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From the Editor

The Nationals have been and gone and I think we can all agree the event was a great success. The full results may be read from an attachment that accompanies this newsletter. If you want to see pictures of the winners and many other great models then check out the nationals Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/ipmsnznats2023/>

This month we are having a session on dealing with black and white in the finishing process.

NEXT MEETING

7.30 pm Tuesday 17/10/2023

Royal Oak Bowls

146 Selwyn St, Onehunga

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"So there I was, minding my own business, when a mosquito hit my windscreen..."
...Car Insurance man looks up at me disbelievingly....



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NEW MEMBERS AND SUBS *** 2023/24 NOW DUE *******

Subs for 2023/24 now due -see below for club account details or see the club secretary at the next club meeting. The Interim account to use is shown below

Membership Type	Description	Cost
Full	Living in the Auckland Metropolitan Area	NZ\$45
Out Of Town	Living 75km or more from central Auckland	NZ\$30
Junior	Same rights as full membership for those under 16	NZ\$25

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EVENTS

CLUB NIGHT EVENTS

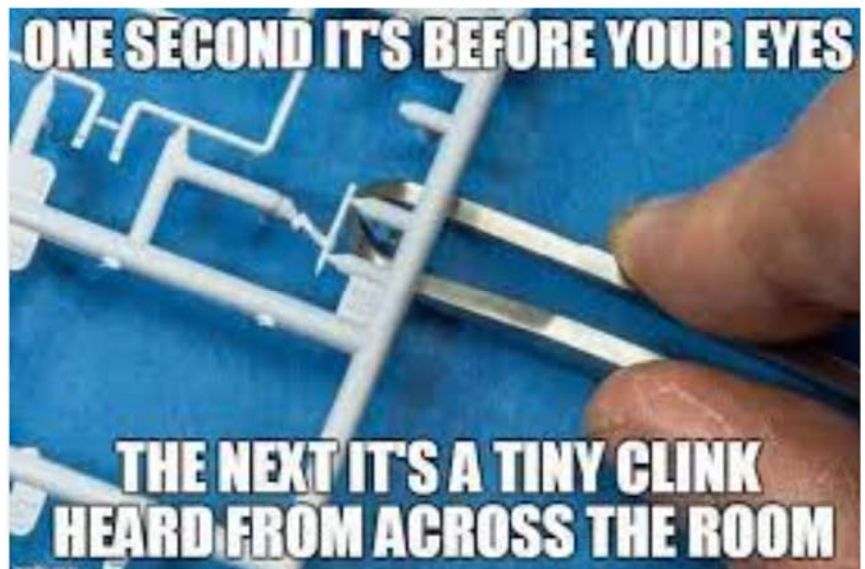
IPMS Auckland Meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm

**Venue: The Sports Lounge
Royal Oak Bowls
146 Selwyn St, Onehunga**

17/10/23 Black and white. A couple of colours that pose their own challenges when finishing a model
October

Nothing to report.

Start building for next years nationals!



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Arma Hobby 1/48 Hawker Hurricane Mk IIc Tropical

By Brett Peacock



Kit 40005, 108 parts on 3 grey sprue trees, 11 parts on 1 clear sprue, 2 resin exhausts, Total Parts therefore is 121. Decals for 3 marking options.

The kit comes in a colour-printed, end-opening, light card box, a la Revell, but there is a sturdy Cardboard inner tray, so is well protected from the vagaries of postage - Unlike Revell.

Price (Direct pre-order from Arma in Poland) was NZ \$117.42 (including Postage) or 62.42 Euros. Post was the killer, adding almost 30 Euros to the total cost. It "should" be somewhat cheaper via Australian agents etc. (but not Hannants – UK post costs have gone INSANE!)

This arrived on my doorstep literally 24 hours before the setup for the IPMS Nationals as I pre-ordered it some weeks prior to its release in mid-September.

Option 1: Hurricane Mk IIc "Hurribomber", LB792/C, No 34 Sqdn, RAF/SEAC, Imphal/ Manipur, Burma 1944 - Flown by S/Ldr C.P.N. Newman



Note that this kit has identical plastic parts to the earlier Hurricane Mark IIc Release from Arma, as reviewed by Peter Mossong, so please refer to that review for details of the kit plastic. In this kit you replace the smooth nose and carburettor intake with the Vokes style tropical filter fairing and use either Bombs (Egypt & SEAC) or Drop-tanks (Also in both theatres.) (All part numbers are clearly embossed on the sprue trees so locating them should not be overly difficult.

Option 2: HL885/AX-Z, 1 Sqdn, SAAF, Lt Stewart "Bomb" Finney, LG 142, Egypt, September 1942

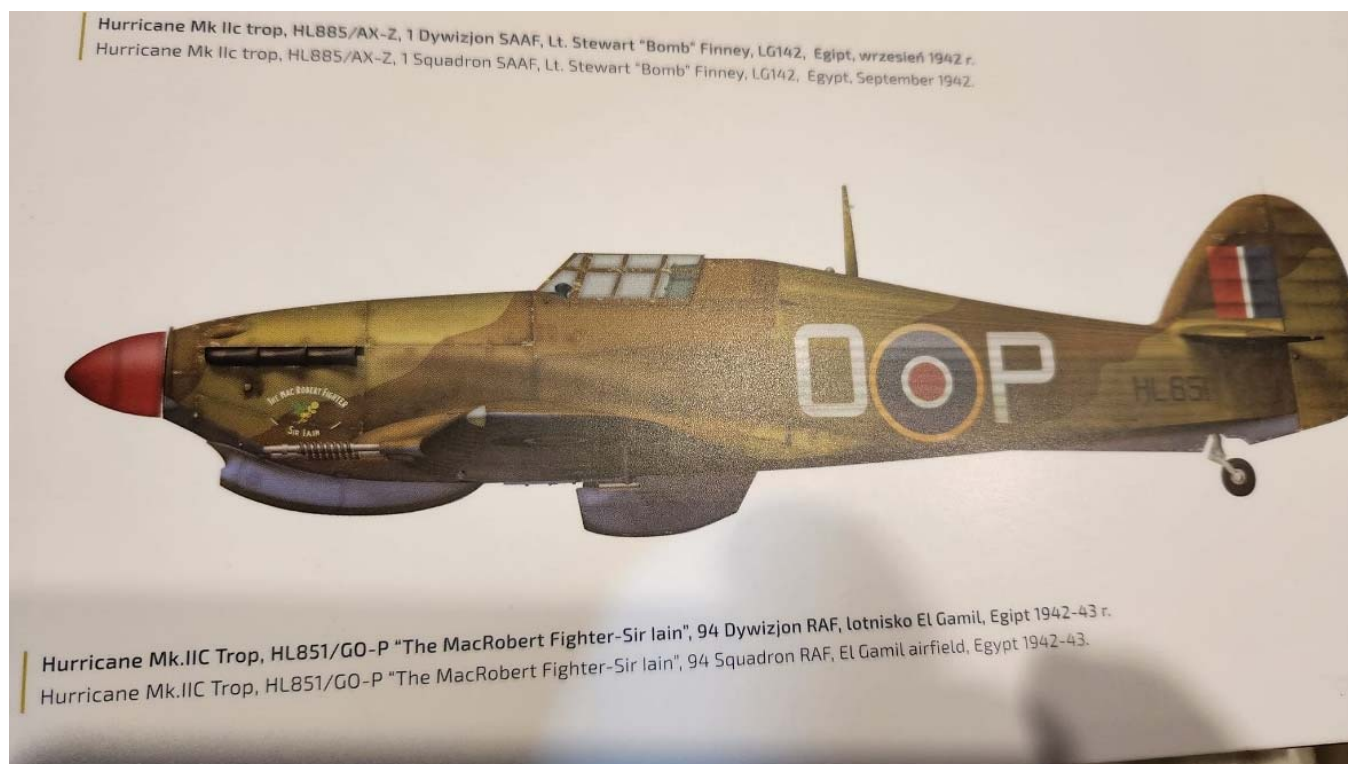


Instructions are in Polish and English and I STRONGLY recommend that you read and understand every step or you will land in trouble and some options have to be chosen very early in construction (eg: Bombs or Drop-tanks, as the choice does require different holes to be drilled out on the bottom of the wing.) There are a few others, and sometimes the task is not 100% clearly shown in the line drawings – location points in the cockpit for example need to be studied and tested before committing to cement.

Every step includes a good colour guide during assembly and there are very good, colour 4 view images of each Marking option in the last 3 pages of the Instructions. In Step 3 there are also options in the markings – Full Squadron Codes, Truncated codes & no codes!

Note: Step 3 is also one of the most interesting options as it is named “the MacRobert Fighter – Sir Iain” on both sides of the engine cowling. The story of the Short Stirling named “MacRobert’s Reply” is well known, and this is yet another RAF aircraft funded by the Lady MacRoberts in memory of her lost sons.

Option 3: HL851/GO-P (OP/ -, “The MacRobert Fighter- Sir Iain”, 94 Sqdn, RAF, El Gamil Airfield Egypt 1942-43.



This is the full 4 view of option 3. Note the Sky painted parts where the drop tank is not mounted.



In Conclusion, I have to agree, having seen and touched the parts, this will be a very tricky kit of put together, not difficult and the consensus of reviewer online is that that the fit of parts is superb, but the scale means may parts will be delicate and a little fragile so taking extreme care would be strongly recommended. The small caveat of the instructions being a little unclear in places applies doubly so here. But, overall this series (a Mark 1 is planned and a Sea Hurricane is also very likely) has just become the definitive Hurricane kit in 1/48, right out of the gate. The raised riveting alone is absolutely amazing and the rest of the extensive detailing is to that level also. You can order and buy with confidence, knowing you have what will likely be the best Hawker Hurricane in any scale.

Wingsy 1/48 Mitsubishi Ki51 IJA Assault/Recon Type 99 Bomber "Sonia" By Brett Peacock



Kit D5-05 - 208 Plastic parts (including 17 clear parts), 69 PE parts & 4 Marking Options.

Price (at the Nationals) was \$NZ 75.00 via Franklin Hobbies. 10 grey sprue trees and 1 clear. 1 largish sheet of PE and 1 sheet of vinyl Canopy masks

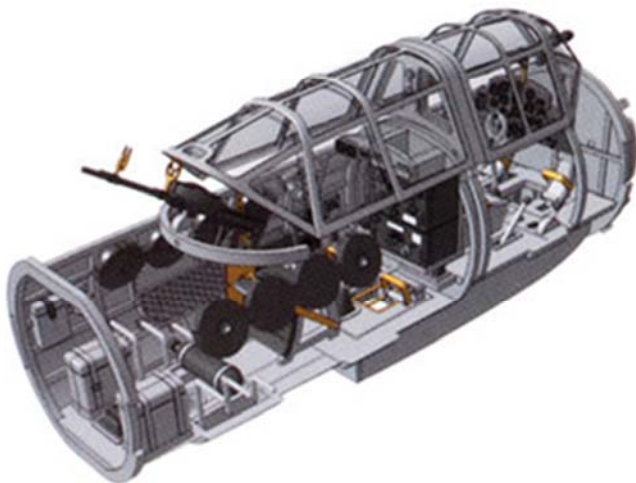
Model measures 194mm long with a wingspan of 252mm.

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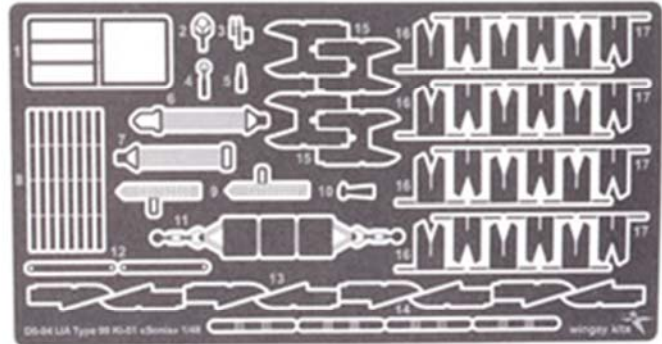


Model measures 194mm long with a wingspan of 252mm.

High detailed cockpit.



Photoetched parts included.

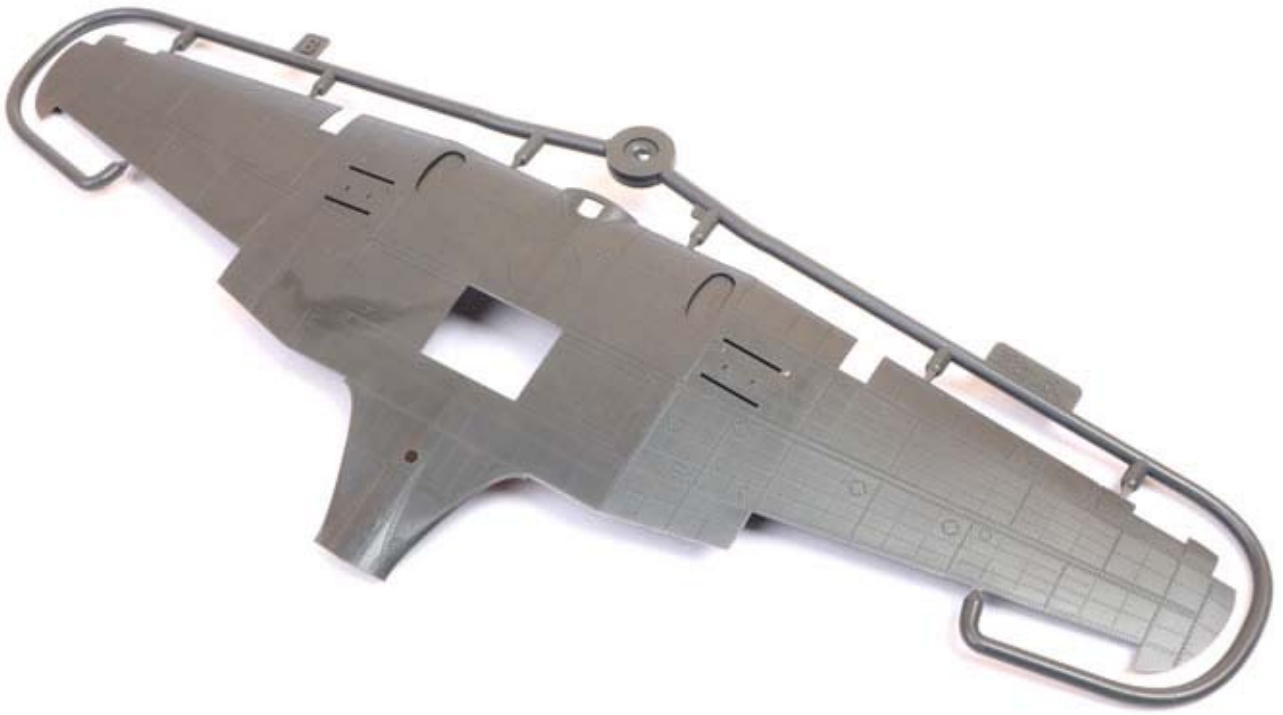


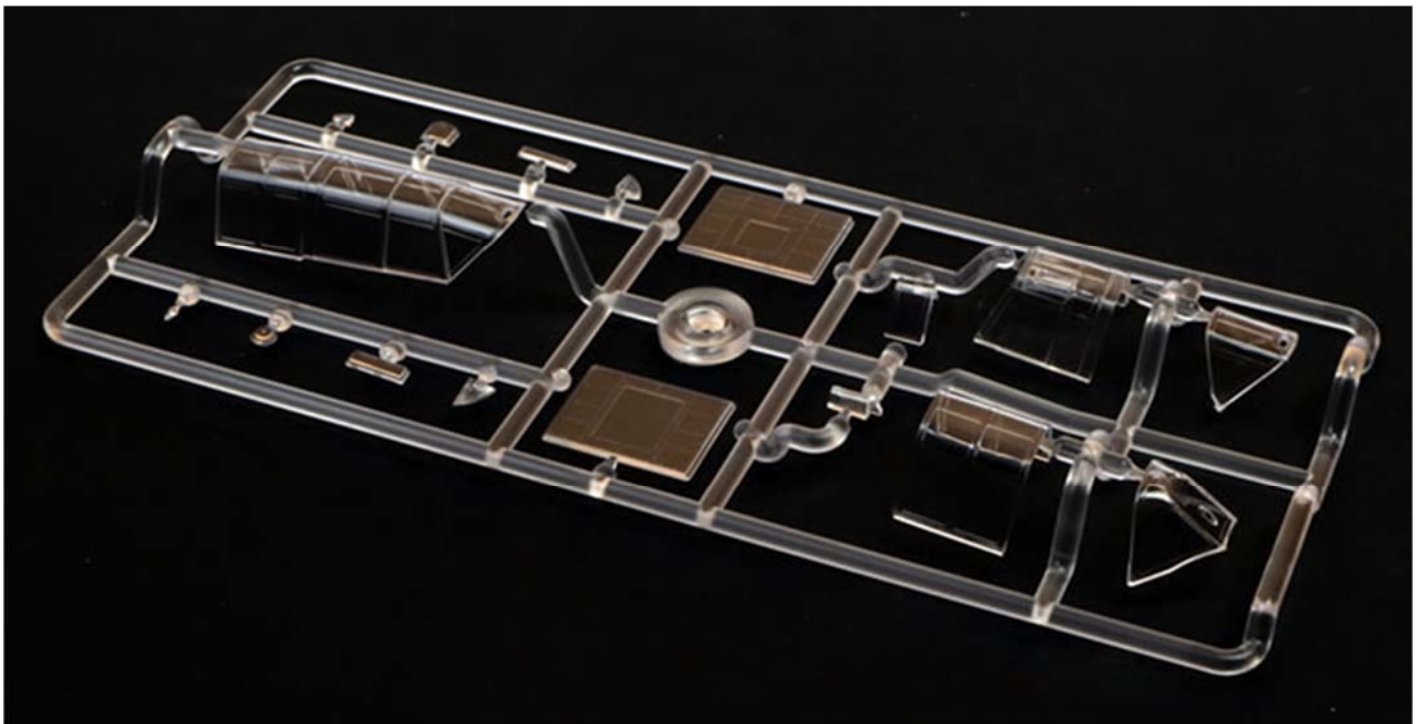
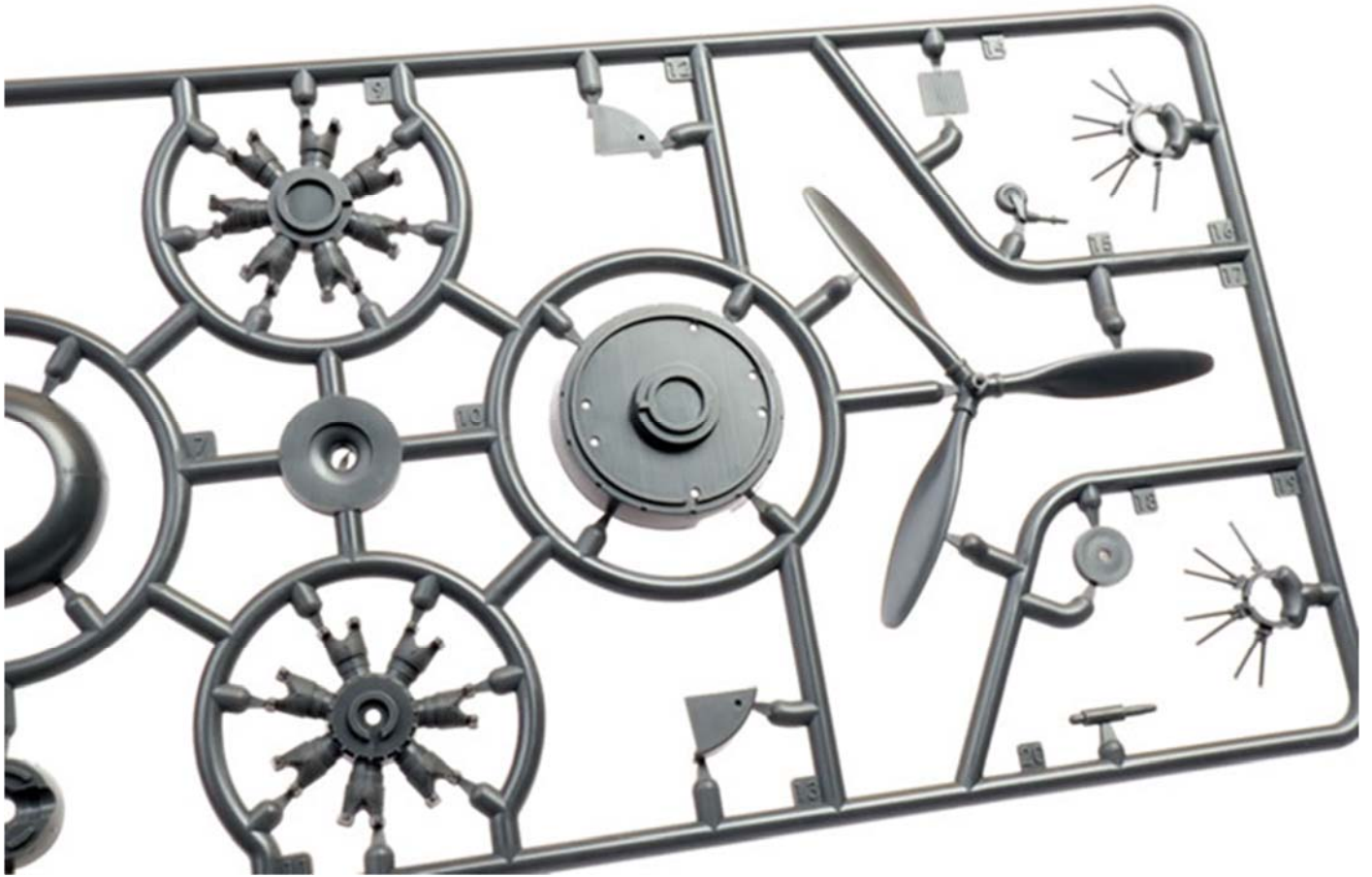
Instructions are on a Hasegawa style fold out sheet, but include good painting steps with assembly steps. All parts are shown in a Map on Page 2. There is a separate Colour guide on colour-printed glossy paper. The box is in the ICM style of a light card lid over a fully enclosed heavy inner box, making it a very sturdy item for transport.

The Mitsubishi Ki55 was designed to replace the much larger but less capable Ki30, a process that began as soon as the Ki30 entered service in 1937. It was smaller, but had a more powerful radial engine and greater speed and carrying capacity, largely due to a better wing design. The crew was 2 with the observer also fielding a single rear 7.7mm MG, while the pilot had 2x 7.7 MGs firing through the upper cowling and propeller. Production began in late 1939 and it was accepted into IJA service in 1940, where it was soon deployed to China. While the elderly Ki30 lingered on in service (long enough to become a Kamikaze!) it was succeeded in frontline duties by 1943. Over the entire production run the only real upgrade made to the Ki51 was the replacement of the 7.7mm cowling guns with the 12.7mm heavy machine guns, this occurring about 1942/43.

The aircraft was well liked as not only could it carry a variety of weapon loads (Anti Personnel bombs on launch racks, light - up to 4x 50kg - bombs or a 250 kg medium bomb) once it had dropped its bombs it became very nimble and quite a difficult target for enemy fighters, something accentuated after the heavy MG were added.

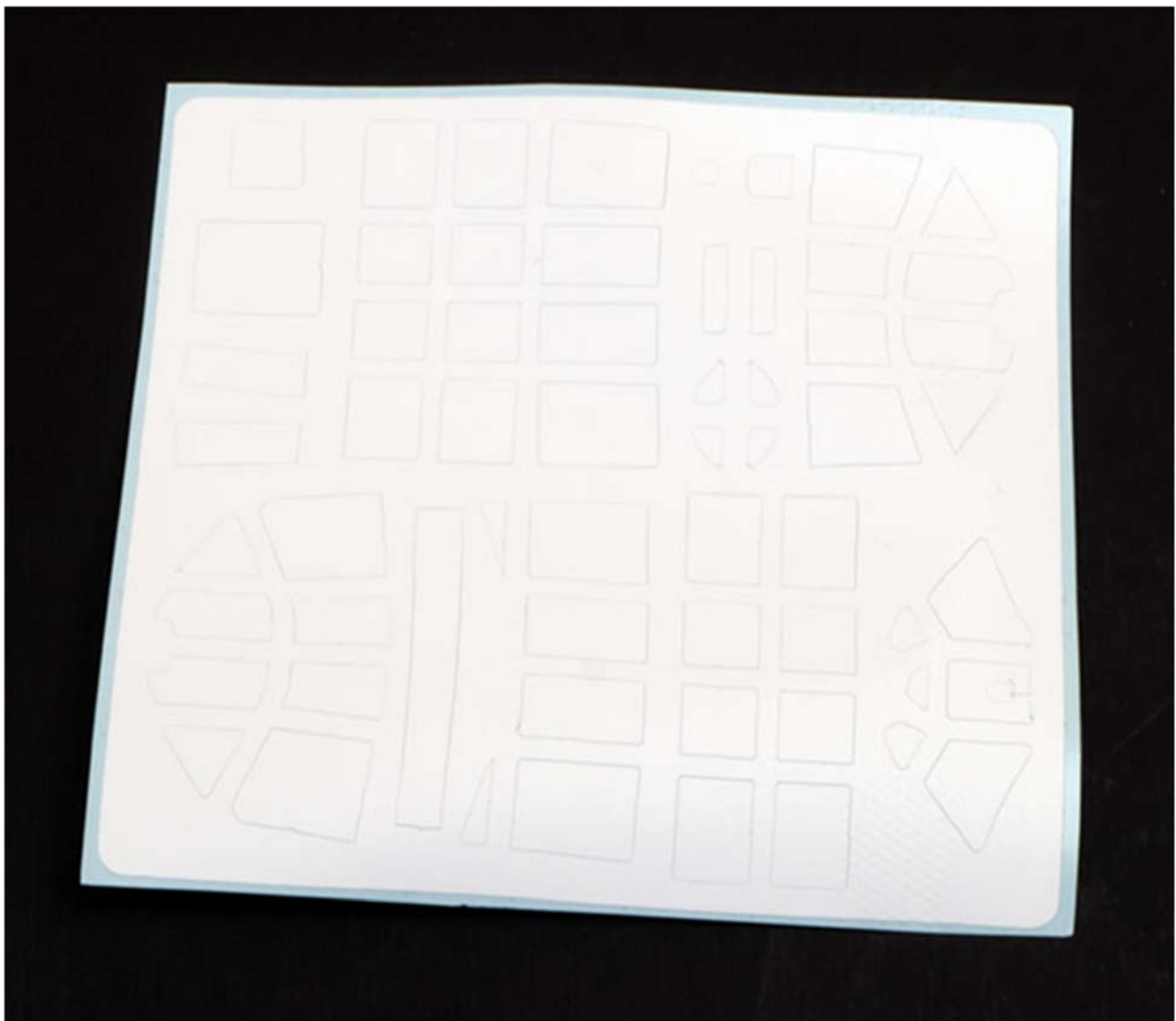
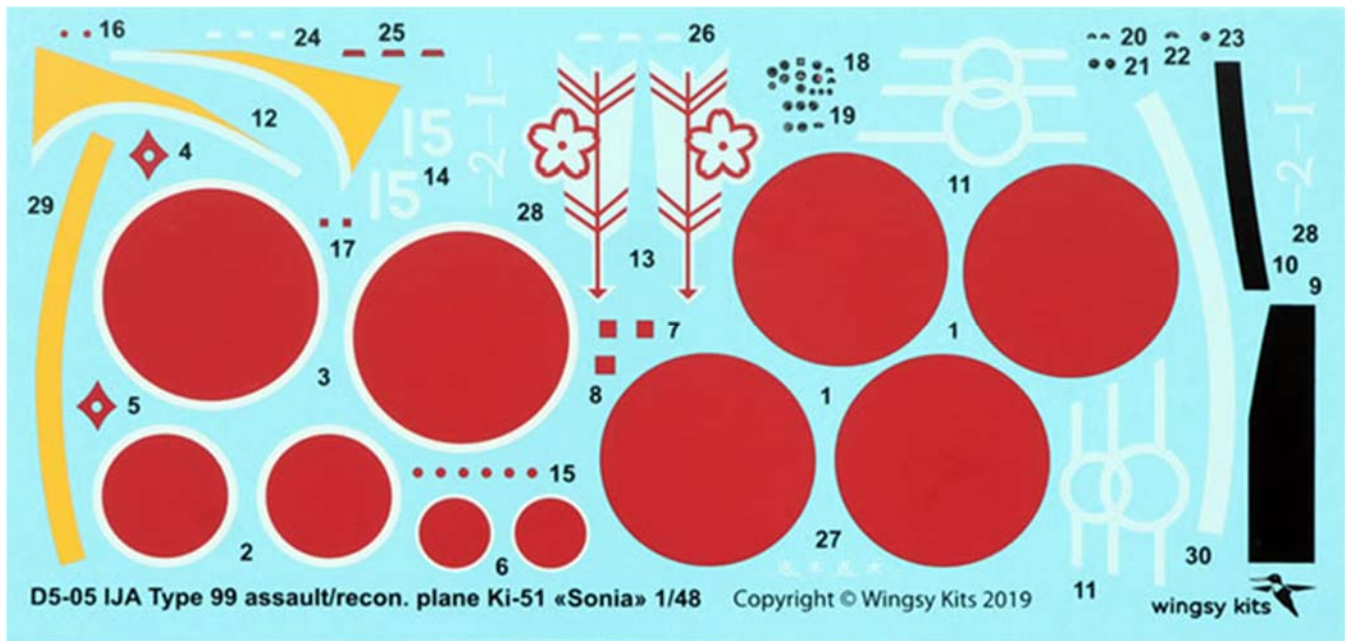
And the Kit itself? Well, having just waxed lyrical about the Arma Hobby Hawker Hurricane Mk IIc Tropical imagine how I was surprised to find a good rival to it in this box from the Ukraine! The surface detail is very good, rivalling Arma's Hurricane and the is PE and Masks... ooh, *I forgot that I found masks in the Hurricane too!* Kit D5-005 is the second Wingsy boxing of their Ki51, the first D5-004 contains different markings and artwork. Guess I'll have to find that one too! Below are some images from Hyperscale's Review of the Ki51:





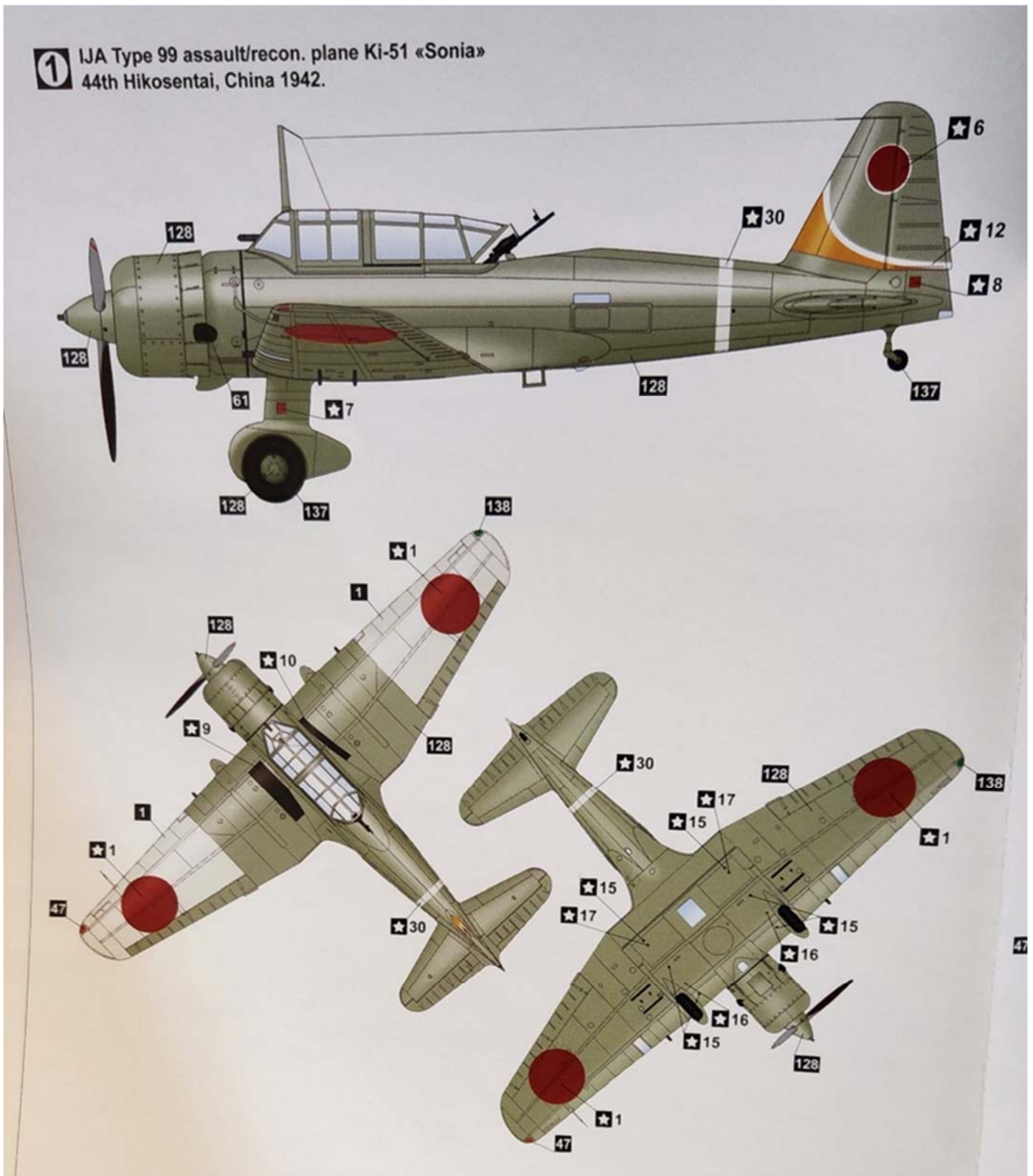
As you can see the detailing is very good and the surfaces are excellently rivetted and with very fine recessed paneling and even some raised detail where needed. The sprue trees are well laid out and all parts numbered.

Next up are the decals and masks: The White, Yellow and red all look to have good colour density and should not have any issues.



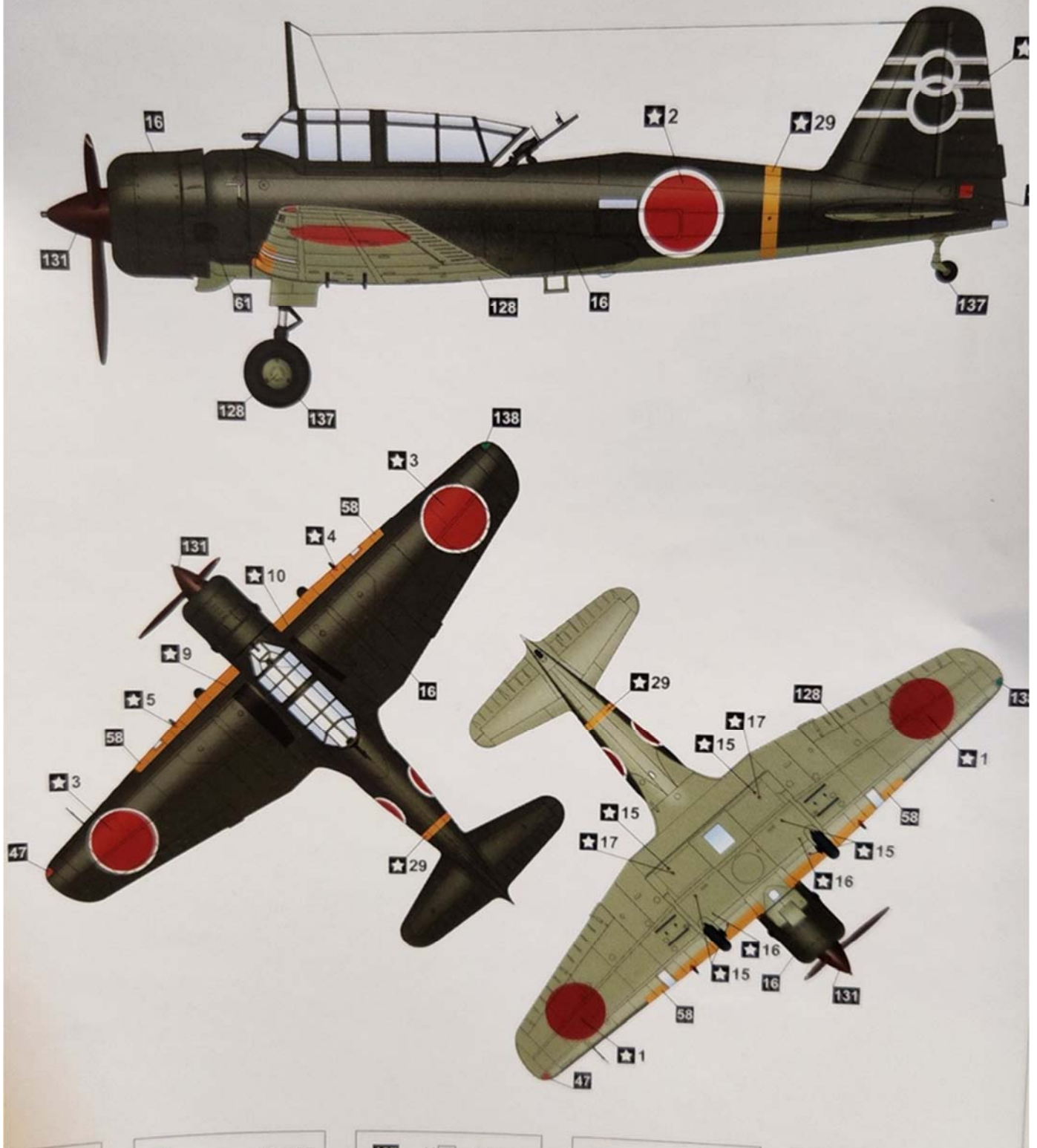
The four marking options are

1: 44th HikoSentai, China 1942 – Allover IJ Army Grey-green with White panels on the outer upper wings

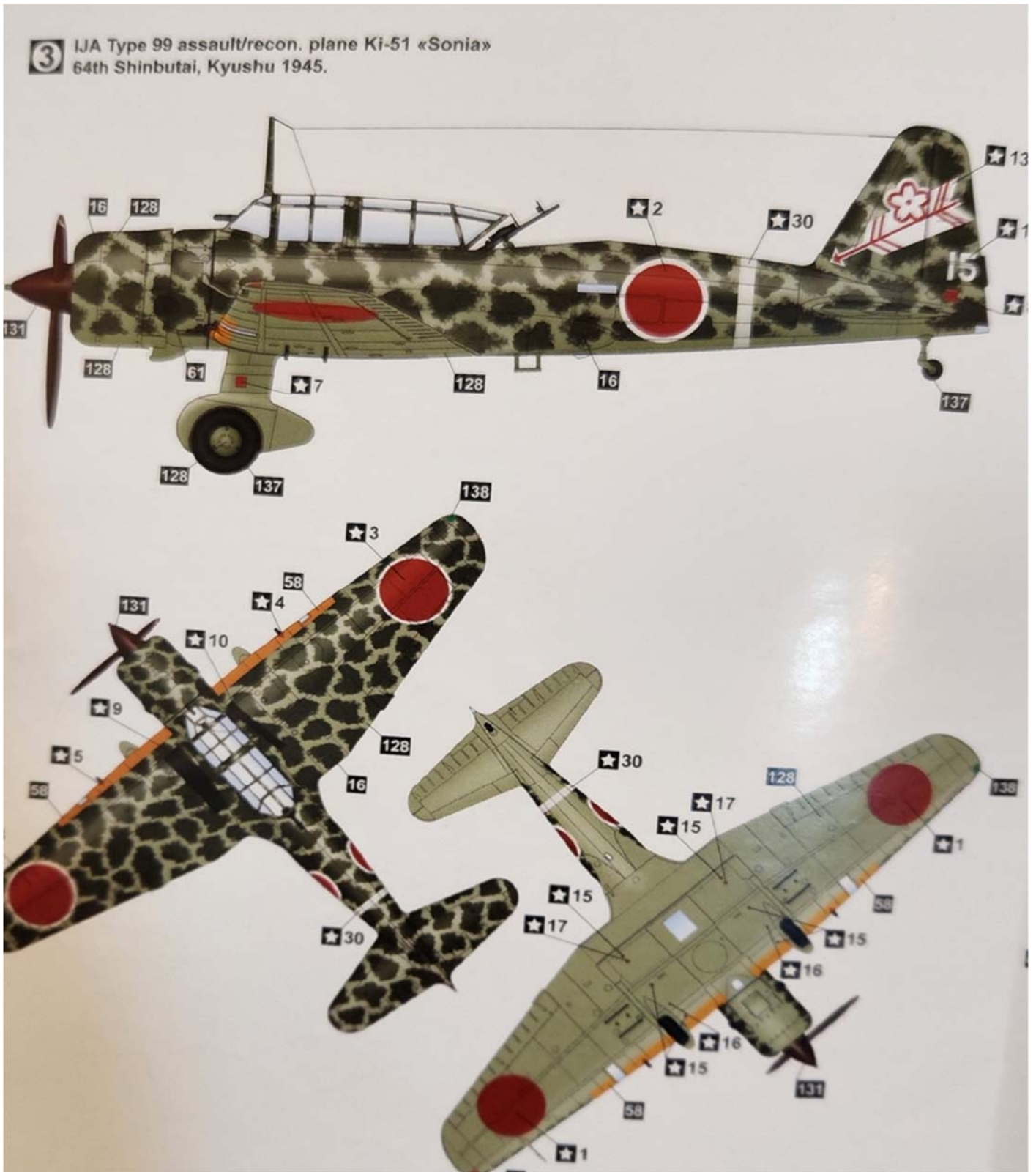


2: 83rd Chutai, Borneo 1945. IJ Army Green over IJ Army Grey-Green. (my preferred choice!!)

2 IJA Type 99 assault/recon. plane Ki-51 «Sonia»
83th Chutai, Borneo 1945.



3: 64th Shinbutai, Kyushu, 1945. Allover IJ Army Grey Green with patchy IJ Army green uppers. (probably tasked as a Kamikaze)



GALLERY

CLUB NIGHT MODELS

Check out our Website gallery for photos taken of models at our monthly meetings

<http://ipmsauckland.hobbyvista.com>



And as usual -check out the IPMS Auckland website as we're trying to keep the content a bit more dynamic. We won't be regurgitating content found on other websites but will provide links to sites we think are of interest to members.

