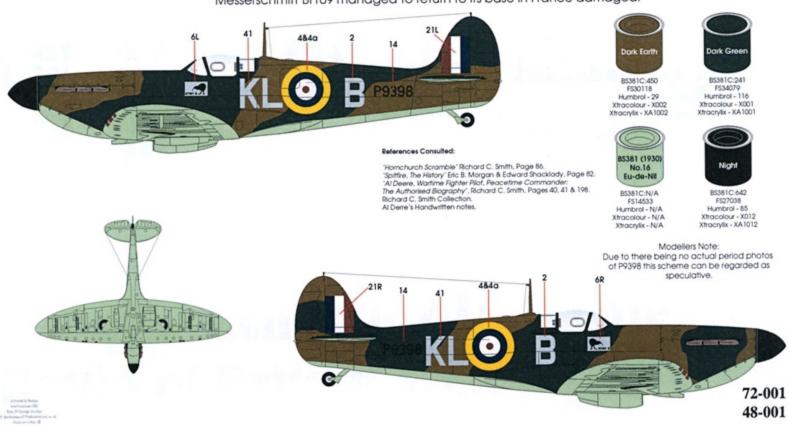
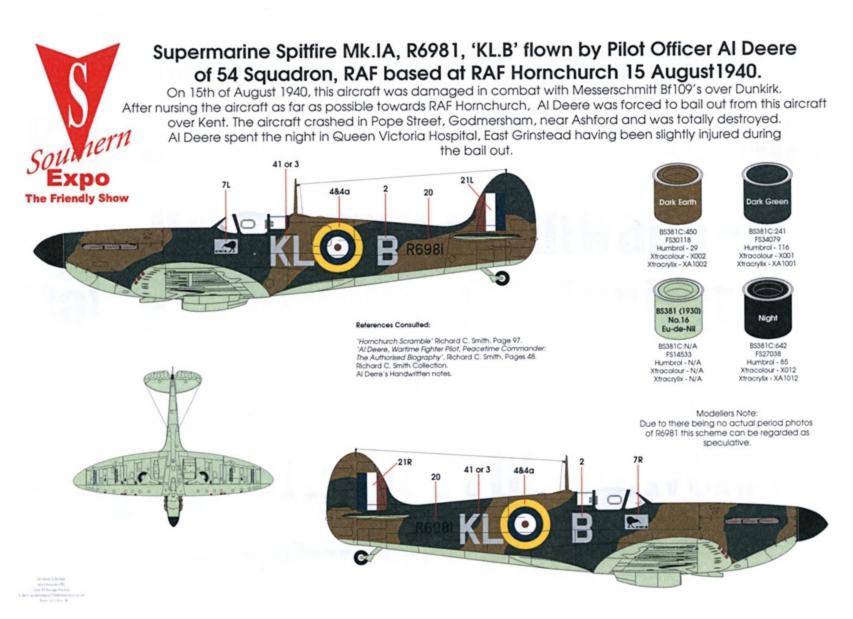


Supermarine Spitfire Mk.IA, P9398, 'KL.B' flown by Pilot Officer Al Deere of 54 Squadron, RAF based at RAF Hornchurch 9 July, 1940.

On 9th of July 1940 while flying this aircraft, AI Deere engaged a Messerschmitt 109 head on over Kent.

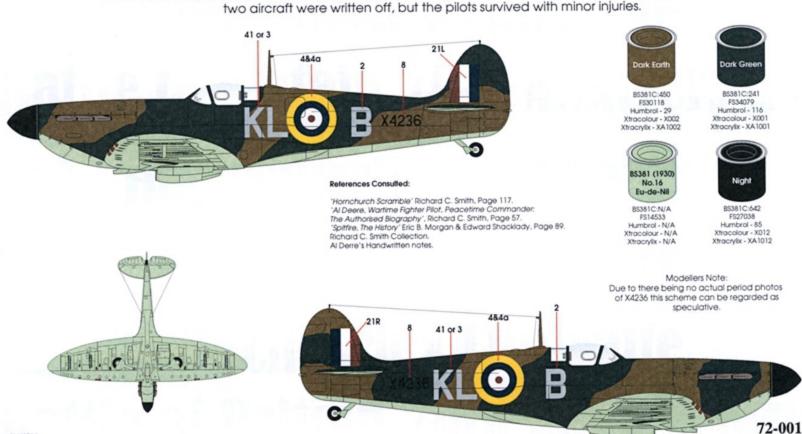
Neither pilot broke away and both aircraft collided. The collision damaged the canopy, tore off the radio mast and seriously damaged the vertical tail of the Spitfire. AI Deere crash landed the aircraft at Ash, in Kent, where the aircraft subsequently burnt-out. AI Deere escaped the aircraft receiving only minor injuries. The Messerschmitt Bf109 managed to return to its base in France damaged.





Supermarine Spitfire Mk.IA, X4236, 'KL.B' flown by Pilot Officer Al Deere of 54 Squadron, RAF based at RAF Hornchurch 31 August 1940.

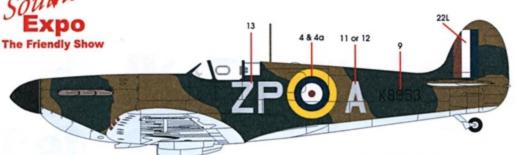
On 31st August 1940, RAF Hornchurch and the surrounding area was heavily bombed by the Luftwaffe. While taking off with two other aircraft of his section, AI Deere was caught in the blast from falling bombs. The aircraft was blown onto its back and seriously damaged; AI Deere suffered slight head injuries. The other two aircraft were written off, but the pilots survived with minor injuries.



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Supermarine Spitfire Mk.IA, K9953, 'ZP.A' flown by Flt. Lt. Adolf 'Sailor' Malan of 74 Squadron, RAF based at RAF Hornchurch 19 June 1940.

Just after midnight on 19th June 1940, 'Sailor' Malan was patrolling in the Southend area attempting to intercept incoming Luftwaffe raiders. He managed to shoot down two Heinkel He111's that had been illuminated by searchlights, the first time this had happened in a single night. One crashed in Chelmsford and the other crashed into the sea off of Southend.



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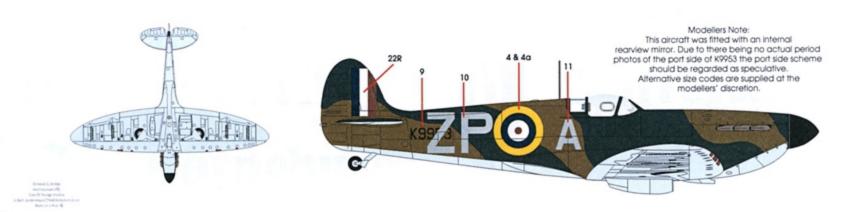
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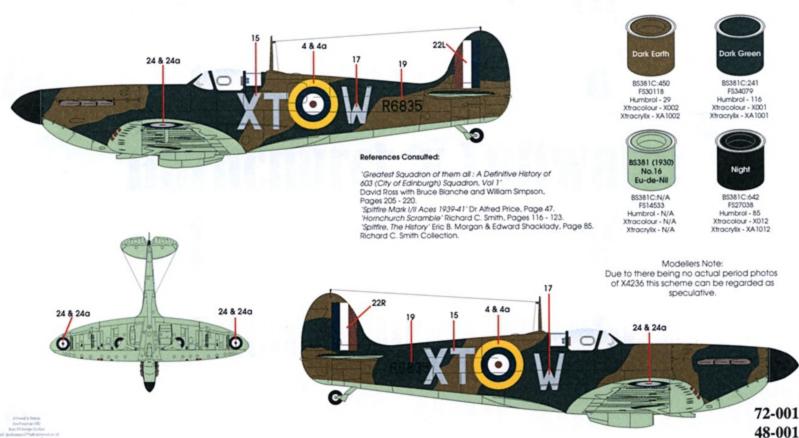


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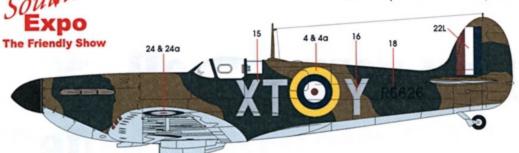
Supermarine Spitfire Mk.IA, R6835, 'XT.W' flown by Flt. Off. Brian Carbury of 603 Squadron, RAF based at RAF Hornchurch 31 August 1940.

On 31 August 1940, Flt. Off. Brian Carbury flying this aircraft was credited with five kills while flying three sorties, making him an 'Ace in a Day'. However on the final sortie, a 20mm shell badly damaged the aircraft and wounded its pilot, but managed to return to RAF Hornchurch. One of the Luftwaffe aircraft brought down this day was a Messerschmitt Bf109 flown by Fw. E Arnold.



Supermarine Spitfire Mk.IA, R6626, 'XT.Y' flown by Flt. Off. 'Ras' Berry of 603 Squadron, RAF based at RAF Hornchurch 31 August 1940.

On 31 August 1940, Flt. Off. 'Ras' Berry took off from RAF Hornchurch at just before 18:00 to intercept an incoming raid. The pilots of 603 Sqn. intercepted the Messerschmitt escorts of I/JG3 over South London, in a confused, running dogfight Flt. Off. Berry caught and shot down the Messerschmitt Bf109 flown by Oblt. Helmut Rau at 18:45. The Messerschmitt crash landed on the beach at Shoeburyness where the pilot was taken prisoner unhurt.



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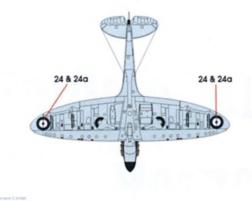
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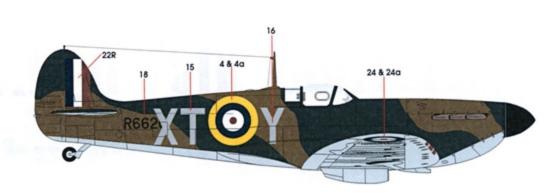


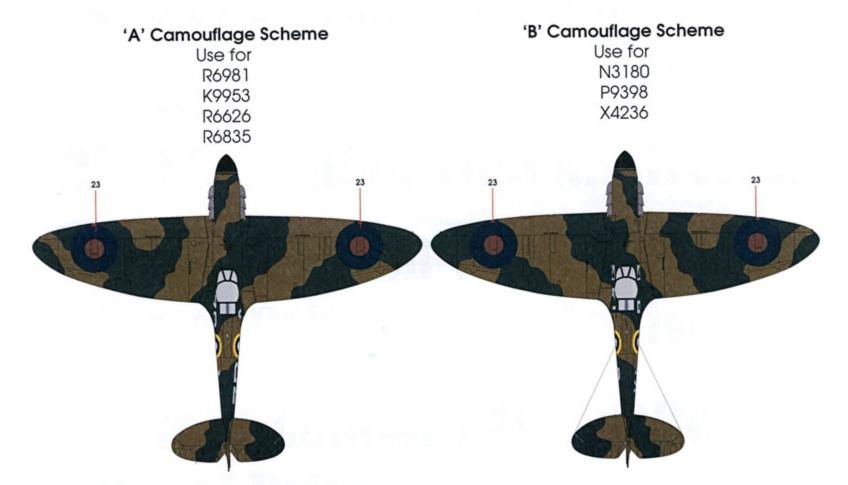
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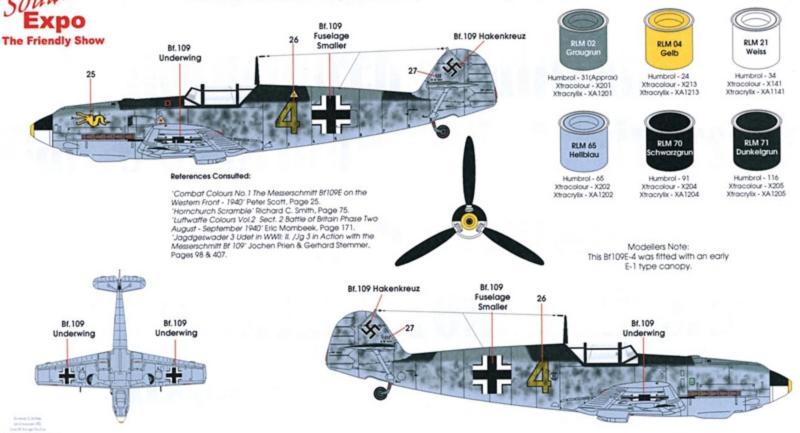




Messerschmitt Bf109E-4 'Yellow 4', Werk Nummer 1082 flown by Oblt. Helmut Rau, Staffelkapitan of 3./JG3, based in France, 31 August 1940.

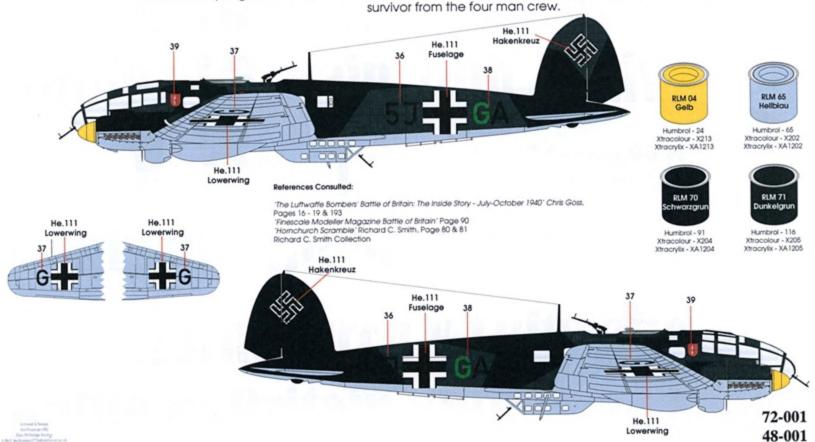
On 31 August 1940 this aircraft of 3./JG3 was in combat with Plt. Off. 'Ras' Berry of 603 Squadron over Southend and was damaged. The aircraft crash-landed on the beach at Shoeberryness.

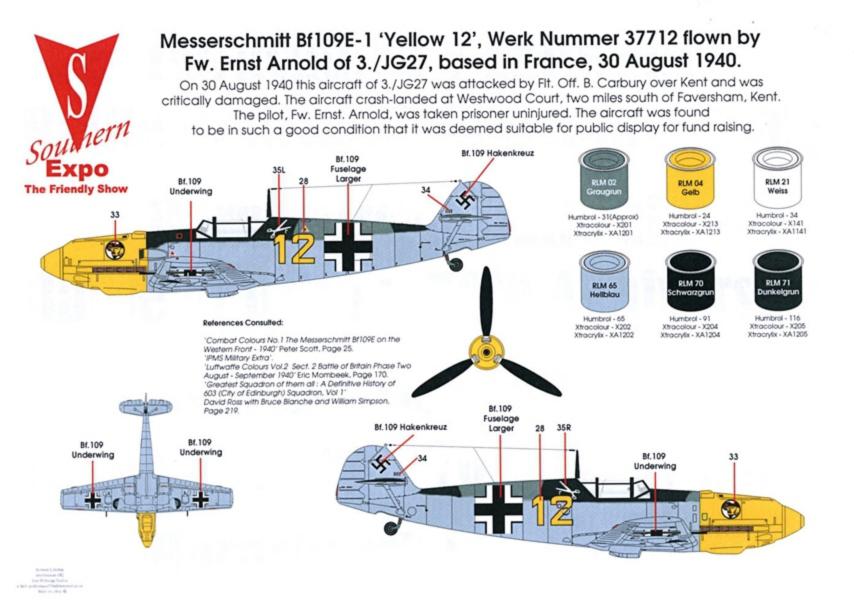
The pilot, Oblt. Helmut Rau was captured uninjured. The aircraft was found to be in such a good condition that it was deemed suitable for public display for fund raising despite its immersion in salt water.



Heinkel He.111 '5J+GA', Werk Nummer 2894 flown by Lt. Erich Simon of KG4, based in France, 18 June 1940.

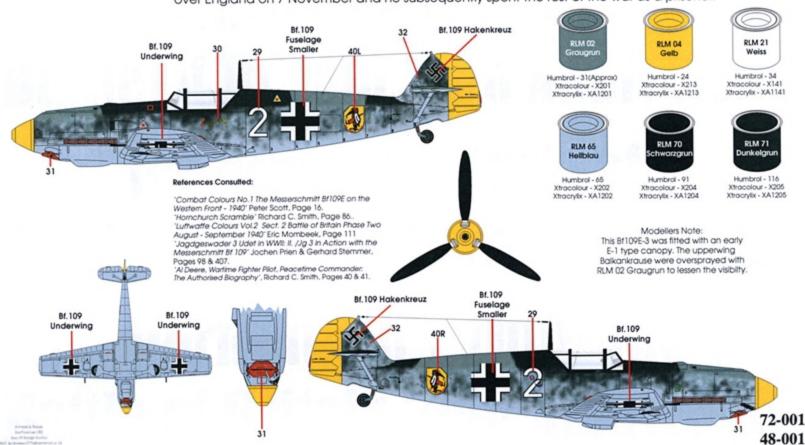
This aircraft took off from France on the evening of 18 June on a mission to attack oil depots in the area of Southend. After dropping flares and dropping its bombs on its target, the aircraft was attacked by Flt. Off. Adolf Malan just after midnight on 19 June. The aircraft eventually crashed in Springfield Road, Chelmsford in Essex. Lt. Erich Simon bailed out of the aircraft and was the only

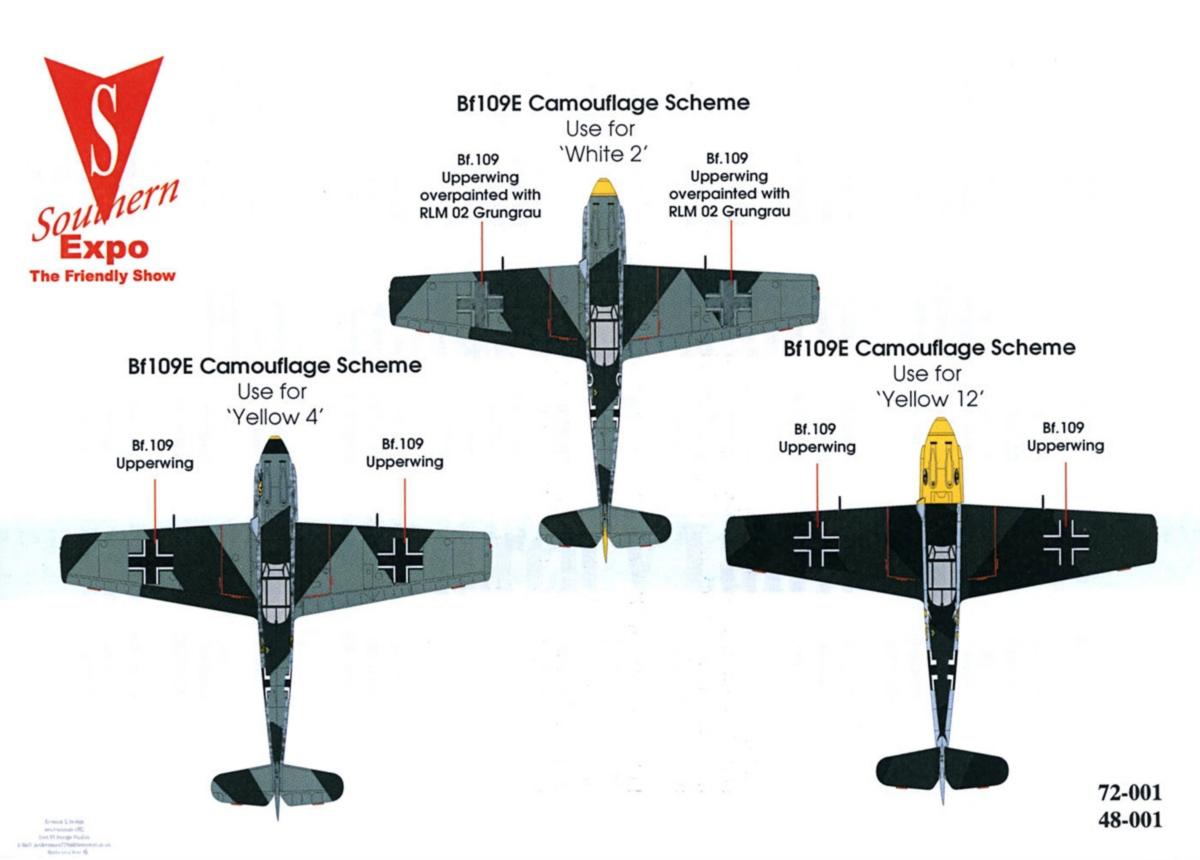




Messerschmitt Bf109E-3 'White 2', Werk Nummer 1160 flown by Ofw. Johann Illner, 4./JG51, based in France, 31 August 1940.

This aircraft from 4./JG51 with Johann Illner at the controls was in collision with F/Lt. Al Deere's Spitfire on the 9 July 1940. Although damaged the Bf109 was able to return to its home base in France, however Al Deere's aircraft crashed and burnt out at Ash in Kent. Oberfeldwebel Johann Illner was later shot down over England on 7 November and he subsequently spent the rest of the war as a prisoner.







On behalf of the organisers of Southern Expo, Peter Bagshaw and Robin Bellamy, thank you for buying this decal sheet. By purchasing these decals you are helping to fund St. Francis Hospice, Southern Expo's chosen local charity.

First of all a few words on the background of the planning and final production of this decal sheet. The original concept was to resurrect an old Expo tradition of selling a limited edition model kit in aid of charity. However going into the "nuts and bolts" of idea raised several problems, namely production costs, what should the kit be and which scale? Of course storage of a large number of model kit boxes also caused concerns, mainly with our wives!

We settled on the idea of a high quality decal sheet as the "do-able" option. Of course living locally and Southern Expo taking place in Hornchurch, the aircraft of that famous wartime R.A.F. fighter station was the natural choice for subjects. The idea then expanded into one based on the old Airfix "Dogfight Doubles", that is, matching a Hornchurch based aircraft with a Luftwaffe aircraft that it was in combat with. Sounds easy, but to actually match aircraft and know for decal sheet purposes what those aircraft looked like, serials, codes, unit markings etc certainly wasn't as easy as we first thought. It took six months of painstaking research and cross checking details before the subjects for the decal sheet were finalised as you see them.

The Luftwaffe subjects were, in themselves, fairly well documented and the "easiest" part of the decal sheet. However, due to wartime security, the intense pressure of combat operations at R.A.F. Hornchurch in 1940 and of course the passage of time has left many gaps in the information of the R.A.F. at the time.

We were very fortunate to have the assistance of author and local historian, Richard Smith, who kindly made much unpublished information on R.A.F. Hornchurch based aircraft available to ourselves.

We thought that a few words would be appropriate regarding some of the aircraft to clear up a few "issues".

The aircraft of Al Deere, namely, Kiwi I, Kiwi II, Kiwi III. Images of Kiwi I & II we have seen show the Roman numerals on the gray section of the Kiwi marking, also close study of the Kiwi itself does not show any white on it, as

depicted on other decal sheets. Similarly photographic evidence suggests that Kiwi I was not painted the half white, half black as traditionally depicted. The aft fuselage on the couple of photos we have seen shows a light colour where it should be black so we've suggested this was the remnants of the silver colour used before the additional of the black/white recognition markings under the wings. Kiwi III we think is a new discovery as information, written in AI Deere's own handwriting, only came to light during the research for this sheet. No image has been discovered so far regarding this aircraft; but that AI Deere specifically named the aircraft as such, we have assumed that it was also painted on his aircraft.

The aircraft of Adolf "Sailor" Malan has always been depicted as having a black and white underside, however an image we have seen of the pilot standing with his aircraft shows something very different. The underside of the rear fuselage was painted a light even colour, certainly not white. Also an undercarriage cover that should have been black if the underside was black & white was also an even light colour and also shows a highlight from the sunlight. Please note that on the night that Sailor Malan shot down the two Henkel's he took off from Rochford airfield, Hornchurch's satellite airfield.

Images of Hornchurch based aircraft at this time appear to show an internally mounted rear view mirror. On further investigation anecdotal evidence supports this, it would appear that an internal mirror was indeed a standard fit on aircraft based at R.A.F. Hornchurch at this time.

With the exception of N3180, the exact underside colour of the other R.A.F. aircraft is speculative. Eau-de-Nil, Sky Blue, Duck Egg Blue / Green, Sky Grey and Sky Type "S" are all possible contenders. We do not feel "expert" enough to make a definitive decision based on the evidence available to ourselves.

The decision on which aircraft, their markings and possible colours was the sole decision of Peter & Robin. Any errors from these decisions are ours alone and not those of the kind persons that have given us their help and assistance.

Peter Bagshaw and Robin Bellamy would like to especially thank two people, Richard Smith for his encouragement and help in supplying unique and unpublished information freely to us. Also, Jon Freeman for putting up with the constant questions and changes requested by ourselves and produced such excellent artwork for the decal and instruction sheets.

Last but by no means least, a big thank you to our wives who have put up with books littered about the floor, being ignored for hours at a time and constant requests for tea and coffee. Thank you ladies.