



Figure 3 shows theatre invasion stripes and spinner decorations:

10. Similar to those applied for the invasion of Normandy, invasion stripes were first applied during the Philippines campaign in October 1944 as alternating black bands applied to the fuselage and wings of fighters to facilitate identification by friendly forces. Sometimes white bands were applied between the black ones depending on the unit as illustrated. The number of bands on the fuselage varied between one and two, and between two to three on the wings. There were no enforced rules as to their application which varied widely between units.

11. Stencil overspray which is often misinterpreted as white piping.

12. Numerous examples of spinner applications, including NME, pinstripes and forward fuselage piping.