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PRODUCTS

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Aussie Part 4 Spitfires



Suggested Kit:

Hasegawa, ICM, Otaki Mk VIII Spitfire Family

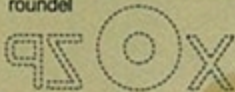


Aircraft #1

Spitfire VIII A58-600 ZP-X

457 Squadron, Labuan Island, mid 1945. Flown by Flt Lt. John Jenkins. 457 Squadron moved to Labuan from Morotai to provide air cover for the invasion of Brunei, North Borneo. ZP-X carries the later, enlarged 'sharkmouth' but still also retains the earlier set of eyes from the smaller version! Full temperate scheme of Ocean Gray, Dark Green and Medium Sea Gray. White Spinners and side codes.

A58-600 Position of starboard codes to roundel



Upper Wing Roundel: A or B?

Wing roundels on A/C 2, 3 & 4 are A

Aircraft #2

Spitfire VIII A58-435 QY-T

Flt. Lt. Ron Cundy 452 Squadron, Sattler, Northern Territory, Australia, mid 1944. Flt. Lt. Cundy was an ace with 5+ victories, all attained while serving in the Western Desert. The Pegasus emblem was taken from the Socony Mobil logo. It is possible that this a/c still has an Azure Blue lower surfaces. Your choice. RAAF Foliage Green highly polished to increase performance. Possible RAAF Sky Blue lower surfaces and codes.

A58-435 Position of starboard codes to roundel

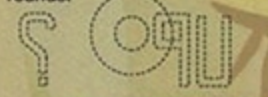


Aircraft #3

Spitfire VIII A58-543 UP-?

79 Squadron, Morotai, New Guinea, 1945. After a series of accidents with aircraft coded 'H', 79 Squadron decided to put the gremlins to rest by using the code '?'. Note how the camouflage wraps around the lower nose cowling. RAF Dark Earth, Azure and RAAF Foliage Green. RAF Sky spinner and Sky Blue side codes. White Empenage.

A58-543 Position of starboard codes to roundel



A58-543 Note how original RAF fin flash shows through white painted theatre marking. Unfortunately we found no reference as to whether there was any starboard wear on the fin

This a/c has always been depicted in a two-tone green color. After interviewing over 30 ex-member of 79 Sq., Peter says they do not remember any two-tone green a/c. Most 79 Sq. a/c we have seen are like UP-? above, but you be the judge. The pictures that Peter sent to us, show a definitive pattern of dark colors, so the possibility of these colors being RAF Dk Earth and RAAF Foliage Green over Azure is very possible. Your choice. Read the note about two tone green spitfires.

Aircraft #4

Spitfire Mk VIII, UP-F/A58 517 of B Flight, 79 Squadron, at Morotai, New Guinea, 1945. Flown by Flt Lt. Norm Smithhell. White empenage was very stained or scuffed up. Camouflaged as A/C 3 but with a Green spinner.



A (bottom wing)