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PRODUCTS

## BUFFALOS

Over South East Asia

RAF, RAAF & RNZAF Buffalo Mk.I 1941-42

PL.II



Suggested Kit: Tamiya F2A Buffalo





#### Buffalo Colour Schemes

The Brewster Buffalo Mk.I was supplied to the RAF as part of the Lend-Lease Scheme with the USA. They were sent direct to the Far East theatre and arrived in the paint scheme applied in the US. This was, as near as possible, the equivalents to RAF colours. However, there were discrepancies! Similarly, the Dutch Buffaloes were diverted to the USAAF in Australia and then passed on to the RAAF. They were received in their original US painted equivalents to colours specified for the Royal Netherlands East Indies Air Force, plus overpainted US insignia! US Lend-Lease and export colour schemes are a fascinating and frustrating subject, and we recommend modellers to undertake careful research!

The Sky fighter band positioned around the fuselage, at the base of the fin, is 18" (9.5mm to scale) wide.

#### Brewster Buffalo Mk.I

##### W8138 NF-O

Pt. Off. Noel C. Sharp, 488 Squadron, RNZAF, Kallang, Singapore, late 1941.

Pt. Off. Sharp's Buffalo carried a large running dragon emblem forward of the cockpit.

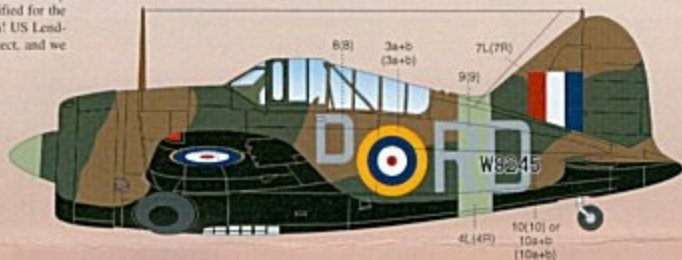
Positioning of starboard side codes and roundel



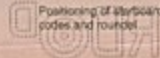
Scrap view of W8138 port fuselage with wing removed showing position of decal

#### Brewster Buffalo Mk.I W8245 RD-D

67 Squadron RAF, Mingaladon, Burma, November 1941. Reference shows that many of the Mingaladon based Buffaloes carried early Sky Blue/Night under-surfaces. Also, it was characteristic of 67 Squadron to have a different size individual aircraft code to their squadron codes.



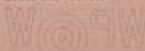
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#### Brewster Buffalo Mk.I AN196 WP-W

243 Squadron RAF, Kallang, Singapore, February 1942. AN196 flew with 243 Squadron right up until the fall of Singapore. It was then made unairworthy and abandoned.

Positioning of starboard side codes and roundel



#### Brewster 339C Buffalo.

B-395, 1-VLG-V, ML-KNIL, Andir, Java, February, 1942. Flown by Sgt. J. Adam. Forward portion of spinner possibly a replacement finished in RAF Sky Type S. Orange insignias replaced with Dutch flag to avoid confusion with Japanese Hinomaru. Note painted over rhinoceros insignia and pilot's name. This aircraft was captured by the Japanese on Java. US Medium Green and Olive Drab over Natural Metal.



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