

DRAW Set 72s-Spitfire-4 **Decal** "NHS" Spitfire PR.XI PL983

72 SCALE



Recommended Kits:
1:72 Special Hobby Spitfire PR.XI

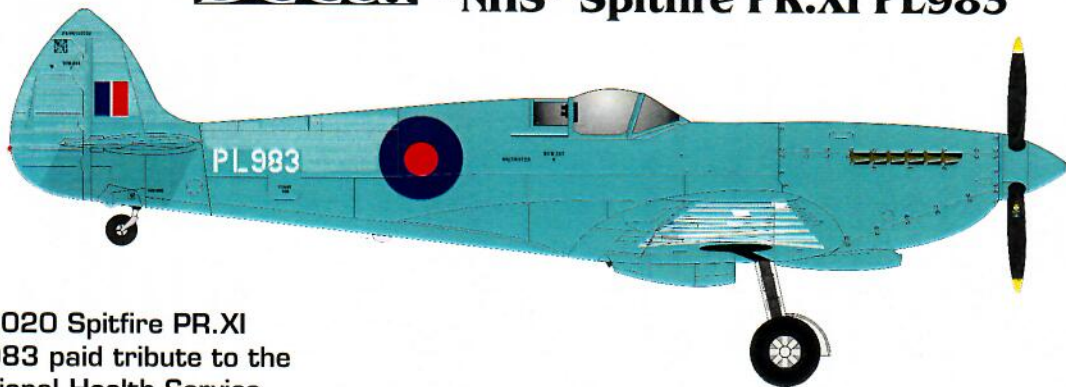
PLEASE NOTE: ALL decals need to be applied to a smooth and glossy surface!

PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS, as these decals may apply a bit differently than you may be used to using.

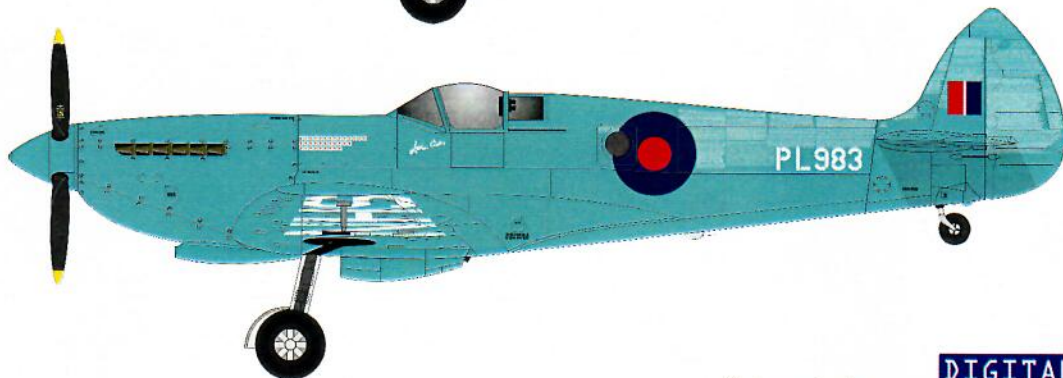
Next Generation DIGITAL Silk decals are extremely durable and do not easily scratch, and are printed on a continuous, clear film. Each design will need to be cut out individually. **Next Generation** DIGITAL Silk decals do not generally need to be clear coated prior to use. Use care when applying as the decal film is **exceptionally** thin. **Next Generation** DIGITAL Silk decals are tough, durable and *exceptionally flexible*. **DO NOT** float the decal off of the backing paper, as it will curl up and likely become unusable. Rather, soak the decal in warm water for about 5 seconds then remove it and allow it to sit for 30 seconds before trying to slide it off of the backing paper. "Normal" decal setting solutions can be used with these decals but will have little effect. For most applications, **NO** decal solvent will be needed. If you feel the need, we recommend using Microscale's Micro Set (a wetting agent) and Micro Sol (a SOLvent), but note the decal solvents only effect the clear film and have **LITTLE** effect on the inks. Brush the Micro Set directly on your model before sliding the decal into position. Only slide a small portion of the decal off of the backing paper, place the decal into position then pull out the backing paper allowing the decal to land in place. After you adjust the decal into position and soak up the excess liquid, apply a thin coat of Micro Sol (the **solvent**) to soften the clear carrier. It is important to get the Micro Sol **under** the decal, as the solvent has little effect on the ink, but it will dissolve the clear carrier which allows the decal to dig into the paint. After this coat dries and you are certain the decal is in its final position, apply a second heavier coat of Micro Sol. Note repeated applications of decal solvent will only wash away the glue. After the decals are **completely** dry, clear coating your model after applying these (or any) decals is a **must!** I repeat this is a **must**. The clear coat will seal your decal and prevent it from becoming damaged. Airbrush lacquers only in very light, misting coats. Another method to clear coat the decal is to use Future acrylic floor polish. Good luck and thank you for using **Next Generation** DIGITAL Silk decals!

DRAW Set 72s-Spitfire-4 **Decal** "NHS" Spitfire PR.XI PL983

"Civil Decals for the Civilized"



In 2020 Spitfire PR.XI PL983 paid tribute to the National Health Service with specially applied markings and an evolving list of sponsors applied over its RAF PRU blue scheme.



72 SCALE

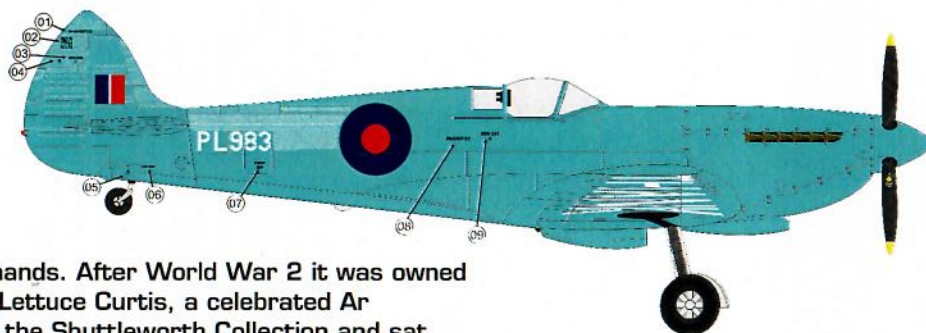
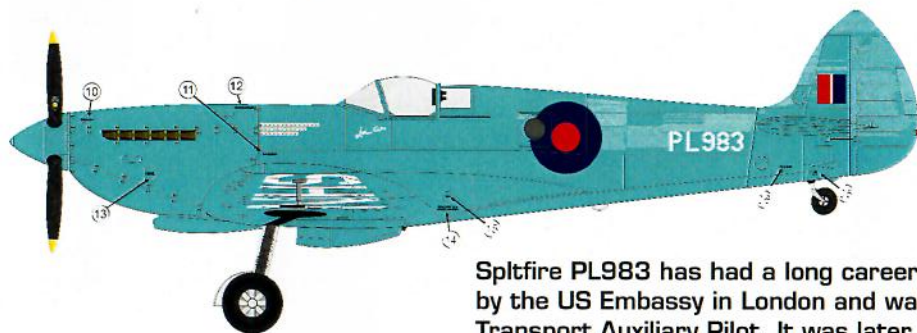
COPYRIGHT © 2022 **DRAW**Decal.com

Artwork by
Tony Andrews

DIGITAL
Silk
Next Generation

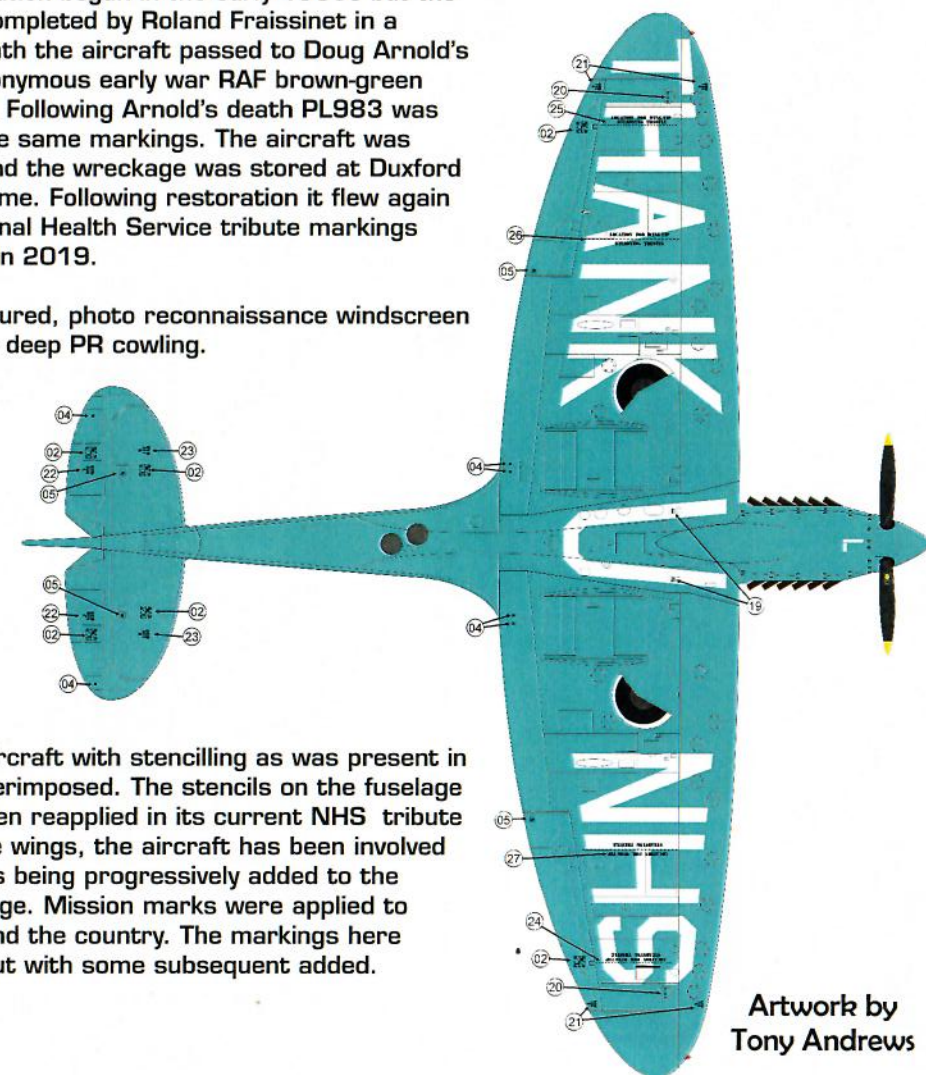
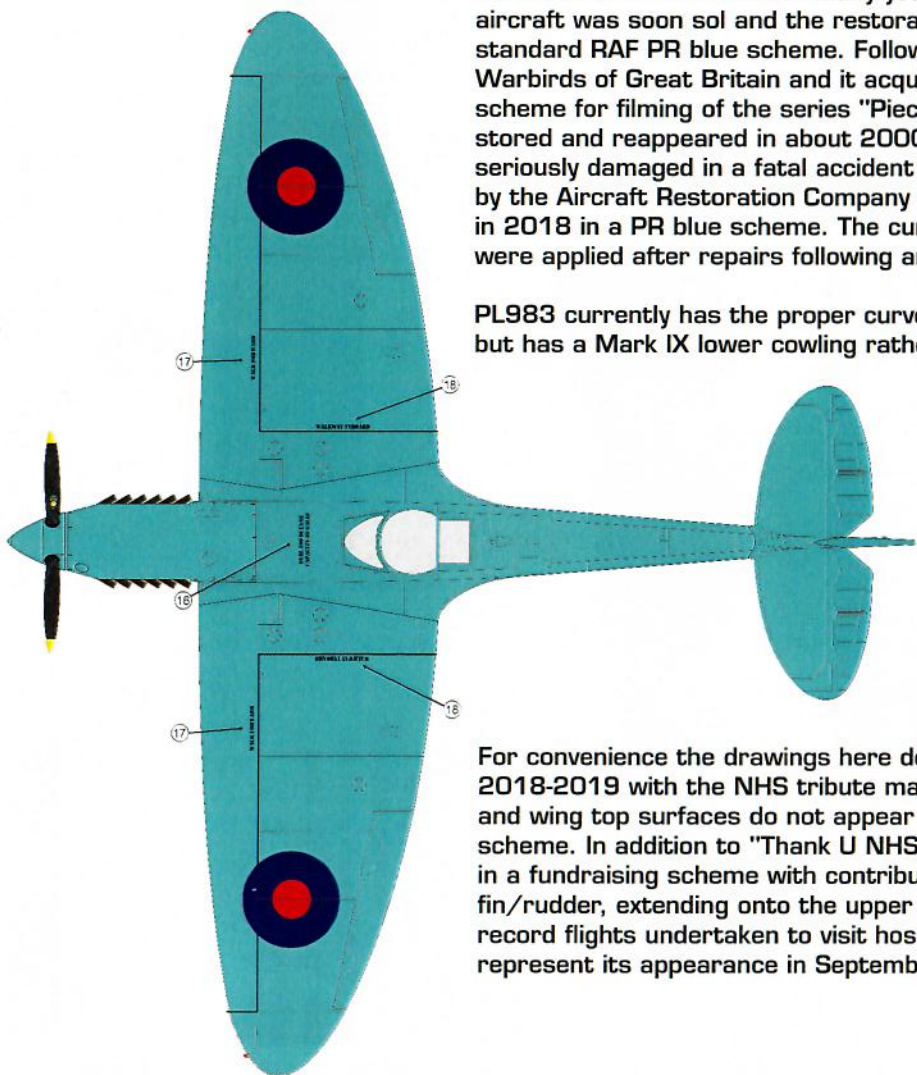
DRAW Set 72s-Spitfire-4

Decal "NHS" Spitfire PR.XI PL983



Spitfire PL983 has had a long career in civilian hands. After World War 2 it was owned by the US Embassy in London and was raced by Lettuce Curtis, a celebrated Air Transport Auxiliary Pilot. It was later donated to the Shuttleworth Collection and sat outdoors at Old Warden for many years. Restoration began in the early 1980s but the aircraft was soon sold and the restoration was completed by Roland Fraissinet in a standard RAF PR blue scheme. Following his death the aircraft passed to Doug Arnold's Warbirds of Great Britain and it acquired an anonymous early war RAF brown-green scheme for filming of the series "Piece of Cake". Following Arnold's death PL983 was stored and reappeared in about 2000, still in the same markings. The aircraft was seriously damaged in a fatal accident in 2001 and the wreckage was stored at Duxford by the Aircraft Restoration Company for some time. Following restoration it flew again in 2018 in a PR blue scheme. The current National Health Service tribute markings were applied after repairs following an accident in 2019.

PL983 currently has the proper curved, unarmoured, photo reconnaissance windscreen but has a Mark IX lower cowling rather than the deep PR cowling.



For convenience the drawings here depict the aircraft with stencilling as was present in 2018-2019 with the NHS tribute markings superimposed. The stencils on the fuselage and wing top surfaces do not appear to have been reapplied in its current NHS tribute scheme. In addition to "Thank U NHS" under the wings, the aircraft has been involved in a fundraising scheme with contributors names being progressively added to the fin/rudder, extending onto the upper rear fuselage. Mission marks were applied to record flights undertaken to visit hospitals around the country. The markings here represent its appearance in September 2020 but with some subsequent added.