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KOUF Port side position of codes to roundel on all aircraft

Hawker Hurricane I P3886 UF-K

Flying Officer Carl Davis

601 'County of London' Squadron, Tangmere, August 1940. Reference shows this aircraft carrying no underwing roundels at that time. Possibly being photographed midway through a re-paint of the under surfaces. Note also the replacement cowling cover in bare metal.



Hawker Hurricane IIA Z3781 XR-T

Pilot Officer Bill Dunn

71 Squadron, North Weald, July 1941. The 'Eagle' nose art went on to become the official squadron badge when the 71st. was transferred to the US as the 334th. Fighter Squadron in 1942. Note the over-painted Fighter Command recognition band partly obliterating the serial.

Supermarine Spitfire IIA P7308 XR-D

Pilot Officer Bill Dunn

71 Squadron, North Weald, August 1941. Pilot Officer Dunn shot down two Bf 109Fs using this aircraft, becoming 71 Squadron's first 'ace'. This aircraft carries an early version of the Eagle Squadron emblem.



Supermarine Spitfire VB AB271 MD-E 'MINES A BITTER'

Squadron Leader Eric Thomas

133 Squadron, Biggin Hill, June 1942. Squadron Leader Thomas fought in the Battle of Britain and gained 'ace' status. Squadron leader's pennants adorned the aircraft's chin (see scrap view) and within the tankard emblem below the cockpit. Note also the RAF roundels painted on the tyre plates.

Supermarine Spitfire VB BL255 MD-T 'Buckeye-Don'

Second Lieutenant Don Gentile

336th. Fighter Squadron, 4th. Fighter Group, Debden, October 1942. Second Lieutenant Gentile ended the war as the unit's highest ranking ace with 21.833 'kills'. BL255 is shown shortly after transfer to the USAAF with overpainted national insignia. Note also overpainting of the fin flash, starboard upper and port lower wing RAF roundels in camouflage colours.



Supermarine Spitfire VB BL753 YO-H 'LEOLA'

Pilot Officer Don Blakeslee

401 'Ram' Squadron RCAF, Gravesend, May 1942

This is probably the only aircraft flown by Don Blakeslee where he allowed 'non-military' markings to be painted - LEOLA being in honour of his wife. Pilot Officer Blakeslee ended the war as a Lieutenant Colonel in the USAAF and was awarded the DFC in 1944.

Supermarine Spitfire VC (serial unknown) DL-H 'My Marian'

Flight Sergeant A.C. 'Bud' Young

91 'Nigeria' Squadron, Hawkinge, August 1942. Flight Sergeant Young nicknamed all his aircraft all his aircraft 'My Marian'. The species of the unusual bird-like art is un-recorded!



* Notice that fuselage bands on these two A/C are Sky Blue; not Sky.