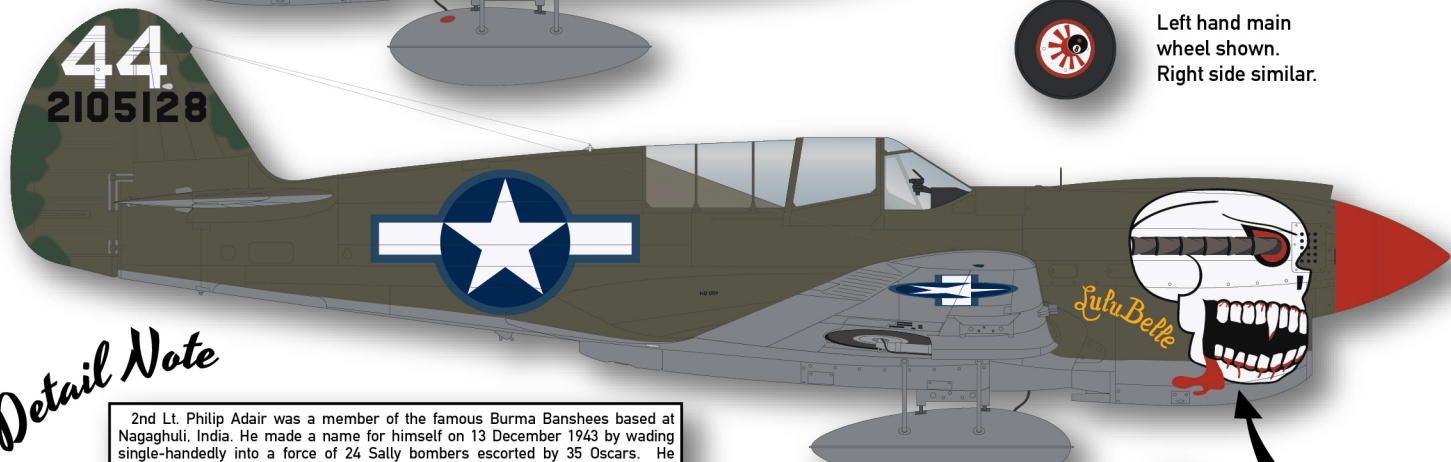


Left hand main wheel shown. Right side similar.



Detail Note

2nd Lt. Philip Adair was a member of the famous Burma Banshees based at Nagaghuli, India. He made a name for himself on 13 December 1943 by wading single-handedly into a force of 24 Sally bombers escorted by 35 Oscars. He managed to bag one of the Oscars and damaged two others plus one of the Sallies. For his action he was awarded the Silver Star. Adair flew two different P-40Ns, both named Lulu Belle, and with very similar markings. By the time he was flying this aircraft in early 1944, the 89th FS was engaged primarily in air to ground missions in support of the advance of the famous Army long range unit "Merrill's Marauders." For these missions, bomb racks were fitted to the wings as well as the fuselage centerline. Contrary to some published sources, the wing racks on the P-40N were symmetrically mounted.

The aircraft was finished in the standard factory scheme of ANA 613 Dark Olive Drab over Neutral Gray 43, with blotches of Medium Green 42 applied to the flying surfaces. Note that no Dark Green was applied to the ailerons, although it was applied to the rudder and elevators. Spinner was ANA 619 Insignia Red. Research that has come to light since we first produced this sheet now leads us to believe the borders around the insignias were probably some sort of mixed blue rather than red as we first believed. Photos of other CBI P-40s show this. It is likely that stocks of seldom used national insignia colors were not supplied to the far-flung theatres of war, so any available blue paint was used when the order to remove the red borders came down in late 1943.

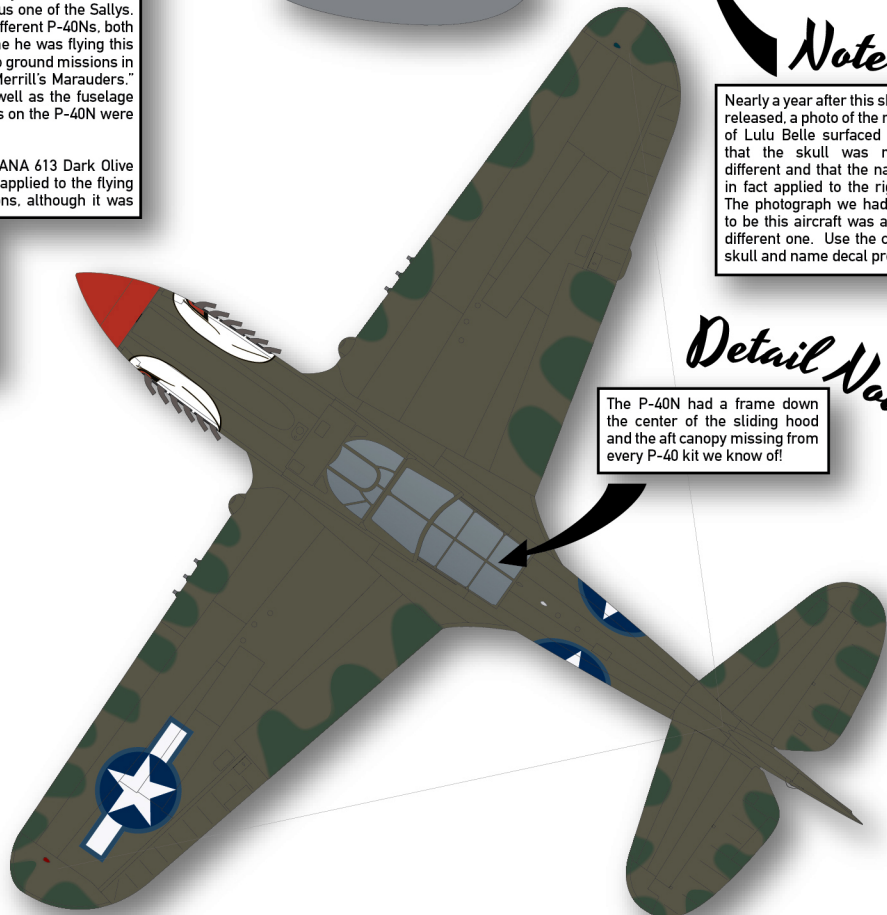
Note

Nearly a year after this sheet was released, a photo of the right side of Lulu Belle surfaced showing that the skull was markedly different and that the name was in fact applied to the right side. The photograph we had thought to be this aircraft was actually a different one. Use the corrected skull and name decal provided.

Detail Note

The P-40N had a frame down the center of the sliding hood and the aft canopy missing from every P-40 kit we know of!

-  ANA 613 Dark Olive Drab
-  Medium Green 42
-  Neutral Gray 43
-  ANA 619 Insignia Red





Left: Armorerers loading a 500 lb GP bomb beneath Lulu Belle. Note the bomb rack under the wing and the somewhat scruffy appearance of the well used airplane.

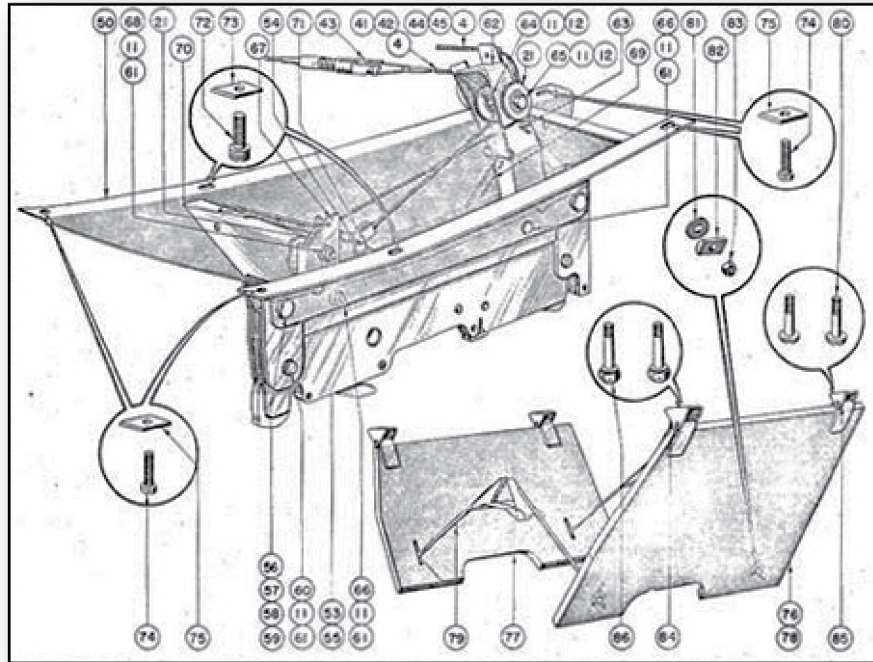
Below: A crewman stands in front of the right side of Lulu Belle. This is the only photo we have turned up showing the right side of the second Lulu Belle, proving that the skull on each side was considerably different in detail, and that the name was carried on both sides.



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Left: Lt. Adair dismounts the second Lulu Belle after a mission wearing his regulation Ray Ban aviators. Note the spilled fuel discoloration trailing down the side of the fuselage from the filler cap. No combat on this mission, as evidenced by the fuel tank still hanging on the belly. Note also the relatively heavy exhaust stain pattern, with the light brownish gray color imparted by the lead content of the fuel.



P-40N Wing Bomb Rack Details

