

Hurricane Mk. I, No. 73 Squadron



**No. 67 Wing, Advanced Air Striking Force, RAF.
Based at Rouvres, France, May/June 1940**

The very bright national markings are typical of Gloster-built Hurricanes in the early war period. The blue is of the correct shade but the bright red is from pre-war stocks held at the Gloster factory.

Hurricane squadrons of No. 67 Wing (1 & 73 squadrons) had identity markings that differed considerably from 85 & 87 squadrons, comprising the other France based RAF fighter wing (No.60).

In order to assist identification by French fighters, the squadron code letters were deleted; leaving just the individual aircraft letter and the rudder striping was added in the French manner. The under surfaces were painted in Night, White and Aluminium.



It was the success of the French style rudder striping that persuaded the Air Ministry to order all RAF flying units at home and abroad to adopt fin flashes from 1st May 1940.