

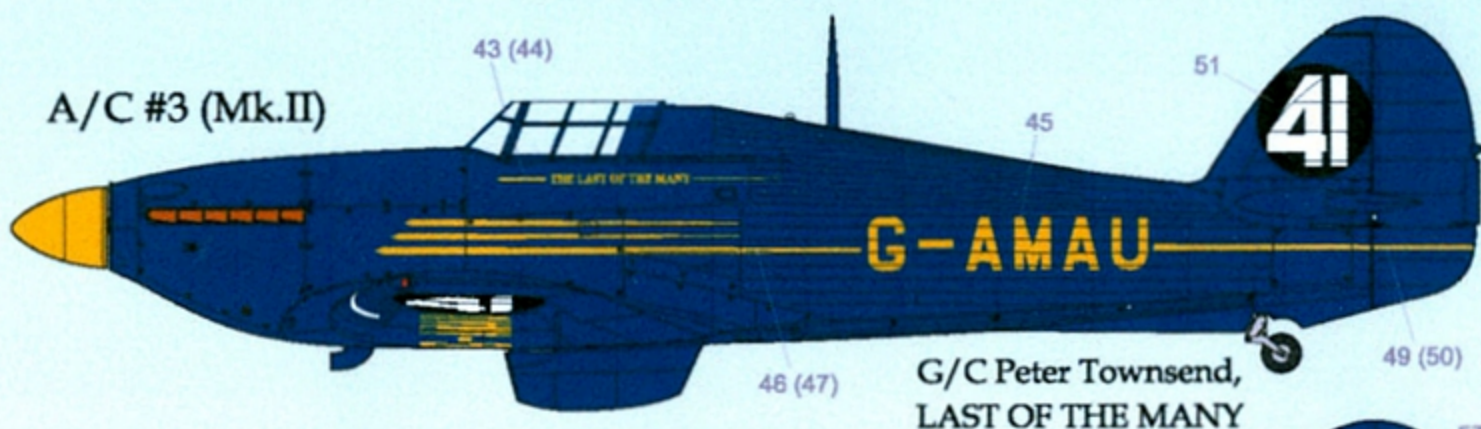
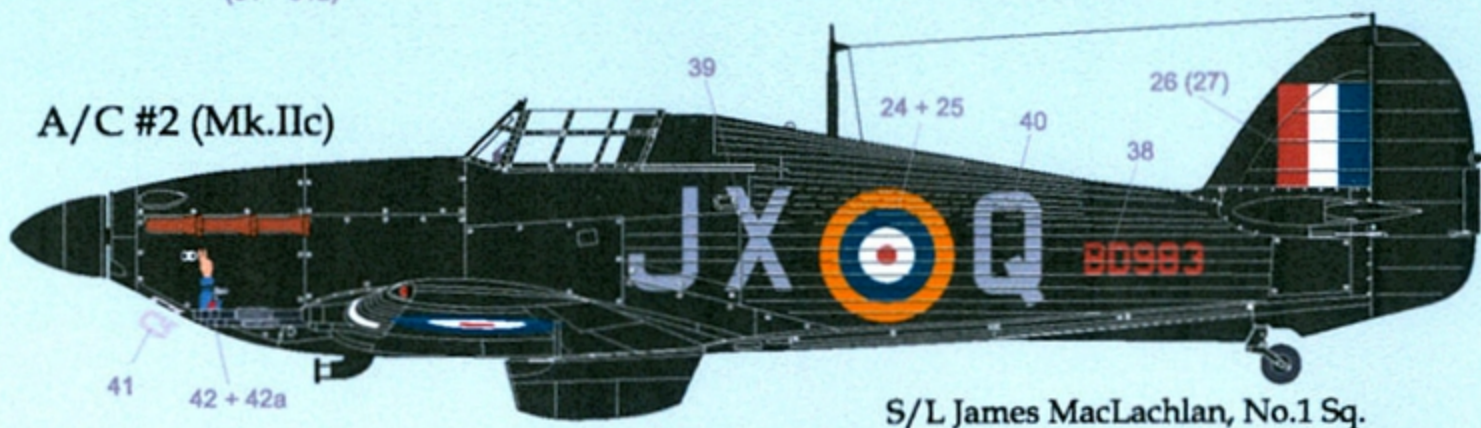
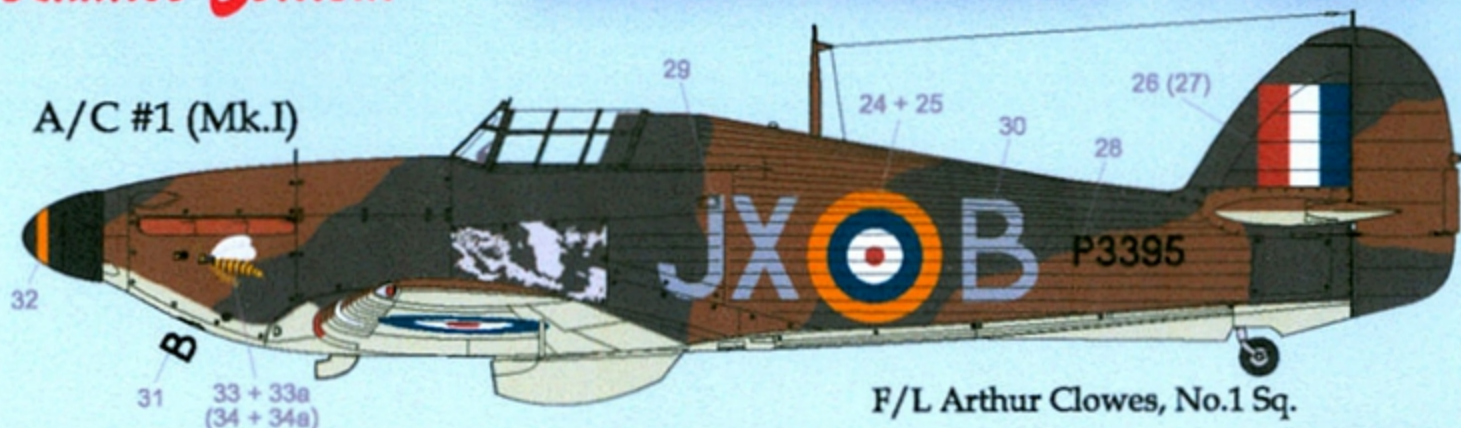
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A/C #1 Hurricane Mk I, P3395, flown by F/L Arthur Clowes of No. 1 Squadron, Wittering, October 1940.

This is a very famous Hurricane flown by BOB veteran, F/L Arthur Victor Clowes, and its photo is shown in many references (like ref. 1, 2). The wasp emblem on the right side of the nose is shown in ref. 3, and the number of black band on wasp fuselage is different, maybe due to different time. The number of this band is said to represent his victories. The A/C is painted in Dark Green/Dark Earth/Sky with thin yellow ring on its spinner. It seems there is Dark Green area below the left stabilizer. It is fitted with a back mirror, and a Rotor propeller. Ref. 2 has another photo of Clowes' wasp marked Hurricane, but maybe this is another A/C (details unknown) with white spinner and hard-edged demarcation line.

Clowes scored a total of 10 victories, all with No. 1 Sq, and lived through the war, but died on December 7, 1949 from liver cancer (ref. 4, 5).

A/C #2 Hurricane Mk IIc, BD983, flown by S/L James MacLachlan of No. 1 Sq, Northold, November 1941 to June 1942.

This is also a well-known A/C with MacLachlan's famous personal marking, and its

photo is shown in several references (like ref. 3, 6). He lost his left arm from the wounds which he suffered during the combat of February 16, 1941 over Malta with Me109 of 7/JG26 (possibly Maj. Joachim Müncheberg), when he belonged to 261 Sq. He designed his artificial left arm thereafter to continue flying. This A/C is his later one with No. 1 Sq in Northold, when he was the Commander at the age of 21, but it is not known whether the nose art was applied on the right side also (maybe not). It is painted in black overall, but this black paint is rather thin enough for the underneath camouflage pattern to be discerned. It is fitted with a back mirror, but not an anti-glare panel.

Many times its serial is claimed to be BE215, but according to ref. 6 its serial should be BD983. (BE215 is JQ-I which he flew later). He was promoted to Sq. Ld. on November 3, 1941. At this time the code letters should be painted in gray, not in red, which is substantiated by the lighter color of "Q" on nose compared to the blood of the art. Also the serial should be 8 inches, not 4 inches. Its propeller should be Jablo-Rotor. MacLachlan was an outstanding night fighter. He then moved to Air Fighting Development Unit, flying Mustangs, but was shot down on June 29, 1943 and died from the wounds two days later with a total score of 16.5.

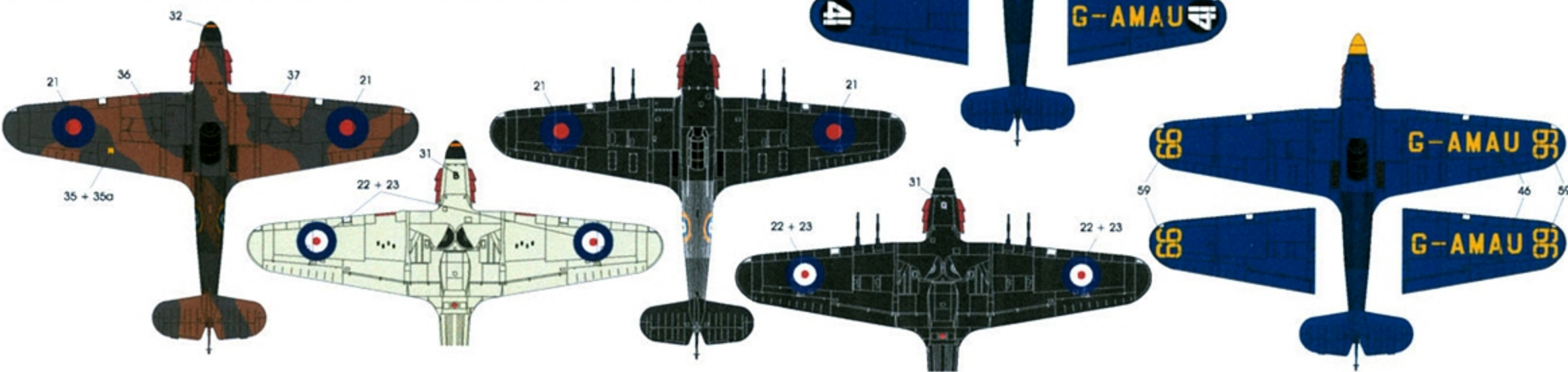
A/C #3 Hurricane Mk II, PZ865, "The Last of The Many", flown by Gp. Capt. Peter Townsend in the Kings Cup Air Race, 1950.

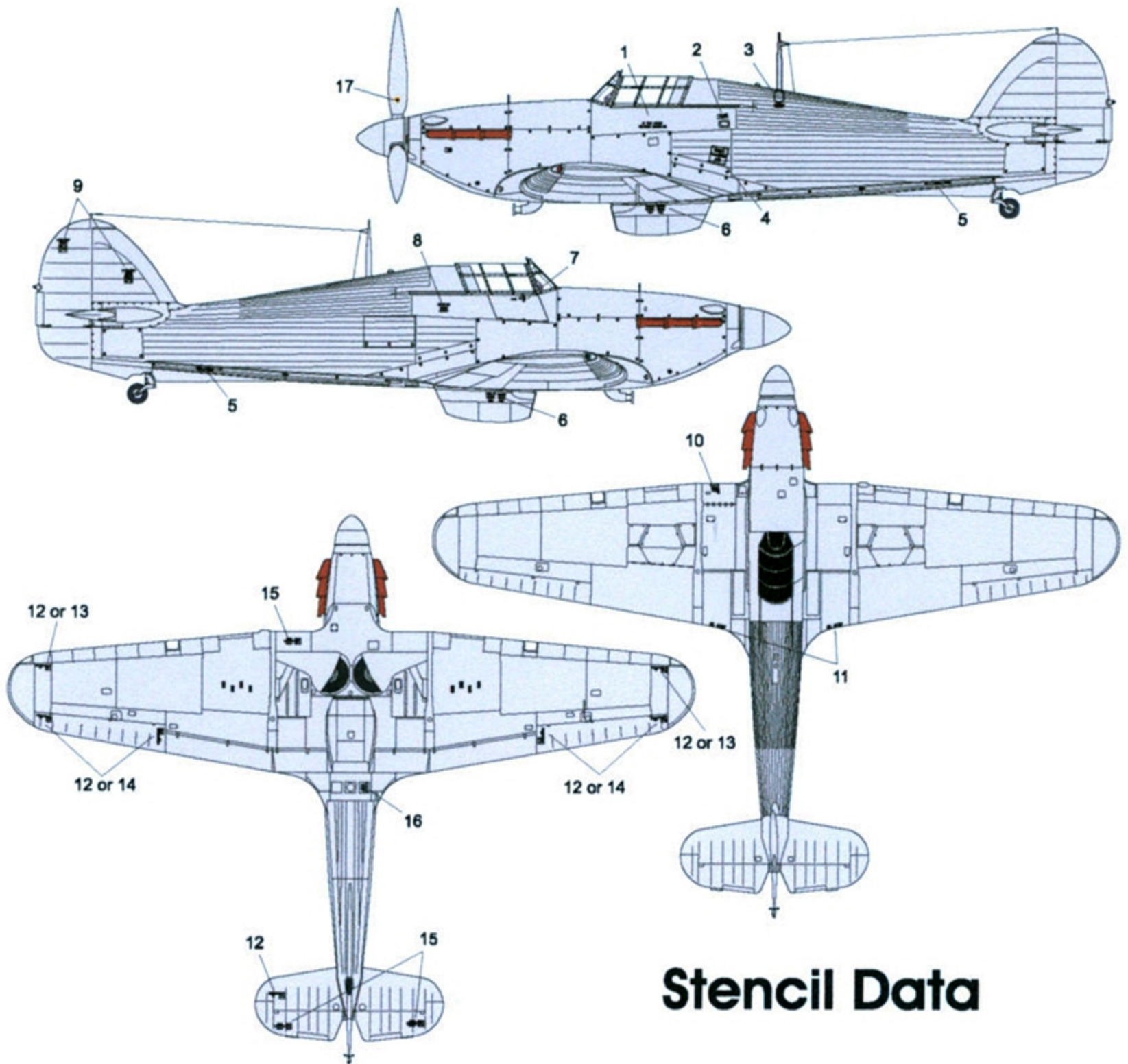
PZ865 is the last of over 14,000 built hurricanes, thus named "The Last of The Many". It was not delivered to RAF, but was purchased by Hawker Aircraft Co. After the war it was de-armed, painted in Royal Blue color overall, and registered as civil A/C with code, G-AMAU, in gold.

The marking shown here is that for 1949 Kelmsley Air Trophy Race and 1950 Kings Cup Race. Princess Margaret enlisted this A/C with Mr. Peter Townsend piloting it. Its photos are shown in ref. 7 & 8. The short movie film of 1950 Kings Cup Race in ref. 9 shows that golden code is repeated on the upper right wing. Air race number 41 is applied in white on black disc in 6 positions, and golden lines are put on fuselage. Spinner is also gold, but back mirror is not fitted.

A/C #4 Hurricane Mk II, PZ865, "The Last of The Many", flown by Gp. Capt. Peter Townsend in the 1951 National Air Race.

This is the costume PZ865 wore in the 1951 National Air Races. The Air Race Number is changed to 99, which was applied in gold in 8 positions. Its photos are shown in ref. 8, 10 & 12. Other changes from A/C #3 costume are the whip-type antenna, the style of fuselage golden lines and the shape of "The Last of The Many". We could not find a photo showing the upper wings, but maybe the code (G-AMAU) is applied in gold on the upper right wing too. We noticed a very tiny letters on the right side of vertical stabilizer, but could not discern what it is. The letters included in the sheet is purely our guess. Its spinner is still gold.





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