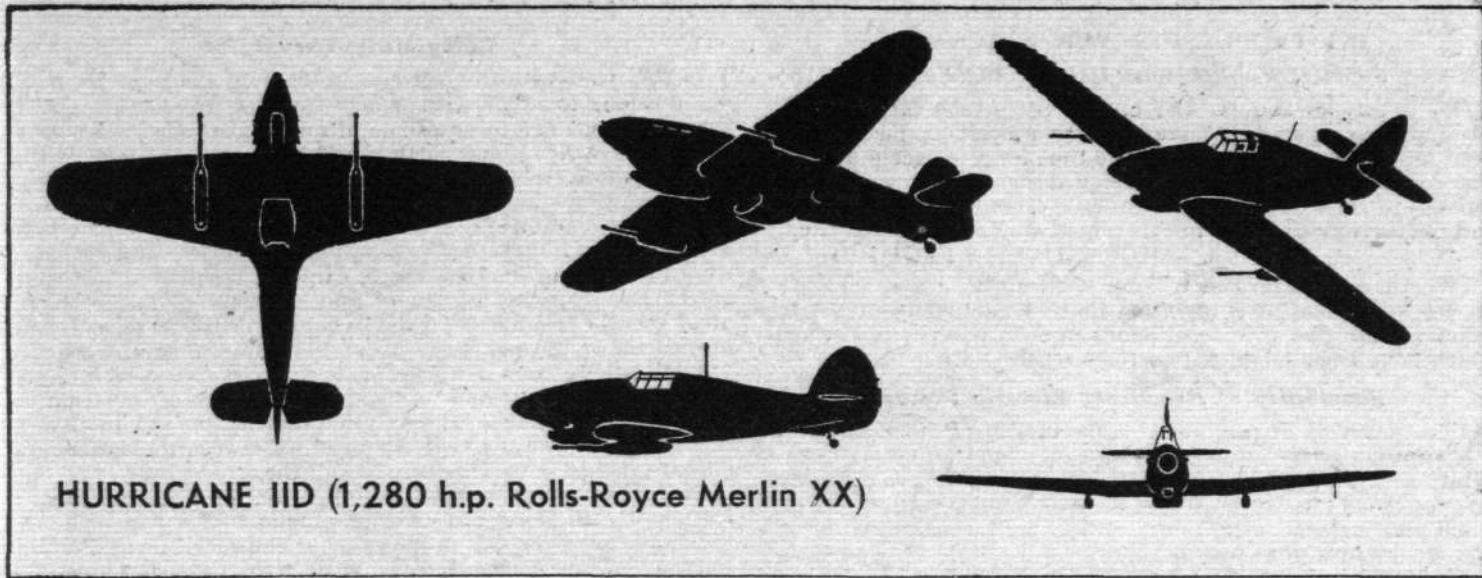
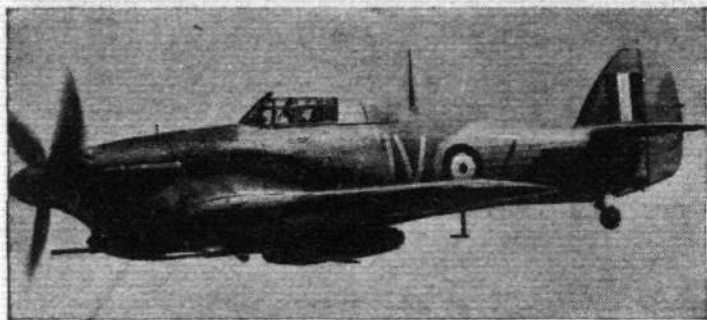


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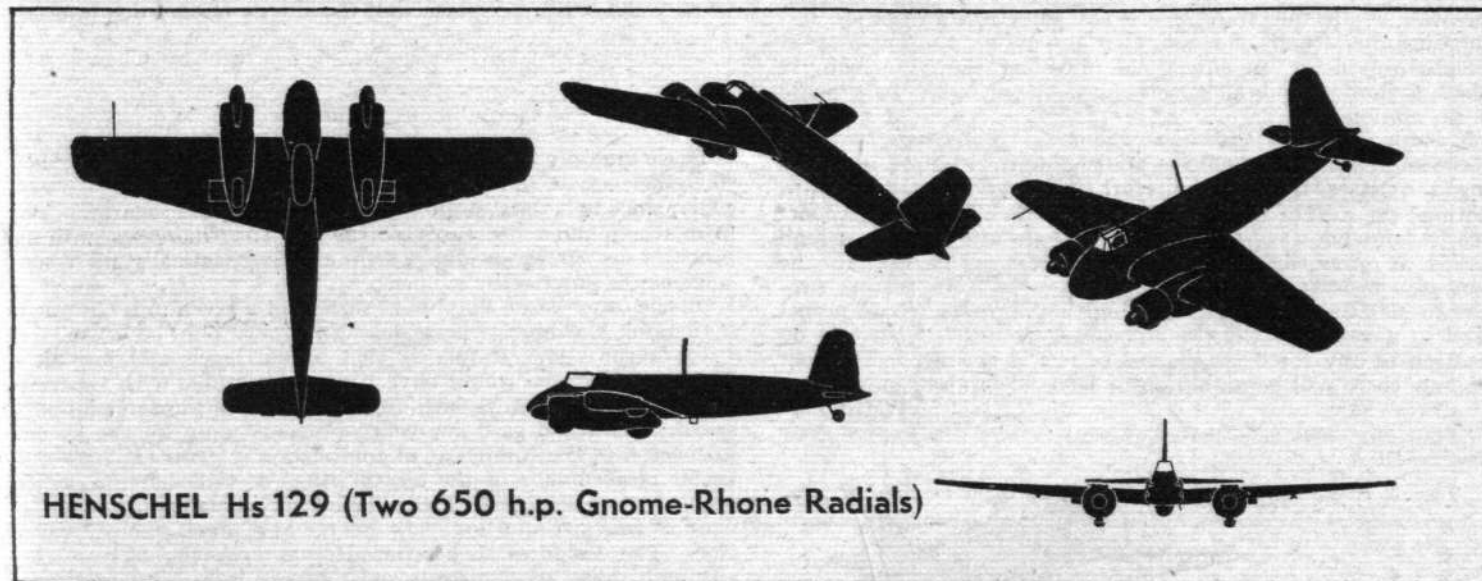


HURRICANE IID (1,280 h.p. Rolls-Royce Merlin XX)



Hawker Hurricane IID "Tank-buster."

THE only material difference between the Hawker Hurricane IID, popularly known as the tank-buster or tin-opener, and the Hurricane fighter or fighter-bomber is its unusual armament. This comprises a pair of 40 mm. cannon mounted in fairings under the wings, and is the heaviest calibre weapon yet fitted to any single-seater, single-engined fighter type. Its duties are indicated by its nickname. Like all current Hurricanes, it is powered by a 1,280 h.p. Rolls-Royce Merlin XX, and, since it was first used for service in North Africa against Rommel's tanks, has a Vokes air-cleaner under the nose. This and the underslung cannon form prominent recognition features. Top speed is about 320 m.p.h. Recognition points relating to wings, fuselage, and tail-unit are identical on all Hurricanes. Dimensions: Span, 40ft.; length, 32ft. 3in.; height, 13ft. 1in.; wing area, 257.5 sq. ft.

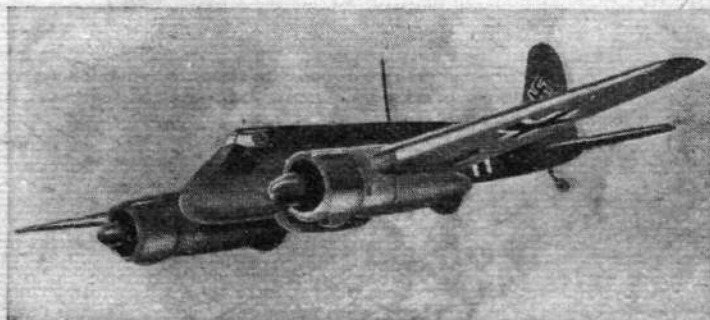


HENSCHEL Hs 129 (Two 650 h.p. Gnome-Rhone Radials)

USED on the Russian front and in Tunisia for ground attack, the Henschel Hs 129 originally had 450 h.p. in-line air-cooled Argus engines, but was later redesigned and fitted with French-built 650 h.p. Gnome-Rhone 14M radials. Still later versions may have B.M.W. engines. Top speed of the Gnome-Rhone version is reported to be 285 m.p.h.

Armament comprises a 7.9 mm. machine gun and a 15 mm. quick-firing cannon on each side of the nose, plus a 30 mm. cannon beneath the fuselage. The last named may be replaced by a bomb-load.

Recognition points include low wings with dihedral angle from the roots, straight leading edge, forward-swept trailing edge and square tips. High-aspect-ratio tailplane with round tips. Egg-sectioned fuselage with short nose. Dimensions: Span, 44ft. 6in.; length, 33ft. 3in.; wing area, 317.5 sq. ft.



Henschel Hs 129 Ground-attack Fighter-bomber.