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# Beaufighters:

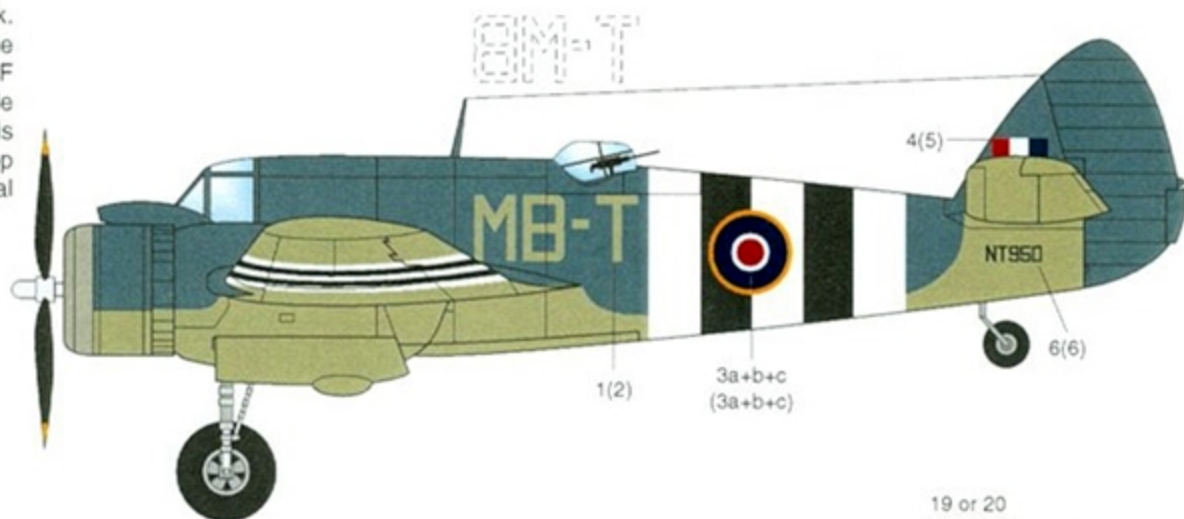
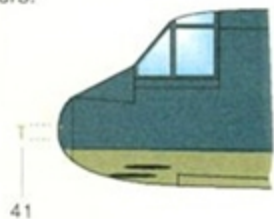
Whispering Death

PART I

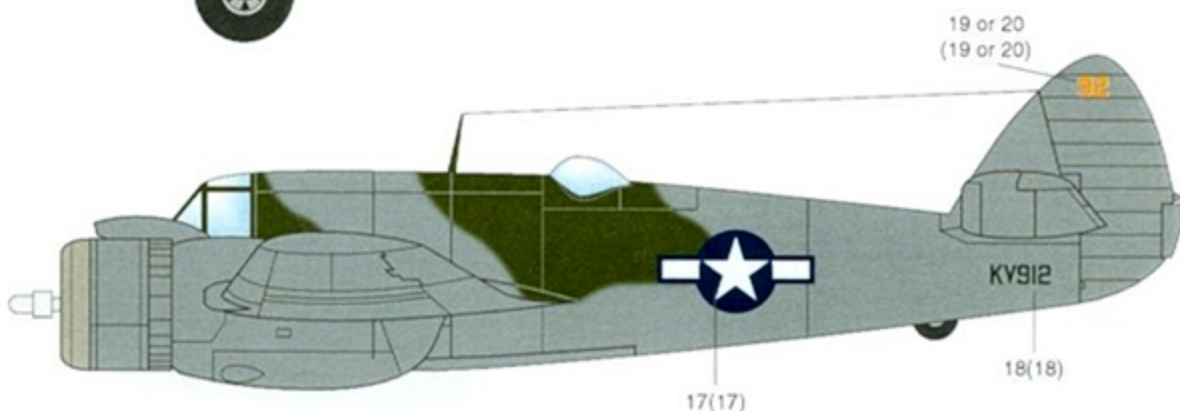


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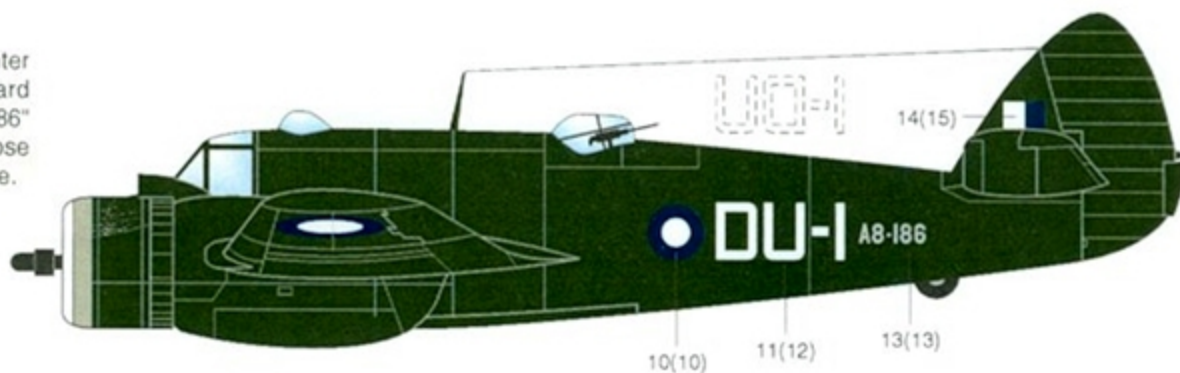
1 This Beaufighter Mk.X of 236 Sqn. wears Dk. Sea Gray (or Ocean Grey) over Sky. Note the Normandy invasion stripes, the early style RAF fin flash and, possibly, an individual letter code on nose (extra decal 39). Cowl leading edge is burnt metal in most of our Beaufighters. Prop blades are black with yellow tips. Natural metal spinners.



2 The USAAF's 416th Night Fighter Sqn. operated Beaufighter Mk.VIF's in the Fall of 1944. Finish is Dark Green over Medium Sea Grey. Note that sources differ as to the fin code carried by KV912. We have provided both — (decals 19 and 20). Natural Metal boss and hub.



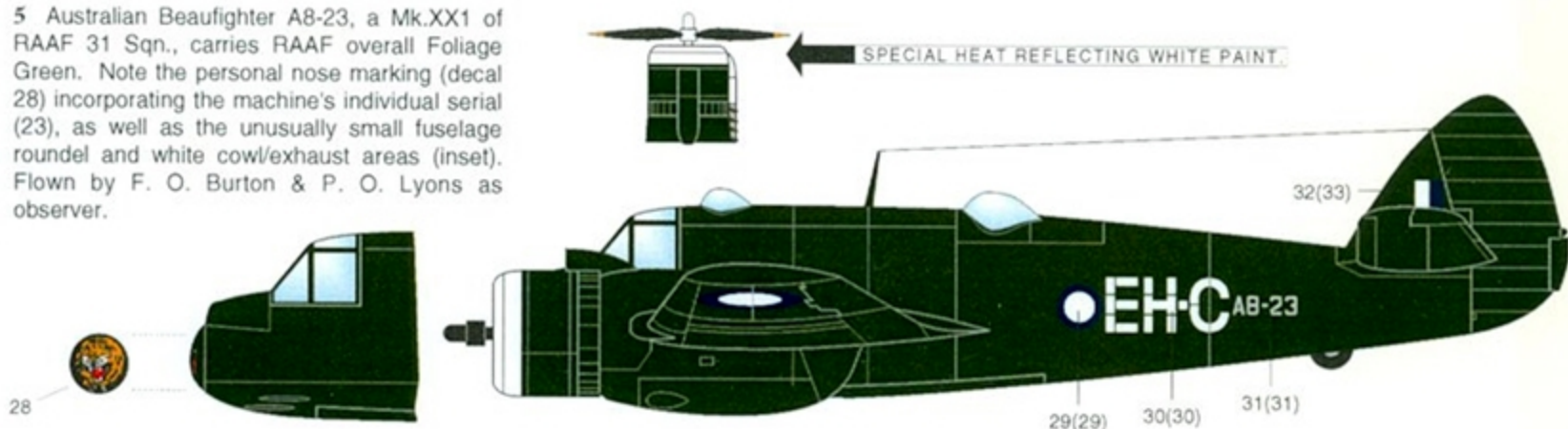
3 By contrast, this Australian Beaufighter Mk.XX1 of RAAF 22 Sqn. sports standard RAAF overall Foliage Green. Note the "186" (decal 21) and personal marking on the nose (decals 9a+9b). Note White cowl leading edge.



4 The Beaufighter initially saw combat during the summer of 1940. This Mk.IF of No. 25 Sqn. wears Dark Earth and Dark Green over Sky. Note the Black prop spinner, possible individual aircraft letter on the nose, early style fin flash, and lack of dihedral on tail planes.



5 Australian Beaufighter A8-23, a Mk.XX1 of RAAF 31 Sqn., carries RAAF overall Foliage Green. Note the personal nose marking (decal 28) incorporating the machine's individual serial (23), as well as the unusually small fuselage roundel and white cowl/exhaust areas (inset). Flown by F. O. Burton & P. O. Lyons as observer.

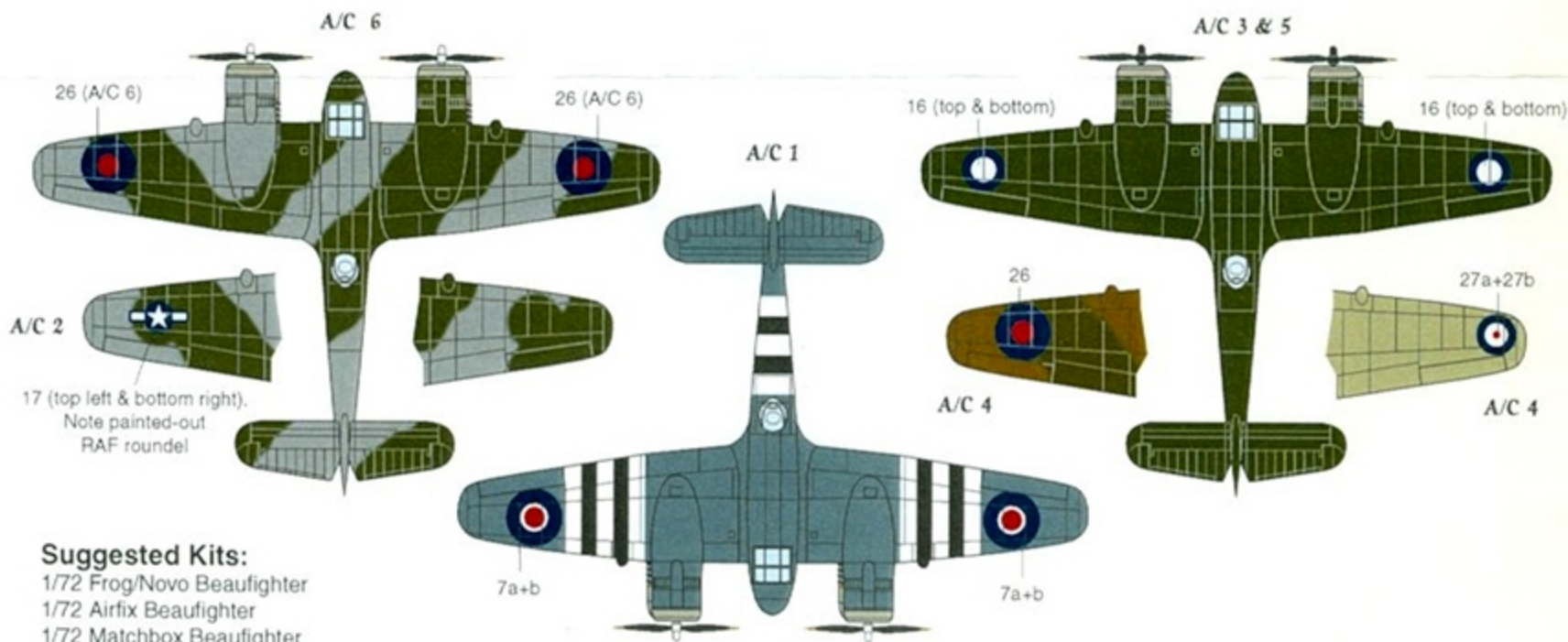


6 This Beaufighter Mk.VI of No. 604 Sqn. wears Dark Green over Medium Sea Grey. Small letter "C" (decal 34) might have appeared on the nose tip. Note lack of underwing roundels and radar nose.



Note:  
Photos used for A/C 4 and 6 were a little blurred and we could not read the serial number well. Therefore, we have supplied you with the two possible options.

A/C 4: \*R2059\* or \*R2069\*  
A/C 6: MMB56 solid or broken



### Suggested Kits:

- 1/72 Frog/Novo Beaufighter
- 1/72 Airfix Beaufighter
- 1/72 Matchbox Beaufighter

### References:

- Scale Aircraft Modelling, Aug. 1989.
- Camouflage & Markings (Br. A/C in USAAF Service)
- Camouflage & Markings (RAF Fighter Command)
- RAAF Camouflage & Markings, vols. 1&2 (Kookaburra)
- Beaufighter In Action
- Aviation News (vol.1, no.24)
- Information from Mr. John Kerr, and Bevan Davidson.
- Warpaint series #1, by Alan Hall, drawings by David Howley.

Recommended <i>AeroMaster Warbird Colors</i> Acrylic			
1001	Gloss Clear	1112	Ocean Gray
1002	Semi-Gls Clr	1113	Med. Sea Gray
1003	Flat Clear	1114	Sky
1004	Tire Black	1118	Extra Dk. Sea Gray
1110	Dk. Earth	1119	Slate Gray
1111	Dk. Green	1120	UK Interior Gray
		1122	Dk. Sea Gray

Recommended <i>AeroMaster Warbird Colors</i> Enamels			
9001	Black	9110	Dk. Earth
9002	White	9111	Dk. Green
9003	Yellow	9112	Ocean Gray
9004	Blue	9113	Med. Sea Gray
9005	Red	9114	Sky
9010	Tire Black		

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