

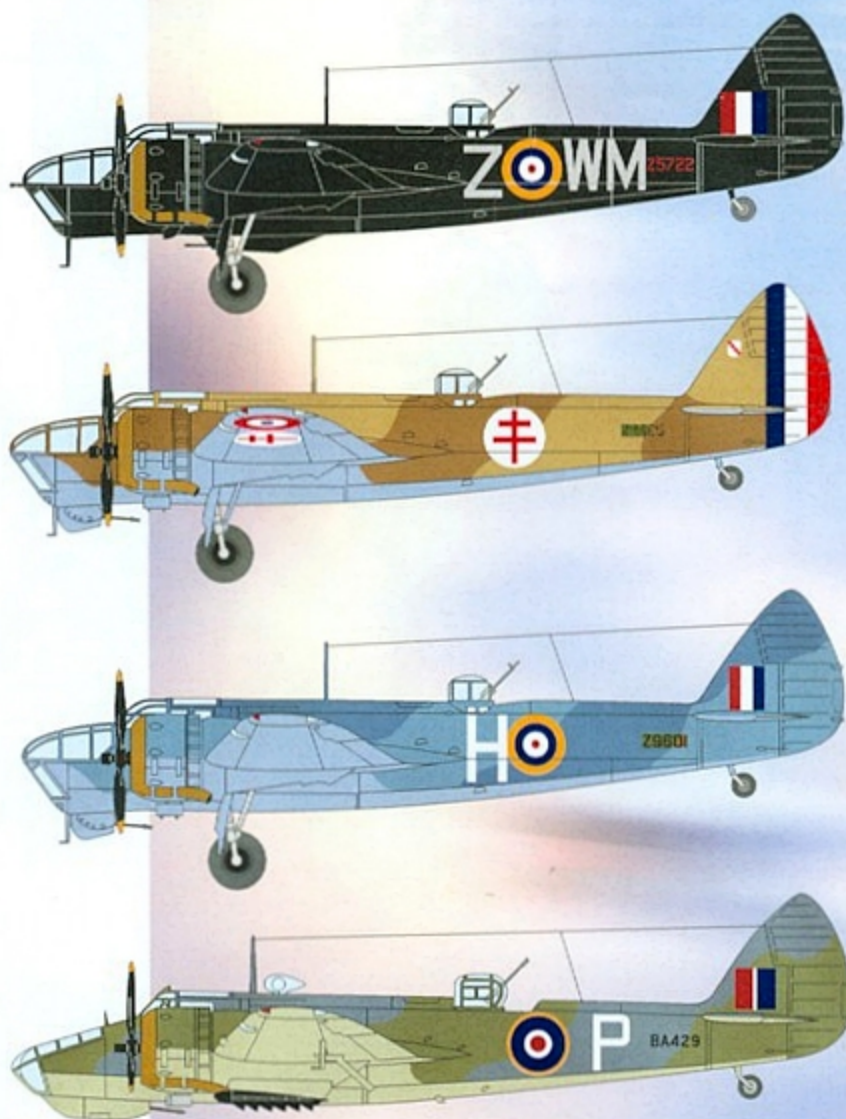
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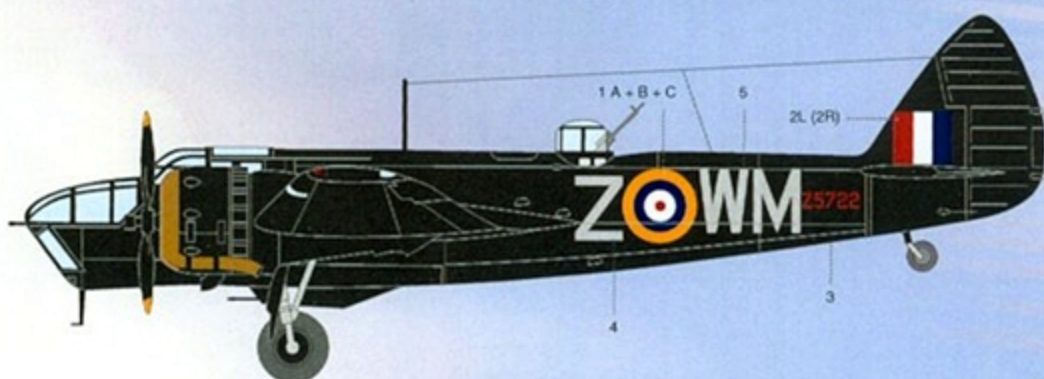
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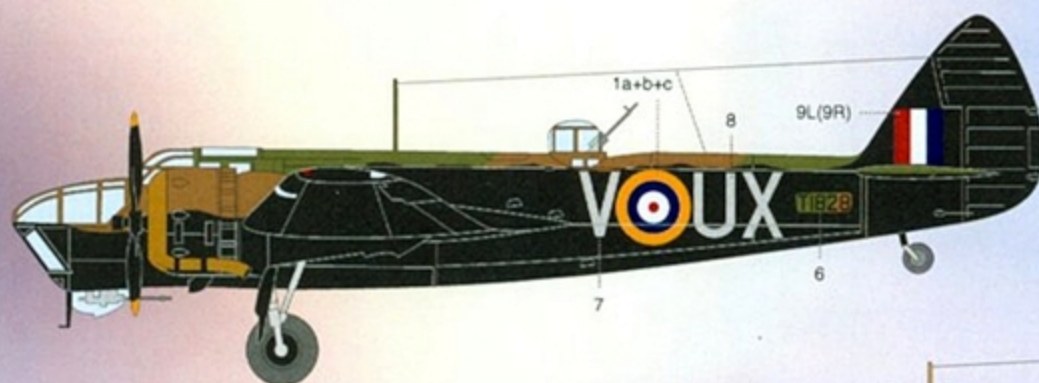
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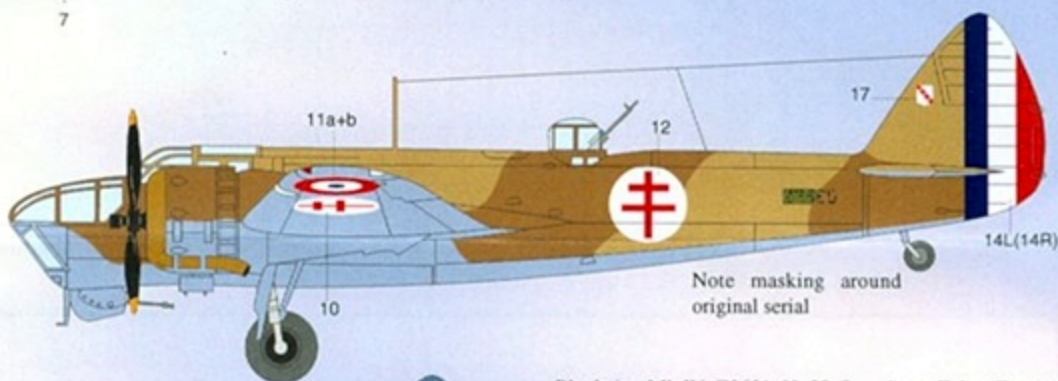
Blenheim Mk.IV Z5722 Z-WM. Wg.Cdr. the Honorable Max Aitken, 68 Squadron, High Ercall, 1941. Finished in overall R.D.M.2 Special Night, unfortunately, this paint wore badly and showed various scuffs and chips easily. Z-WM was equipped with the fighter version 0.303 inch Browning four gun pack under the fuselage and carried an A1 Mk.III radar in the nose. Starboard side reads WM•Z.



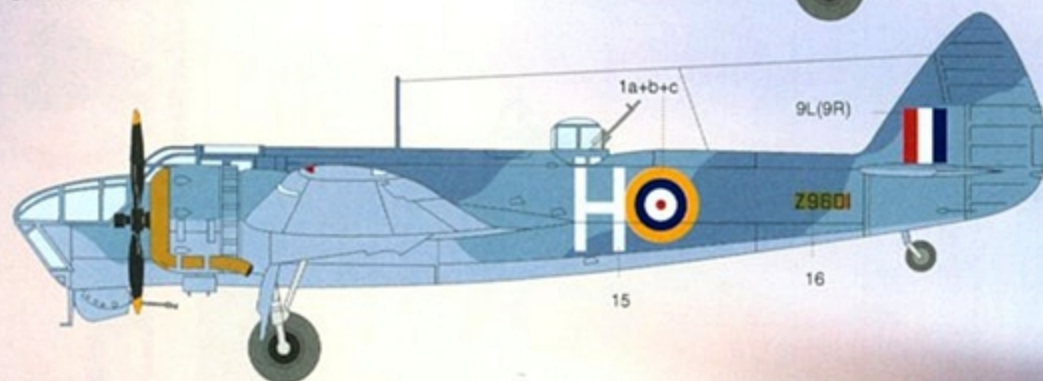
Blenheim M.IV T1828 V-UX, 82 Squadron, Bodney, February 1941. V-UX displays an unusually high demarcation line to its R.D.M.2 Special Night camouflage. The Blenheim's role in night operations increased at this stage in the war and they were as night intruders and flew diversionary raids in support of the Main Force operations. Note the serial is retained on the original camouflage colors. Starboard side reads UX•V.



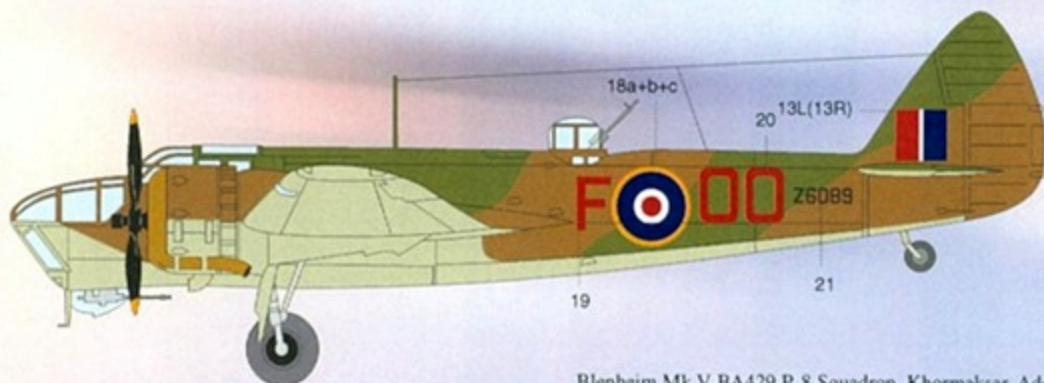
Blenheim Mk.IV 'Groupe Lorraine', Free French Air Force (serial unknown) Attached to 270 Wing, Fuka, Egypt, November 1941. 'Groupe Lorraine' Blenheims were part of an allied air force of RAF, Free French, Greek, South African and later US aircraft. The dual markings plus Cross of Lorraine insignia were a distinct feature of the groupe and provided clear identification to 'trigger happy' friendly ground forces!



Blenheim Mk.IV Z9601 H 55 Squadron, Fuka, Egypt, early 1942. Wearing an experimental scheme of Dark and Light Mediterranean Blue patterned camouflage and Azure Blue under surfaces, Z9601 was used for maritime operations, flying anti-shipping sorties against the Axis supply convoys. Note the serial is retained on the original camouflage colors. Starboard side reads •H.



Blenheim Mk.IV Z6089 F-OO 13 Squadron, RAF Odiham, Dieppe Raid, 19 August 1942. 13 Squadron's Blenheims were sorted to take out coastal batteries during the raid. Even fitted with the later twin Browning upper turret and rear firing nose turret, the Mk.IV was no match against its Luftwaffe adversaries at this stage in the war. Starboard side reads OO•F.



Blenheim Mk.V BA429 P. 8 Squadron, Khormaksar, Aden 1943. 8 Squadron operated as part of the RAF's Near-East Air Force and wears European Coastal Command colors. Its main roles were on anti-submarine patrols and internal security duties after the Italian surrender in East Africa. Starboard side reads P•.

