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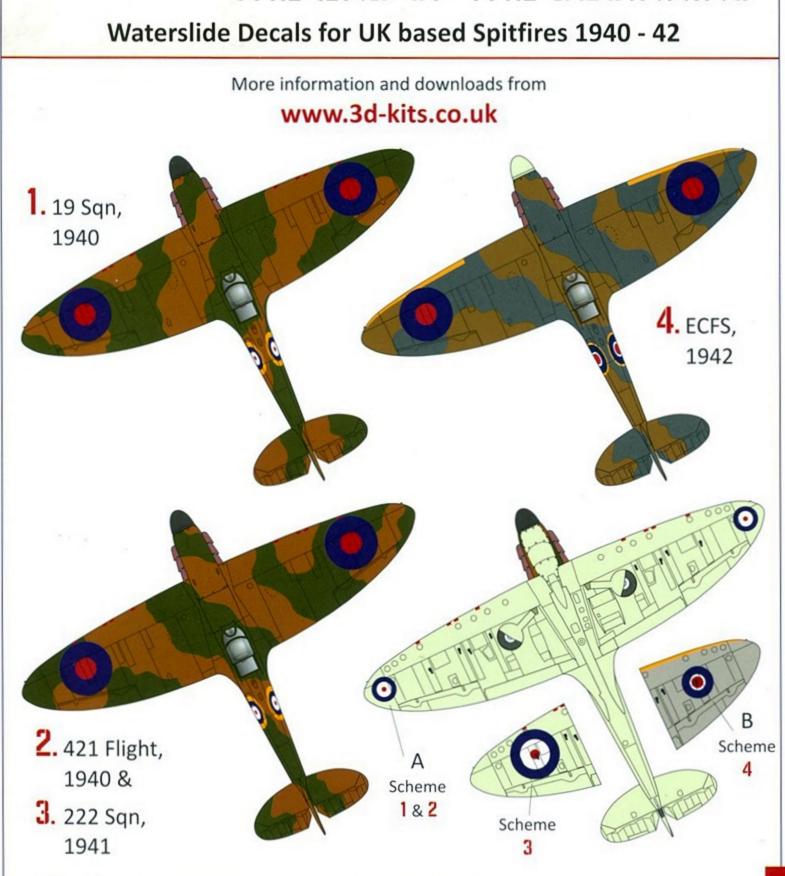
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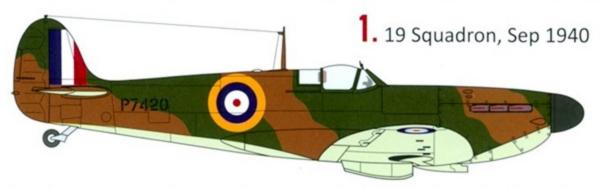
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## MK II SPITFIRES

"THE END OF THE BEGINNING"

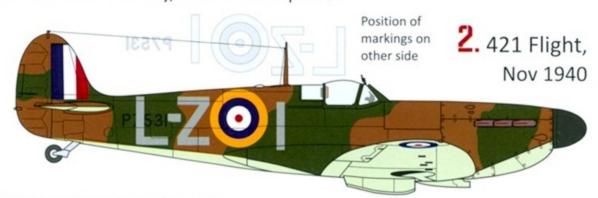


This Mk II was rushed into service at the end of September 1940, before it had squadron codes applied.



It had a short life, being wrecked in a collision with a tree less than two months later. Colours are Dark Green and Dark Earth over Sky, with a black spinner.

421 Flight was a specialist unit attached to 66 Squadron. Formed near the end of the Battle of Britain its



purpose was to to track and report on incoming enemy formations, giving more exact intelligence earlier. Colours as above.

3. 222 Squadron, June 1941

P8332, a Mk IIb was presented by the people of Soebang (NEI).

It survived the war and is

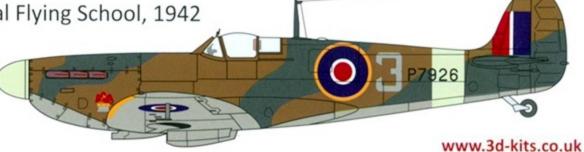


preserved in Canada, the only presentation Spitfire remaining. In June 1941 it was equipped with a Mk I deHavilland propeller and fishtail exhausts. In its preserved state it now has a Mk V Rotol propeller and straight exhaust pipes. We recommend making a Mk IIb by starting with a Vb and modifying the exhausts and propeller to suit. Colours are Dark Green and Dark Earth over Sky, with a Sky Blue spinner and fuselage band.

4. Empire Central Flying School, 1942

A Mk IIa, P7926 featured in some excellent colour photography taken in September 1942.

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If regulation it should be in the Day Fighter Scheme of Ocean Grey and Dark Green over Medium Sea Grey, but either it is very weathered and stained, or it is in a non-standard finish. It appears to be in Slate Grey and Dark Sea Grey, Fleet Air Arm colours. Spinner and fuselage band are Sky.



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