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PRODUCTS

DEFENDERS OF MALTA PART II



Suggested Kit: Various

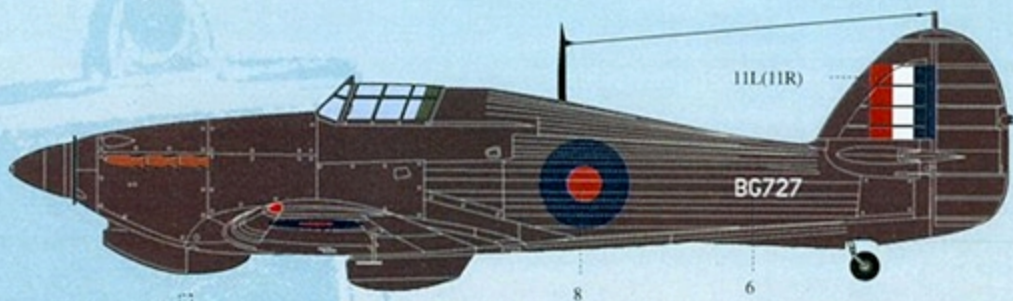


Gloster Sea Gladiator Mk.I N5520

261 Squadron, Luqa, January 1941. During this critical period in the defence of the island, a small number of the Sea Gladiators left in Malta were repainted in the Temperate Land Scheme of Dark Green/Dark Earth/Sky. Note that although many biplanes of this period would have carried the Shadow Compensation Scheme on lower wing surfaces, this is not applicable to N5520.

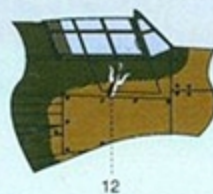
Hawker Hurricane Mk.IIb BG727

Malta Night Fighter Unit, September 1941. While BG727 carries an all-Night camouflage, other aircraft in the Unit were requisitioned from day fighter squadrons and these flew in their standard Desert scheme.



Hawker Hurricane Mk.I Z4189 L

Z4189 reflects the urgent build-up of aircraft in the early years of the island's defence. The camouflage scheme is believed to be Dark Green/Mid Stone/Sky Blue. Possibly a rapid re-paint and adaption of a Temperate Land Scheme pattern.



Supermarine Spitfire Mk.Vc BR246 B

BR246 was one of the aircraft flown off USS Wasp during Operation Calendar, 1942. The letter 'B' was a temporary ferry code, as was its overall Dark Blue scheme. However, many of these aircraft continued to operate in the colours while based on Malta. The thin Dark Blue (possibly US Navy Deck Paint) was quickly applied over Desert Scheme, as evidence shows around roundels and serial numbers.



Supermarine Spitfire Mk.Vb BR471 P-MK

126 Squadron, Ta Qali, early summer 1942. Still carrying its early Medium Sea Grey codes, BR471 was shot down by enemy fighters on 15 October 1942.

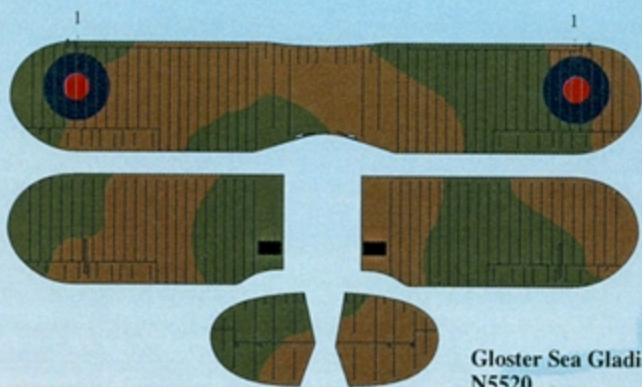
Supermarine Spitfire Mk.Vb EP706 T-L

Pilot Officer George 'Screwball' Beurling, 249 Squadron, 1942. 'Screwball' Beurling, a Canadian flying with the RAF, became Malta's highest scoring ace with 23 and 1/3 victories. He shot down three Bf109s in one sortie during September 1942. Beurling was decorated with the DSO, DFC and DFM and Bar.

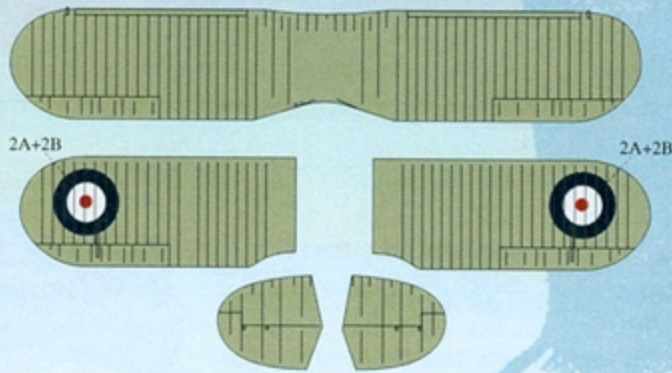


Supermarine Spitfire Mk.Vc JK879 T-B

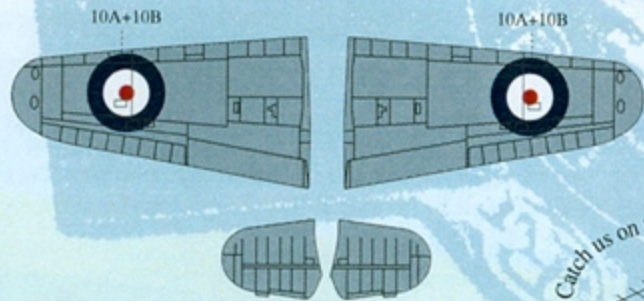
Flight Sergeant Jack Hughes (RCAF), 249 Squadron, Malta. JK879 was locally modified to carry 250lb bombs under the wings. Flt. Sgt. Hughes' aircraft showing 26 bombing sortie markings ahead of 'the Saint' emblem below the cockpit.



Gloster Sea Gladiator Mk.I
N5520



Hawker Hurricane Mk.I Z4189



Suggested 1:48 Scale Kits:

Gloster Gladiator Mk.I & Sea Gladiator Mk.I - Pyro & Roden (soon to be released)
 Hawker Hurricane Mk.I & Mk.IIc - Hasegawa, Airfix & Hobbycraft
 Supermarine Spitfire Vb - Airfix, Hasegawa & Tamiya
 Supermarine Spitfire Vc - Airfix

References:

Defenders of the George Cross Island, Richard J Caruana, Scale Aviation Modeller International, Vol.8, Issue 4, April 2002
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Night



Sky Grey



Dark Green



Dark Earth



Sky



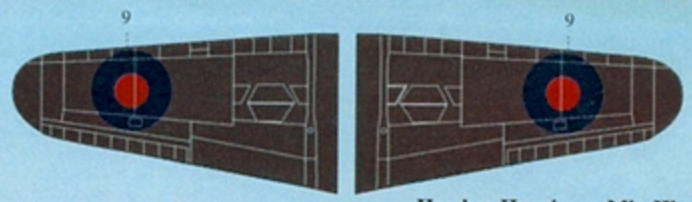
Middle Stone



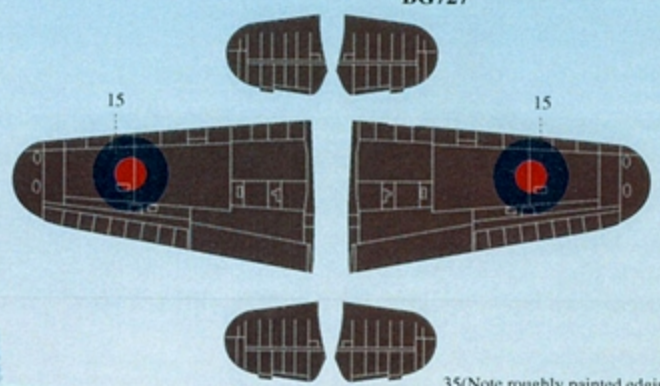
Dark Blue



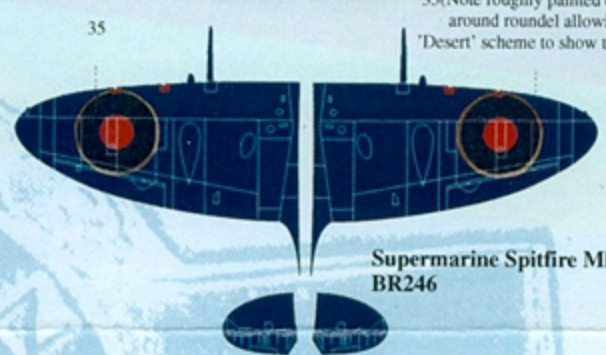
Azure Blue



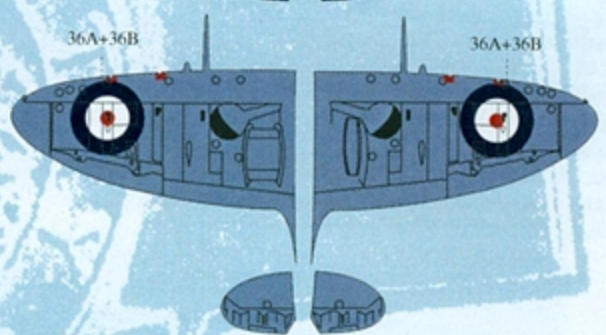
Hawker Hurricane Mk. IIB
BG727



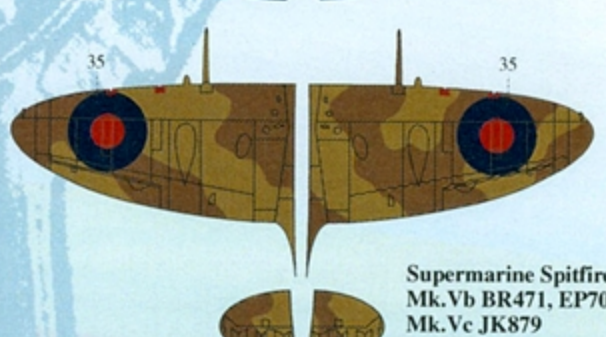
35 (Note roughly painted edging around roundel allowing 'Desert' scheme to show through)



Supermarine Spitfire Mk.Vc
BR246



Supermarine Spitfire
Mk.Vb BR471, EP706 &
Mk.Vc JK879



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