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Think of artwork on four-engined bombers and American B-17s and B-24s instantly spring to mind, and this month's releases does include two 1/48 sheets for these types, including one of each in the rarely portrayed overall black finish for night time operations. But how many of you will instantly associate bomber nose art with the Lancaster? Certainly I did not, and especially not the nice girlie art work as betrayed on the four 1/48 sheets for the Tamiya kit. All these sheets include the individual markings for each option, although the national insignia and stencils will have to be sourced from the kit sheet or the spares box.

The rest of this month's new releases are the ever useful number and letter jungles, starting with Luftwaffe numbers, including markings in yellow, black, white, and red in a number of different styles. This sheet is available in both 1/72 and 1/48 and as a small bonus a selection of kill markings are supplied in a corner of the sheet. In 1/72 we have four sheets, two supplying 8inch RAF serial numbers in black, red, white and Sea Grey, while the final two sheets supply the large 48inch letters used for squadron and individual aircraft identification letters on larger aircraft like the Halifax, Stirling and Lancaster in either Dull Red or Sea Grey.

1/48

KW148038 Avro Lancasters of 9 Squadron

Avro Lancaster 'B' Mk I I'm Easy LM453 WS-E

Avro Lancaster 'B' Mk I Lonesome Lola LL845 WS-L

KW148039 Avro Lancasters of 427 (Lion) & 460 (Australian) Squadron

Avro Lancaster 'B' Mk I Fannin Fanny NX554 ZL-F (427 Squadron)

Avro Lancaster 'B' Mk III Pistol Packin Mama ME326 AR-P (460 Squadron)

KW148040 Avro Lancasters of 424 (Tiger) & 9 Squadron

Avro Lancaster 'B' Mk I Victorious Virgin RF128 QB-V (424 Squadron)

Avro Lancaster 'B' Mk III Fanlight Fanny LL785 WS-F (9 Squadron)

KW148041 Canadian Built Avro Lancasters of 434 (Bluenose) & 431 (Iroquois) Squadron

Avro Lancaster Mk.I X NAN KB840 WL-N (434 Squadron)

Avro Lancaster Mk. X No! Not Now KB872 SE-N (431 Squadron)

KW14042 War Birds

This sheet contains a comprehensive set of Luftwaffe fighter numbers for two of the most popular Luftwaffe fighter aircraft. These are sized to match the Bf 109F, G and K variants. There are also numbers compatible with the entire series of Focke Wulf Fw190.

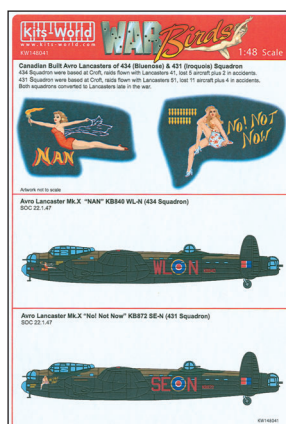
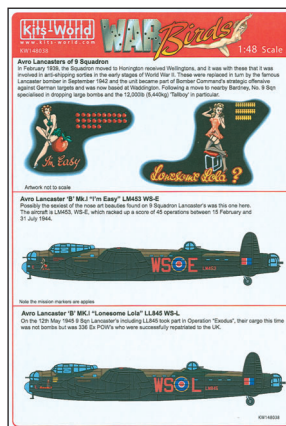
KW148043 War Birds B-17s of the Mighty Eighth Air Force 'Nose Art'

Boeing B-17G Flying Fortress Tondalayo 406th Night Leaflet Squadron
Boeing B-17G Flying Fortress Wee Willie 322nd Squadron, 91st Bomb Group

KW148044 War Birds B-24s of the CBI & Europe 308th & 389th Bomb Group

B-24D-25-CO s/n 41-24223 - Doodlebug 308th BG, 373rd BS

B-24D-120-CO Liberator s/n 42-40997 Screamin Mimi 389th BG, 565th BS 8th AF


1/72

KW17029 War Birds

This sheet contains a comprehensive selection of Luftwaffe fighter numbers for the Bf 109F, G, and K, and also numbers compatible with the entire series of Focke-Wulf Fw 190

KW17025 RAF Squadron Letters 48 inch Camouflage, Colourings and Markings of Aircraft 1937-41.

KW17026 RAF Squadron ID Letters 48 inch Camouflage, Colourings and Markings of Aircraft - Jan 1941

KW17027 RAF Serial Numbers 8 inch Serial Numbers Medium Sea Grey & White

KW17028 RAF Serial Numbers 8 inch Red and Black

Conclusion

The number and letter jungles will be very welcome as I am not aware of any other manufacturer with these items currently in production. The bomber sheets are all inspiring and though the Monogram B-17/B-24 and Tamiya Lancasters are vintage kits from forty years ago they still build up into nice representations of the real thing and with these markings will really stand out in your collection.

Visit the website at www.kits-world.co.uk to see the full range and ordering details, plus stockists, which in the UK is Hannants.

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