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September 1st, 1939, this is the day the Second World War began. We have decided to commemorate this sad anniversary with model of a famous aeroplane that is considered a symbol of the defence of attacked Poland. The other new models for this month have no relation to this anniversary, but still we hope that thery will attract your attention.

There are numerous inquiries about the availability of the 1/72 scale AH-1G Cobra models. Well, we assume that this model will reach shelves of your hobby shops during this October. In the same time you can expect these models: the 32nd scale T-2C Buckeye, limited He-177 with British and French marking in the 48th scale and re-issue of the 72nd scale PZL P.24E/F "Greek Defender", that was sold out for some time. And now to the news for September:

## A112 PZL P.11c "First Shots" 1/72

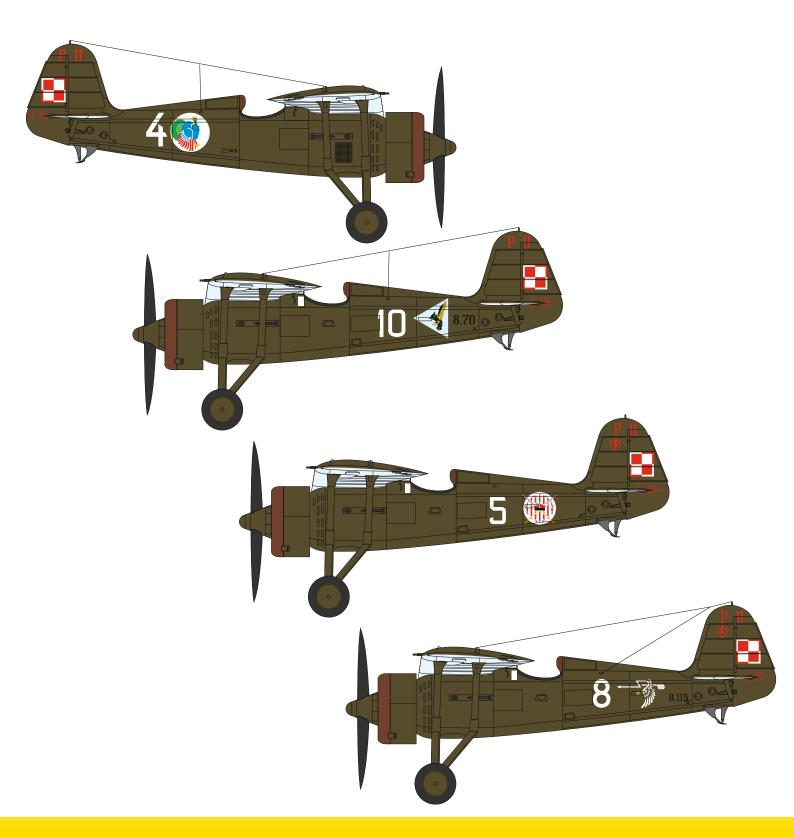
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PZL P.11c was the top of the high-wing fighters development that was in service with the Polish air force. Zygmunt Pulawski, gifted designer of the Polish state company PZL, had been designing all-metal high-wing monoplanes with typicaly shaped wing since the 1920s. This type of wing carried his name, but is also sometimes called simply the gull-wing or Polish-wing. The first prototype of P.11 took off for its maiden flight in 1931. Development of this new plane was rather complicated one. The first version to be accepted in service with the Polish



force was the P.11a, while the P.11b version was manufactured for Romania. New version, the P.11c, came in 1935, its prototype being the P.11/IV. This version differed from the P.11a in the re-designed tailplane and the fuselage with bigger dorsal fairing and later became the most numerous Polish fighter in the eve of the war. Immediately after the German attack on September 1, 1939, these planes got involved in the heavy fightings against the German Luftwaffe, and, 14 days later when the Soviet Union treacherously invaded Poland from the east, also against the Red Army's air force.

The Polish pilots fought bravely enough, but were overcome by sheer numerical and power superiority of the attackers. Even so the PZL P.11c planes were the very first fighters that opposed the Luftwaffe in the World War II and had kills of German fightes and bombers on their tally. Model of this historically and visually attractive fighter consists of two sprues with plastic parts, highly detailed resin parts, photo-etches and decal sheet for four Polish planes. Three of them were adorned with the units' emblems, the last one, that is also on the box-art, was with a turkey as a pilot's personal emblem.

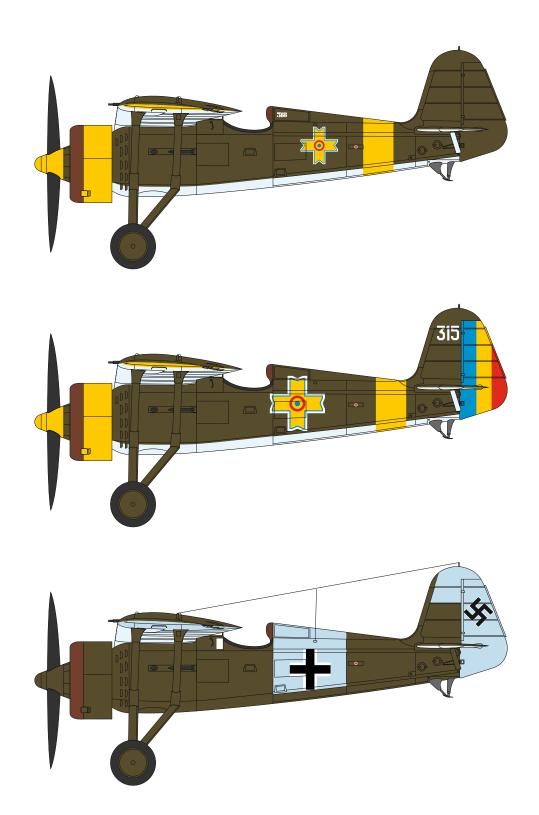


At the end of September, 1939, many units of the defeated Polish army tried to retreat to Romania, succeeded and Polish soldiers released from the internment created the nucleus of the Polish exile army. Of course, also the Polish pilots together with their flying machines headed to Romania and so supplied this country with relatively large ammount of various different planes. Considerable part among them were the PZL P.11c fighters, so that the Romanian air force placed them into service alongside their own PZL P.11f



machines and were even deployed to fighting by the German side against the Soviet Union. The Romanian P.11fs achieved also some victories. But let's get back to 1939, Poland is occupied and divided between Germany and Soviet Union according to secret agreements. The Germans in these times tested or even put into service number of Polish airplanes. Among these was also at least one PZL P.11c, to which its new masters overpainted the original Polish marking and replaced it with German crosses.

In the model you will find plastic parts, resin parts and photo-etches identical with the A112 kit and there are new decals with two Romanian and one German plane.



The maritime patrol PV-2 Harpoon aircraft was involved in the last stages of the WWII in the Pacific. Development of PV-

2D version with new nose and heavier armament was commenced in 1945. The end of the war, however, led to cancellation of the orders, production of the type was terminated and only a small batch of planes was finished. It is interesting that except for the US Navy, these machines were in service of another two countries and flew over four continents. The



PV-2Ds, in fact, were part of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Forces and at least two of them were in the Portuguese air force that used them not only in Europe but also in Portuguese West Africa (that is known today as the independent state of Angola).

Four sprues of grey plastic, one of clear parts, resin parts, photoetches and sheet of decals form the content of this box.

The decals offer the modeller choice of an American, Japanese and Portuguese plane.

The Steyr 1500 vehicles of ex-Austrian Steyr-Daimler-Puch company were designed for the unification programme of

the German Wehrmacht that was supposed to give standardised vehicles of needed properties to the armed forces. Although this programme was carried out only partially, its outcome, the Steyr 1500 vehicle was indisputably successful design. The number of



the produced machines reached over 12,000 and even famous Ferdinand Porsche himself was involved in the development. On the 4WD chassis many different upperstructures appeared, one of the most widespread being the ambulance that were really very important part of the rear line support, in particular on the Eastern front, where the fightings were quite heavy.

Model of the Steyr ambulance vehicle, as also its name suggests, is equipped with typical rounded driver's cab and consists of three frames of plastic parts, set of resin parts and photo-etches. The decals offer marking for two vehicles, one of them in white and the other in typical German late war camouflage.

SH72276 Grunau Baby IIb "Over Western Europe" 1/72



Grunau Baby IIb

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"Czechoslovak, Polish and Hungarian Service"

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SH72273 Grunau Baby IIb "WWII Service" 1/72









## T-2 BUCKEYE I/32 SCALE !!!

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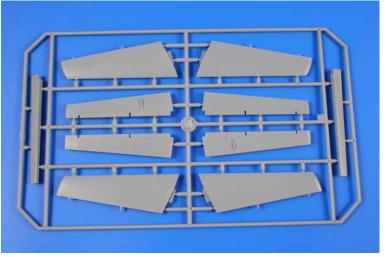
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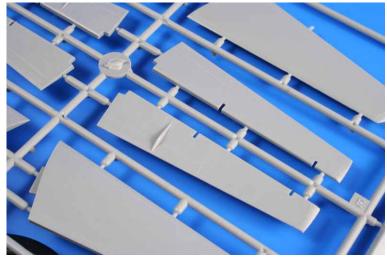


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SH32049 Hawker Tempest Mk.V 1/32





