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DEFENDERS OF MALTA Part I

R N5519

J P3731

HA E

U 2 BR124

Suggested Kit: Various

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Gloster Sea Gladiator Mk.I N5519 R
Fighter Flight, Hal Far, Malta, June 1940.
N5519 was probably one of the aircraft crated up and left as spares for HMS Glorious during her spell in the Mediterranean. Still wearing its FAA scheme at this time, it was one of the earliest defenders of the island.

Hawker Hurricane Mk.I P3731 J
Pilot Officer 'Jock' Barber, Fighter Flight, Hal Far, Malta, August 1940.
One of the first Hurricanes to arrive on the island from North Africa, P373 carried a 'Desert' scheme camouflage hastily converted from the original 'Temperate' scheme of Dark Green/Dark Earth.

Hawker Hurricane Mk.IIb (serial unknown)
HA-E 'Death Warmed Up'
Pilot Officer Bill Hollis Hallett, 261 Squadron, 1941.
HA-E still retained its full 'Temperate' scheme of Dark Green/Dark Earth/Sky and was also at this time not fitted with the Vokes tropical filter.

Supermarine Spitfire Mk.Vc BR124 U-2
603 Squadron, Operation Calendar, USS Wasp, 20 April 1942.
BR124 carries ferry codes and temporary blue camouflage for its flight from USS Wasp to the island. The paint appears to be quite thin and hastily applied around the serials and national markings. Speculation surrounds its origin. However, as the painting was done 'en route' it is obviously from US Navy stock (possibly deck paint?)

Supermarine Spitfire Mk.Vb BR329 GL-J 'KAY'
Flight Lieutenant Johnny Plagis, 185 Squadron, Krendi, Malta, June 1942.
BR329 is depicted at the time when Flt. Lt. Plagis' victory score stood at 11. By the end of the war his total stood at 15 aircraft destroyed, 2 shared destroyed, 2 shared probably destroyed and 6 & 1 shared damaged.

Supermarine Spitfire Mk.Vb BR498 PP-H
Wing Commander Peter Prosser Hanks, Ta Qali, Malta.
Posted to Malta in October 1942 as OC Luqua Wing, Peter Prosser Hanks quickly set about building up his victory tally. During that month he downed 3 Bf 109s and a Ju 88 as well as damaging a further three aircraft! Note that this aircraft was not fitted with a Vokes filter. Also, to achieve greater speed, Prosser Hanks had this aircraft waxed to a high shiny finish.

Supermarine Spitfire Mk.Vc EP829 T-N(T)
Squadron Leader John Lynch, CO 249 Squadron.
John Lynch scored Malta's 1000th victory on 28 April 1943, the feat being commemorated in chalk below his personal victory markings. Note the small letter 'T' added to the end of the codes to spell out TNT!

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