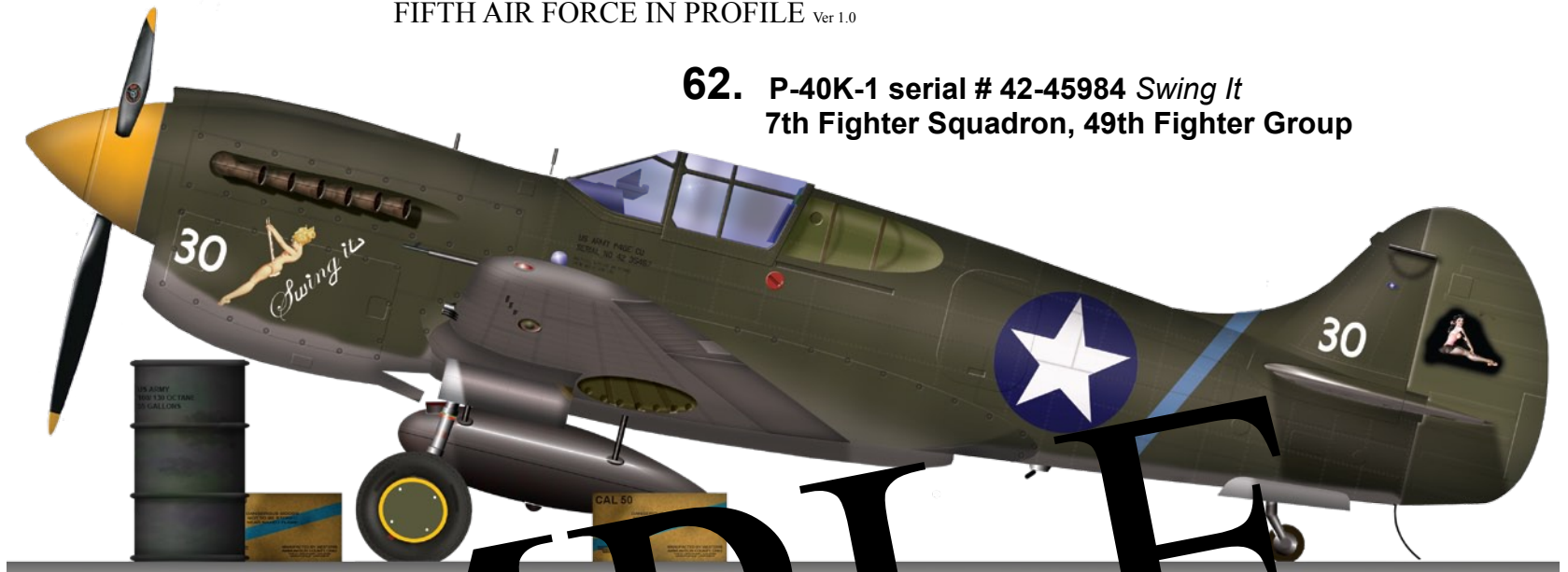


62. P-40K-1 serial # 42-45984 *Swing It*
7th Fighter Squadron, 49th Fighter Group



Swing It sailed from San Francisco in a C-47 on 24 July 1942, and was unloaded in Australia on 19 August 1942. It was delivered to the 7th FS on 24 October 1942, and placed in the hands of Captain [redacted] Melikan, who finished the war with two confirmed kills. The fighter's crew chief was [redacted] M Young. The blue slanted stripes indicated Melikan's status as the leader of the blue flight, and the girl on the rope swing was a direct copy from an [redacted] Vargas calendar. A smaller pin-up was painted on the rudder. In mid-December 1942, fledgling pilot 2nd Lt Harry Dillworth badly damaged the fighter during a landing accident at 14-Mile Drop, Port Moresby, (known also as Maloki or Schrimmer Grove). The rear airframe was sufficiently bent, making the fighter a write-off, meaning it had only been operational for less than two months. The fighter is preserved as it appeared around this time. The wheel hubs were complemented with a yellow border.

63. P-40E-1 serial # 42-36153 Britches serial # ET799 *Elsie*
9th Fighter Squadron, 49th Fighter Group

