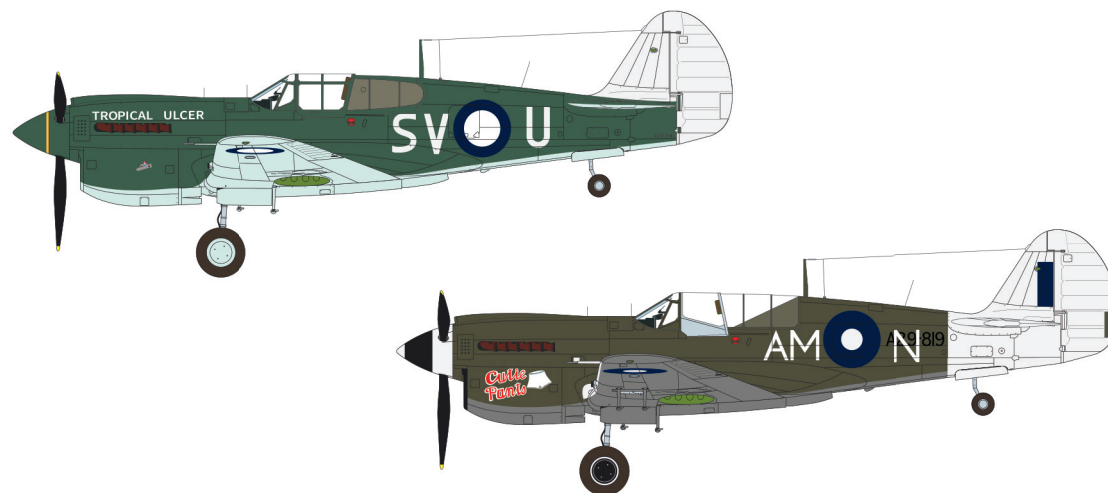
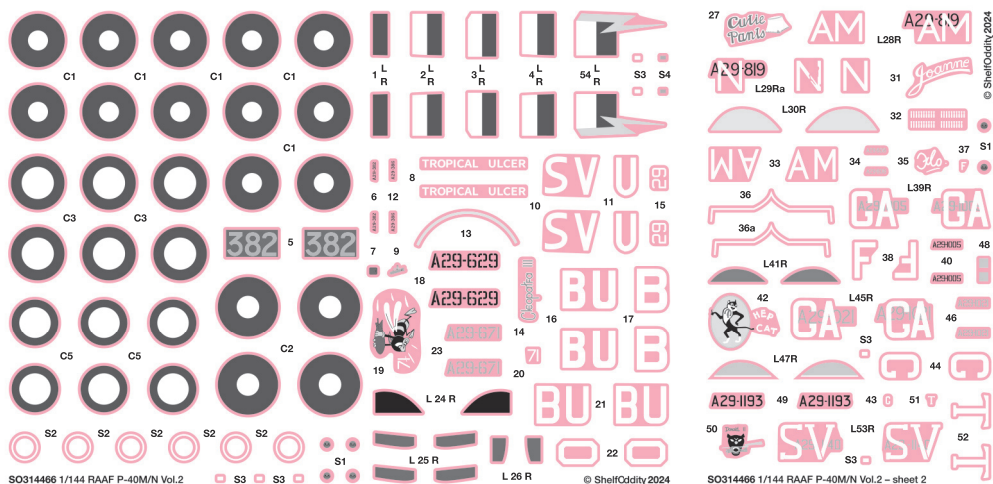


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This decal set is recommended for AFV Club and recent F-Toys kits. Decals are made using silk print technology (BOA Bodecek Agency) and feature a limited amount of transparent base around the graphics.

Set contains markings for 11 late-war RAAF machines: two bare metal and nine camouflaged ones.

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.

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-10-CU, 43-5806, A29-382
 2nd OTU RAAF, Mildura airfield
 Australia, late 1944

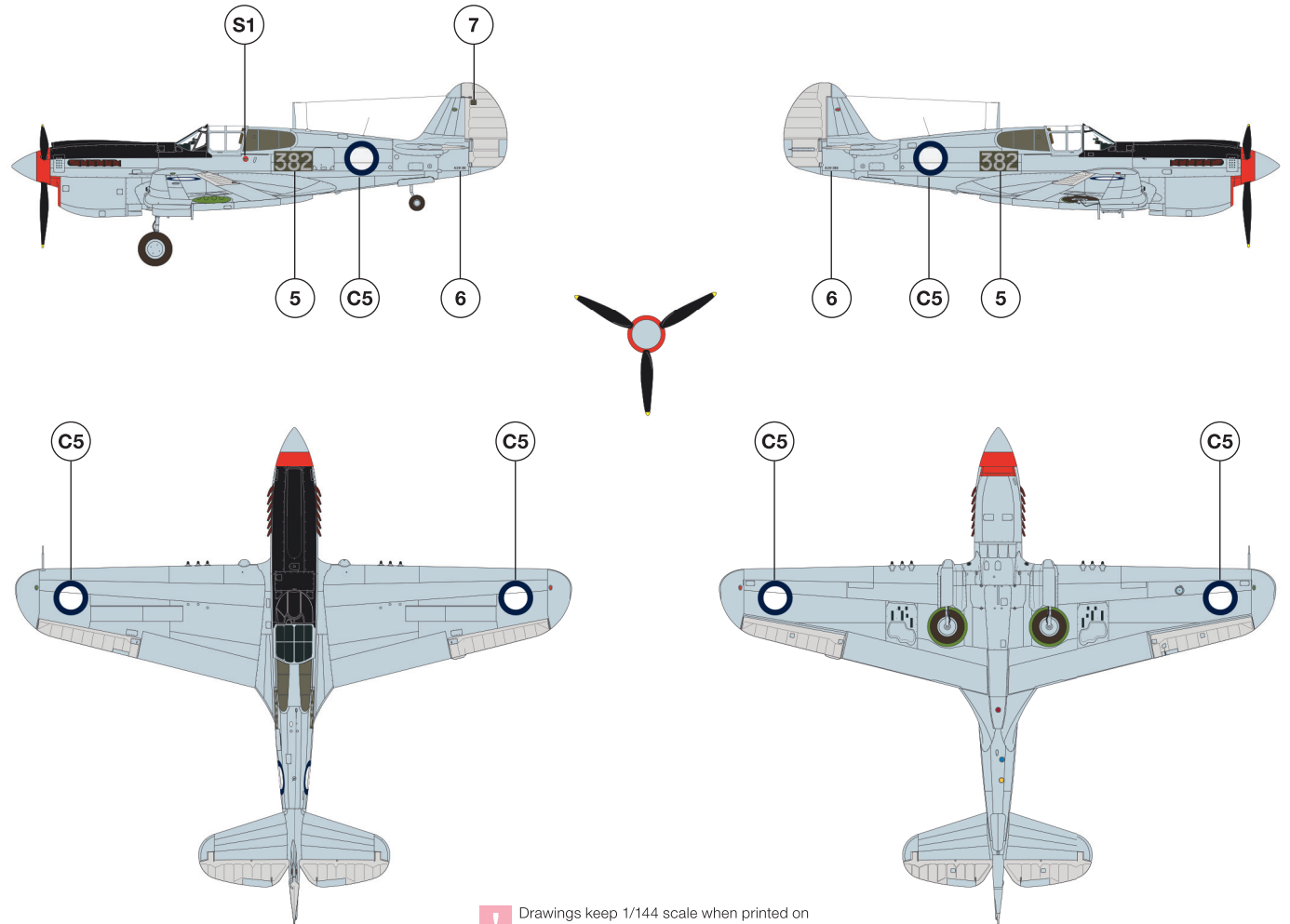
The stencils are not visible – most probably they have been removed together with the paint. The antennae mast and the rear cockpit framing were still painted – most likely kept in Olive Drab.

The existing photos show black colour was used for the anti-glare area plus the windscreen framing.

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

The spinner was natural aluminium with the red base. Propeller blades most likely featured yellow tips only (no visible stencils). The air intake lip was also red including front lower fuselage as far as to the propeller edge.

Wheel hubs were most likely covered with flat covers kept in the natural metal finish – it is a guesstimate based on the available photos of other 2nd OTU bare metal P-40K/M machines.



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Colour guide:



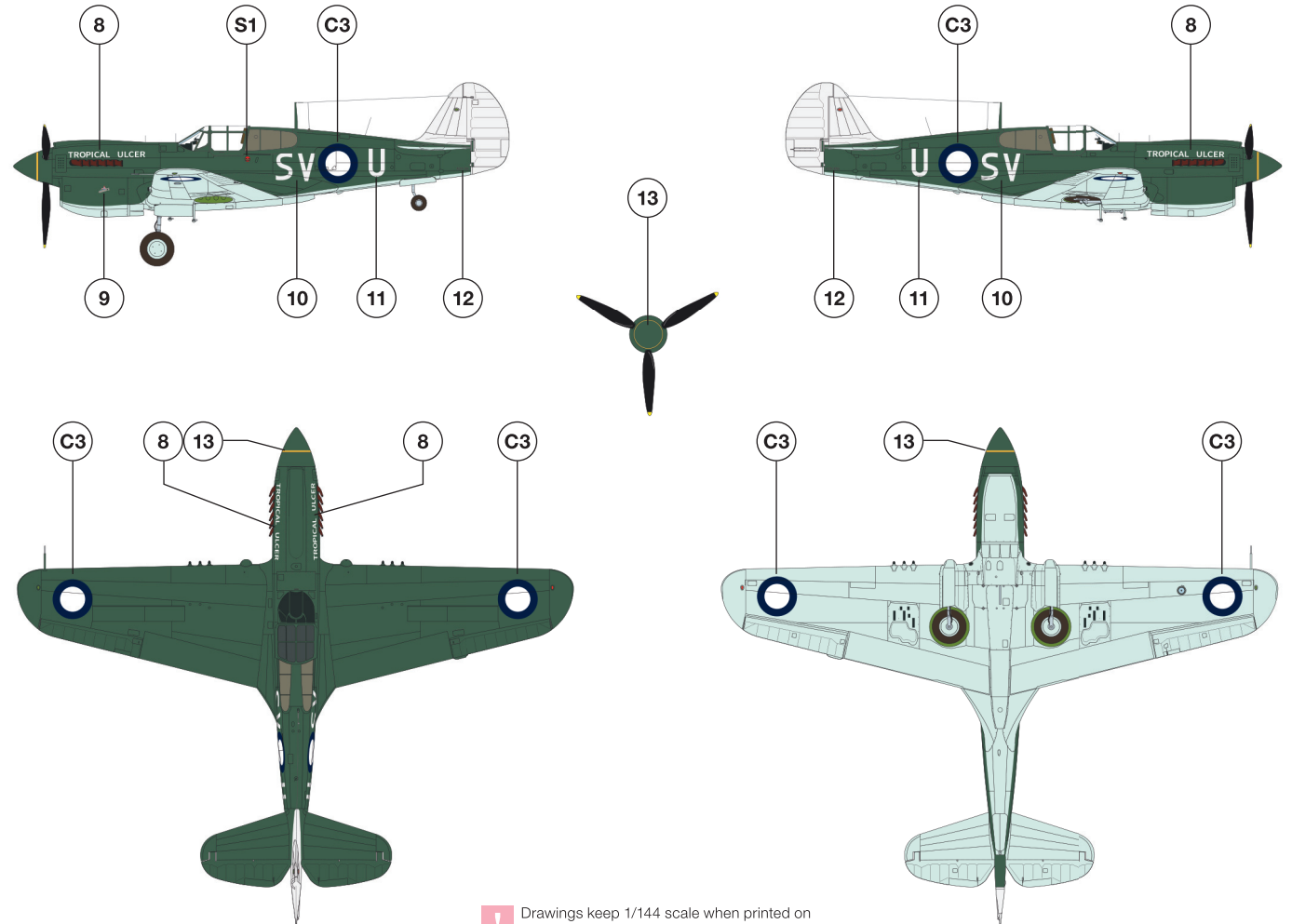
P-40M-10-CU, 43-5879, A29-386, SV-U, *Tropical Ulcer*
No.76 Squadron RAAF, Momote, Los Negros,
Admiralty Islands, New Guinea, March 1944

The stencils have been most probably painted-over
at the time of repainting to Foliage Green and RAAF
Sky Blue colours.

The small nose art with a topless lady riding a bomb
comes from the previous guise of this machine
– *Josephine Five* – and it seems to be still present
on a rather good quality photo of *Tropical Ulcer* guise.

Incomplete white RAAF fast identification elements
were present – only the rear vertical stabiliser and
rudder. No white wing leading edges and horizontal
stabilisers.

The propeller blades featured yellow tips only (no visible
stencils) and the propeller hub was kept in Foliage
Green. Wheel hubs were plated over and painted
Sky Blue.



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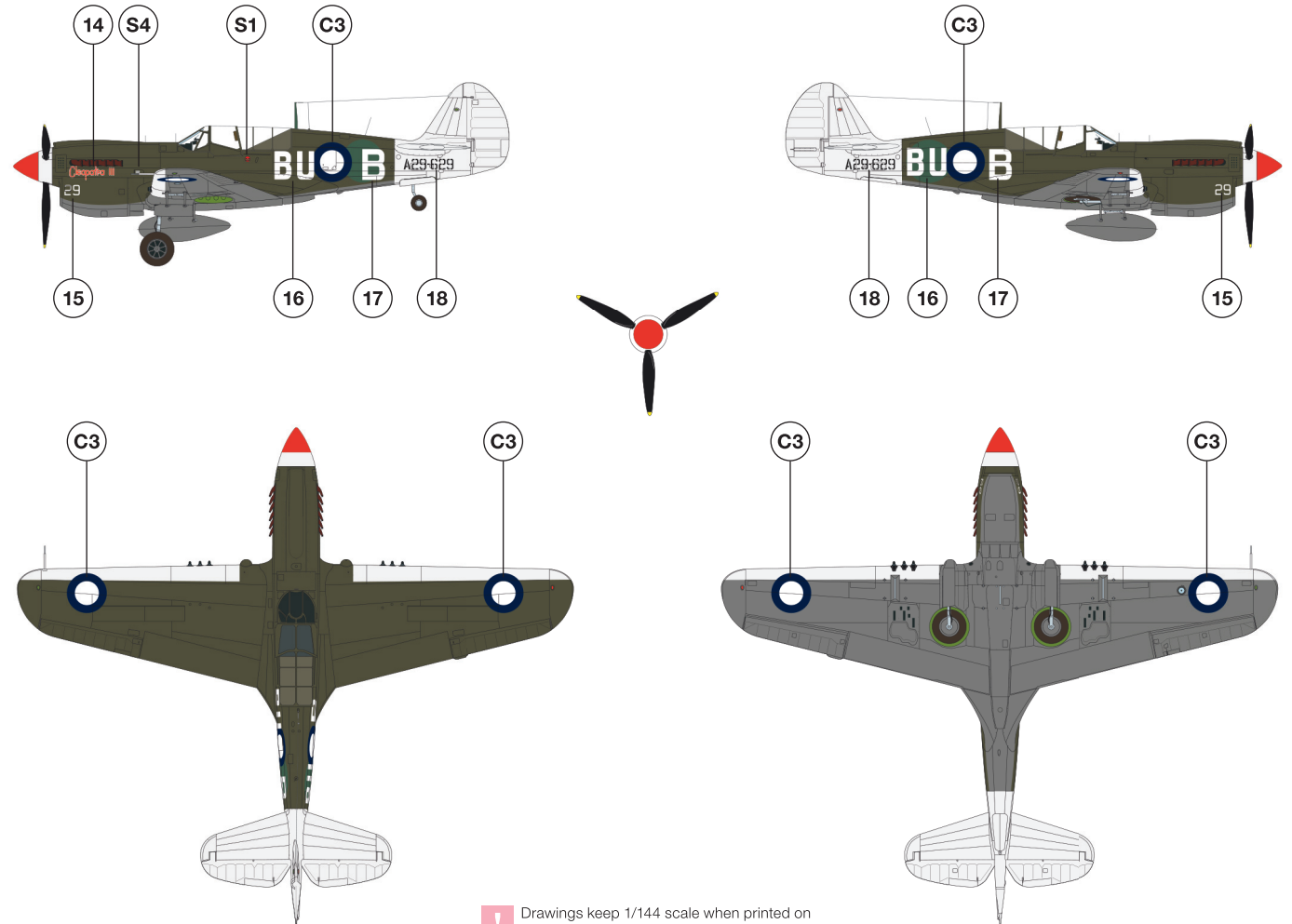


P-40N-20-CU, 42-22854, A29-629, BU-B, *Cleopatra III*
 No.80 Squadron RAAF, Morotai Island
 New Guinea, early 1945
 Personal airframe of Sqn Ldr Geoffrey Charles Atherton

Standard OD/NG camouflage but with areas on both sides of rear fuselage where most likely Foliage Green was used to overpaint the older markings. Some stencils are visible (available separately as Shelf Oddity decal set SO3144050).

Full white RAAF fast identification elements were present but identification leading edges were painted down to the wheel wells gondolas only and were of extended depth. Note – machine guns barrels fairings on the leading edges were not painted white. Also, the white leading edges were strongly weathered, especially near the machine guns location.

The spinner was white with the red tip and propeller blades featured yellow tips only (no visible stencils). Wheel hubs were spoked with rather dark and dull finish.



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Colour guide:

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

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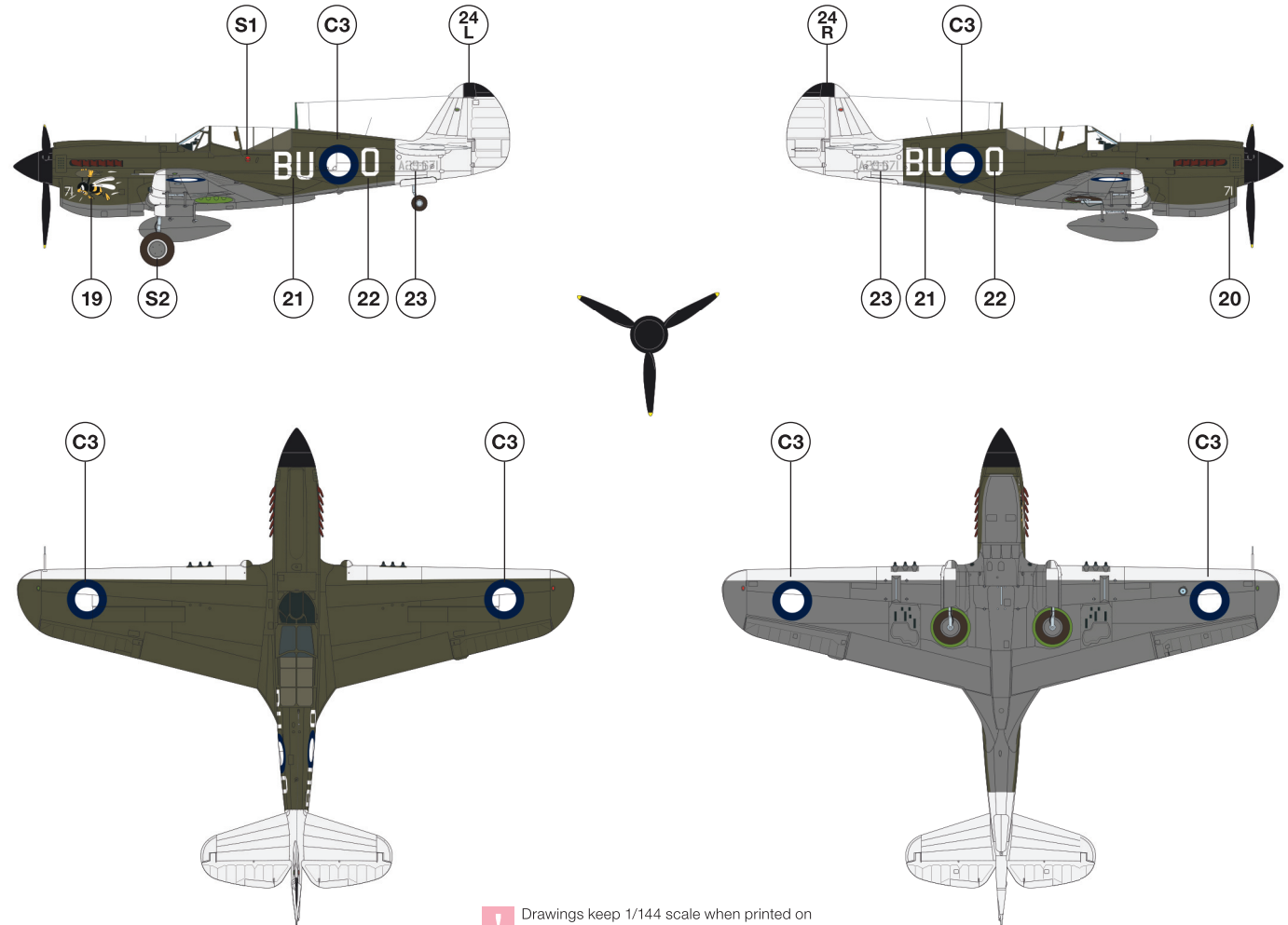
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P-40N-20-CU, 43-23237, A29-671, BU-O
No.80 Squadron RAAF, Noemfoor Island
New Guinea, late 1944

Standard OD/NG camouflage with some stencils visible (available separately as Shelf Oddity decal set SO3144050). The hornet emblem was worn on the port-side only.

Full white RAAF fast identification elements were present but identification leading edges have been painted down to the middle of wheel wells gondolas only and were of extended depth. Note – machine guns barrels fairings as well as the nearest proximity of barrels on the leading edges were not painted white.

The spinner was black and propeller blades featured yellow tips only (no visible stencils). Wheel hubs were plated over and painted Neutral Grey with white borders (decals **S2**).



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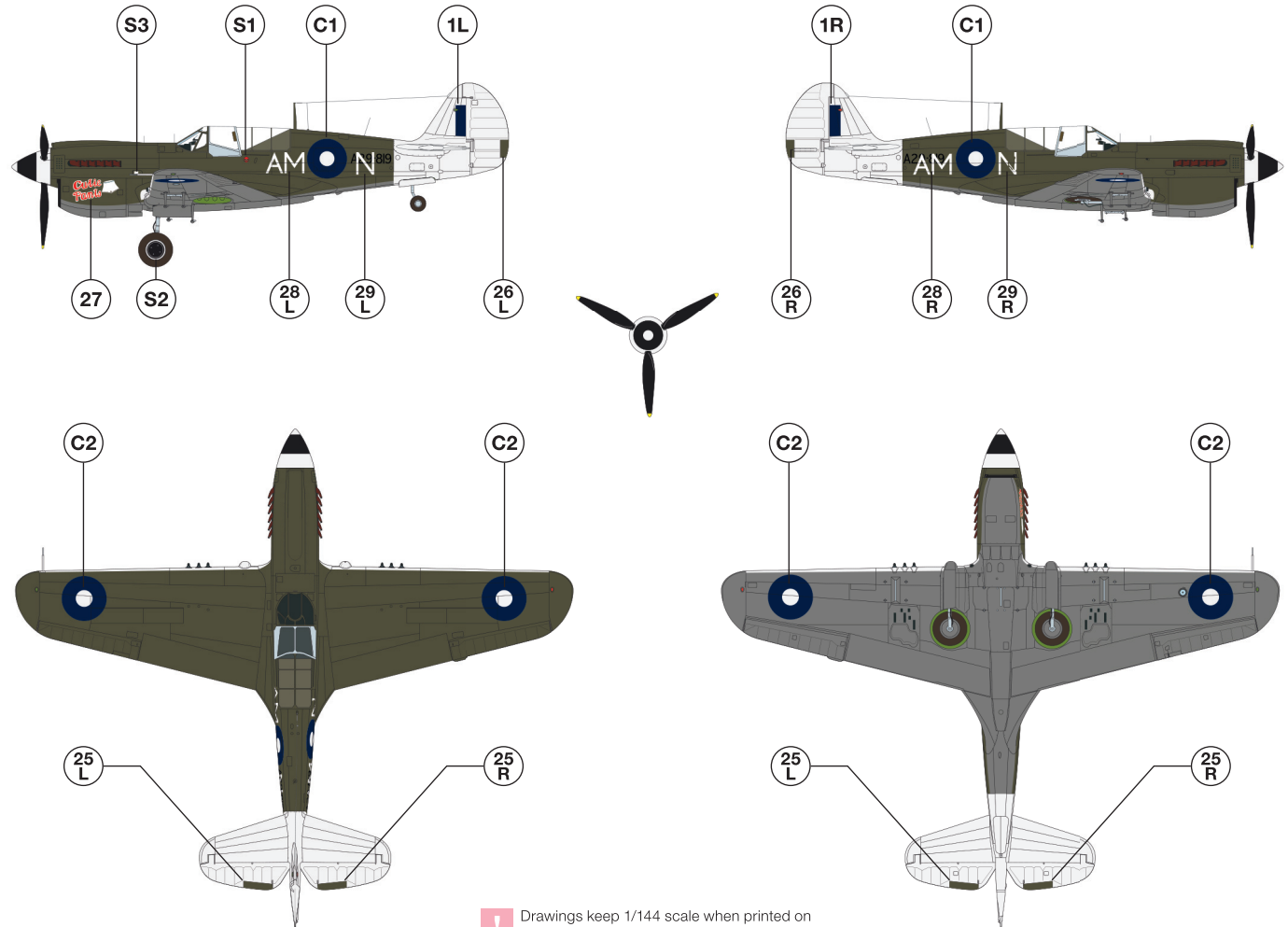
P-40N-25-CU, 43-24305, A29-819, AM-N, *Cutie Pants*
No.77 Squadron RAAF, Noemfoor Island
New Guinea, late 1944

Standard but well-worn OD/NG camouflage with visible paint chippings and some stencils visible (available separately as Shelf Oddity decal set SO3144050). The underwear emblem was worn on port-side only.

The air intake lip was painted black and the sliding portion of cockpit hood was kept in natural aluminium finish.

Full white RAAF fast identification elements were present and both leading edges were painted white down to the wing roots, including gun fairings but up to the wingtips only. Note – the white area on the leading edges was very narrow on this machine.

The spinner was white with wide black band and propeller blades featured yellow tips only (no visible stencils). Wheel hubs were plated over and painted black with white borders (decals **S2**).



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P-40N-25-CU, 43-24305, A29-819, AM-N, *Cutie Pants*
No.77 Squadron RAAF, Noemfoor Island
New Guinea, January 1945

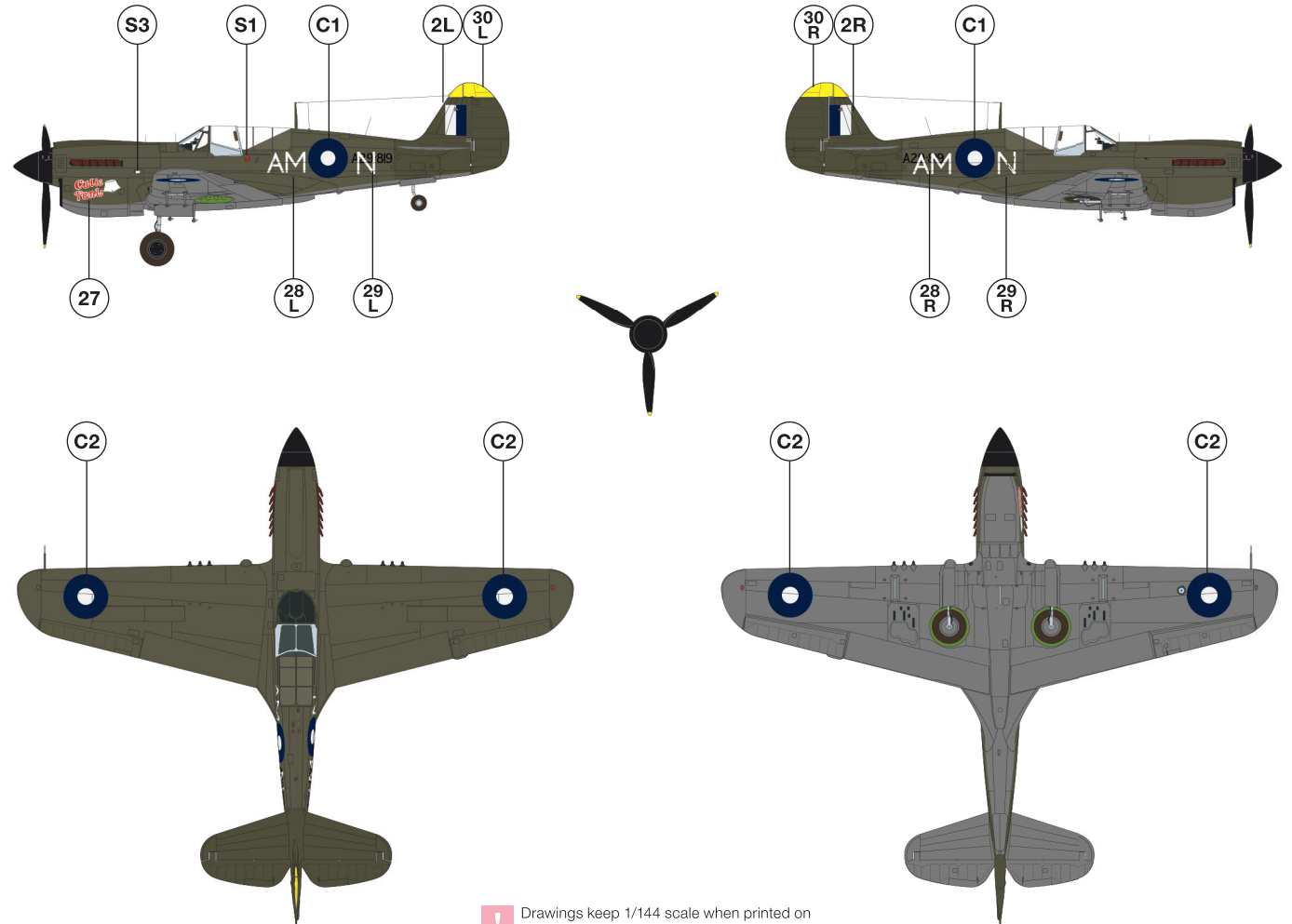
This is the same machine but refurbished and partially repainted after receiving flak damage on 23 December 1944.

Standard but well-worn OD/NG camouflage with still visible paint chippings plus some stencils (available separately as Shelf Oddity decal set SO3144050). Again, the underwear emblem was worn on port-side only.

The front edge of air intake was painted black and the sliding portion of cockpit hood was kept in natural aluminium finish.

All white RAAF fast identification elements were removed – the fresh Olive Drab coating was visible on the tail.

The spinner was now black and propeller blades featured yellow tips only (no visible stencils). Wheel hubs were plated over and painted black.



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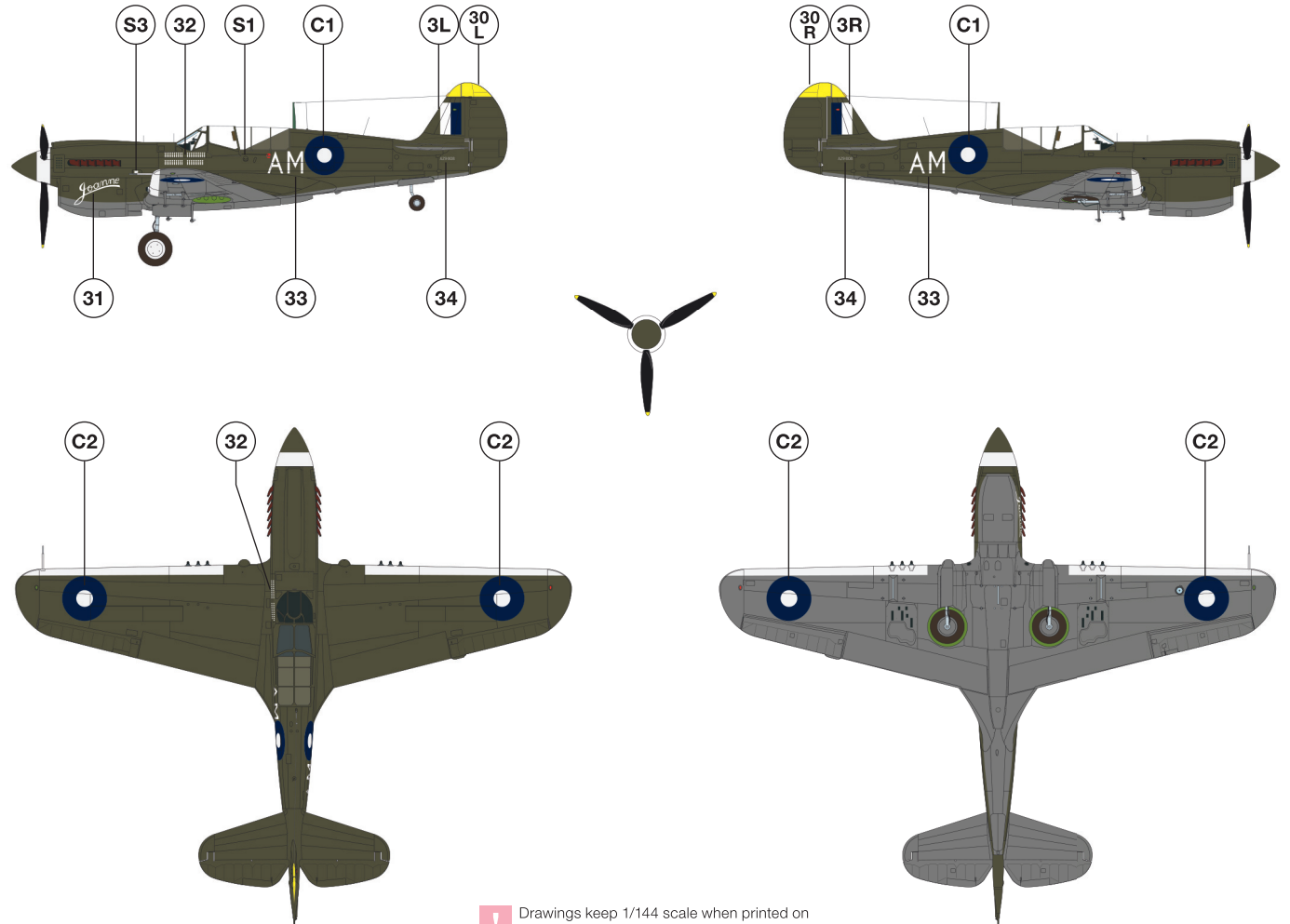
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P-40N-25-CU, 43-24517, A29-808, AM, *Joanne*
No.77 Squadron RAAF, Noemfoor Island
New Guinea, late 1944
Flown by F/Lt Ralph Dean Hutley

Standard OD/NG camouflage with some stencils visible (available separately as Shelf Oddity decal set SO3144050). The a/c name and missions markings were painted on port-side only.

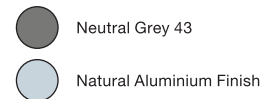
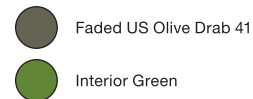
Some white RAAF fast identification elements were present – both leading edges were painted white down to the halfway between gun ports and wheel wells gondolas, including gun fairings.

The spinner was white with Olive Drab tip and propeller blades featured yellow tips only (no visible stencils). Wheel hubs were plated over and painted white.



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P-40N-35-CU, 44-7771, A29-1005, GA-F, *Flo*
No.75 Squadron RAAF, Morotai Island
New Guinea, early 1945

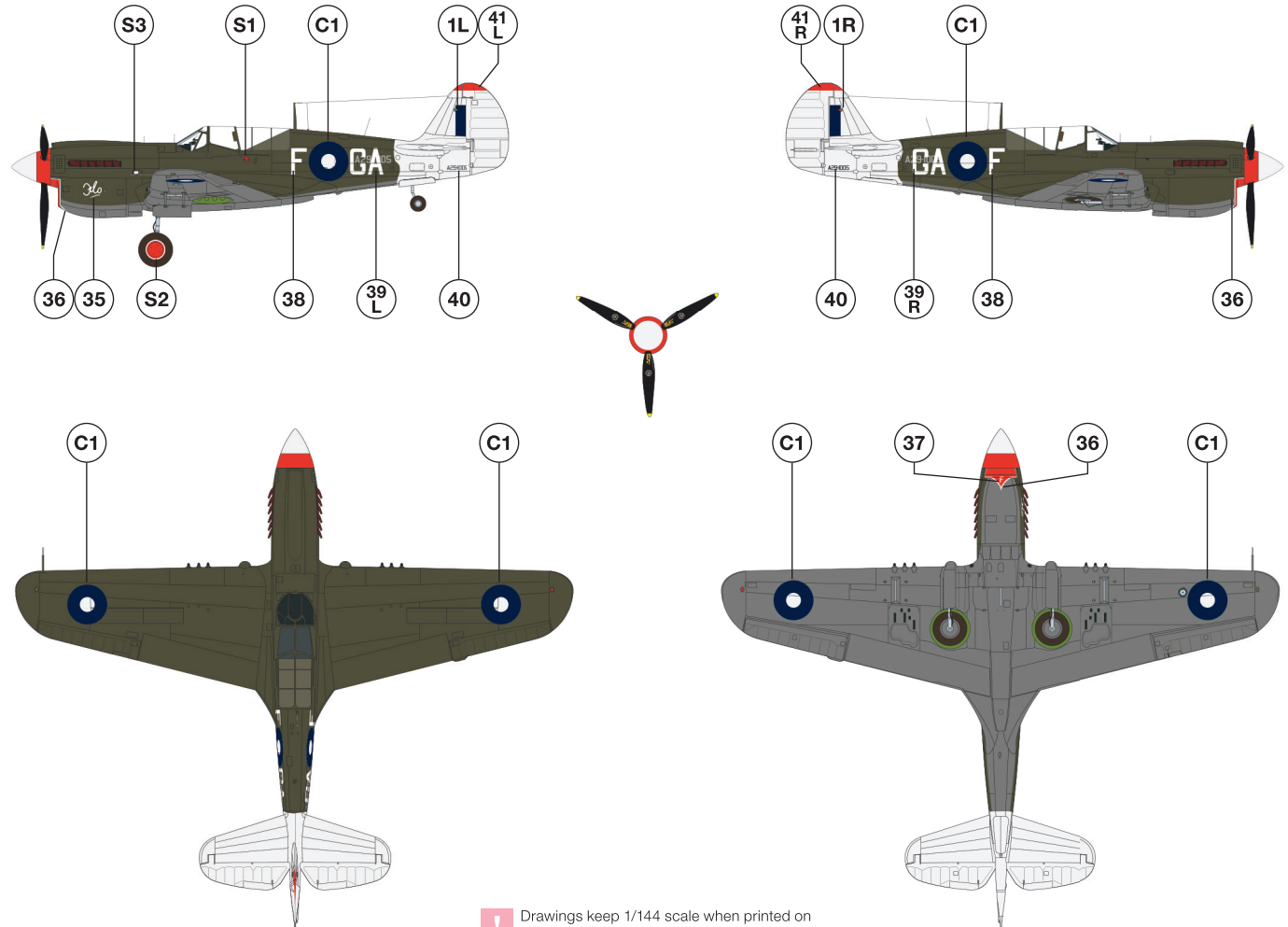
Standard OD/NG camouflage with some stencils visible (available separately as Shelf Oddity decal set SO3144050). The a/c name was painted on port-side only.

Some white RAAF fast identification elements were present – the tail of the machine was white but the demarcation line was quite wavy. No white wing leading edges were present.

The air intake lip was painted red including front lower fuselage as far as to the propeller edge. Use decal no **36** or **36a** for the white demarcation line.

! Use decal 36 for the F-Toys kit and 36a for the AFV Club one.

The spinner was also red with white tip and propeller blades featured yellow tips plus full stencilling. Wheel hubs were plated over and painted red with white borders (decals **S2**).



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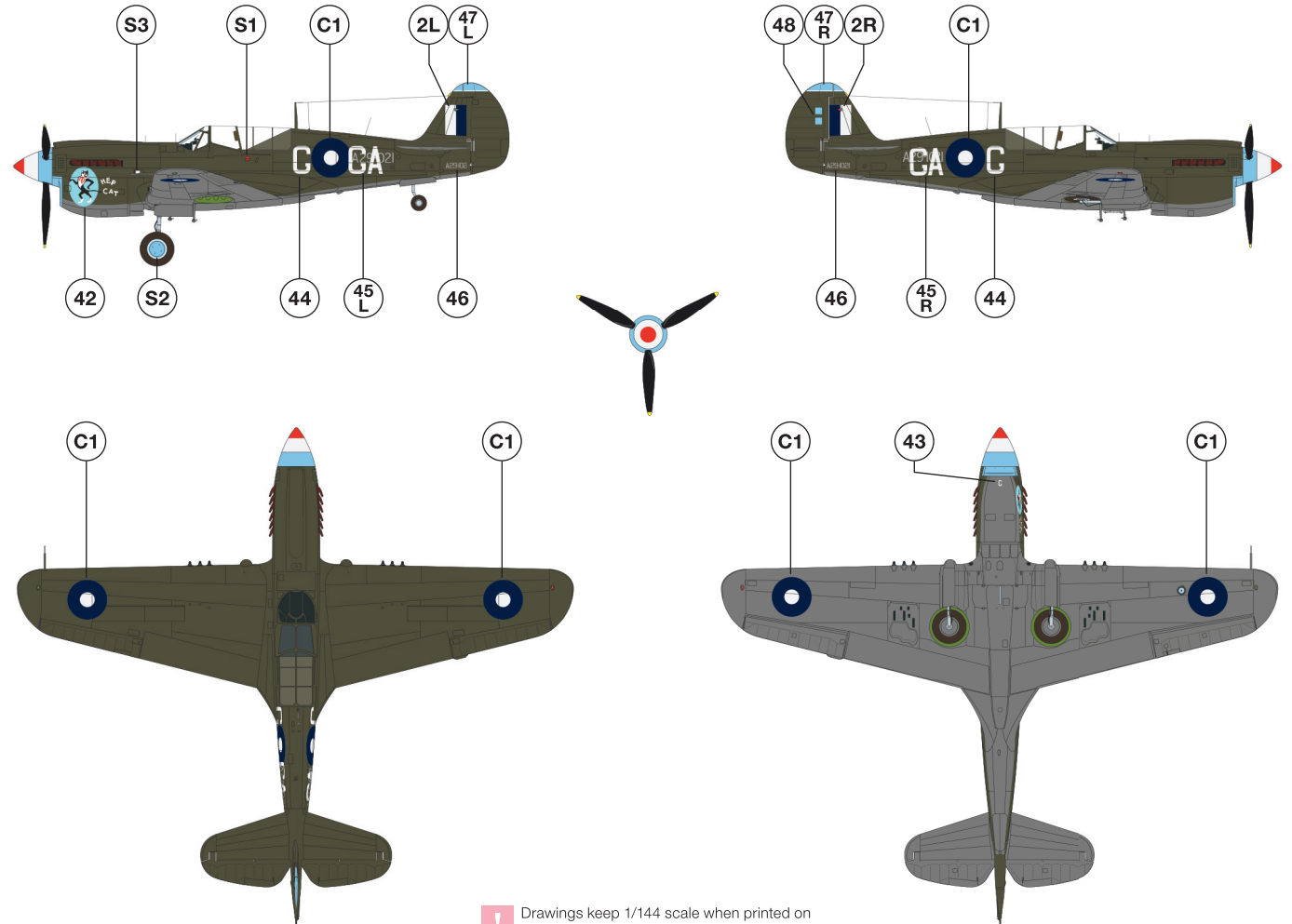
P-40N-35-CU, 44-7847, A29-1021, GA-G, *Hep Cat*
No.75 Squadron RAAF, Morotai Island
New Guinea, early 1945
Personal airframe of Sqn Ldr Clive Tolhurst

Standard OD/NG camouflage with some stencils visible (available separately as Shelf Oddity decal set SO3144050). The noseart was painted on port-side only.

No white RAAF fast identification elements were present.

The air intake lip was painted light blue including front lower fuselage as far as to the propeller edge. The spinner wore red, white and light blue stripes and propeller blades featured yellow tips only (no visible stencils).

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



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Colour guide:



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No. 6 Aircraft Depot (6AD) RAAF, Oakey Airfield
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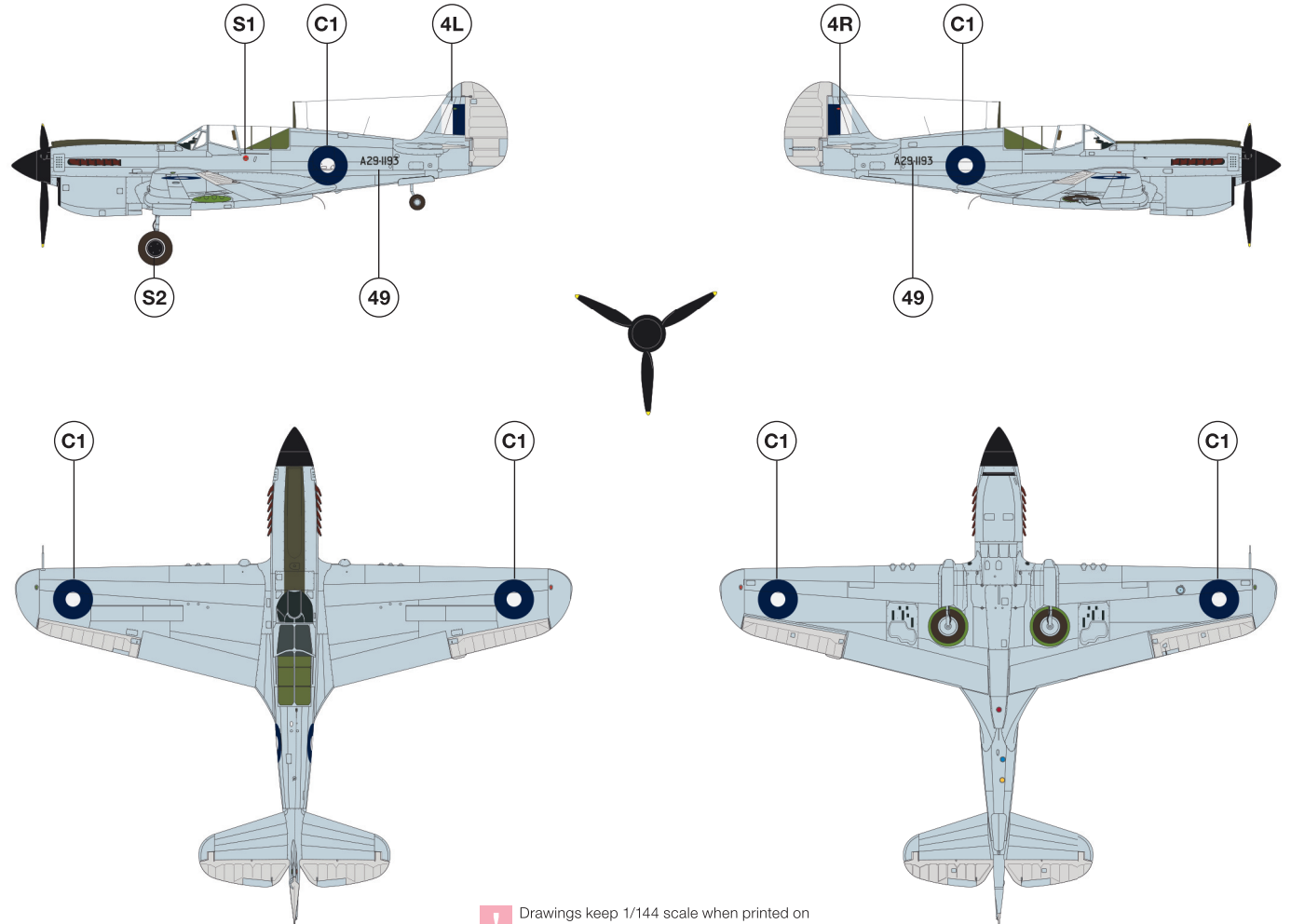
The stencils are not visible – most probably they were removed together with the paint. The antennae mast and the rear cockpit framing were still painted – most likely kept in Olive Drab. The existing photos show Olive Drab colour has been also used for the rather narrow anti-glare stripe.

The air intake lip and the spinner were black. Propeller blades featured yellow tips only (no visible stencils).

No white RAAF fast identification elements were present.

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

Note: since this machine is depicted in her post-war livery all machine guns have been removed.



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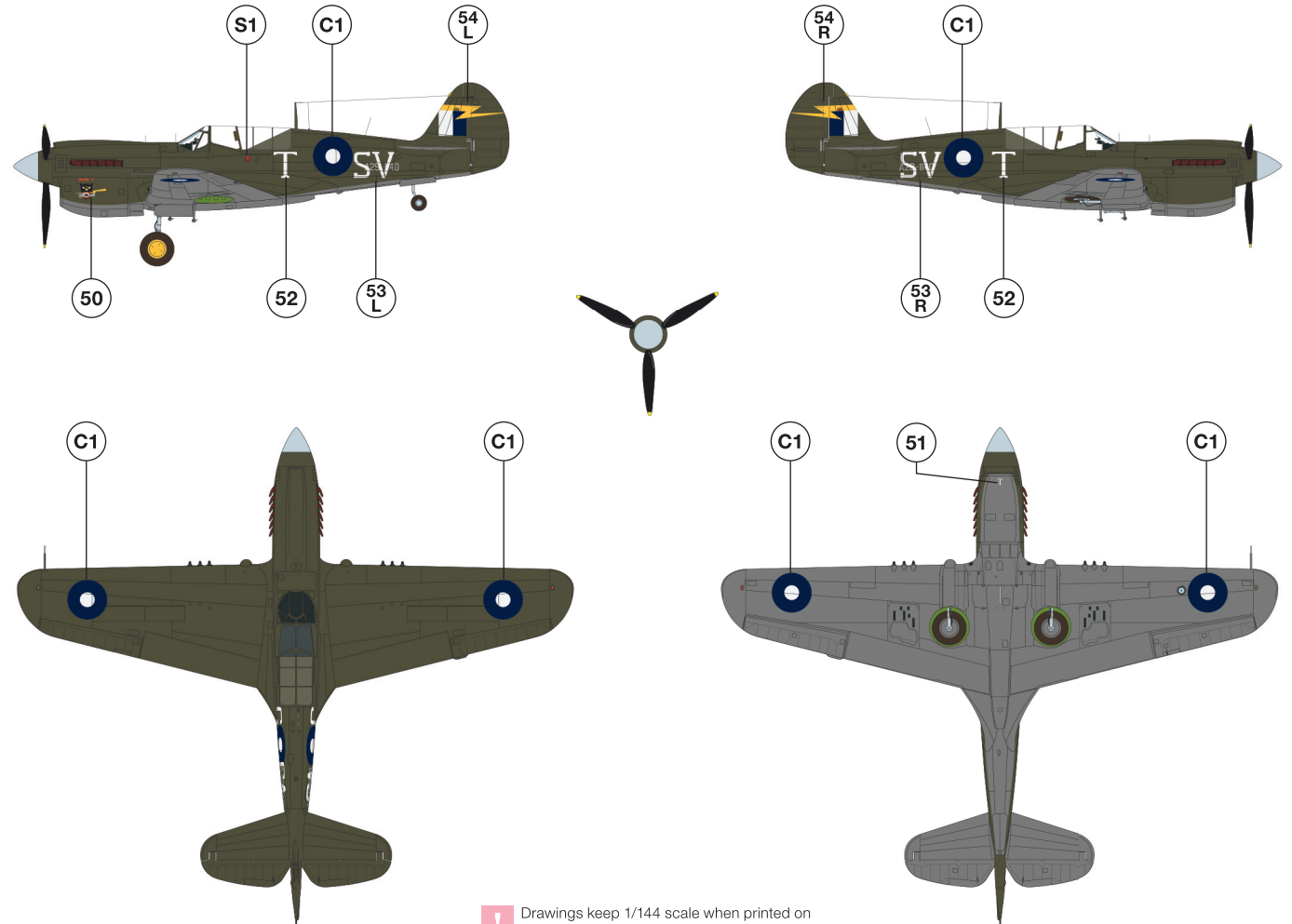
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P-40N-40-CU, 44-47891, A29-1140, SV-T
No.76 Squadron RAAF, Noemfoor Island
New Guinea, early 1945
Flown by F/Sgt M. M. Fruze

Standard OD/NG camouflage with some stencils visible (available separately as Shelf Oddity decal set SO3144050). The noseart was painted on port-side only.

No white RAAF fast identification elements were present.

The spinner was Olive Drab with its tip in natural aluminium finish. Propeller blades featured yellow tips only (no visible stencils). Wheel hubs were plated over and painted yellow with white borders (decals **S2**).



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