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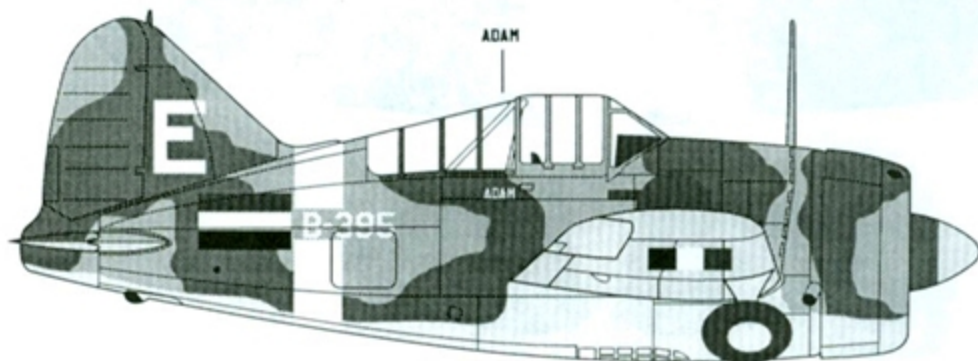
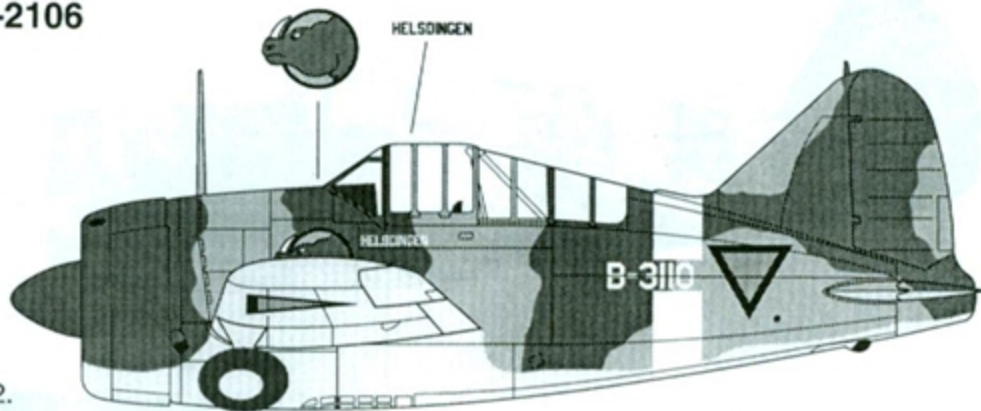
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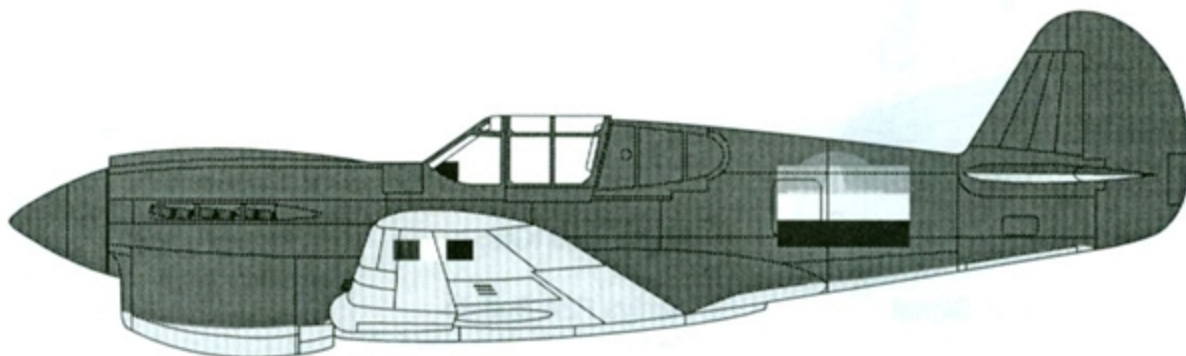
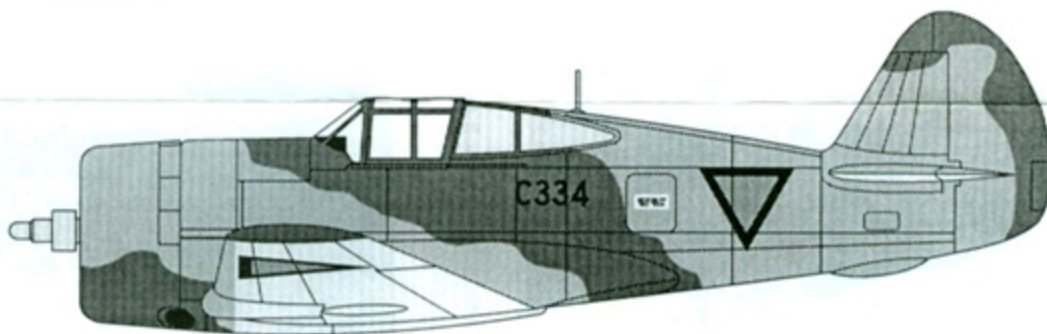
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Brewster 339C Buffalo, B-3110, 2-VLG-V, *Militaire Luchvaart - Koninklijk Nederlands-Indisch Leger* (Netherlands East Indies Army Air Corps or ML-KNIL), Singapore, January 1942. Flown by Kapt. J. P. Van Helsdingen. U.S. Olive Drab 41 and Medium Green 42 camouflage with painted silver lower surfaces. Fuselage band white. Propeller blades black with 8" yellow tips. Kapt. Van Helsdingen was killed in action on 7 March 1942.



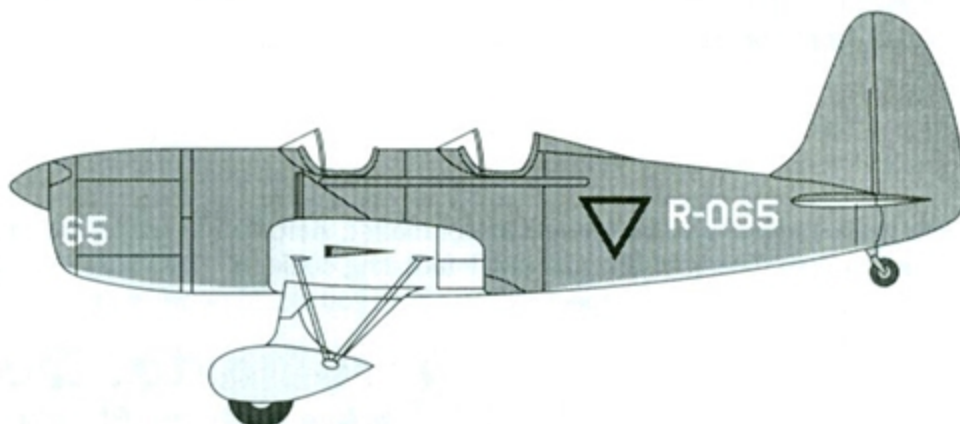
Brewster 339C Buffalo, B-395, 1-VLG-V, ML-KNIL, Andir, Java, February, 1942. Flown by Sgt. J. Adam. Colors same as B-3110 above. Forward portion of spinner possibly a replacement finished in RAF Sky Type S. Orange insignias replaced with Dutch flag to avoid confusion with Japanese Hinomarus. Note painted over rhinoceros insignia and pilot's name. This aircraft was captured by the Japanese on Java.

Curtiss Hawk 75A-7, C334, 1-VLG-IV, ML-KNIL, Java, late 1941. Colors are believed to be near equivalents to U.S. 41 and 42 with natural metal lower surfaces and inside rear cockpit windows. Stenciling on radio compartment door is on a natural metal background. Note that this aircraft is unusual in having an ADF loop fitted aft of the cockpit.



Curtiss P-40E Warhawk, serial not displayed. Intended for 1-VLG-IV, but not flown operationally before surrender to Japanese on 7 March 1942. Olive Drab and Neutral Gray camouflage with Dutch flags on fuselage and lower wings. White of U.S. star insignia shows through red of fuselage flag. U.S. insignias overpainted on upper wings.

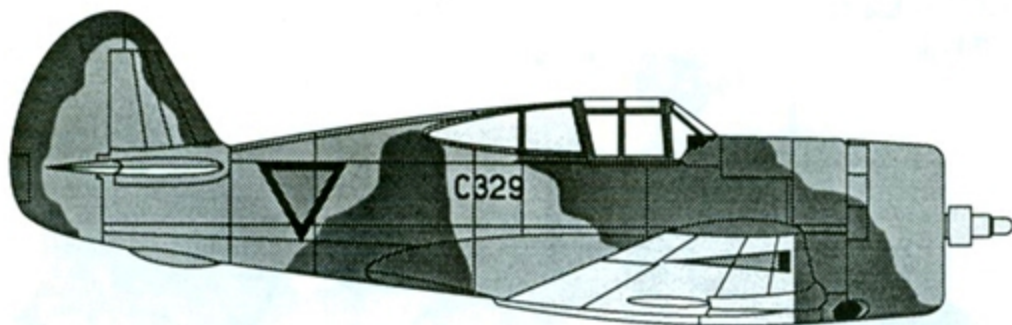
Ryan STM of the ML-KNIL flying school, 1941. Original silver and natural metal finish overpainted with dark green on upper surfaces. Exact shade not known, but probably similar to U.S. Medium Green 42. Insignias on lower wing surfaces only.



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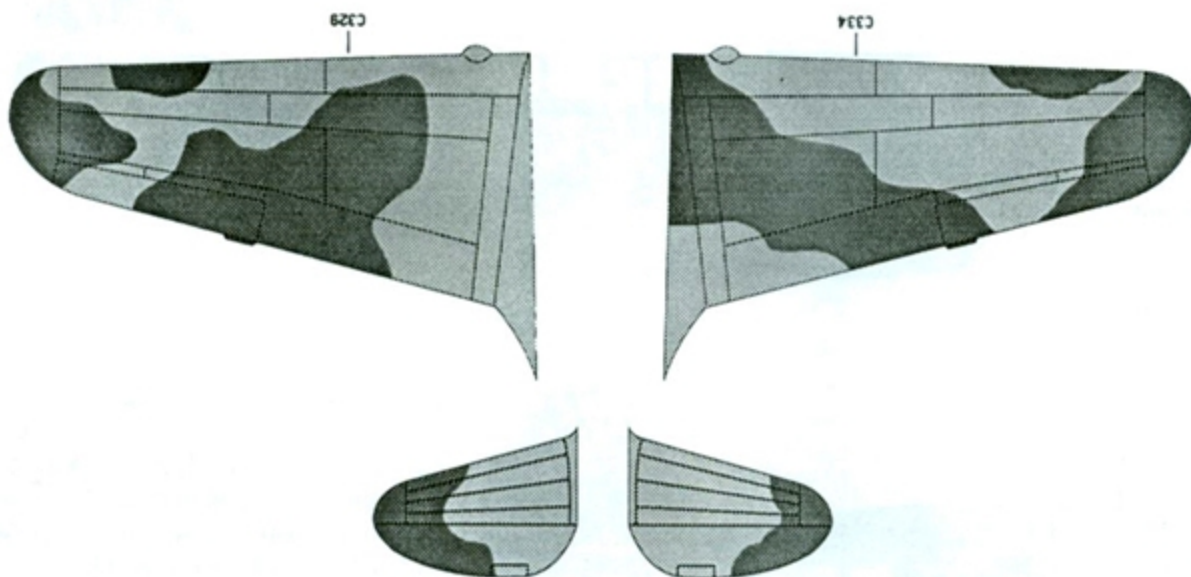
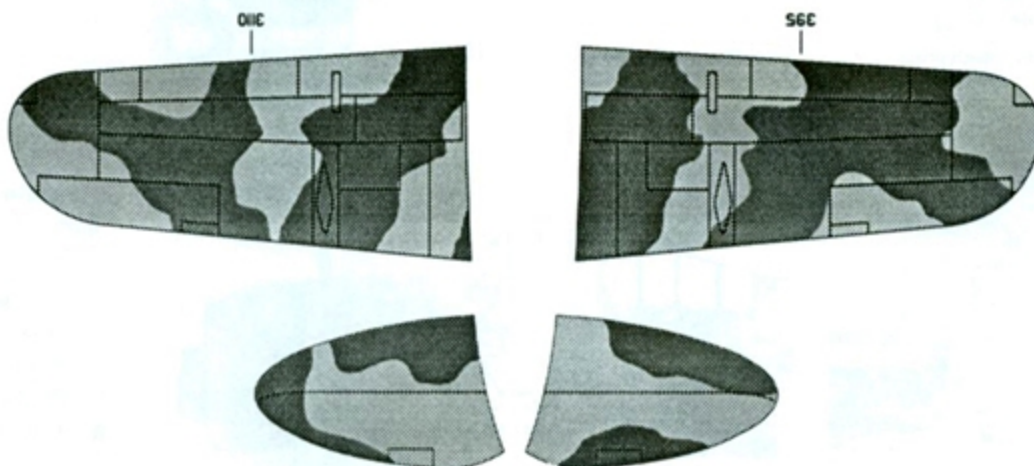


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Curtiss Hawk 75A-7, C329, 1-VLG-IV, ML-KNIL, Java, late 1941, showing starboard side camouflage scheme. Colors as C334. No ADF loop.

Upper surface view of Brewster 339Cs showing camouflage scheme and location of serials on leading edge. Aircraft have serial on both wing leading edges.



Upper surface view of Hawk 75A-7s showing camouflage scheme and location of serials on leading edge. Aircraft have serial on both wing leading edges.

## References:

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2. Small Air Forces Observer, Vol. 16, No. 2, April 1992.

## Suggested Kits:

Tamiya F2A Buffalo  
Medallion Models Hawk 75A,  
AMT P-36A (modified), or Hobby Craft Hawk 75A  
Otaki/Arii P-40E  
Testors PT-20 (STM)  
Sierra Scale Models Curtiss CW-21 (resin)  
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