





SWORDFISH MK.I 1939-1943

Swordfish Mk.I K8397 'E4H'

10A+10B

Lt-Cdr. Eckersley-Maslin. 813 Squadron, HMS Eagle, Indian Ocean, September 1939. At the outbreak of war, HMS Eagle undertook convoy duties and the search for enemy surface raiders in the Far East. K8397 carries standard pre-war paintwork of Cerrux Grey on metal surfaces and Aluminium Dope on all fabric surfaces.

48-480

Swordfish Mk.I P4137 '4K'

820 Squadron, HMS Ark Royal, Dekheila, Egypt, April 1940. After the fall of France, 820 Squadron carried out torpedo attacks on French battleships at Oran. P4137 carries Type B camouflage scheme with shadow shading of Dark Sea Grey/Light Slate Grey under top wing and around the cockpit area. Sky Grey lower surfaces.

Swordfish Mk.I (serial unknown) '4A'

Lt-Cdr. K Williamson DSO/Lt. N.J. Scarlett DSC, 815 Squadron, HMS Illustrious, Taranto, 11/12 November 1940. '4A' led the first wave of the Taranto attack. Lt-Cdr. Williamson's torpedo struck the 'Conte Di Cavour' but his aircraft was shot down during the attack. Aircraft designated for the Taranto raid had a temporary repaint of matt black over their Sky Grey lower surfaces. This would have been applied hastily and, we expect, would have left parts of the original colour showing through in places. Type 'A' scheme with shadow shading around cockpit area

P4137

6A+6B

14A+14B

Extra Dark Dark Slate Dark Sea Light Slate

Grey

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6A+6B

5A+5B

13A+13B+13C

19A+19B+19C

18L(18R)

P4127

22

6

7777

12

41

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6A+6B

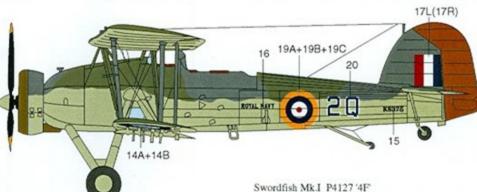
11L(11R)

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Swordfish Mk.I K8375 '20'

810 Squadron, Palisades, Jamaica, October 1941. Prior to her short stay on the Jamaican station, K8375 was aboard HMS Ark Royal in May 1941 and participated in the successful raid against the Bismark. This aircraft carries Standard camouflage scheme with Sky lower surfaces. Our reference indicates a replacement rudder in red oxide primer, however this could also be depicted in standard scheme of May '41.



26A+26B+26C

Sky Grey

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Sky

24

Cerrux Grey



Lt. G R Humphries/Lt. D Williams/LA. C Pendelton. 820 Squadron, HMS Ark Royal, Mediterranean, 2 August 1940. While acting as cover for 'Operation Hurry', P4127 was damaged by AA fire attacking Cagliari airfield, Sardinia. It forced landed on Elmas airfield, Bacu Abis. LA. Pendelton was killed while Lt. Humphries and Williams were made POW. The aircraft was then repaired and fitted with an Alpha Romeo 125 engine and flown to S.C.A., Guidonia for evaluation by the Italians.

27L(27R)

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Aluminium

Dope

25

RDM

Matt Black

Swordfish Mk.I V4615 '4A' Sub-Lt. Donoghue, 813 Squadron, 'X' Flight, North Front, Gibraltar 1943. V4615 was used to fly inshore anti-submarine patrols, often at night, to deny U-Boat entrance into the Mediterranean. It carries Standard camouflage scheme on all upper surfaces and Sky lower surfaces.

Sea Grey