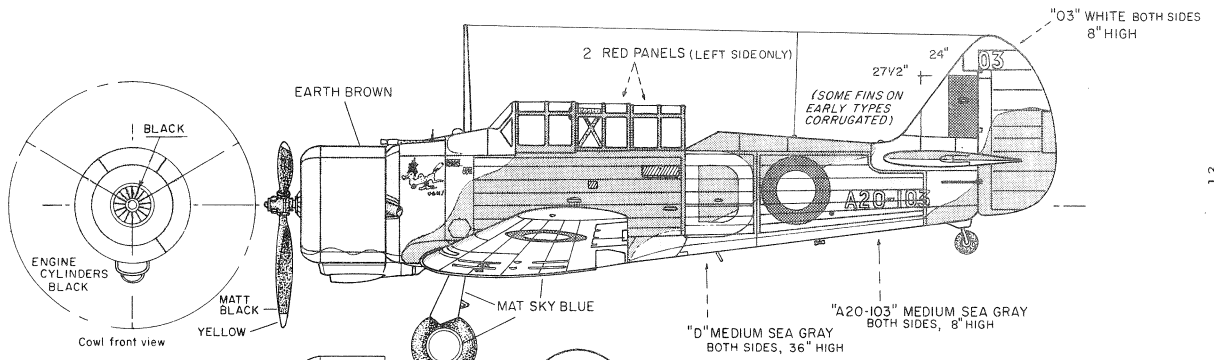


Wirraway

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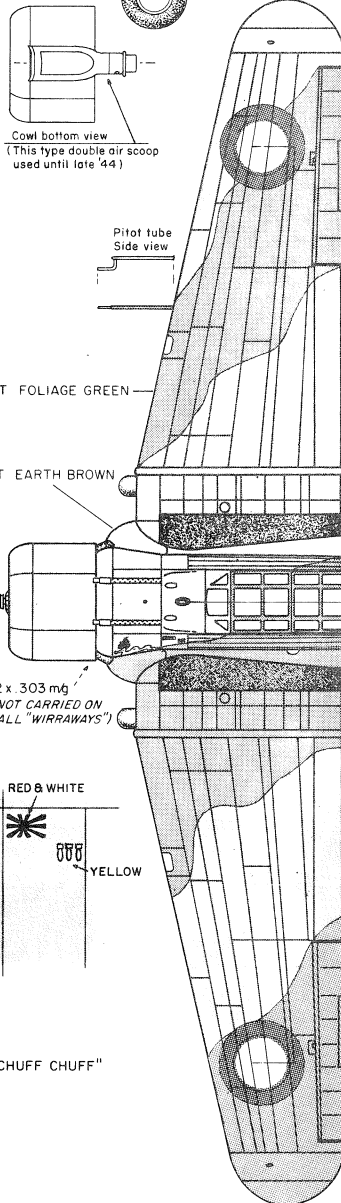


Brief History of Wirraway A20-103

On the 9th of September 1940 this a/c was allotted to No. 4 Squadron RAAF from No. 1 Aircraft Depot. No. 4 Sqn used it during the early stages of the New Guinea Campaign for Tac/R, supply drops, and other low level duties. At the time of its famous combat it was fitted with two forward firing machine guns, two bomb racks with universal carriers (no bombs were taken on this mission), and there was no machine gun in the rear cockpit.

The colors of earth brown/foilage green and green-sky blue has been established with reasonable certainty, this being based on all other Wirraways on strength with No. 4 Sqn at that time.

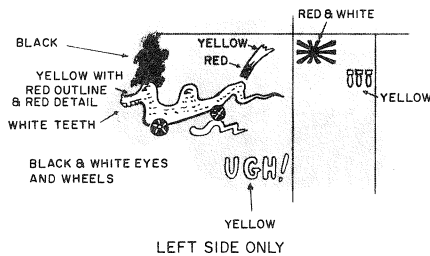
Sometime after the Zero victory the A20-103 was allocated to another pilot and later returned to Australia for overhaul. The personal markings were replaced by a unit crest and all armament removed. No. 3 Communications Unit operated the plane until it was placed in No. 7 Aircraft Depot for storage. Today it is the property of the Australian War Memorial.



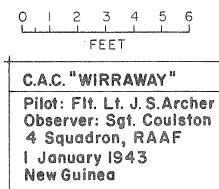
CONVERSION POINTS FOR AN AT-6 KIT TO THE "WIRRAWAY"

Based on an article in the Australian IPMS Magazine
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- LENGTHEN COWLING
- ADD DOUBLE AIR SCOOP UNDER THE COWLING
- ADD RIBS TO ENGINE BLOCK
- ADD 3-BLADED PROP
- ADD 2 OVAL SHAPED EXHAUST STACKS
- TAIL WHEEL IS SLIGHTLY LARGER & RELOCATED FURTHER AFT
- RESHAPE FRONT UPPER DECK & ADD 2 MACHINE GUN BARRELS
- RAISE REAR DECK SLIGHTLY
- CANOPY FRAMEWORK IS SLIGHTLY THINNER
- REMOVE LAST SECTION OF CANOPY
- TRIM BACK THE LEADING EDGE OF THE WINGS AS PER DRAWING
- ADD ROUNDED WING TIPS
- ADD BOMB RACKS TO THE UNDERSIDES OF THE WINGS
- REWORK RUDDER SHAPE AS PER DRAWING
- TRIM BACK HORIZONTAL STABILIZER
- ADD PANEL & RIB DETAIL AS PER DRAWING



DETAILS OF ARCHER'S EMBLEM "CHUFF CHUFF"



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