



Green Ghost Squadron

93 Squadron, RAAF, Bristol Beaufighter Mk.21



Suggested Kit: Tamiya Bristol Beaufighter Mk.VI/Mk.X.



Beaufighter Mk.21 A8-120. SK-P 'BARREN-JOEY' WO R.B. Hitchen & Flt. Sgt. M.M. Dwyer 93 Squadron, RAAF, Labuan, Borneo, August 1945. SK-P carried artwork on the fin depicting a cockatoo seeking the enemy through a telescope while perched on a 60lb rocket projectile.



Beaufighter Mk.21 A8-184 SK-O 'YE OLD BUMBLE BEE'. Flt. Lt. L.H. Kirkman & Flt. Sgt. S.B. Fraser 93 Squadron, RAAF, Labuan, Borneo, August 1945. The strange half-human bumble bee artwork was carried on both sides of the fin. The starboard version stating 'You'll find no honey here!'



Beaufighter Mk.21 A8-116 SK-N 'PISTOL PACKIN GREMLIN/Babs' WO. Lerryn W. Mutton & Flt. Sgt. C.G. Curthoys. 93 Squadron, RAAF, Kingaroy, Queensland, Australia, early 1945. The laughing gremlin shown on the fin was slightly different on each side. SK-N also carried the customary girlfriend's name on its nose.



Beaufighter Mk.21 A8-112 SK-L. WO. Carter & Flt. Sgt. Noak 93 Squadron, RAAF, Labuan, Borneo, summer 1945. SK-L displayed the Walt Disney character, Goofy, on its fin. Goofy is riding a 60lb rocket projectile in cowboy style.

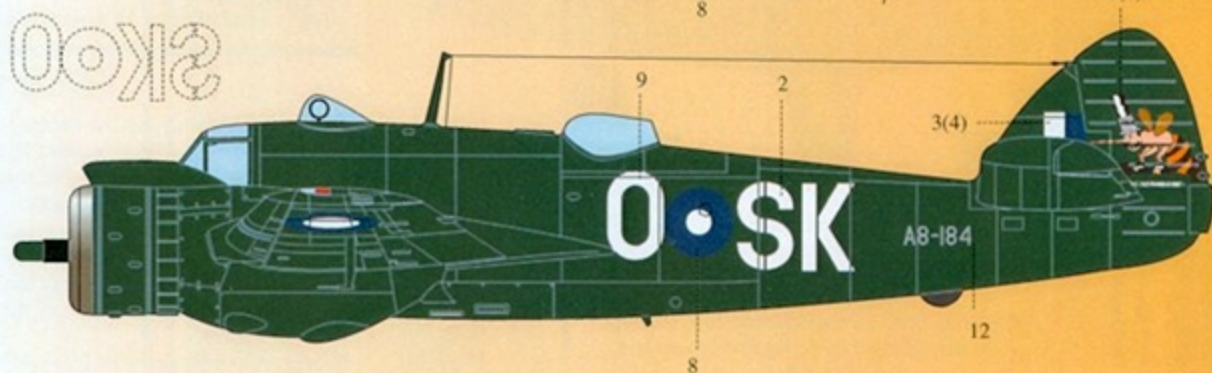


Beaufighter Mk.21 A8-96. SK-M 'SET IN THE GUTZ' WO. C.R. McLeod & Flt. Sgt. M.J. Paige 93 Squadron, RAAF, Labuan, Borneo, summer 1945. The mysterious dice in the fin artwork carried the letters H & T rather than the usual spots representing numbers.

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93 (Attack) Squadron, RAAF was formed on 22 January 1945, at Kingaroy, Queensland, Australia. This was the last RAAF Beaufighter squadron to be raised and to see service in World War II. Moving from its home base at Kingaroy, Queensland, Australia, it commenced operations from Labuan, Borneo on 5 August 1945 as part of No.86 Wing, First Tactical Air Force, RAAF. Its nickname, 'The Green Ghost Squadron' derived from the aircraft's overall Foliage Green camouflage and the Beaufighters renowned silent but deadly form of attack. A second nickname it received, was 'You've Got to be Quick Squadron' - this referring to its late start to the war! Its brief service career lasted only 10 months, but during that time it became recognized as one of the most colorfully decorated squadrons in the RAAF.

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Scrap front view of nose section showing positioning of individual code letter. This was the norm for 93 Squadron. However, we do not possess reference which shows this on each aircraft. Therefore we have included

letters for each of the aircraft depicted and leave inclusion of these decals to the modeller.

Beaufighter Mk.21 A8-87 SK-G Sqn. Ldr. D.K.H. Gulliver 93 Squadron, RAAF, Labuan, Borneo, summer 1945. SK-G carried 93 Squadron's unofficial badge, 'The Green Ghost Squadron' on both sides of its fin.



References:

- The Green Ghosts. Classic Warbirds No. 6, Ventura Publications.
- RAAF Camouflage & Markings 1939-45 Vol.2. Geoffrey Pentland, Kookaburra Technical Publications Pty. Ltd.
- RAAF Beaufighters in World War Two - Aircraft in Detail. Glenn Sands, Scale Aircraft Modelling Vol.24 No.11, January 2003

Recommended Kit:

- Tamiya - Bristol Beaufighter Mk.VI/Mk.X (parts included in this kit to convert to Mk.21)

Note to modellers

The color of these Aircraft has been the topic of discussion by modellers for many years. We asked our Friend Brett Green of Hyperscale for some help in deciphering this issue. To summarize two lengthy e-mail's, he suggests that the use of Gunze or Polly scale RLM 71 would be a good match for these models. FS 24079 is also a good choice.

There is an article by Gary Byk and Peter Malone (Respected RAAF researchers) in Hyperscale and we urge you to search for, read and decide for yourself. Unfortunately, there is not much information about these late war colors, but any of these colors would make a good choice. On the darker side of the spectrum, they also consider RLM70 as a close match. You decide.

Our thanks to Brett Green for his unselfish help.



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