

IPMS Canada 2016 Decal Sheet

RCAF HWE Hawker Hurricanes

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Hurricane Mk. I 1380 / RA-S, 128 (Fighter) Squadron, RCAF Station Torbay, Newfoundland

This aircraft was built by Canadian Car and Foundry (CCF) as a Hurricane Mk. I for the RAF and diverted to the RCAF. The accident depicted in the two photos (at right) occurred on July 26, 1942. **Hurricane 1380** was later returned to Canadian Car and Foundry for conversion into a Hurricane Mk. XIIA in late 1943. After conversion, it was allocated to 1 (F) OTU and operated until an Category A accident (i.e., the aircraft was a write-off) in August 1943.

It was painted in the standard RCAF HWE scheme of Dark Green/Dark Earth over Sky undersides. The national markings were the standard **Type A1** roundels on fuselage, **Type B** on top of the wings and **Type A** below the wings. The squadron codes were painted in **RCAF**



Photos: Carl Vincent collection



Light Grey (aka **RAF Medium Sea Grey**). Notice the squadron code placement variation on each fuselage side - **RA-S** on the left and **S-RA** on the right.

Hurricane Mk. XII 5398 133 (Fighter) Sqn Western Air Command

"March of Dimes" was a Canadian Car and Foundry-built **Hurricane Mk. XII** (or, if we look at the record card, a **Mk. IIB(Can)**) **RCAF serial 5398**. Those nose art

commemorates that this was a presentation aircraft paid for by "**Canada's March of Dimes**", which apparently is an odd coincidence, as the non-profit organization **March of Dimes Canada** did not exist until 1949. The nose art was applied at the factory and at least one photograph exists of this aircraft without the exhaust glare shields fitted. (The shields were in place by the time the Hurricane was

Note the engine oil streaks on the main landing gear door. 'L' code not applied. March of Dimes inscription appears 'not white'.



Photo: Mark Peapell collection



You think I am only a piece of paper.
 My friend, you are wrong.
 I am 50 Hurricane fighter planes.
 At a Dime each the people of Canada can buy fifty planes.
 Do not throw me away, pass me on,
 Send me from Coast to Coast.
 Join the March to Victory!



Nice study of 5398, shot on orthochromatic film, clearly showing that the M of D marking is not white. We went with yellow on the decal sheet as the most logical choice for a presentation inscription on a camouflaged aircraft. (Mark Peapell collection)



Although of poor quality, this photo does show 5398 with its 'L' code applied by 133 (F) Sqn. (Mark Peapell collection)

operating at Lethbridge.) The aircraft was taken on strength with 133 (F) Sqn in July, 1942

while they were working up at RCAF Stn. Lethbridge, Alberta. The Squadron relocated to RCAF Stn. Boundary Bay, British Columbia in October, 1942. March of Dimes was written off on February 4, 1943 in a Category A crash near Pender Island, B.C., killing the pilot, Flying Officer Grover Stewart Sargent, Jr.

Hurricane 5398 was painted in the standard RCAF HWE scheme of **Dark Green/Dark Earth over Sky**. Upon arrival at Lethbridge the aircraft did not carry an aircraft code, but it was assigned the code 'L' before arrival at Boundary Bay. The aircraft code is probably painted in white, though RCAF Light Grey (aka RAF Medium Sea Grey) is possible. (The E.O. Specs state codes were RCAF Light Grey.) March of Dimes wore the standard **Type A1** roundels on the fuselage, **Type B** on top of the wings and **Type A** below the wings.

RCAF specs required lettering on presentation aircraft to be in **white**, but the photos appears to show yellow lettering. Both are provided on the sheet and you have the option to use either. If the yellow is chosen, it is suggested to use the white as an underlay to the yellow lettering.

Some sources say the aircraft was assigned the code **FN*L**, but there is no photographic evidence to support that position. Additionally, there is almost no photographic evidence to illustrates any WAC Hurricane XII's with Squadron codes.

March of Dimes is a Hurricane XII fitted with a Merlin 29 engine and a Hamilton Standard propeller. While it features the longer fuselage and 12 gun wing of the Hurriance IIB, it is fitted with a Mk. I style tail wheel and the earlier round exhausts.

Hurricane Mk. XIIA BW870, No. 1 Central Flying School Trenton, RCAF Stn. Trenton, Ontario

BW870 was built as a Hurricane Mk. I for the RAF and diverted to the RCAF.

It was returned to Canadian Car and Foundry for conversion into a **Hurricane Mk. XIIA** in late 1943. After conversion, it was allocated to No. 1 Training Command and based at RCAF Stn. Trenton. It set an unofficial station altitude record at the hands of Station Commander Alan Bell-Irving. It suffered an accident on February 2, 1945, when it landed short, hit a snowbank and went over onto its nose. In the summer of 1945 it was displayed on the base nose-down in 'faux' Japanese markings. It was painted in the standard RCAF HWE scheme of **Dark Green/Dark Earth over**

Sky. Unusually, it carries **Type A** roundels on the fuselage, **Type A** on top of the wings and **Type A** below the wings. The serial is present in a very non-standard format on the rear fuselage in **black**. The spinner is **Sky... or white**. A **Sky** spinner would have been normal for RAF aircraft in the UK, but not necessarily for the HWE RCAF. You'll have to flip a coin and decide.



Hurricane BW870. Note the light-coloured spinner in front of aircraft. Is it Sky or white? We don't know for sure.

Photos: Jim Bates collection

Hurricane Mk. XII 5656 in similar markings to BW870. Note the white gun patches and the atypical Type A roundels on the fuselage top of the wings. Also worth noting is the white-ish coloured gun port covers, and the apparent use of 'bright' shades for the roundel Red and Blue. (Carl Vincent collection)



Hurricane Mk. XIIA 1365 / 16, 1 (Fighter) Operational Training Unit, RCAF Stn. Bagotville, Quebec

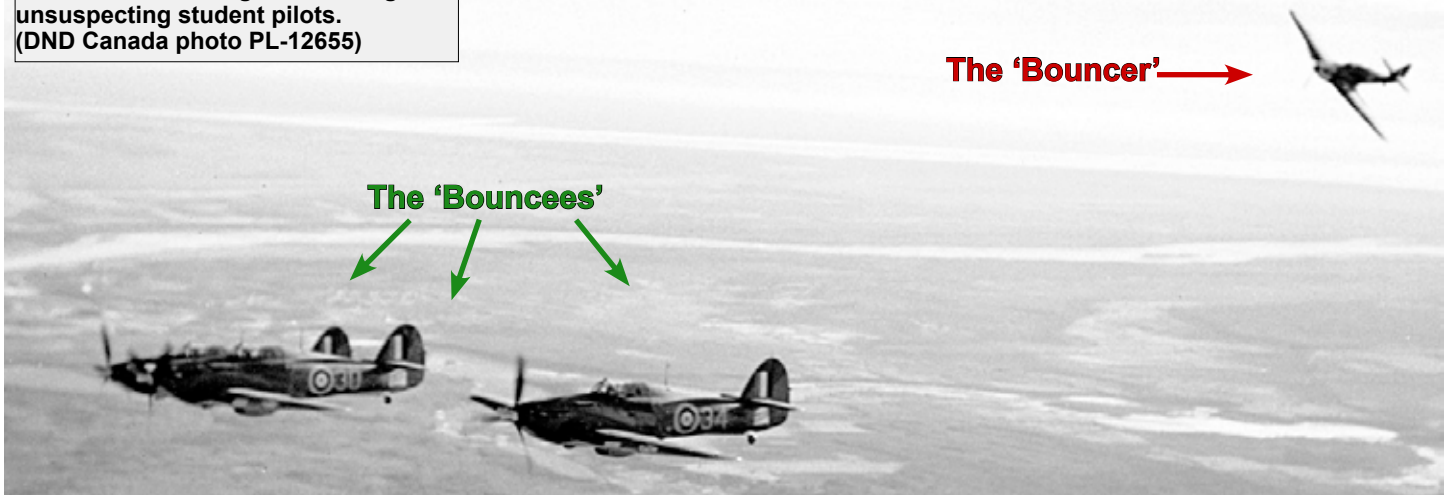
Built as a Hurricane Mk. I for the RAF and then diverted to the RCAF. Returned to CCF for conversion into a Hurricane Mk. XIIA in late 1943. After conversion, it was allocated to 1 (F) OTU and operated as the 'Bouncer'. As the name suggests, the aircraft was flown by an instructor and used

to 'bounce' unsuspecting students during training.

Hurricane 1365 was painted in the standard RCAF HWE scheme of **Dark Green/Dark Earth** over **Sky**. Standard **Type A1** roundels on fuselage, **Type B** on top of the wings and **Type A** below the wings. The nose section and fuselage code 'buzz' number on the fuselage are in **yellow**. The spinner is **red**.



The Bouncer in 'staged action' against unsuspecting student pilots. (DND Canada photo PL-12655)

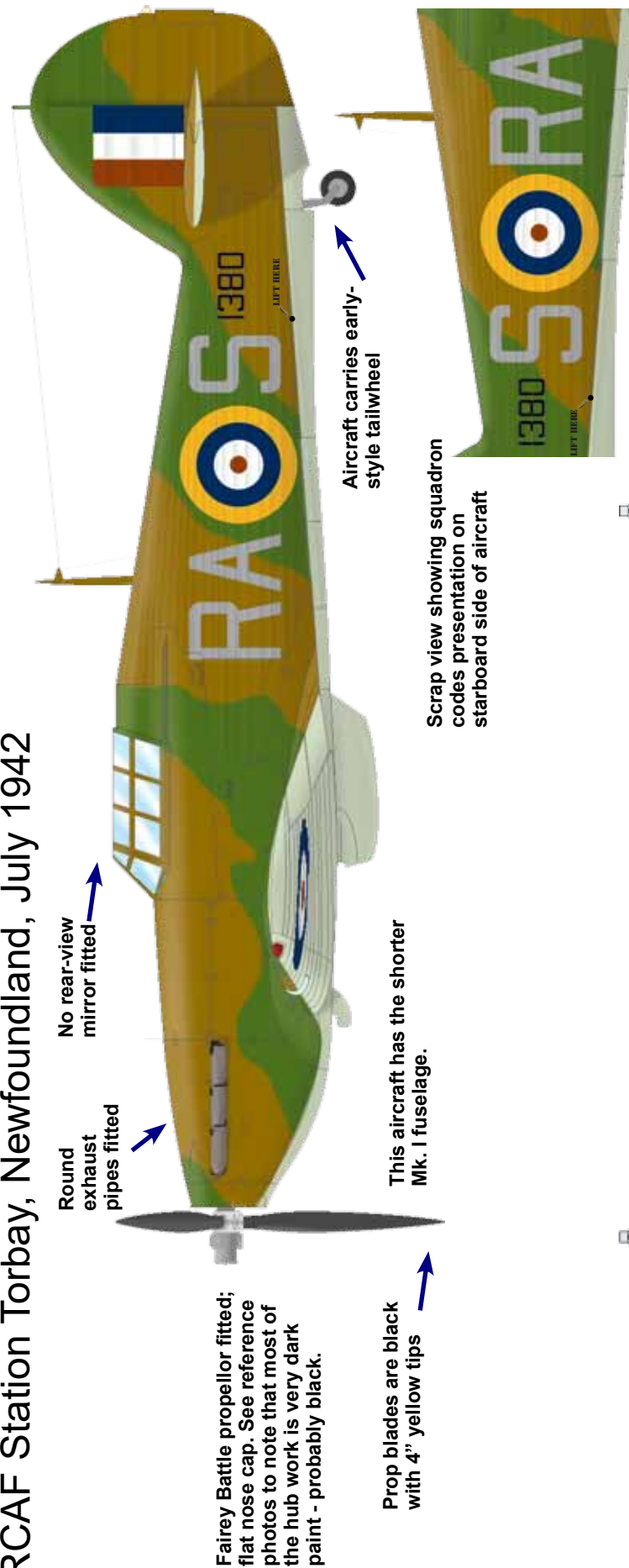


Note the distinctly-shaped Canadian spinner. (DND Canada photo PMR 76-267)



Photo: Carl Vincent collection

Hurricane Mk. I 1380 / RA-S, 128 (F) Sqn, RCAF Station Torbay, Newfoundland, July 1942



Fairey Battle propellor fitted; flat nose cap. See reference photos to note that most of the hub work is very dark paint - probably black.

Prop blades are black with 4" yellow tips

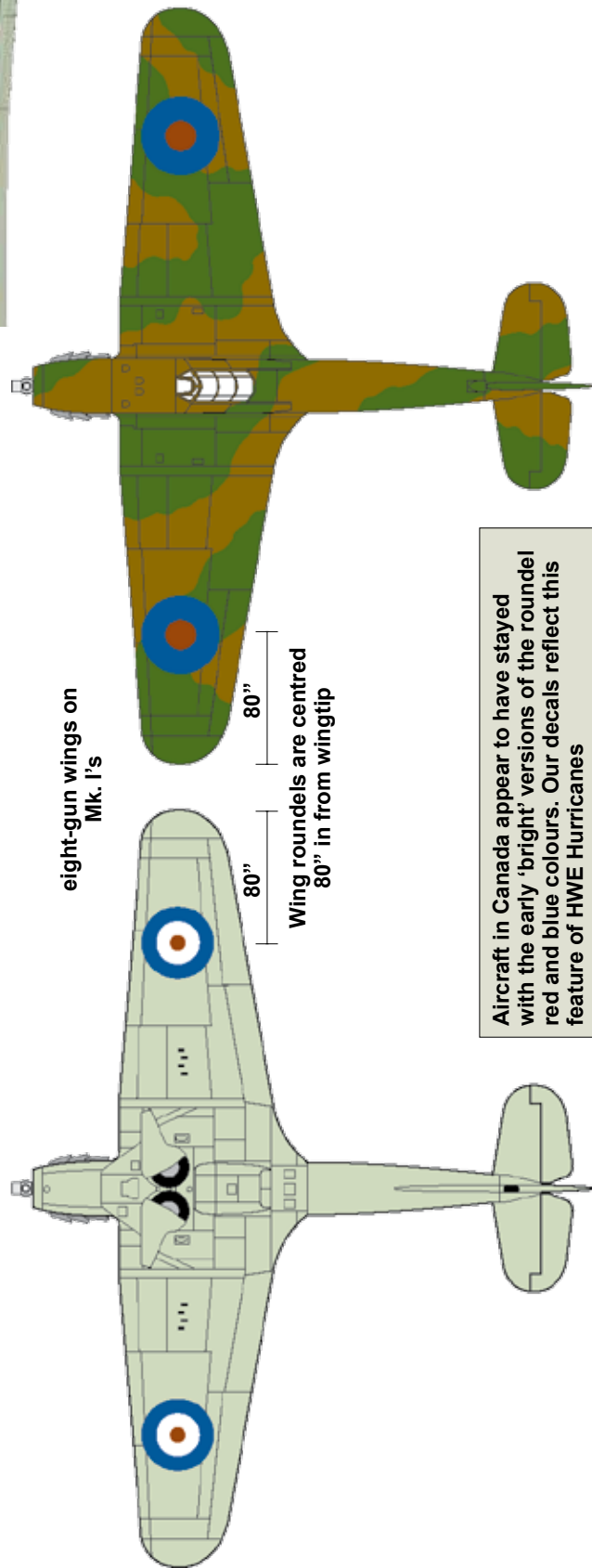
This aircraft has the shorter Mk. I fuselage.

No rear-view mirror fitted

Round exhaust pipes fitted

Aircraft carries early-style tailwheel

Scrap view showing squadron codes presentation on starboard side of aircraft



eight-gun wings on Mk. I's

80"

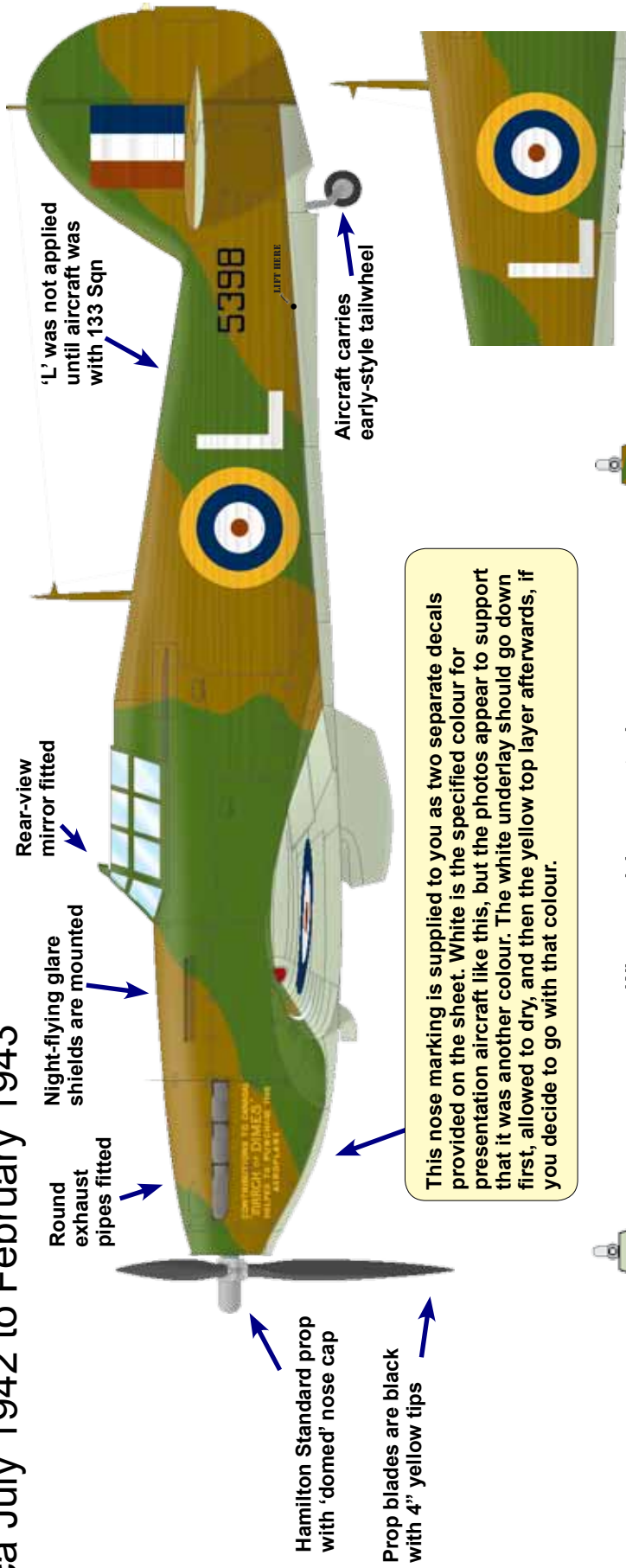
Wing roundels are centred 80" in from wingtip

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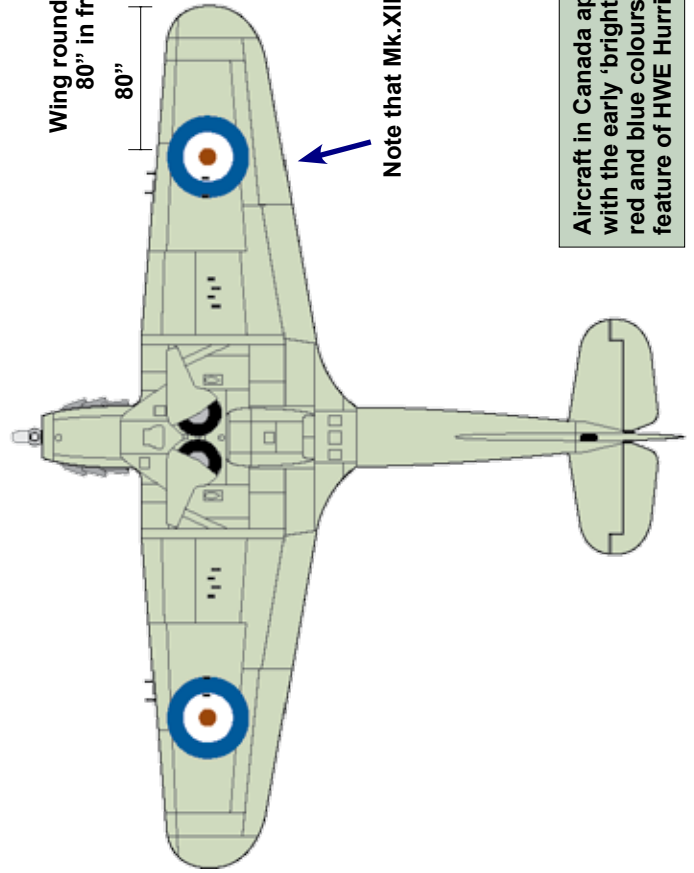
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Hurricane Mk. XII 5398, 133 (F) Sqn, WAC, circa July 1942 to February 1943



This nose marking is supplied to you as two separate decals provided on the sheet. White is the specified colour for presentation aircraft like this, but the photos appear to support that it was another colour. The white underlay should go down first, allowed to dry, and then the yellow top layer afterwards, if you decide to go with that colour.

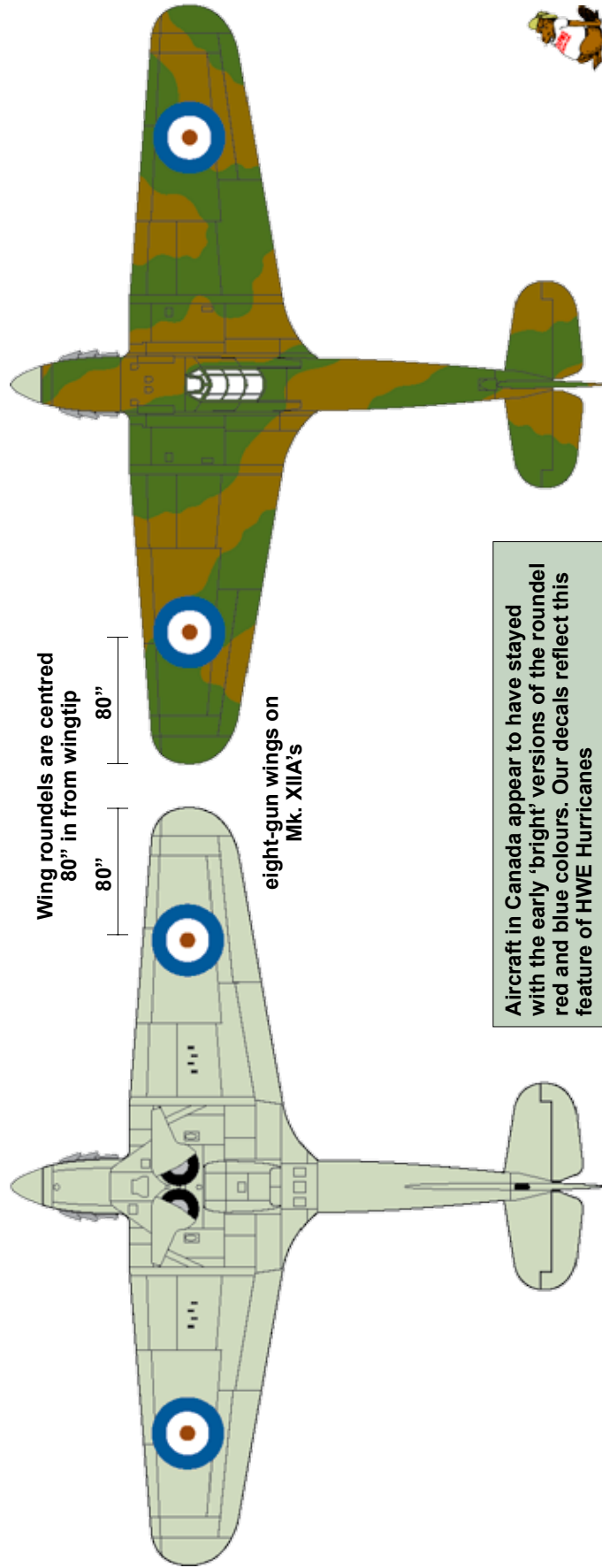
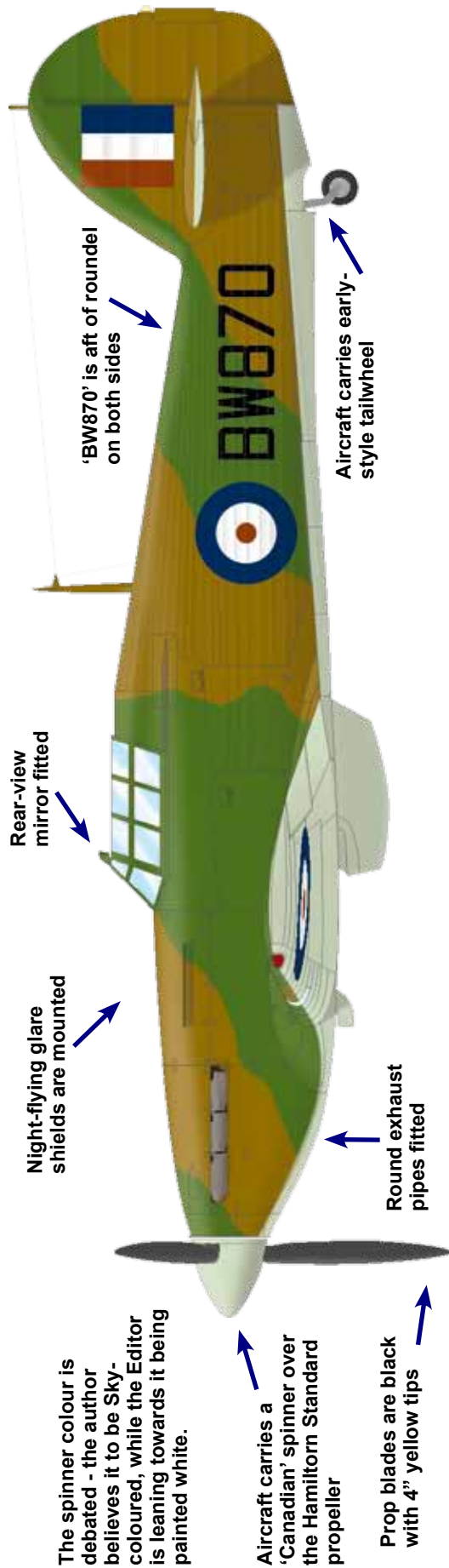


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Hurricane Mk. XIIA, BW870, No. 1 Central Flying School

RCAF Stn. Trenton, Ontario, late 1943



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Hurricane Mk. XIIA, 1365/16, 1 (F) OTU, 'The Bouncer'

RCAF Stn. Bagotville, Quebec, late 1943

