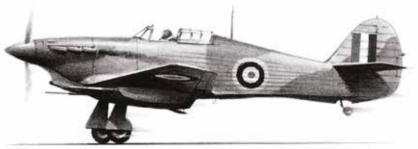




The Westland Lysander was designed from the outset to fly slow and to be able to land and take off in a short distance. With a stalling speed of just 65 mph and very sturdy undercarriage, this surprisingly large aircraft could fly in and out of fields quite comfortably. This enabled it to excel in its clandestine role of inserting and extracting Allied agents from Occupied France during WWII.







PK-011 HAWKER HURRICANE MKIIC

This illustration was always one of the most popular of the early Matchbox kits and depicts Hurricane IIcs of 87 Squadron shooting up a German airfield on an Intruder patrol. The four Hispano cannons gave the Hurricane quite a punch but that was nothing compared to the two 40mm cannons that were slung beneath the wings of the Hurricane IId! (left)

20





PK-016 HARRIER AV8/A



PK-018 GRUMMAN F6F-3/MKI HELLCAT



PK-015 HAWKER SIDDELEY GNAT



PK-017 MESSERSCHMITT Bf109E



PK-020 DASSAULT MIRAGE IIIC



PK-021 MESSERSCHMITT Me262



PK-023 HAWKER TEMPEST



PK-025 ARMSTRONG WHITWORTH SISKIN



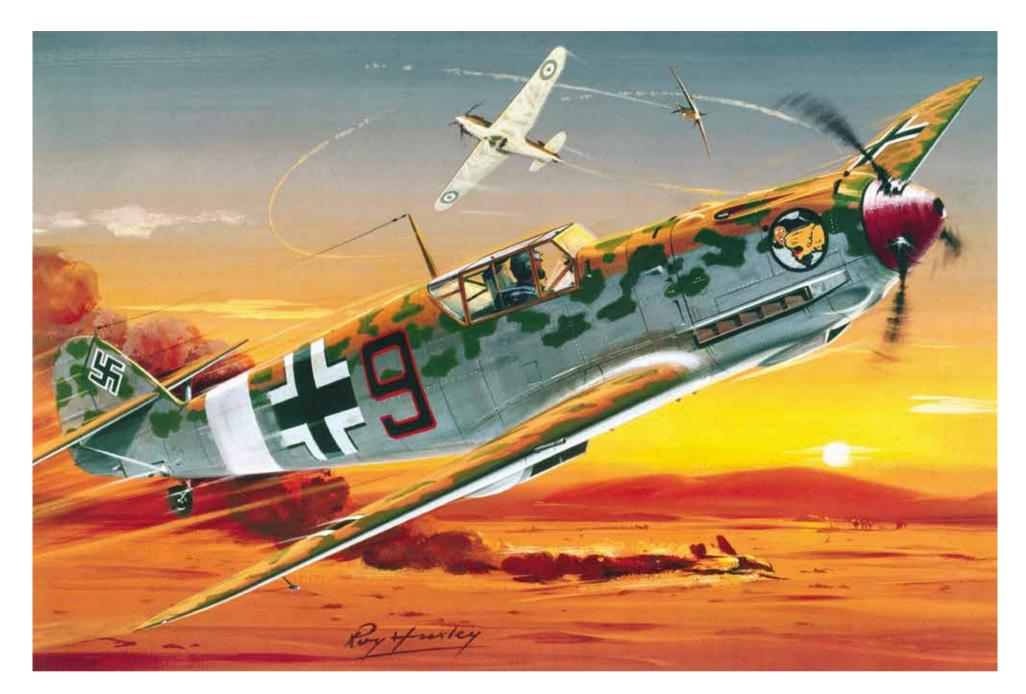
PK-022 REPUBLIC P-47D THUNDERBOLT



PK-024 BREWSTER BUFFALO



PK-026 HENSCHEL Hs126



PK-017 MESSERSCHMITT Bf109E

The Messerschmitt Bf109 was probably the most famous German fighter aircraft of WWII. Fast and very manoeuvrable, it served throughout the war, just like the Spitfire. The E version ('Emil') saw action in the Battle of France and the Battle of Britain before being replaced by the improved F version on the Channel Front in 1941. The remaining 'Emils' continued to serve in North Africa like the illustrated example of JG27.

"This one turned out well, it has vigour and stands out from the other boxes. I was very disappointed when pressure came from some countries to remove the violence and swastikas and make it more sombre. This kit was a favourite with schoolboys everywhere."







PK-014 VOUGHT F4U-4 CORSAIR

Acknowledged as the finest carrier based fighter of WWII, the F4U Corsair was instantly recognisable by its unusual gull wing design. This was an ingenious way of strapping a huge propeller onto a small fighter without having to have long and fragile undercarriage legs which would be entirely useless on a carrier based fighter.

24