"Eileen" 84th FS Tamiya 1/48th scale P-47D Bubbletop



Model by Ed Mate

The subject of this model is Frank Oiler's P-47D-28-RA bubbletop "Eileen," His 2nd assigned Thunderbolt. The camouflage scheme consists of RAF Dark Green over Sky Grey. Paints used were Model Master Enamels; to replicate the RAF Green, FS 34079 was used with black added as the 079 was a bit too bright. For the underside British Sky Grey, Model Master Japan Navy Sky Grey was used



Alclad Aluminum was used for gun barrels, prop boss and fuel tanks. The invasion stripes and theater bands were painted -NO decals! A coat of white was applied to the cowling before applying the black checker decals. The 108 gallon paper tanks are a combination of the kit parts and Eduard Brassin resin.



In the cockpit is a Yabu instrument panel and Ultrcast seat. The wheels are from Obscureco. Ignition wires were added to the engine.

Decal markings are from several sources. The base marking decal set consisting of Oiler's personal markings (wasp art, Eileen, crew and data block, serials and side codes are from AeroMaster 48-083. Thunderbolts Galore. The Type A checkers are from

ThunderCals 48006 $1/48^{th}$ P-47D Bubbletops /Razorbacks 78^{th} FG/365th FG 8^{th} & 9^{th} Air Force. Insignia and data including prop logo's, cuff data and P&W logo/data placard come from ThuinderCals 48005 Insignia/Data Utility decal set.



