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AIRCOBRAS AT WAR

PT III



Suggested Kit: Monogram P-39 / Eduard P-39



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A/C#1 P-39D, 36 FS/8FG, Port Moresby, New Guinea, June 1942. A/C flown by Lt. Don McGee wears a typical scheme of U.S. Olive Drab/Neutral Gray with Yellow spinner and tail tips. Pilot, nicknamed Fibber McGee, claims to have shot down 5 A/C although only one was credited.

A/C#2 P-39N. Flown by Maj Mikhail Rents, 30 GIAP, Germany, 1945. Pilot flew this same A/C from the beginning of 1944 till the wars end. Slogan reads "for my perished brothers". Same color scheme as A/C 1 with Blue spinner and tail tips.

A/C#3 Another New Guinea A/C, a P-39N flown by Lt Roy Owen, October 1943. Standard Olive Drab/Neutral Gray with White tails, tipped with Yellow as well as the complete spinner.

A/C#4 Again Port Moresby was the base of these P-400 flown by Lt Curran Jones, of the 39 FS/ 35FG. This A/C probably was one of the lend lease A/C to the British and taken over by the U.S. The colors were likely Dupont versions of Middlestone and Dk Green with Lt Blue undersurfaces. This "Sand & Spinach" finish was common on P-40s, A-20s and Hudsons during this period. Medium Blue spinner and tail tips complete the scheme.

A/C#5 Lt. Bill Fiedler, the USAAF Airacobra only Ace flew this P-39N off Guadalcanal in the Summer of 1943. With a scheme as plain as it could be, this A/C only had a White number 68 and a Skull and Crossbones for decoration. Worthy of a place in any collection for its historical value.



Stencils are shown on this aircraft only, but may be applied to all aircraft. If you wish to apply a full stencil set, we suggest you use Eduards' kit. We are only supplying the most basic ones for the Monogram kit.



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