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Mosquito

Nose Art Part 1

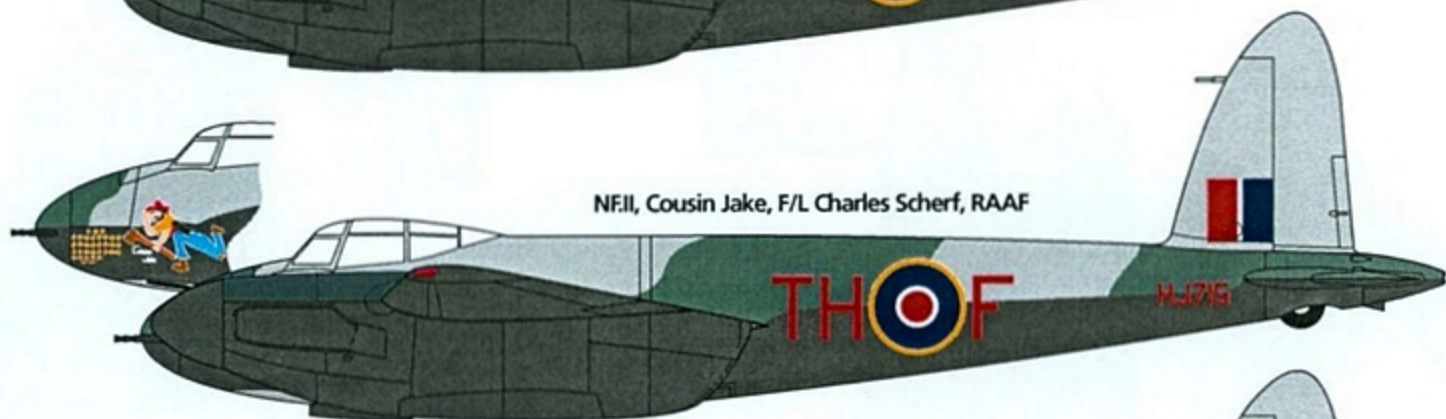
FB.VIs & NF.II of 418 Squadron, RCAF



FB.VI, Moonbeam McSwine, Lt James Luma, USAAF



NF.II, Cousin Jake, F/L Charles Scherf, RAAF



FB.VI, Black Rufe, S/L Robert Kipp, RCAF



FB.VI, City of Edmonton



Recommended kit:
1/48 Tamiya Mosquito FB.VI/NF.II

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F/L Charles Curnow Scherf, RAAF
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Mosquito FB.VI
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Standard upper surface scheme



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Notes on Specific Aircraft

TH•U "MOONBEAM McSWINE"

- Assigned to 1st Lt James Luma (USAAF) as TH•D, in which he destroyed a Me 210 on 22 Jan. 1944. On 21 March 1944 he shot down a Junkers W.34 and a Ju 52, destroyed a Do 217 and He 111 on the ground, and damaged two Go 242s and two Bf 109s in the same aircraft, now coded TH•U. Luma's total score was five air-to-air, two ground, and four damaged on the ground.

TH•F "Cousin Jake"

- Flown by F/L Charles Curnow Scherf (RAAF) on two occasions. On 26 Feb 1944 Scherf destroyed a Go 242 in the air and two Ju 52s on the ground, and shared a ground kill of a He 111. Scherf also destroyed a Bf 110 and a Fw 58 in the air, as well as an Fi 156 on the ground while flying TH•F on 5 April 1944.

TH•M "Black Rufe"

- Flown by Robert A. Kipp. Kipp's aerial victories in the Mosquito included four Fw 190s (at night without the aid of radar!), two Me 410s, two Ju 52s, a He 111, a He 177, and shared in the destruction of a He 111. Kipp also added seven destroyed and eight damaged on the ground.

TH•J "CITY OF EDMONTON"

- First aircraft to carry the "CITY OF EDMONTON" crest into battle. Charlie Scherf damaged an He 111 on the ground at the controls of TH•J on 21 Feb 1944. Scherf went on to raise his score to 13.5 confirmed aerial victories (plus one forced to land), plus nine destroyed on the ground, all in the Mosquito (and over half of these after he left 418 Sq to become an air controller.) He is the only Mosquito pilot to gain five confirmed air kills in a single mission (16 May 1944).

Applying the Decals

You probably already know all this stuff, so feel free to use your regular process; however, if you're new to aftermarket decals, here goes:

- Generally, use the Microscale Finishing System. We don't recommend extremely strong decal solvents such as Solvaset.
- Your model must have a smooth, glossy surface, as decals won't adhere well to matte surfaces. Use gloss paints or your favorite clear gloss overspray over matte or semigloss paint.
- Cut each subject out without trimming off the slight excess film (this helps the decal film disappear when dry).
- Put the decal in warm water that has a drop or two of liquid dishwashing soap or photo-flo for 10 seconds.
- When the decal will slide off the backing paper without forcing it, apply it to the proper position on your model. Slide the backing paper out from underneath.
- Gently blot off excess water and smooth out bubbles under the decal surface. If you wish, carefully brush on a mild decal softener such as Micro-Sol.
- When all decals are completely dry, gently wash off all excess decal adhesive.
- Finally, overcoat your model with a good quality gloss coat, followed by your choice of matte or eggshell clear topcoat.

FS 595 Color Cross References

(Taken from the *IPMS Color Cross-Reference Guide*—used with permission)

Dark Green	[FS 34079] Xtracolor X1; Floquil 303143
Medium Sea Grey	[FS 36270] Xtracolor X3; Floquil 303151
Night	[FS 37038] Xtracolor X12 or any flat black

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