

Lifelike Decals

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Limited Edition! Supermarine Spitfire Mk.XVI Part 2

A/C #1



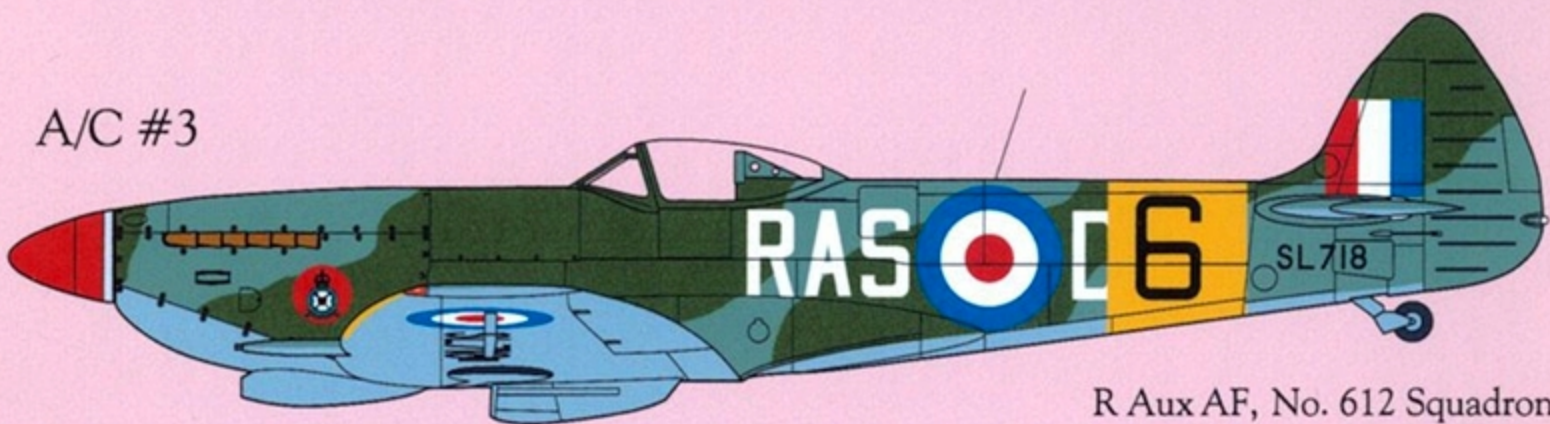
RAF, No. 302 (Polish) Squadron,
Sq. Leader Boleslaw Kaczmarek.

A/C #2



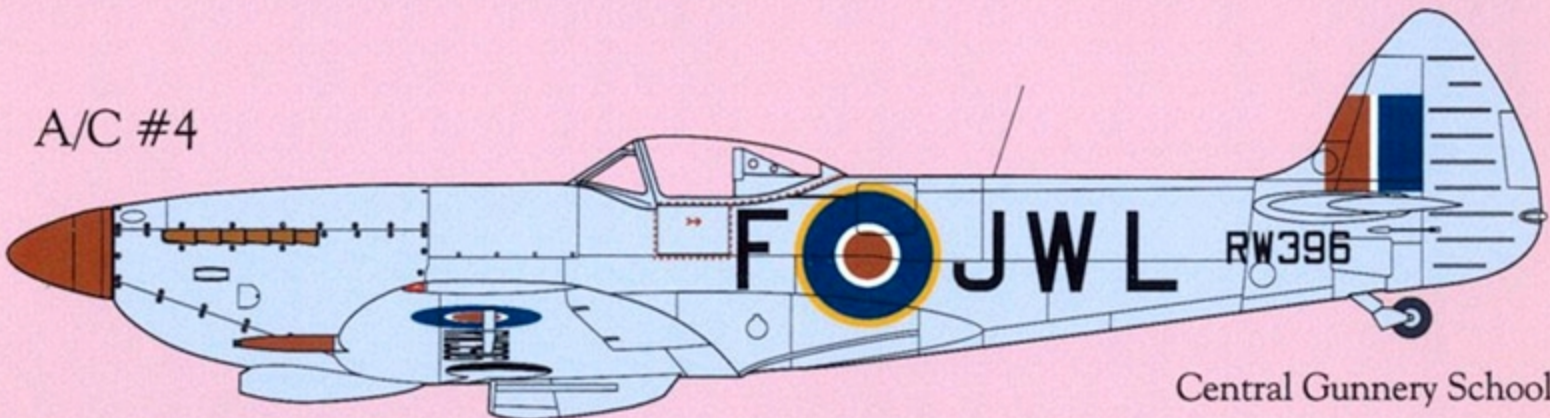
RAF, No. 485 (NZ) Squadron, W.O. M. J. C. Lind.

A/C #3



R Aux AF, No. 612 Squadron.

A/C #4



Central Gunnery School.

Recommended kit: 1/48 ICM Spitfire Mk.XVI
1/72 Heller Spitfire Mk.XVI

Notes on the Colors and Markings. (48-007/72-007) (日本語訳はホームページにあります)

A/C #1 Spitfire LF MK XVIe, TD240, flown by Squadron Leader Boleslaw Kaczmarek of RAF No. 302 (Polish) Squadron, Varrelbusch/Germany, June-early August 1945.

The photos and color illustration of this A/C are shown in ref. 1. This plane was one of the first "bubble-top" Spitfires delivered to No.131 Wing. It was the personal mount of Group Captain Aleksander Gabszewicz in the period from April 20th to June 1st, when it was coded as "SZ-G". This A/C was then transferred to No.302 Squadron and was used by Kaczmarek, when

Gabszewicz became the CO of No.131 Wing. It was flown by several other pilots occasionally, and finally written off by the landing accident on November 10, 1945. Camouflaged in the standard RAF Dark Green/Ocean Gray/Medium Sea Gray, it wears the Squadron badge below the windshield. "Janetka" is a female name, which he used on another A/C. The A/C letter V is not 100% sure. From the photo it is either V or W, and we followed the color illustration in this ref. Usually CO's A/C is coded L, but this is an exception. [marks 36, 36a, 37, 38, 39, 39a, 44, 45, 53, 54, 55, 56, 59]

A/C #2 Spitfire LF MK XVIe, TB625, flown by W.O. Murray J.C. Lind of RAF No. 485 (NZ) Squadron, Fassburg/Germany, June-August 1945.

This A/C is featured in ref. 2, and the three photos there shows the full marking on the left side. This marking is also applied on the Spitfire of RNZAF Museum in Christchurch. It is camouflaged in the standard RAF Dark

Green/Ocean Gray/Medium Sea Gray, and wears the NZ fern leaf emblem and his personal marking "Rongotea" below the windshield. The small shield below the spinner is unique. Spinner in Sky and red. Though full s/n is provided in this decal, the photo shows the left side s/n on Ocean Gray area is probably overpainted. [marks 36, 36a, 37, 38, 39, 39a, 42, 43, 50, 51, 52,

A/C #3 Spitfire LF MK XVIe, SL718, of R Aux AF, No. 612 Squadron in 1949 Cooper Air Race, Elmdon AB, July 1949.

The photo of this A/C is shown in ref. 3 or 4. Camouflaged in the standard RAF Dark Green/Ocean Gray/Medium Sea Gray. The roundel is the post-war type. There is a unit badge below the exhaust pipes, and the racing A/C

number 6 is painted in the fuselage band. As there is no other photo available, it is not known whether there were letter "6" on other positions. We think another 6 was applied on left upper wing, in analogy with other planes of this race. The s/n below the wing is slightly visible in the photo. [marks 40, 40a, 41, 46, 47, 57, 60, 62, 64, 65 (wing undersides)]

A/C #4 Spitfire MK XVI LF, RW396, of Central Gunnery School at Leconfield, 1946-1947.

This is a well-known A/C with NMF overall. Its photo is shown in various references, like 5, 6 and 7. Its spinner and wing gun cover is painted in red. There is no photographic evidence for s/n below the wing, but we think it

should have been there. Code for this School is "JW", not "JWL", so the code letter on the starboard side may be JWL-F, or more probably FJW-L as show below.

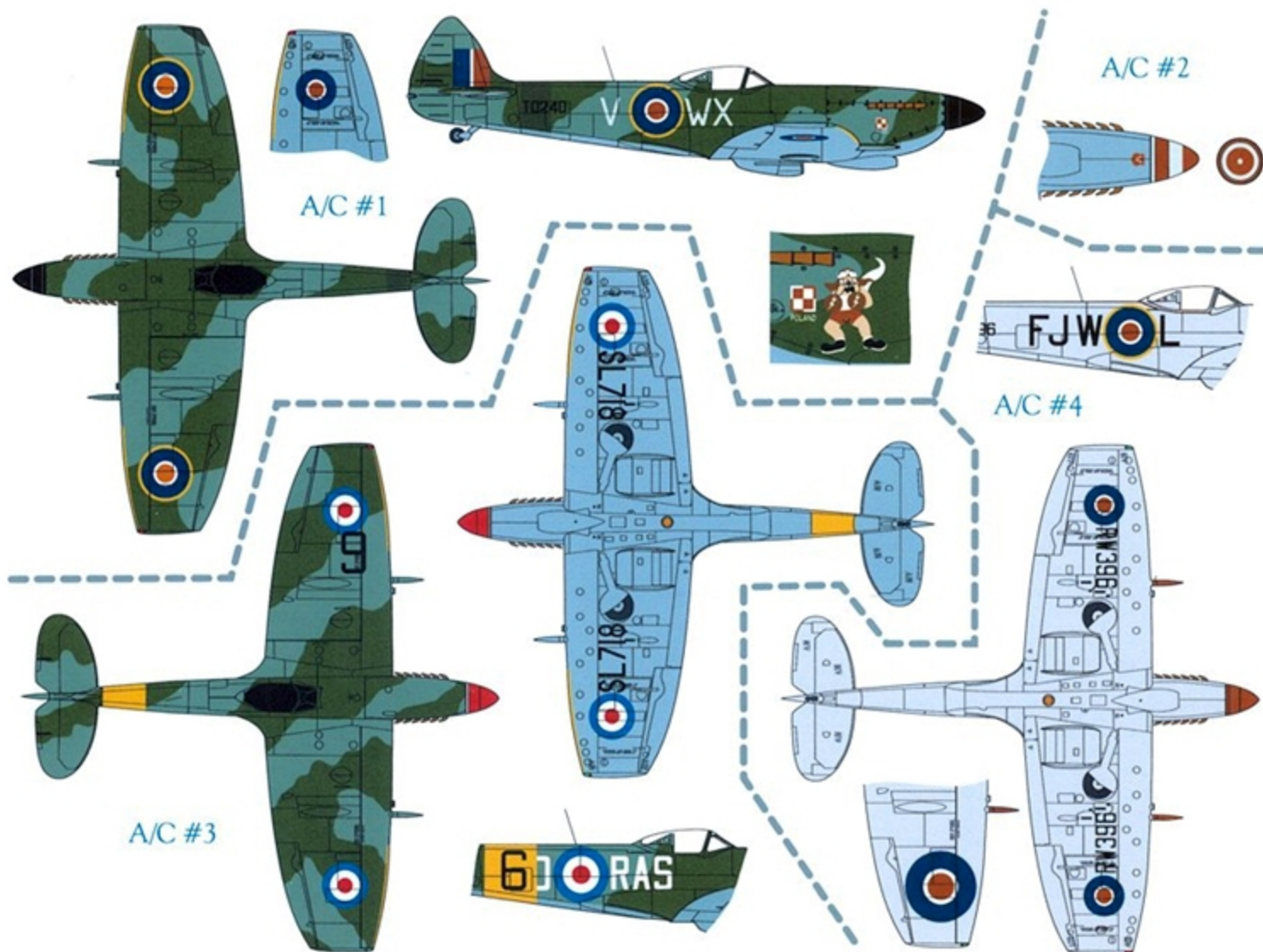
[marks 36, 36a, 37, 38, 39, 39a, 46, 49,61, 63 (below wings), 69]

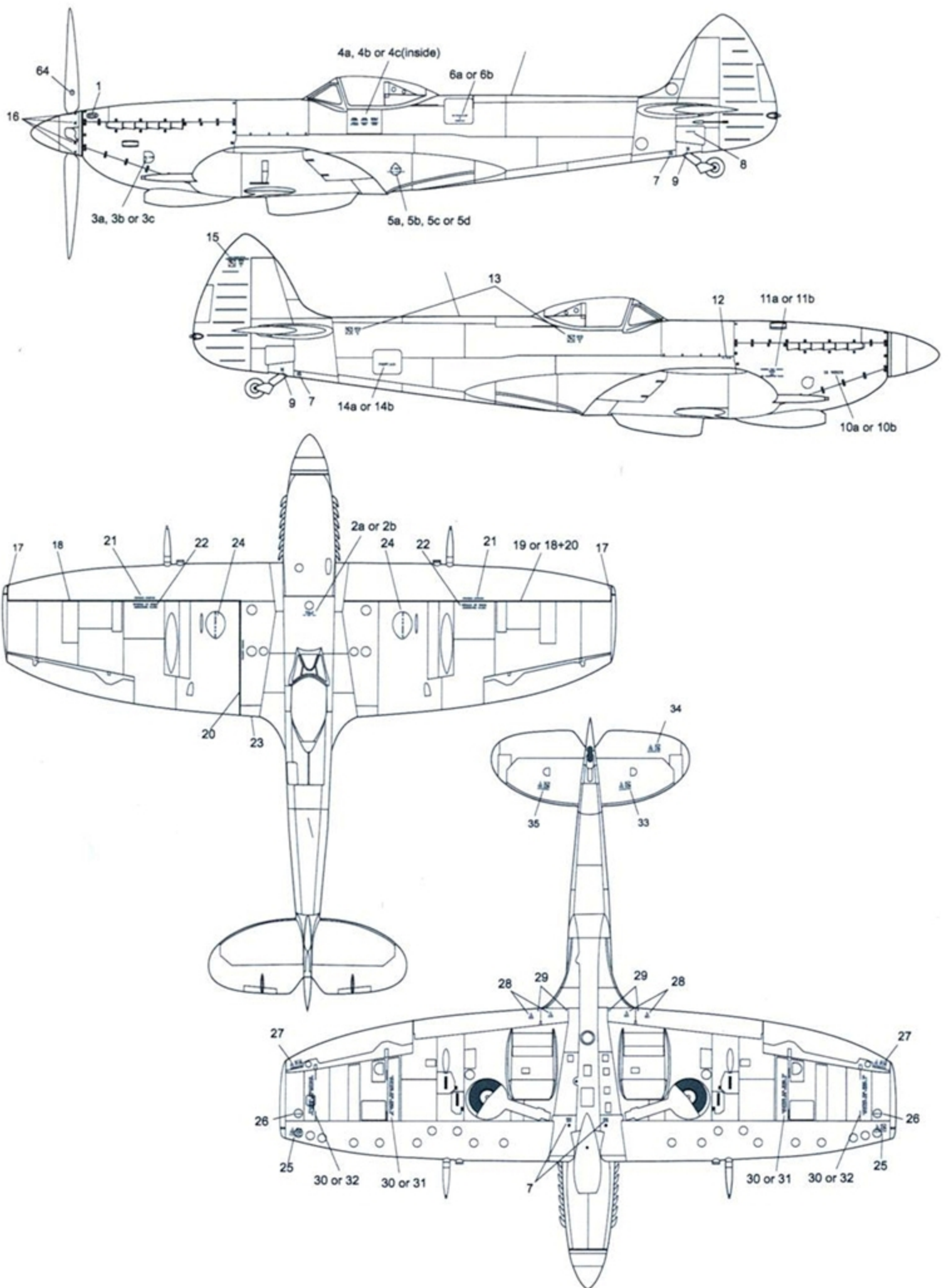
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