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OUR SECRET STOCK!

A limited edition model kit of Spitfire Mk.IX in the scale 1/48 "Nasi se vraceji" (The Boys are Back'), which is a tribute to the Czechoslovak pilots and their Spitfires for their service in the RAF during the World War II.

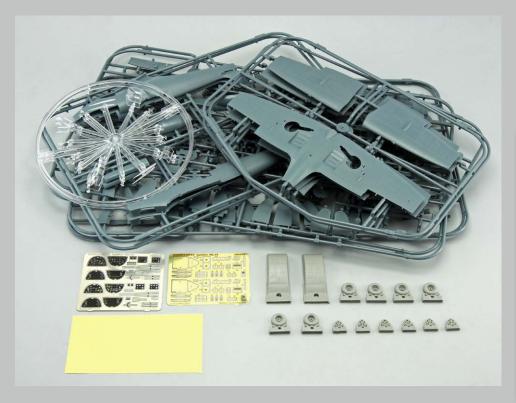
Although the focus of the series is the return of the Czechoslovak RAF Squadrons to the liberated homeland in August 1945, a chronological selection of markings and the fate of associated personality accompanies war service in the years 1942-1945, the action

of Spitfires in the postwar Czechoslovak Air Force, subsequent sale to Israel and then to Burma.

We have kept 200pcs from the original edition in our safe, and we are offering those to you now on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of Czechoslovak fighter squadrons return from the United Kingdom, on August the 13th, 1945.

AVAILABLE AT EDUARD STORE ONLY FROM AUGUST 13TH, 2015!

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As a template for design of our bags was used this original WWII RAF bag from the collection of Museum of Air Battle over the Ore Mountains on September 11th, 1944 (www.facebook.com/museum119). Bags such as this one were issued to RAF and Army servicemen as their personal baggage.

this bag, then on the fabric is written by a white color "Por. Otto Heller, F335, Czechosl. Forces".





Stamp size is ca 30 x 18 cm. It consist of the "Naši se vracejí" logo, Czechoslovak WWII pilot badge (wings) and a personal ID table including your name, RAF number and number of your squadron...



Tales of particular airplane depicted in the Naši se vracejí (The Boys Are Back) limited edition project, and also the tales of pilots that flew them are very often amazingly connected. Together they construct a colorful mosaic in which it is possible to find several various links and relationships. In general context the mosaic shows a synoptical and in-

teresting view on history and service of Spiftire Mk.IX in relation to Czechoslovak airmen. On these connections and relationships is based the whole project and impersonated through markings selection, also by the text by our expert consultant and author of the included historical publication - Zdenek Hurt. We have decided to introduce individual kit

markings in an unusual way – by some of above mentioned relationships between particular planes and their pilots...

We have selected 15 themes that will be shown here one by one. Some of the Spitfires are common for more themes, so these will be shown more than once.

S/LDR. OTTO SMIK'S SPITFIRES

THEME No. 1

Otto Smik - the most successful Czechoslovak fighter pilot at the controls of Spitfire Mk.IX.



Spitfire LF Mk.IXc, MJ291, F/O Otto Smik, No. 310 Sqdn, Mendlesham AB, Spring 1944

FINALLY AT HOME!

Spitfires LF MK.IXe as they looked during their flight do Prague on August 13, 1945.







Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, TE527, škpt. Hugo Hrbáček, CO of No. 312 Sqdn, Praha - Ruzyně, 13 August 1945

THEME No. 2

mark. No. 12

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Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, TE557, por. František Vavřínek, No. 313 Sqdn, Praha – Ruzyně, 13 August 1945





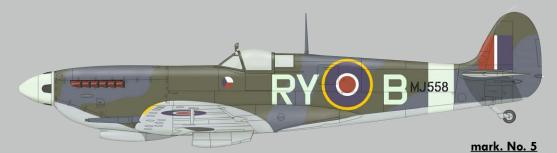
Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, TE521, No. 310 Sqdn, Praha - Ruzyně, 13 August 1945

OVER THE CHANNEL AND CONTINEN

THEME No. 3

Spitfires Mk.IX flown by Czechoslovak squadrons in RAF.



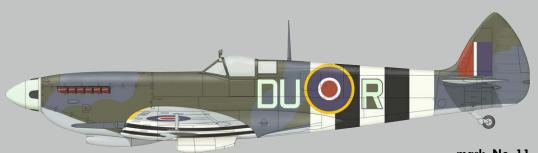


Spitfire LF Mk.IXc, MJ558, W/O Arnošt Mrtvý, No. 313 Sqdn, 1944



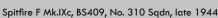


Spitfire LF Mk.IXc, MJ906, F/Sgt Miroslav Moravec, No. 310 Sqdn, Ibsley / Appledram, January – June 1944

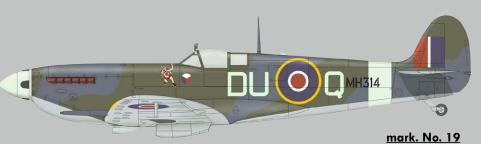


mark. No. 11
Spitfire LF Mk.IXc, MJ449, F/Lt František Truhlář, No. 312 Sqdn, Appledram AB, June 1944









Spitfire F Mk.IXc, MH314, No. 312 Sqdn, Winter – Spring 1945

WING COMMANDERS

Spitfires Mk.IX flown by two Czechoslovak Fighter Wing Commanders.

THEME No. 4



Spitfire LF Mk.IXc, MK483, W/Cdr Tomáš Vybíral, CO of No. 134 Airfield, Appledram AB, Spring 1944



Spitfire HF Mk.IXc, ML171, W/Cdr Tomáš Vybíral, No. 312 Sqdn, North Weald AB, September 1944





Spitfire F Mk.IXc, LZ920, W/Cdr Jaroslav Hlad'o, Bradwell Bay AB, December 1944

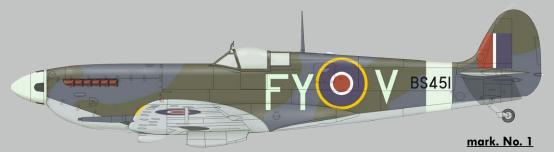


Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, SL628, W/Cdr Jaroslav Hlad'o, Praha – Ruzyně, 13. August 1945

CZECHS AT BRITISH SQUADRONS

THEME No. 5

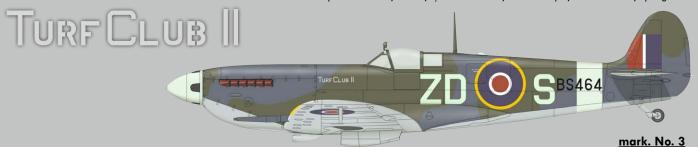
Spitfires Mk.IX flown by Czechoslovak pilots - members of British squadrons.



Spitfire F Mk.IXc, BS451, F/Lt František Vancl, No. 611 Sqdn, November 1942



Spitfire F Mk.IXc, BS461, F/Lt Tomáš Kruml, No. 122 Sqdn, Hornchurch AB, Spring 1943



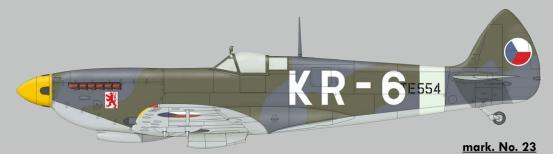
Spitfire F Mk.IXc, BS464, No. 222 Sqdn, Hornchurch AB, June 1943

TE554'S METAMORPHOSIS IN TIME

THEME No. 6

The camouflage changes of Spitfire LF MK.IXe TE554 during its service in Czechoslovak and Israeli Air Force.





Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, TE554, Letecký pluk 10, Praha – Kbely, Spring 1946

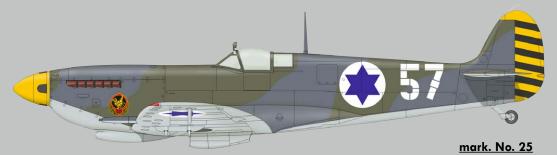




Spitifre LF Mk.IXe, TE554, Letecká vojenská akademie (AF Academy), bases Pardubice / Malacky, 1947 / 1948

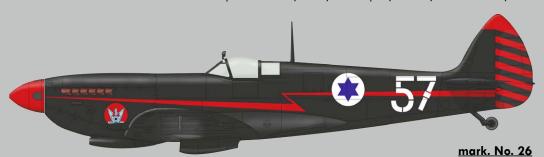
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Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, TE554, 105th Tajeset, Israel AF, Ramat David AB, 1951





Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, TE554, 105. Tajeset, Israel AF, Ramat David AB, 1955

W/GDR. JAROSLAV HLADO'S SPITFIRES

THEME No. 7

W/Cdr. Jaroslav Hlado served as the Czechoslovak Wing CO when he lead a group of all three Czechoslovak fighter squadrons RAF (54 Spitfires Mk.IXe) to Prague-Ruzyne on August 13th, 1945



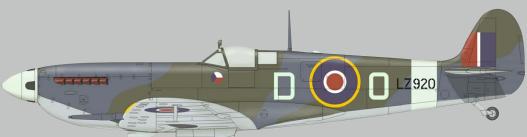




mark. No. 10

Spitfire HF Mk.IXc, ML171, W/Cdr Tomáš Vybíral, No. 312 Sqdn, North Weald AB, September 1944





mark. No. 16

Spitfire F Mk.IXc, LZ920, W/Cdr Jaroslav Hlad'o, Bradwell Bay AB, December 1944



Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, SL628, W/Cdr Jaroslav Hlad'o, Praha – Ruzyně, 13. August 1945

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MARKINGS





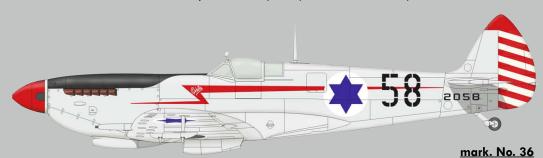
Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, SL628, Training Flight of 1st Teritory Army Air Force, Prague – Kbely, 1947





Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, TE515, HQ of 2. Letecká oblast, June 1946 – December 1948





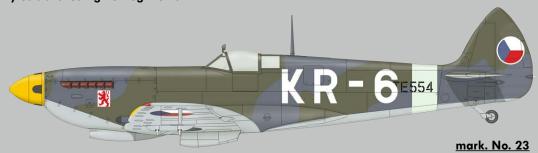
Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, TE515, 105th Tajeset, Israel AF, Ramat David AB, 1951

SPITFIRES IN CZECHOSLOVAK SERVICE

THEME No. 8

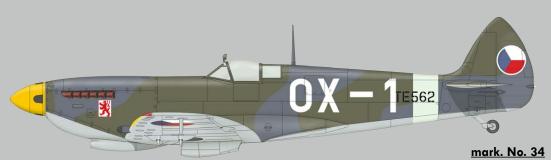
In the rebuild post-war Czechoslovak Air Force were Spitfires Mk.IXe distributed into newly established fighter regiments.





Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, TE554, Letecký pluk 10, Prague – Kbely, Spring 1946





Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, TE562, maj. František Truhlář, Letecký pluk 12, December 1946





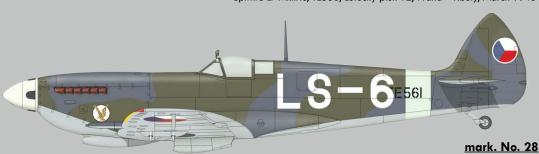
Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, TE521, No. 310 Sqdn, Praha - Ruzyně, 13 August 1945





Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, TE560, Letecký pluk 12, Praha – Kbely, March 1946





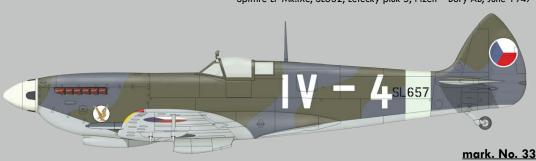
Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, TE561, Letecký pluk 8, bases Praha – Kbely / Brno – Slatina, 1946 / 1947





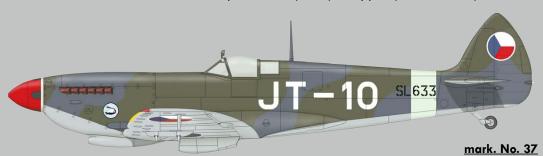
Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, SL632, Letecký pluk 5, Plzeň – Bory AB, June 1947





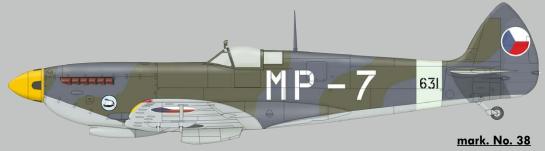
Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, SL657, Letecký pluk 7, Brno – Slatina AB, October 1946





Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, SL633, Letecký pluk 4, Planá AB, 1946





Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, SL631, por. Milan Hořava, Letecký pluk 5, 27 June 1948

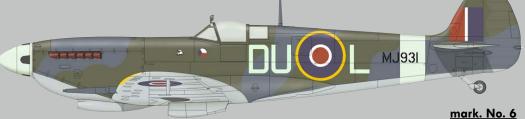
SPITFIRE MJ931

THEME No. 9

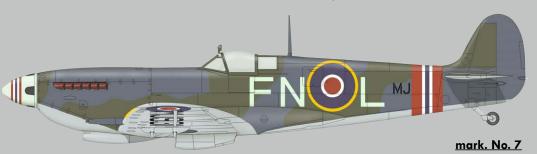
Several Spitfires Mk.IX flown during the war by Czechoslovak pilots in the RAF were later assigned into various other air forces, like Norwegian.







Spitfire LF Mk.IXc, MJ931, F/O Světlík, No. 312 Sqdn, first half of 1944

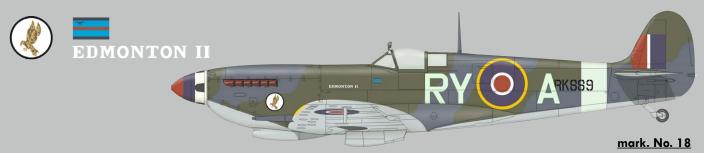


Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, MJ931, No.331 Sqdn, May 1945

SQUADRON LEADERS

THEME No. 10

The group of Czechoslovak Squadrons CO that flew Spitfires Mk.IX is in our selection represented by two of them — Otmar Kucera and Hugo Hrbacek.



Spitfire HF Mk.IXe, RK889, S/Ldr Otmar Kučera, CO of No. 313 Sqdn, Manston AB, July 1945

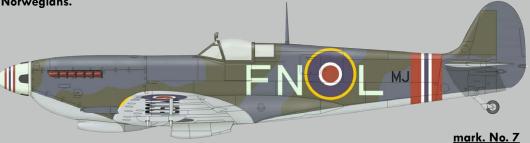


Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, TE527, škpt. Hugo Hrbáček, CO of No. 312 Sqdn, Praha - Ruzyně, 13 August 1945

CZECHOSLOVAK SPITFIRES IN "FOREIGN" SERVICE

THEME No. 11

Weary Spitfires Mk.IX used by Czechoslovak squadrons (still in RAF) were during Summer of 1945 assigned to another units. In our selection are Brits, Canadians and Norwegians.



Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, MJ931, No.331 Sqdn, May 1945



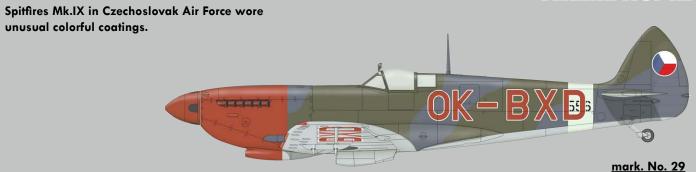
Spitfire LF Mk.IXc, MK805, F/Lt A. G. H. Cooper, N. 64 Sqdn, bases Harrowbeer / Bradwell Bay, Summer 1944



Spitfire LF Mk.IXc, MK304, No. 442 Sqdn, August 1944

CZECHOSLOVAK SPITFIRES IN UNUSUAL COATINGS

HEME No. 12



Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, TE556, Bezpečnostní letectvo, Brno - Slatina AB, Spring 1948



Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, SL628, Training Flight of 1st Teritory Army Air Force, Prague - Kbely, 1947

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THEME No.13





Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, TE515, HQ of 2. Letecká oblast, June 1946 – December 1948

SPITS OF THE FIFTIES

At the end of 40's Czechoslovak Spitfires Mk.IX were sold to Israel for their freshly established Air Force.





Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, TE554, 105th Tajeset, Israel AF, Ramat David AB, 1951



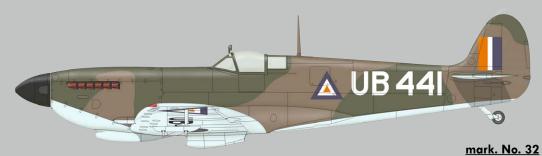


Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, TE554, 105. Tajeset, Israel AF, Ramat David AB, 1955





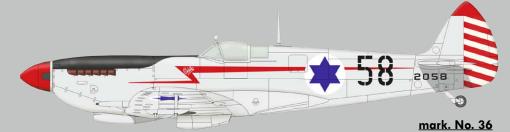
Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, SL632, 101st Tajeset, Israel AF Hatzor AB, 1949



Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, ML119, Burma AF, second half of 50's

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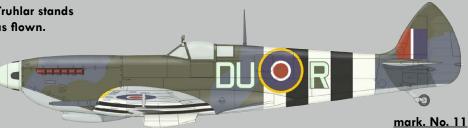




Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, TE515, 105th Tajeset, Israel AF, Ramat David AB, 1951

MAJ. FRANTIŠEK TRUHLÁŘ

A moving personal story of Frantisek Truhlar stands behind the two of Spitfires Mk.IX he has flown.



Spitfire LF Mk.IXc, MJ449, F/Lt František Truhlář, No. 312 Sqdn, Appledram AB, June 1944





Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, TE562, maj. František Truhlář, Letecký pluk 12, December 1946

IN THE TRAINING SERVICE

Czechoslovak Spitfires Mk.IX also play an important role on training of new air force adepts.

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THEME No. 14

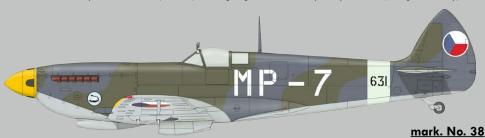


Spitifre LF Mk.IXe, TE554, Letecká vojenská akademie (AF Academy), bases Pardubice / Malacky, 1947 / 1948



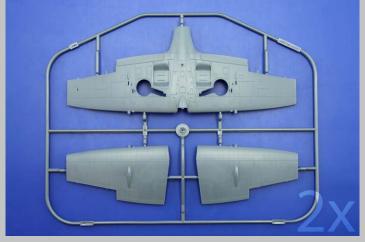
Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, SL628, Training Flight of 1st Teritory Army Air Force, Prague - Kbely, 1947

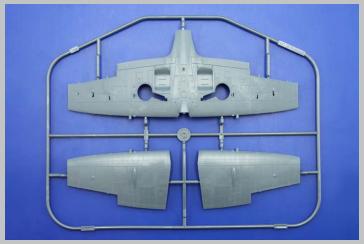


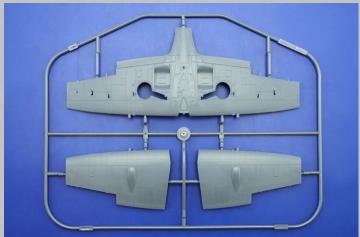


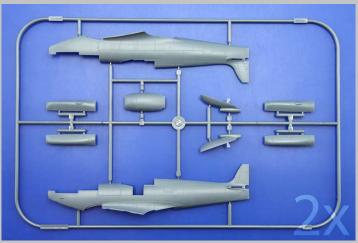
Spitfire LF Mk.IXe, SL631, por. Milan Hořava, Letecký pluk 5, 27 June 1948

DETAILS OF THE BOX

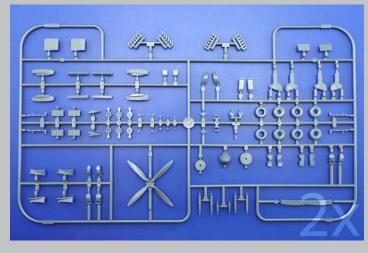














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DUAL COMBO!

TWO COMPLETE KITS

- 12 SPRUES

BRASSIN

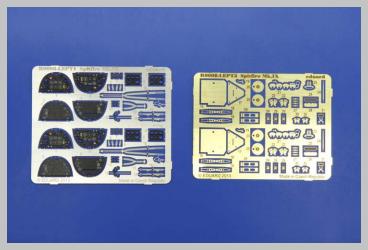
- 1 x flat tank (90gal slipper tank)
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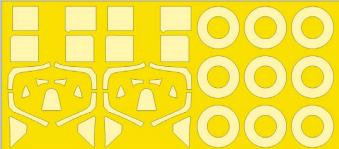




PHOTO-ETCHED SETS AND MASK

The part of the limited Eduard edition are, like always, photo-etched accessories and protective masks.





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LIMITED EDITION POSTAL STAMPS





Part of this exclusive limited edition is the limited issue of postage stamps (Czech Post) with the theme "Naší se vraceji" (,The Boys are Back'), which is affixed to the mail envelope on the first day of issue and officially stamped with a commemorative postal stamp. This combination will not be available otherwise, than as part of this series!"

PRODUCTS RELATED TO THE "NASI SE VRACEJI" STAMP

LIMITED EDITION POSTAL STAMPS

This commemorative stamp design won 3rd place in the official Czech Post competition for the best hand-made postal stamp of 2013



Postage stamps Czech Post (cat. No. PR1181-04)

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Envelope with stamp (cat. No. PR1181-12)



Postal stamp sheet (cat. No. PR1181-11)



HISTORICAL PUBLICATION

In a very unusual way are addressed the camouflage schemes for the selected 38 planes. This is done in a form of a historical publication, whose author Zdenek Hurt is an expert on the Czechoslovak Spitfires, and on the fate of the Czechoslovak Airmen in England. In the publication, the reader will find information related to the Spitfire Mk.IX selected for the decal options, the fate of associated pilots and historical context. More than 100 photographs in the publication have never been published before. In Czech language; English version will be available on a separate sheet.

SUPPORT VETERANS



Spitfires LF Mk.IXe of No. 310. (Czechoslovak) Squadron RAF after return to Prague-Ruzyne airport, August 13th, 1945. (Czech Ex-RAF Members Association 1939-45 Archive)

Limited Edition "Nasi se vraceji" ('The Boys are Back') was created in cooperation with the Czech Ex-RAF Members Association 1939-45 (veteran organizations of the Czechoslovak foreign air resistance). A part of the profit from this limited edition was donated to support the activities of this organization.

The Czech Ex-RAF Members Association 1939-45 was established in 1990 by Czechoslovak WWII veterans, mostly members of the Royal Air Force and by their second generation. Activities of this association consist of public presentations, help on various projects like memorials to their combat comrades and other activities leading to keeping tradition of their WWII fought for our freedom.

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Spitfires Mk.IXe assigned to Czechoslovak fighter regiments in 1947. Pilots who brought them home from their WWII combat theatres two years earlier did not expect in 1947 how their fortune will turn out in less than one more year... (Czech Airmen Association Archive)



Air show Aviatická pouf, Pardubice 2013: our consultant for the Naši se vracejí project and author of the historical publication included in the kit Zdeněk Hurt with his friend, Brigadier General Miroslav Štandera, actual chairman of the Czech Ex-RAF Members Association 1939-45. Miroslav Štandera flew Hurricanes and Spitfires are also member of the No. 312 (Czechoslovak) Squadron RAF and Mosquitoes as a pilot of No. 68 Squadron RAF. After the communistic takeover in 1948 he was forced out of the Army and worked manually in a scrap iron company. He managed to escape from Czechoslovakia and later returned to RAF. There he flew various kind of planes, including Gloster Meteor. He returned to Czech Republic in 1995. (photo Jan Zdiarský)



Czechoslovak veterans of RAF in the beginning of the 21st century. Memorial to Czechoslovak airmen perished in WWII build in 1995 at Náměstí Svobody square, Prague...
(photo Jan Zdiarský)



A shot from the regular meeting of the the Czech Ex-RAF Members Association 1939-45 in hotel Legie, September 2002. A man standing in front of the table is the Association chairman, one of the former Spitfire Mk.IX pilot, major General Stanislav Hlučka (1919 – 2008). (photo Jan Zdiarský)

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Complete set with the RAF style bag, which took the commemorative flight aboard of an An-2 aircraft from Most to Prague-Kbely airport, during our "The boys are back" event on the 13th of August 2013. A flight confirmation certificate is included.





On Tuesday 13th August 2013, a day significant as anniversary of return of Czechoslovak fighter squadrons RAF in 1945 graduated also our project Nasi se vraceji "Boys Are Back". That day was marked by a premiere of "our" postal stamp and especially by the commemorative flight No. 1181 transporting part of Nasi se vraceji packages for those who wanted to claim their piece personally on the AF base Prague-Kbely.

Several months lasting project, materialized to a limited edition of a scale plastic kit with unique bonuses, postal stamp, t-shirts, polo and other items, was finished by an eventful day and unique experience for several participants. So we would like to share this day with you!

Jan Zdiarský

Our partners for the Flight No. 1181 were the Historical Institute of the Czech Army, Heritage of Flying Legends, owners and pilots of escorting Zlin Treners, Aeroclub Most, Czech Post, Aeromedia and Czechoslovak Ex-RAF Members Association 1939-45. Our sincere thanks to all of them!

▶ The whole day begun at Most 1 post building where was the premiere of the Nasi se vraceji postal stamp. The office was visited by several philatelist collectors around the country... those who missed the opportunity can still obtain the stamps and envelopes at Eduard Store.



Photo: Kateřina Borecká, Petr Kolmann, Jan Zdiarský,



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Back to the Aeroclub Most airfield for refueling and some sight tour flights for Eduard employees

EVENTS





Loading!



Petra Pavlickova already sits aboard; taking care for some thousands freshly marked postal stamps and commemorative envelopes that were too signed for a flight.



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Some of Eduard stock and marketing department people changed their rule to be an An-2 flying crew, taking care for valuable loads – over 60 Nasi se vraceji boxes.



▼ The right hand area was covered by the "Blue Flight" – pilot of the OK-OTD is Radim Vojta (who led the whole formation... he is unusually siting on the front seat), pilot of OK-OTD is Katerina Vojtova.





▶ Left "wing" of the escorting formation sustained of the "Red flight". Pilot of the OK-OTF is Milan Vacík, pilot of OK-VRJ is Marek Vinar (I am sitting in front of him in the OK-VRJ).







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Over Prague...

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much different.

This was our serious loss then. Today we feel









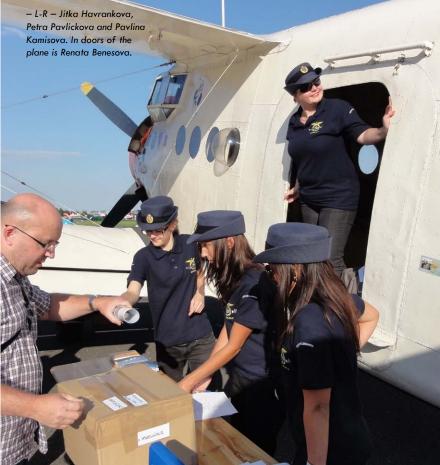




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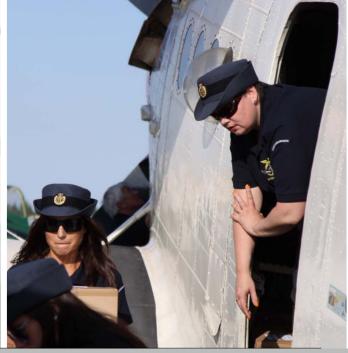












EVENTS



Pilot of Czech AF Major Peter Smik, grandnephew of Czechoslovak Spitfire ace Otto Smik in an interview for Czech TV...



A legend of Czechoslovak plastic modeling, Vaclav Sorel in a discussion with Petr Kolmann, photographer of the aviation L+K magazine.





◀ In Kbely were also some autography...
all amateurs, non celebrities... Zdenek
Hurt signed his books, Katerina Borecka posters with her Spitfires over
Prague, Jan Zdiarsky (me) his postal
stamps andenvelo-pes and Peter Smik
everything





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POSTERS "THE BOYS ARE BACK"

A2 size (16.5" x 23.3" / 42 x 59,4 cm) poster featuring couple of Czechoslovak Spitfires over Prague on August 13th, 1945.

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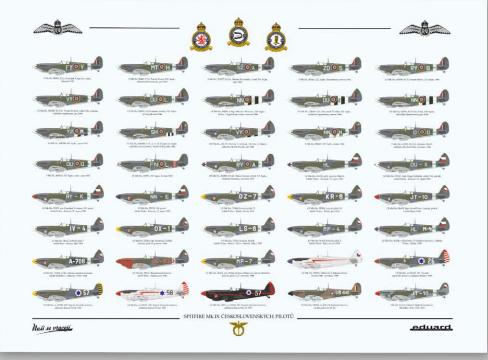
Printed on heavy and high-quality paper.

signed by the artwork author Katerina Borecka Naši se vracejí

A2 size (16.5" x 23.3" / 42 x 59,4 cm) poster featuring 40 selected markings of Spitfires Mk.IX related to Czechoslovak pilots in period 1942 - 1956.

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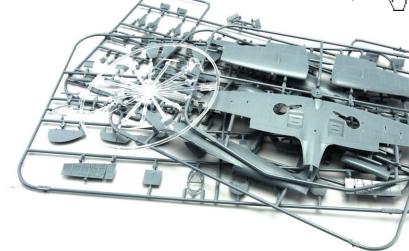
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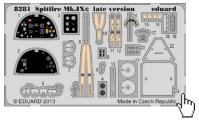




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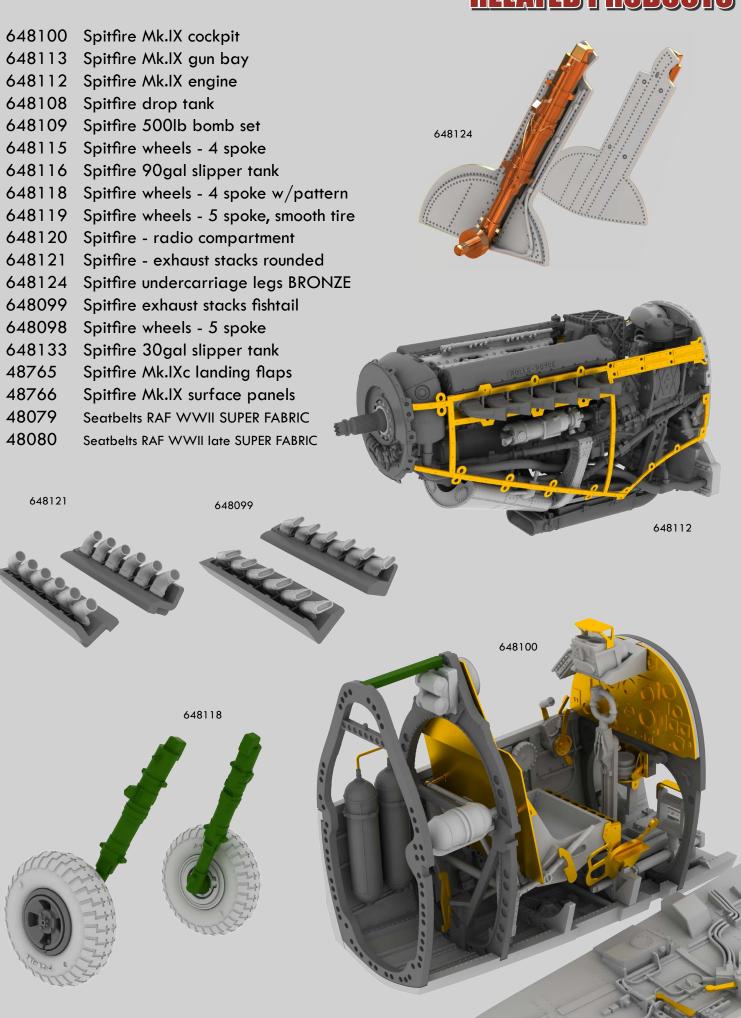


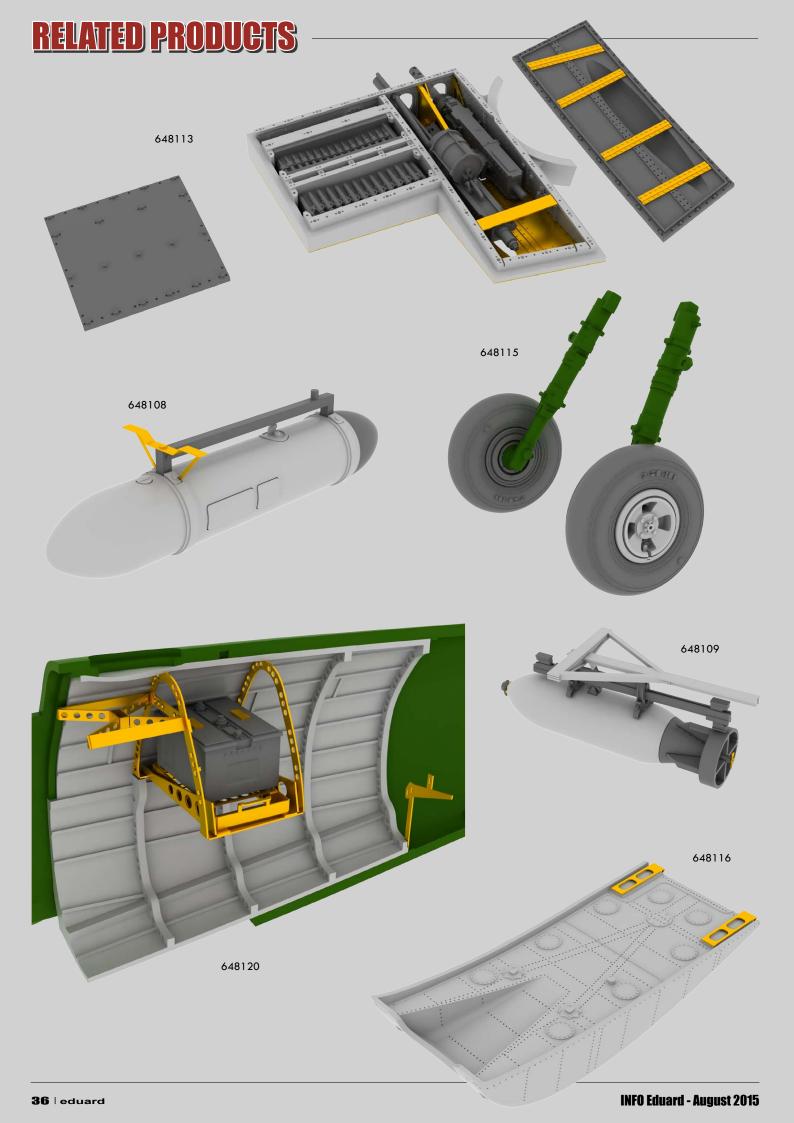
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