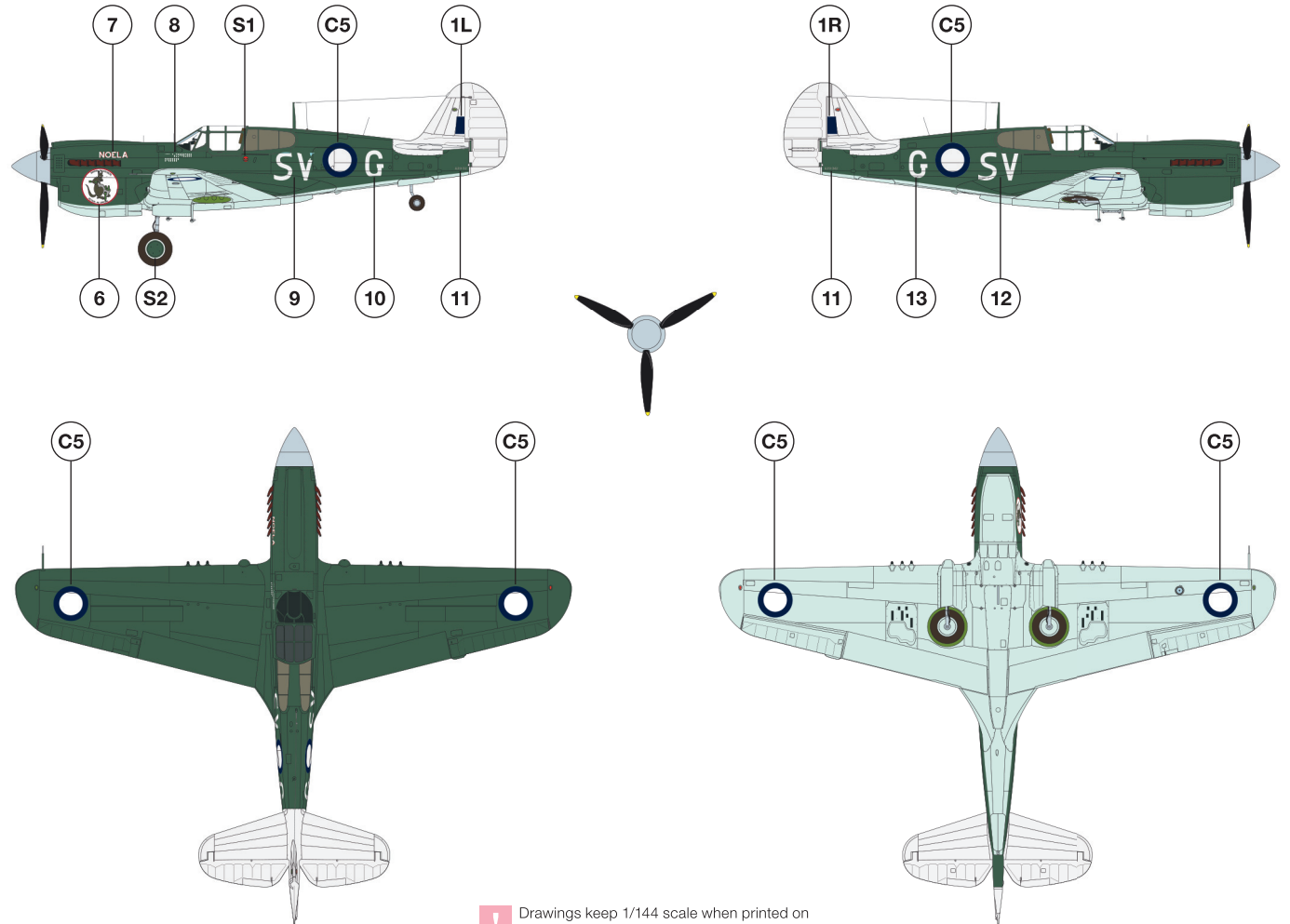
Note: official RAAF guidelines stated that code letters should be painted RAAF Sky Blue. However, according to various sources this paint was bleaking quite fast because of the sun rays – on the available photos the codes are always lighter than the a/c lower surfaces. Because of that and given the small scale of our set we have decided to represent code letters as white.

P-40M-1-CU, 43-5422, A29-342, SV-G, *Noela*
 No.76 Squadron RAAF, Kamiri airfield
 Noemfoor Island, New Guinea, January 1945
 Personal airframe of F/O Bob Hunter

The existing photos of this a/c show its port-side only. The stencils has been most probably painted-over at the time of change to Foliage Green and RAAF Sky Blue colours. The SV-G code letters had already started to chip away by early 1945.

Incomplete white RAAF fast identification elements were present – only the vertical stabiliser plus rudder as well as complete horizontal stabilisers were white. Both bases of horizontal stabs were also white. No white wing leading edges were present.

The propeller blades featured yellow tips only (no visible stencils) and the propeller hub was kept in natural aluminium finish. Wheel hubs were plated over and painted Foliage Green (or Neutral Grey) with white borders (decals **S2**).



Colour guide:



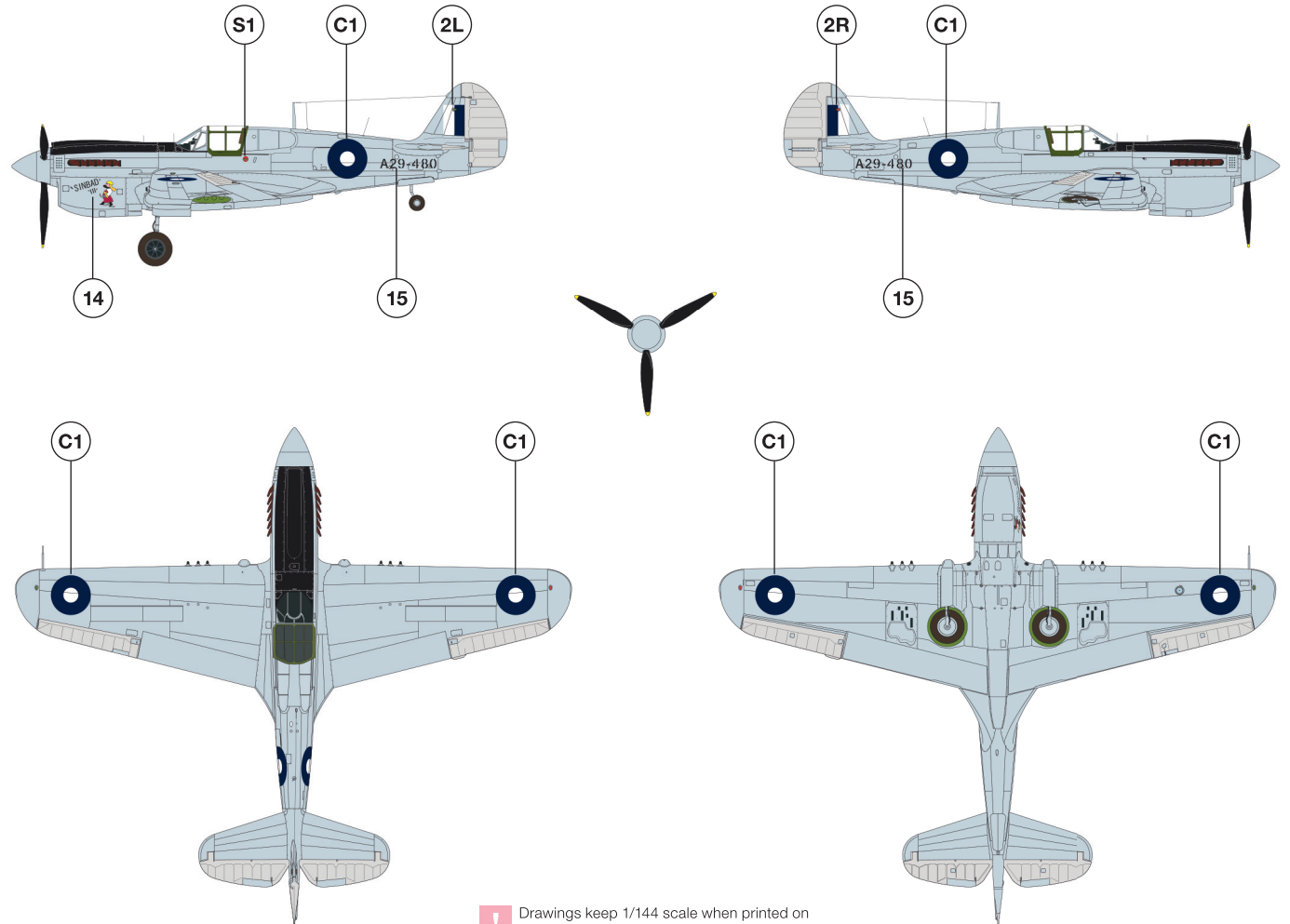
P-40N-1-CU, 42-104681, A29-480, *Sinbad III*
 No.5 Squadron RAAF, Piva North airfield
 Bougainville Island, New Guinea, September 1945
 Personal airframe of S/Ldr Alf Clare

The stencils are not visible – most probably they were removed together with the paint. The existing photos show black colour was used for the anti-glare area. The sliding portion of cockpit hood was kept in Olive Drab.

No white RAAF fast identification elements were present.

The propeller blades featured yellow tips only (no visible stencils) and the wheel hubs were spoked with rather dark finish.

Note – as this is an early N-series machine the M-series rear cockpit arrangement is still present. Six (instead of four) machine guns were already present in wings.



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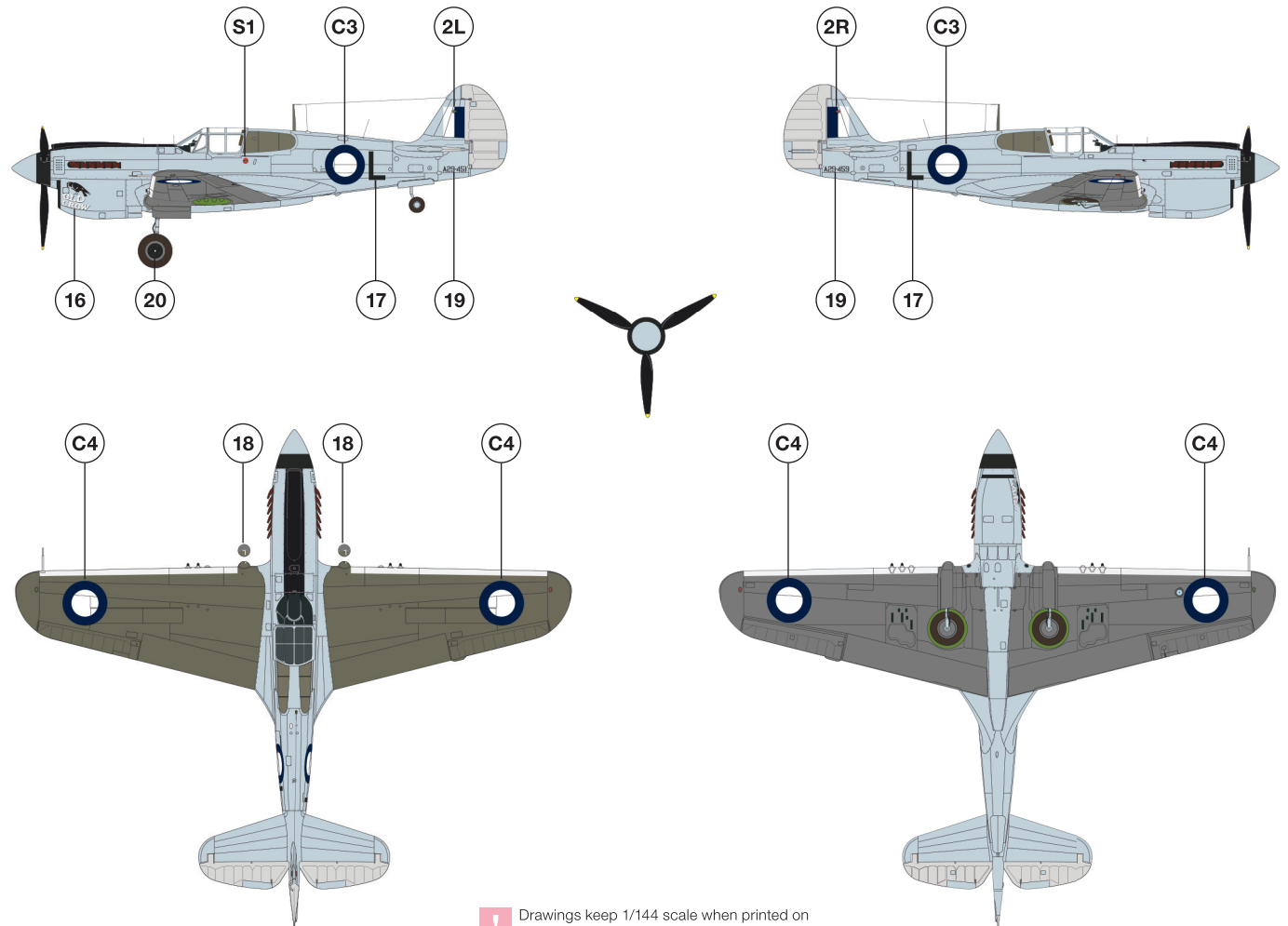
P-40N-1-CU, 42-104733, A29-459, *Old Crow*
 Rec 13ARD ex No.84 Squadron RAAF,
 Ross River airfield, Townsville, Australia, April 1945

The stencils has been removed from the fuselage along with the original Olive Drab camouflage. The air intake lip was painted black as well as a narrow stripe of anti-glare area and the rear part of the spinner. The antennae mast was most likely kept in Olive Drab.

The camouflaged wings were taken from a different machine and the paint seems to be quite worn-out. The standard white RAAF fast identification leading edges were present but down to the wheel wells gondolas and up to the wingtips only.

The propeller blades featured yellow tips only (no visible stencils) and the wheel hubs were plated over (use decals no. **20**).

Note, as this is an early N-series machine, the M-series rear cockpit arrangement is still present and only four wings machine guns were fitted.



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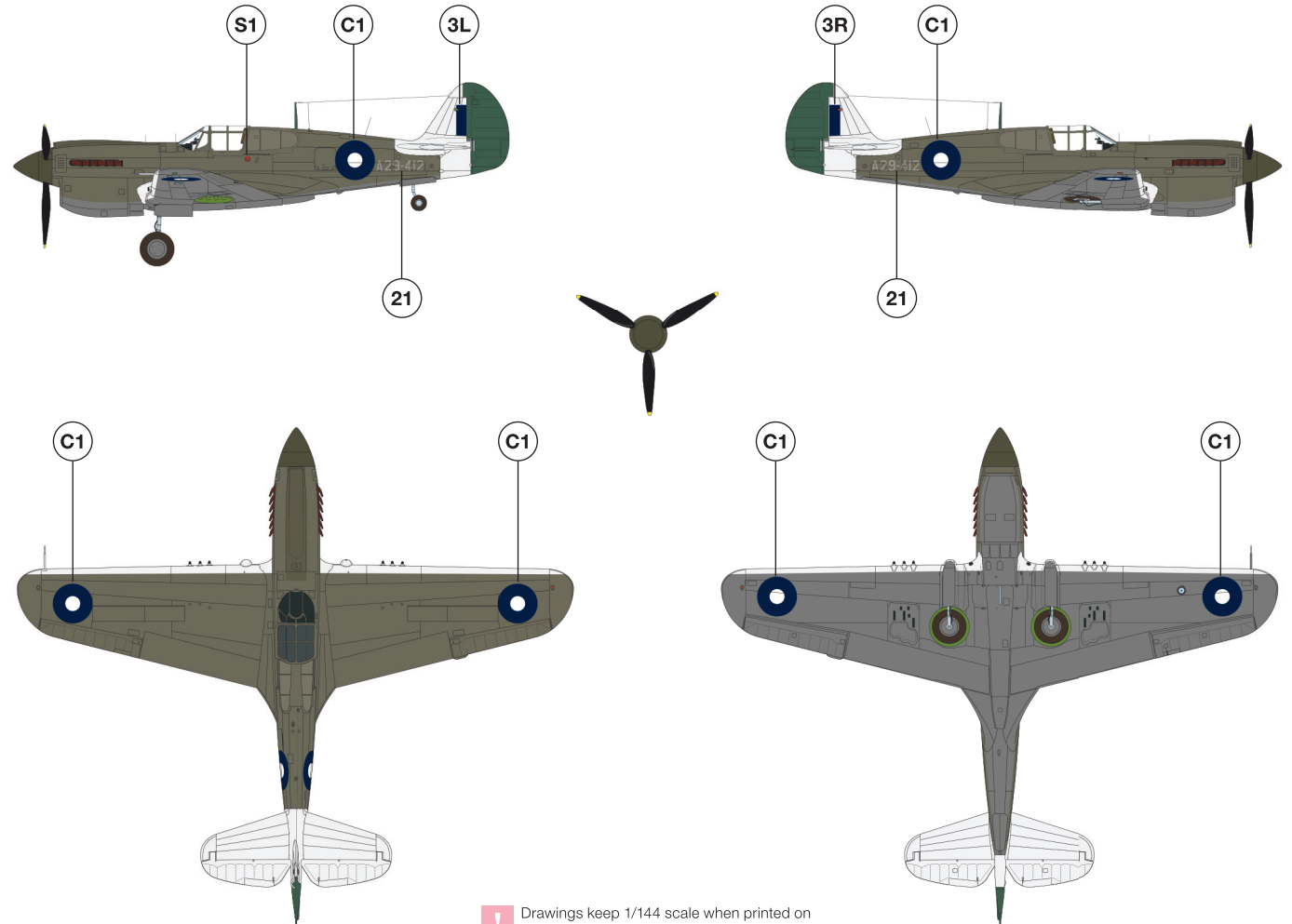
P-40N-1-CU, 42-104825, A29-412
 No.5 Squadron RAAF, Piva North airfield
 Bougainville Island, New Guinea, September 1945

The stencils are not visible. The existing photos show that the camouflage is worn-off. Only the spinner and the narrow stripe of anti-glare area seem to be repainted using Olive Drab colour. Note, the spinner seems to be much 'fresher' (meaning: darker) than the anti-glare stripe. Propeller blades featured yellow tips only (no visible stencils).

The standard white RAAF fast identification elements were present apart from the rudder which most likely was taken from machine camouflaged with RAAF Foliage Green. On the existing photos (taken at different angles) the rudder seems to be much darker than remaining upper surfaces. Both leading edges were painted white down to the wing roots, including gun fairings.

The wheel hubs were covered with flat covers kept in the Neutral Grey finish.

Note – as this is an early N-series machine the M-series rear cockpit arrangement is still present. Six (instead of four) machine guns were already present in wings.



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Colour guide:

- US Olive Drab 41
- Faded US Olive Drab 41
- Neutral Grey 43
- White
- Foliage Green
- Black
- Yellow
- Interior Green
- Natural Aluminium Finish

P-40N-5-CU, 42-105717, A29-531
 2nd OTU RAAF, Mildura airfield
 Australia, late 1945

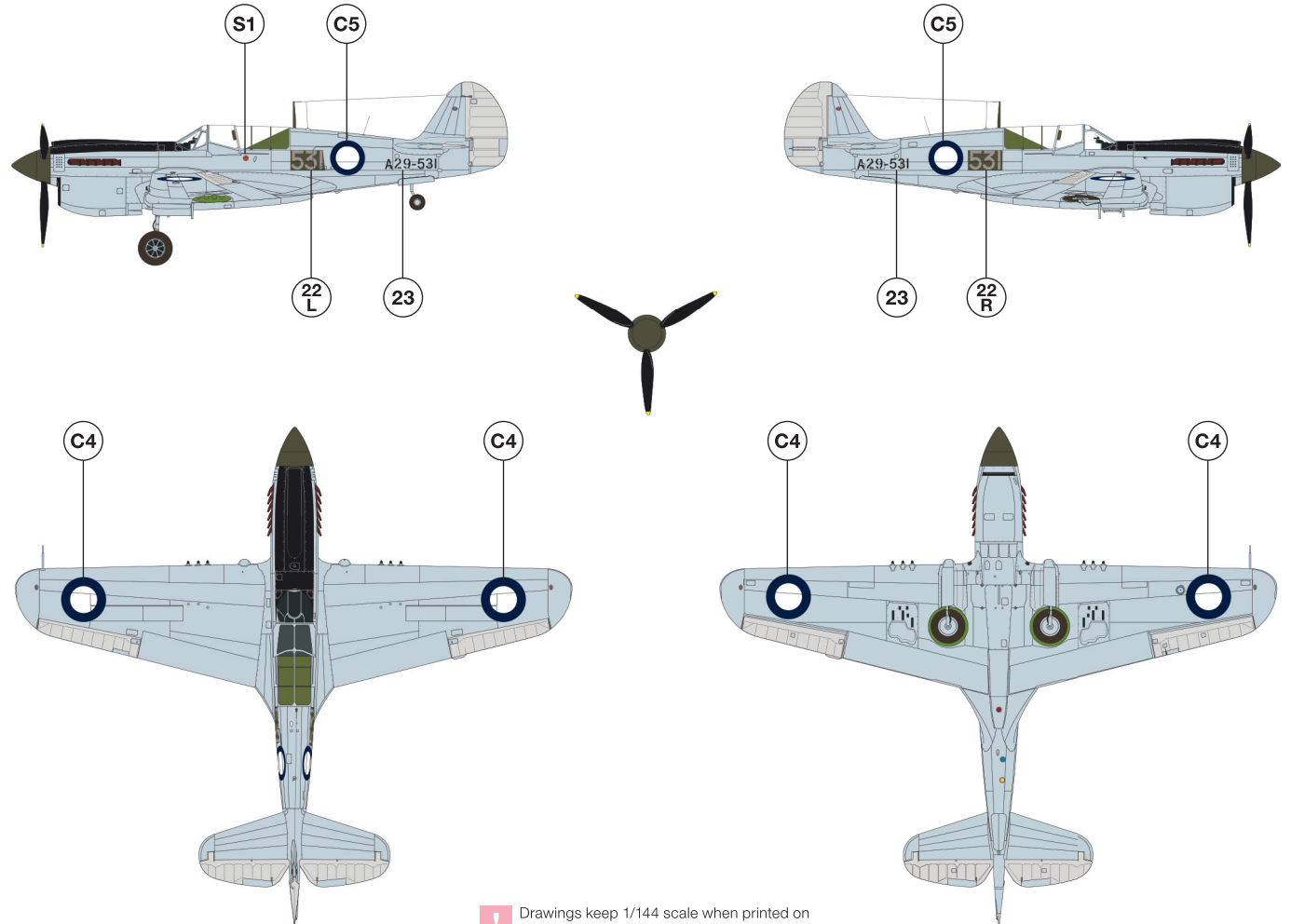
The stencils are not visible – most probably they were removed together with the paint. The antennae mast and the rear cockpit framing were still painted – most likely kept in Olive Drab.

The existing photos show black colour was used for the anti-glare area and the air intake lip.

No white RAAF fast identification elements were present as these were not required by Operational Training Unit.

The spinner was most likely kept in Olive Drab and propeller blades most likely featured yellow tips only (no visible stencils).

As usual with the later -N series the wheel hubs were spoked with natural aluminium finish.



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Colour guide:



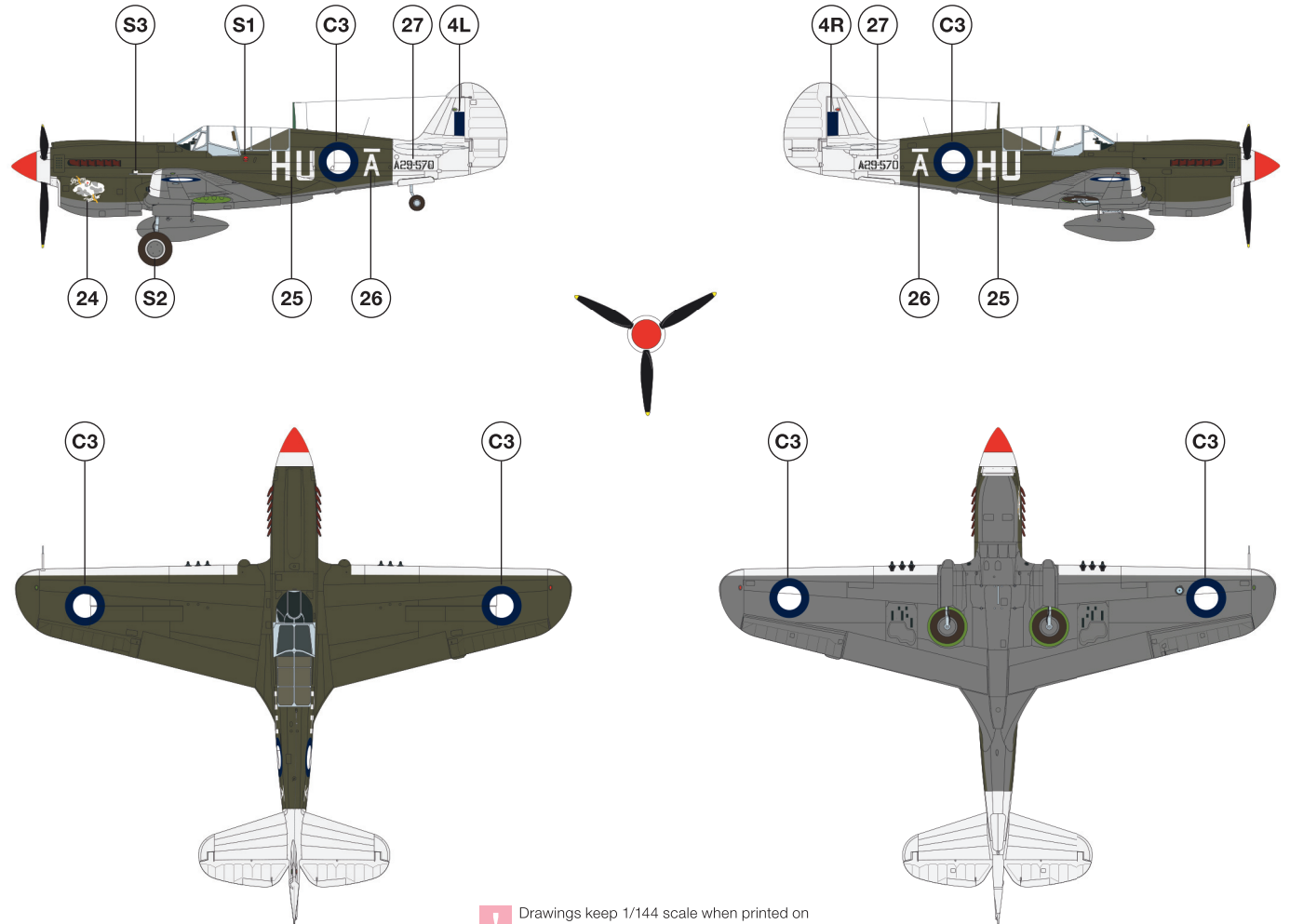
P-40N-15-CU, 42-106376, A29-570, HU-A, *Stormy Weather*
 No.78 Squadron RAAF, Noemfoor Island
 New Guinea, August 1944
 Flown by F/O Gordon Horace White

The existing photos of this a/c show its port-side only. Some stencils are visible (available separately as Shelf Oddity decal set SO3144050). The complete cockpit framing was kept in natural aluminium finish.

Full white RAAF fast identification elements were present but identification leading edges were painted down to the wheel wells gondolas only. Note – machine guns barrels fairings on the leading edges were not painted white.

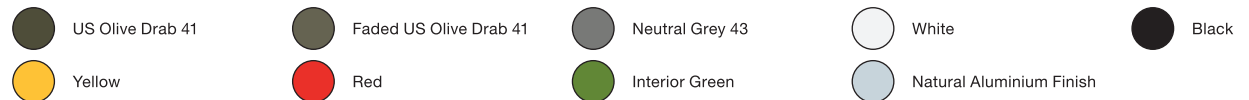
The spinner was white with the red tip and propeller blades featured yellow tips only (no visible stencils). The air intake lip was white including front lower fuselage as far as to the propeller edge.

Wheel hubs were plated over and painted Neutral Grey with white borders (decals **S2**).



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Colour guide:



P-40N-15-CU, 42-106386, A29-575, HU-E, *Black Magic*
 No.78 Squadron RAAF, Morotai Island
 New Guinea, early 1945
 Flown by of Sgt Leonard Victor (Len) Waters – the only
 Aboriginal fighter pilot of the Second World War.

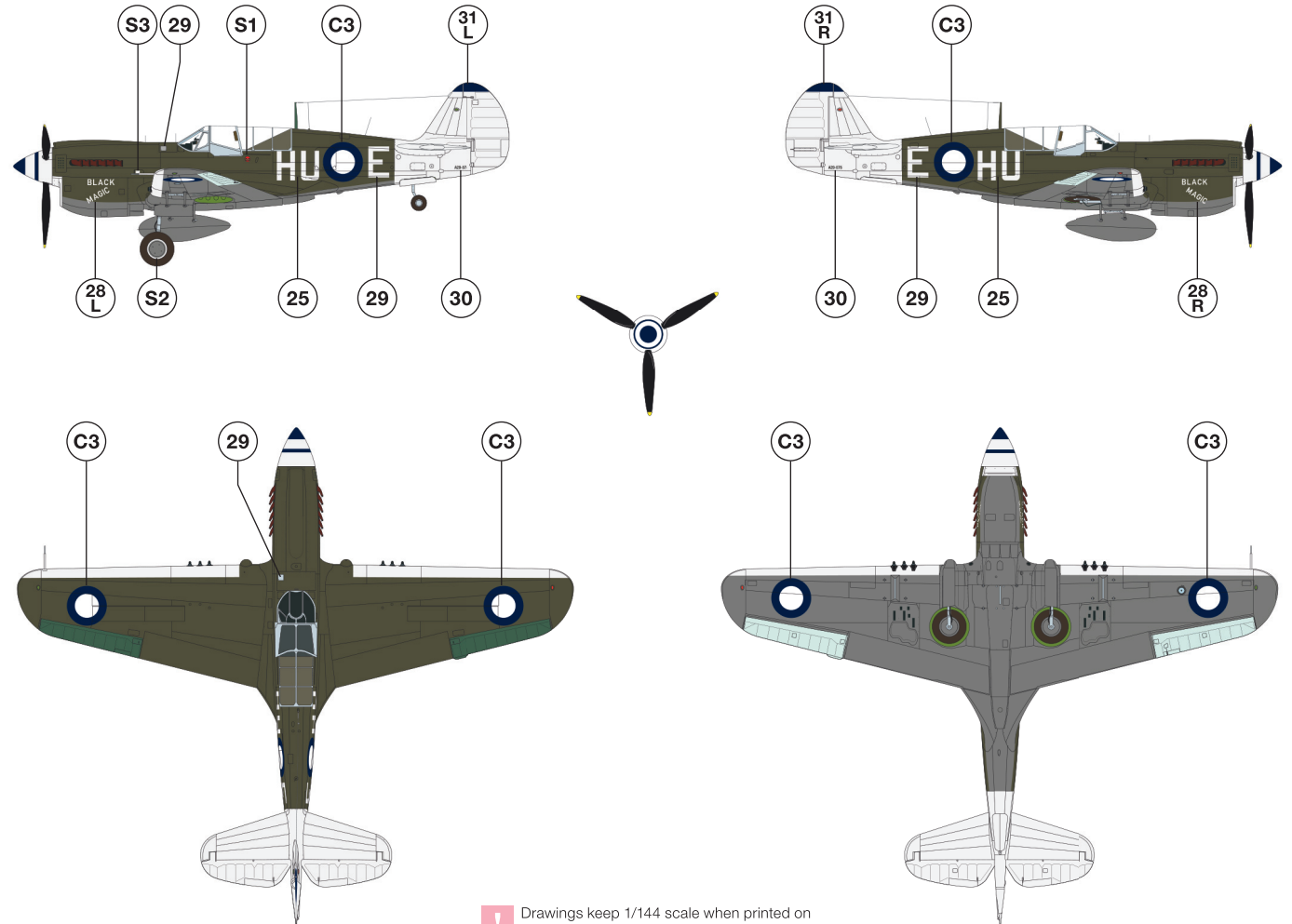
Some stencils are visible (available separately
 as Shelf Oddity decal set SO3144050). The complete
 cockpit framing was kept in natural aluminium finish.

Full white RAAF fast identification elements were
 present but identification leading edges were painted
 down to the wheel wells gondolas only. Note – machine
 guns barrels fairings on the leading edges were not
 painted white.

The spinner was white with the Insignia Blue
 tip and stripe. Propeller blades featured yellow
 tips only (no visible stencils). The air intake lip
 was white including front lower fuselage as far as
 to the propeller edge.

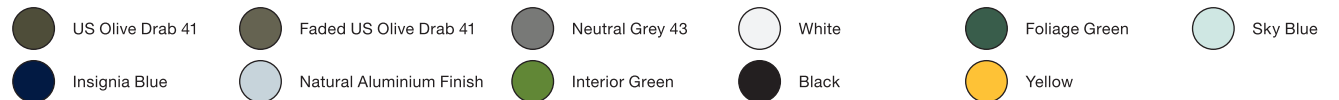
Both ailerons seem to have been replaced – most likely
 taken from the a/c camouflaged with RAAF colours:
 Foliage Green and Sky Blue.

Wheel hubs were plated over and painted Neutral Grey
 with white borders (decals **S2**).



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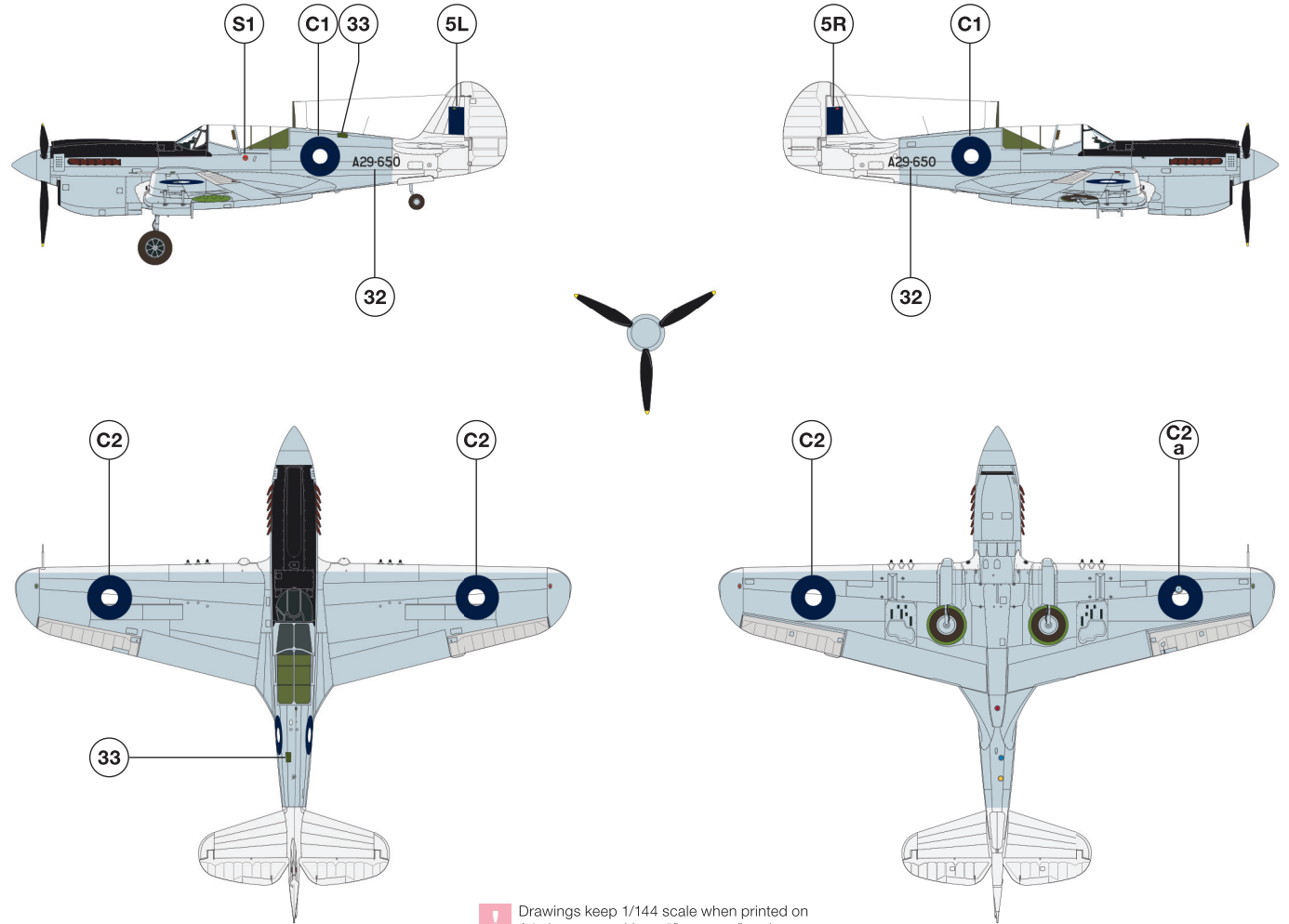


P-40N-20-CU, 43-23903, A29-650
 1st Aircraft Performance Unit (APU) RAAF
 RAAF Base Williams Laverton, Victoria
 Australia, November 1944

The stencils are not visible – most probably they were removed together with the paint. The antennae mast and the rear cockpit framing were still painted – most likely kept in Olive Drab. The existing photos show black colour was used for the anti-glare area plus the windscreen framing. The air intake lip was also black. Propeller blades most likely featured yellow tips only (no visible stencils).

Full white RAAF fast identification elements were present, both leading edges were painted white down to the wing roots, including gun fairings.

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



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Colour guide:

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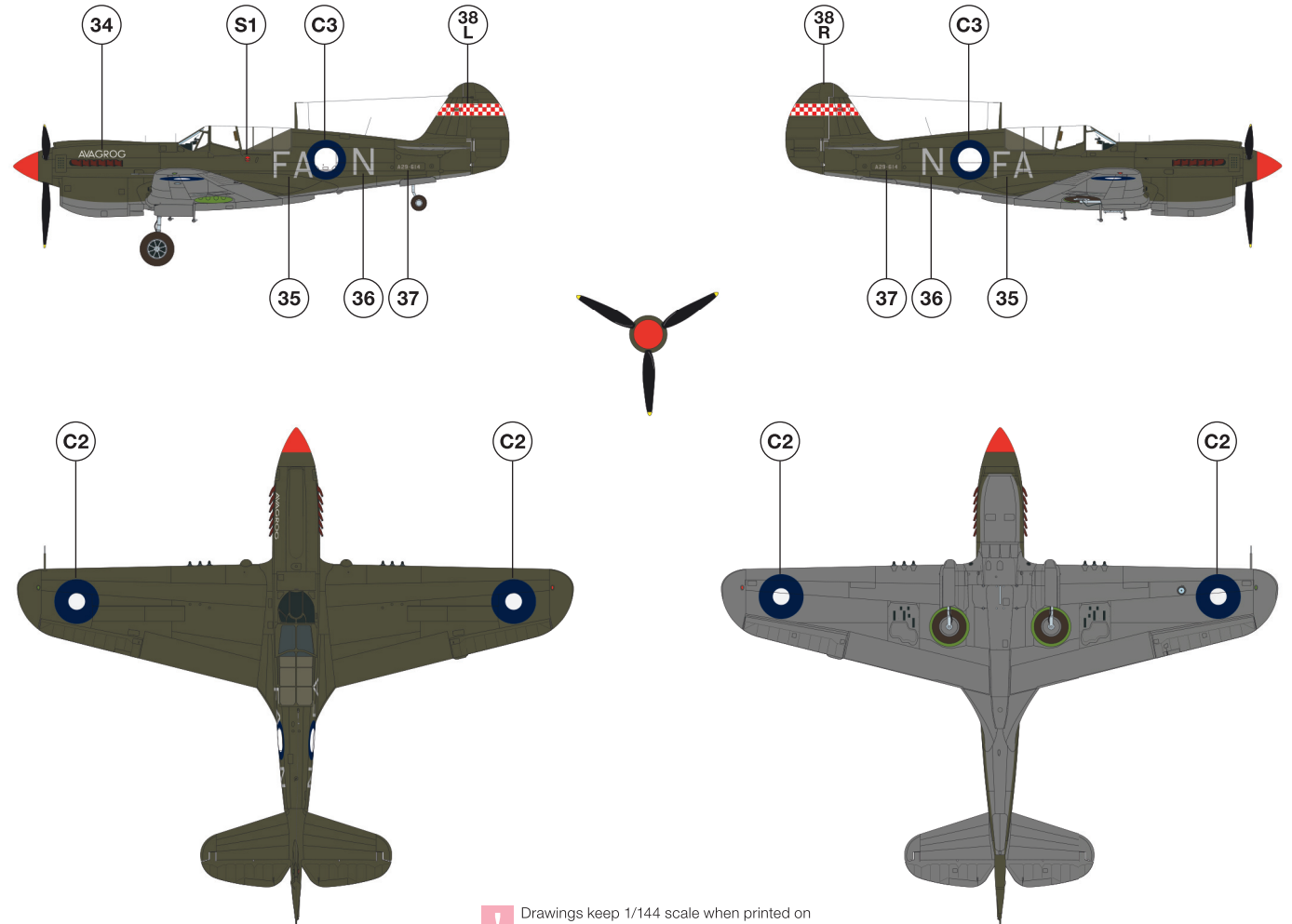
P-40N-20-CU, 43-22820, A29-614, FA-N, *Avagrog*
No.82 Squadron RAAF, Labuan Island airfield,
New Guinea, July 1945

The existing photo of this a/c shows its port-side only.
The stencils are not visible. The FA code letters have
been painted Medium Grey.

No white RAAF fast identification elements were
present.

The top of the spinner was red and propeller blades
most likely featured yellow tips only (no visible stencils).

Wheel hubs were most likely spoked with natural
aluminium finish – w/o cover plates – it is a guesstimate
based on the available photos of other No.82 Squadron
machines.



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Colour guide:



P-40N-30-CU, 44-7292, A29-915, FA-◇
 No.82 Squadron RAAF, Labuan Island airfield,
 New Guinea, September 1945
 Personal airframe of F/Lt Frank Schaaf

The existing photos of this a/c show its starboard only. The stencils are not visible. The FA code letters have been painted Medium Grey but the 'diamond' was lighter – most probably white.

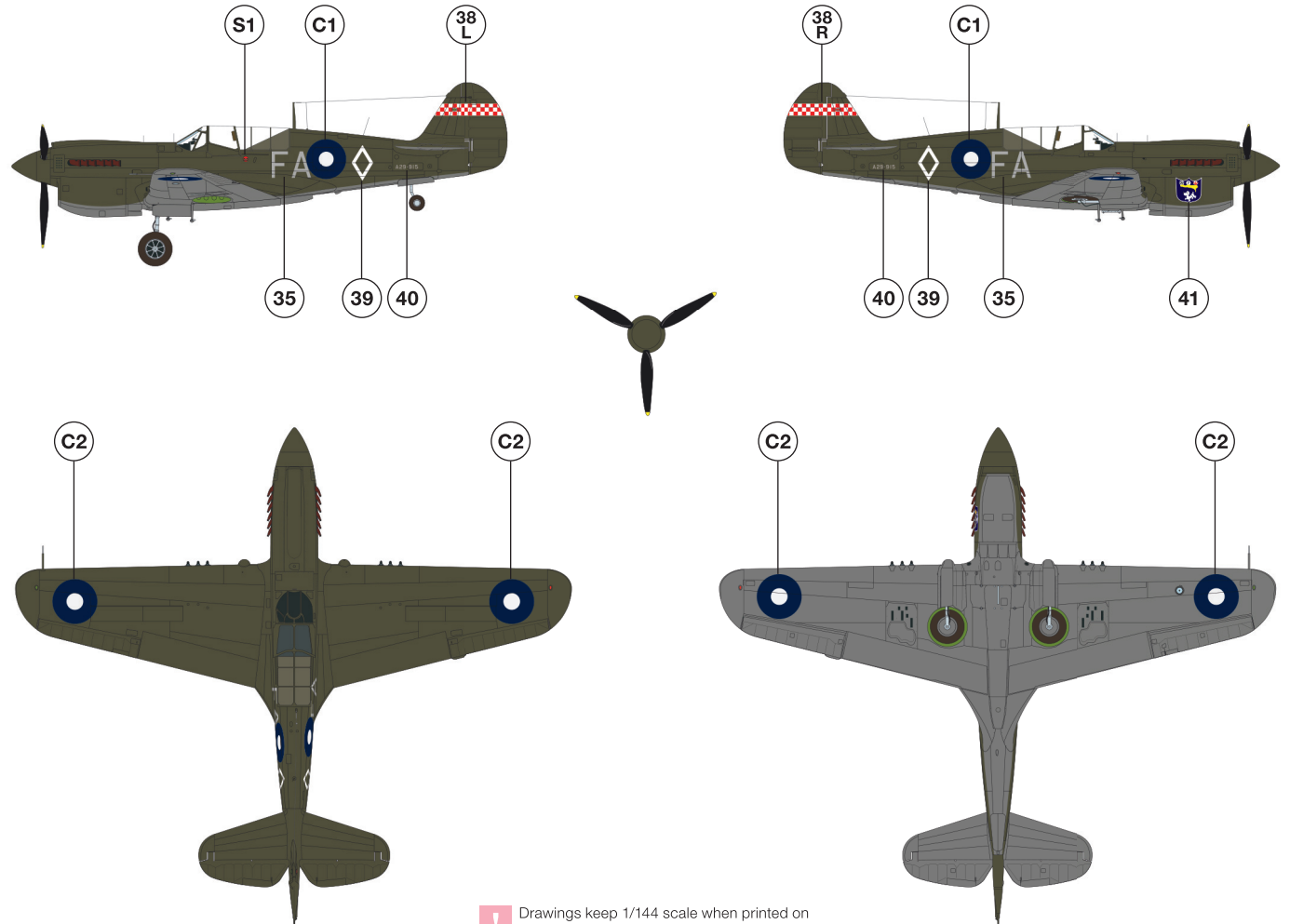
No white RAAF fast identification elements were present.

The spinner was most likely kept in Olive Drab and propeller blades most likely featured yellow tips only (no visible stencils).

Wheel hubs were most likely spoked with natural aluminium finish – it is a guesstimate based on the available photos of other No.82 Squadron machines.

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