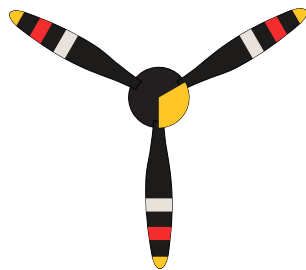
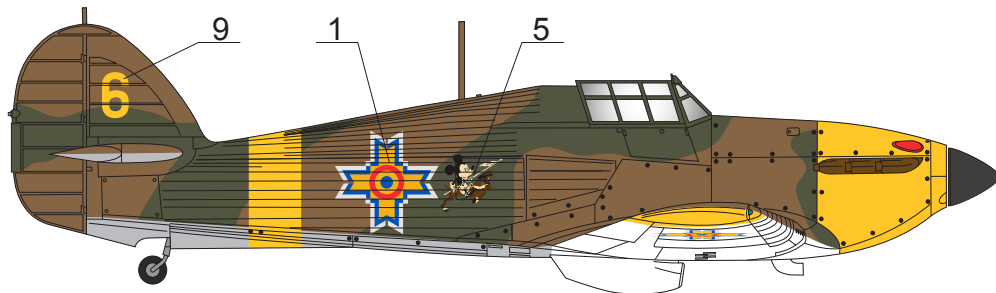
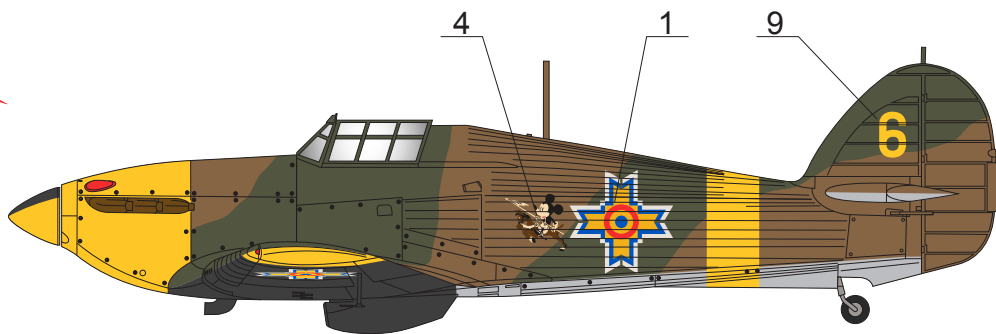
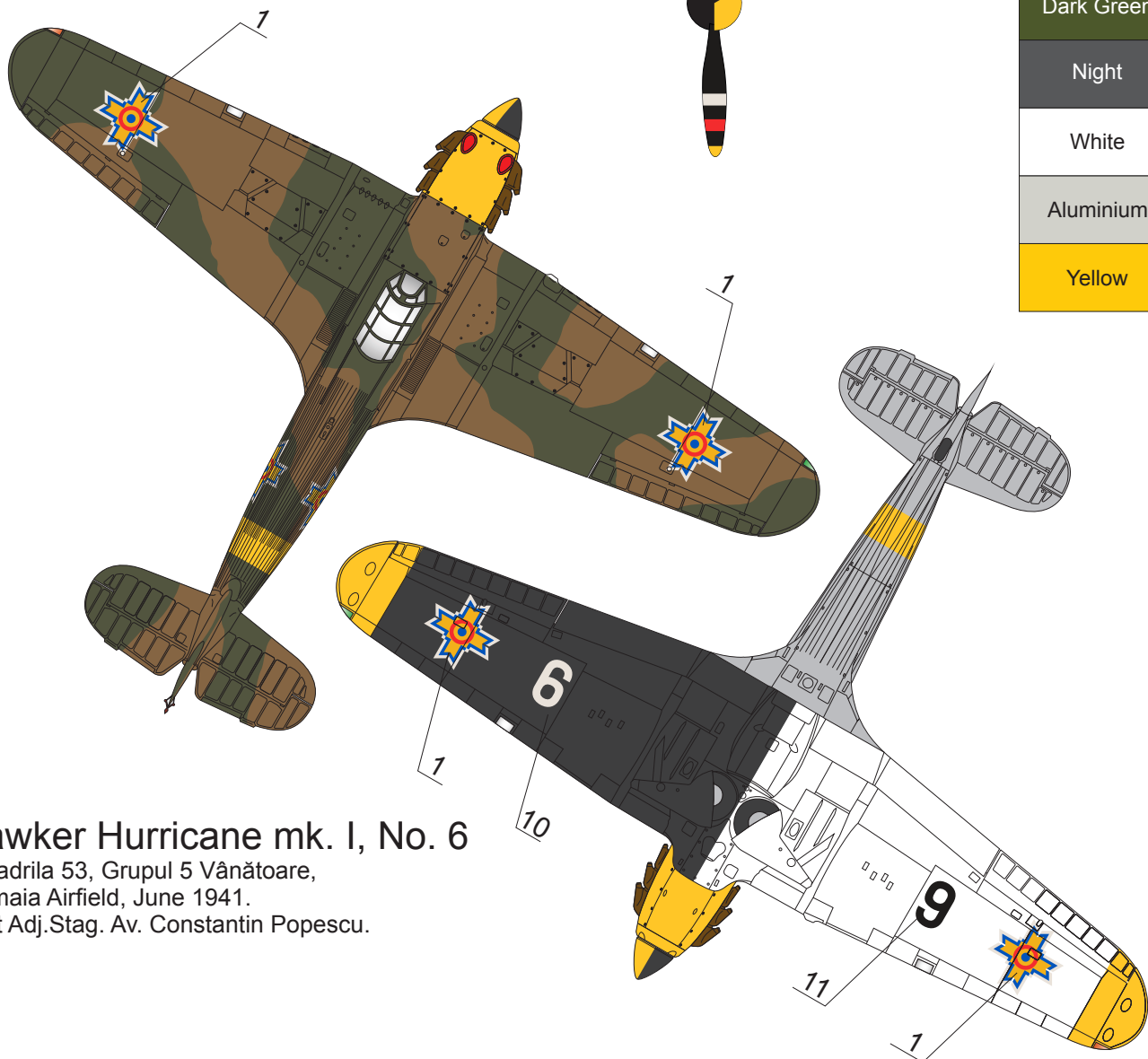


Hawker Hurricane mk. I, No. 3

Escadrila 53, Grupul 5 Vânătoare,
Mamaia Airfield, June 1941.
Pilot Lt. Av. Horia Agarici.

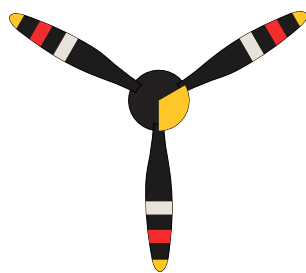
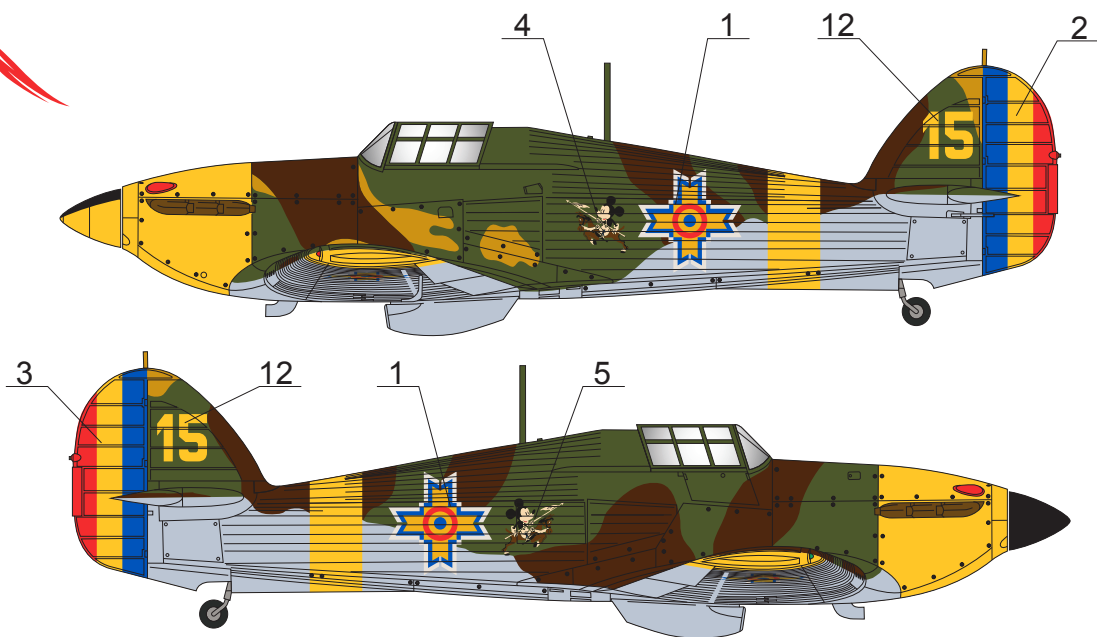


Dark Earth
Dark Green
Night
White
Aluminium
Yellow



Hawker Hurricane mk. I, No. 6

Escadrila 53, Grupul 5 Vânătoare,
Mamaia Airfield, June 1941.
Pilot Adj.Stag. Av. Constantin Popescu.



Hawker Hurricane mk. I, No. 15

Escadrila 53, Grupul 5 Vânătoare,
Saltz Airfield, July 1941.



Design of "Micheal's Cross" typical for 53rd *Eskadrila* and "Mickey Mouse in horseback" emblem of 53rd *Eskadrila*.

The first twelve British-built Hurricane Mk Is were delivered to *Aeronautica Regala Romana* painted in a two-tone RAF-type camouflage on upper surfaces consisting of British Dark Green and British Dark Earth. This camouflage was applied in two mirrored patterns, usually referred to as "A" and "B". The under surface of the wing was painted black (Night) on the left half and white on right half. The under surface of the tail was painted aluminium dope.

The three Yugoslav-built Hurricanes in Romanian service were still painted in three-tone Yugoslav camouflage (Dark Green / Dark Brown / Yellow Ochre over Light Blue Grey). One plane ("14") received Romanian „net camouflage” (Dark Green / Dark Earth) on upper surfaces.

The national markings (red-yellow-blue roundel) being applied in six position - the upper and lower wings as well as fuselage sides. Romania adopted a new national marking in mid-May of 1941 which further conformed to the Axis line. This marking, known as "Micheal's Cross", consisted of four white-bordered blue "M" letters arranged in a cross pattern and filled yellow.

A smaller version of the earlier red-yellow-blue roundel was placed in the center of the cross.

Hurricanes received a special design of "Micheal's Cross" typical only for 53rd *Eskadrila*.

The rudder was painted in the national colours (Blue / Yellow / Red), but for unknown reasons, the rudders of Hurricanes "2", "4", "6", "14" were left without national markings.

From spring 1941, the engine cowling and under surfaces of wing tips were painted yellow according to Axis regulations, also yellow band was added on the fuselage ahead of the tail. Each aircraft was identified by a yellow number painted on the fin, a black number under



The burned wreck of Hurricane "15" lost on Saltz airfield. Clearly visible the fabric covered wings, typical for Yugoslav-built Hurricanes.

Hurricane "3" waiting in the hangar of the IAR Braşov factory for a general overhaul

Hurricane "6" on Mamaia Airfield