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Suggested Kit: Hasegawa/Tamiya Spitfire Family

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Lt. Colonel Gustav Lundquist flew Spitfire Mk IX MK210 in stages to England in June 1944. He was delayed in Greenland where Sergeant Petta added this outrageous nose art. It wears a factory applied RAF Temperate Land Scheme of Dark Green and Ocean Grey upper surfaces with Medium Sea Grey lower surfaces, Sky spinner and 18" rear fuselage band. Note the fuel filler cap, for the extra fuselage tank, below the radio mast.



Captain Harry Barr's 309th FS Spitfire Mk IX at Pomigliano near Naples, Italy, December 1943. The aircraft is named 'Skipper', his wife Micki's nickname. This aircraft wears the RAF Desert color scheme and the national markings have the red borders, promulgated in June 1943. Right side reads WZ-HH.



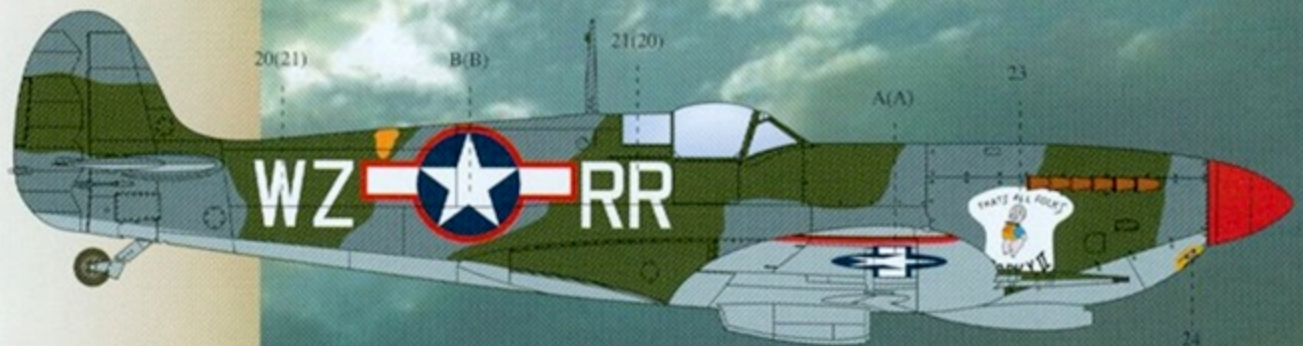
A 307th FS Spitfire Mk Vb, EN799, at Manston, England, late July or August 1942. This aircraft, with its serial in very small letters on the upper fin, is a good example of the first Spitfires received and re-marked by the 31st FG. The fuselage and fin areas where the old RAF markings have been completely over-painted with fresh Ocean Grey, are clearly discernible. The new cocardes are 40" on the upper wing and 30" on the fuselage and lower wing. Sky codes are 24" high. Right side reads MX-R.



Lieutenant R J Connor of the 309th FS flew this Spitfire in December 1943. This late production Mk Vc (trop) named Steve, had six stacks exhaust. Note the two dark upper surface camouflage greases, very light blue undersurfaces and crudely painted bars added to the USAAF cocarde. Right side reads WZ-B.



Lieutenant R J Connor later operated this Spitfire Mk IX in February/March 1944. His personal insignia 'Porky II' was painted on the starboard side, together with the cartoon character Porky Pig's famous line, "that's all folks". Groups of letters, such as those on 'Porky II' appear under the nose of many 31st FG Spitfires in the MTO and were probably there to aid ground crews marshalling and working on the aircraft. Left side reads WZ-RR.



Custom Olive Drab

RAF Light Blue

RAF Mid Stone

RAF Dark Earth

RAF Sky

RAF Ocean Gray

RAF Dark Green

RAF Medium Sea Gray

