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March 2017

EDITORIAL

Friends,

Welcome to this month's newsletter. As you read this, we will have behind us the first day of this year's Nuremberg Toy Fair, which we traditionally attend and do what we can to hold high the proud banner of plastic modelling in the midst of all the Pokemon, stuffed toys, drones, Christmas trees and God only knows what else. I must admit that there have been times recently when I have felt that this banner is being waved on an increasingly smaller island with rising waters. But not to sound like a modelling doomsdayer, please believe me when I say that our optimism is not decreasing, and neither will our determination to produce the best possible product we can.

Today at Nuremberg, we are introducing our current effort to satisfy the modelling community with our new 1/48th scale SE.5a. We have been playing around with the moulds since the fall, have been doing a lot of fine tuning, followed by some more fine tuning, and all the way tweaking the details, eliminating sink marks and getting rid of flash. I am very hopeful that all of this will be appreciated by modellers. There are details that would until now be considered somewhat non-traditional. For example, the radiator for the Hispano-Suiza has a main screen consisting of perforations of some 0.6mm in diameter, and through these there is another, inner screen. The stitching on the fuselage looks basically plain, but if you look closely, you'll find that each thread disappears into a hole. Similar features can be found all over, whether it's the rivet work on the metal cowl or its clasps, the strut braces, the gun mount on the upper wing, or the guns themselves. The radiator has been mentioned already, but both of the engines themselves deserve a thorough look. For the first version, we are including just the one, and I am hopeful that the model won't come across as overly complicated, when the thoroughly represented cockpit is also considered. My favourite part of the model is the firewall, part B8, and I recommend a good look at this specific part, and from both sides. We refrained from representing the fabric covered contours on the sides of the fuselage to too a specific level, because every aircraft was quite unique, and the basic look of the fabric should actually be pretty smooth.

Our stall at this year's Nuremberg Toy Fair has been backdated to the First World War era, including the display of some 1:1 scale artifacts.

However, the historical feel hides modern technology, and this year, for the first time, we will attempt to stay current with continuous updates on our Facebook page. And of course, should you have a trip planned to the fair, please stop by. We would be very pleased to see you. We will be holding a press conference on Friday, February 3rd, where we will outline our plans for this year and into 2018. The conference is public and will include coffee and eats, and you will be made to feel welcome there, too. To be perfectly honest, we (so far) haven't had a lot of retailer or correspondent traffic, so there will likely be plenty of room and time. Time and place of the conference: NCC Ost, Level 2, the Riga Room, Friday, February 3rd, 1400h.

And now a look at the new releases that are being introduced today. There are four new kits. The ProfiPack edition of the Bf 109G-2 is the next in the growing line of the Bf 109F/G family. Most of the components, besides the fuselage and the wings, are inherited from other types of this line. The scheme options were dictated by as wide a variety as possible in terms of operational locale and type of camouflage of this major sub-type. This allowed for the possibility of some very diverse and striking options. There are two ProfiPacks being offered this month, the other being that of the Fw 190A-5 in 1/72nd scale. This item sold out very quickly through the fall and is being re-introduced with no real changes, save for a few tweaks in the instructions. Both kits are also accompanied by the offer of corresponding Overtrees. The Weekend line, and also a WWI subject, sees the release of the Bristol F.2B Fighter in 1/48th scale with two new marking options. All of the decals for the above mentioned kits are printed in our own studio.

In all likelihood, the most interesting and possibly the most involved of all this month's releases is AUSSIE EIGHT, a Limited Edition release in 1/72nd scale. Under this title, the subject matter is that of the Spitfire Mk.VIII and includes a 116 page publication, a decal sheet covering a full 32 options, photoetched brass, masks and Brassin accessories. This concept is already well known from its initial release in 1/48th scale. For its 1/72nd scale release, we expanded the publication and the decal sheets, and the extent of the changes can be gleaned from the profiles within this newsletter. The kit is



being released as a Dual Combo packing with two complete kits and to the tune of 2,000 units. It should also be noted that AUSSIE EIGHT is the premiere of the Spitfire Mk.VIII in 1/72nd scale and I think this is the first time that a true Spitfire Mk.VIII in this scale has ever been produced. From a retail point of view, this fact could evoke a similar response as did the Fw 190A-5, where one of the reasons for the high level of interest was the hitherto absence of a correct and dedicated model of the specific sub-type. Incidentally, we added the insanely popular four-cannon version of Caldwell's Spitfire in this AUSSIE EIGHT boxing. Because we do not, and will not, have the specific wing for this particular aircraft, we are offering the option of the required likely conversion to this type that covers first and foremost the upper wing surfaces. A step by step instruction can be found on our Facebook page and will later be available on the product page at www.eduard.cz.

New Brassins, in part and as per the current norm, is dedicated to just now released kits. So, among the new releases, are sets for the Bf 109F and the Bf 109G-2/G-4, among which the most dedicated are the engine and fuselage gun sets for the Bf 109F. There are also new bronze landing gear sets that have been proving to be very popular for the F and G versions. Also noted should be the wheel set for the F-14A for Tamiya's kit.

Turning our attention to photoetched accessories, February continues to see the small decrease in production of new sets to which I alluded to back in January's newsletter. The reason was the vacation schedule in December. Even so, you'll note the new sets for both main releases for February, the Bf 109G-2 in 1/48th and the Spitfire Mk.VIII in 1/72nd. Interesting might also describe the trio of sets for Bronco's P-40C. There is another trio of sets for the 1/48th scale Kittyhawk F2H-2, as well as another three new sets for HKM's 1/32nd scale B-17E/F. In 1/35th scale we have a pair of sets to fit the T-14 Armata from Zvezda, and in 1/350th scale we are working on sets for the LHD-7 Iwo Jima from Trumpeter, the first of the intended six sets being available this month. In the same scale, we are introducing a set of flags of the Royal Navy covering the Second World War era, printed on both sides and in steel. That these are printed in colour is probably pretty obvious. Also etched in steel is a set of grills for the aforementioned and very popular Tamiya F-14A, that has the potential to become a best-seller.

ZOOM sets deserve greater attention than normal this month. There are two 1/72nd scale sets and two in 48th pre-painted steel belts being produced. These are derivatives of the bigger 'classic' sets that offer these increasingly popular type of seatbelts at a very attractive



price. And that's putting it mildly.

And masks. There is a total of six new ones this month and mirror the photoetched releases. Note the distinguishing of the E and F versions for the HKM B-17 kit. Take a look at the Big Ed sets being put out this month as well, and note that there are new decals being released, too, covering stencil data for the Spitfire Mk.VIII in 1/72nd scale. As I said, the Mk.VIII is unique in the world, and deserves due diligence.

Reaction to the January Newsletter has mainly focused on the state of affairs concerning the 1/72nd scale MiG-21. It is my pleasure to announce that we are at the end of the design phases for the MF version. This is plural for the reason that based on expert input, we have decided to release the MF in two kits, that we will in all likelihood define as (in my not-so-favourite fashion) EARLY and LATE types. The EARLY version will cover the type produced in Moscow, also referred to as the 'classic' MF version, the type that flew in Czechoslovakia mainly within Frontal Aviation units in brown/green camouflage schemes or in silver. The LATE version were the Czech 'Greys' built at Gorky, used by the Air Defence units (PVOS) and featured a single grey scheme. As far as I am concerned, these two versions differed in minor detail only, and we didn't bother with them in 1/48th. However, the times are progressing along with demands, and so we came to the decision that we came to. The kits will include version specific wings and fuselages, and common parts will be, well, common. I am looking forward to reading about how the kit is too complicated and has too many parts. This is what I have been reading in probably every review of the Spitfire in 1/72nd. It's true that in the way that we conceptualise our kits, sprues will contain parts common to all versions. It simplifies the logistics of production and brings costs down that more than offset the cost of the plastic that makes up unused parts. So, there is no need to fear that more is being paid than is needed. But, getting back to the MiG-21 in preparation, another of our decisions was to initiate production

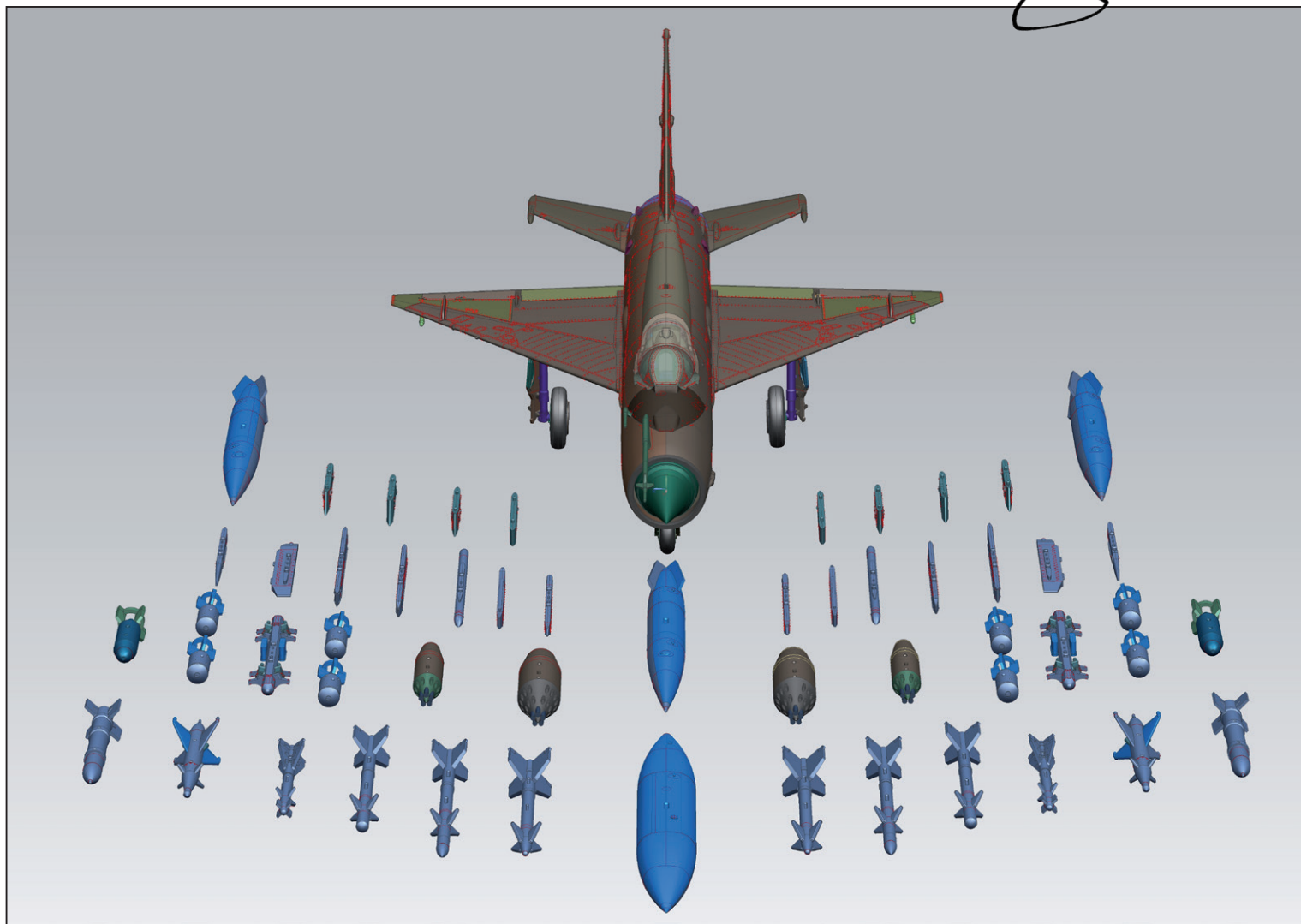


of both of these MF types, and not wait for the finalised design of other versions. This should allow us to finish the moulds this year and the release timetable should be decided upon in the summer. In any case, the release date of the model will be significantly sooner than it would be otherwise. More on the MF will be said at the previously mentioned press conference at Nuremberg. More information may be provided by looking at the illustrations we have picked out for inclusion here. The kit includes an interesting approach to design, such as that of the radome that will be installed into the completed and (if chosen) painted fuselage. The exhaust, which is incidentally more detailed than in the previous 1/48th scale kit, we designed to be a compact assembly where we amalgamated some of the bigger predecessor's components. The side panels in the cockpit have been put

in plastic, and some parts, such as the wheels, are also now separated into their respective sub-types. The model has also gone through some shape refinements, and the sprue with the weapons on it has been improved. This will have gained a rather imposing look, as can be seen from the pics. In short, the new MiG-21MF in 1/72nd scale is the result of taking advantage of all that we have and of all we are able to do. It will be produced using new electrospark technology that will show itself in the surface of the kit and the installation of this equipment will begin next week. This has been something that we have not been entirely happy with in recent times, and the time has come for an upgrade.

That's it for now! Packing for Nuremberg, and hope to see you there!

Vladimir Sulc



Bf 109G-2

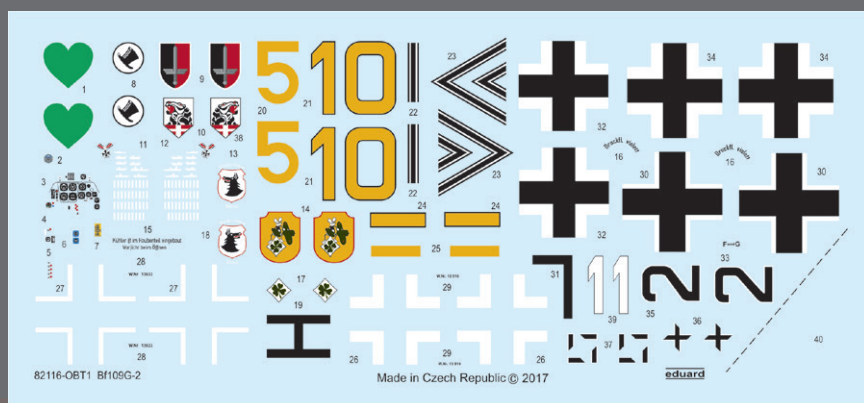
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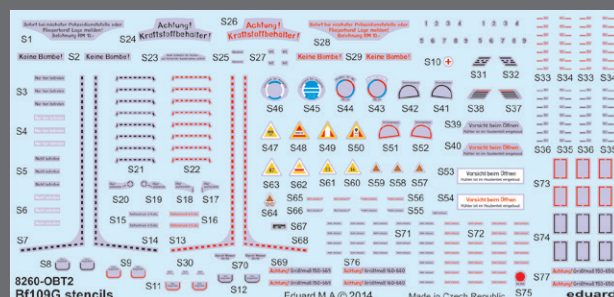
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- painting mask
- decals Eduard
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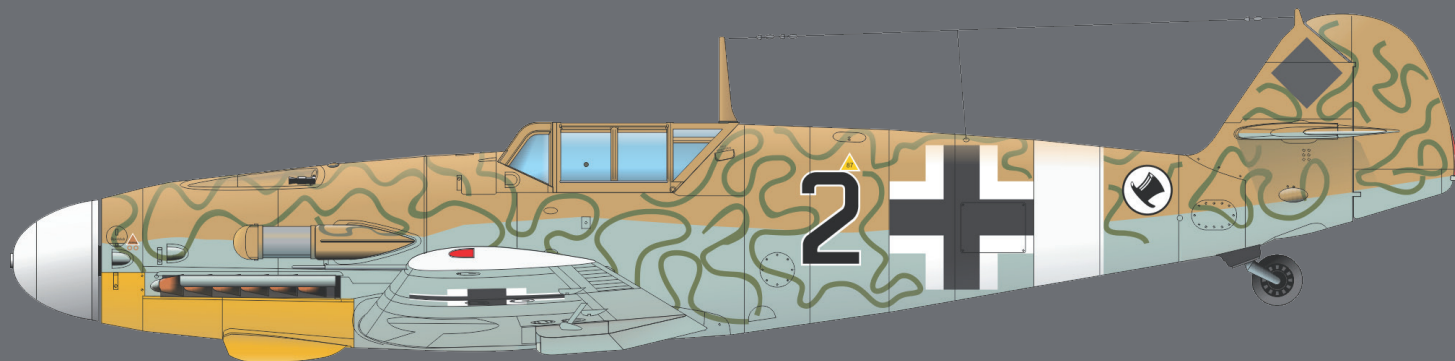


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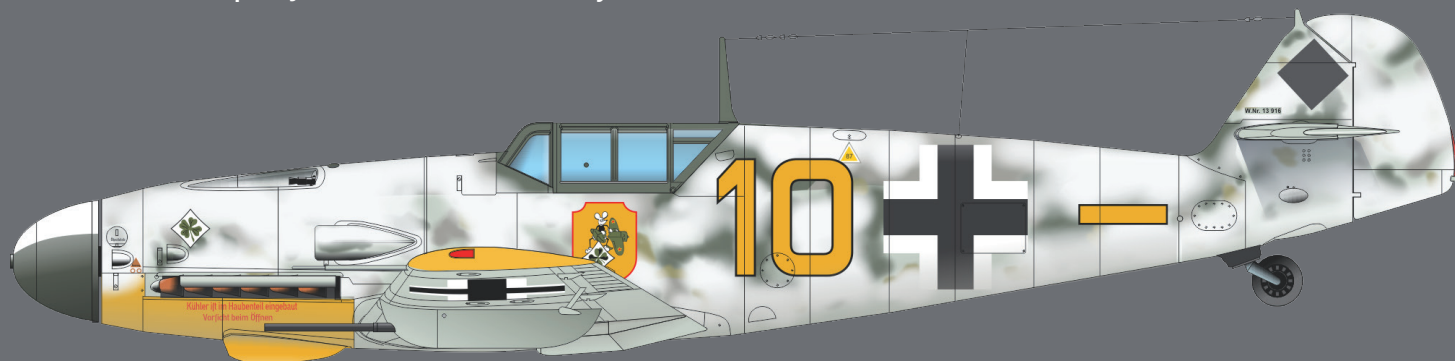
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- 49095 Seatbelts Luftwaffe WWII fighters STEEL 1/48 (PE-Set)
- 648246 Bf 109 cannon pods 1/48 Eduard (Brassin)
- 648247 Bf 109G exhaust stacks 1/48 Eduard (Brassin)
- 648255 Bf 109G-6 propeller 1/48 Eduard (Brassin)
- 648257 Bf 109G-2/4 radio compartment 1/48 Eduard (Brassin)
- 648265 Bf 109G external fuel tanks 1/48 Eduard (Brassin)
- 648295 Bf 109G-2 wheels 1/48 Eduard (Brassin)
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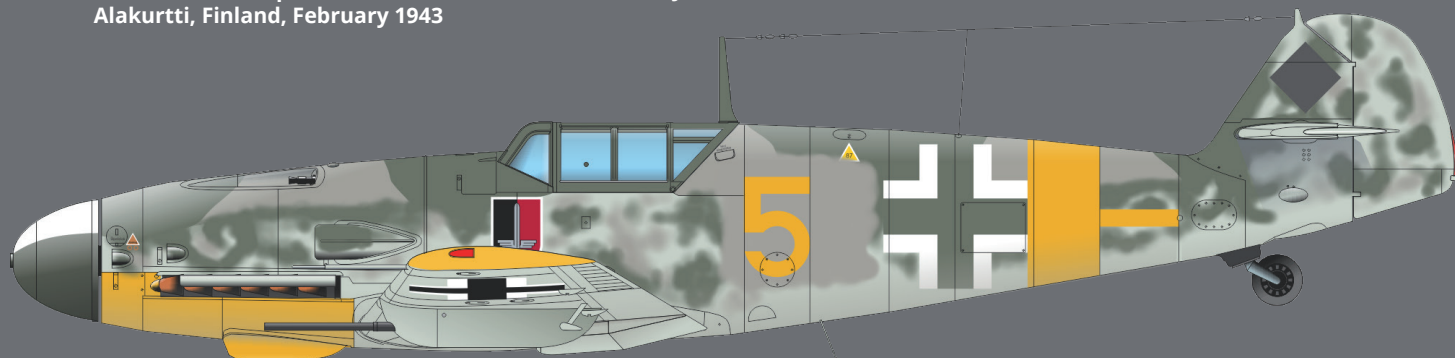
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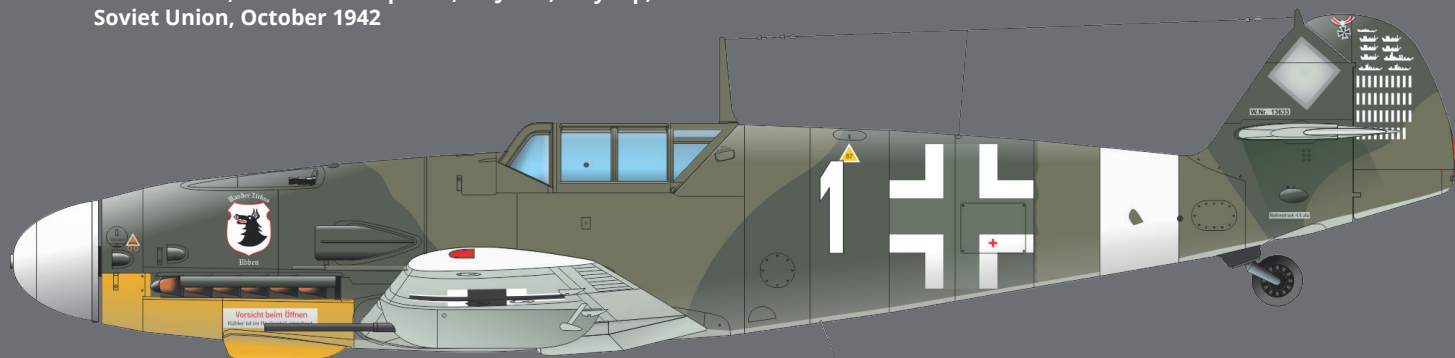
Bf 109G-2/trop, 2./ JG 77, Matmata, Tunisia, early 1943



Bf 109G-2/R-6/trop, W. Nr. 13916, Fw. Hans Döbrich, 6./ JG 5, Alakurtti, Finland, February 1943



Bf 109G-2/R6, Lt. Walter Krupinski, 6./ JG 52, Maykop, Soviet Union, October 1942



Bf 109G-2/R6, W. Nr. 13633, Hptm. Wolf-Dieter Huy, 7./ JG 77, Tanyet Harun, Egypt, October 1942



Bf 109G-2/R6 W. Nr. 13949, Mjr. Hans Hahn, II./ JG 54, Rjelbitzy, Soviet Union, January 1943

Fw 190A-5

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- painting mask
- decals Eduard
- 5 markings

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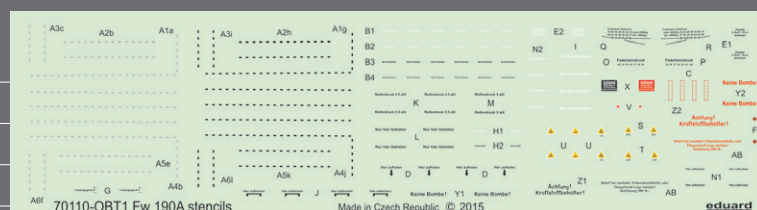
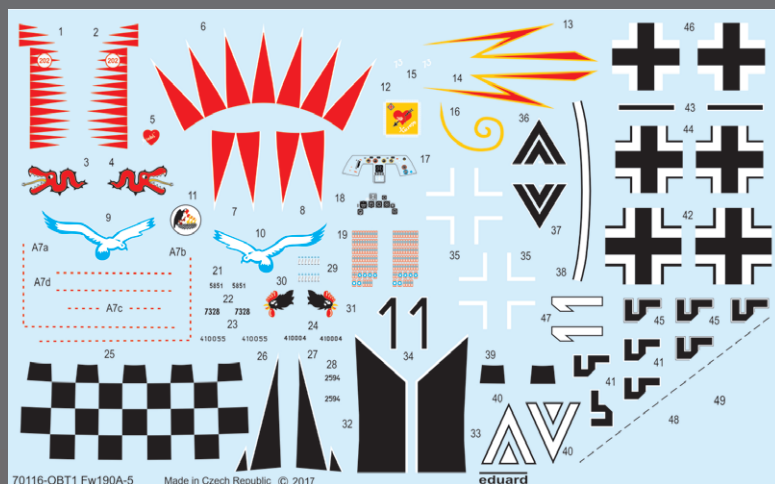
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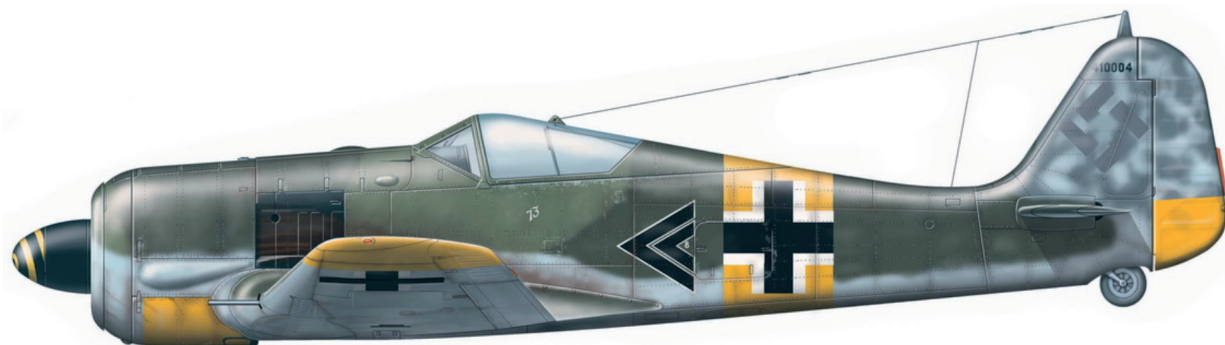
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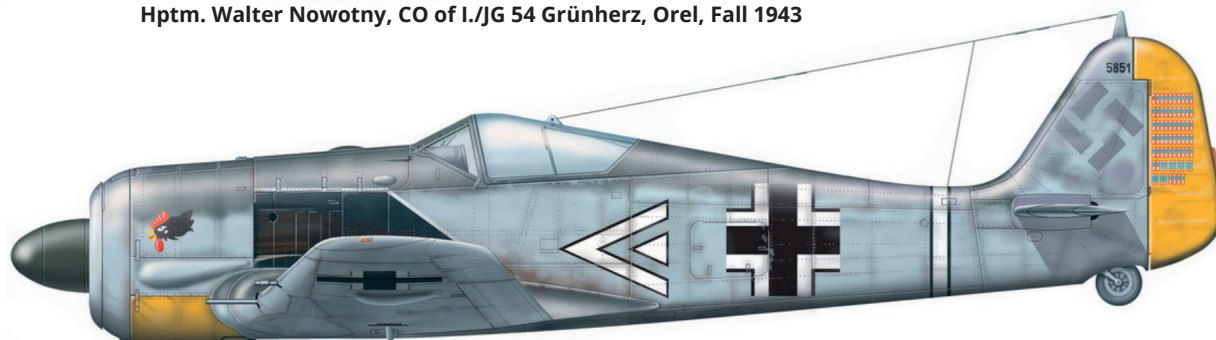
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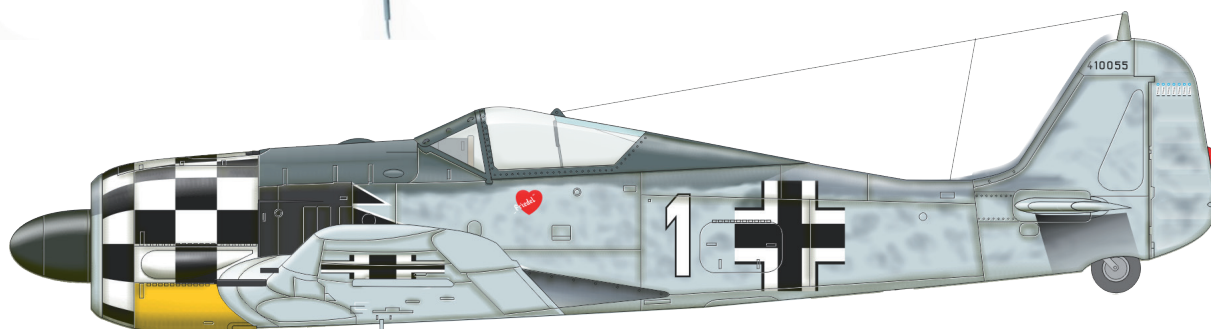




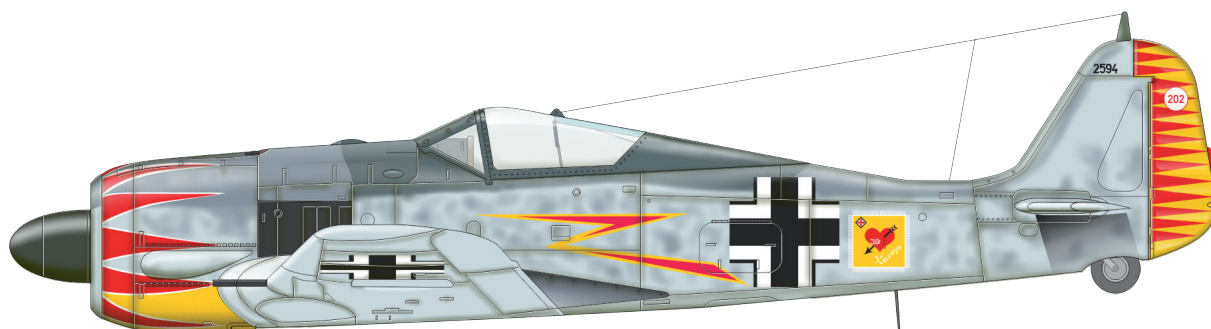
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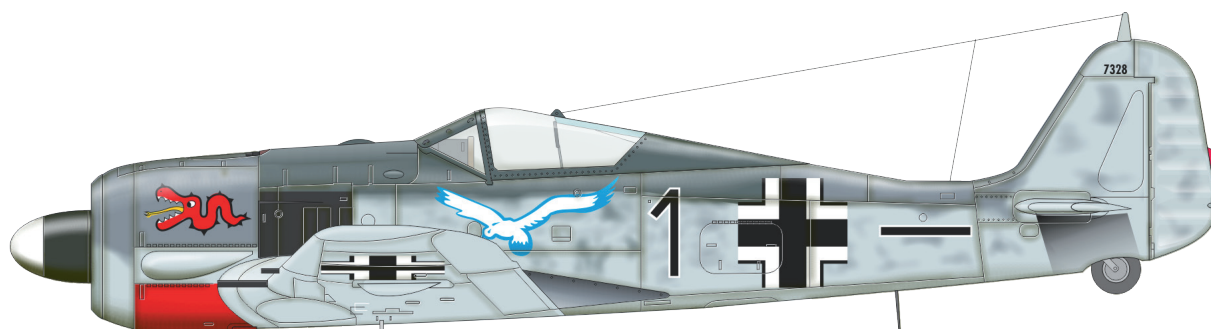
Hptm. Egon Mayer, CO of III./JG 2 Richthofen, France, Spring 1943



W.Nr. 410055, Uffz. Bernhard Kunze, 2./JG 1, The Netherlands, October, 1943



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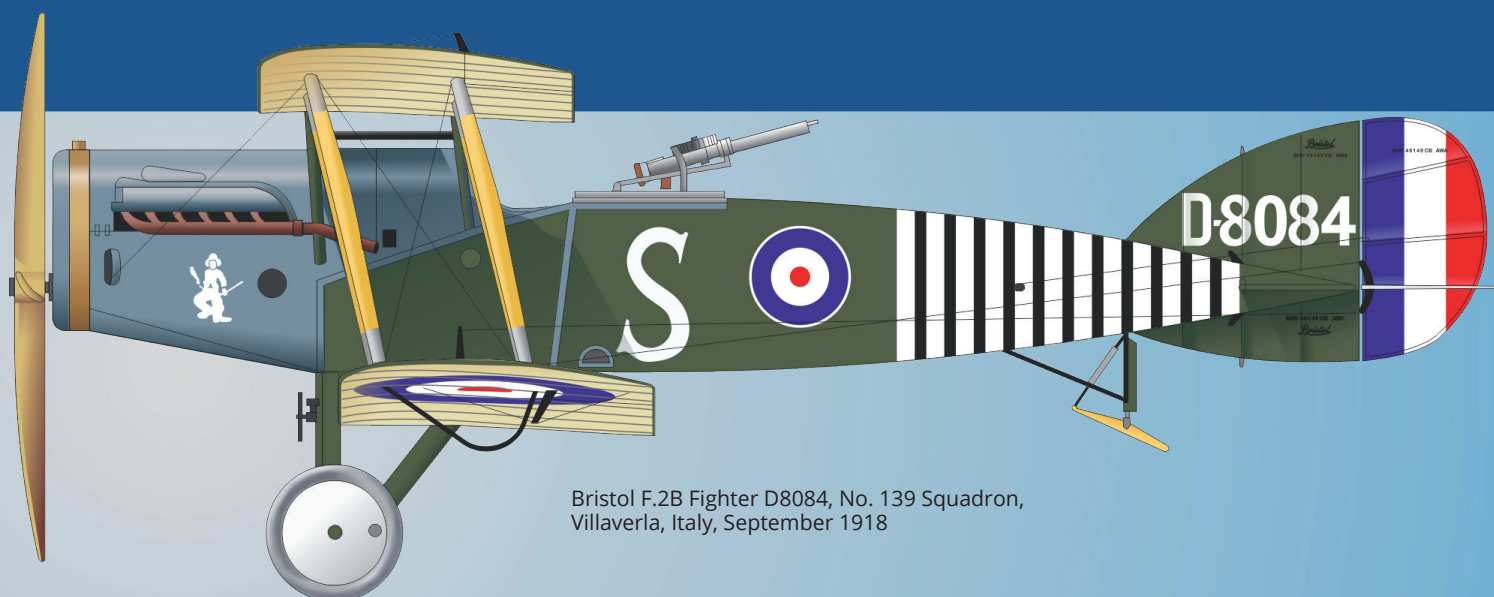


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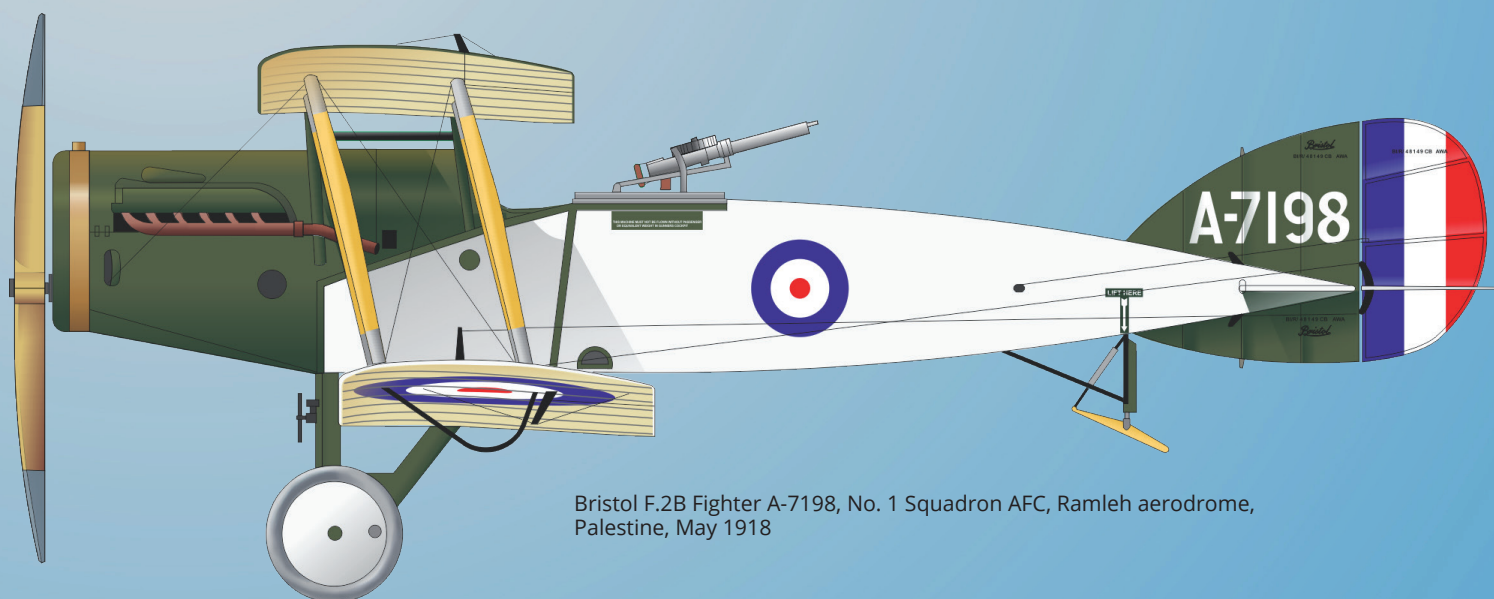
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Bristol F.2B Fighter

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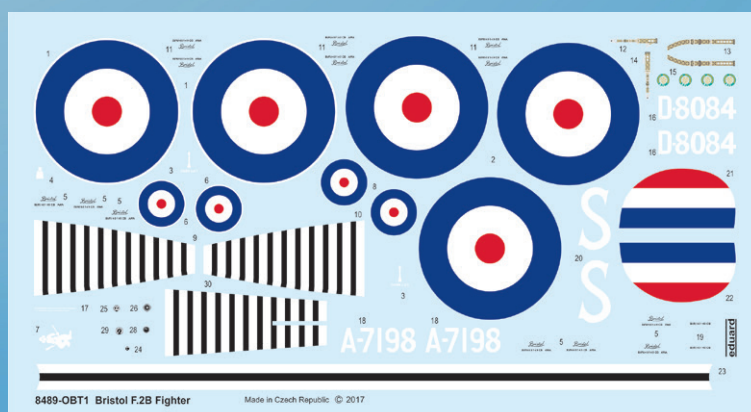
Bristol F.2B Fighter D8084, No. 139 Squadron,
Villaverla, Italy, September 1918



Bristol F.2B Fighter A-7198, No. 1 Squadron AFC, Ramleh aerodrome,
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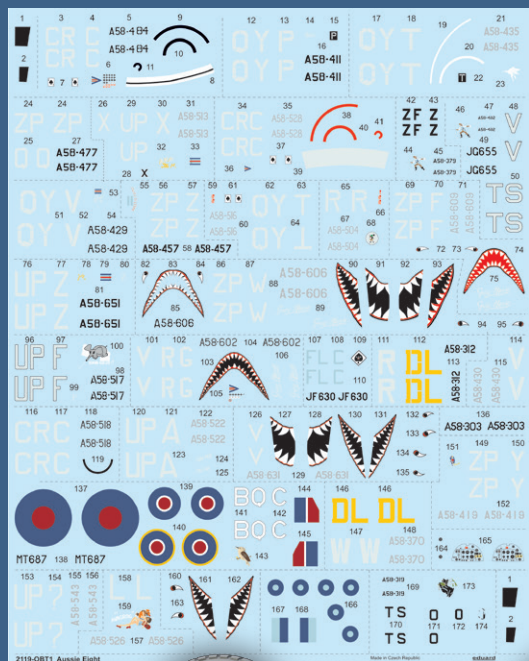
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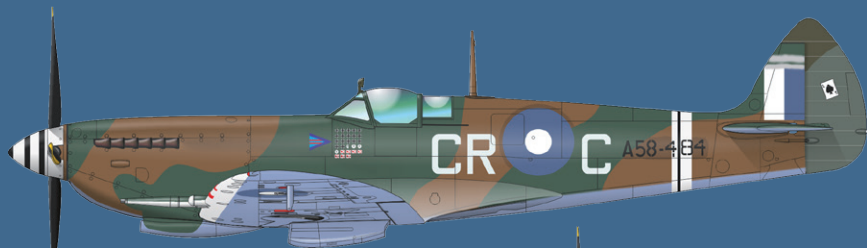


- Dual Combo
- 112 pages book about Spitfire Mk.VIII in Australian service
- Cartograf printed decals for 32 marking options
- Eduard Brassin wheels

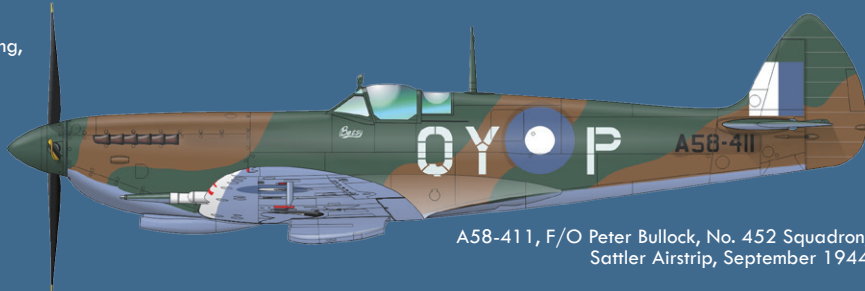
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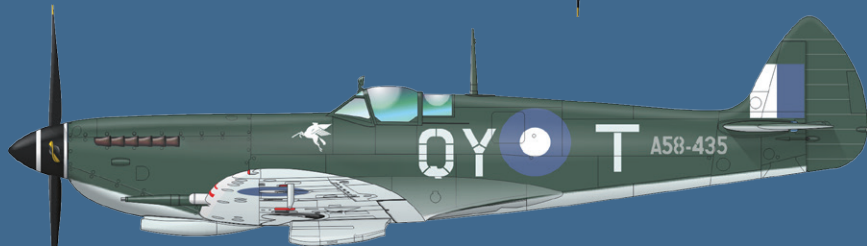




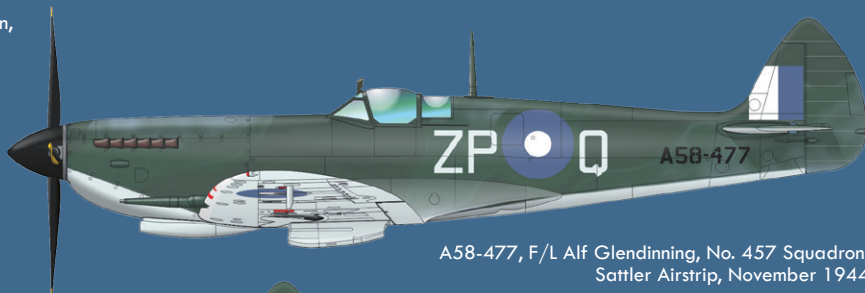
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A58-411, F/O Peter Bullock, No. 452 Squadron, Sattler Airstrip, September 1944



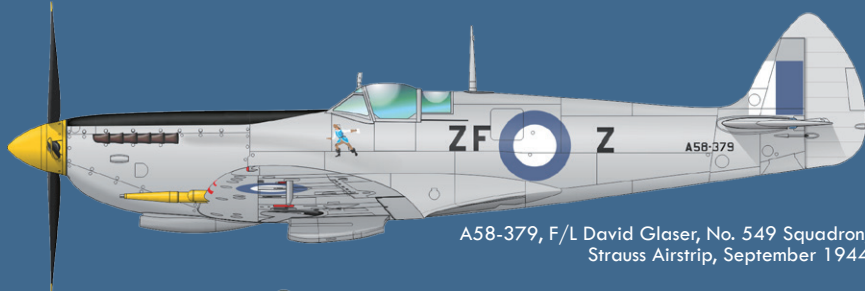
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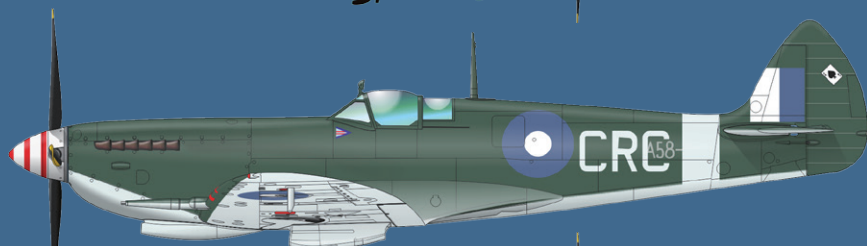
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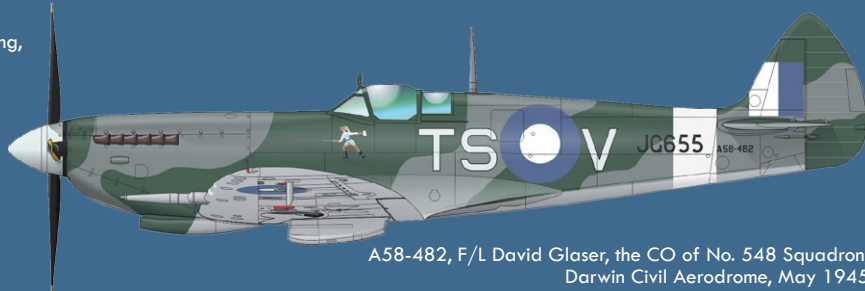
A58-513, by S/L Ron Susans, the Wing Leader of No. 80 Wing, Morotai, June 1945



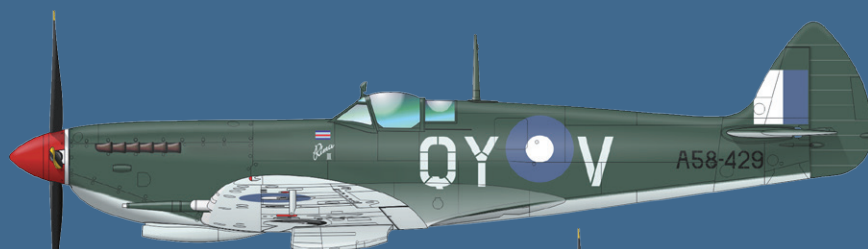
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A58-528, G/C Clive Caldwell, the CO of No. 80 Wing, Clark Field, Philippines, March 1945

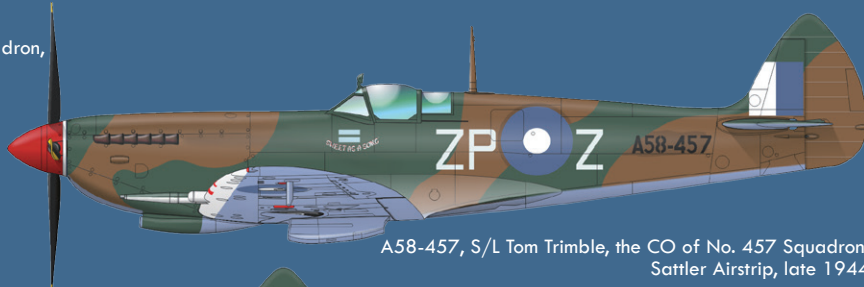


A58-482, F/L David Glaser, the CO of No. 548 Squadron, Darwin Civil Aerodrome, May 1945

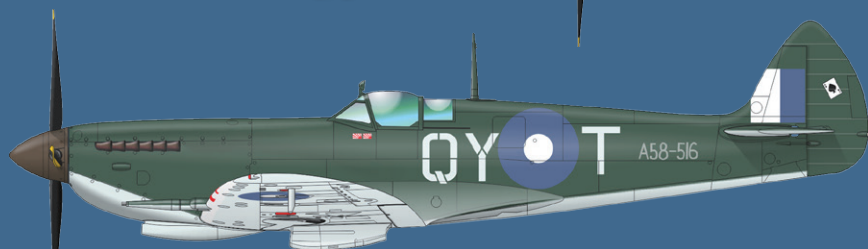


A58-429, S/L Lou Spence, the CO of No. 452 Squadron, Sattler Airstrip, late 1944

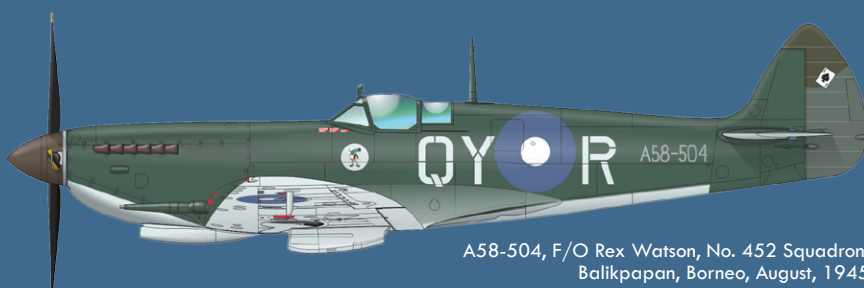

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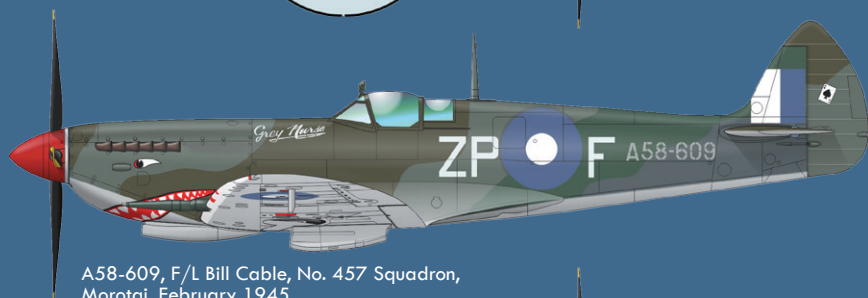
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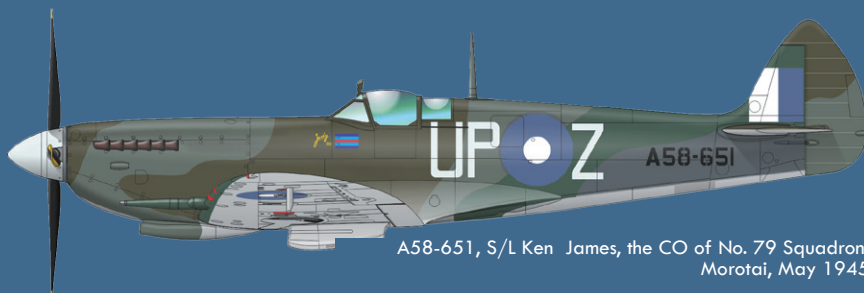
A58-516, F/L Des Cormack, No. 452 Squadron, Morotai, December 1944



A58-504, F/O Rex Watson, No. 452 Squadron, Balikpapan, Borneo, August, 1945



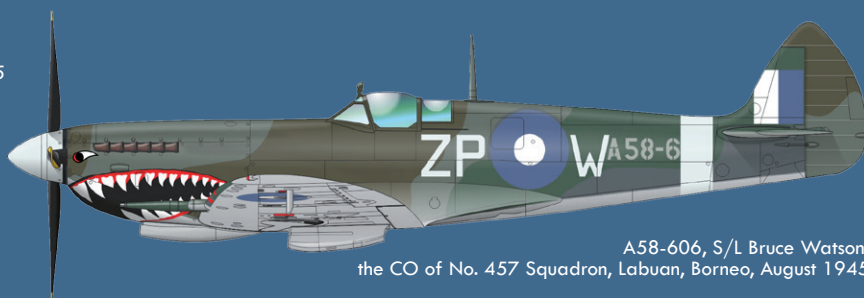
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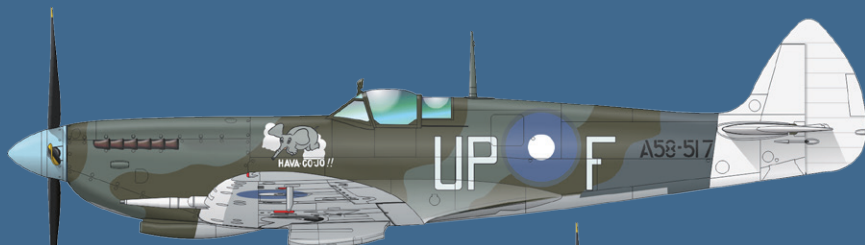
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A58-606, S/L Bruce Watson, the CO of No. 457 Squadron, Sattler Airstrip, January, 1945



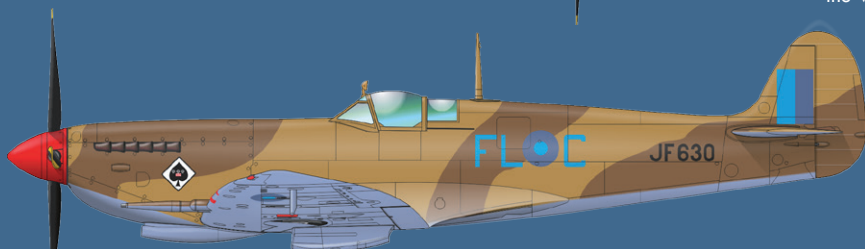
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A58-517, F/O Norm Turnbull, No. 79 Squadron, Morotai, April 1945



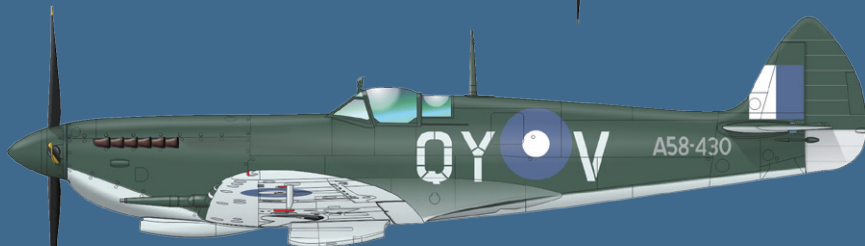
A58-602, W/C Bobby Gibbs, the Wing Leader of No. 80 Wing, Sattler Airstrip, December 1944



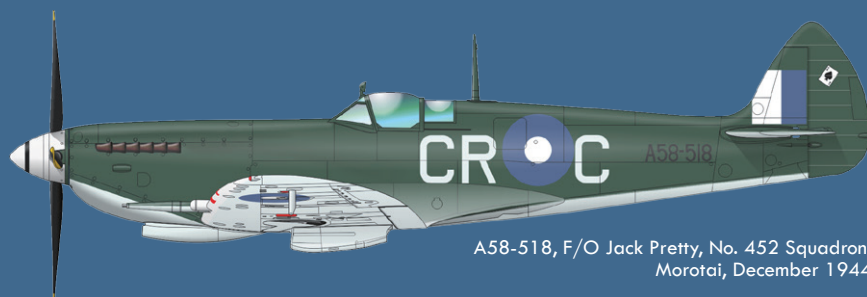
JF630, F/O Larry Cronin, shortly after his fourth victory, near Palembang, India, on March 6th, 1944



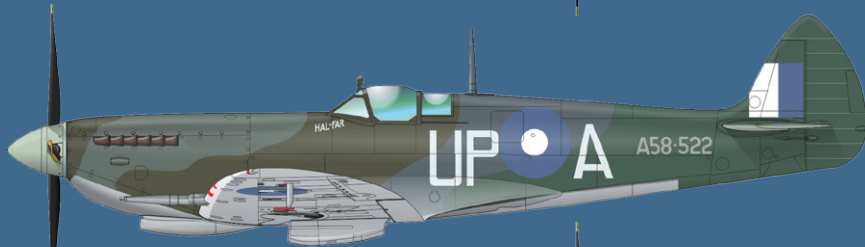
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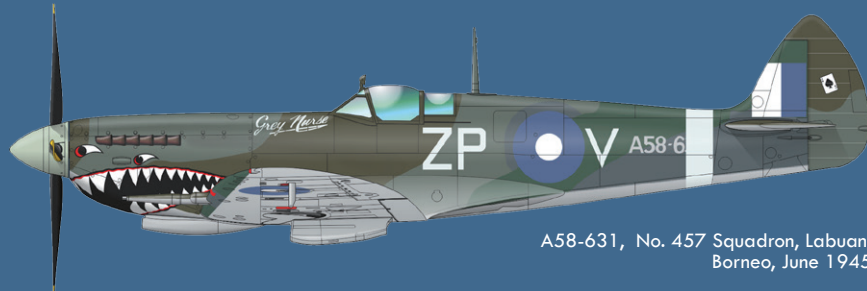
A58-430, F/O Jack King, 452. squadron, Tarakan, Borneo, červenec 1945



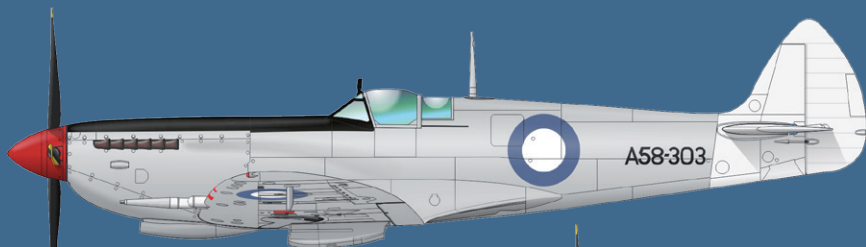
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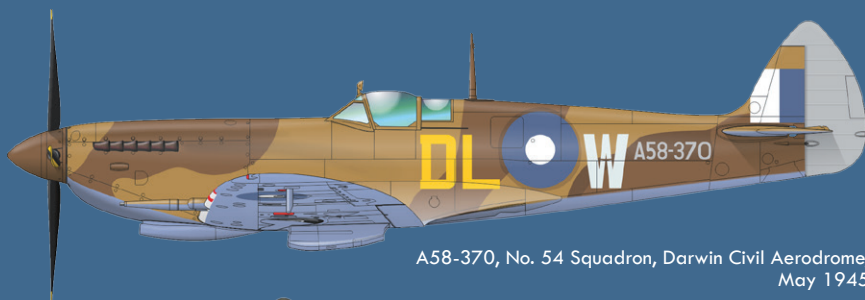
A58-522, F/L Len Reid, No. 79 Squadron, Morotai, March 1945



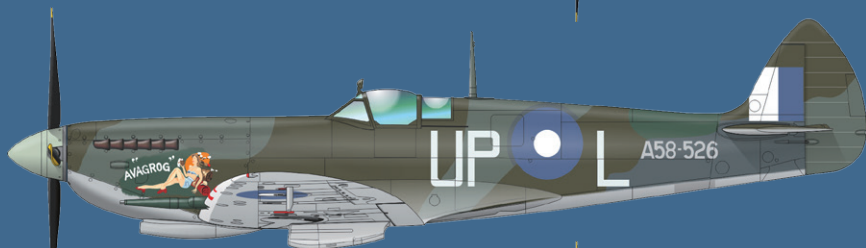
A58-631, No. 457 Squadron, Labuan, Borneo, June 1945



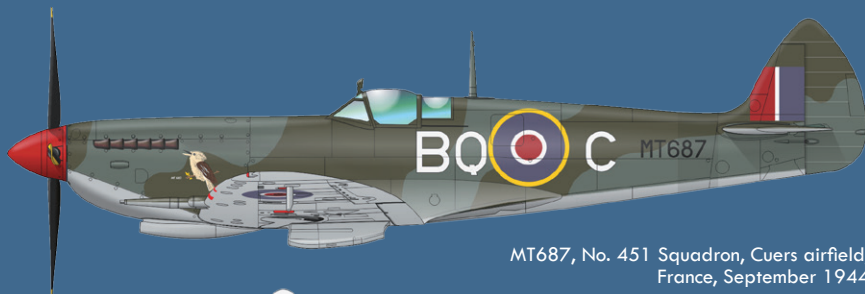
A58-303, No. 1 APU, Laverton, Victoria, late 1944



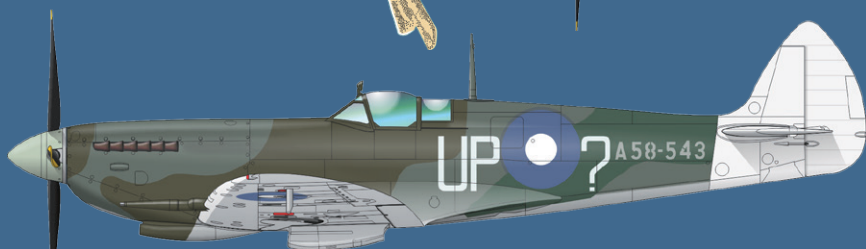
A58-370, No. 54 Squadron, Darwin Civil Aerodrome, May 1945



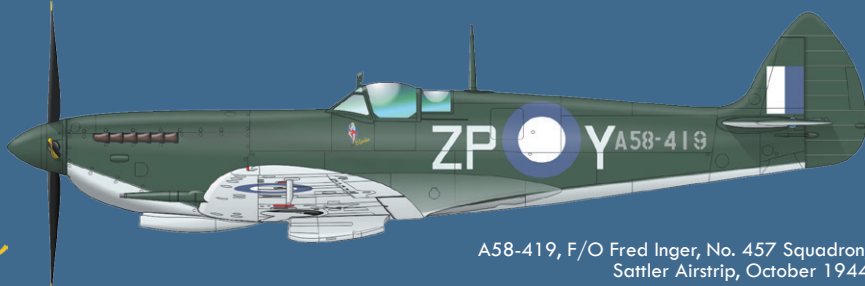
A58-526, No. 79 Squadron, Morotai, May 1945



MT687, No. 451 Squadron, Cuers airfield, France, September 1944



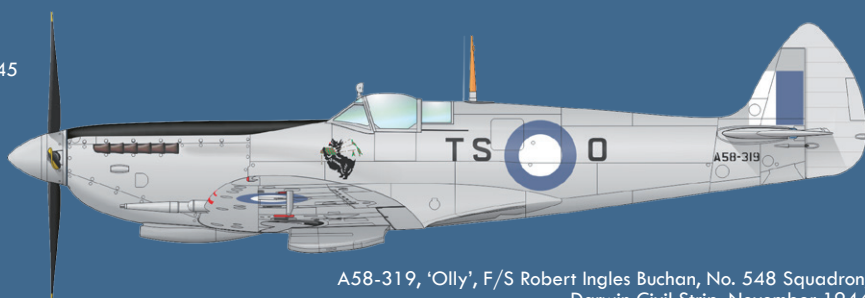
A58-543, W/O Hubert Eccleston, No. 79 Squadron, Morotai, May 1945



A58-419, F/O Fred Inger, No. 457 Squadron, Sattler Airstrip, October 1944



A58-602, W/C Bobby Gibbes, the Wing Leader of No. 80 Wing, Morotai, April 1945



A58-319, 'Oilly', F/S Robert Ingles Buchan, No. 548 Squadron, Darwin Civil Strip, November 1944

RECOMMENDED for

Aussie Eight

72645 Spitfire Mk.VIII 1/72 Eduard (PE-Set)

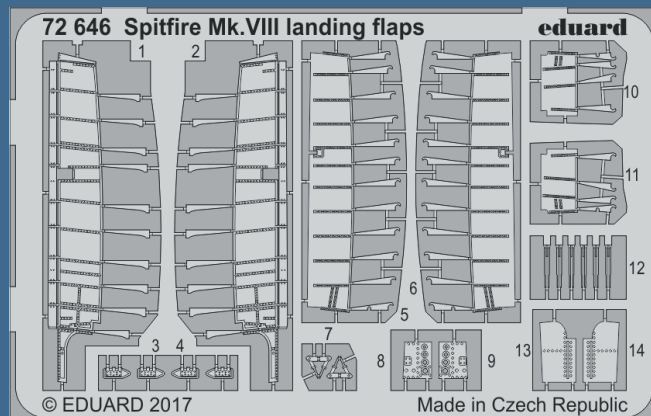
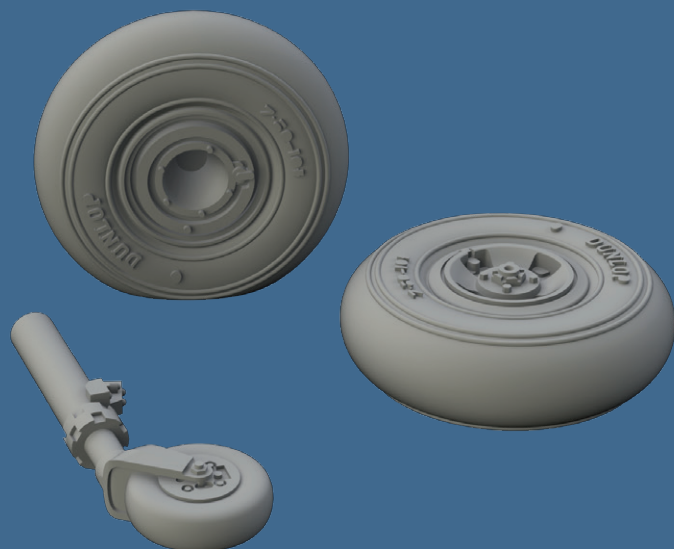
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73036 Seatbelts RAF early STEEL 1/72 (PE-Set)

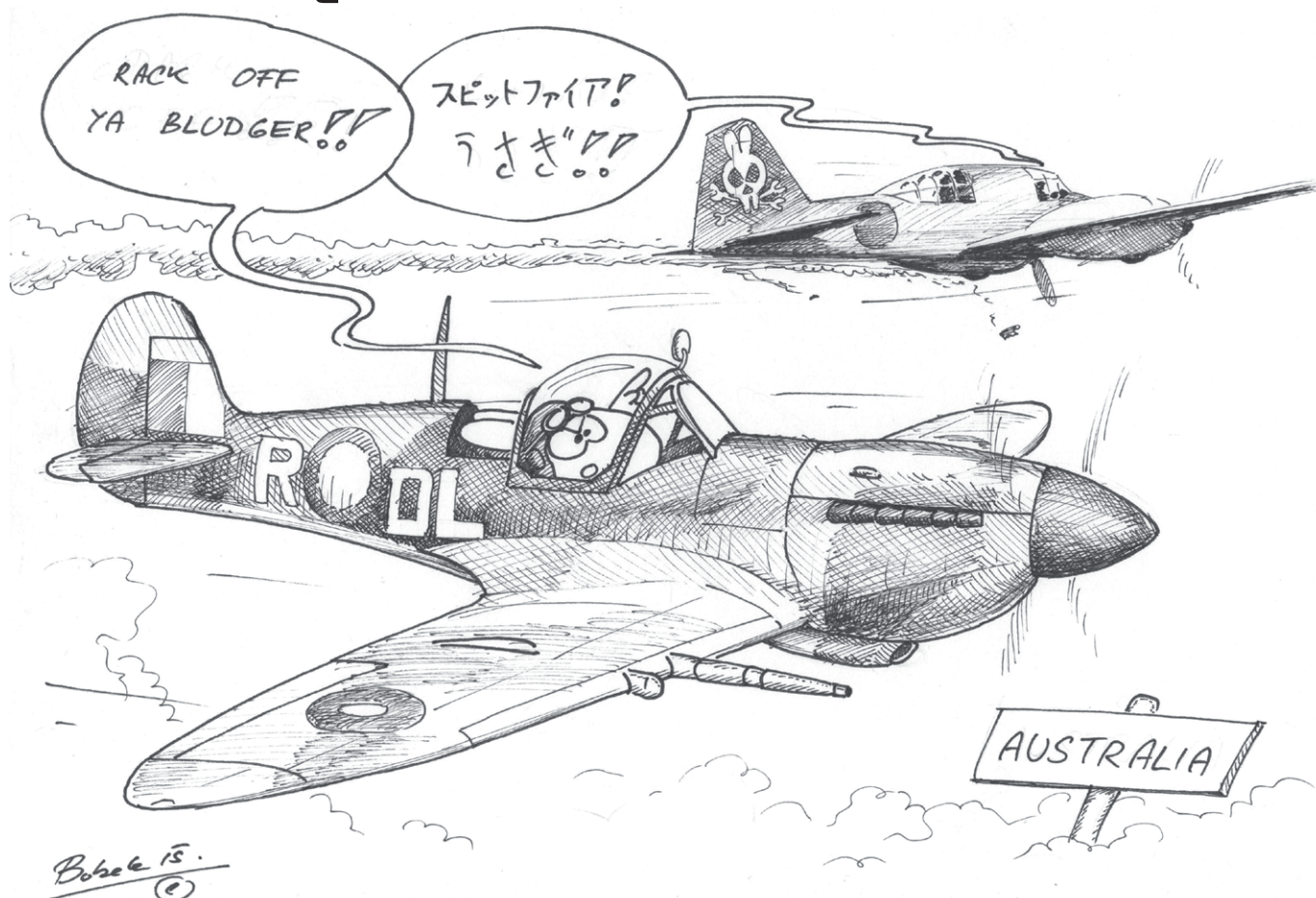
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672033 British WW2 bombs 1/72 (Brassin)

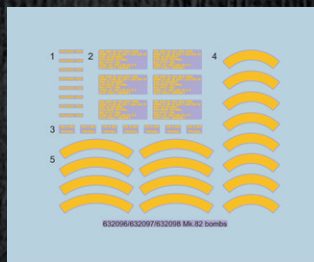
672146 Spitfire Mk.VIII wheels - 4 spoke w/ smooth tire 1/72 Eduard (Brassin)



E-BUNNY SQUAT



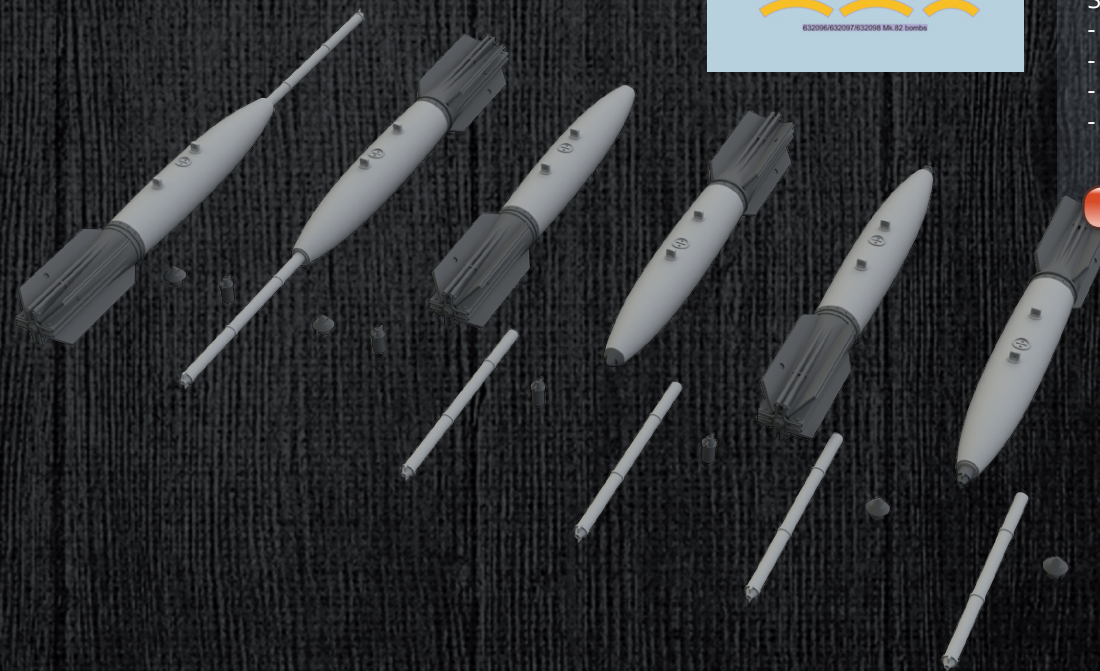
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Brassin set of Mk.82 bombs (early variant with airbrakes) in 1/32 scale. Set includes six bombs and stencil decals.

Set contains:

- resin: 30 parts,
- decals: yes,
- photo-etched details: no,
- painting mask: no.

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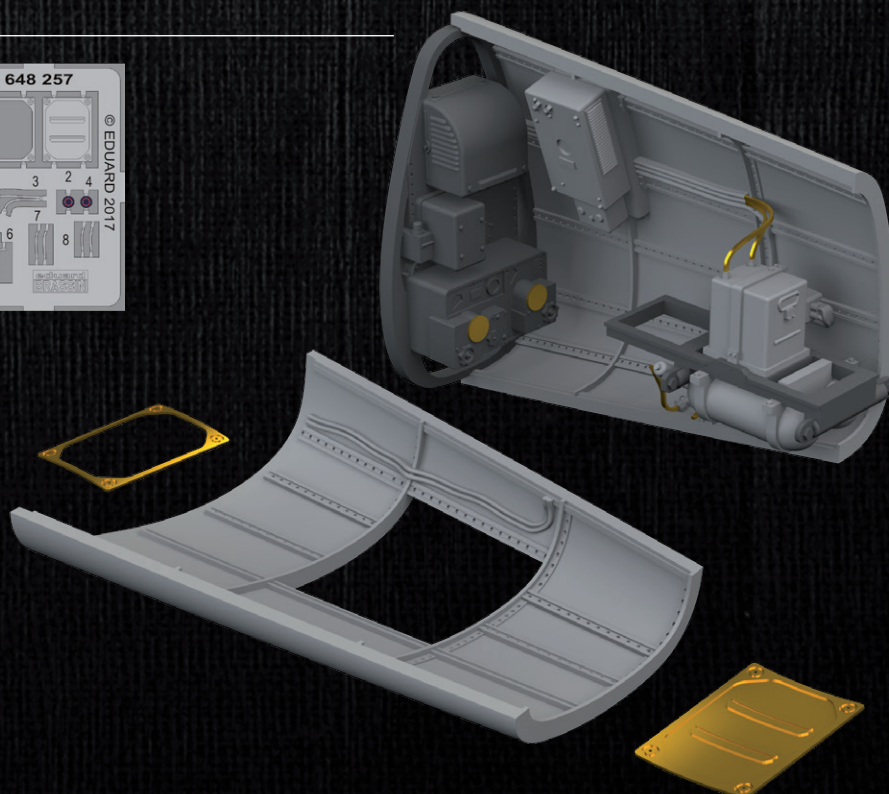
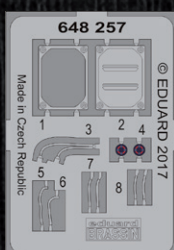
Bf 109G-2/4 radio compartment

1/48 Eduard

Brassin set of Bf 109G-2/4 radio compartment in 48th scale for Eduard kit.

Set contains:

- resin: 7 parts
- decals: no,
- photo-etched details: yes
- painting mask: no.

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For kit 82116



1/48 scale

648295

Bf 109G-2 wheels

1/48 Eduard

Brassin set of wheels for Bf 109G-2 in 1/48 scale by Eduard. Set includes two main wheels with separate disc and tail wheel with leg.

Set contains:

- resin: 5,
- decals: no,
- photo-etched details: no,
- painting mask: yes.

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For kit 82116



648300

Bf 109F engine & fuselage guns

1/48 Eduard

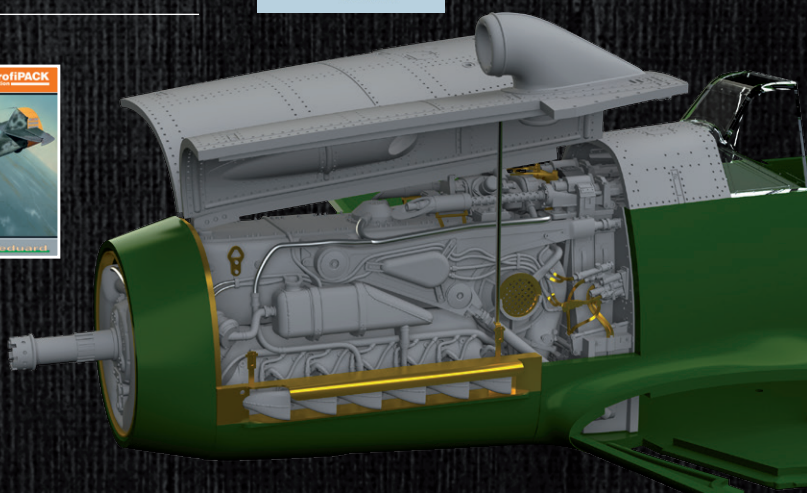
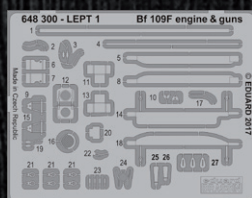
Brassin set of engine & fuselage guns for Bf 109F in 1/48 scale by Eduard.

Set contains:

- resin: 46 parts,
- decals: yes
- photo-etched details: yes,
- painting mask: no.

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For kits 82114 and R0014

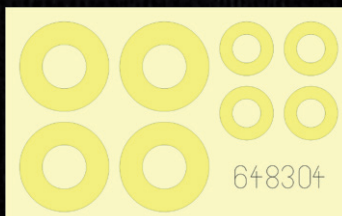


648304
F-14A wheels EARLY
1/48 Tamiya

Brassin set - F-14A wheels in 48th scale for Tamiya kit. Set contains main and front landing gear wheels and painting mask.

Set contains:

- resin: 8 parts,
- decals: no
- photo-etched details: no,
- painting mask: yes.

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648308

648308 Bf 109F undecarriage legs BRONZE

1/48 Eduard

Brassin set of bronze legs for Bf 109F in 1/48 scale by Eduard. Set includes two main landing gear legs (bronze) and resin wheel wells covers.

Set contains:

- bronze: 2 parts,
- resin: 2 parts
- decals: no,
- photo-etched details: no,
- painting mask: no.

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For kits 82114 and R0014



648309

648309 Bf 109G undercarriage legs BRONZE

1/48 Eduard

Brassin set of bronze legs for Bf 109G in 1/48 scale by Eduard. Set includes two main landing gear legs (bronze) and resin wheel wells covers.

Set contains:

- bronze: 2 parts,
- resin: 2 parts,
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For kits: 82111



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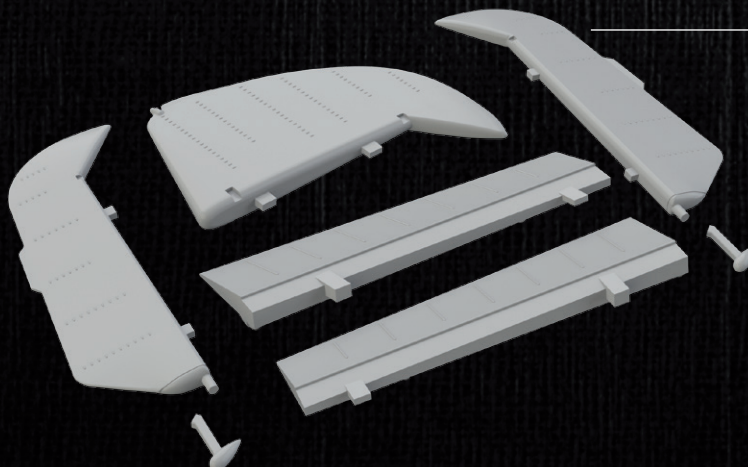


For kits: 82111



648310 Bf 109G control surfaces

1/48 Eduard



Brassin set of control surfaces for Bf 109G in 1/48 scale by Eduard.

Set contains:

- resin: 7 parts,
- decals: no
- photo-etched details: no,
- painting mask: no.

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672146

Spitfire Mk.VIII wheels - 4 spoke w/ smooth tire

1/72 Eduard

Brassin set of 2 pieces of 4 spoke Spitfire Mk.VIII wheels and tail wheel in 72nd scale for Eduard kit.

Set contains:

- resin: 3 parts,
- decals: no,
- photo-etched details: no,
- painting mask: yes.

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For kit 2119



672147

Spitfire Mk.VIII wheels - 4 spoke w/ pattern

1/72 Eduard

Brassin set of 2 pieces of 4 spoke Spitfire Mk.VIII wheels and tail wheel in 72nd scale for Eduard kit.

Set contains:

- resin: 3 parts,
- decals: no,
- photo-etched details: no,
- painting mask: yes.

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SIN67210

B-17G

1/72 Airfix

Collection of 4 Brassin sets for B-17G in 1/72 scale by Airfix.

- wheels,
- engine,
- guns,
- turbochargers.

All sets included in this BIG SIN are available separately, but with every BIG SIN set you save up to 30%.

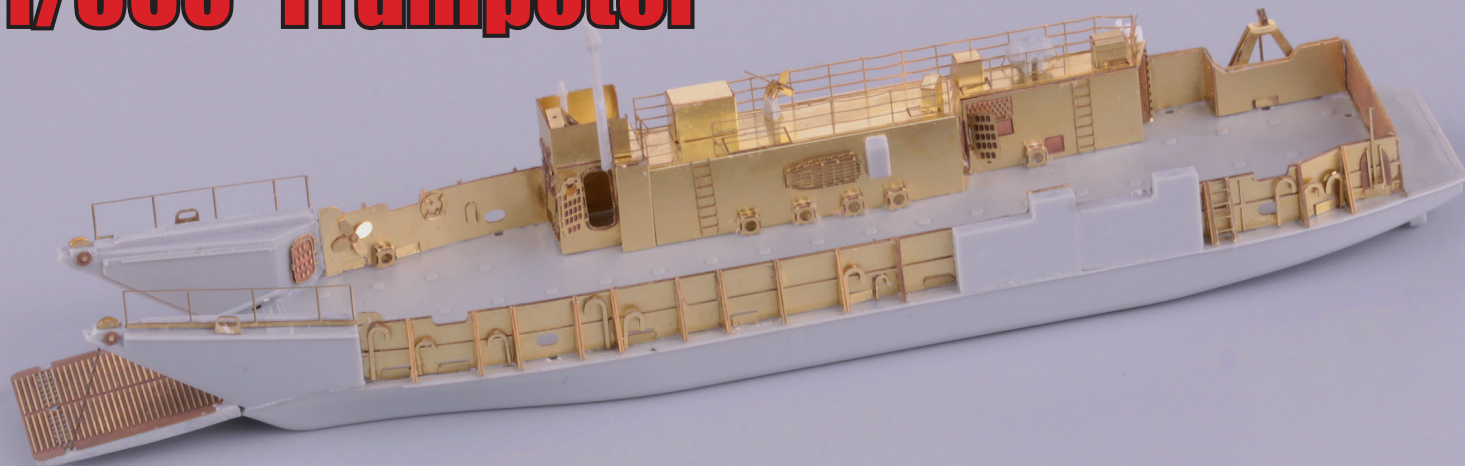
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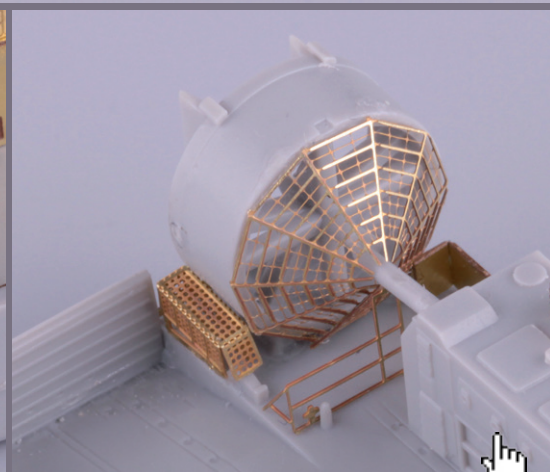
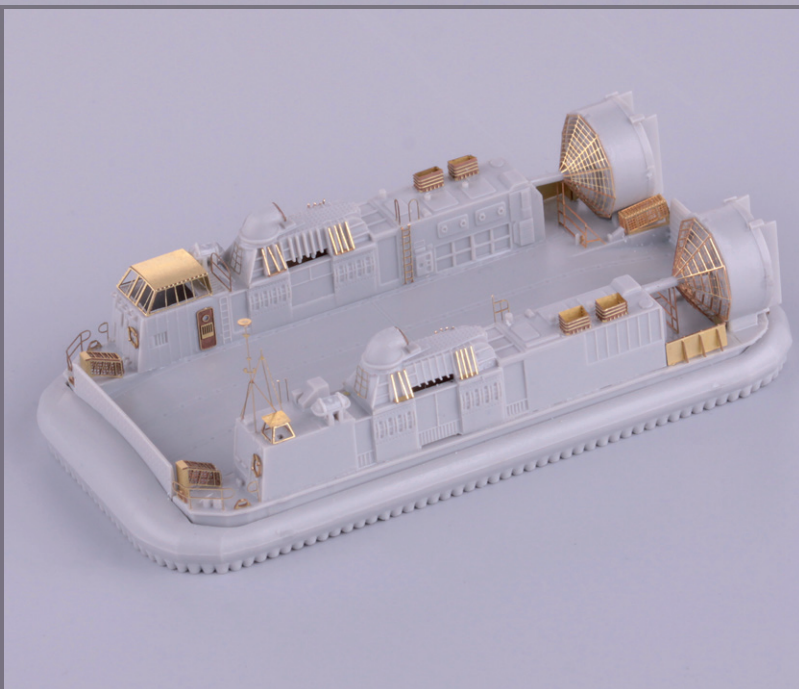
PHOTO-ETCHED SETS AND MASKS

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USS Iwo Jima LHD-7 1/350 Trumpeter



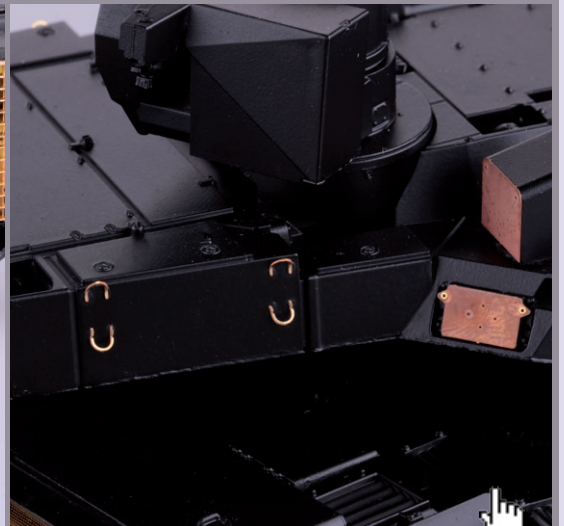
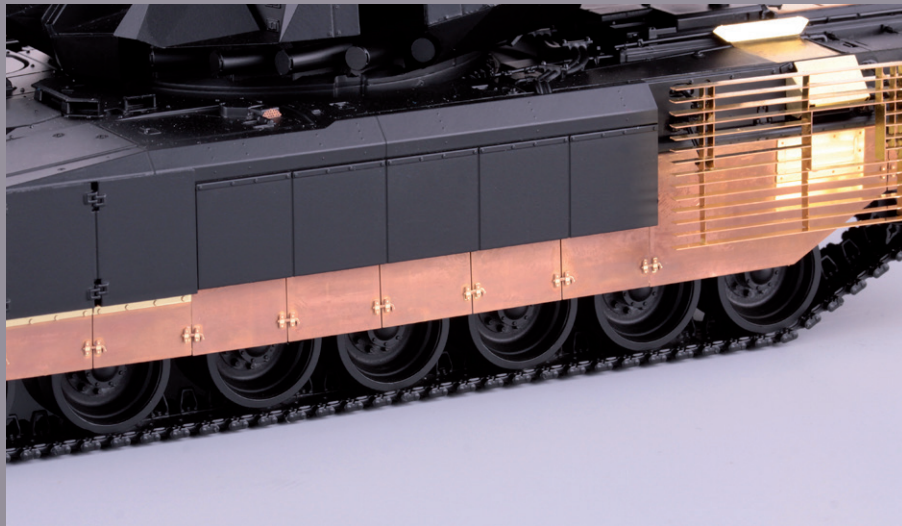
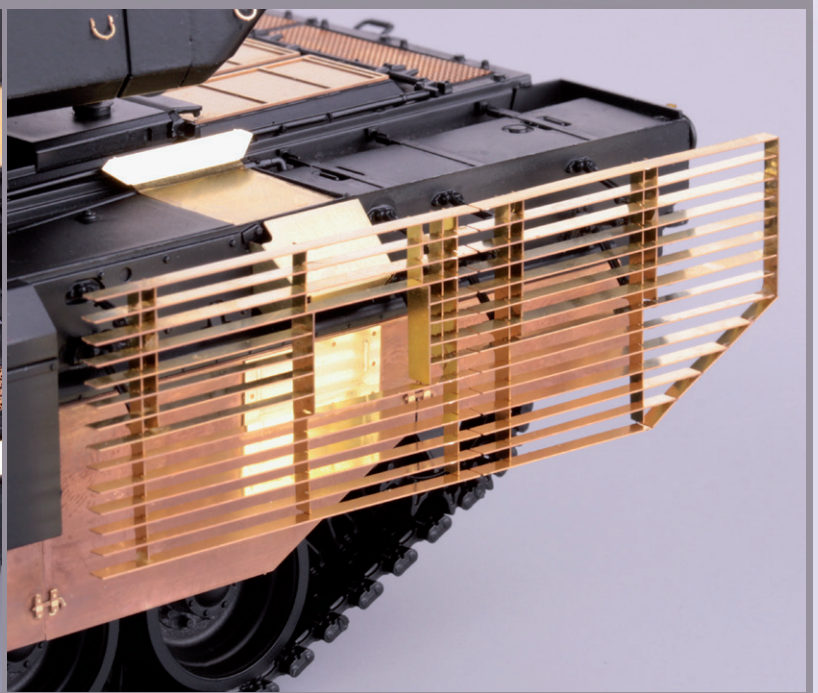
USS Iwo Jima LHD-7 pt.1 assault craft units 1/350 Trumpeter (53181)



T-14 Armata 1/35 Zvezda

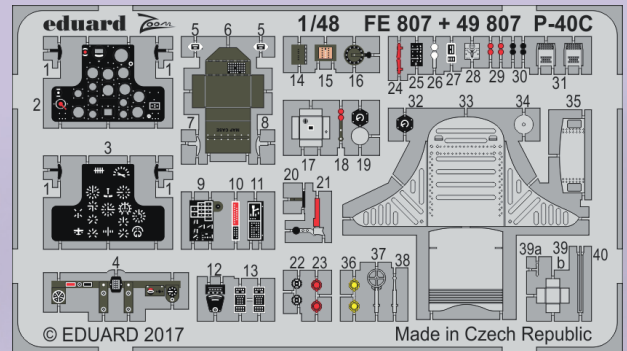


T-14 Armata 1/35 Zvezda (36352)
T-14 Armata side skirts 1/35 Zvezda (36353)

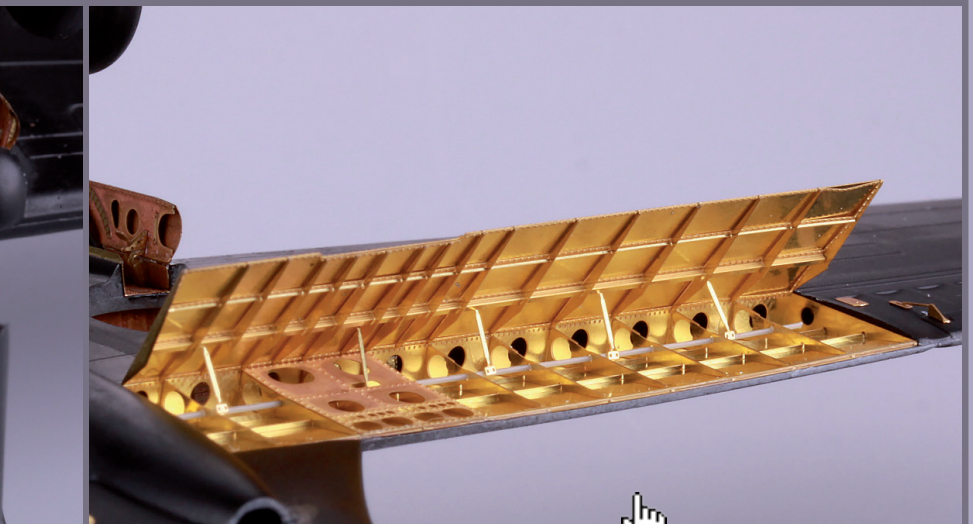
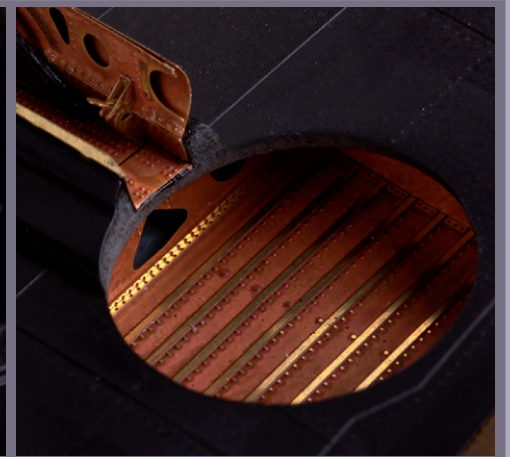


P-40C

1/48 Bronco

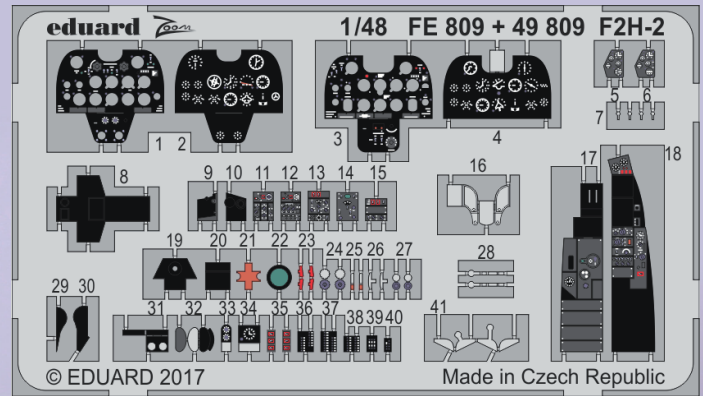


- P-40C landing flaps** 1/48 Bronco (48911)
- P-40C** 1/48 Bronco (49807)
- P-40C seatbelts STEEL** 1/48 Bronco (49808)
- P-40C interior** 1/48 Bronco (FE807) (Zoom)
- P-40C** 1/48 Bronco (EX542) (Mask)



F2H-2

1/48 Kittyhawk

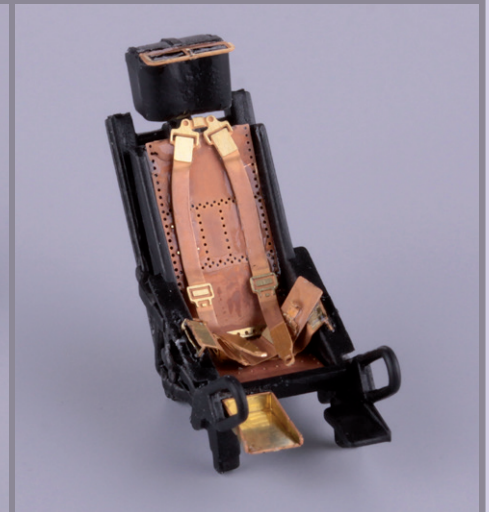
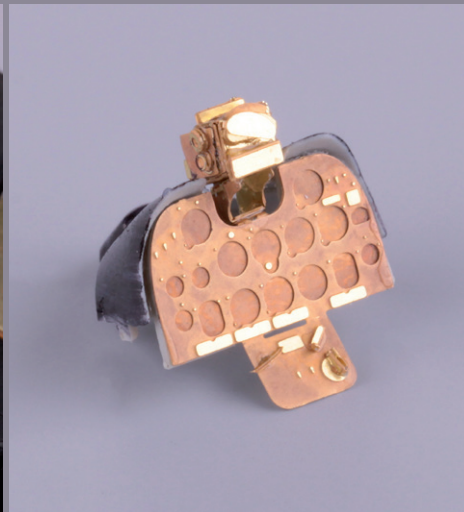
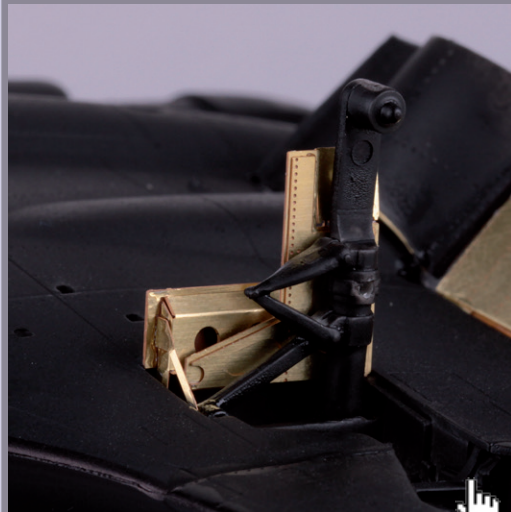
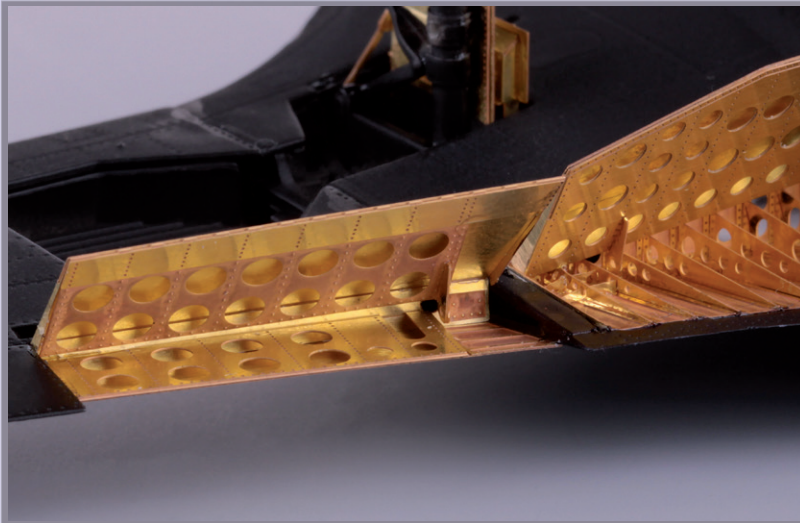


F2H-2 landing flaps 1/48 Kittyhawk (72643)

F2H-2 1/48 Kittyhawk (73579)

F2H-2 1/48 Kittyhawk (SS579) (Zoom)

F2H-2 1/48 Kittyhawk (CX453) (Mask)



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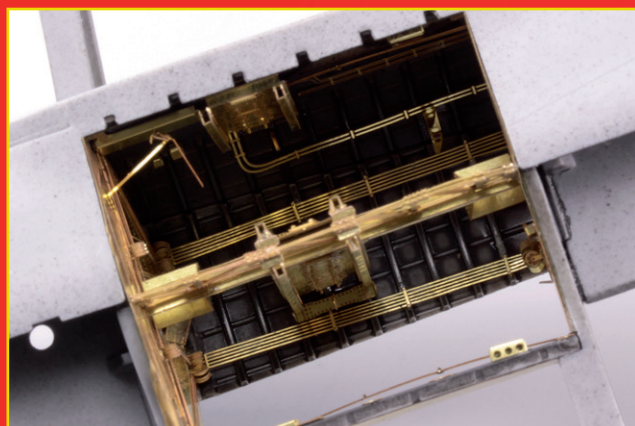
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BIG3372 YAK-3 1/32 Special Hobby



BIG49167 T-33A 1/48 Great Wall Hobby



BIG72121 B-17G - PART II. 1/72 Airfix

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BIG49166 Ju 87B-1 1/48 Airfix

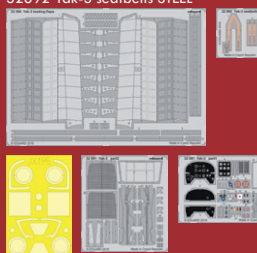
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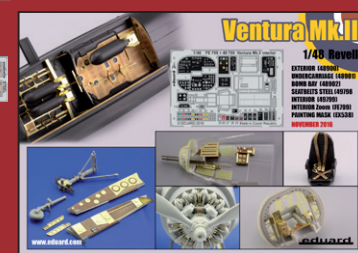
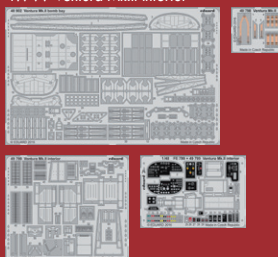
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32394 Yak-3 landing flaps
32891 Yak-3
32892 Yak-3 seatbelts STEEL



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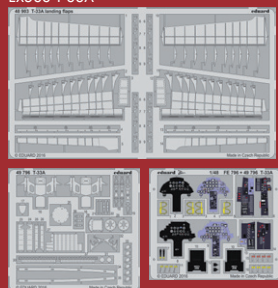
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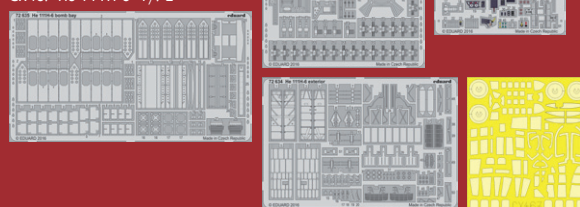
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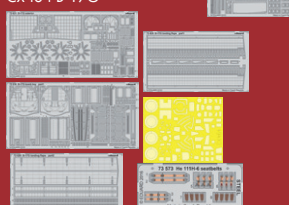
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72634 He 111H-6 exterior
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73574 He 111H-6 interior
CX467 He 111H-6 1/72



BIG72121 B-17G - PART II. 1/72 Airfix

72629 B-17G landing flaps
72630 B-17G bomb bay
72631 B-17G exterior
CX464 B-17G



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KITS

82116	Bf 109G-2	1/48	ProfiPACK
70116	Fw 190A-5 Reedice	1/72	ProfiPACK
8494	Bristol F.2B Fighter	1/48	Weekend edition
2119	Aussie Eight	1/72	Limited edition

PHOTO-ETCHED SET

53181	USS Iwo Jima LHD-7 pt.1 assault craft units	1/350	Trumpeter
53182	Royal Navy ensign flag WWII	1/350	
32399	B-17E/F undercarriage	1/32	HKM
32400	B-17E/F bomb bay	1/32	HKM
32899	B-17E/F bomb rack	1/32	HKM
36352	T-14 Armata	1/35	Zvezda
36353	T-14 Armata side skirts	1/35	Zvezda
48911	P-40C landing flaps	1/48	Bronco
48912	F2H-2 landing flaps	1/48	Kittyhawk
48913	Bf 109G-2 upgrade set	1/48	Eduard
48914	F-14A grilles STEEL	1/48	Tamiya
49807	P-40C	1/48	Bronco
49808	P-40C seatbelts STEEL	1/48	Bronco
49809	F2H-2	1/48	Kittyhawk
49810	F2H-2 seatbelts STEEL	1/48	Kittyhawk
72645	Spitfire Mk.VIII	1/72	Eduard
72646	Spitfire Mk.VIII landing flaps	1/72	Eduard

ZOOMS

FE807	P-40C	1/48	Bronco
FE809	F2H-2	1/48	Kittyhawk
FE811	Seatbelts RAF early STEEL	1/48	
FE812	Seatbelts Luftwaffe WWII fighters STEEL	1/48	
SS581	Seatbelts RAF early STEEL	1/72	
SS582	Seatbelts Luftwaffe WWII fighters STEEL	1/72	

MASKS

JX197	B-17E	1/32	HKM
JX198	B-17F	1/32	HKM
EX542	P-40C	1/48	Bronco
EX543	F2H-2	1/48	Kittyhawk
EX544	Bf 109G-2	1/48	Eduard
CX478	Spitfire Mk.VIII	1/72	Eduard

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BIG3372	YAK-3	1/32	Special Hobby
BIG49165	VENTURA Mk.II - PART I.	1/48	Revell
BIG49166	Ju 87B-1	1/48	Airfix
BIG49167	T-33A	1/48	Great Wall Hobby
BIG72120	He 111H-6	1/72	Airfix
BIG72121	B-17G - PART II.	1/72	Airfix

BRASSIN

632097	Mk.82 w/airbrake early	1/32	
648257	Bf 109G-2/4 radio compartment	1/48	Eduard
648295	Bf 109G-2 wheels	1/48	Eduard
648300	Bf 109F engine & fuselage guns	1/48	Eduard
648304	F-14A wheels EARLY	1/48	Tamiya
648308	Bf 109F undercarriage legs BRONZE	1/48	Eduard
648309	Bf 109G undercarriage legs BRONZE	1/48	Eduard
648310	Bf 109G control surfaces	1/48	Eduard
672146	Spitfire Mk.VIII wheels - 4 spoke w/ smooth tire	1/72	Eduard
672147	Spitfire Mk.VIII wheels - 4 spoke w/ pattern	1/72	Eduard

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SIN67210	B-17G	1/72	Airfix
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OVERTREES

70128X	Spitfire Mk.VIII	1/72	Eduard
82116X	Bf 109G-2	1/48	Eduard

OVERLEPT

70128-LEPT1	Spitfire Mk.VIII	1/72	Eduard
82116-LEPT1	Bf 109G-2	1/48	Eduard

Preview of the "Aussie Eight" book, author Peter Malone. The book in English is part of the 2119 limited edition kit (Spitfire Mk.VIII in the Australian services 1/72).



Chapter 3 - Spitfire Pilots

Spitfire Fan

Bruce Dudderidge Watson DFC

Bruce was an EATS boy. He was twenty-six when he enlisted in the RAAF in December 1940. On completion of his initial training, he was posted to No. 8 Elementary Flying Training School at Narrandera NSW, where he mastered the Tiger Moth. He was then sent to Canada where he underwent his Service Flying Training at No. 11 SFTS near Vancouver. Upon completion of his training Bruce was granted a commission in the RAAF as a Pilot Officer and sent to the UK.

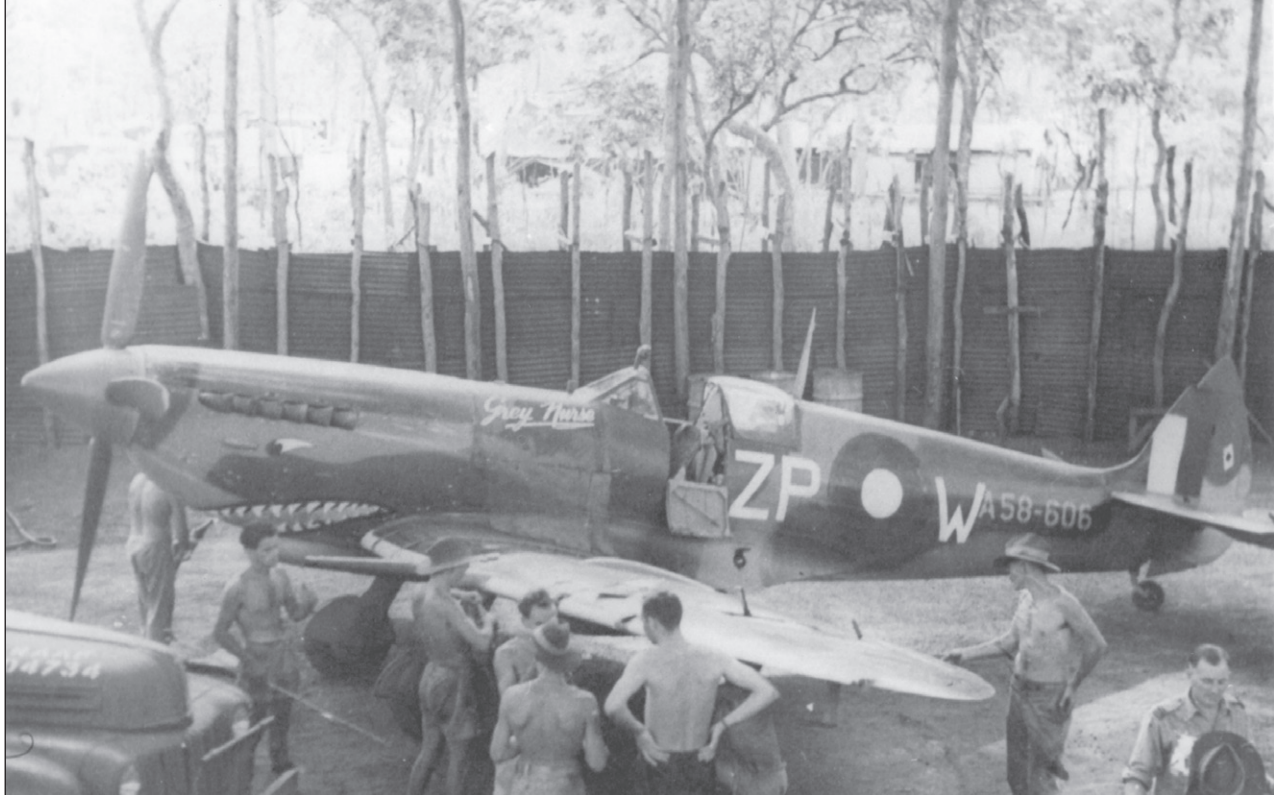
There, he joined No. 32 Squadron RAF, flying Hurricanes. Many of his operations involved attacking flackships, E boats and coastal gun positions. He was promoted to Flying Officer at the end of January 1942 and shortly after, in April, returned to Australia on completion of his tour.

In late June 1942, he joined No. 75 Squadron at Kingaroy in Queensland. Previously the squadron had served

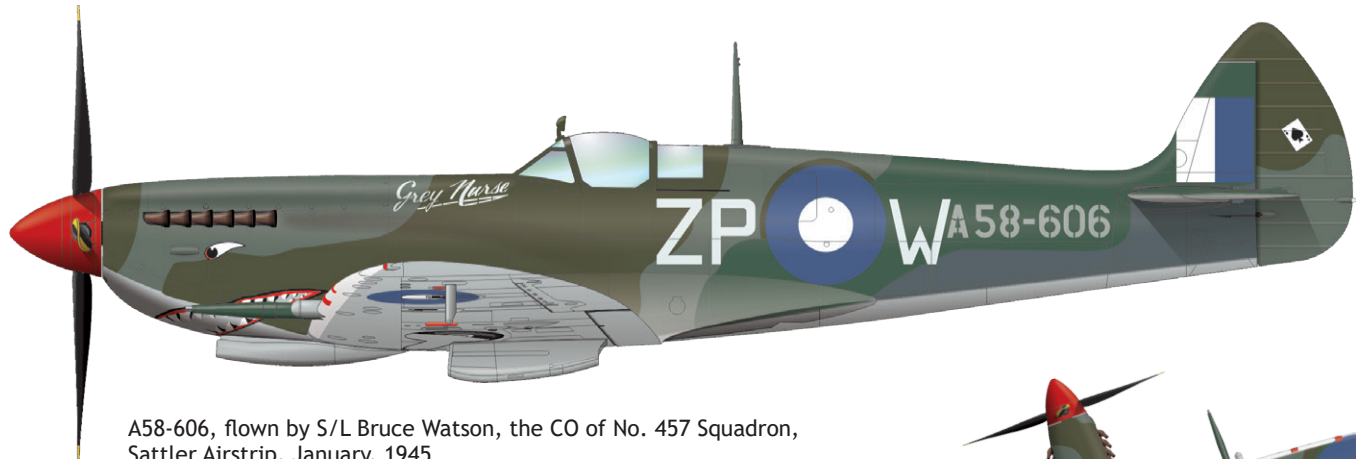
Squadron Leader Bruce Dudderidge Watson DFC flew Hurricanes, Kittyhawks and Spitfires on operations. Although Bruce acknowledged that the Spitfire would probably have had great difficulty operating from the mud and slush at Milne Bay, conditions that the Kittyhawks took in their stride, for sheer performance and joy of flying, the Spitfire was, by far, his favourite.



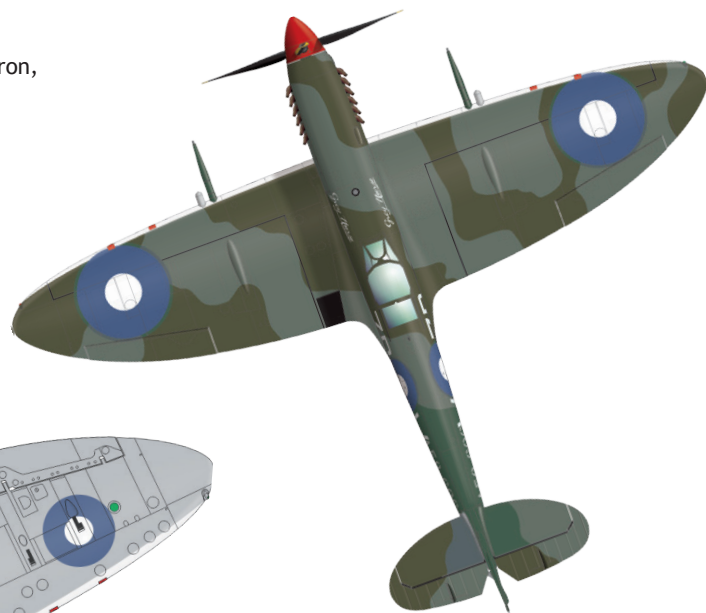
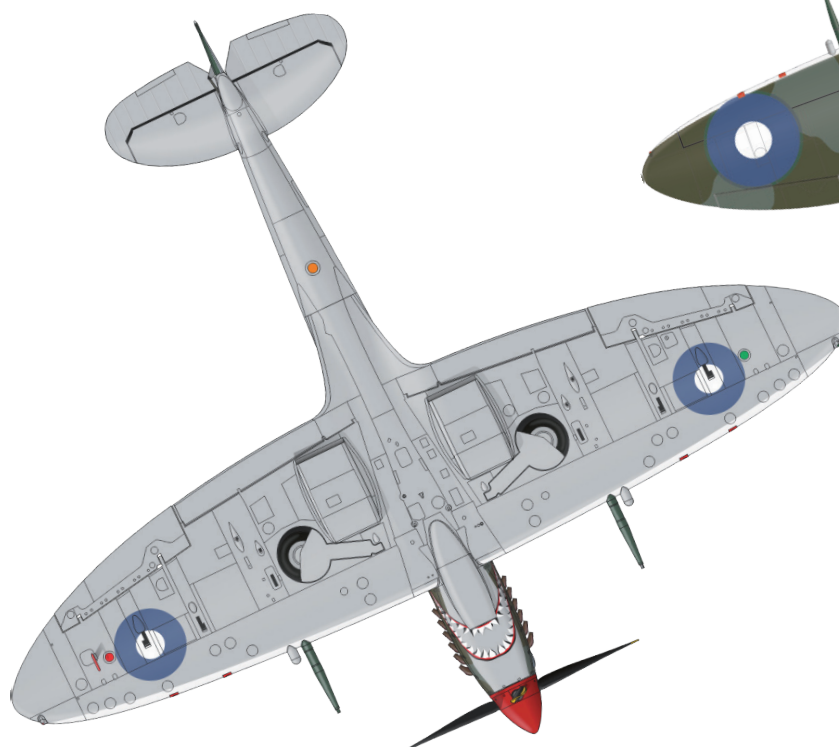
Top: A58-606 about to depart from Labuan, in November 1945, on the long flight back to Australia. Note the replacement lower engine cowling, also evident in the shot on page 91. Parts were cannibalised from other aircraft to make fifteen Spitfires airworthy for the flight. Those remaining were destroyed.

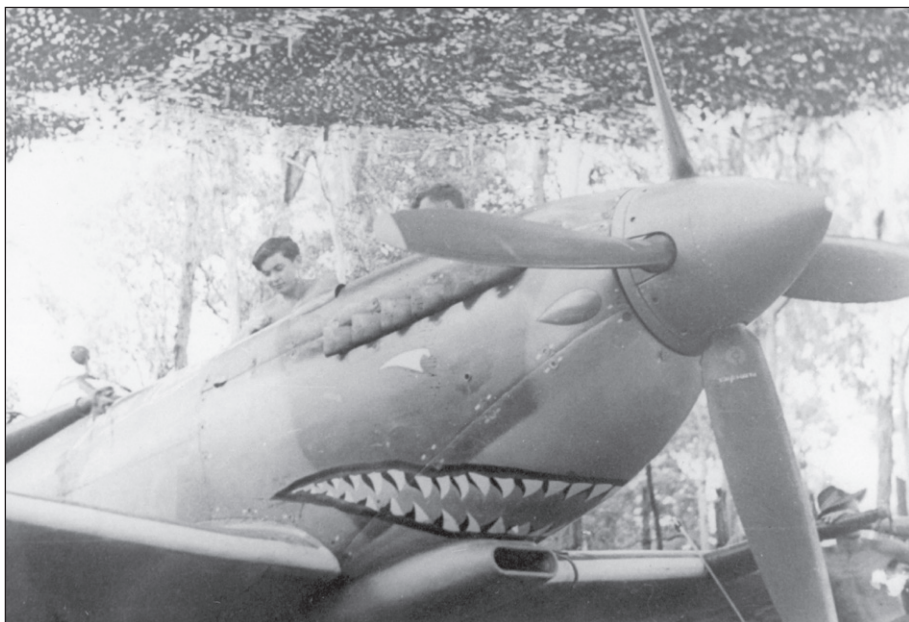


Bruce's A58-606, ZP-W, was the first aircraft to be painted in the new Grey Nurse shark scheme adopted by No. 457 Squadron. When queried about the selection of the code letter 'W' for his aircraft, he smiled and answered, "rank has its privileges".

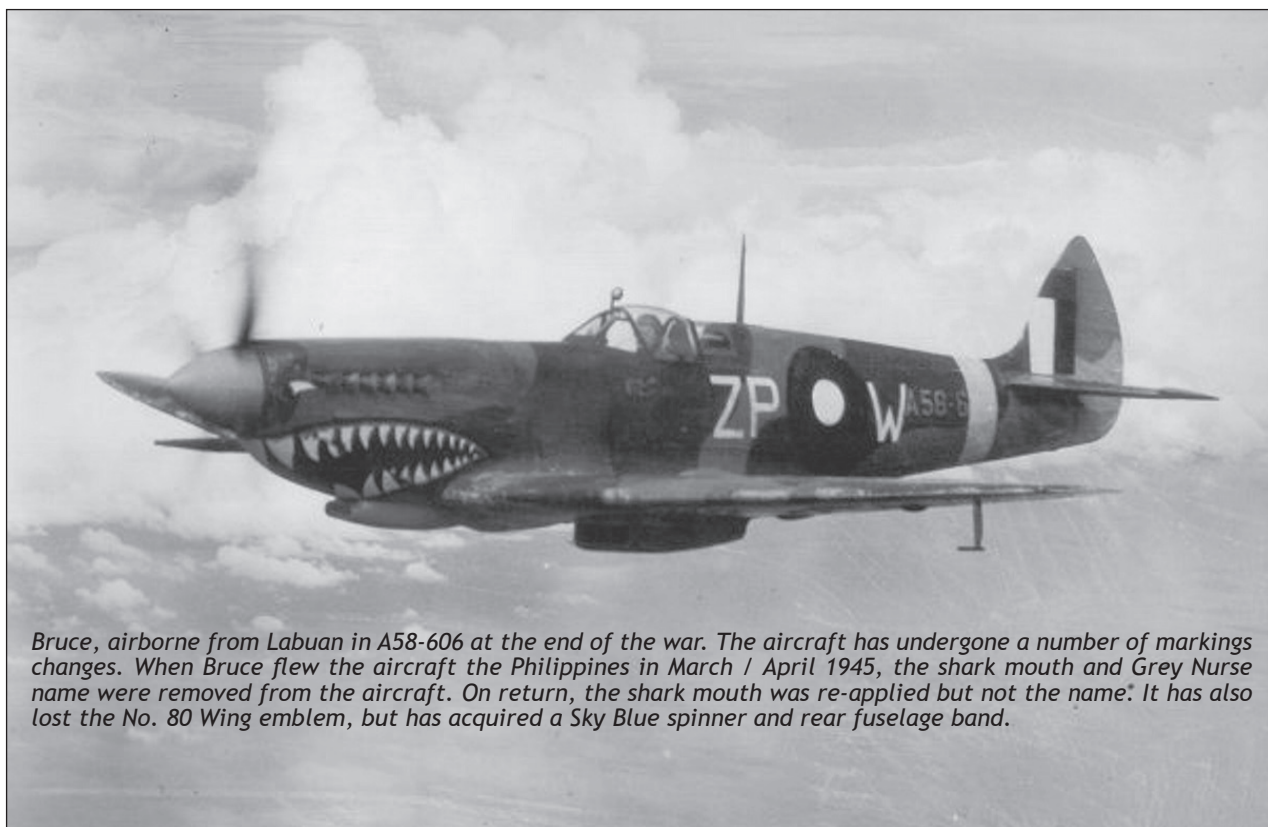
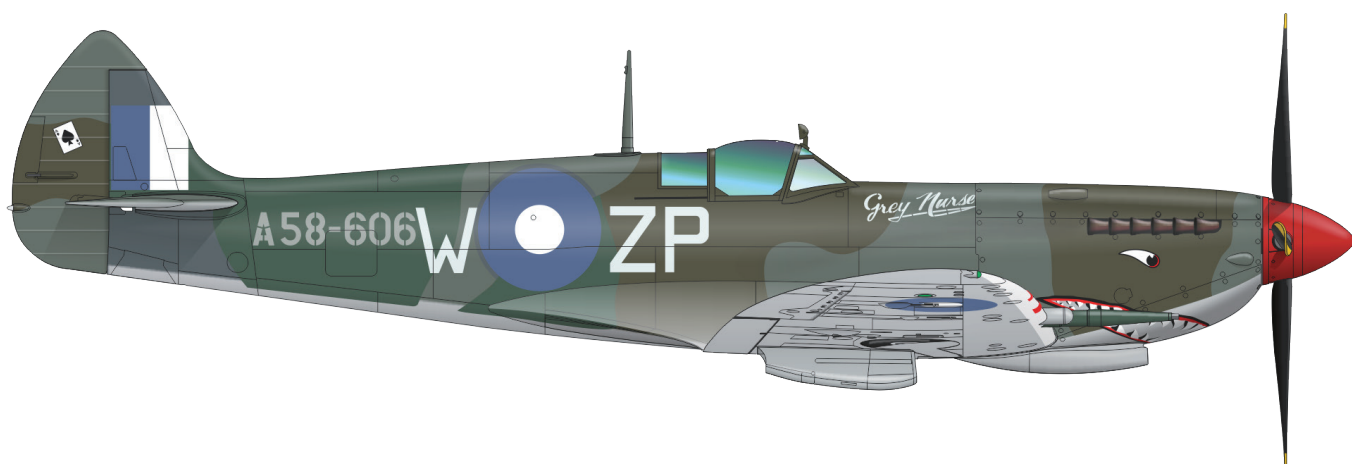


A58-606, flown by S/L Bruce Watson, the CO of No. 457 Squadron, Sattler Airstrip, January, 1945

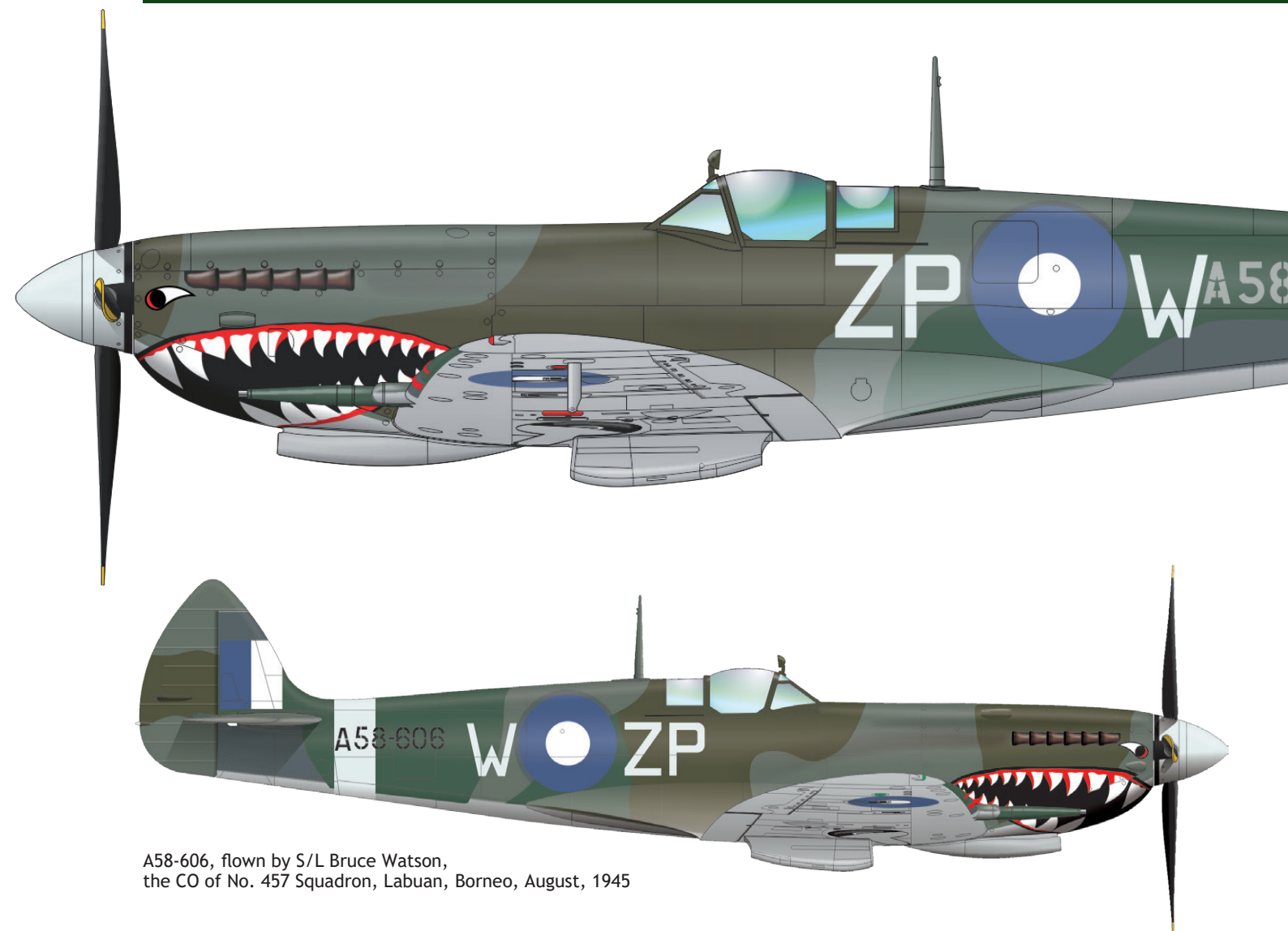




The initial shark mouth was quite low key. It was small and the maw of the mouth was Medium Sea Grey. Teeth were White with a Black shadow and the gums were Red. Later versions had Red or Black maws and then the size was increased. Bruce had hoped for a uniform emblem across the squadron, but this was not to be.



Bruce, airborne from Labuan in A58-606 at the end of the war. The aircraft has undergone a number of markings changes. When Bruce flew the aircraft the Philippines in March / April 1945, the shark mouth and Grey Nurse name were removed from the aircraft. On return, the shark mouth was re-applied but not the name. It has also lost the No. 80 Wing emblem, but has acquired a Sky Blue spinner and rear fuselage band.



A58-606, flown by S/L Bruce Watson, the CO of No. 457 Squadron, Labuan, Borneo, August, 1945

with distinction at Port Moresby. Now it was 'licking its wounds' and re-equipping with new P-40E Kittyhawks in preparation for a move to Milne Bay, on the Eastern tip of New Guinea. The Allies expected a Japanese attack on Milne Bay to secure their flank in their efforts to capture Port Moresby. The Japanese were aware of the presence of No. 75 and No. 76 Squadrons at Milne Bay and tried to nullify them with a number of air attacks. Then, on 25 August, they struck, landing troops on the shores of Milne Bay. Both the Kittyhawk squadrons flew mission after mission attacking the Japanese. Bruce was 'in the thick of it' in both the air battles and the ground attacks.

Following his tour with No. 75 Squadron, Bruce was posted to No. 2 OTU at Mildura, Victoria, in late February 1943. He was an instructor on Kittyhawks and later did a course on the Spitfire. In July, he was promoted to Flight Lieutenant. After completing a Staff College Course, he was promoted to Squadron Leader and, in December 1944, was posted to No. 80 Wing, to take over command of No. 457 Squadron from Squadron leader Tom Trimble.

The squadron was turning in their older Spitfire LF.VIII aircraft for brand new Spitfire HF.VIII aircraft. Bruce loved the Spitfire but did not like the many different names and emblems painted on the earlier aircraft. He approached his flight commanders to try and come up with a common theme and marking for all the squadron's aircraft. Flight Lieutenant Ted Sly remembered the shark mouths on No. 112 Squadron's Kittyhawks from his service in the Western desert. He suggested this would be an appropriate marking for the

Spitfire as it projected the aggressive nature of a fighter squadron. The pilots were consulted, they agreed, and the 'Grey Nurse Squadron' was borne. The Grey Nurse shark was common in Eastern Australian waters.

In February, they moved forward to Morotai in the Halmahera Islands. Bruce led the squadron on many strikes against ground targets. In mid-March, he accompanied Group Captain Caldwell and two other Spitfires to Clark Field in the Philippines. The aircraft were to take part in a program where they would be flown against a number of captured Japanese aircraft. When they returned at the end of April, Bruce was flying a Mitsubishi Zero Type 52 that had been restored to flying condition by the RAAF mechanics who had accompanied the Spitfires. It caused quite a stir and many of the pilots wanted to fly it.

On 10 June, Allied forces landed on the island of Labuan. By the end of the day, the airstrip had been secured. It was in very poor condition and, the next day, work started on making it operational. This took some time, but after four days, the first Kittyhawks were able to land. On 17 June, Watson led twelve of No. 457 Squadron's Spitfires to Labuan. The strip was still in poor condition, and two of the Spitfires were written off in landing accidents. Bruce's experience of the primitive conditions he had operated in at Milne Bay came to the fore and, in a short time, he was able to get the squadron organised and supporting the advancing Allied troops.

Bruce gave up command of the squadron in August, returned to Australia, was discharged from the RAAF at the end of November, and resumed civilian life.

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**A58-602, W/C Bobby Gibbes, the Wing Leader of No. 80 Wing,
Mototai, April 1945**

A58-602 with newer, bigger, shark mouth and newly positioned eyeballs.
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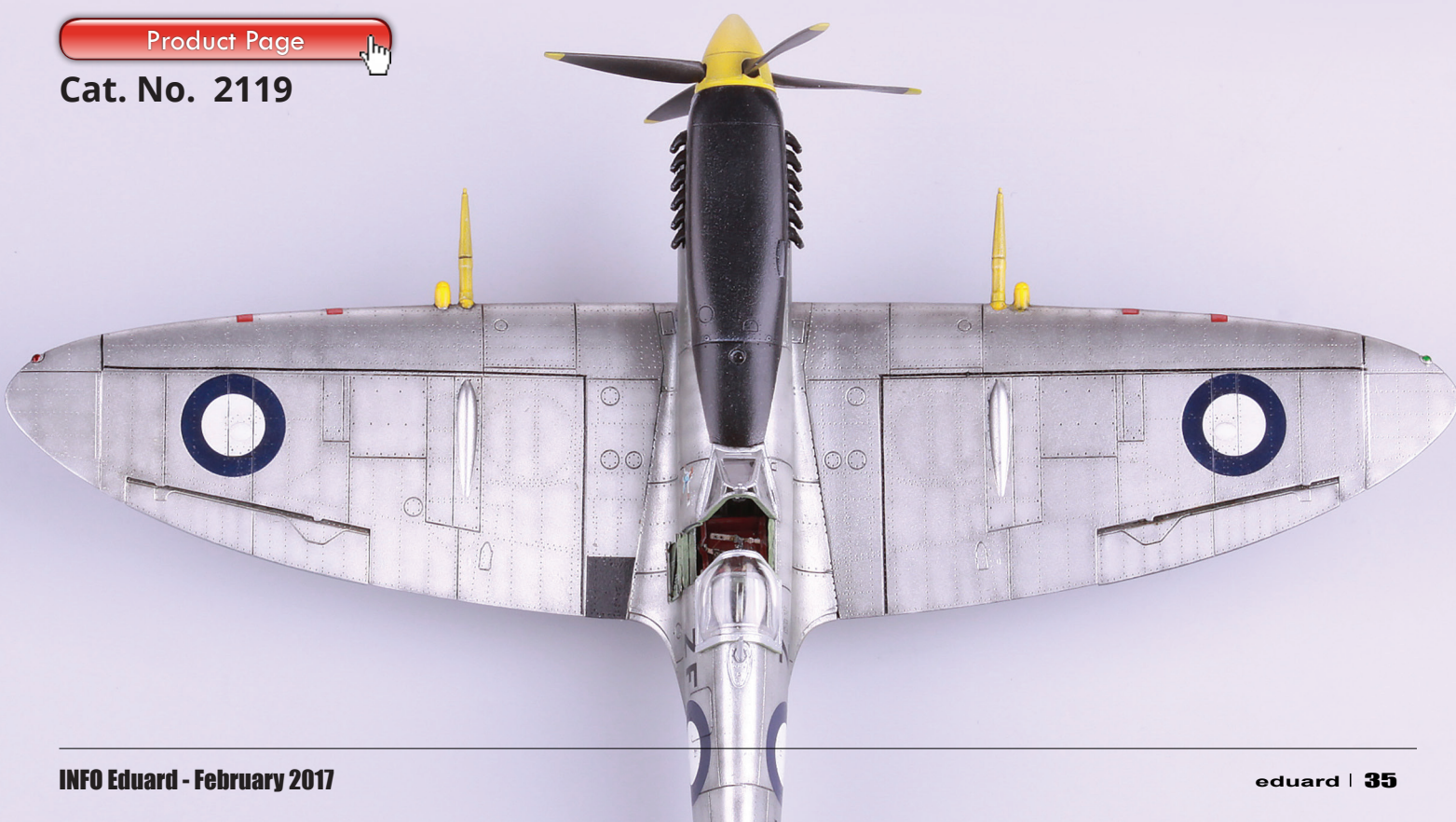
A58-379, F/L David Glaser, No. 549 Squadron, Strauss Airstrip, September 1944

This aircraft was stripped back to natural metal and the fabric covered areas re-bagged and painted with aluminium dope. Glaser's ground crew kept it highly polished. Spinner and cannon fairings could have been light blue.



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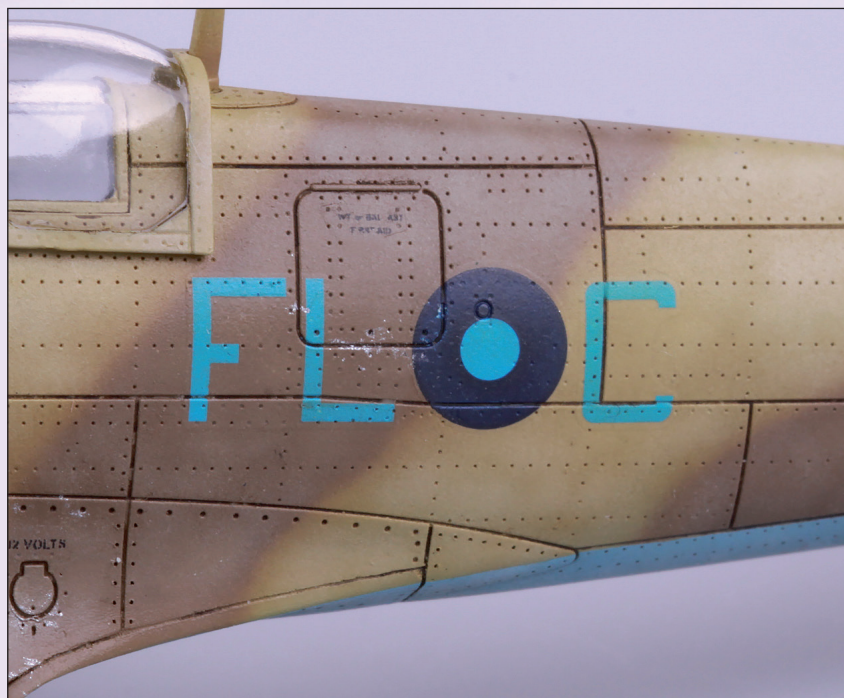
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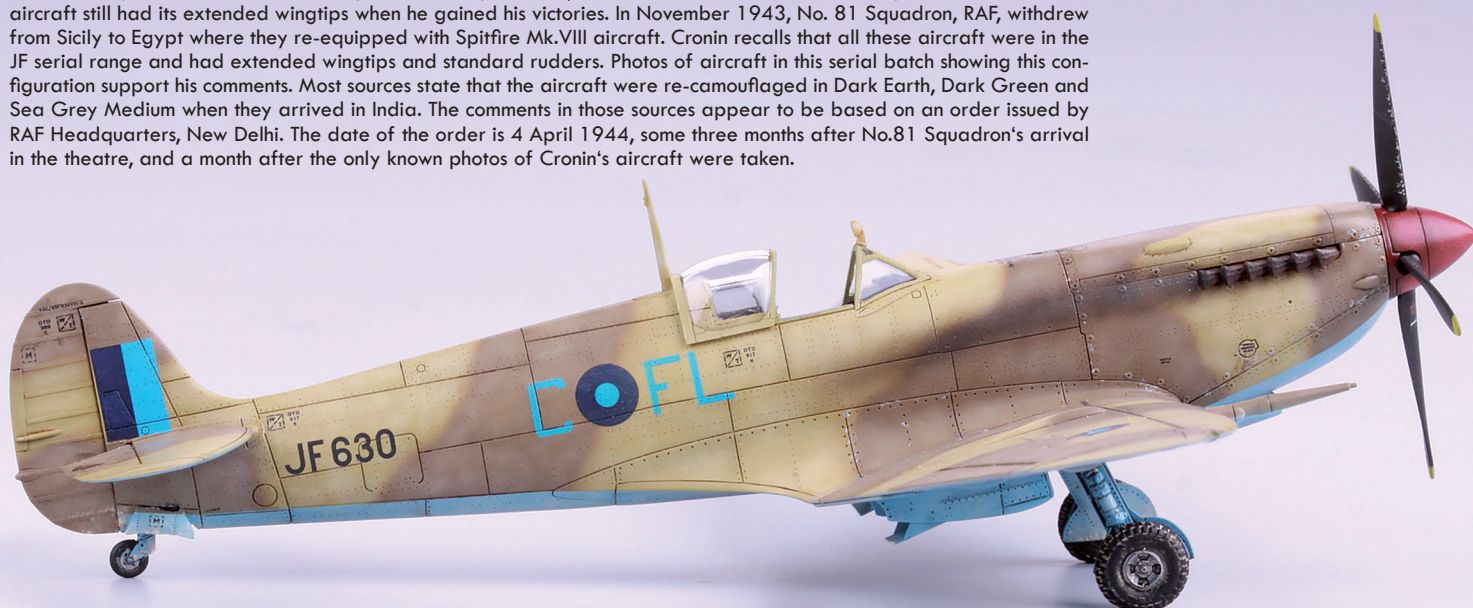
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JF630, flown by F/O Larry Cronin, shortly after his fourth victory, near Palel, India, on March 6th, 1944

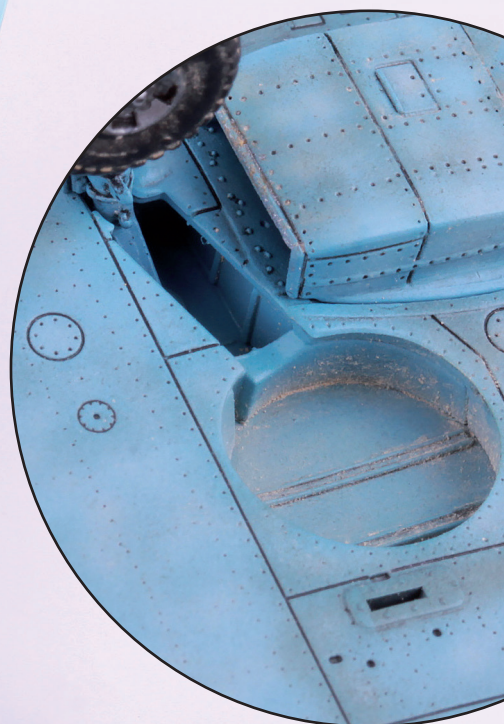
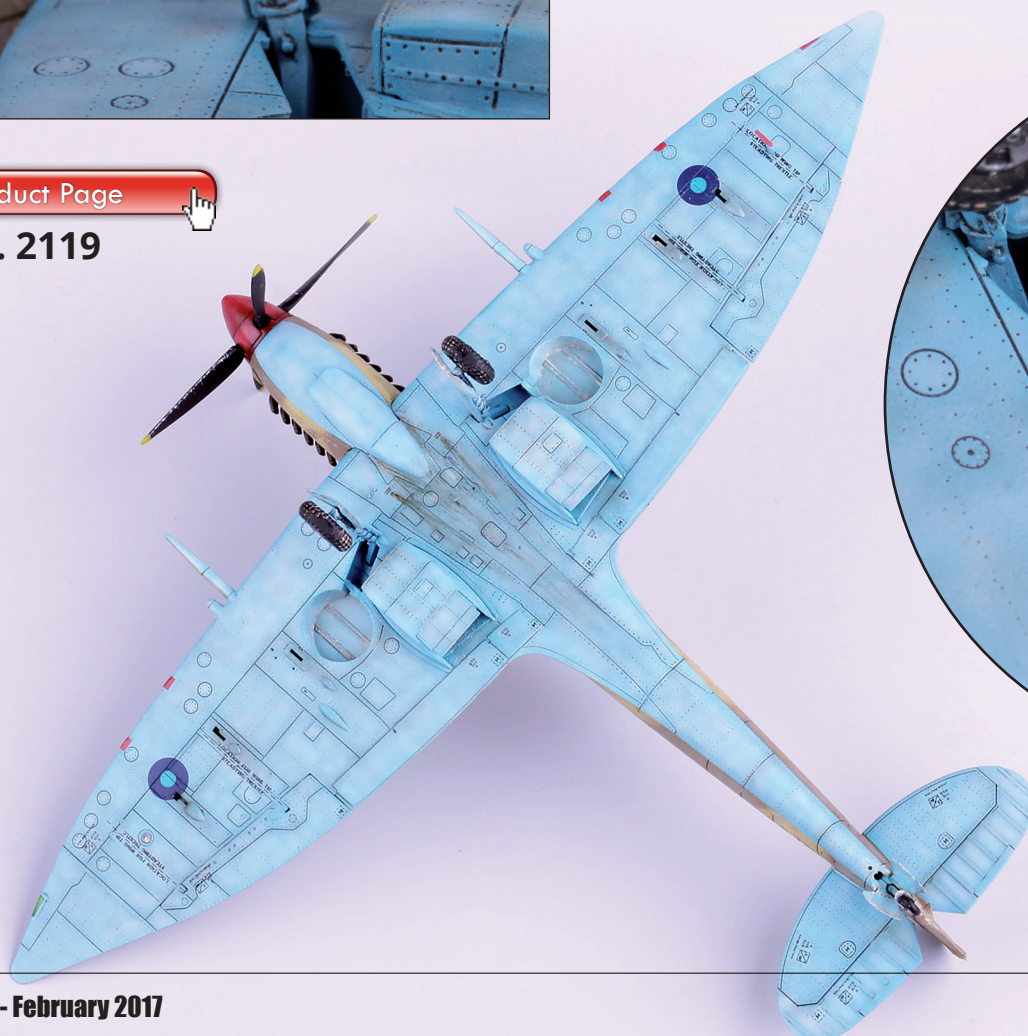
According to the interview with Larry Cronin the squadron A/C retained their desert colours. The pilot maintains that his aircraft still had its extended wingtips when he gained his victories. In November 1943, No. 81 Squadron, RAF, withdrew from Sicily to Egypt where they re-equipped with Spitfire Mk.VIII aircraft. Cronin recalls that all these aircraft were in the JF serial range and had extended wingtips and standard rudders. Photos of aircraft in this serial batch showing this configuration support his comments. Most sources state that the aircraft were re-camouflaged in Dark Earth, Dark Green and Sea Grey Medium when they arrived in India. The comments in those sources appear to be based on an order issued by RAF Headquarters, New Delhi. The date of the order is 4 April 1944, some three months after No.81 Squadron's arrival in the theatre, and a month after the only known photos of Cronin's aircraft were taken.



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A58-513, flown by S/L Ron Susans, the CO of No. 80 Wing, Morotai, June 1945

This aircraft carried the legend "A.V.B. The 1st" as it was the first Spitfire paid for by money collected by the Australian Victory Bonds Campaign. The colour of the emblem is unknown. It is believed that "A.V.B." is in grey or Sky Blue and that "The 1st" may be in Yellow. Cannon fairings were Foliage Green.



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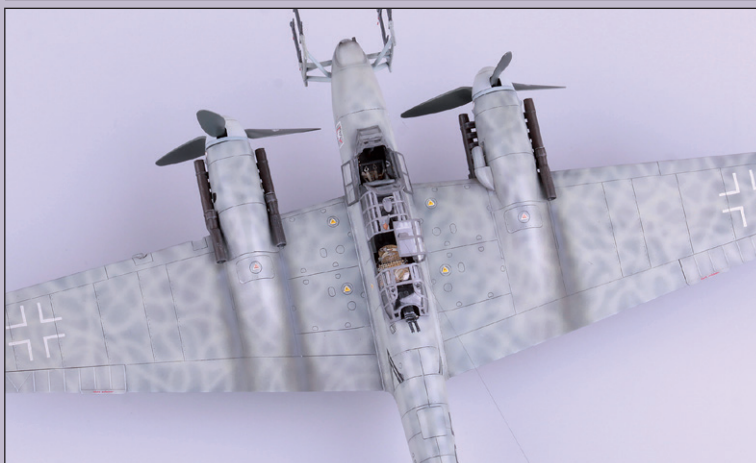
Camo A

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W.Nr. 720260, Oblt. Heinz-Wolfgang Schnauffer,
Stab IV./ NJG 1, St. Trond, Belgium, April 1944

Heinz Wolfgang Schnauffer, the most successful night fighter ace, served with night fighter units from the very beginning of his aviation career. He is credited with 121 victories, most of them being British four-engine bombers. He was wounded only once during WWII, and no member of his crew was ever wounded in action. Schnauffer was awarded the Knight's Cross with Oak leaves, Swords and Diamonds. Schnauffer survived the war and worked at his family winery. He died on June 15, 1950, two days after a fatal collision involving his car and a truck in Cestas, close to Bordeaux, France. Schnauffer was dubbed 'The Spook from St. Trond', and he flew this aircraft in the spring 1944 after taking command of IV. Gruppe, NJG 1. The aircraft wore the standard camouflage scheme of RLM 74/75/76 colors but the upper surfaces were oversprayed with RLM 76. The darker blotches of RLM 74 and RLM 75 were partially visible. The right wing undersurface was painted black.



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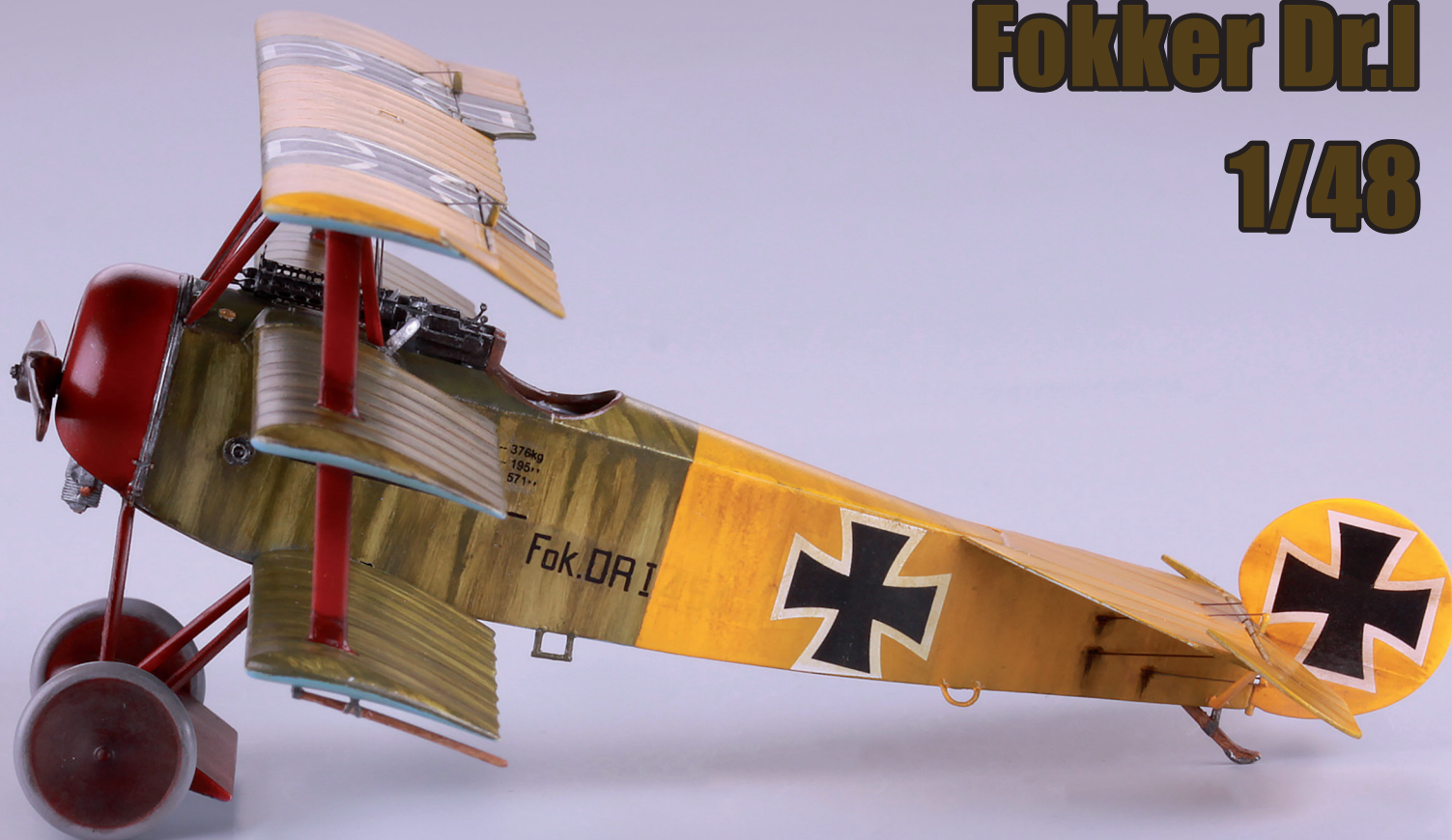


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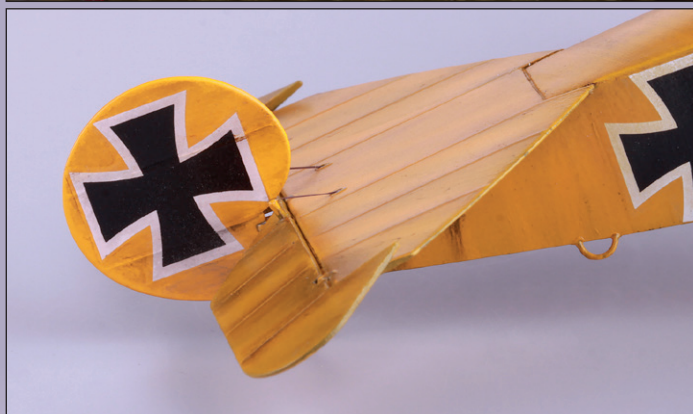
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P-47D-28-RA, Lt. Larry A. Kuhl, 511th FS, 405th FG, 9th AF,
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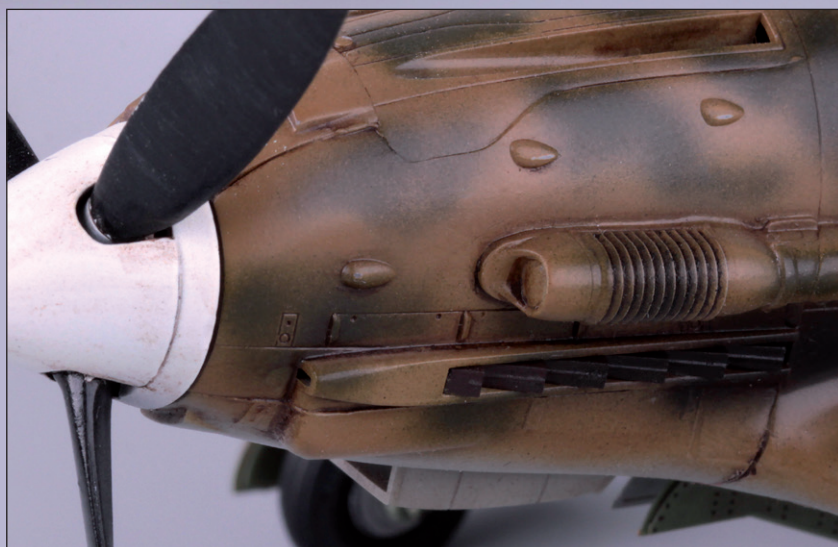
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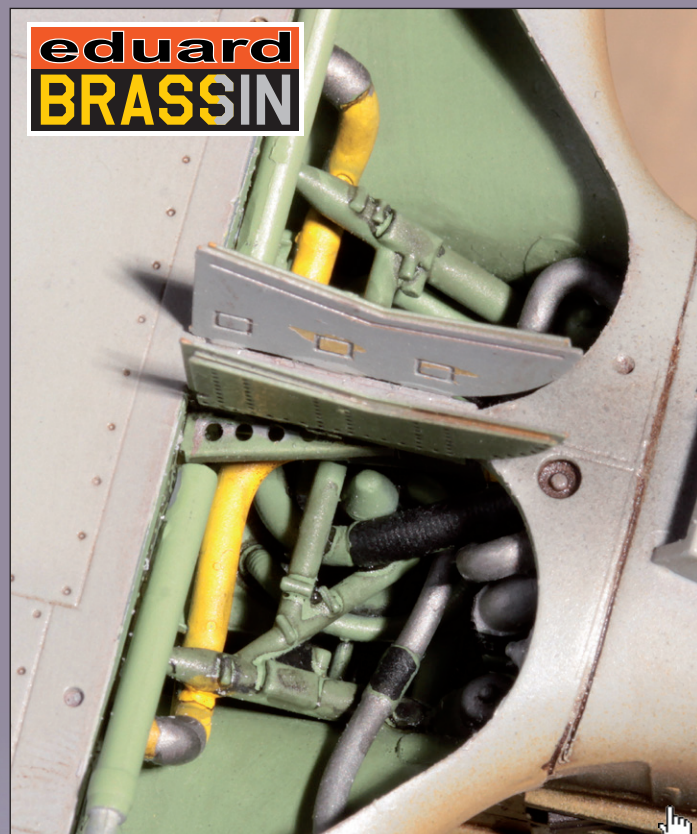
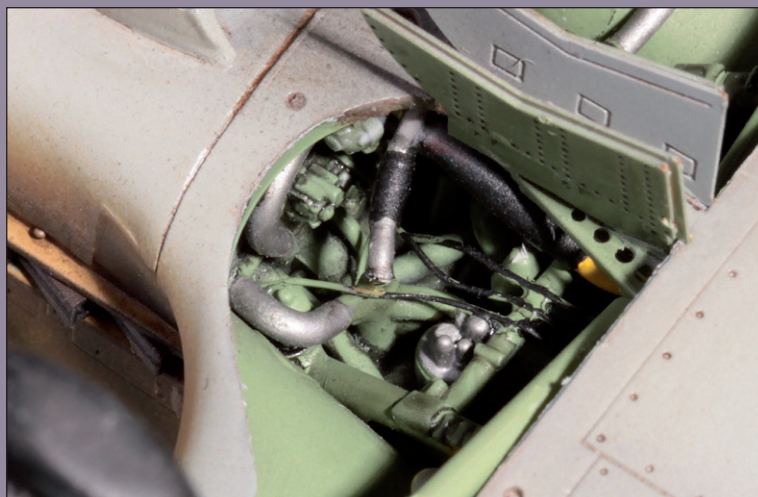


Camo C
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**Macchi C.202 XII. Serie, M.M. Unknown, 70a Squadriglia,
3o Stormo C.T., Cerveteri, August 1943**

This aircraft manufactured by Breda carried the characteristic late camouflage scheme consisting of olive green blotches over hazelnut brown on all surfaces except the lower, which were in the usual blue-grey. The demarcation between the upper and lower colours is also typical for Breda. The illustrated aircraft carried the additional wing guns and under-fuselage compass antenna. Fascist Regia Aeronautica markings were removed after July 25, 1943, when Mussolini was stripped of his leadership and imprisoned. On the wings, insignia was either resprayed in their entirety using the normal camouflage colors, or just the black rings remained. The Savoie Dynasty coat of arms lost the rod bundles enclosing the axe.



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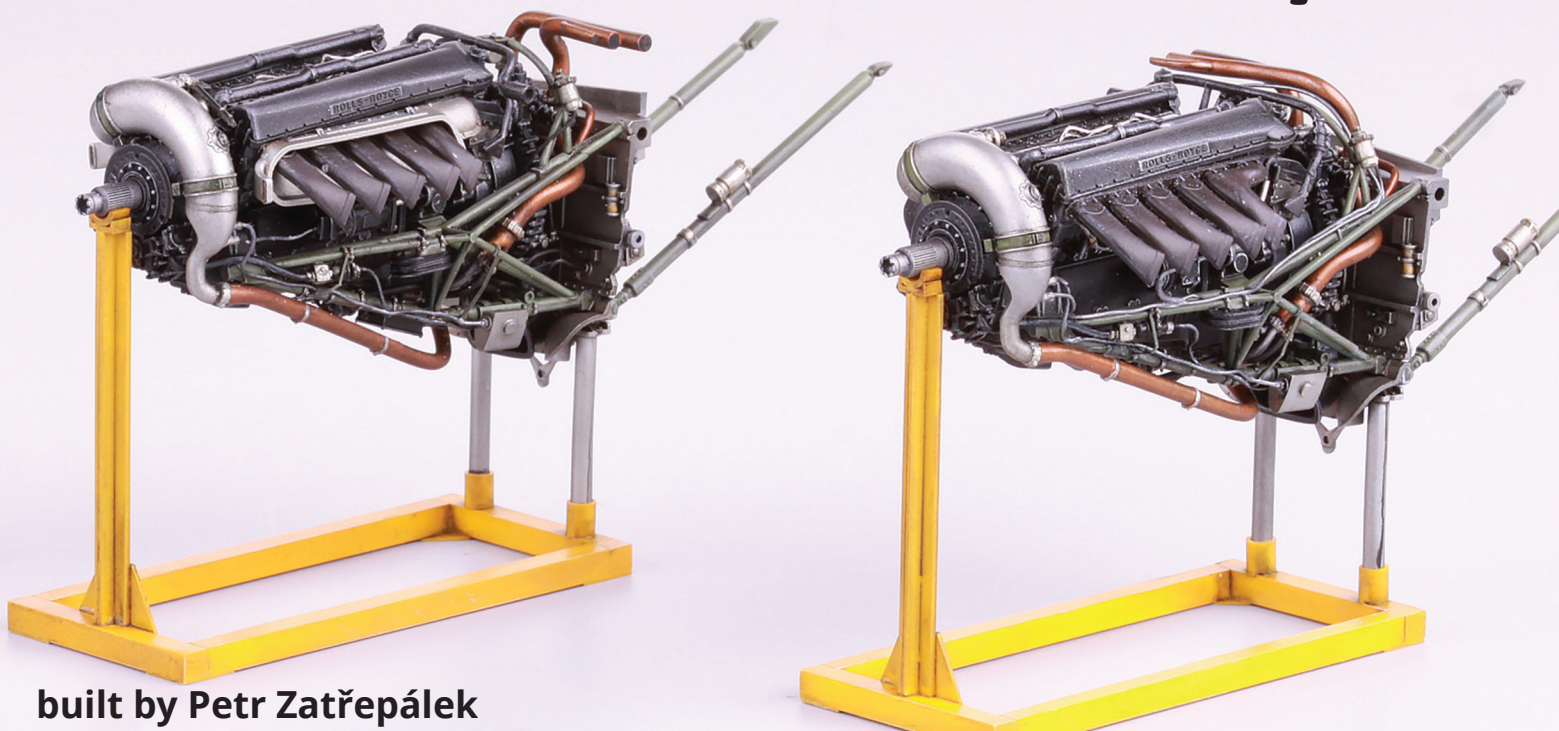
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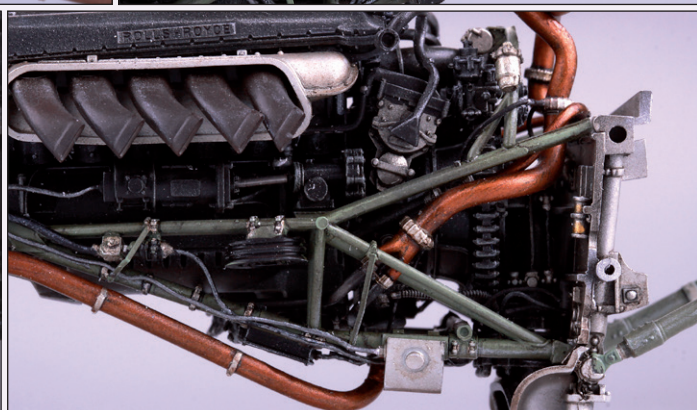
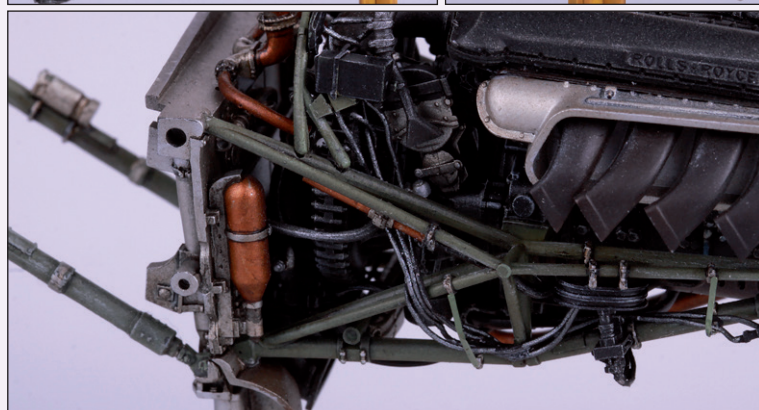
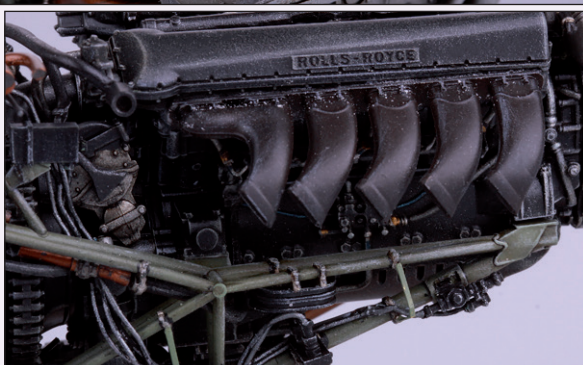
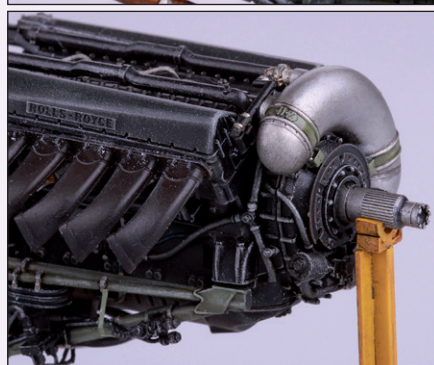
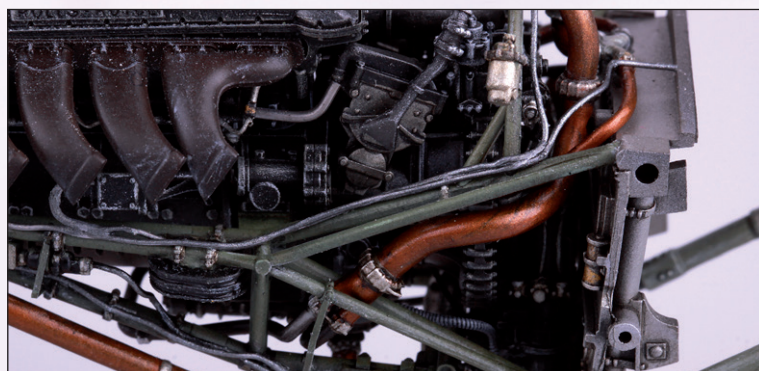


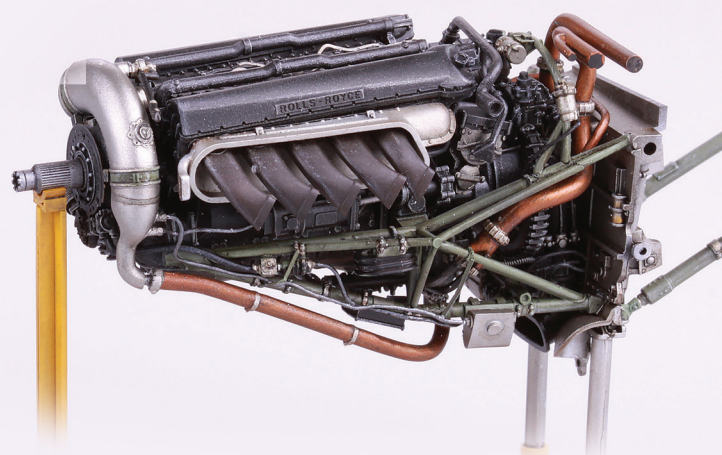
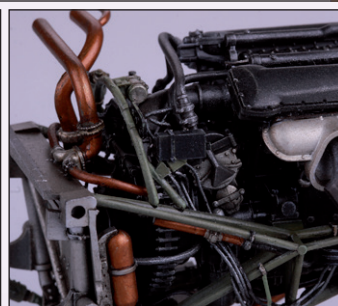
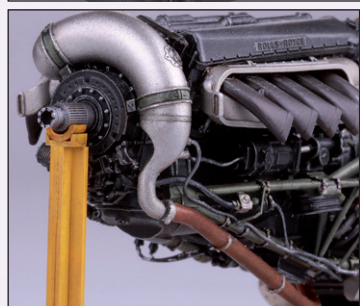
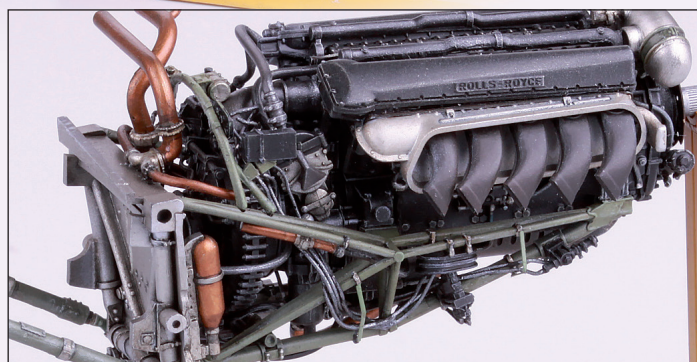
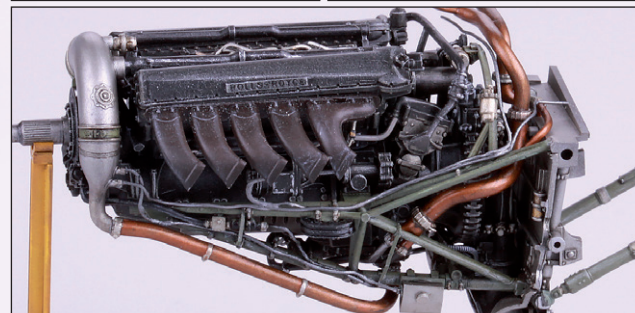
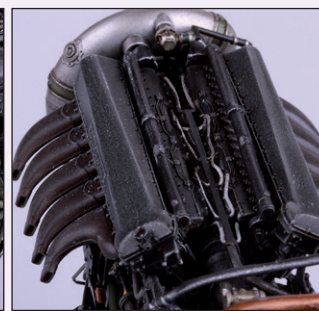
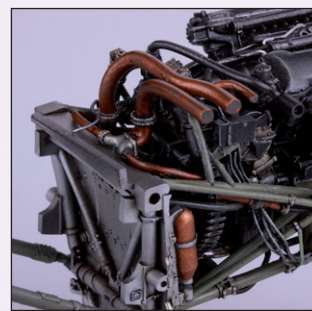
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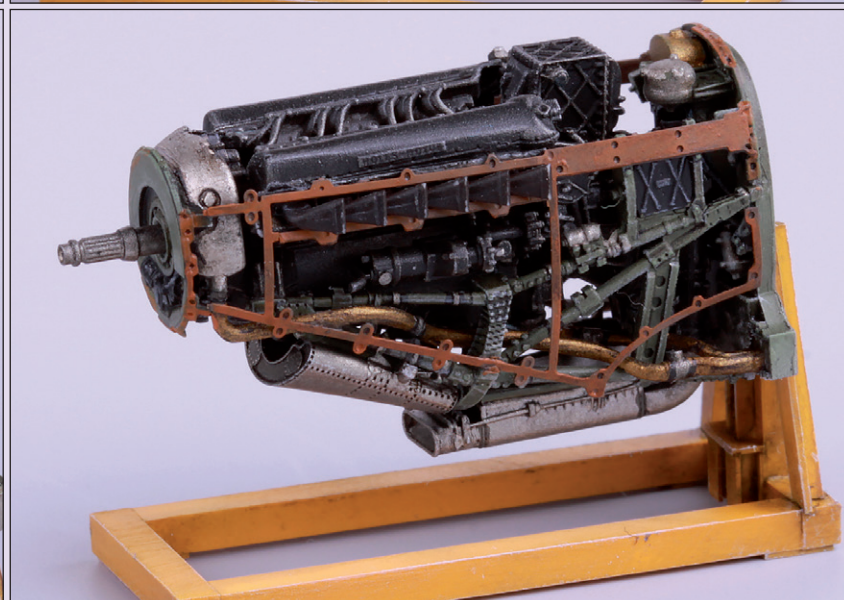
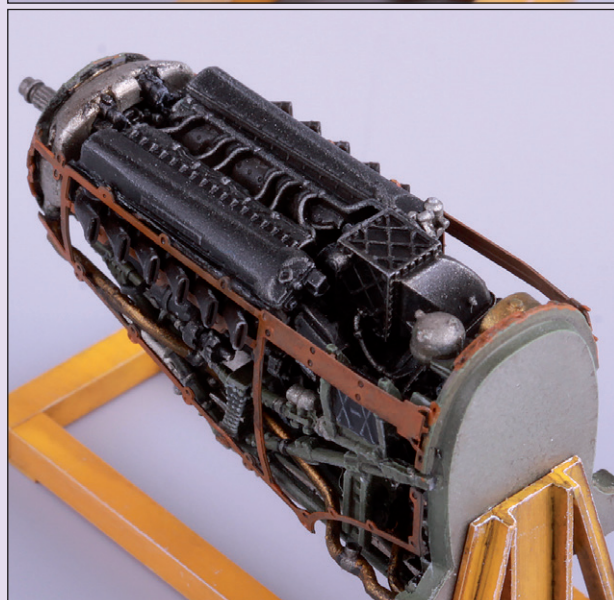
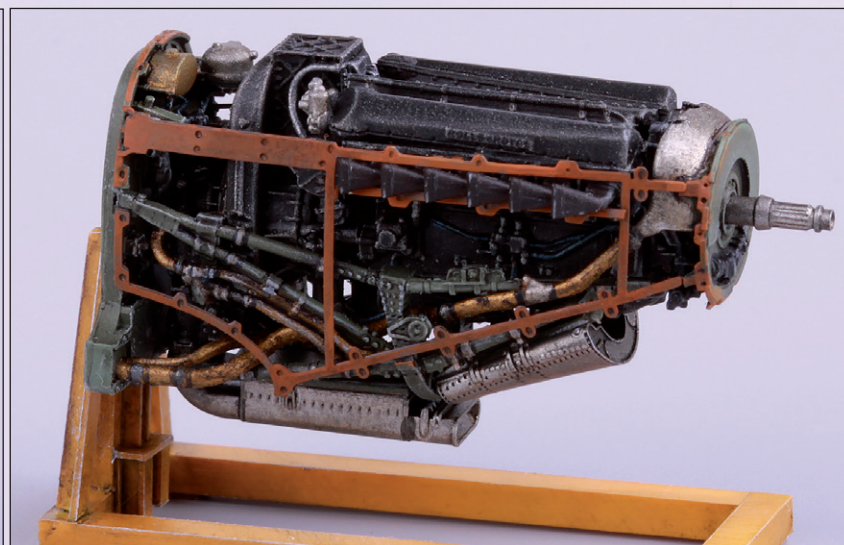
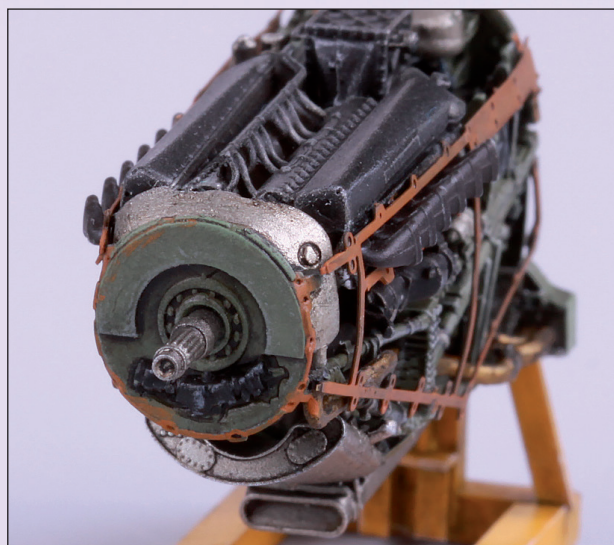
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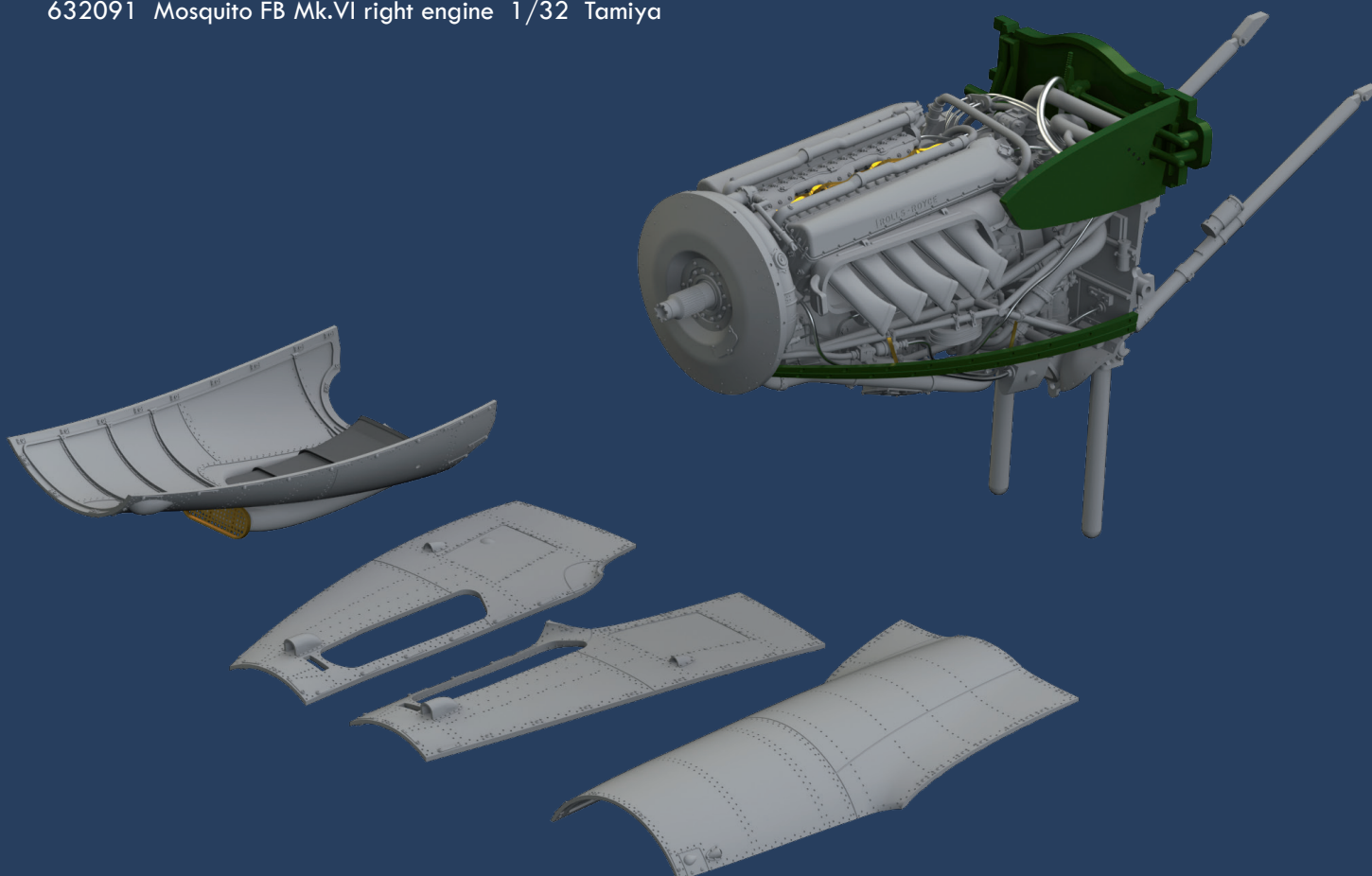
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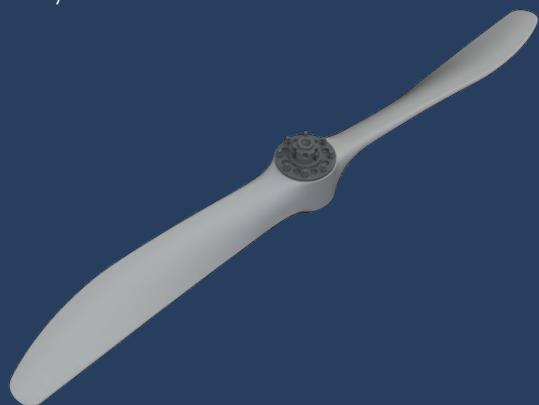
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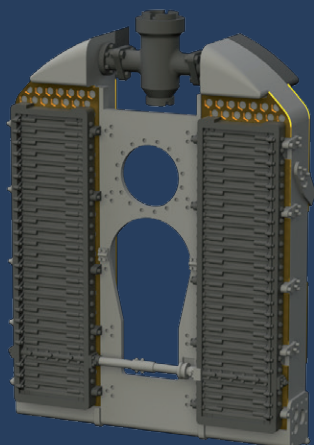
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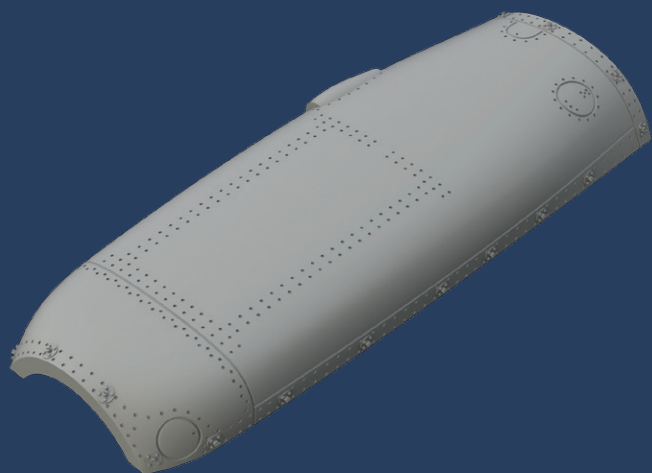
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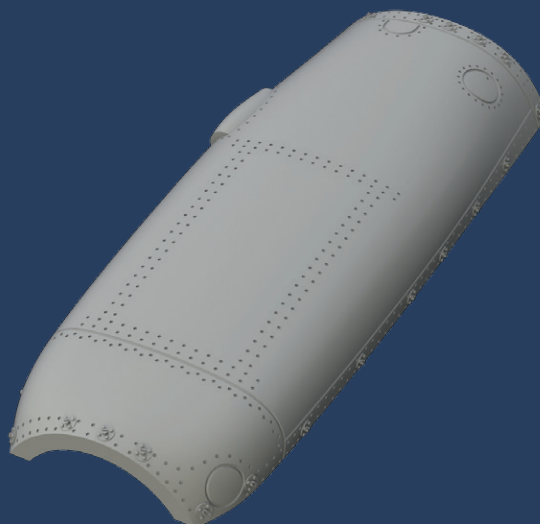
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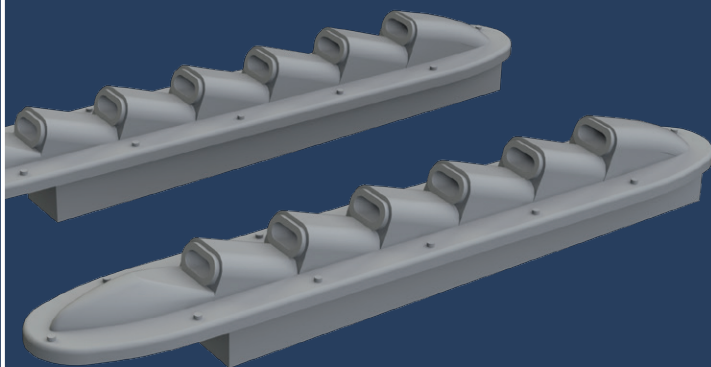
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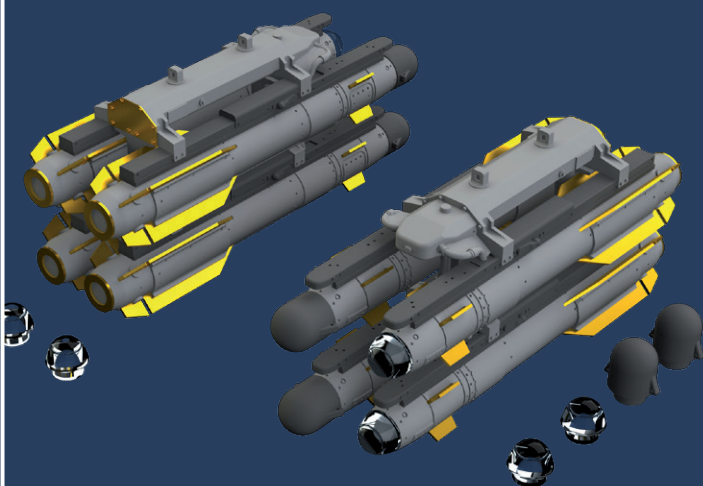
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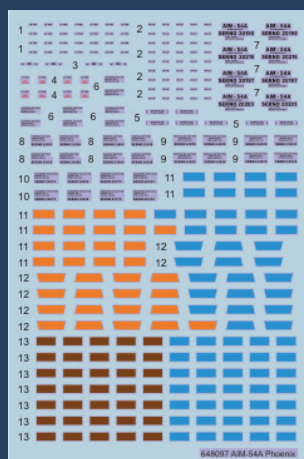
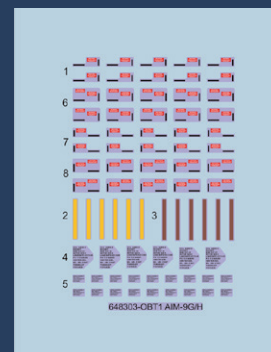
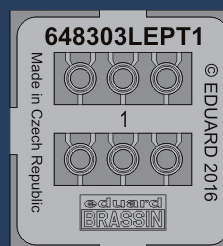
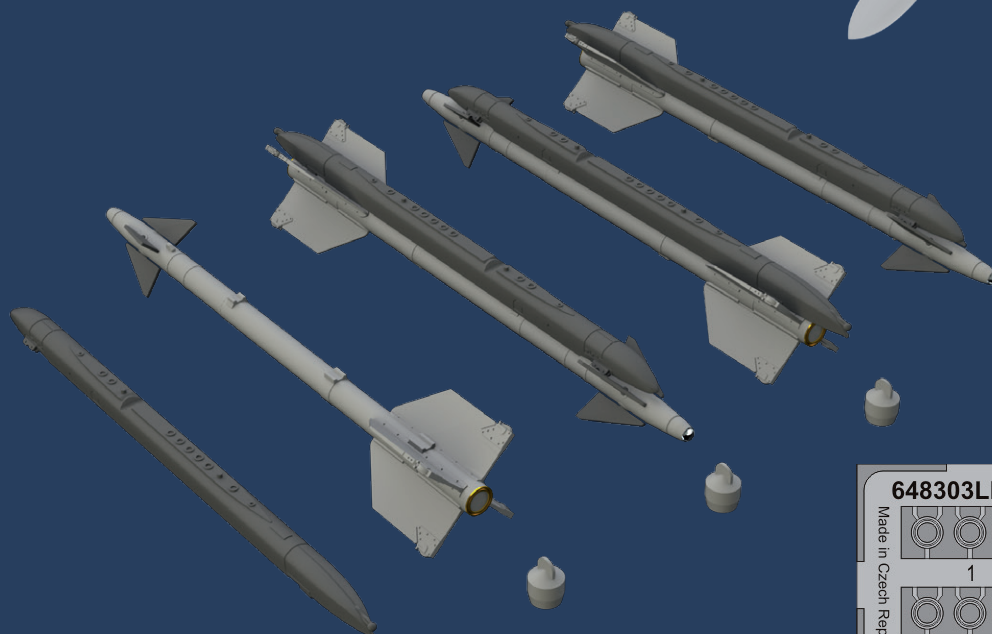
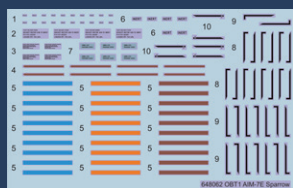
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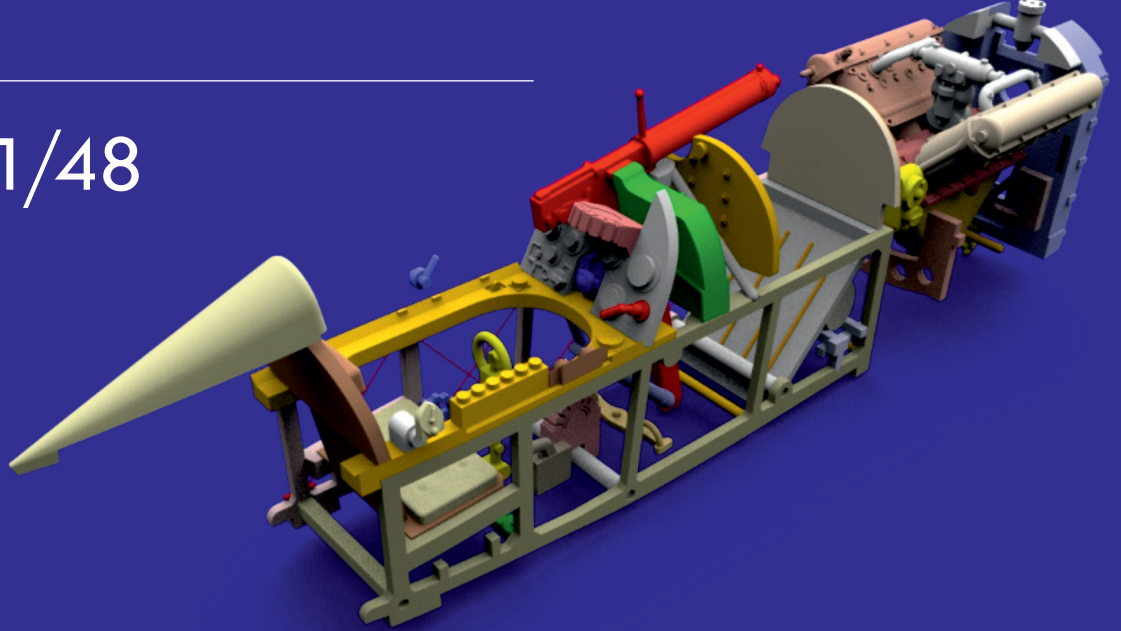
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