

MODELLING

New Releases and Kit Reviews compiled by Joe Moran

New to the Market

In 1:144 scale: Valom has released two kits in this scale. Both kits contain two aircraft with a choice of four decals. They are a Hannover Cl.II and a Salmson 2A2, priced at £19.99 per kit.

In 1:72 scale: KP has released three Versions of the AGO C.IV with different decals, each kit priced at £16.99. It has also released two versions of the LVG C.VI, priced at £13.99 each, and has also released five colour lozenge decals for upper and lower wing surfaces, priced at £11.95 each.

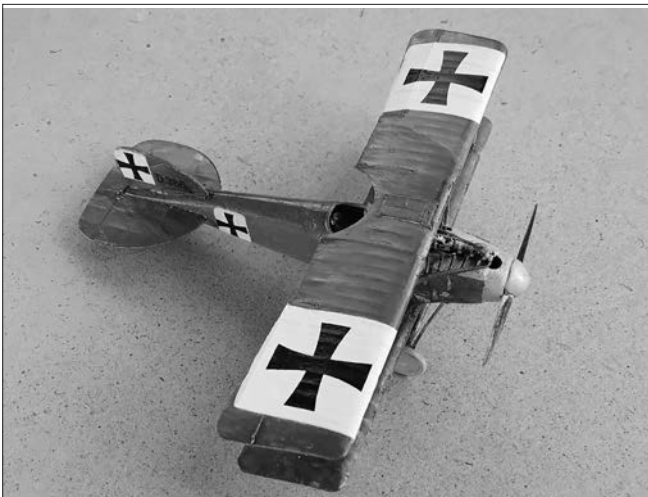
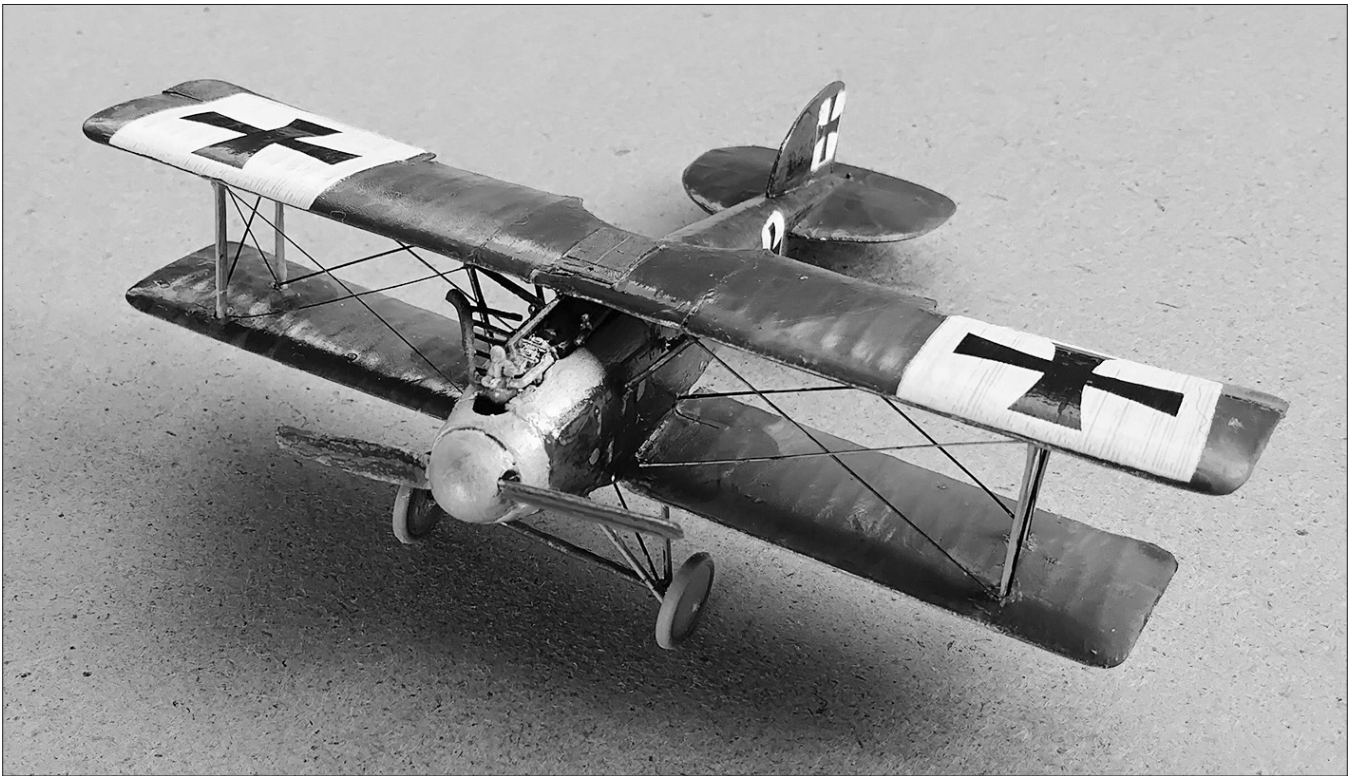
In 1:48 Scale: Eduard has re-released their Profipack Fokker Dr.I , priced at £15.30. It has also re-released their Sopwith 2F1 Camel, priced at £17.00. It has released 3D-printed Lewis gun magazines, 12 per pack which cost £3.55. Printscales has

released two decal sheets for the Spad XIII; each sheet costs £16.75.

In 1:32 Scale: Quinta Studios has released five colour lozenge for upper and lower wing surfaces, priced at £4.50 per sheet. Roden has re-released their Spad XIII costing £55.00.

Aviatic has released a wide range of parts, conversions, decals in 1:48, 1:32 and 1:24 scale. Prices vary depending on the item. As I often say in this column, Aviatic are always worth checking out!

Build Reviews: Bob selected Oswald Boelcke's Albatros D.II as the model to feature in this issue in view of the Society's recent interest in Boelcke in the Summer edition of C&C and the excellent Zoom lecture in March by Brig. Gen. Head.



Roden Albatros D.II; 1:72 scale

Modelled by Bob Gladding

Roden offer a 1:72 scale kit of the Albatros D.II with a drawing of Boelcke on the box (kit no.006). Despite some incorrect art work, this is a finely detailed comprehensive kit with lot of build and decal options. However, bizarrely, Boelcke's Jasta 2 aircraft is the only one of the six individual aircraft options provided without a serial number. A little research revealed that Roden's later 1:32 scale Albatros D.II reworked by Encore Models is a much more accurate version having the serial no. D.386/16, a wing radiator rather than two 'ear muff' ones, and no rocker box on the engine. Getting these details right was important as Boelcke achieved possibly as many as 14 kills in this particular aircraft before his death in it in a mid-air collision on 28 October 1916.

So, careful selection of alternative optional parts was required to correct for the necessary changes as mentioned. The rather