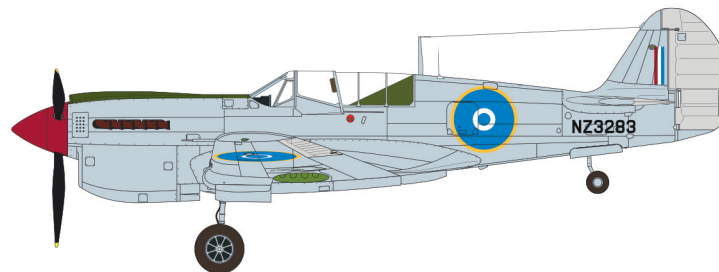
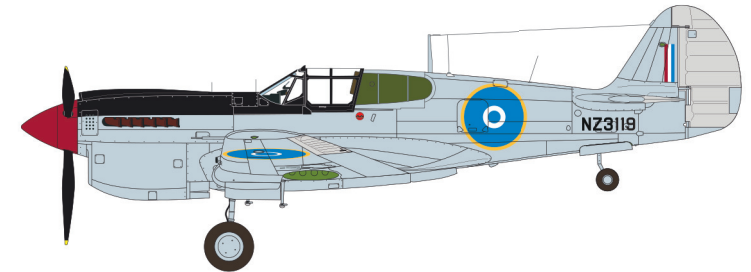
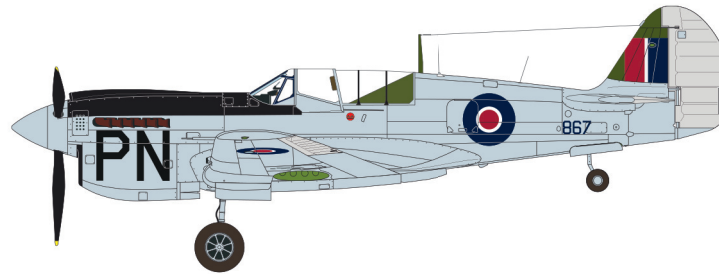
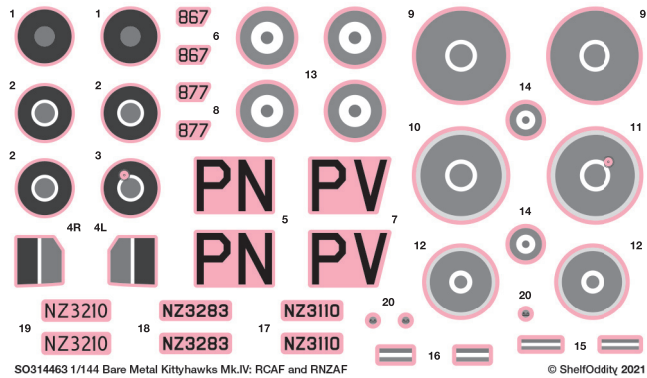


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This decal set is recommended for AFV Club and recent F-Toys kits. Decals are made using silk print technology (BOA Bodecek Agency) and feature a limited amount of transparent base around the graphics.

Four late-war Kittyhawks Mk.IV and a single Mk.III in bare metal finish: two RCAF and three RNZAF machines.

The Canadian aircraft were most likely used for the training but the ones from the New Zealand have been used as a personal mounts of the local Commanding Officers and as informal racing planes flown for the crews entertainment.

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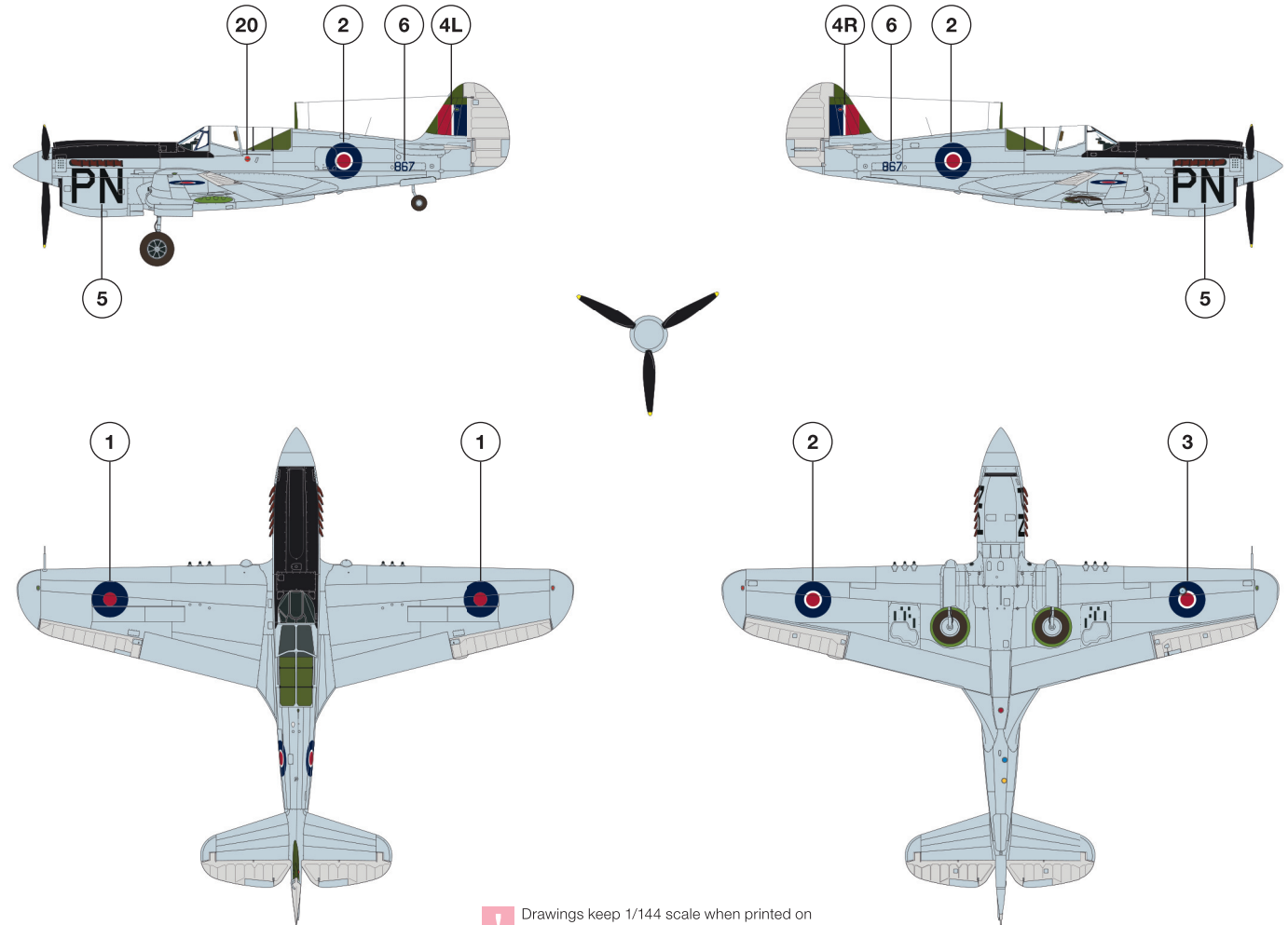
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P-40N-5-CU, 42-105867, 876, PN
No.135(F) Squadron RCAF
Patricia Bay, British Columbia 1945-46

Two existing photos of this a/c show its port-side plus port upper surfaces only. The stencils has been removed together with the original Olive Drab camouflage.

The front edge of air intake, the anti-glare area, the windscreen frame and the rear canopy frame were painted black. The top of vertical stabiliser has been left in Olive Drab colour.

The propeller blades featured yellow tips only and the wheel hubs were spoked with Natural Aluminium finish.



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Colour guide:



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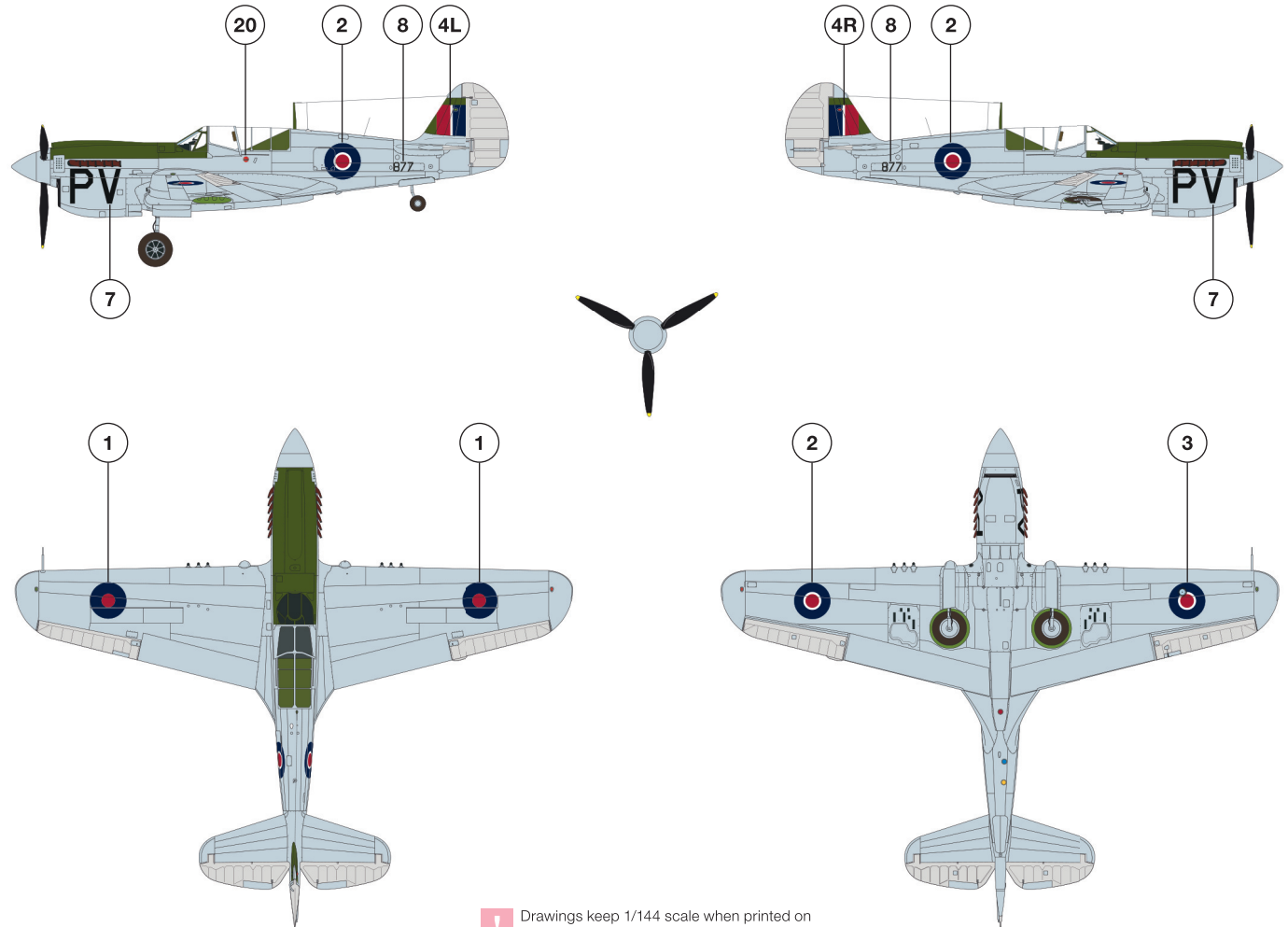
1/144 Bare Metal Kittyhawks Mk.IV: RCAF & RNZAF

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P-40N-20-CU, 43-23484, 877, PV
No.5 OTU RCAF
Boundary Bay, British Columbia, 1945

The stencils has been removed together with the original Olive Drab camouflage. The front edge of air intake was painted black. The front part of vertical stabiliser, the anti-glare area and the windscreen frame has been left in Olive Drab colour.

The propeller blades featured yellow tips only and the wheel hubs were most likely spoked with Natural Aluminium finish.



Colour guide:



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P-40M-10-CU, 43-5797, NZ3110, *the Silver Barge*
personal mount of Sqn Ldr H.R. Wigley
No. 4 OTU, RNZAF, Ohakea 1944

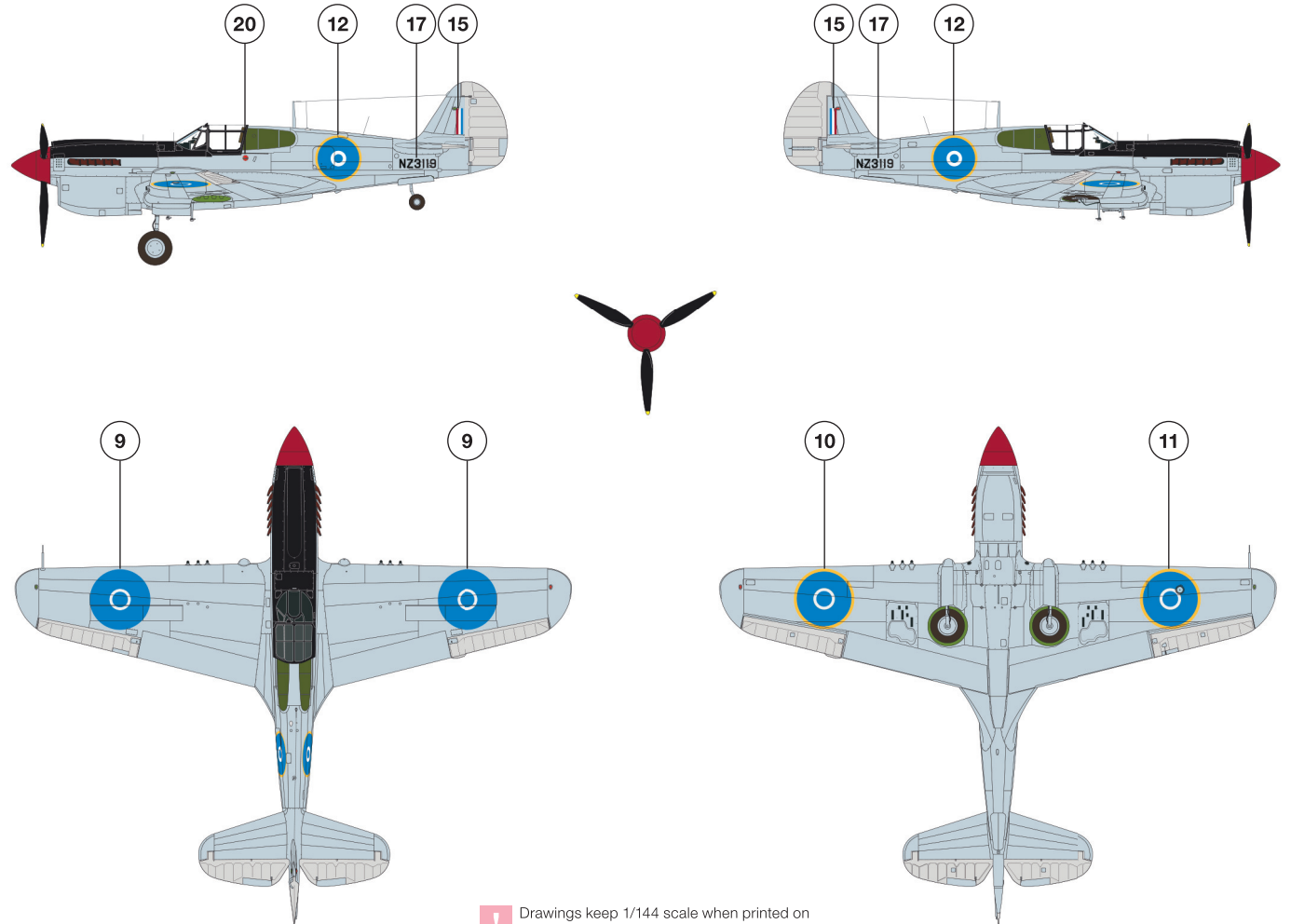
The paint has been removed on request of the CO Wigley – the aim was to create a shiny personal mount, *the Silver Barge*. The stencils are not visible – most probably went away together with the camouflage.

The anti-glare area plus the windscreen and cockpit hood framing were black – as seen on existing photo. The propeller blades featured yellow tips only.

The spinner colour is described in literature as black but the successor of this machine – NZ3283 had the spinner painted red. Also, red was the standard colour of the late- and post-war RNZAF Kittyhawks. That is why we have “painted” the spinner red in this manual. On the existing b&w photo of this machine the spinner appears to have a different shade than propeller which was black.

There are no clear photos showing the roundels on the wings and we followed the same pattern as in NZ3283.

The wheel hubs were covered with flat covers kept in the Natural Aluminium finish.



Colour guide:



Natural Aluminium Finish



Silver Dope



Olive Drab



Black



Yellow



Interior Green



Red

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P-40N-25-CU, 43-24311, NZ3283
personal mount of Sqn Ldr D.F. St George
No. 4 OTU, RNZAF, Ohakea early 1945

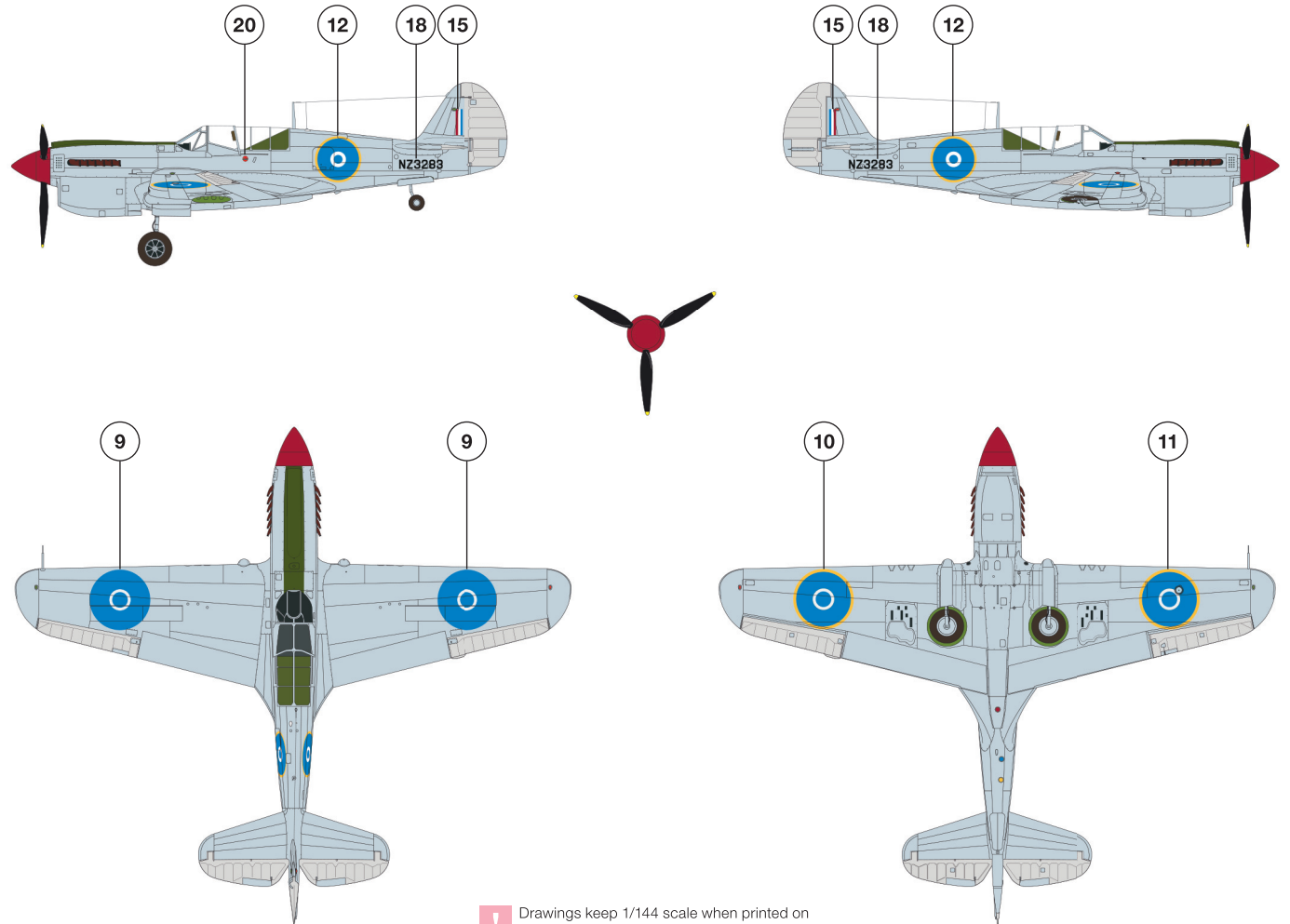
The photos of this a/c show removed armament and the gun sight as well as some antennae – according to the written relations even some instruments were removed from cockpit!

The stencils are not visible – most probably went away together with the paint. The anti-glare area had a form of rather thin Olive Drab stripe. The OD colour is our type since this area definitely was not black – as seen on existing photos.

An interesting feature of this machine are the underwing national roundels with bright outer ring (most probably yellow) clearly visible on the photos taken during the improvised race between PV-1 Ventura from No.1 OTU and this Kittyhawk at Ohakea RNZAF Station. What is even more interesting – another photo shows the upper wing roundels on this machine without yellow outer rings.

The propeller blades most likely featured yellow stencilling and propeller tips. The spinner was red.

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



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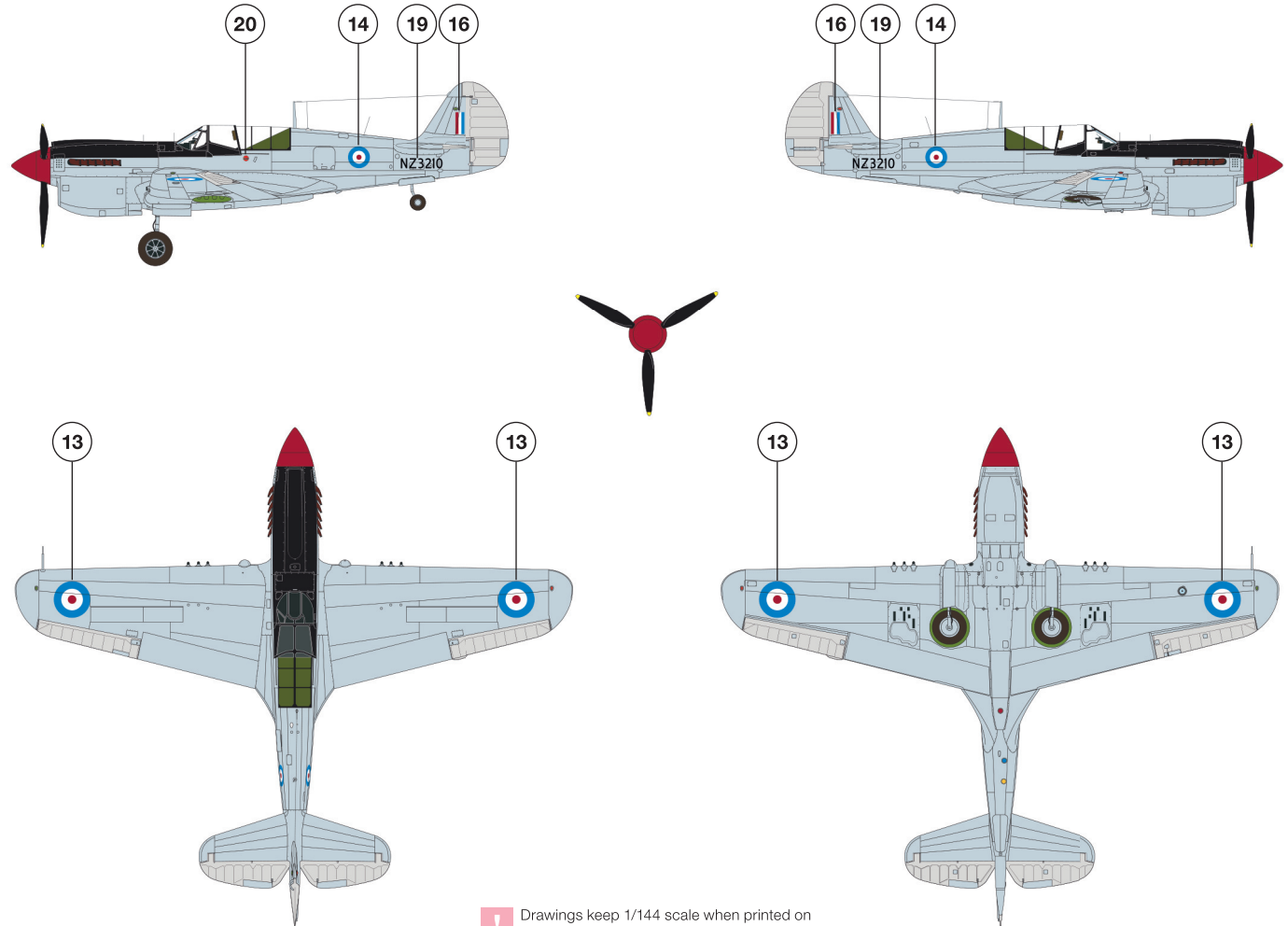
P-40M-10-CU, 43-5797, NZ3210
Unknown unit RNZAF, Rukuhia 1945

A few available photos of this machine taken at the Rukuhia aircraft graveyard, shows it in a rather forlorn state. The propeller assembly and the landing gear are not present.

The stencils are not visible – most probably they were removed together with the paint. The existing photos show black colour has been used for the anti-glare area plus the windscreen and full cockpit framing.

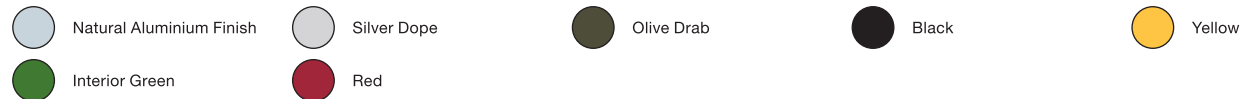
As red was the standard colour of the late- and post-war RNZAF Kittyhawks we have assumed this colour for the spinner in this manual – this is our guesstimate. The propeller blades most likely featured yellow tips only.

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



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