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September 2015



EDITORIAL

Today's forward, my friends, is written in New Jersey, on the 'long-way-round' home from the IPMS US Nationals in Columbus, Ohio. Eduard has been a constant visitor to the US Nationals since 1994 in Seattle, and I was there personally a year later, in '95, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, so I consider myself a bit of an experienced horse at these events. Often, we would come to these events down from Canada via Dayton because, in those early days, they put on some amazing airshows, and the USAF museum was also a major attraction, and remains one for us to this day. This year was no different, since Dayton is not far from Columbus. The most valued find on this year's trip was that which allowed us to photograph stabilizer sections of the Fw 190A, and these in turn, will aid us in the design of our new-tooled Fw 190A, but even in 1/72 scale, the profile of the rudder doesn't appear to be off. All in all, the show went off without a hitch, and if I hadn't forgotten to glue the ammo ejection chutes into the wheel well of the Fw 190 that I put together at the show when I had a bit of time, our presence wouldn't be much commented on. I ended up buying a head-mounted magnifier for this job at the show, not to make a fashion statement, but because I really do need it. Furthermore, I proceeded gluing without instructions, and went only by memory, which should excuse the omission of the noted component. There are those of you that will surely spot the missing part, and the rest of you will just have to take my word for it! The first of the 1/72 scale series, Fw 190A-8, is slated to be out on October 1st. At the moment, we are working feverishly for its completion, as we plan on introducing this kit at E-day, with stock in hand. Similar feverish attention is being given to the 'Aussie Eights', the Spitfire Mk.VIII in Australian service. This kit is nearing completion, and it will be available for September 1st. Details

of this kit can be found in this edition of our newsletter. You can get this kit at PlzenKit, but for those for whom this is not possible, a little more patience will be in order.

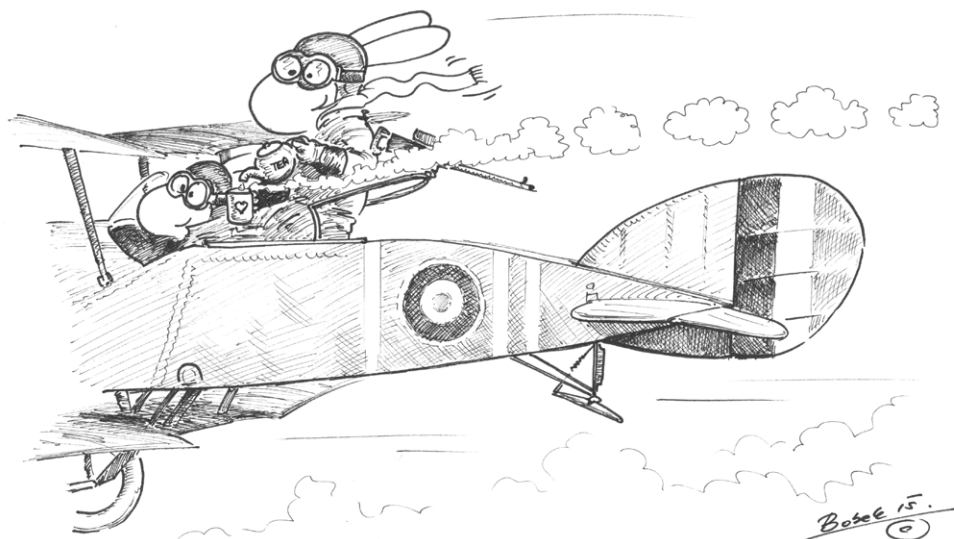
Now, all of that is a matter for the near future, so a look at what is being done for August may be in order. Given that it is summer, there really is quite a bit on offer. There are five kits. Perhaps, the most interesting and most anticipated item is the Yak-1b, and not just because of the rather adventurous way that it took to get to this point. The kit is a composite of two former boxings of the model that originated with Accurate Miniatures, contains what we consider to be the most attractive of available marking options based on what is currently known, and also one of the most attractive Limited Edition boxarts we have ever released. The other new kits for this month are also re-editions of older kits, the F6F-5 in 1/72 scale and the Bristol Fighter in 1/48, the MiG-15 in 1/144 scale, and last, not least, and perhaps somewhat surprisingly, the 1/35 scale Tiger II Weekend Edition kit which contains Academy plastic. Photoetched releases that are worthy of mention include sets for the 1/32 Revell Fw 190F-8 and the HKM Mosquito. Kits in 1/48 are represented by offerings for the ICM U-2/Po-2, and in 1/72 sets for the Academy F-4J Phantom II and the C-54 from Revell. I must admit a higher than normal level of surprise at the quantity and engineering of the parts in the latter of the two. That's not to say that the Phantom set is not to our standard, but we have done many Phantom sets over the years, but four-engined beasts, especially transports, those tend to be a rarity. There are also two sets for the 1/350 scale Yorktown, and the FABRIC and SUPERFABRIC sets are not to be

overlooked. These, as you probably all know, are two completely revolutionary methods of representing seat belt harnesses inside of scale aircraft. There are also five new BIG ED sets this month, as with the masks, including ones for the creation of Hurricane and Spitfire camouflage schemes in 1/48 scale. You wanted 'em, now you got 'em.

The Brassin line is also feverishly active with twelve new sets among which are included engine and armament sets for the Spitfire Mk.XVI from our own production facility, and a new Bigsin for the Avia B.534, also of our own manufacture. The remaining sets may be considered minor, although that could be taken as a euphemism; some of the bombs are bombastic.

So now, friends, I will let you get to the newsletter, and hope that you will enjoy it. I still have a few skyscrapers to climb over in Manhattan.

Happy Modeling!
Vladimir Sulc



Fw 190 A-8 1/72

OCTOBER 2015 TEST BUILT



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BUBLAVA IN THE ORE MOUNTAINS

16th -18th October 2015

A team relaxing race in Extreme
modelling inspired by
24 Heures du Mans race under
the support of Eduard
Bunny Fighter Club.

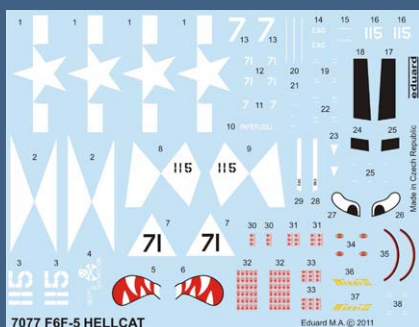




F6F-5

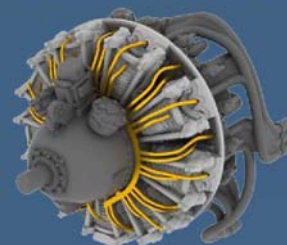
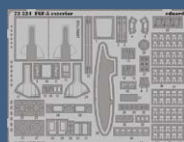
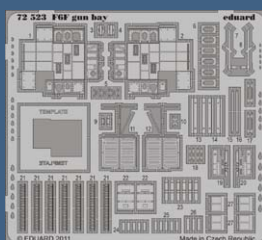
1/72, Cat. No. 7077

- color photo-etched set
- painting mask
- decals Eduard



RECOMMENDED:

- 72524 F6F-5 exterior (PE-SET)
- 72523 F6F gun bay (PE-SET)
- 672001 R-2800-10 engine (Brassin)
- 672038 US 250lb bombs (Brassin)
- 672039 US 500lb bombs (Brassin)



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BRASSIN



'Minsi III', BuNo 70143, Cdr. David McCampbell,
USS Essex, October 25th, 1944



White 7 'Paper Doll', Lt. Carl A. Brown Jr., VF-27,
USS Princeton, October 24th, 1944



White 115, 'Death and Destruction', BuNo 72534,
Ensigns Donald McPherson, Bill Kingston, Jr., and
Lyttleton Ward, VF-83, USS Essex, May 5th, 1945



White 71, Lt. Leo Bob McCuddin, VF-20,
USS Enterprise, October, 1944

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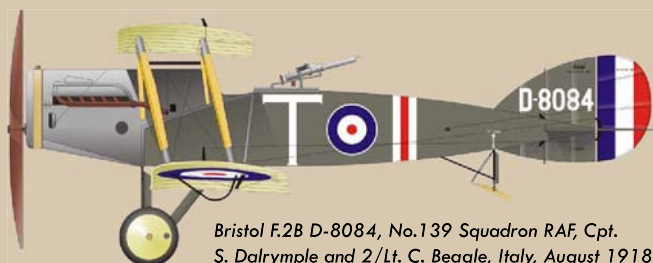
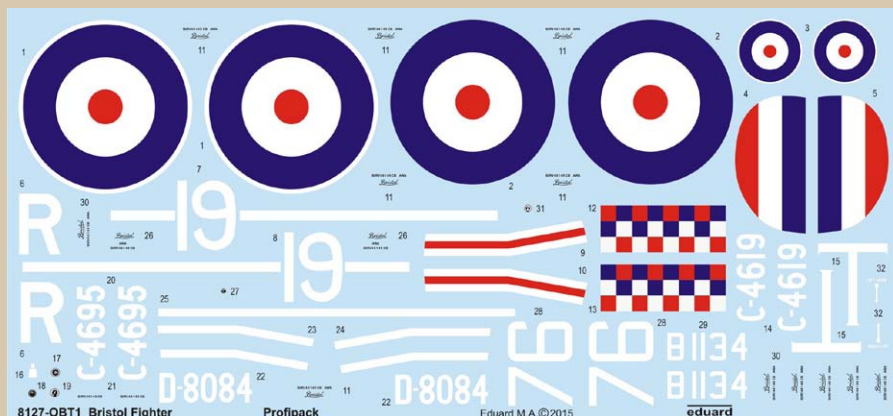


Bristol Fighter

1/48 Cat. No. 8127

- color photo-etched set
- painting mask
- decals Eduard

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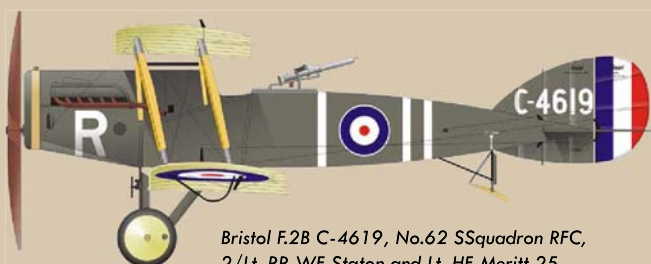
Bristol F.2B D-8084, No.139 Squadron RAF, Cpt. S. Dalrymple and 2/Lt. C. Beagle, Italy, August 1918



Bristol F.2B B1134, No.34 Squadron RFC, February 1918



Bristol F.2B C-4695, Gunnery Trainer, No.2 SAFG/No.4 ASAG, Marske, England, 1918



Bristol F.2B C-4619, No.62 SSquadron RFC, 2/Lt. PR WE Staton and Lt. HE Meritt, 25 1/2 confirmed victories, France, early 1918



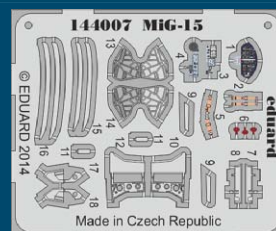
MiG-15 Dual combo

1/144 Cat. No. 4443

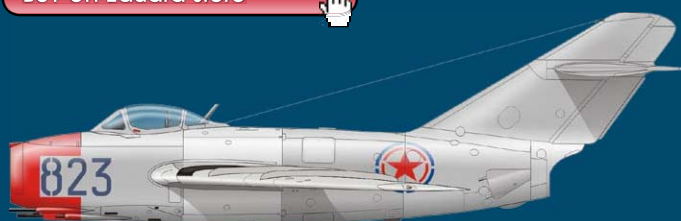
- painting mask
- decals Eduard

RECOMMENDED:

144007 MiG-15
(PE-SET)



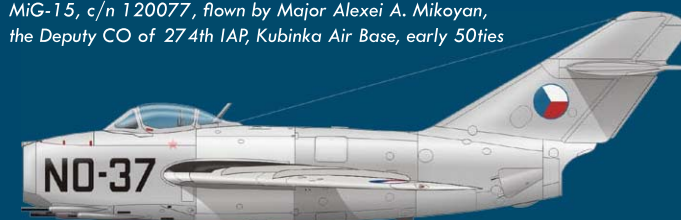
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MiG-15, c/n 108023, 176th IAP,
Antung Air Base, Korea, April 1951



MiG-15, c/n 120077, flown by Major Alexei A. Mikoyan,
the Deputy CO of 274th IAP, Kubinka Air Base, early 50ties



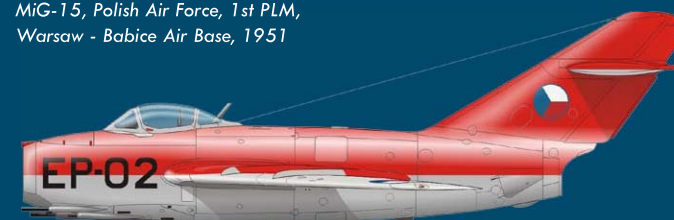
MiG-15, flown by Lt. Jaroslav Sramek, 2nd Squadron,
5th Fighter Regiment, Plzen-Line AB, Late March, 1953



MiG-15, 29th GIAP, Dachang Air Base,
Shanghai, China, spring - summer 1950



MiG-15, Polish Air Force, 1st PLM,
Warsaw - Babice Air Base, 1951



MiG-15, 1st Fighter Division, Ruzyně airport, September, 1955



Limited edition 1/48

Cat. No. 1194



Yak-1b

- ★ Ex - Accurate Miniatures plastic parts
- ★ Color photo-etched details and painting mask
- ★ Cartograf printed decals
- ★ 7 colorful marking options

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Flown by Pavel P. Karavay, 897th IAP,
288th IAD, Winter, 1942/43



Flown by Alexei V. Aleyukhin, 9th GIAP, Spring, 1943



Flown by Vladimir P. Pokrovskiy, 2nd GIAP,
Northern Fleet, 1944/45



Flown by Roland de la Poype, GC 3 Normandie, May, 1943



Flown by Nikolai A. Kozlov, 910th IAP, February, 1943



Flown by Capt. Pavel M. Chuvilev, CO A of 1st Flight,
427th IAP, Sokolniki Air Field, August, 1943



3rd Flight, 267th IAP, Zemun Air Field,
Yugoslavia, Early 1945

WEEKEND
edition

Pz.Kpfw. VI Ausf. B Tiger II

1/35, Cat. No. 3741



- 2 markings
- decals Eduard
- plastic parts Academy

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3./s.Pz.Abt. 510, Rengershausen,
Germany, April, 1945



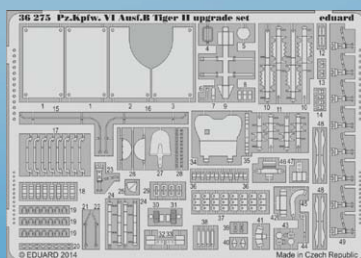
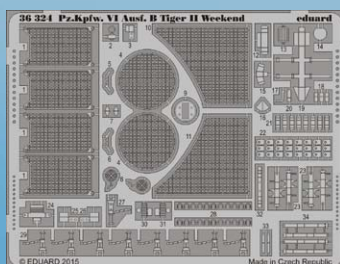
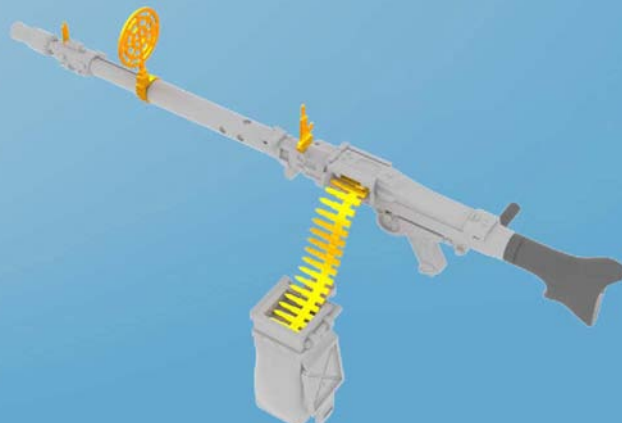
3./s.Pz.Abt. 511, Kassel,
Germany, 1945

RECOMMENDED:

36275 Pz.Kpfw. VI Ausf. B Tiger II upgrade set (PE-SET)

36324 Pz.Kpfw. VI Ausf. B Tiger II Weekend (PE-SET)

635002 MG 34 gun (brassin)





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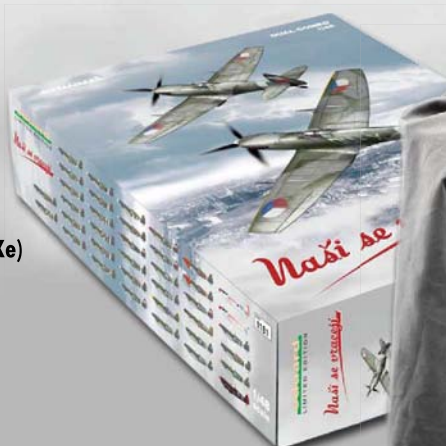
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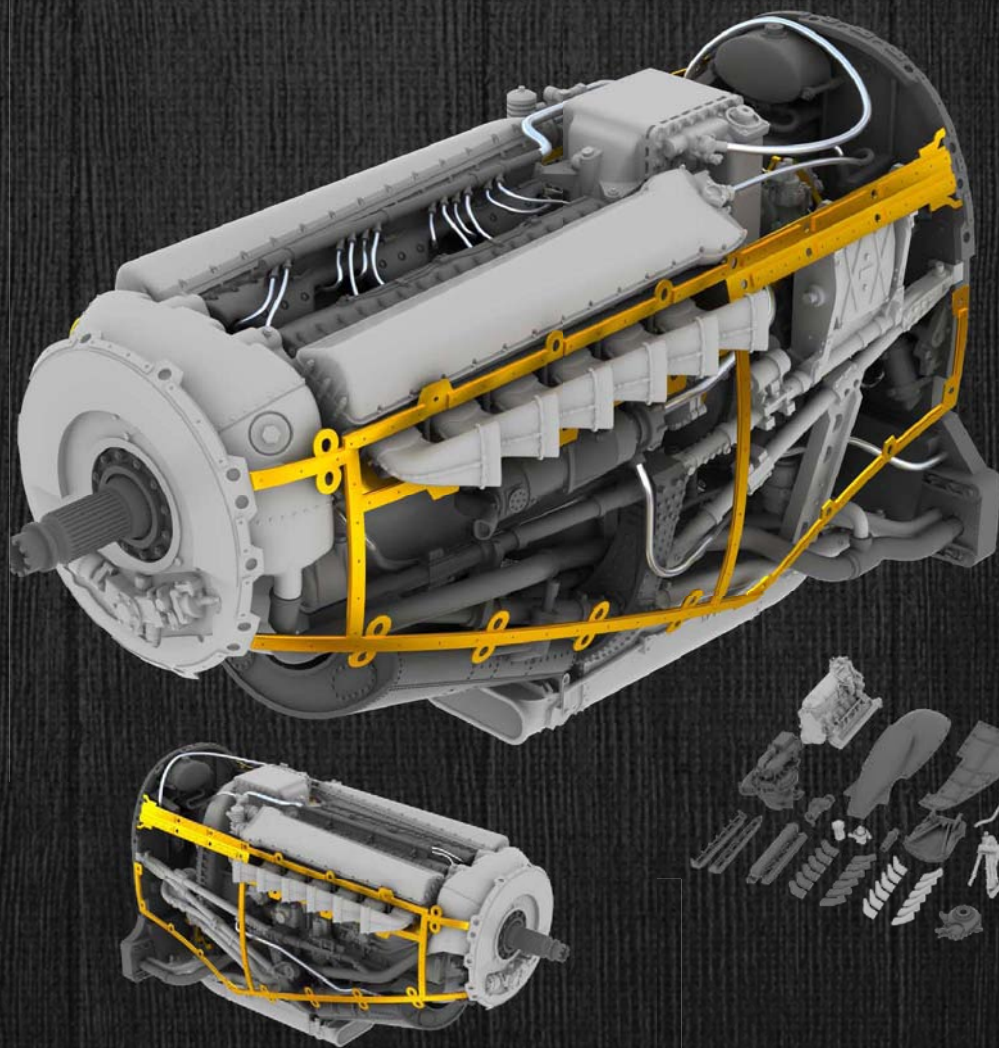


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648217 Spitfire Mk.XVI engine 1/48 Eduard

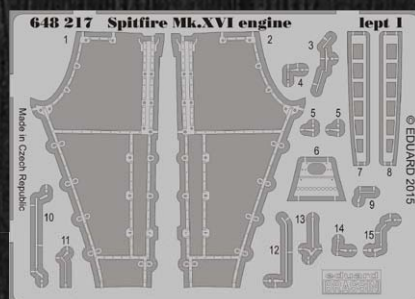


Brassin engine set for Spitfire Mk.XVI in 48th scale by Eduard.

Set contains:

- resin: 57 parts
- decals: no
- photo-etched details: yes

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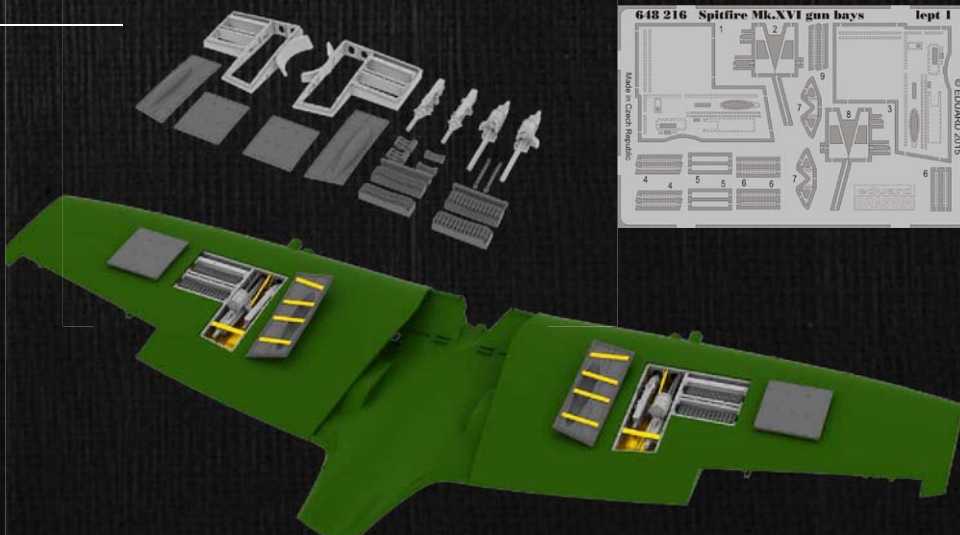
648216 Spitfire Mk.XVI gun bays 1/48 Eduard

2 pieces of Brassin gun bays for Spitfire Mk.XVI in 48th scale by Eduard.

Set contains:

- resin: 22 parts
- painting mask: no
- decals: no
- photo-etched details: yes

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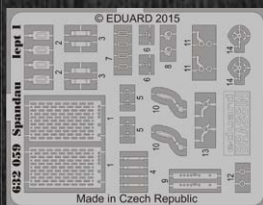
Spandau WWI gun

1/32

Brassin set of 2 pairs of Spandau WWI guns in 32nd scale.

Set contains:

- resin: 14 parts
- decals: no
- photo-etched details: yes
- film: no

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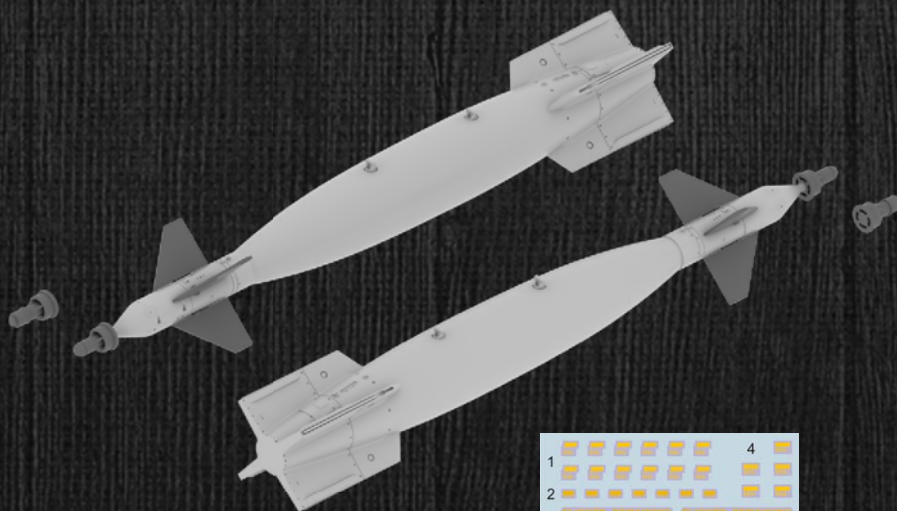
GBU-10 Paveway II

1/48

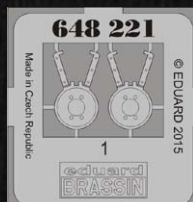
Brassin set of 2 pieces of GBU-10 Paveway II homing bombs in 48th scale.

Set contains:

- resin: 14 parts
- decals: yes
- photo-etched details: no
- painting mask: no

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Mk.84 bombs retarded fin
1/48



Brassin set of 2 pieces of Mk.84 bombs with retarded fin in 48th scale.

Set contains:

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

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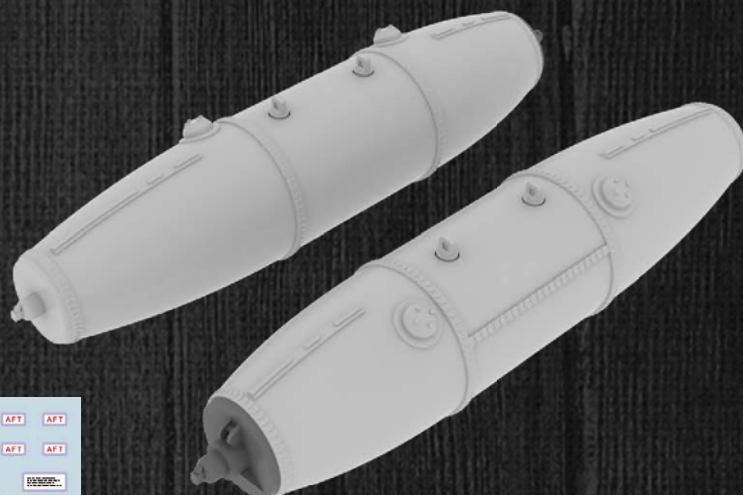
Mk.77 bombs

1/48

Brassin set of 2 pieces of Mk.77 bombs in 48th scale.

Set contains:

- resin: 4 parts
- decals: yes
- photo-etched details: no
- painting mask: no

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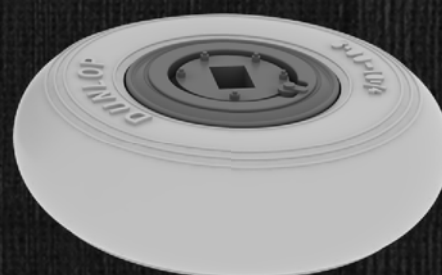
Hurricane Mk.I wheels

1/48 Airfix

Brassin set of 2 pieces of main wheels for Hurricane Mk.I in 48th scale by Airfix.

Set contains:

- resin: 4 parts
- decals: no
- photo-etched details: no
- painting mask: yes

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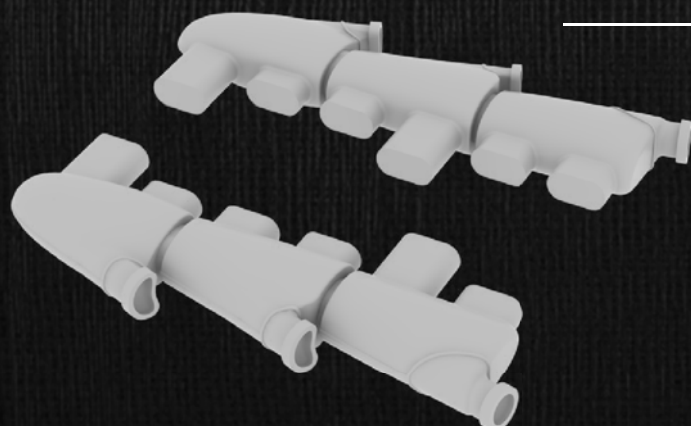
Hurricane Mk.I exhaust stacks

1/72 Airfix

Brassin set of left and right exhaust stacks for Hurricane Mk.I in 48th scale by Airfix.

Set contains:

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- decals: no
- photo-etched details: no
- painting mask: no

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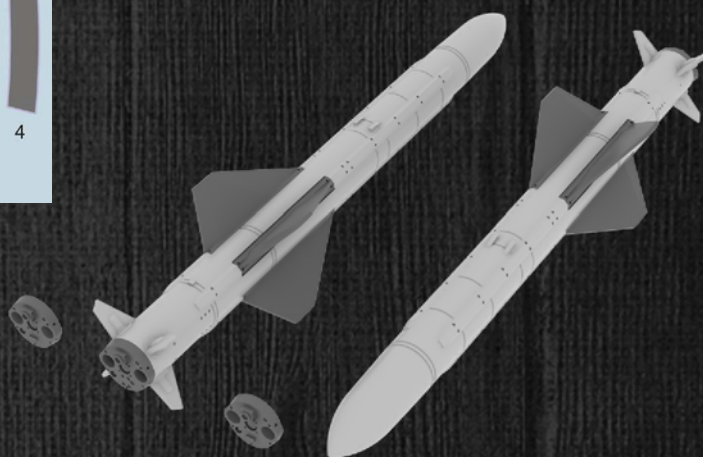
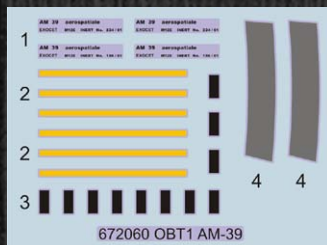
AM-39 Exocet

1/72

Brassin set of 2 pieces of AM-39 Exocet missiles in 72nd scale.

Set contains:

- resin: 14 parts
- decals: yes
- photo-etched details: yes
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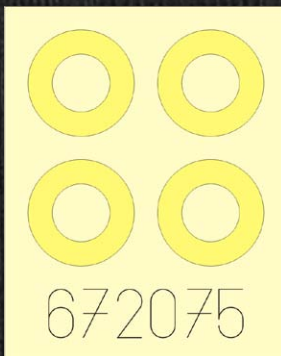
Beaufighter Mk.X wheels

1/72 Airfix

Brassin set of 2 pieces of main wheels for Beaufighter Mk.X in 72nd scale by Airfix.

Set contains:

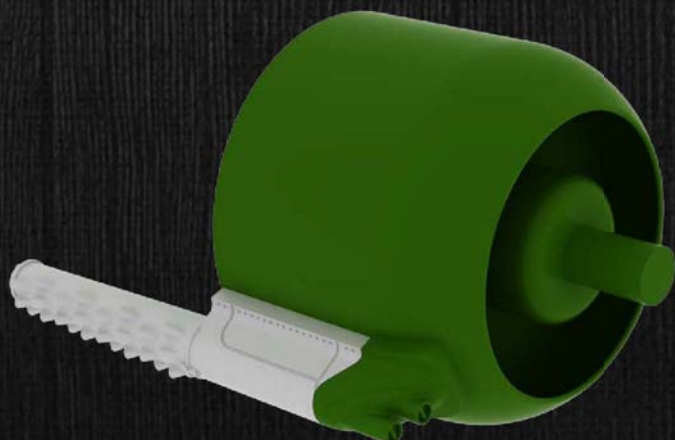
- resin: 2 parts
- decals: no
- photo-etched details: no
- painting mask: yes

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Beaufighter Mk.X exhausts

1/72 Airfix



Brassin set of exhausts for Beaufighter Mk.X in 72nd scale by Airfix.

Set contains:

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- decals: no
- photo-etched details: no
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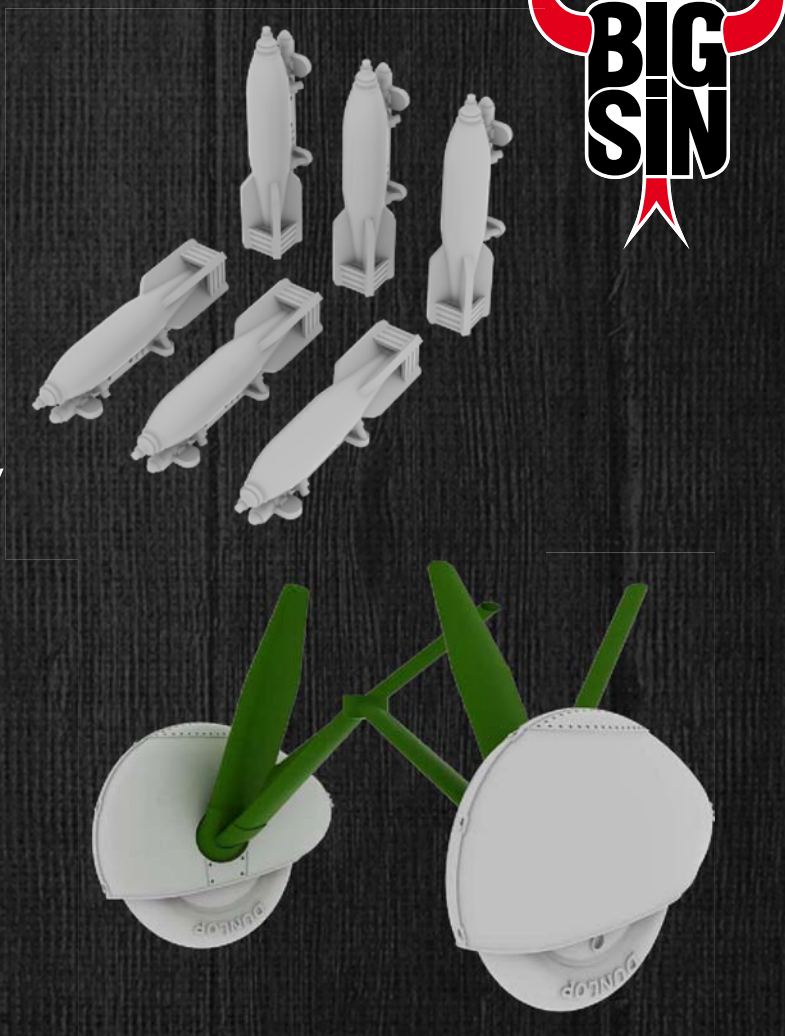
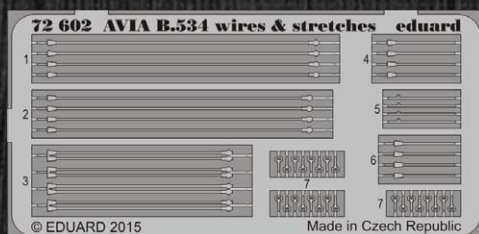
Avia B. 534

1/72 Eduard

BIG SIN collection containing 2 individual Brassin sets and 1 photo-etched set for Avia B.534 in 72nd scale by Eduard.

- wheels & spats (672066)
- bombs & racks, (672069)
- wires & stretchers (72602)

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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E-BUNNY'S SQUAT

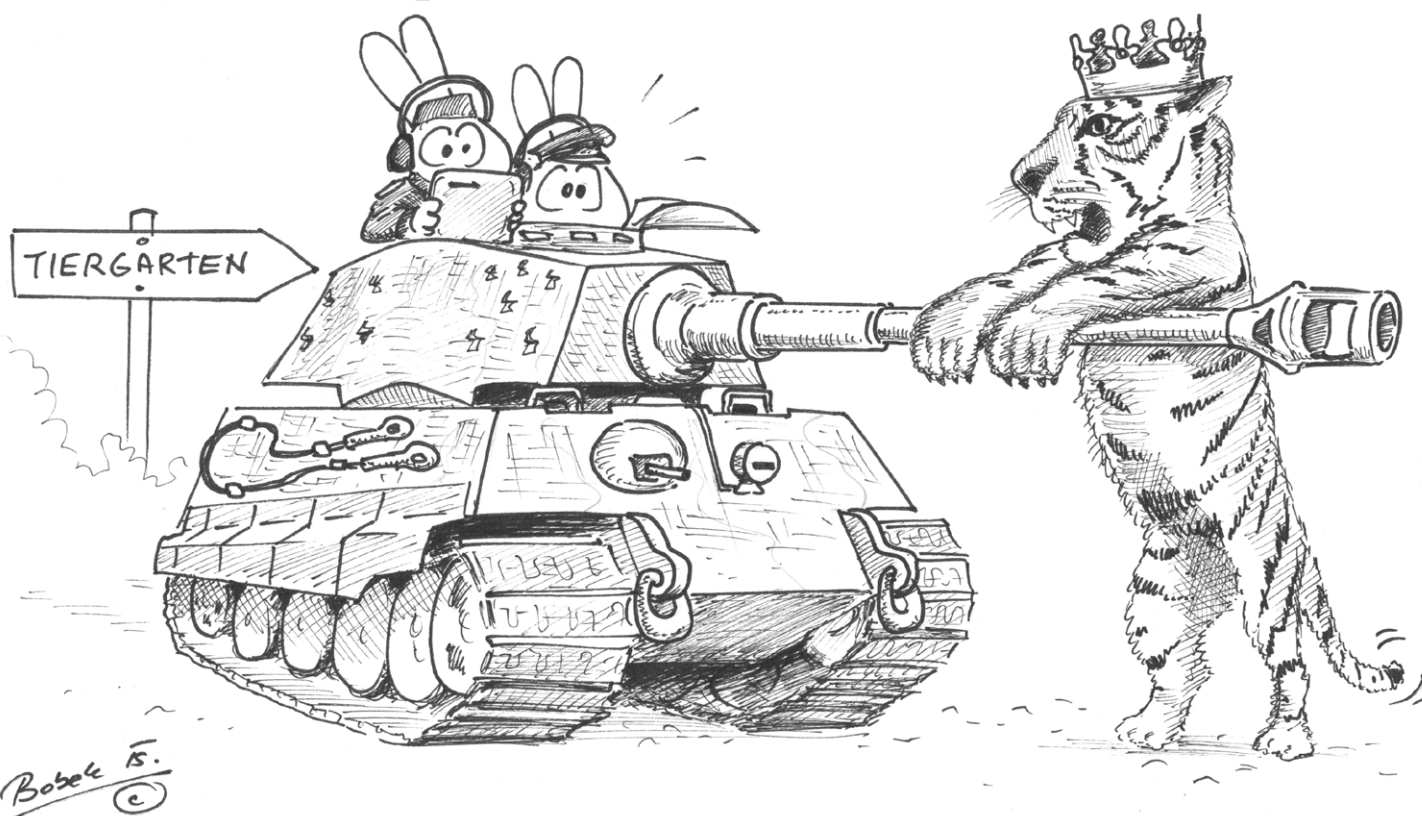
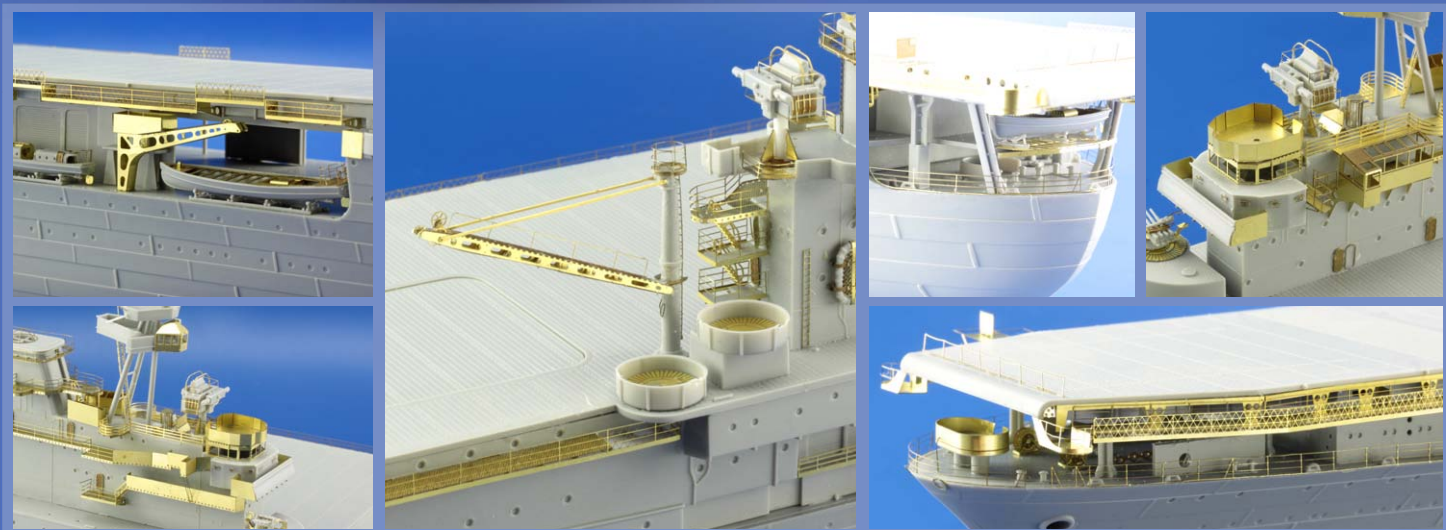


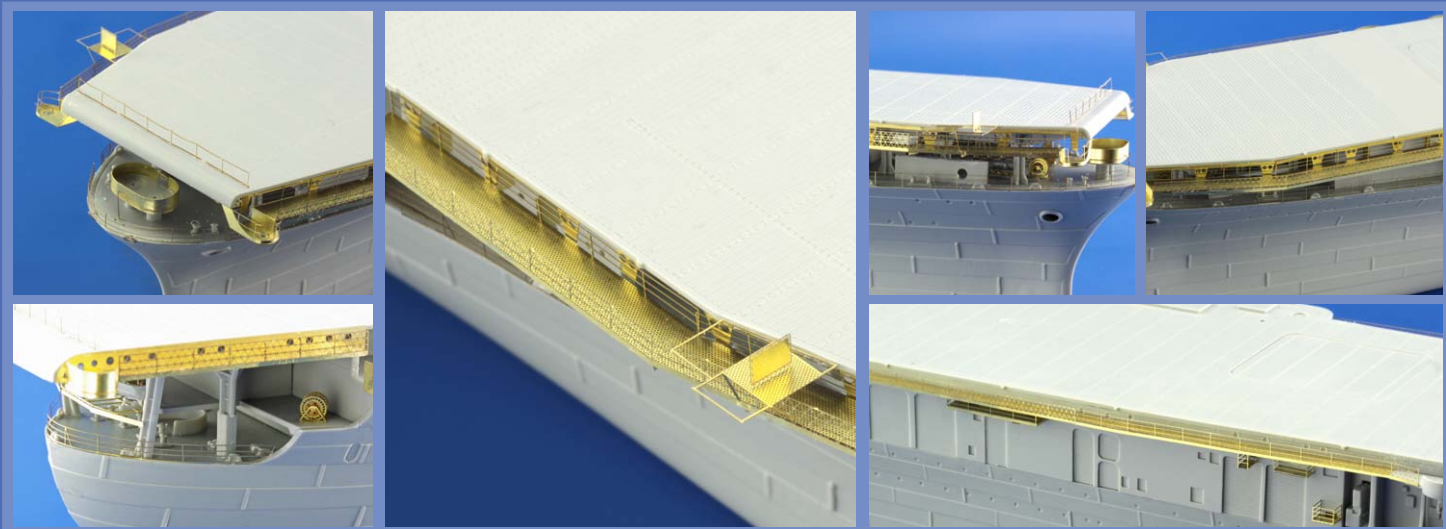
PHOTO-ETCHED SETS AND MASKS

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USS CV-5 Yorktown part 3 superstructure 1/350 Merit (53142)



USS CV-5 Yorktown part 4 flight deck 1/350 Merit (53143)

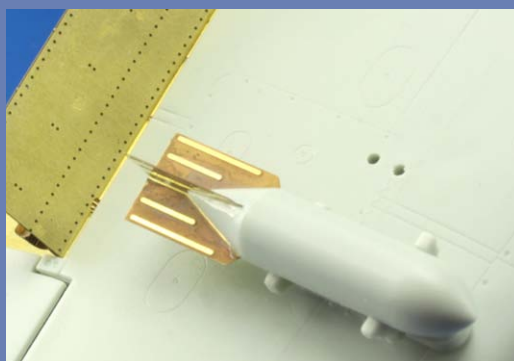




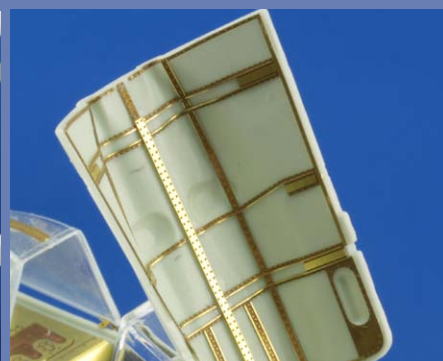
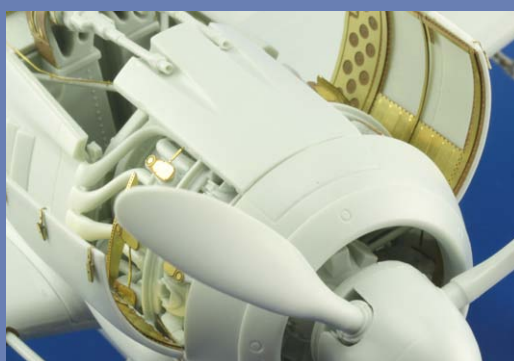
Fw 190F-8 wheel bay 1/32 Revell (32373)



Fw 190F-8 armament 1/32 Revell (32374)

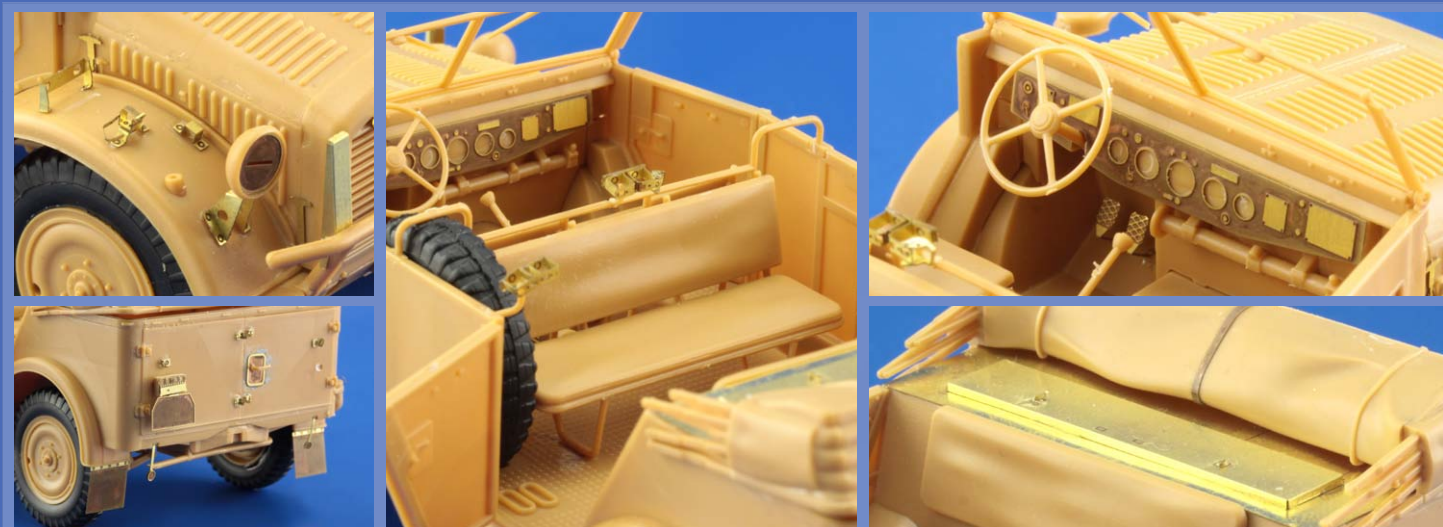


Fw 190F-8 engine 1/32 Revell (32375)



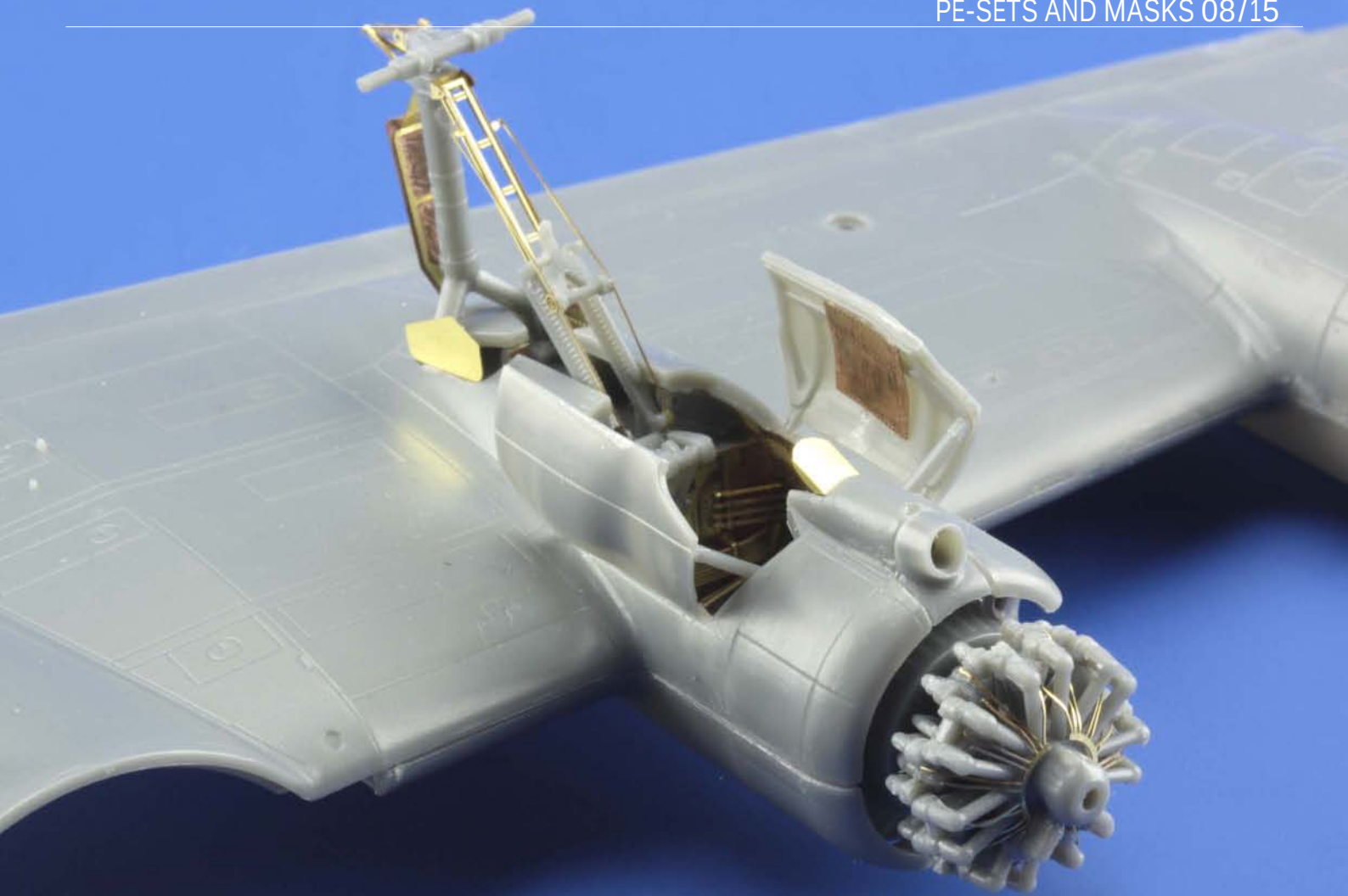


Horch 1/35 ICM (36325)

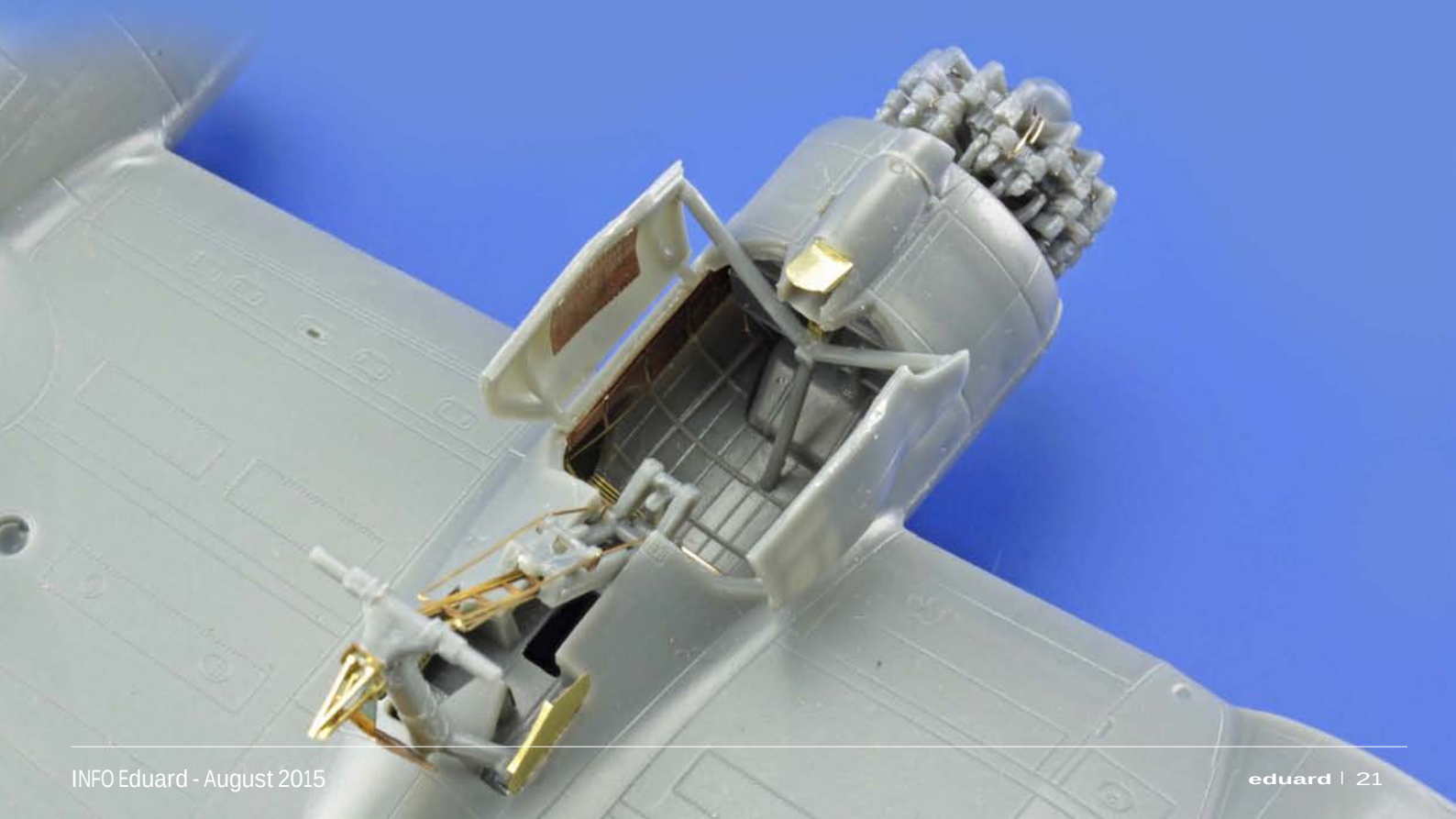


F-4J air brakes 1/72 Academy (72604)





C-54 exterior 1/72 Revell (72605)

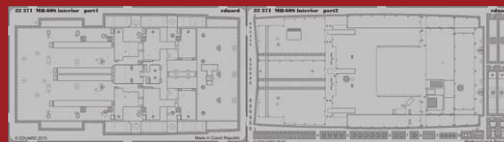
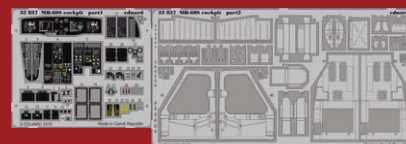


BIG ED

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BIG3353 MH-60S 1/35 ACADEMY

- 32370 MH-60S exterior
- 32371 MH-60S interior
- 32837 MH-60S cockpit S.A.
- 32838 MH-60S seatbelts
- JX179 MH-60S
- 32501 Remove Before Flight



32370 MH-60S exterior (BIG3353)



32832 Ju 87A S.A. (BIG3351)

BIG3351 JU 87A 1/32 TRUMPETER

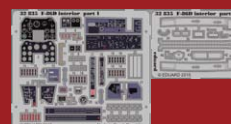
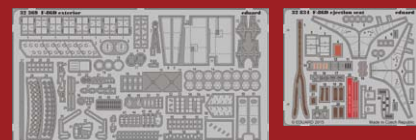
- 32832 Ju 87A S.A.
- 32833 Ju 87A seatbelts
- JX178 Ju 87A



48845 AH-1Z exterior (BIG49130)

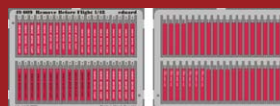
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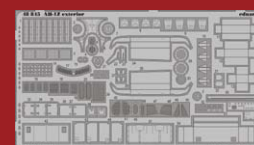
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Chapter 3 - Spitfire Pilots

Old Man

Rex Wyndham Watson

Rex Watson was one of the oldest fighter pilots to serve in the RAAF in World War Two. He was born in the UK in October 1909 and was aged twenty when he migrated to Australia in 1929.

In November 1940 Rex applied for, and was granted, enlistment in the RAAF. He was determined to be a pilot, but he had two problems. He had a serious knee injury sustained in a motorcycle accident, and at age 31 he was too old to be accepted for pilot training. Rex got away with reducing his age by the extraordinary amount of five years. On enlistment he gave his date of birth as the 17th October 1914, when in fact he was born in 1909. During the medical examination he managed to hide the wonky knee from the, one suspects sympathetic, medical examiner.

Having completed his basic training at No. 2 Initial Training School, he commenced his flying training at No. 4 Elementary Flying Training School at Mascot, NSW, on 6 February. He then went to No. 5 Service Flying Training School at Uranquinty, NSW, where he mastered the Wirraway. He was granted the rank of Sergeant and in October 1941 embarked for the UK, arriving there in December.

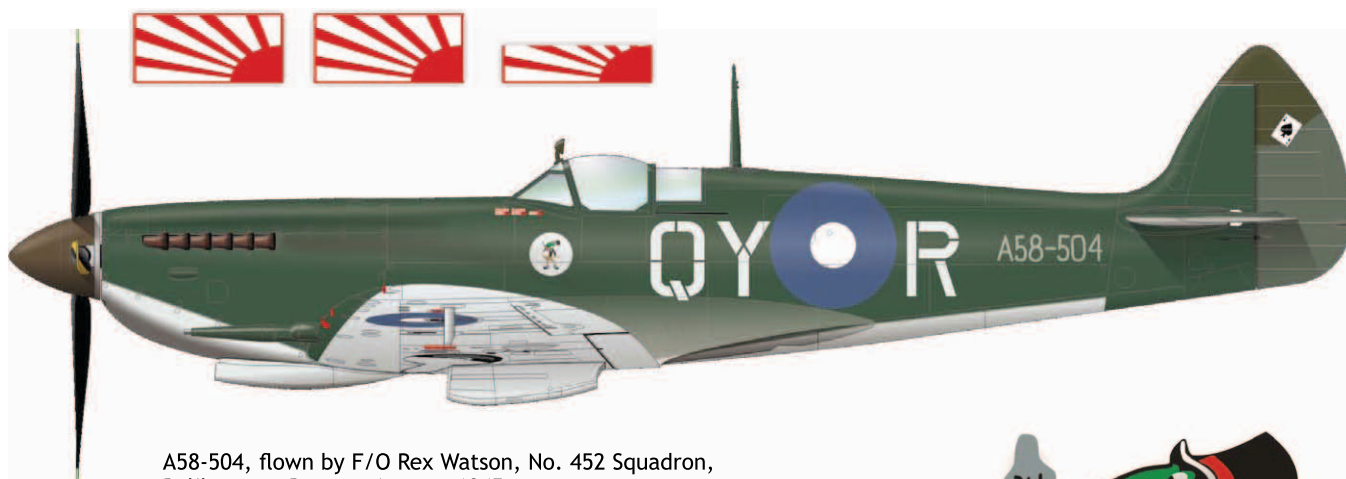
Top: When Rex arrived at No. 452 Sqn he took over A58-504 as his aircraft. Before that it had been coded QY-E as seen in this shot taken at Morotai in April 1945. The aircraft in the background is Clive Caldwell's A58-484.



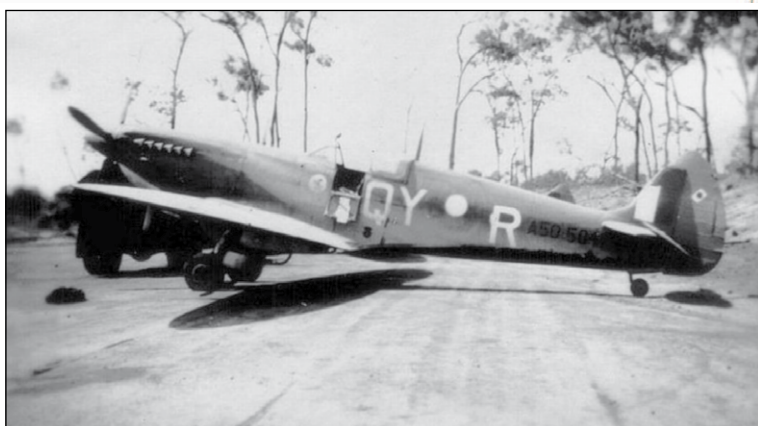
Flight Sergeant Rex Wyndham Watson rests on the cockpit sill of his Spitfire VC, BS219, XB-X, at Livingstone Strip, near Darwin, in March 1943. Rex flew fighter sweeps over France with No. 457 Squadron, before the unit returned to Australia where he claimed 2 ½ Japanese aircraft in the air battles over Darwin.



After he joined No. 452 Sqn, Rex took over A58-504, QY-R, as his aircraft. It was adorned with his 'Jiminy Cricket' emblem and carried his total of 2 ½ victories. It is seen here undergoing maintenance at Seppinggang in late August 1945, after Rex had returned to Australia. It has acquired a new tail unit and is awaiting the application of a fin flash.



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



At the end of the war, some of the Spitfires were deemed not to be airworthy for the long flight back to Australia and destroyed at the advanced bases. However, A58-504 was one of those fit enough to be flown back and is seen here in November 1945 when staging through Higgins Field, on Cape York, Queensland. The light grey exhaust stains on the side of the fuselage are evidence of an engine tuned for lean running to give maximum range.

During January and February 1942 he undertook Advanced Flying Training on Miles Masters and then joined No. 53 Operations Training Unit for conversion to Spitfires. In mid May, he was posted to No. 457 Squadron, stationed at Red Hill. This squadron was part of No. 11 Group and was engaged in fighter sweeps over Europe. Rex flew several sorties before the squadron was recalled to Australia. Along with No. 452 Squadron, RAAF, and No. 54 Squadron, RAF, they arrived in Australia in August 1942, but with only six Spitfires, most of the aircraft intended for Australia had been diverted, en route, to the Middle East.

There was little flying done until November when replacement aircraft arrived. When they had sufficient aircraft, No. 1 Wing, consisting of Nos 452, 457 and 54 Squadrons moved up to bases just South of Darwin. No. 457 Squadron moved to Livingstone Strip at the beginning of February 1943.

Rex Watson's first engagement with Japanese aircraft took place on the 15 March 1943. At 1030, the wing was scrambled to intercept an incoming raid. Rex was flying as 'Bush' Hamilton's No. 2. Hamilton led Rex in a diving attack on a flight of three Zeros about 1000 feet, (300 metres), below. Rex managed to get into a firing position on a turning Zero but was forced to break off his attack when another Zero from the top cover dived on him. Rex waited until the Zero was almost within firing range and then broke hard left, pulling on the stick until he entered a high speed stall. This caused the Zero to overshoot and, as it flashed by, Rex released the pressure on the stick and half-rolled to get on Zero's tail. Both aircraft descended in a steep dive but the Spitfire's higher diving speed allowed Rex to close the gap. As the Zero pilot pulled out of his dive Rex was able to close the gap to less than 50 metres and opened fire. He saw strikes on the Zero's wing root, and cockpit area, but both his cannons jammed and he broke off the combat. He observed the Zero enter a spin with its forward fuselage and engine aflame.

Rex was granted a commission as a Pilot Officer on 1 May 1943. Shortly after, on 9 May, he scored his second victory. Together with five pilots and six ground crew of 457 Squadron, Rex was sent to Millingimbi, East of Darwin, after it had been attacked that morning by Japanese aircraft. The following day the Japanese attacked again. The Australians were expecting more bombers but, in fact, encountered a large formation of Zeros. Some of the Spitfires were preparing to land when the order to scramble came through, while others were preparing to take off for their patrol. The scramble proved to be somewhat chaotic, with the squadron failing to join up before the Japanese were sighted. Rex was leading Morse and Batchelor in a Vic of three when three Zeros attacked them from behind.

"Someone called out that there was a Zero on my tail. I looked out and saw three Zeros - then six Zeros. I looked again and there were nine Zeros. I wasn't game to look again. I made a quarter attack on the first Zero, and got him with a two seconds burst. Black smoke began to pour out, and I watched him spin practically to the sea. Another Zero came by on my starboard wing. I half-rolled, climbed for position, and saw three or four Zeros milling about. Then I spotted another Zero ahead, and I pulled up at the vertical and got in a burst. I saw part of the wing fall off."

Rex was credited with one destroyed and one damaged.

Rex was involved in more intercepts and combats over Darwin and managed to claim another two dam-

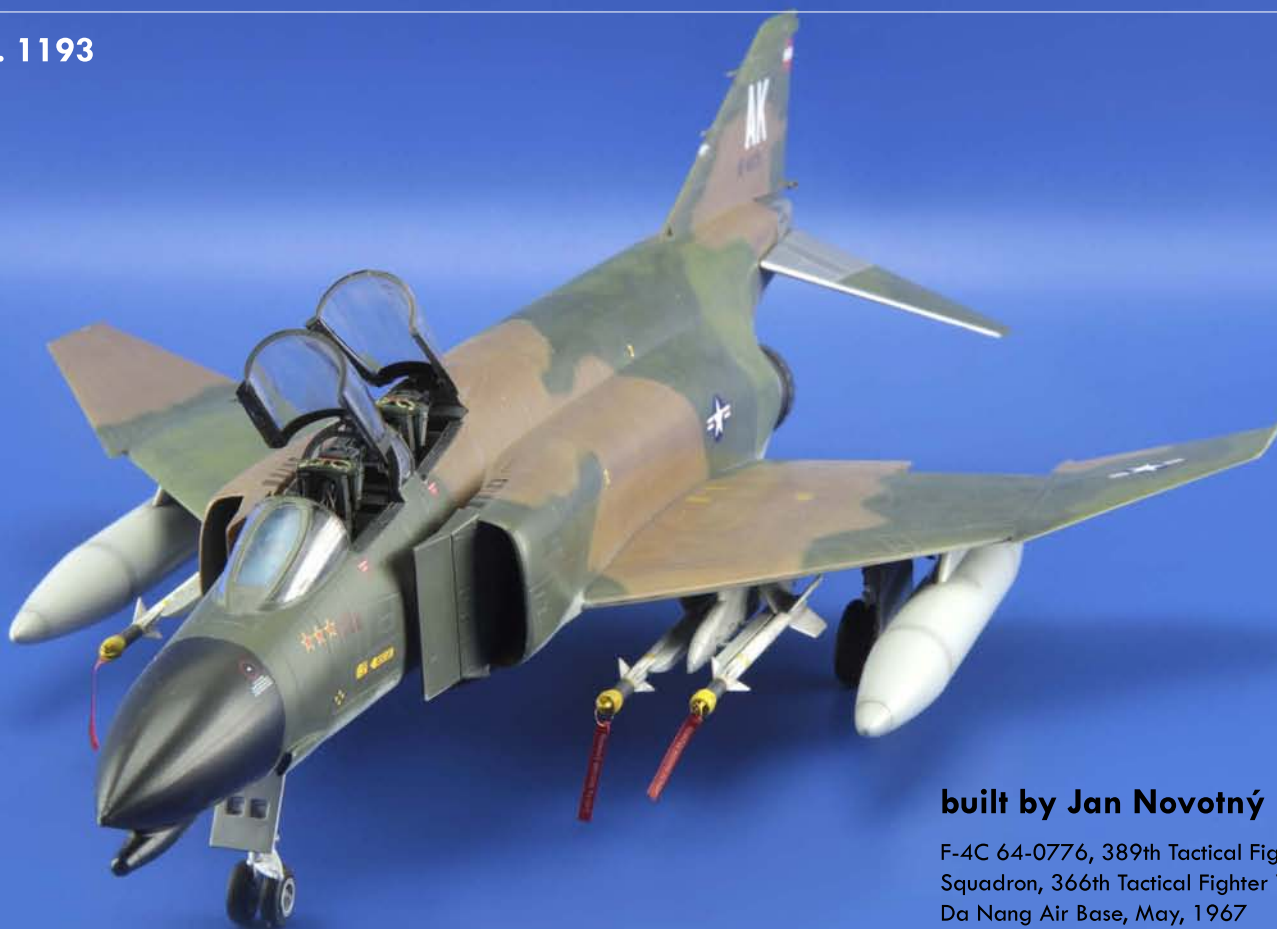
aged. His final victory came on 17 August when, in company with Bill Gregory, he was scrambled to intercept a Ki-46 'Dinah'. They were ordered to climb to 30,000 ft, (9,000 metres), plus and vectored towards the incoming aircraft. Gregory made the first sighting of the Dinah at 31,000 feet, (9,300 metres). Unfortunately, his engine was performing badly and he had trouble keeping up. Rex closed with the Japanese aircraft, coming up on its beam, until he was slightly ahead of it, and then turned in for a beam attack. He was unable to complete that attack due to the enemy aircraft's speed and he reversed his turn to pull in close behind it. One of his cannons failed, but in three separate attacks, he scored numerous hits on the 'Dinah'. The port engine was on fire, the fuselage had been hit numerous times and the cockpit transparency was shattered. He pulled aside to let his No. 2 have a go, but Gregory had been unable to keep up. However, another pilot had spotted the fight and he joined in. Rod Jenkins closed in from directly astern and kept firing until an engine on the enemy machine blew up and the aircraft burst into flames. The aircraft disintegrated as it plummeted down. The kill was awarded as a half share to each pilot.

That was Watson's last claim. His score stood at 2 ½, not bad for an 'old man' of 33! Rex was promoted to Flying Officer in November and remained with No. 457 Squadron until January 1944, when he was post to No. 2 Operational Training Unit, as a Wirraway instructor. In July, he was posted again, this time to No. 8 Operational Training Unit as an instructor on Wirraways and Spitfires. In January 1945, he attended a course in gunnery, at the Central Gunnery School at Cressy in Victoria.

He then joined No 452 Squadron based at Morotai in April 1945, and shortly after was promoted to Flight Lieutenant. He took over A58-504, QY-R, previously flown by Des Cormack, and had his Jiminy Cricket emblem, and score of 2 ½ Japanese aircraft, added below the windscreen. He flew operations from Morotai and Balikpapan, Borneo, but ill-health haunted him, and he was forced to return to Australia for hospitalisation at the end of July. He was discharged from the RAAF in December.



Seppinggang Airstrip, Balikpapan, 15 July 1945, two days after the RAAF fighter squadrons took possession. F/O Rex Watson, third from left, discusses a forthcoming operation with three other No. 452 Squadron pilots, in front of A58-516. The aircraft was now coded QY-E and flown regularly by Sgt Gurney. On the left is F/O Jack Pretty, who shot down a 'Nick' on the night of 24 December 1944.



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F-4C 64-0776, 389th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, Da Nang Air Base, May, 1967

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Lt Col. Robert Titus and 1Lt Milan Zimer shot down 2 MiG-21s while flying 64-0776 (callsign Wander 01) on 5/22/1967. The MiGs were dispatched using the SUU-16/A gun pod as well as an AIM-9B Sidewinder missile. Titus and Zimer shot down a MiG-21 just two days earlier on 5/20/1967 with an AIM-7E Sparrow while flying 64-0777. The 3 red stars on 64-0776 represent all three kills scored by the duo. It is likely that the "Gunfighter" badge would have been applied to this jet prior to it being transferred to the 347th TFW in March of 1968.

This aircraft survived the war, and is currently on display at the Museum of Flight Seattle, Washington.

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**JaboG 32, Tactical Air Meet 80,
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MiG-15



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UTI MiG-15, Iraqi Air Force, 1980s

This aircraft was manufactured in Czechoslovakia and was probably one of the surplus aircraft sold by Czechoslovakia to Iraq in the early seventies. No. 874 remained in service until the late 1980s. Aircraft No. 874 was overhauled in Czechoslovakia in 1987.



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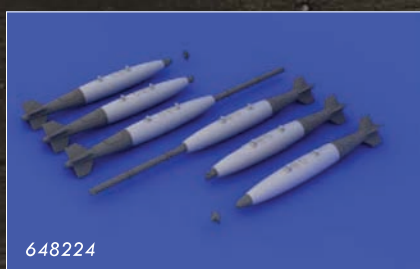
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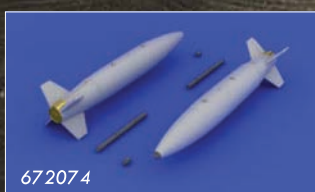
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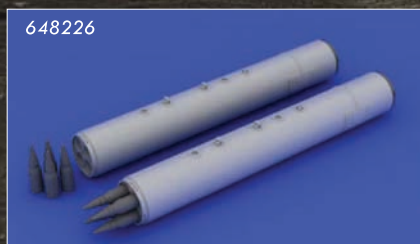
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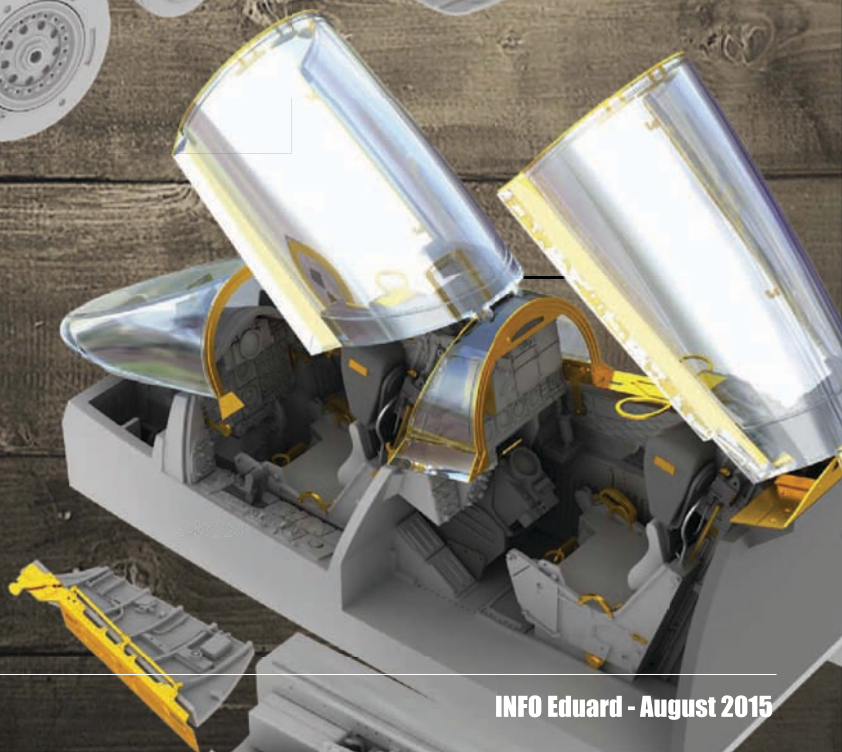


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