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RAAF Kittyhawk A29-113 Model 1:48 Scale Catalogue No. MOD4566NC -11



A29-113

Served with 77 Sqn, 76 Sqn and 2 OTU; on 20/7/42 received by 77 Sqn from 1 AD and was the usual aircraft of S/L 'Dick' Cresswell when he was the CO of 77 Sqn from 4/42 and was coded 'U' (often depicted red, but during 1942 the RAAF was getting rid of any hint of red on its aircraft, this colour should be a pale blue) and had the three flags for Australia, UK and the US on the nose below the engine exhausts; on 23/11/42 during the night S/L Cresswell in this a/c intercepted three Bettys over Darwin, downing T359, serial 5414 of the Tokao Ku over Koolpinyah, NT, the Betty fell onto the Herbert Station narrowly missing the Homestead, and a 77 Sqn barbecue being held there; on 13/3/43 received by 76 Sqn from 3 AD; on 9/5/43 it was received by 2 OTU from 76 Sqn; on 27/6/43 it crashed near Mildura Vic after a fuel line broke at 18,000 ft Sgt John Geoffrey Gadsden (418828) attempted a forced landing but was forced to bail out due to a fire in the cockpit which eventually caused the a/c to explode.

Sources: http://www.adf-serials.com.au/2a29b.htm

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