



Achtung Spitfire!



BRASSIN

Spitfire Mk.IX cockpit
Spitfire wheels - 5 spoke
Spitfire exhaust stacks fishtail

BUILT

Spitfire Mk.IXc 1/48
Bf 109E-7 1/48

HISTORY

Chevalier Jerry Billing,
M.I.D, C.D., M.G.C.



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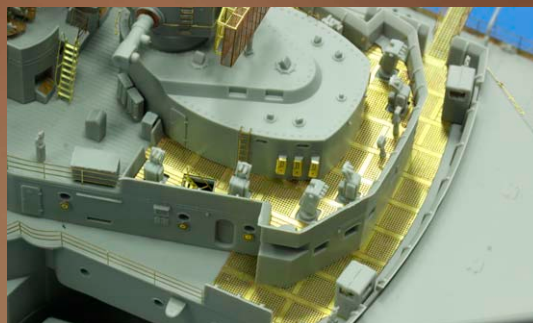
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EDITORIAL

Happy Easter, everyone! Today's Easter newsletter is naturally dedicated mainly to the new Spitfire. Despite the fact that we have been dedicating a lot of attention and resources to the Spitfire, I will not be terribly shocked if you have had pretty much enough! However, this is a milestone moment, as the Spitfire Mk.IXc is now officially available to you. I would go so far as to say that the modeling landscape will now be a bit different than it was before today. Our Spitfire has that kind of potential. And it's not only the kit itself, which could even break the trend of new kits being relegated to the stash before seeing the workbench, but also in terms of associated products and activities. This is the most aftermarket products we have been able to release simultaneously with the kit that they are designed for. These items include three photoetched sets that among other things include landing flaps, and three Brassin sets. The Brassin cockpit set is as much as a pearl in its line as the Spitfire will prove to be in its line. The Brassin sets will continue to grow, and will eventually include an engine set, wing gun installations, radio equipment, wheel variations, bombs, and external fuel tanks. It should be abundantly clear that this kit will have more accessories offered for it than any other kit in our history. The kit itself will also evolve into two exclusive incarnations. The first will be in June, as a Royal Class kit, and will be released as a Dual Combo boxing. It will cover the Spitfire Mk.IXc late, Mk.IXc early, and the Mk.IXe. It will include a total of fourteen marking options, photoetched brass, Brassin wheels, and Brassin beer barrels in 1/48th to hang from the wing racks. Originally, we were reluctant to do this variant, but the traffic on Facebook changed our minds. Two of total 14 marking options are related to these beer carrying Spitfires. However, the relations of these marking to the beer action is disputable,

while no clear picture or any else document is available for us. As a bonus, the kit will include a beer glass adorned with the emblem of our beer MARK IX.

The specially bottled MARK IX Eduard beer will be released in June to be sold on Czech modeler's show ModelBrno, PilserKit and E-day only. Unfortunately we are unable to distribute our beer abroad, but we trust who wants such special item, he will be able to obtain a bottle or two (12, in words twelve) with friendly help of a Czech modeler. Our beer has to be typical Czech type lager beer, brewed and bottled by BERNARD brewery in Humpolec.

August will see a very special commemorative version of our Spitfire Mk.IX. To mark the anniversary of the return of Czechoslovak squadrons from Britain on August 13th, 1945, we will release a special edition with the name 'Nasi Se Vraceji' (roughly translated as 'Ours are Back'). The kit will be dedicated to the Spitfire Mk.IX in Czechoslovak service both during and after the war. The parts breakdown will be along the lines of the Royal Class kit, except for the decals. There will be many more options, as much as forty. I apologize for the inexact number, but the final tally isn't set yet due to the ongoing development of the included booklet that will also serve as a guide to the painting of the model and historical notebook on the Spitfire and Czechoslovak pilots. This kit will be preordered and prepaid. The ordering window will open June 1st, and close on June 30th at midnight. All kits will then be sent out on August 13th. This fact forms a bonus



of its own. To commemorate the anniversary behind the kit's release, it will include a relevant envelope and stamp with the dated postmark.

We expect that the marking options, especially in the aforementioned 'Nasi Se Vraceji', will generate a huge interest for the kit's OVERTREES offering. These will be released together with the ProfiPACK kit - in other words, today, but this will not be limited to a one month availability, as in the past. Instead, we will be offering them continuously through to the fall. In June, we will also add OVERTREES offered for the Mk.IXc early and the Mk.IXe. Good times!

So, enjoy the rest of this newsletter, as well as the Easter weekend, and take note of our other new releases, and not just the ones pertaining to the Spitfire Mk.IXc.

Keep on Spitting!

Vladimir Sulc

A stylized white signature on a dark background.



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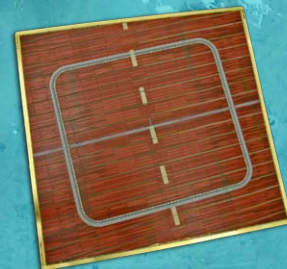
1/48 + T-shirt



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USN carrier deck 1943-44

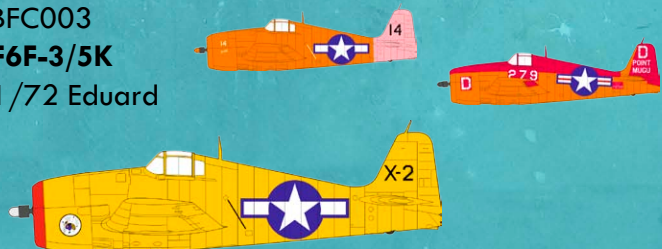
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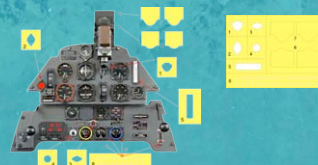
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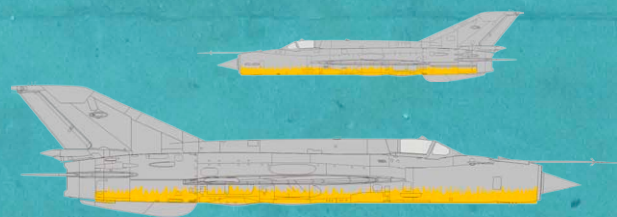
1/4 Mask Eduard



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MiG-21 Bunny Fighter 1/48 Grass Mask

1/48 Eduard

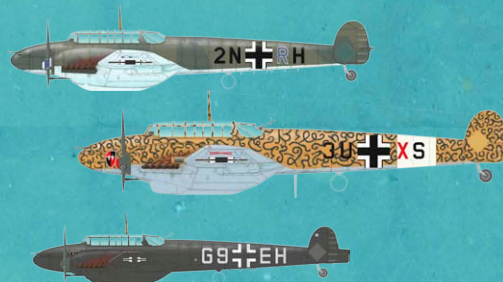


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Bf 110C-6

1/48 Eduard

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BFC007

MiG-21F-13 ČSLA S.A.

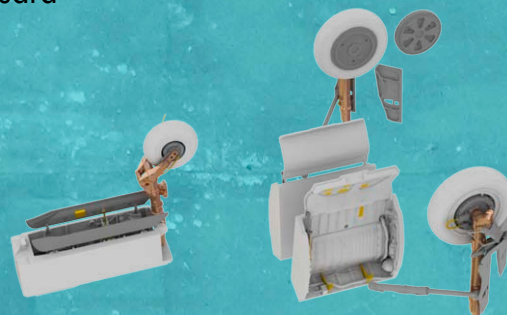
1/48 Trumpeter



BFC008

MiG-21 undercarriage w/ BRONZE legs

1/48 Eduard



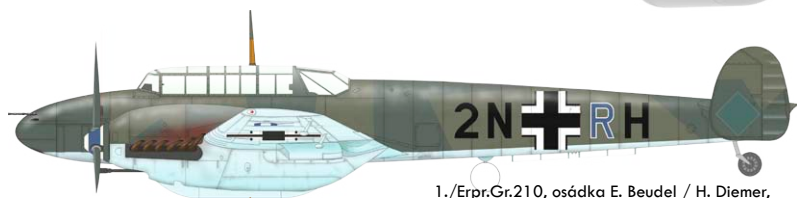
Bf 110C-6 1/48

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Bunny Fighter Club EXCLUSIVE

Highly detailed
MK 101 cannon
and underbelly
gondola.



1./Erpr.Gr.210, osádka E. Beudel / H. Diemer,
Calais-Marck AB, France, summer 1940



8./ZG26, Derna AB, Libya, 1942



1./NJG1, Venlo AB, Netherlands, February, 1942



MAY 2013



BFC009

Fokker Dr.I 1/72 STRIPDOWN

- brand new design
- photo-etched, plastic and Brassin parts

JULY 2013

Spitfire Mk.IXc late version

ProfiPACK 1/48
Cat.No. 8281

Spitfire Mk.IXc late version - very first release of a brand new tool Eduard kit which is featured by a high detail level, extreme accuracy, wide parts variability, easy and smart assembly and interesting and colorful marking options. One of highlights of this kit is its design in regard to standard Eduard accessories like photo-etch and Brassin lines, which are released simultaneously with this kit. Detailed decals for four marking options are printed in Eduard. Kit contains basic photo-etched set and a painting mask.



Spitfire LF Mk.IXc, MJ586, Flown by Pierre Clostermann, No. 602 Squadron, Longues sur Mer airfield, July 7, 1944



Spitfire HF Mk.IXc, MJ296, Flown by Otto Smik, No. 312 Squadron, North Weald AB, Late August, 1944



Spitfire LF Mk.IXc, MJ250, No. 601 Squadron, Italy, Summer, 1944



Spitfire LF Mk.IXc, MH712, Flown by W/O Henryk Dygala, No. 302 Squadron, Summer /Autumn, 1944



Spitfire LF Mk.IXc, ML135, Flown by Jerry Billing, No. 401 Squadron, Tangmere AB, June 7, 1944



Spitfire LF Mk.IXc, ML135, Flown by Jerry Billing, No. 401 Squadron, France, July 1, 1944

BUY Spitfire Mk.IXc 1/48

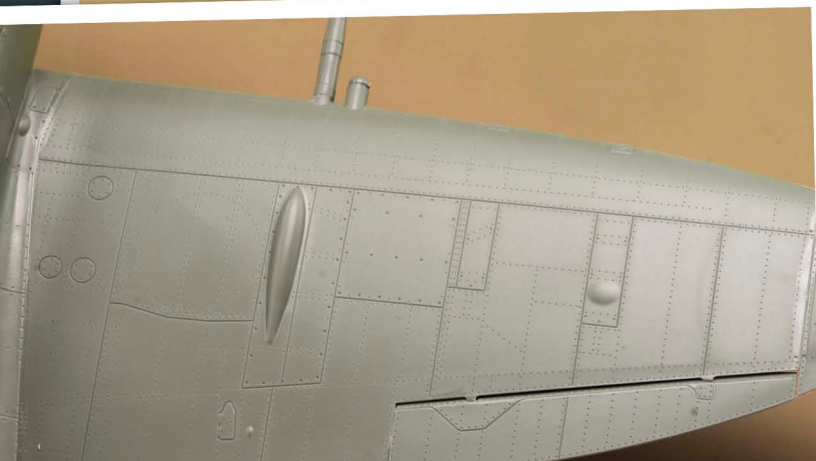




Spitfire naked

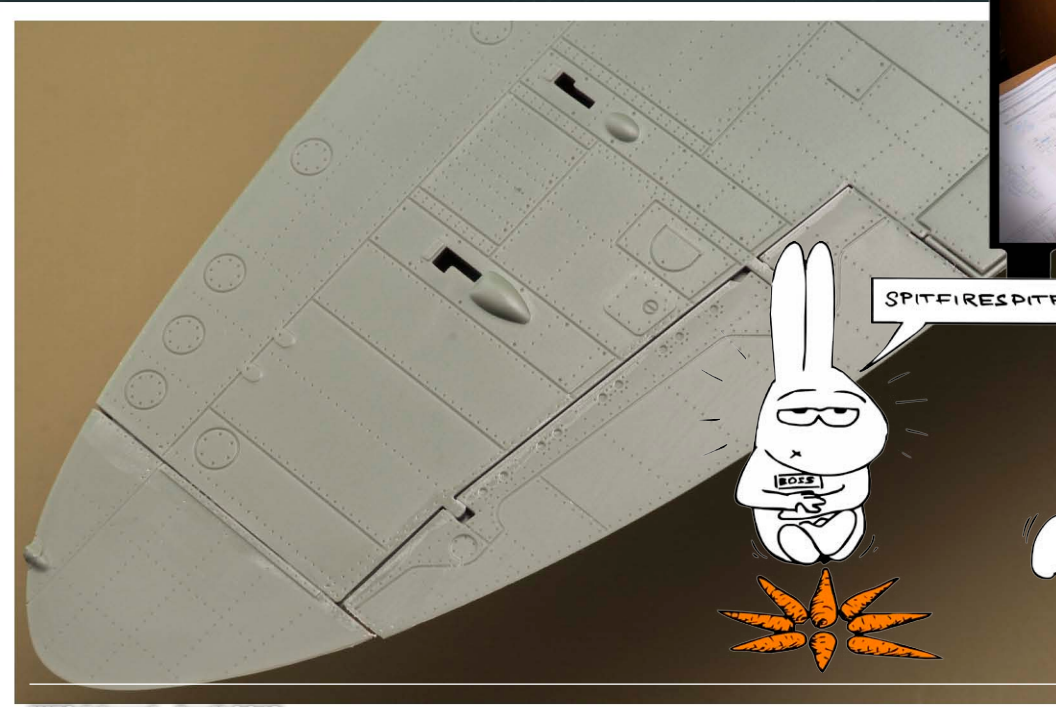
Photo gallery of the test building
by Martin Nademlejsky.

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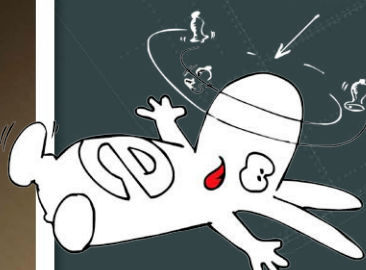


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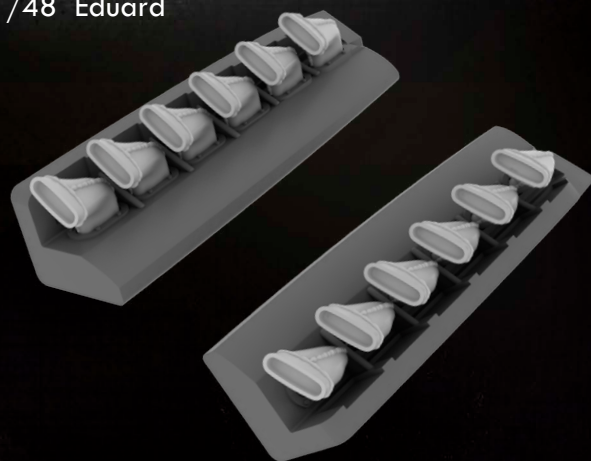
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SPITFIRE....

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Spitfire Mk.IX cockpit
1/48 Eduard

648099
**Spitfire exhaust
stacks fishtail**
1/48 Eduard



648098
**Spitfire wheels
- 5 spoke**
1/48 Eduard



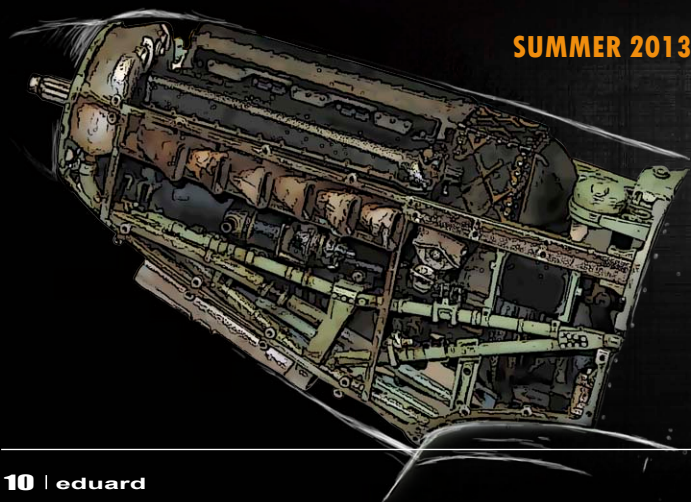
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Spitfire Mk.IX gun bay
1/48 Eduard



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648112
Spitfire Mk.IX engine
1/48 Eduard

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 **SPITFIRE Mk.IXC LATE 1/48**
OVERTREES

Plastic parts - Cat. No. 8289X

Photo-etched sets - Cat. No. 8281-LEPT

Available since April 1st, 2013

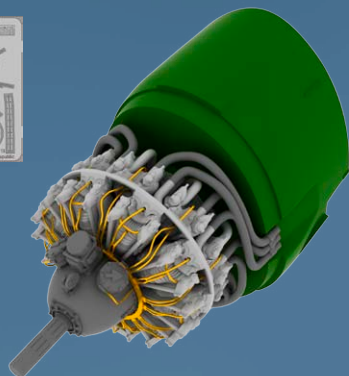
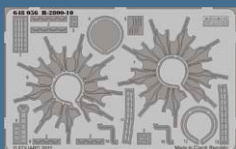
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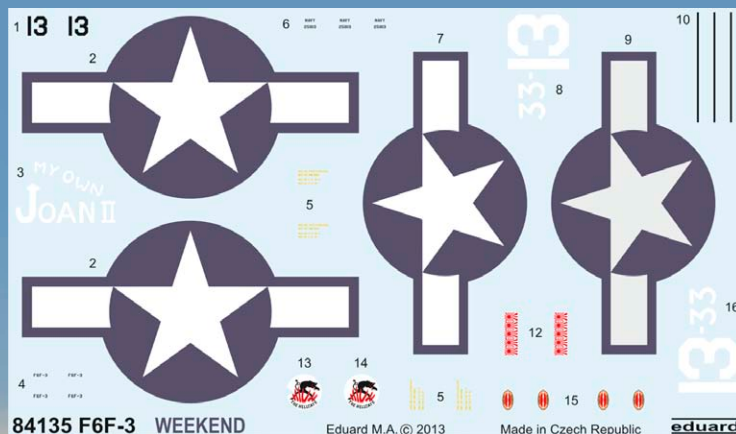
FE447 F6F-3 WEEKEND 1/48



648056 R-2800-10 motor 1/48

**F6F-3****Weekend 1/48**
Cat.No. 84135

The Weekend edition brings you the cheap variant of Eduard kit F6F-3 in 1/48 scale. High quality decals are designed and printed by Eduard. This kit, in very fair price, does not contains photo-etched accessories, nor the painting mask.

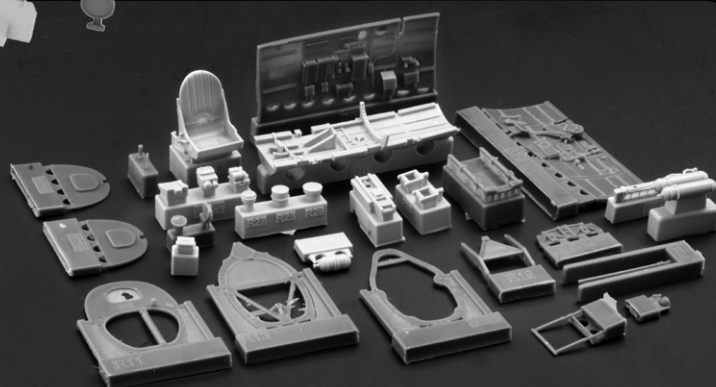
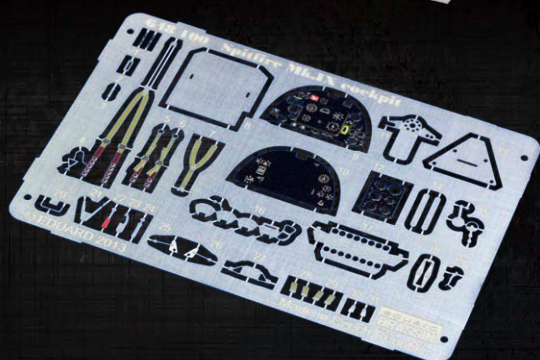
**BUY F6F-3 1/48**

648100
Spitfire Mk.IX cockpit
1/48 Eduard

Complete cockpit for Eduard Spitfire Mk.IX. Set consist of separate floor, seat, sidewalls, instrument panel, three fuselage bulkheads, oxygen bottles and many other accessories.

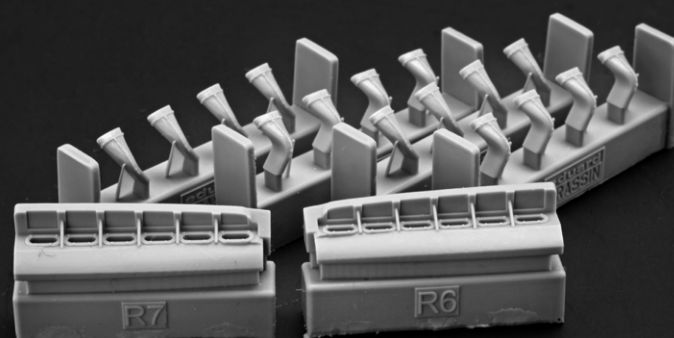
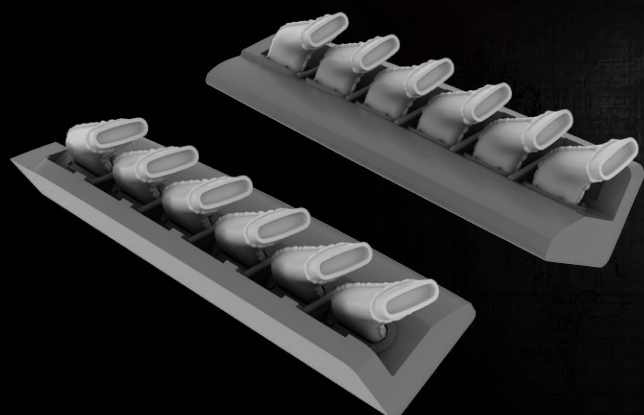


BUY Spitfire Mk.IX cockpit 1/48



648099
Spitfire exhaust stacks fishtail
1/48 Eduard

Detailed fishtail shape exhausts for late Spitfire versions with 12-exhaust Merlins. All details such as weld joints and exhaust outlet are reproduced in high detail level. Set consist of 12 separate exhausts.



BUY Spitfire exhaust stacks fishtail 1/48



648098 Spitfire wheels - 5 spoke

1/48 Eduard

Detailed wheels for Eduard 1/48 Spitfire with the 5 spoke disc. The tire surface corresponds to one of the late war used tires. Each wheel consists of two parts - wheel with the inner disc and the separate outer disc.

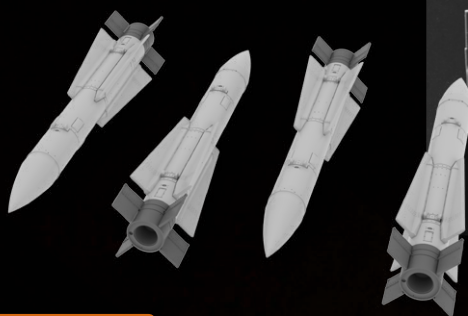


BUY Spitfire wheels - 5 spoke 1/48

648097 AIM-54A Phoenix

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US radar-guided, long-range air-to-air missile. Set of 4 missiles consists of two parts each (main missile body with wings and separate tail).

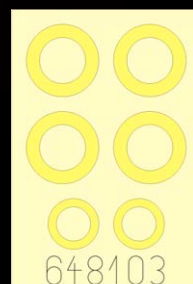
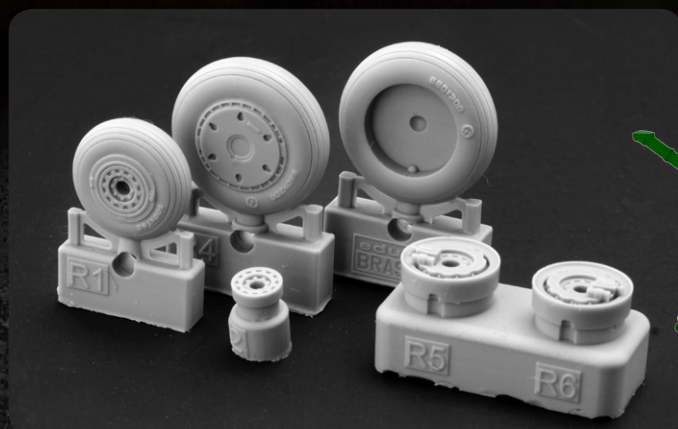


BUY AIM-54A Phoenix 1/48

648103 MiG-21F wheels

1/48 Trumpeter

Set consist of two main landing gear wheels and a front wheel.



BUY MiG-21F wheels 1/48

Bf 110E 1/72

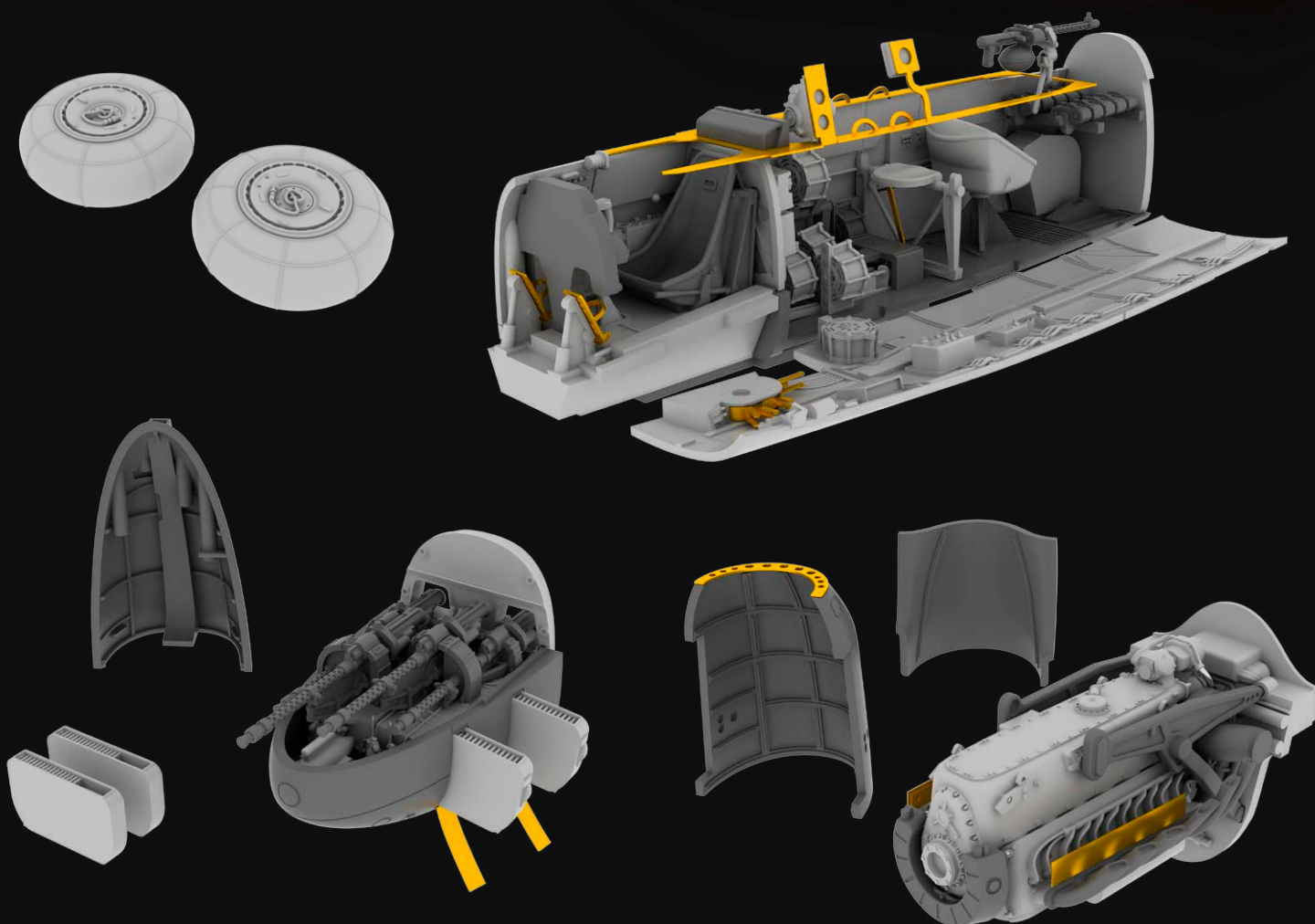
SIN67201



- 672002 Bf 110E nose guns
- 672003 Bf 110E wheels
- 672004 Bf 110E cockpit
- 672005 DB 601A/N engine for Bf 110

Collection of three Brassin sets consists of Bf 110E nose guns, wheels, cockpit and DB601A-/N engine.

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



BIG ED



32269 F-14D exterior (BIG3325)



73437 Cactus (BIG7280)



49601 T-28 S.A. (BIG4983)



49594 Hurricane Mk.I S.A. (BIG4982)

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BIG3325 F-14D 1/32 Trumpeter

32269 F-14D exterior



32309 F-14D armament



32707 F-14D interior S.A.



32706 F-14D seatbelts



32310 F-14D undercarriage



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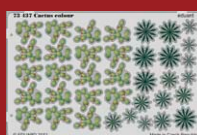


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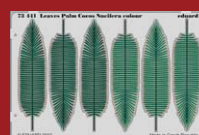


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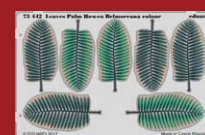
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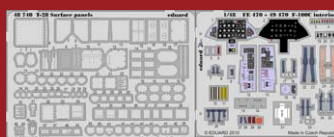


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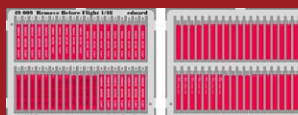


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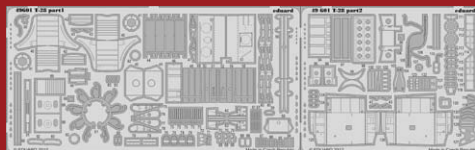
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EX381 T-28D



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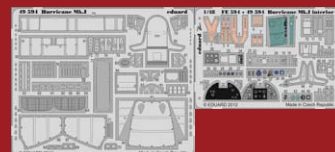
EX346 Hurricane Mk.I



48724 Hurricane Mk.I landing flaps



49594 Hurricane Mk.I S.A.



BIG3325 F-14D 1/32 Trumpeter



BIG7280 PLANTS II. Tropic and Subtropic 1/72



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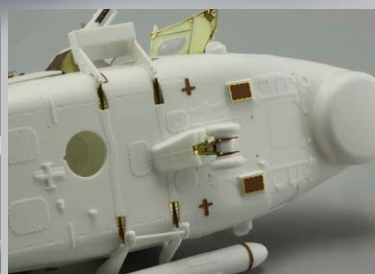
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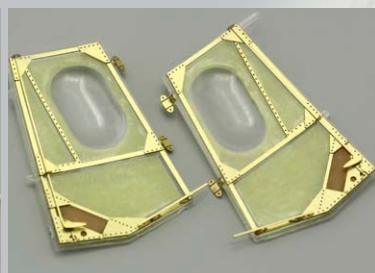
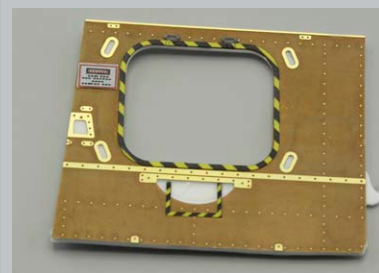
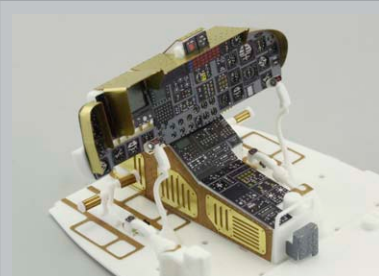
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1/32 Revell (32326)



Lynx Mk.88 sonar interior S.A. 1/32 Revell (32759)

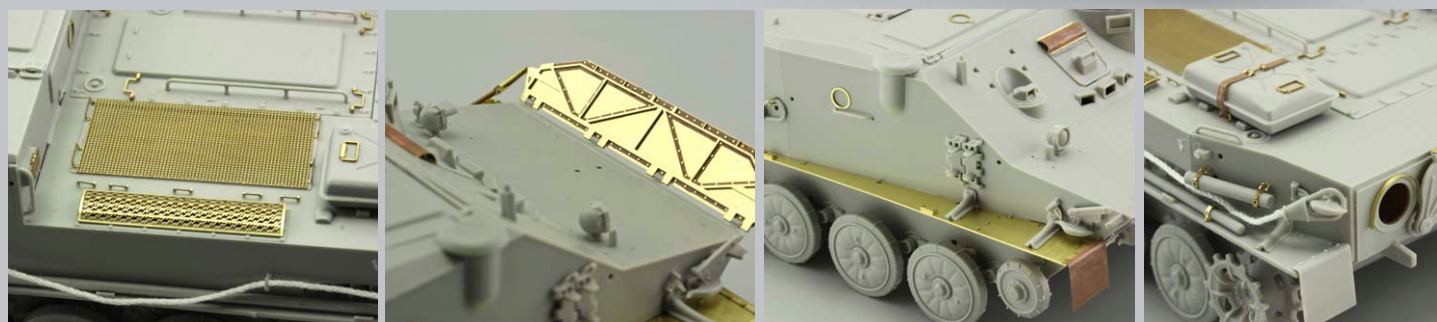
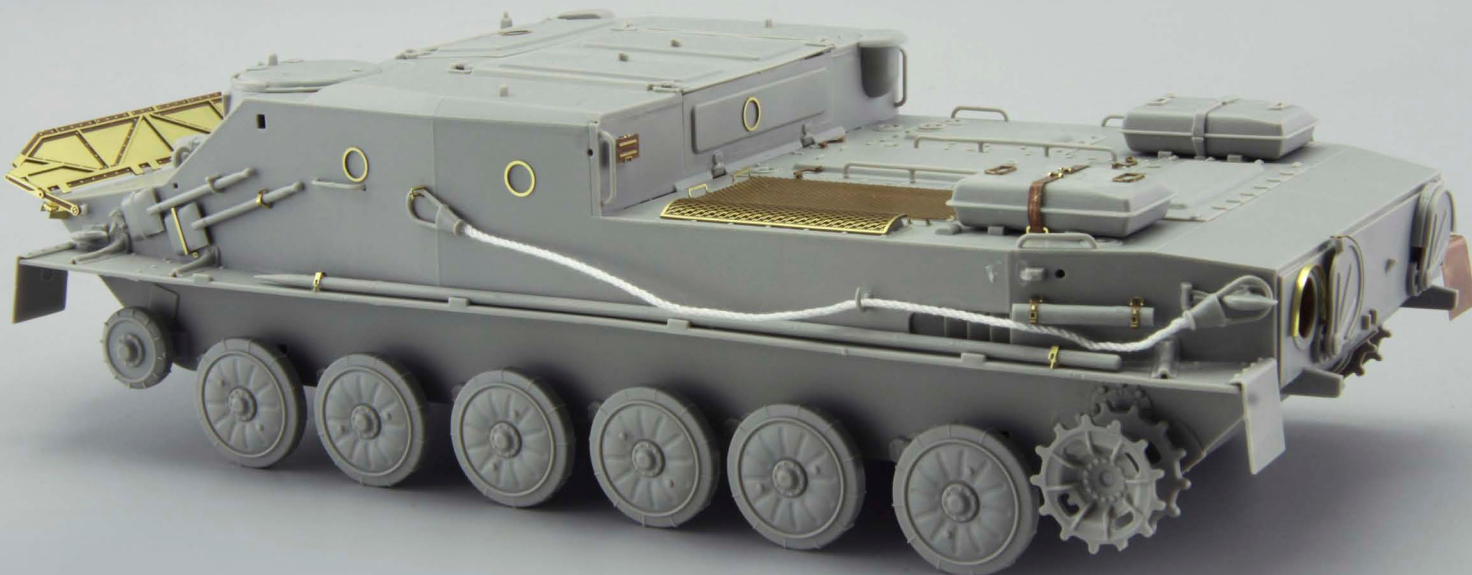


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Lynx Mk.88 sonar seatbelts
1/32 Revell

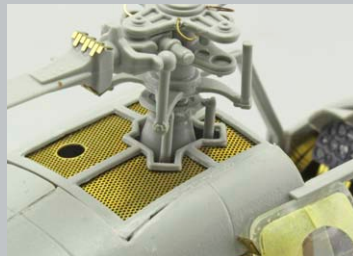
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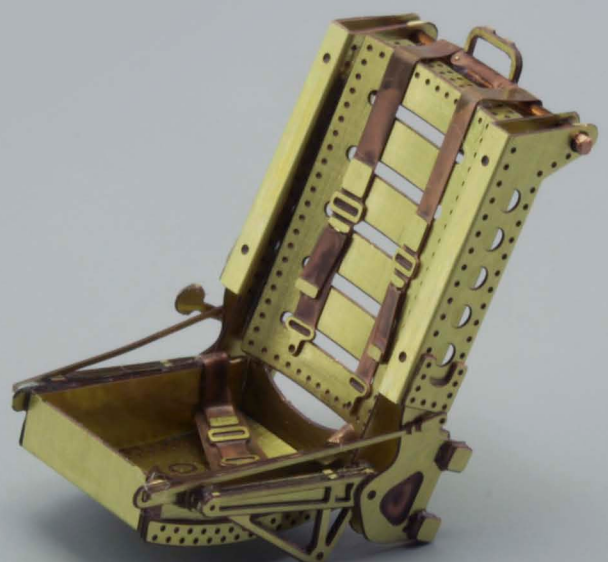
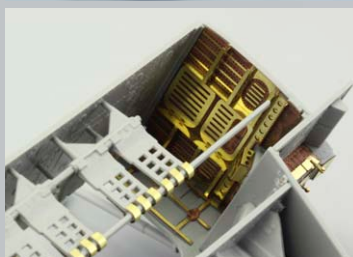
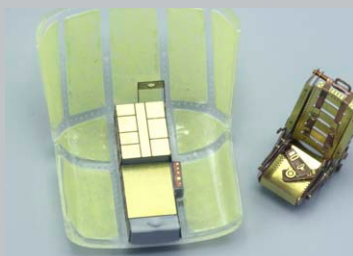
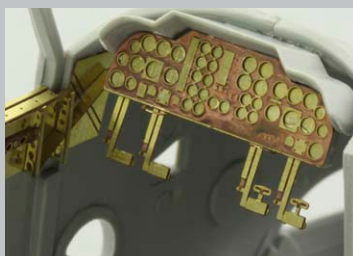
BTR-50PK APC 1/35 Trumpeter (36249)



Wessex HU.5 exterior 1/48 Italeri (48754)



Wessex HU.5 interior S.A. 1/48 Italeri (49622)



MiG-21F-13 exterior 1/48 Trumpeter (48767)



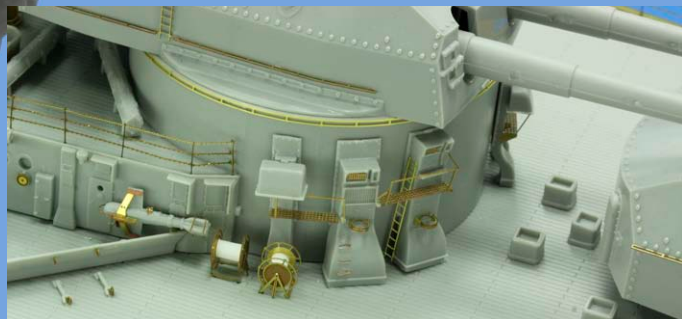
MiG-21F-13 undercarriage 1/48 Trumpeter (48769)



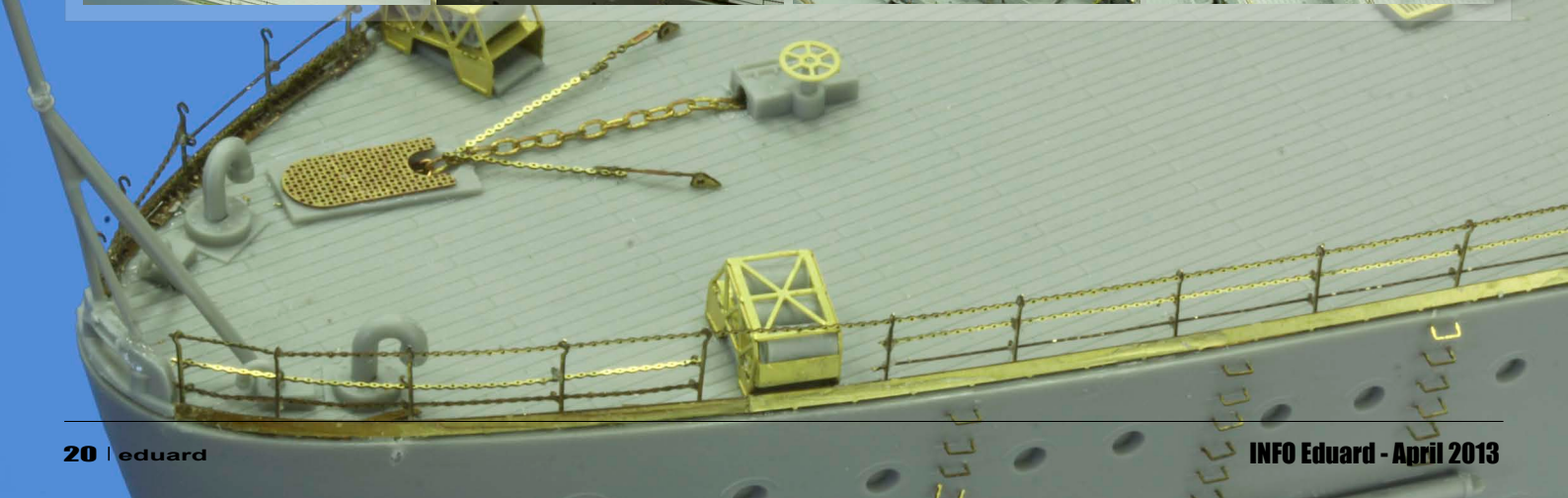
BISMARCK



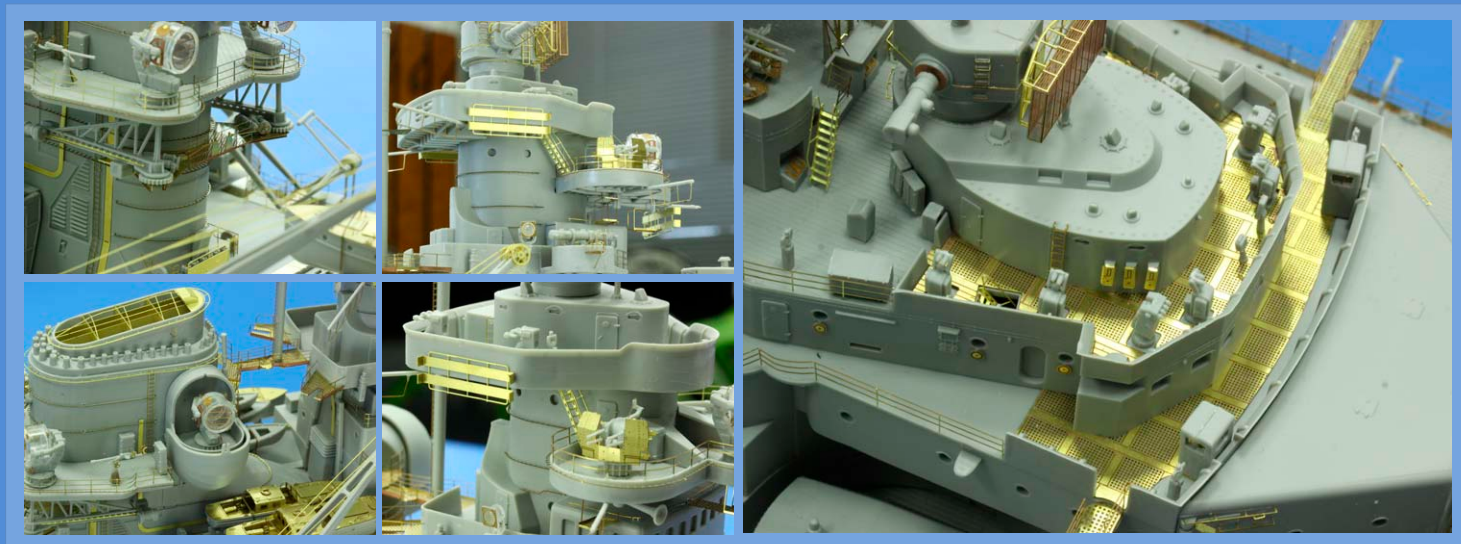
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1/200 Trumpeter (53081)



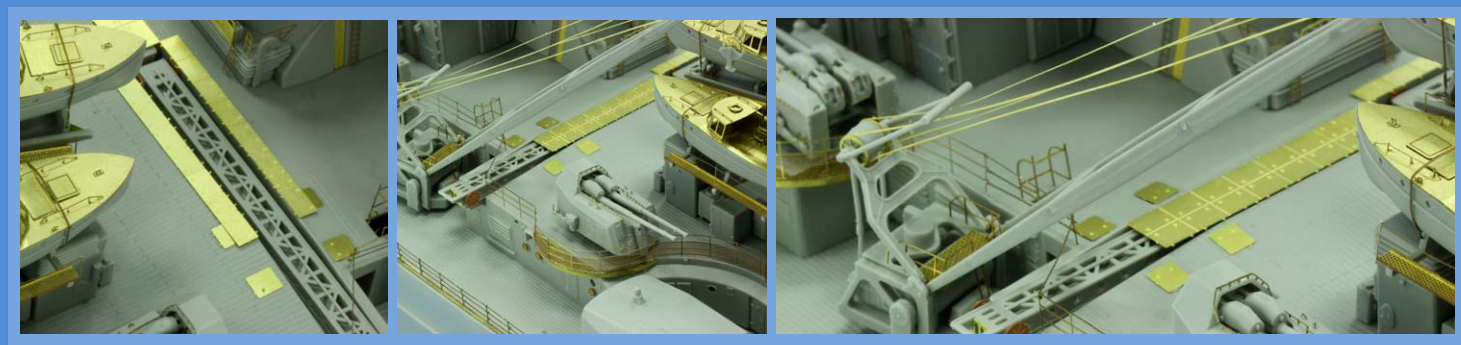
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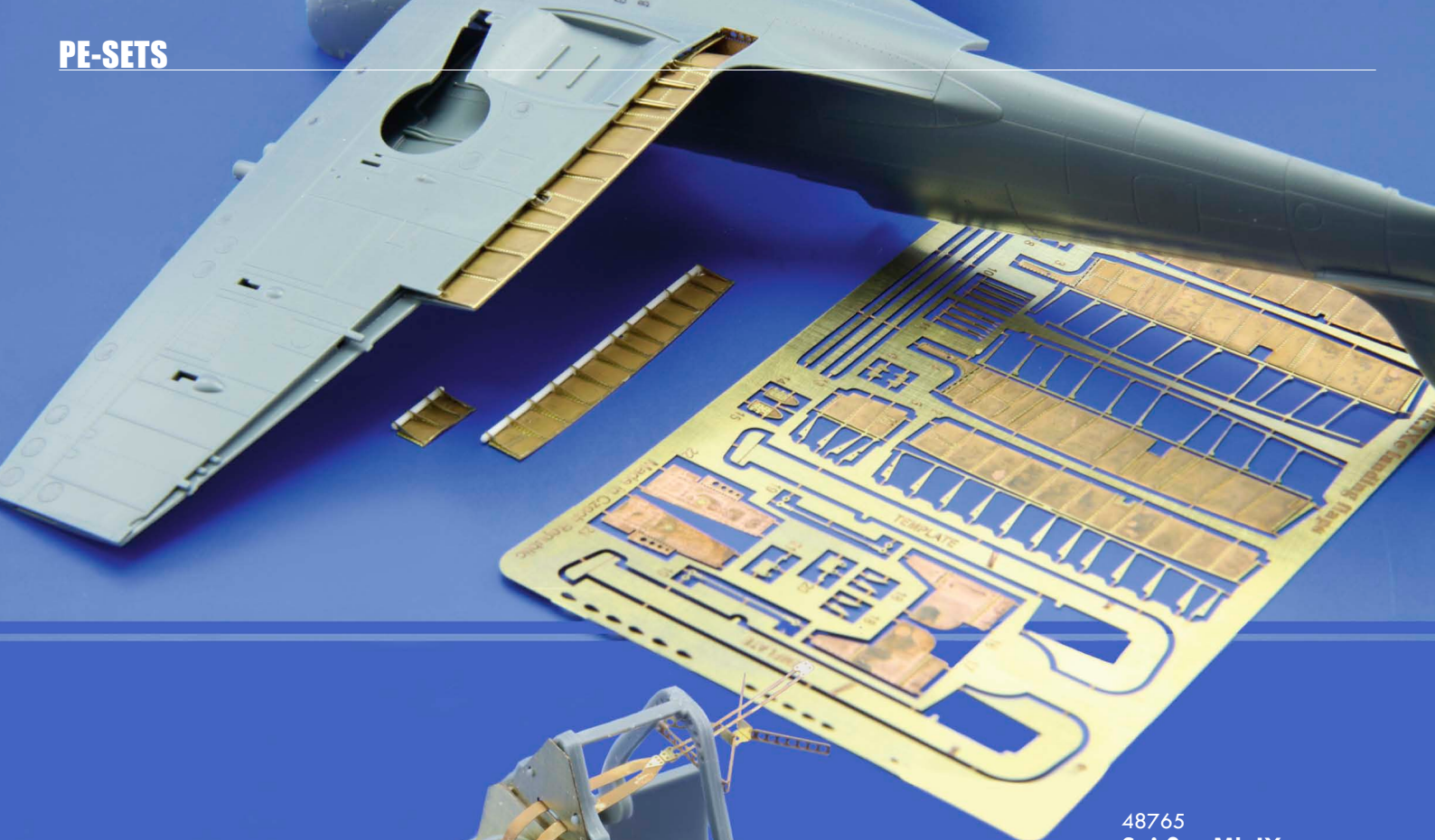


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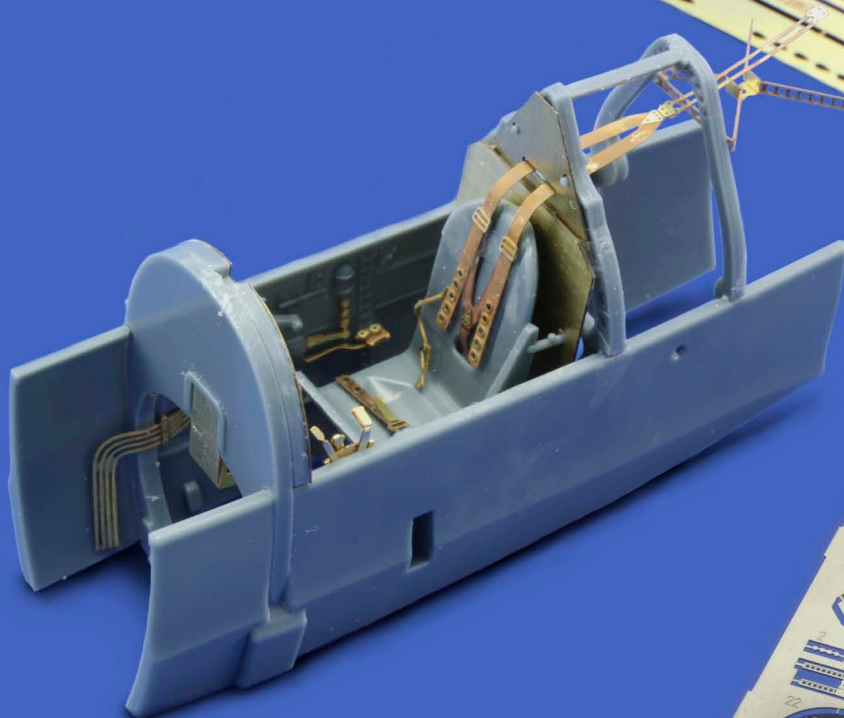


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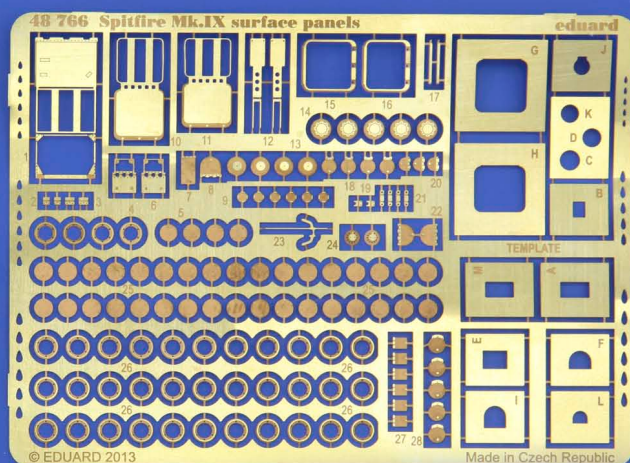
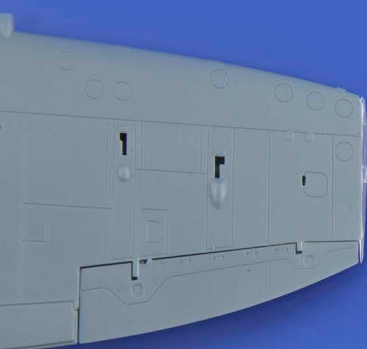
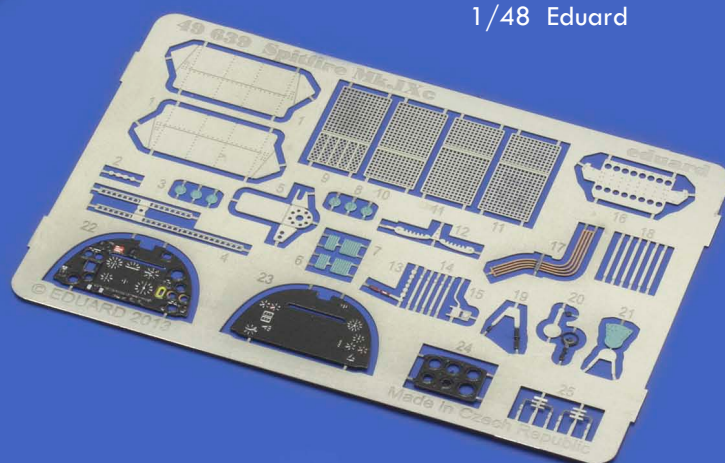




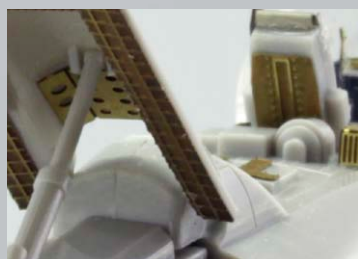
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EF-2000 single seater 1/72 Hasegawa (73473)



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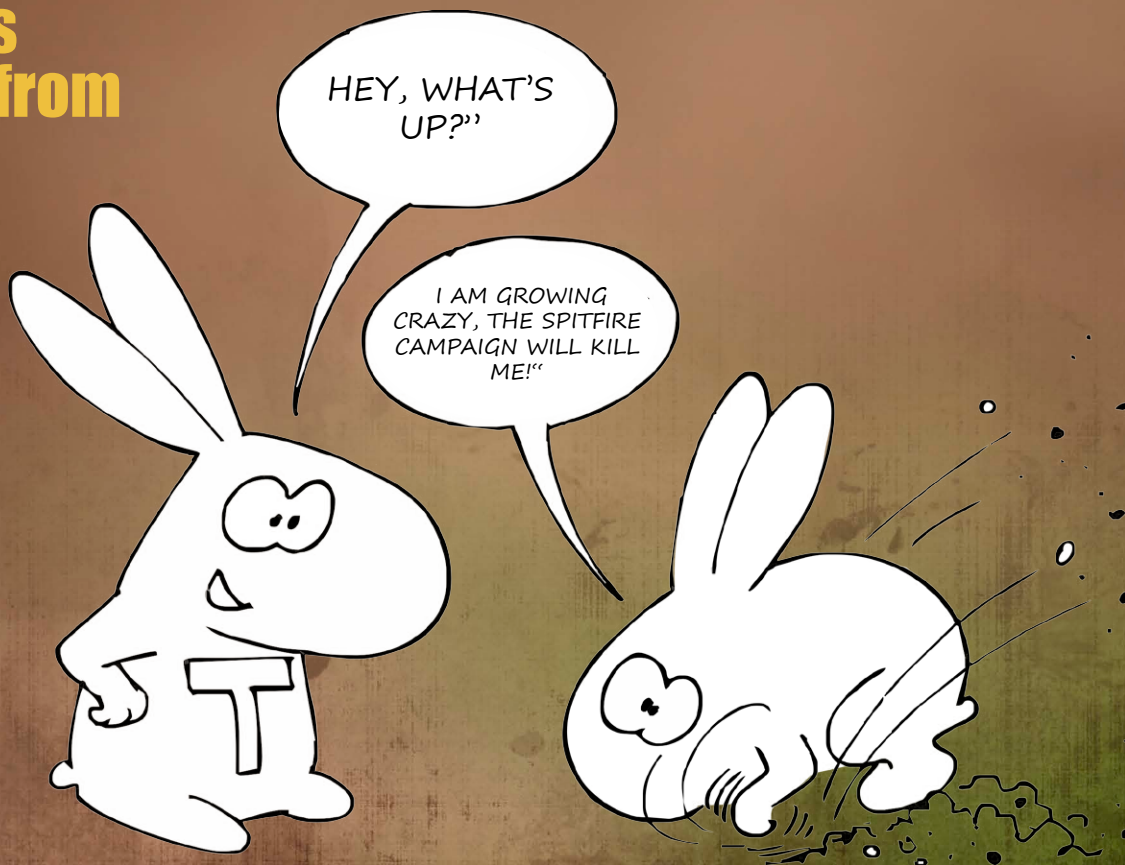
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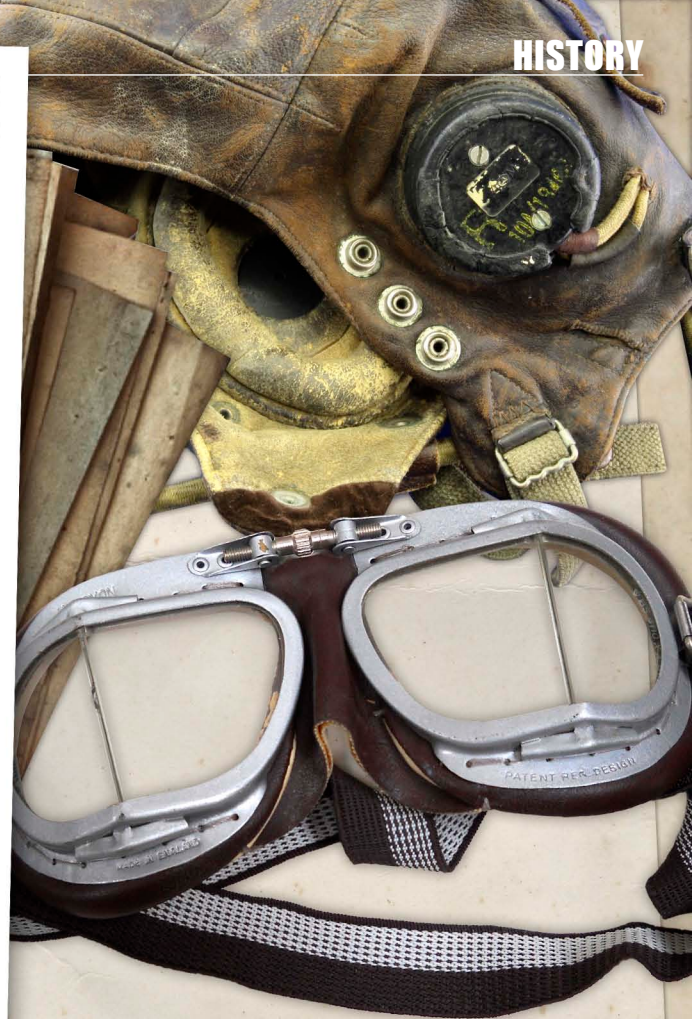
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Chevalier Jerry Billing M.I.D, C.D., M.G.C.

Martin Ferkl

This month, we are introducing a kit that will potentially be dubbed the 'Eduard Kit of the Year'. The kit was developed with unprecedented attention, and this included the input of the modeling public. The same can be said of the decal options. In the end, it was decided to include not only marking schemes that are attractive, but that would also represent the major fighting nations that confronted German aggression from the cockpit of the Spitfire. This includes a Brit, a Czech, a Pole, and it was also decided that a Canadian should be included. In our search for a Canadian candidate, we inevitably came across Jerry Billing. He served practically his entire WWII career in the pit of a Spitfire, and his post war career is very noteworthy as well. After we posted a preliminary concept of the decal sheet on Facebook, we were contac-

ted by Bob Swaddling, a modeler and close friend of Jerry Billing's. Bob, and Jerry's son Eric Billing, became instrumental in the detailed reconstruction of Spitfire ML135, and also through memoirs, references, and enthusiasm helped in the writing of this article. For this, we owe them a debt of gratitude.

Jerry, who will turn 92 in this April, lives in the province of Ontario in Canada. The date of his birth is April 20th, and Jerry often jokes that he shares that fact with Adolf Hitler. His exploits were recounted in the pages of the book 'A Knave among Knights in their Spitfires'.

Jerry Billing joined the Canadian Air Force voluntarily in 1940. He was trained as a defensive gunner, although he himself wanted to be a pilot, something he constantly pointed out to his superiors. His perseverance finally paid

off, and he took basic in a Fleet Finch biplane. He then graduated to a North American NA-64 Yale, a fixed under carriage, light weight version of the Harvard, built in Canada and was the precursor to the American AT-6 Texan (the USAAF used it under the designation BT-9).

In 1941, he was sent to Great Britain, where he honed his piloting skills on the Miles Master. Shortly thereafter, he moved on to the Hurricane, and then the Spitfire. His first Spitfire solo was on a Mk.I, K9929. He was moved enough by this airplane that he requested to be attached to a unit equipped with Spitfires. His request was granted, and he was assigned to No.19 Squadron in 1942, which was equipped with the Spitfire Mk.V. Here, he served several months and over that period of time, he flew a slew of combat missions. This unit

also saw the service of a long list of Czechoslovak pilots, although it appears as though Jerry Billing did not serve in the unit simultaneously with them.

In October, 1942, he boarded the HMS Furious and headed for the Mediterranean where he was to take part in the defense of Malta. His transfer to the area went off without a hitch, and he was assigned to No. 185 Squadron. He took part in combat against German and Italian aircraft on a virtually daily basis. Although his tally officially carries no kills from that era, he did down at least one Ju 52. He got himself into some hot water on December 8th, 1942, when he was shot down by a trio of Bf 109s. He had take to his parachute, and was picked up from the water. In March, he once again had to abandon his aircraft, when in a fight against a pair of Bf 109s, he was surprised by a third. This time, it ended with Billing being wounded, and with a dramatic egress from his aircraft with his chute, and a subsequent rescue from the water. He was not out of action for very long, though.

Conditions on the Mediterranean island were not easy. Billing recalls back on Christmas, 1942:

'We spent the Christmas period of 1942 on Malta with No. 185 Squadron. We were trying to figure out if we could give seventy US dollars for a chicken. In the end, we decided on a rabbit, for which the asking price was fifty. It occurred to us that the thing had a rather long tail (a dog, perhaps?). In the end, hunger won out and we made a meal of it.'

Jerry left Malta on May 19th, 1943, followed by a stint as an instructor, and some R and R in Canada. He returned to Great Britain by ship and his new unit was the Canadian No.401 Squadron. He re-familiarized himself on a Spitfire Mk.V with clipped wings, but after that he moved on to the Mk.IX. This unit, at that time, operated over occupied Europe, notably France. They would bomb ground targets, and escort Marauders. Although there was little opportunity to confront Luftwaffe aircraft, many of his colleagues would be claimed by anti-aircraft fire. On May 19th, he gained first hand knowledge of what it was like to be hit by an anti-aircraft grenade. On this event, he wrote: 'On the 19th of May, we were flying a mission over France, and encountered heavy flak. I was positioned behind W/C Keefer, when No.411 Squadron CO Norm Fowlow received a direct hit. One second, there was a Spitfire, in full flight, and the next, nothing but a cloud of smoke.'

On the night from the 5th to the 6th of June, the aircraft received invasion stripes and the next day, Billing found himself flying cover over Gold Beach. On this day, he met no opposition, and the biggest danger were balloon cables.

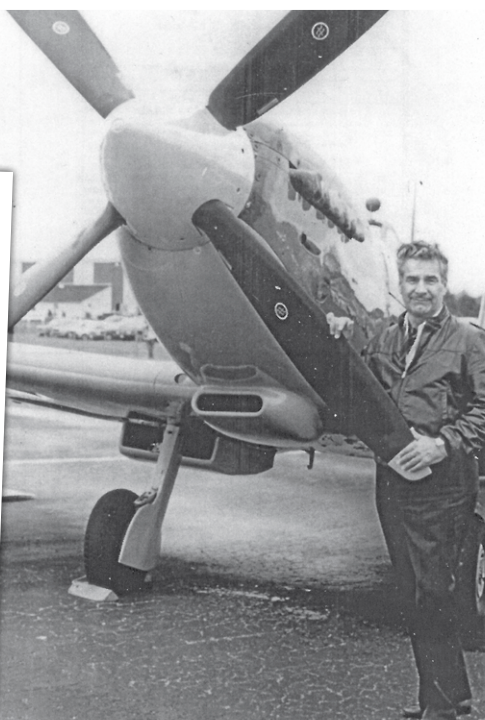
The following day, he again flew invasion cover missions, this time with Doug Husband over Omaha Beach. *'I spotted a bogey at 7 o'clock. I banked left, avoided Doug, and headed to the aircraft which I identified as a group of*



around twenty Ju 88s. I approached from the 10 o'clock position and moved left to position myself behind the nearest 88. At about half the distance to the target I rolled inverted and started a turn to the right, gently approaching. I began to fire at about eight hundred yards and drilled the target. At about 900 feet, I saw one figure bailing out of the aircraft and the opening of a parachute. This was followed by a second, again, much to my surprise. At this point, I closed to within about 400 feet, which filled my gunsight with its right engine in the middle. I squeezed the trigger, maintained a straight and level flight, and scarcely twenty rounds left the muzzle. The right engine simply burst into flames, the wing sheared off at the fuselage and folded like a book. I turned upwards to the right, just in time to see old man Husband send another Ju 88 to hell. After that, Jerry climbed to a higher altitude, and realized that the sky was full of German fighters. He managed to get a shot at two Fw 190s, but had

no time to witness the results. The following days were filled with combat missions over the continent, and on June 18th, his unit had moved to base B4 - Beny sur Mer in liberated France. Flying patrol, on July 1st, he was vectored in a group to engage enemy aircraft. At first, they could not be located, but Billing did spot one German aircraft. He set a course to intercept, and all of a sudden, BANG! - ,It was as though someone lobbed a bucket of rocks at me. My engine blew up in my face, and filled the cockpit with smoke and flames.'

Jerry managed to jettison the canopy and put down in a field, but during the rough landing he knocked his head against the new reflex gunsight. The aircraft coming in was witnessed and fired on by German troops, and Jerry managed to escape. He evaded capture for

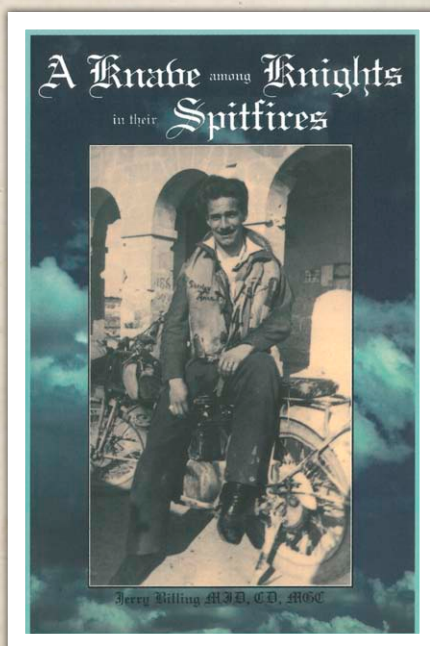
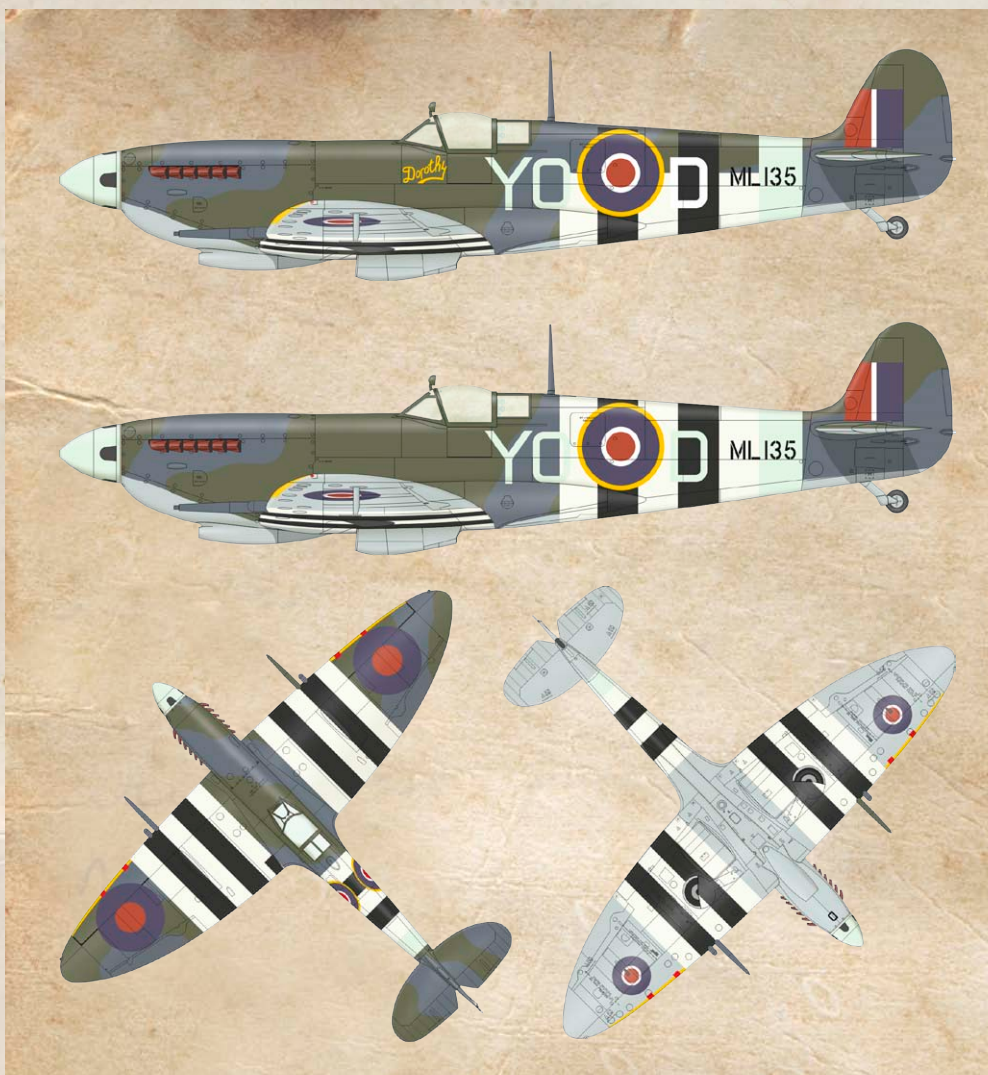


several days on the banks of a local river among the bullrushes, and despite their proximity to him, the Germans never discovered him. Trying to get himself saved, he simply walked into a small restaurant in the town of Brehal, to the great surprise of the patrons. They fed him, and was taken into care of the LeBourgeois family, with which he stayed for an entire month. His wounded head and legs were cared for, and he was even provided with false documents. At the beginning of August, American tanks rolled into Brehal. This allowed a quick return to his unit at B4 in Beny sur Mer. Having been shot down and helped in occupied territory put a stop to his operational flights, and Jerry did not re-enter the cockpit of a Spitfire before the end of the war. He was attached to a reserve unit, and went back to Canada. He did prefer to fight, and in the first half of 1945, he tried to join the USAAF and the Mexican Air Force, unsuccessfully. Such attempts were halted by the end of the war.

But, he never left flying. From 1947, he worked as an instructor in a flying club, and in 1948, he joined the RCAF. He started out as an instructor on such types as the B-25 Mitchell and jet powered Vampires. Later, he became a member of the Blue Devils aerobatic group, and in the Canadian Air Force, he held many posts, and was able to fly many different types of aircraft. He left the RCAF in 1964, and took the post of test pilot with DeHavilland Canada. Here, he not only displayed aircraft to potential buyers, but also took part in the delivery of DHC-4 Caribou aircraft to the CIA during the Vietnam War.

At the beginning of the seventies, Jerry returned to the cockpit of the Spitfire, when he was asked to display the restored MK923. The aircraft was owned and paid for by Cliff Robertson. This American Oscar winning actor (1968) could be seen in *Three Days of the Condor* and the first three *Spiderman* movies. Jerry flew Spitfire Mk.IX MK923 up to 1994.... The Spitfire then became a part of Jerry Billing, and no other pilot has likely enjoyed such a long relationship with the aircraft as he. He was impressed not only with the plane's flying qualities, but also with its elegant qualities. He wrote: *'When I sit into the cockpit and reach for the controls, I get chills down my spine. Even now, after fifty two years, I get the same feeling climbing in (perhaps at least partially due to the fact that the fuselage, when viewed properly from a rearward angle, resembles a woman's leg).'*

Our thanks goes to Mr. Bob Swaddling and Mr. Eric Billing for their help and support. We wish all the best to Jerry Billing!!!

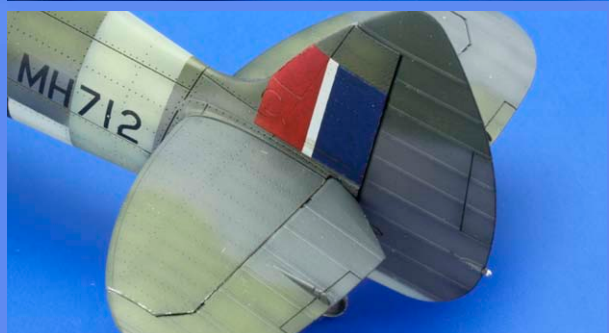
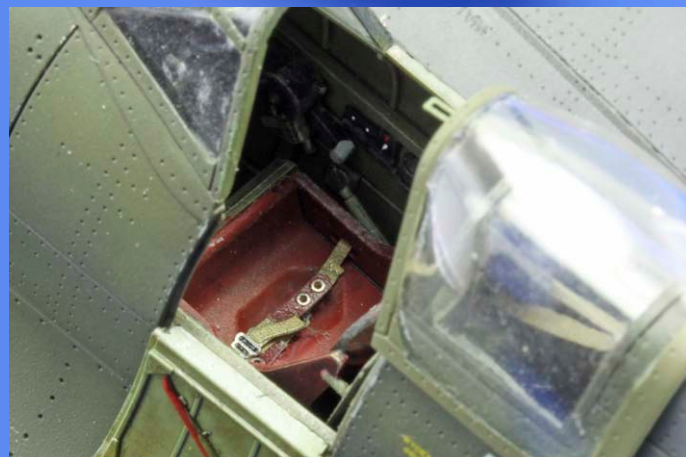


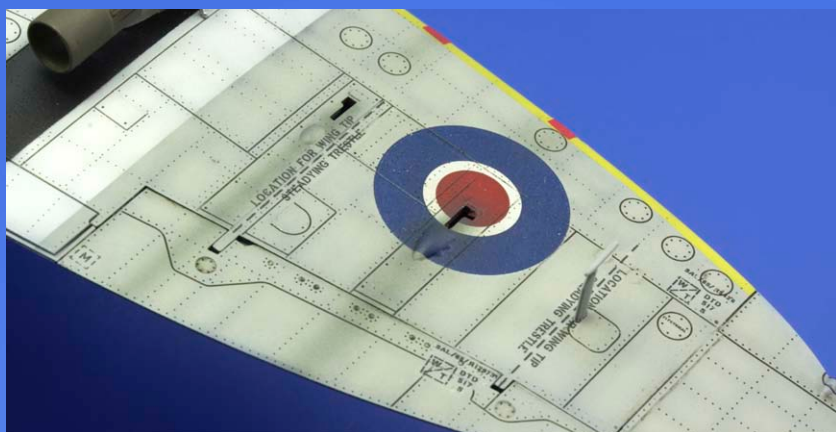
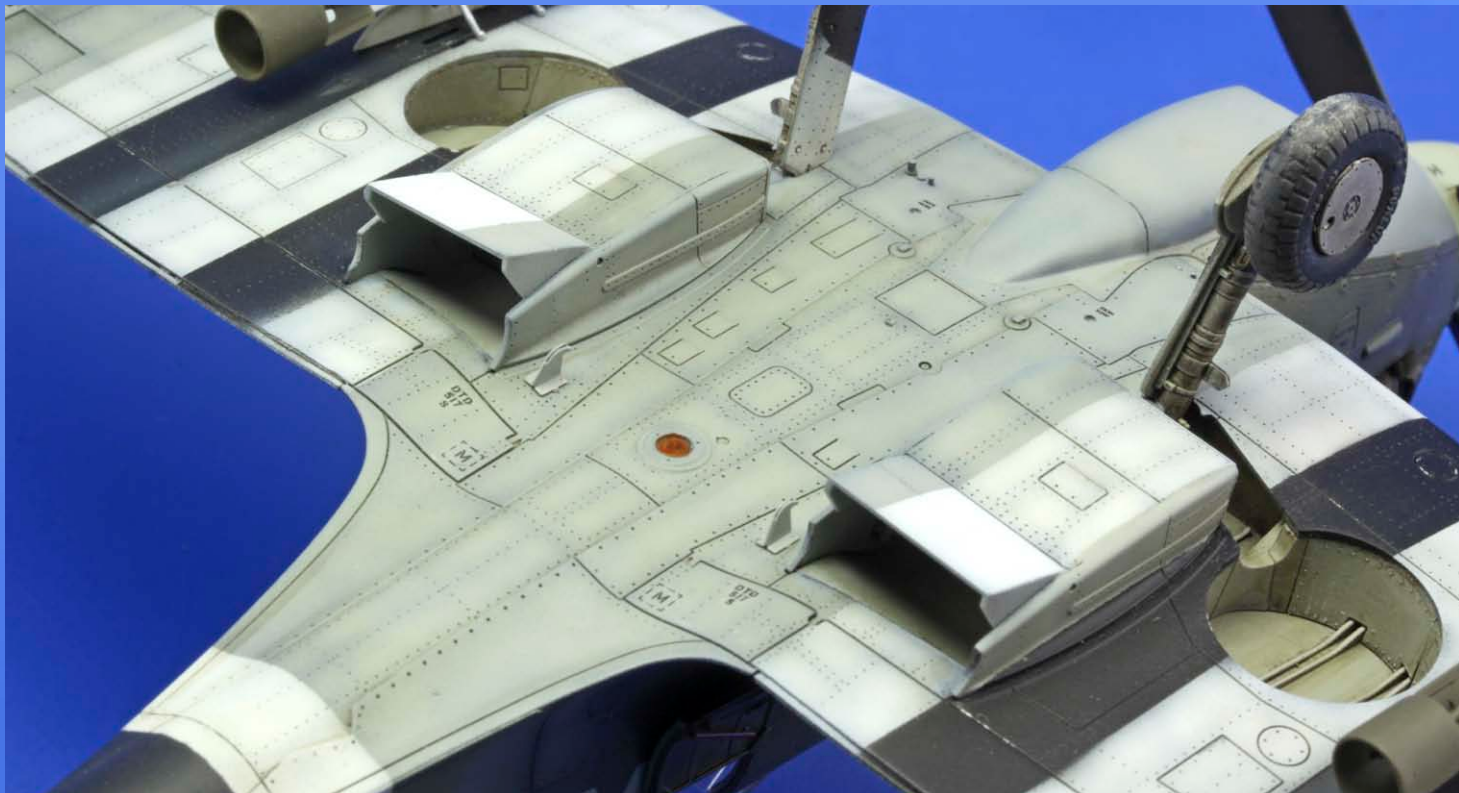
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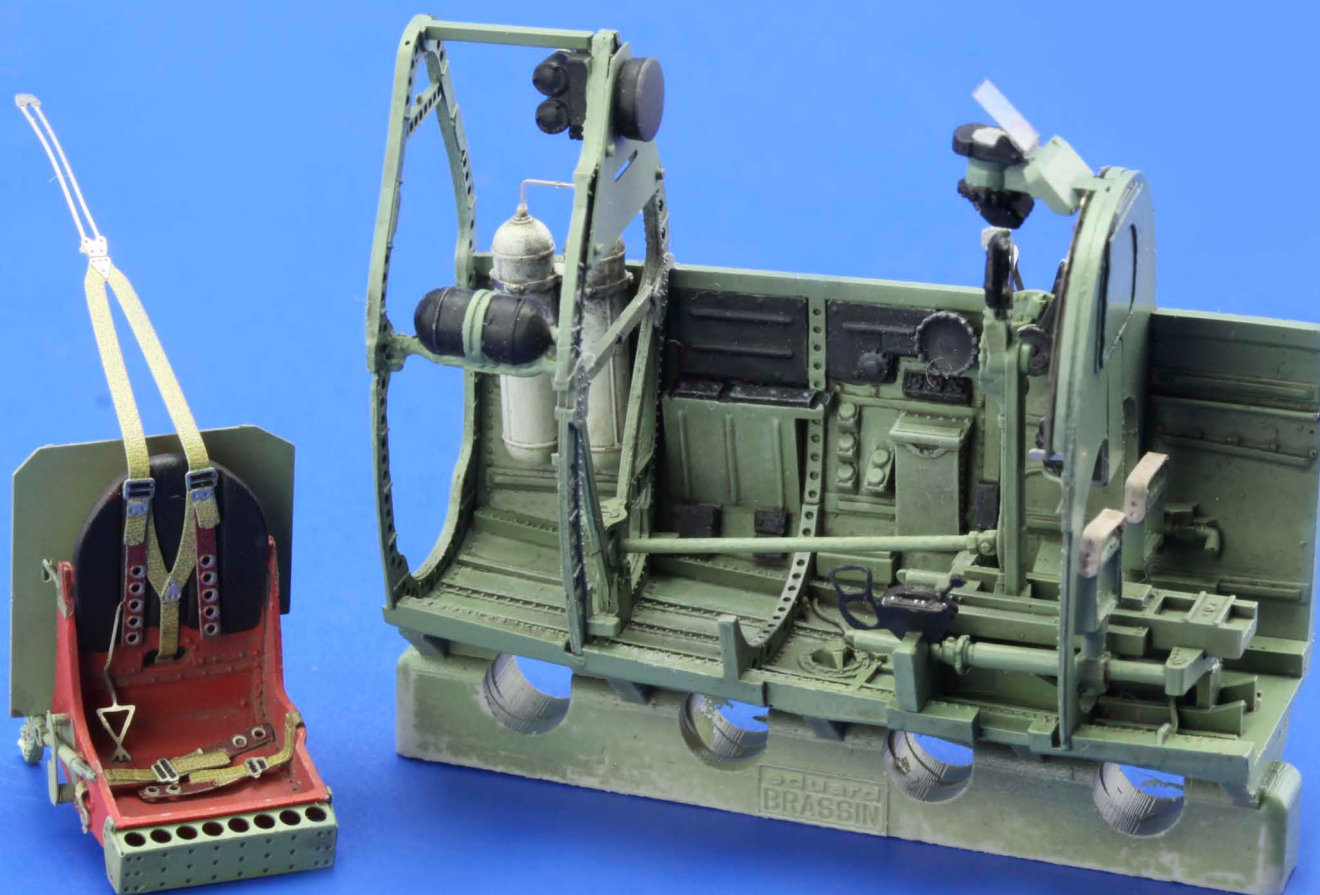
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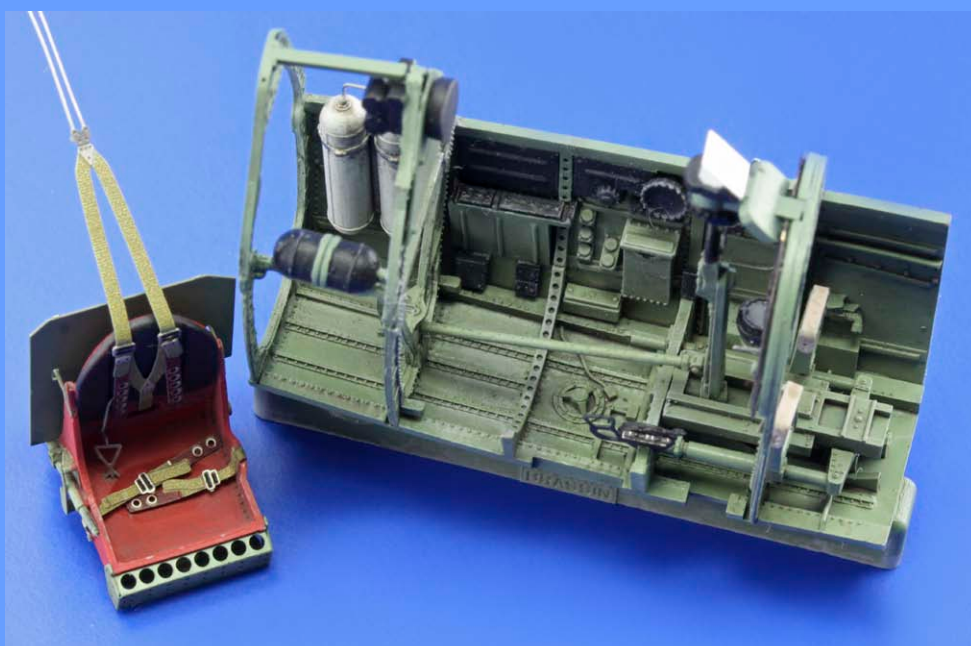
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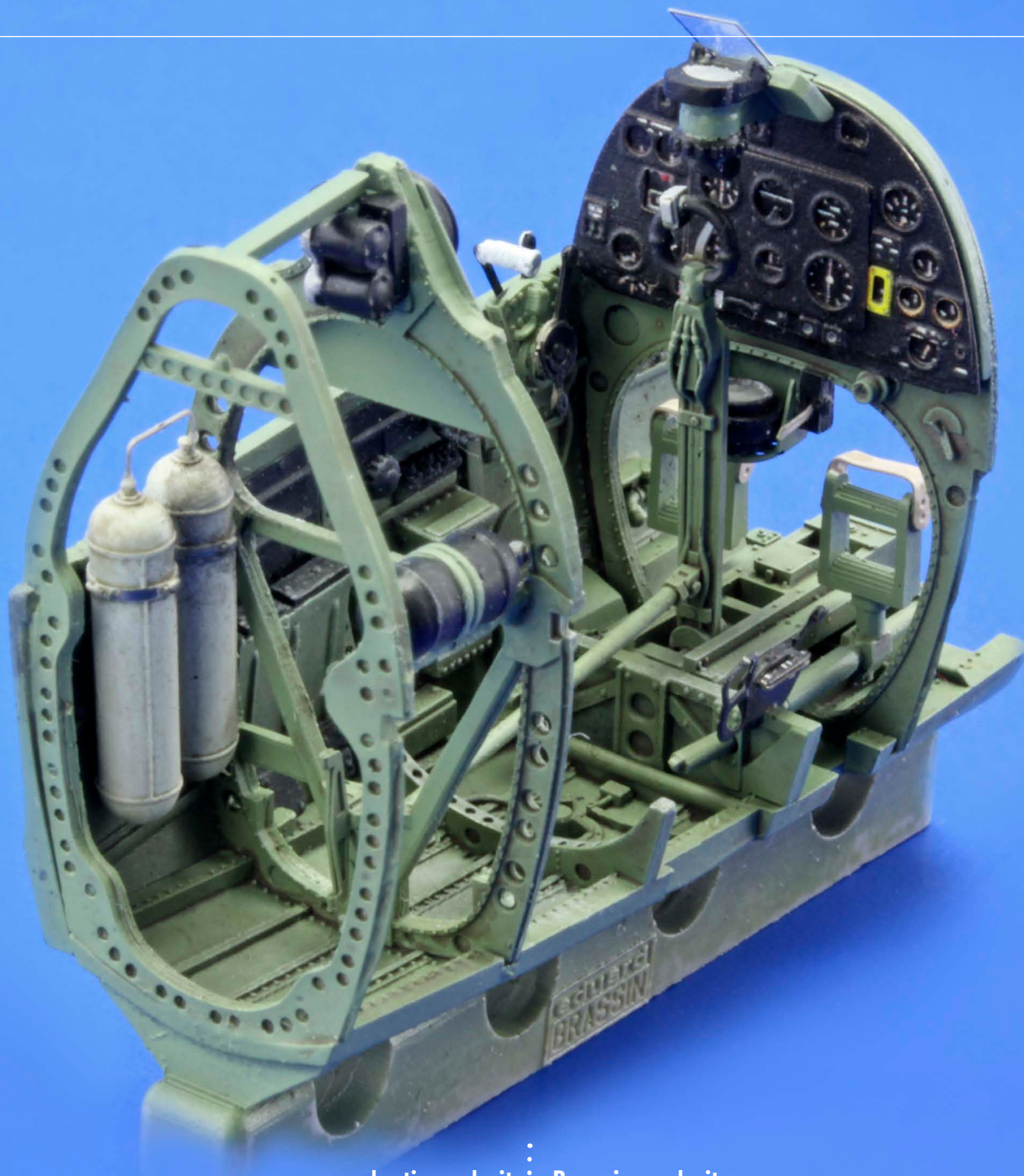




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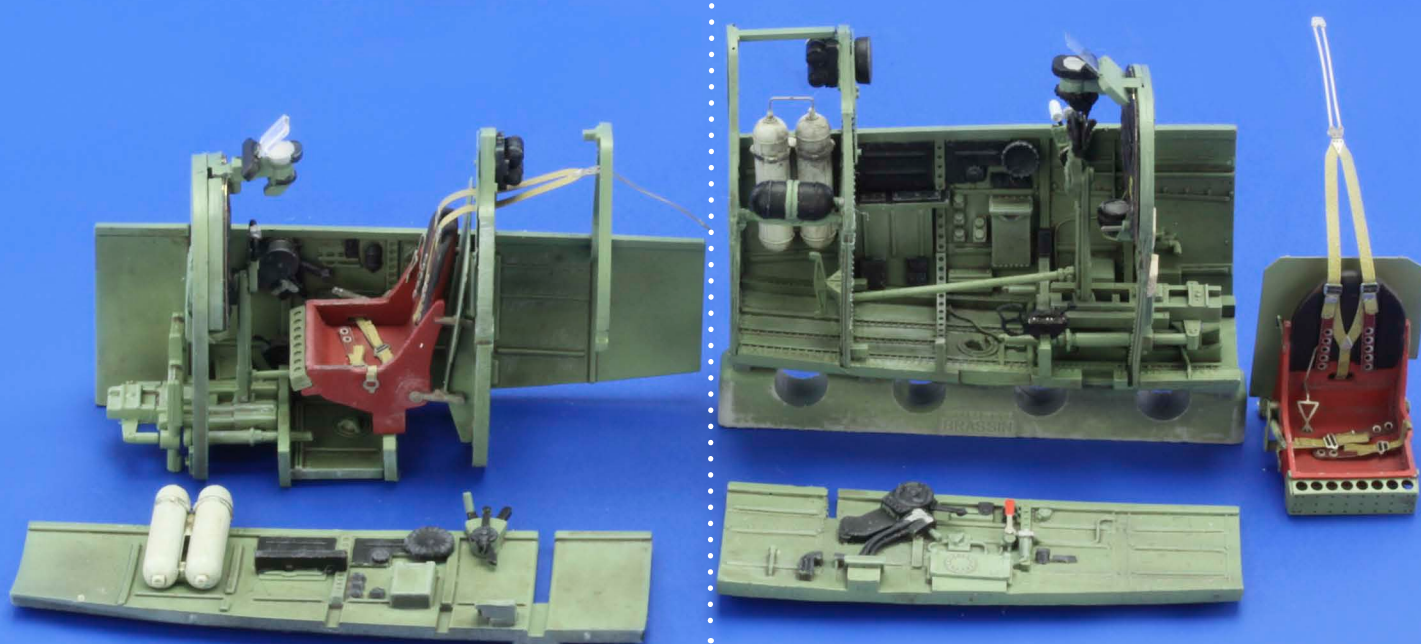
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Bf 109 E-7 1/48 (Royal Class R0007), III./ZG 1,
Belgorod and Kuteinikovo airfield, Soviet Union, May to August, 1942

foto: Petr Chmelík





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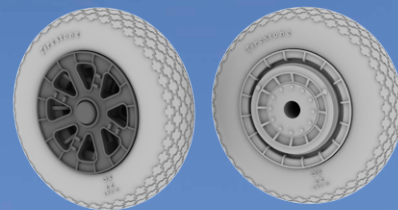
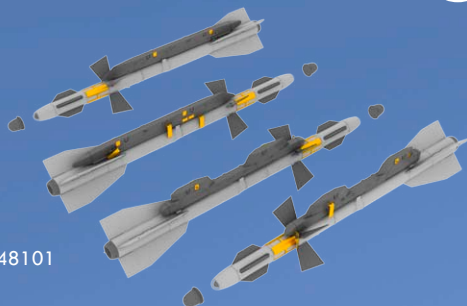
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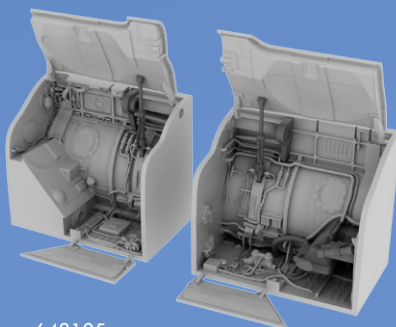
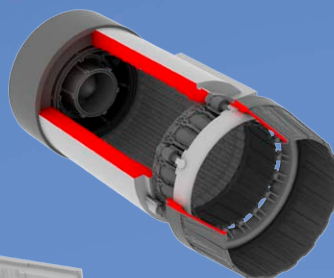
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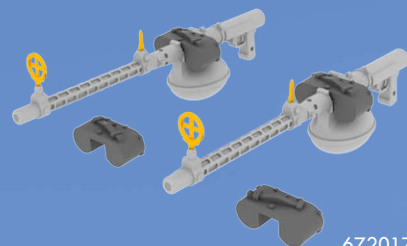
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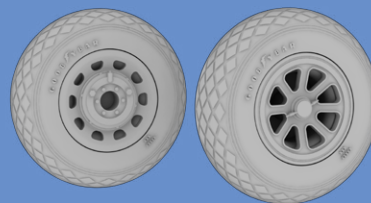
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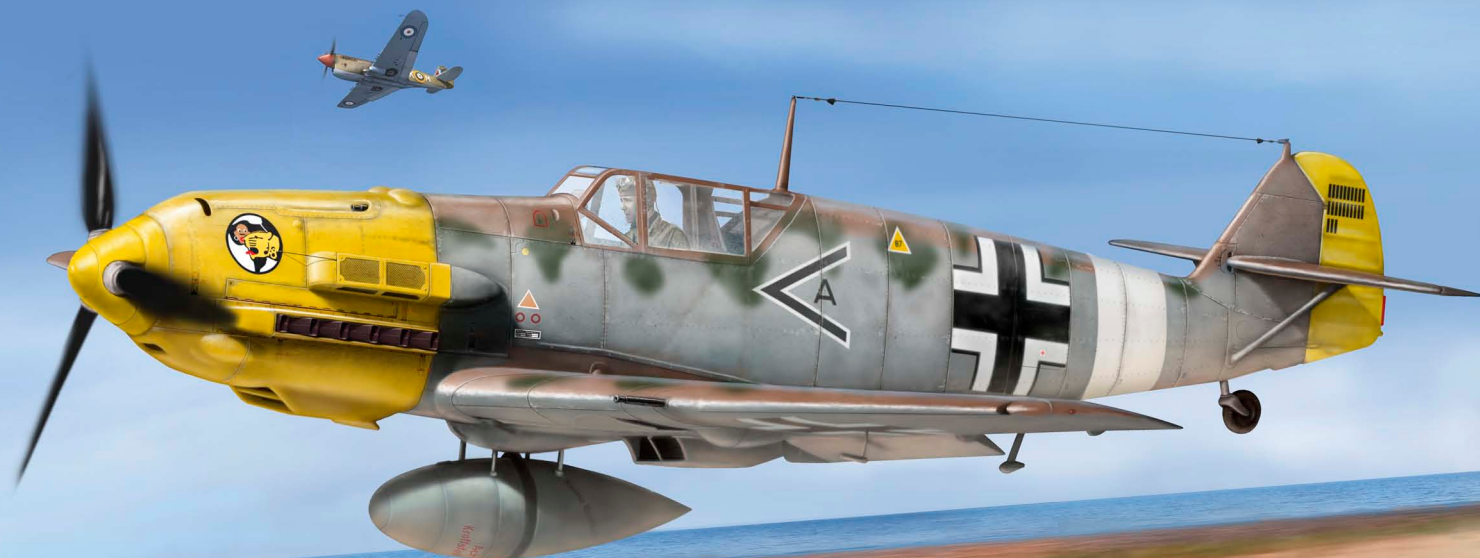


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 32771 Seatbelts USAAF WWII FABRIC
 36252 Merkava Mk.IV LIC
 36258 Merkava Mk.IV LIC armour shields
 48771 MiG-29 F.O.D.
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 53087 Kriegsmarine officers WWII S.A.
 53090 Bismarck part 8 - structural railings
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 73478 Bf 109E-7 S.A.
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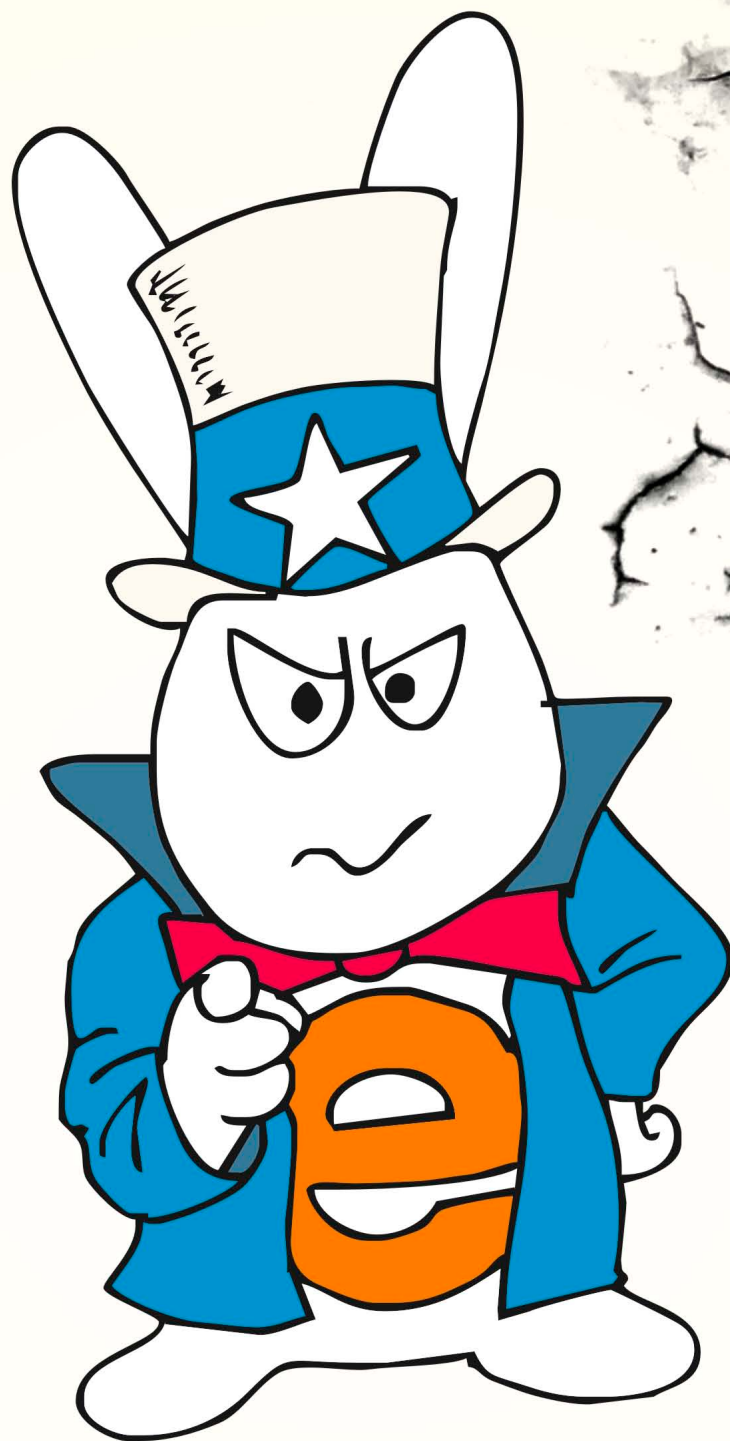
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