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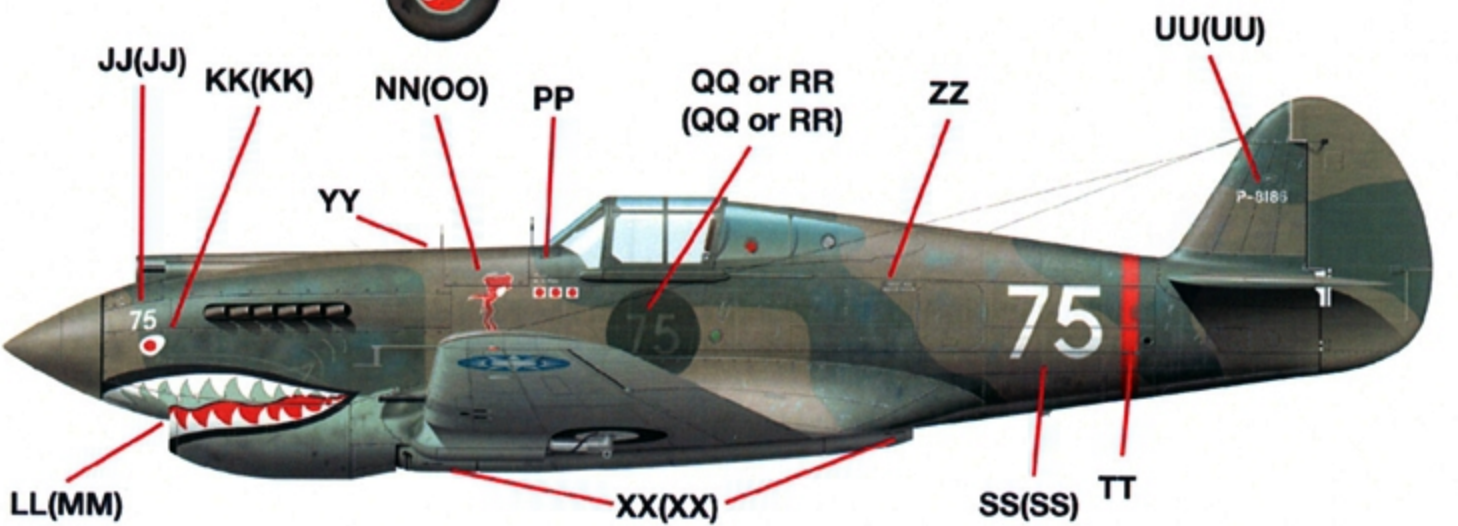
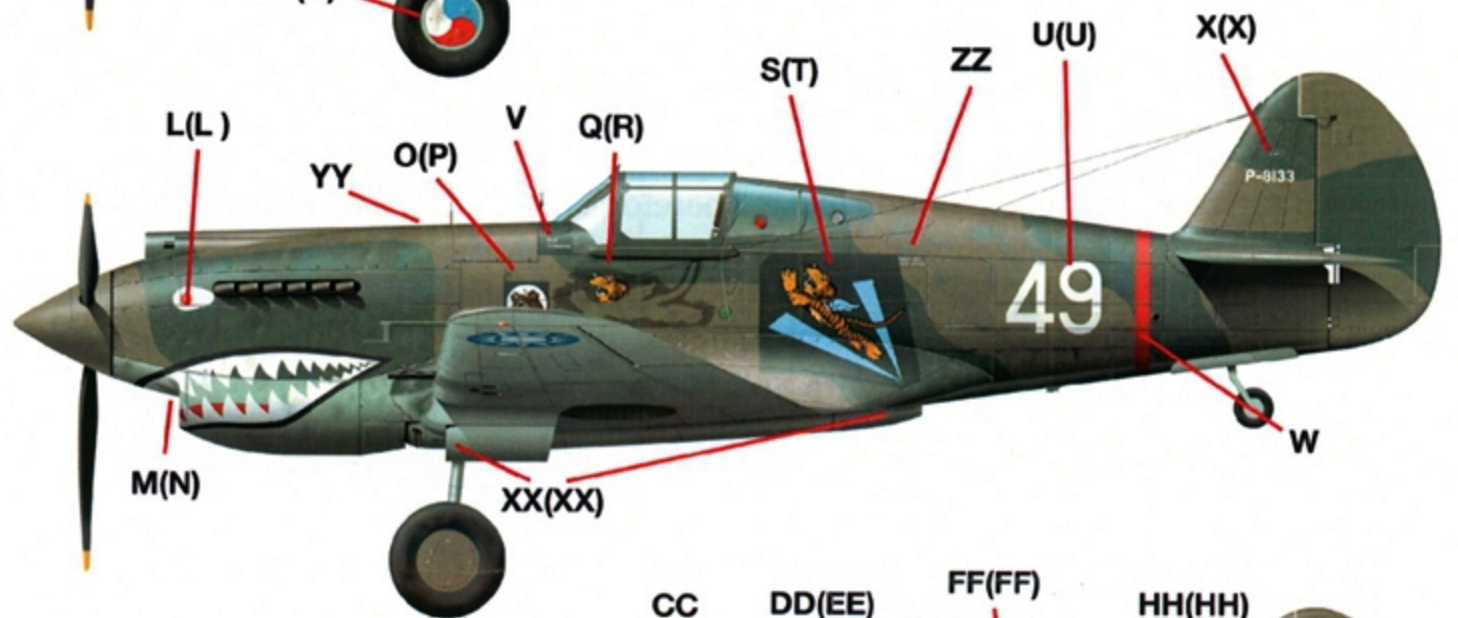
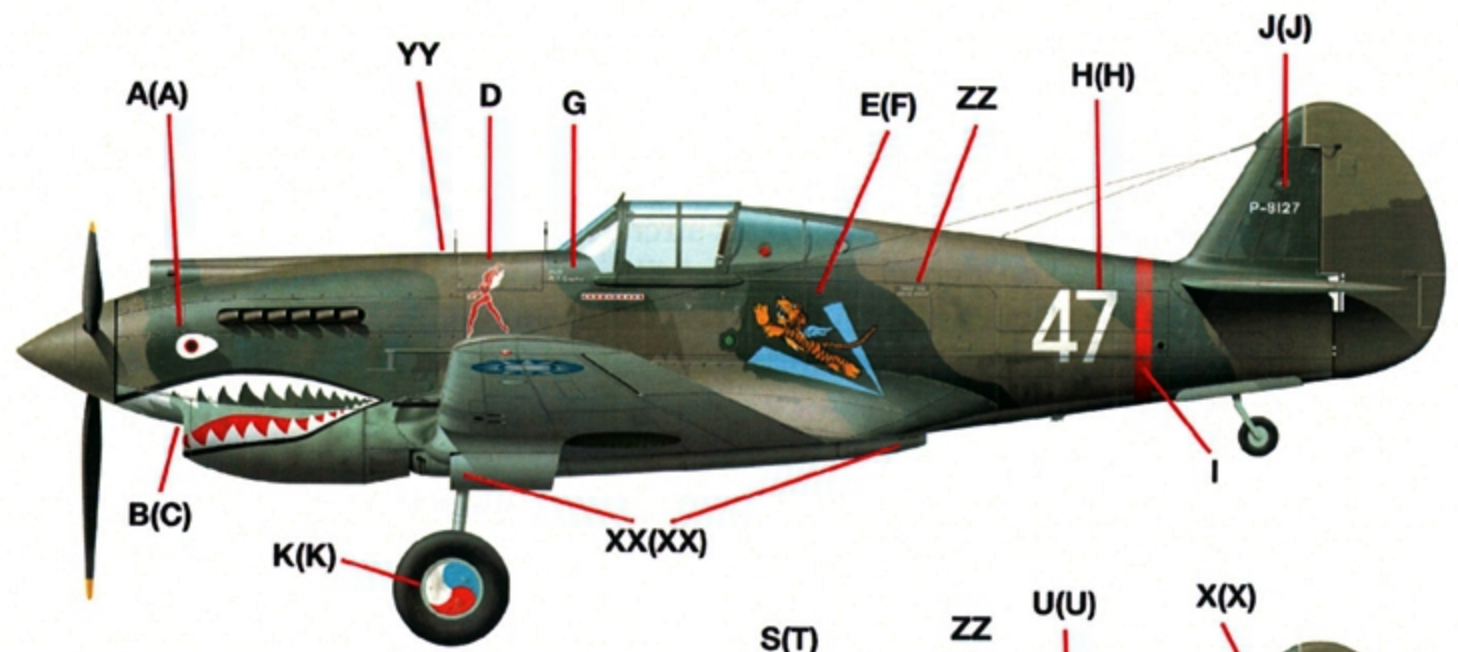
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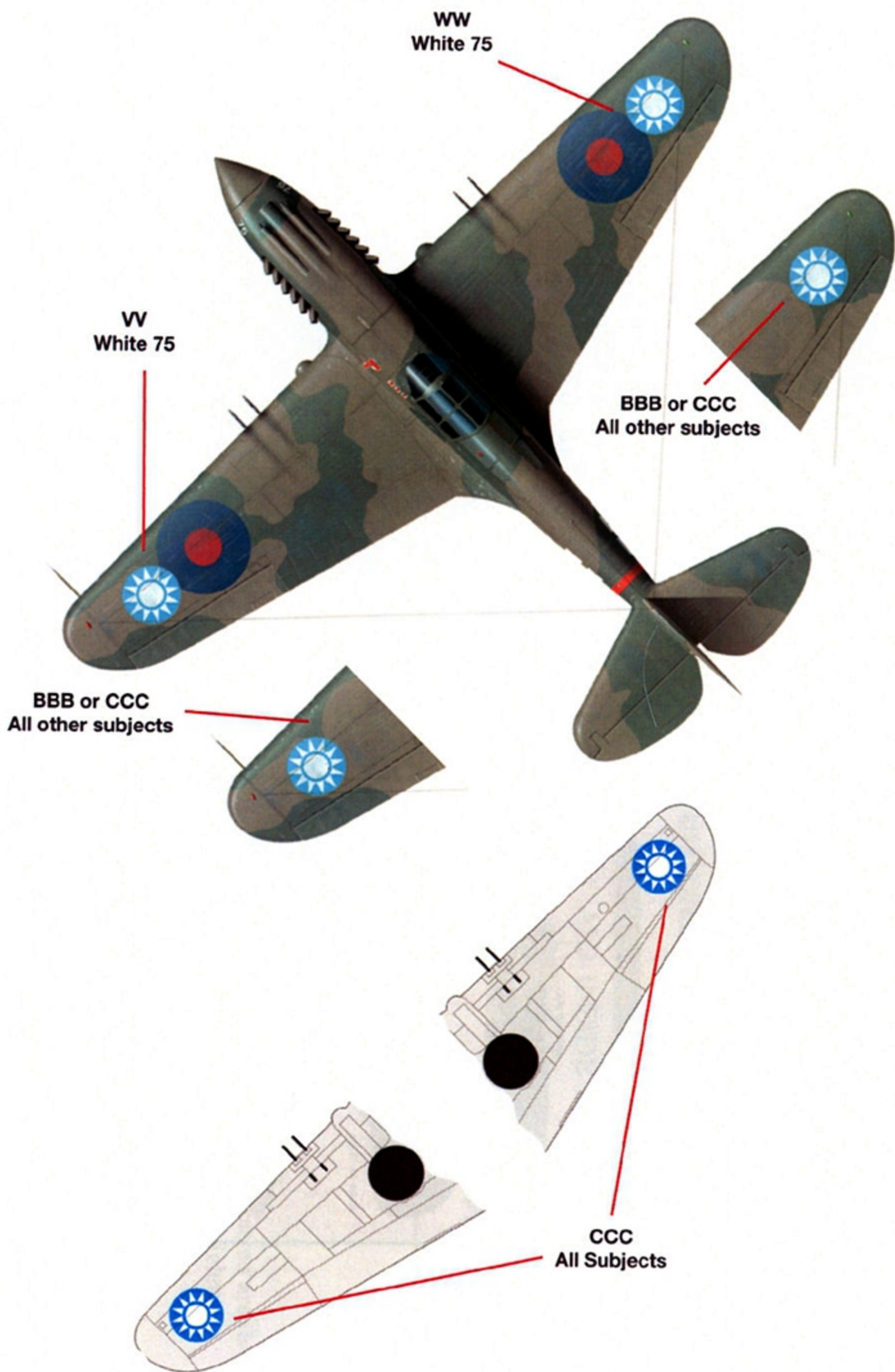


3rd Squadron Chuck Older



3rd Squadron Tommy Haywood





Four interesting and colorful Hawk 81-A2 aircraft (the export version of the P-40 B/C) appear on this sheet. Each is based on period photos and illustrations in the book *Tigers Over China: The Aircraft of the A.V.G.* by Thomas A. Tullis. The American Volunteer Group, or "Flying Tigers," represented the United States first covert military operation against a foreign nation. It was formed by a secret Executive Order issued by President Roosevelt in the spring of 1941 and was operational from August 1941 to July 1942 when it was absorbed into the 23rd Fighter Group, USAAF.

**Color and Markings Notes:** For all aircraft, the upper surfaces were to be painted Dark Green and Dark Earth. The DuPont paints used were close to the specified RAF colors. In some cases, the Brown color used had a slightly more Yellow hue to it than the RAF color, something that became more evident when fading occurred in the field as shown in several color plates in the reference book. The DuPont paints used were 71-065 (Dark Brown) and 71-013 (Dark Green) on the upper surfaces. Lower surfaces finished 71-021 (Light Gray). Unless noted, wheel hubs were 71-065. The Blue paint used for the national insignia was prone to rapid fading. Therefore, roundels are included in two shades of Blue. The Dark Blue represents fresh/unfaded paint, and the lighter shade is intended to show the faded version. Dark Blue is recommended for the insignia for the lower wings as these would not have faded, and faded Blue for the upper wings. Due to repainting, upper wings could also be Dark Blue or even a mix of both. The propellers were Black with Yellow tips.

**FS 595B Equivalent:**

- Dark Green - 71-013 (34052)
- Dark Brown - 71-065 (34088)
- Light Grey - 71-021 (16473 or 36463)

**#47**                      **Serial Number: P-8127**                      **Pilot: R.T. Smith**                      **3<sup>rd</sup> Pursuit Sqn.**

Note scalloped design applied to main wheel hubs.

**#49**                      **Serial Number: P-8133**                      **Pilot: Tommy Haywood**                      **3<sup>rd</sup> Pursuit Sqn.**

**#68**                      **Serial Number: P-8109**                      **Pilot: Charles "Chuck" Older**                      **3<sup>rd</sup> Pursuit Sqn.**

Note scalloped design applied to main wheel hubs. "FIRST AID INSIDE DOOR" stencil on rear fuselage is non-standard Red.

**#75**                      **Serial Number: P-8185**                      **Pilot: Bill Reed**                      **3<sup>rd</sup> Pursuit Sqn.**

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