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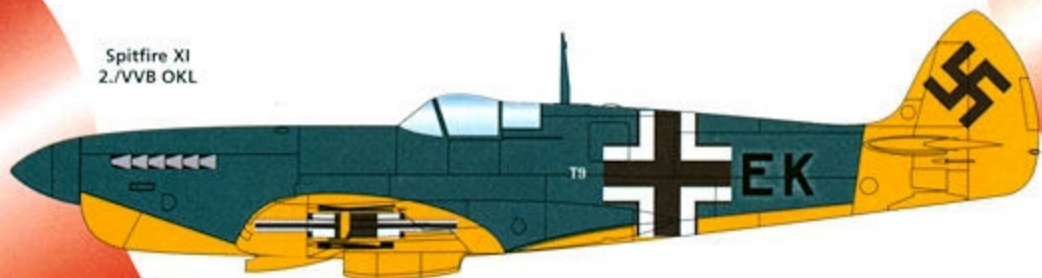
# Zircus Rosarius

## Special Missions Part 3

P-51B  
2./VVB OKL



Spitfire XI  
2./VVB OKL



Typhoon Ia  
2./VVB OKL



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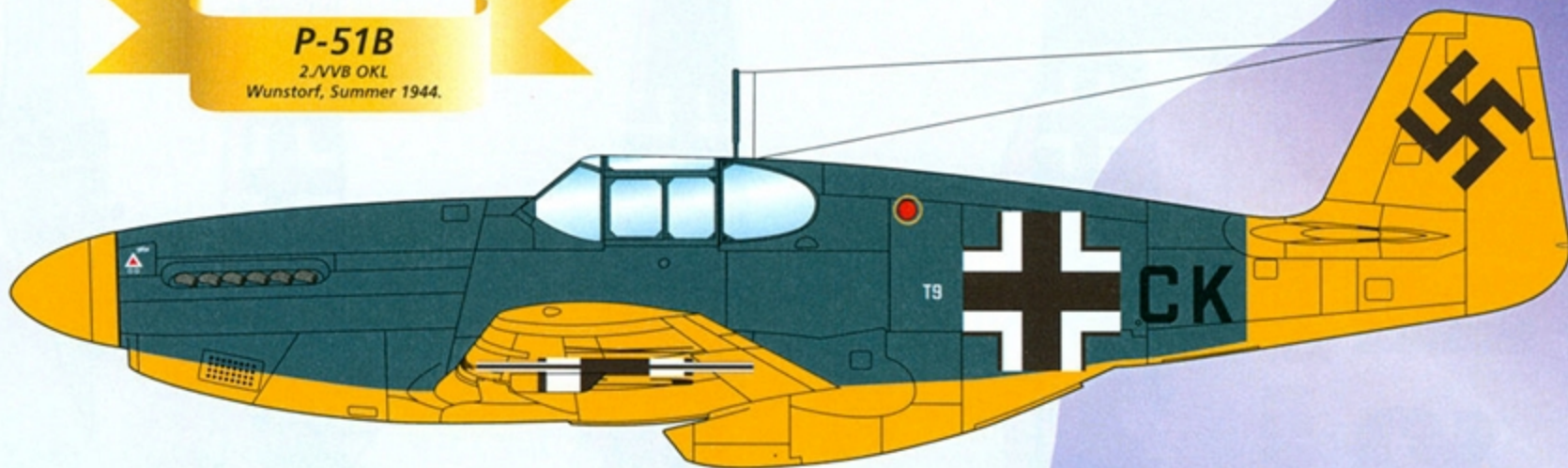
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## P-51B

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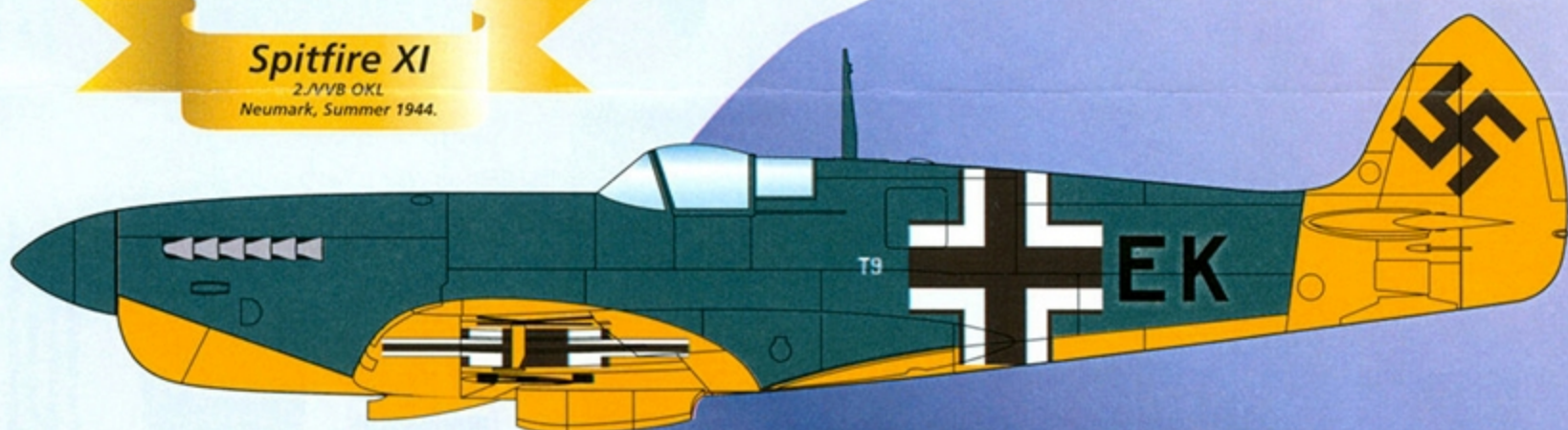


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Versuchsverband (the Trials and Research Unit of the Luftwaffe High Command) flew and assessed the capabilities of captured Allied fighters, and toured these aircraft to various Luftwaffe fighter units as the "Wanderzirkus (or Beute-Zirkus) Rosarius." The aircraft tested by them included P-51s, P-38s, P-47s, Spitfires, Mosquitos and a Typhoon.

## Spitfire XI

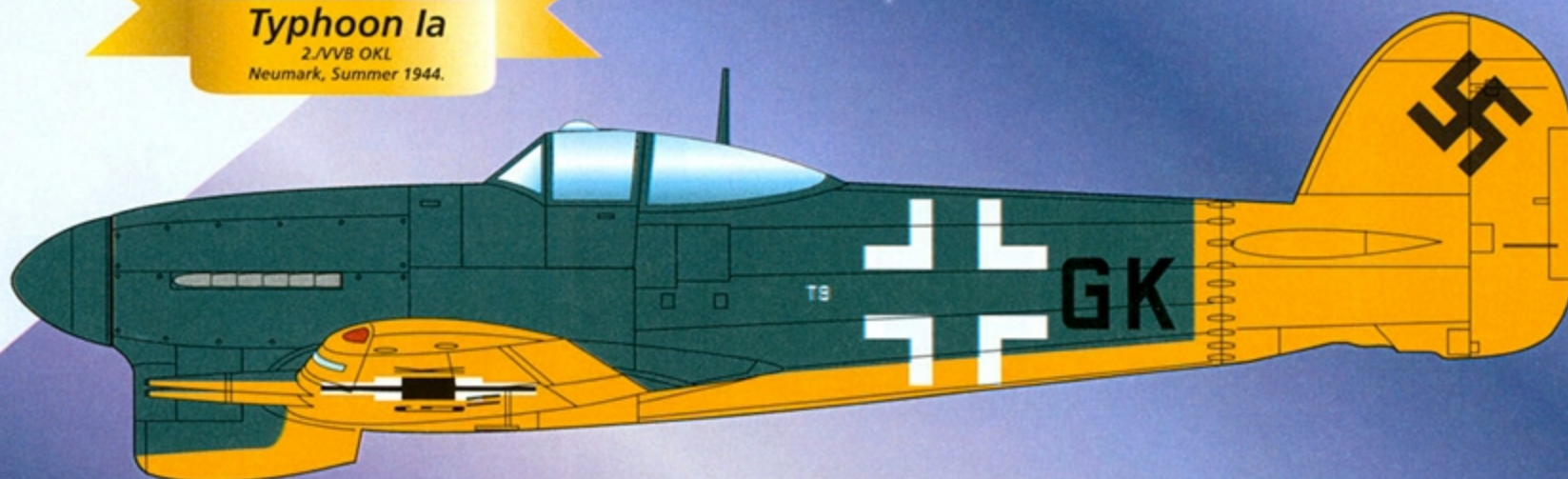
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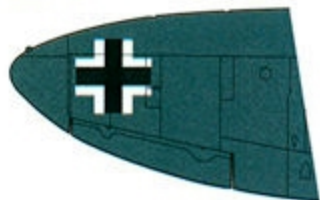
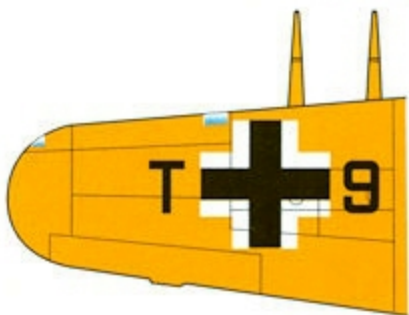
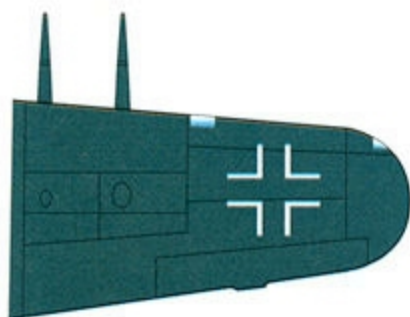
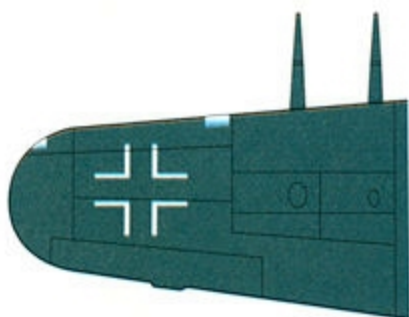
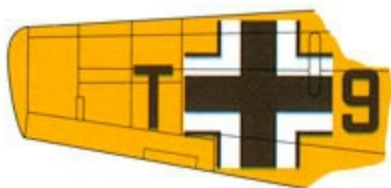
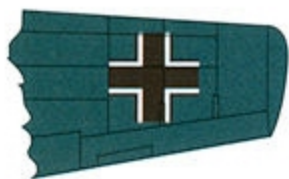
Unlike USAAF code placement, Luftwaffe codes always read left to right, so on the right side of these aircraft the 'T9' would be AFT of the cross, and the individual code letters forward of it, the exact opposite of the left side.

## Typhoon Ia

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Neumark, Summer 1944.







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## T9+CK

- No information regarding the original identity of this aircraft or pilot could be found.

## T9+EK

- Originally serial number MK698, No. 412 Sq. RCAF, shot down near Krefeld.

## T9+GK

- This Typhoon was originally coded EJ956 of No. 486 Sq. RNZAF and was obtained by the Luftwaffe after being shot down by flak over Fecamp.

## Applying the Decals

You probably already know all this stuff, so feel free to use your regular process; however, if you're new to aftermarket decals, here goes:

- Generally, use the Microscale Finishing System. We don't recommend extremely strong decal solvents such as Solvaset.
- Your model must have a smooth, glossy surface, as decals won't adhere well to matte surfaces. Use gloss paints or your favorite clear gloss overspray over matte or semigloss paint.
- Cut each subject out without trimming off the slight excess film (this helps the decal film disappear when dry).
- Put the decal in warm water that has a drop or two of liquid dishwashing soap or photo-flo for 10 seconds.
- When the decal will slide off the backing paper without forcing it, apply it to the proper position on your model. Slide the backing paper out from underneath.
- Gently blot off excess water and smooth out bubbles under the decal surface. If you wish, carefully brush on a mild decal softener such as Micro-Sol.
- When all decals are completely dry, gently wash off all excess decal adhesive.
- Finally, overcoat your model with a good quality gloss coat, followed by your choice of matte or eggshell clear topcoat.

## FS 595 Color Cross Reference

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Xtracolor X206/144, Polly Scale 505059, Floquil 303247, Gunze Sangyo H068/H319, Tamiya XF62

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