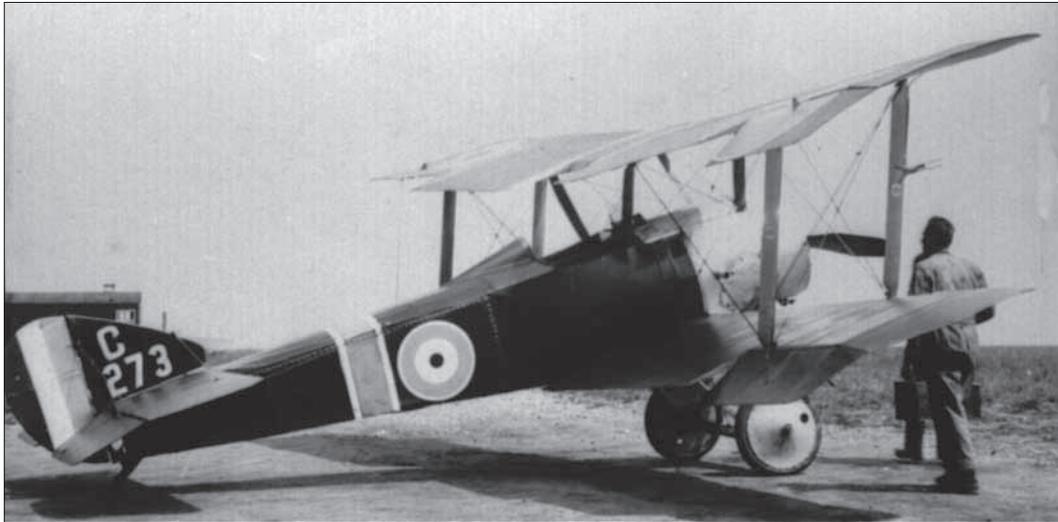


MORE COLOURFUL PUPS

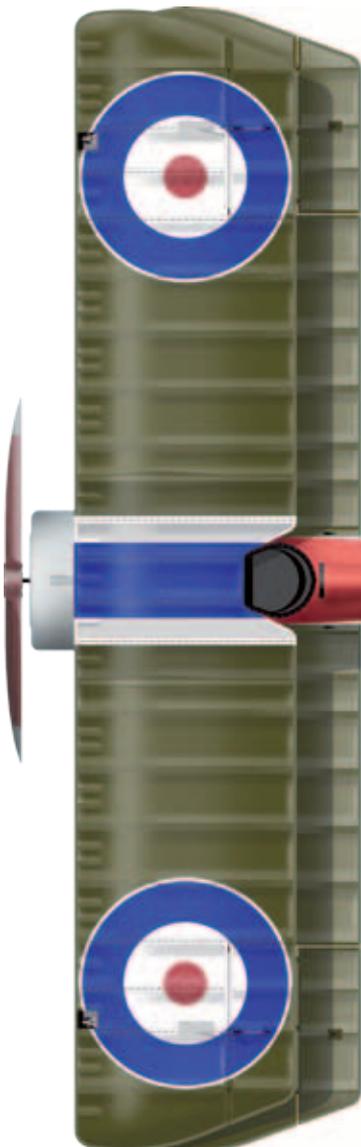
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We presented some, hopefully, 'new' colour schemes for Sopwith Pups in our last issue. Roger had the bit between his teeth and asked Arvo Vercamer to produce more, so the following selection shows some further schemes that have received less attention in modelling magazines but are, nevertheless, very attractive.

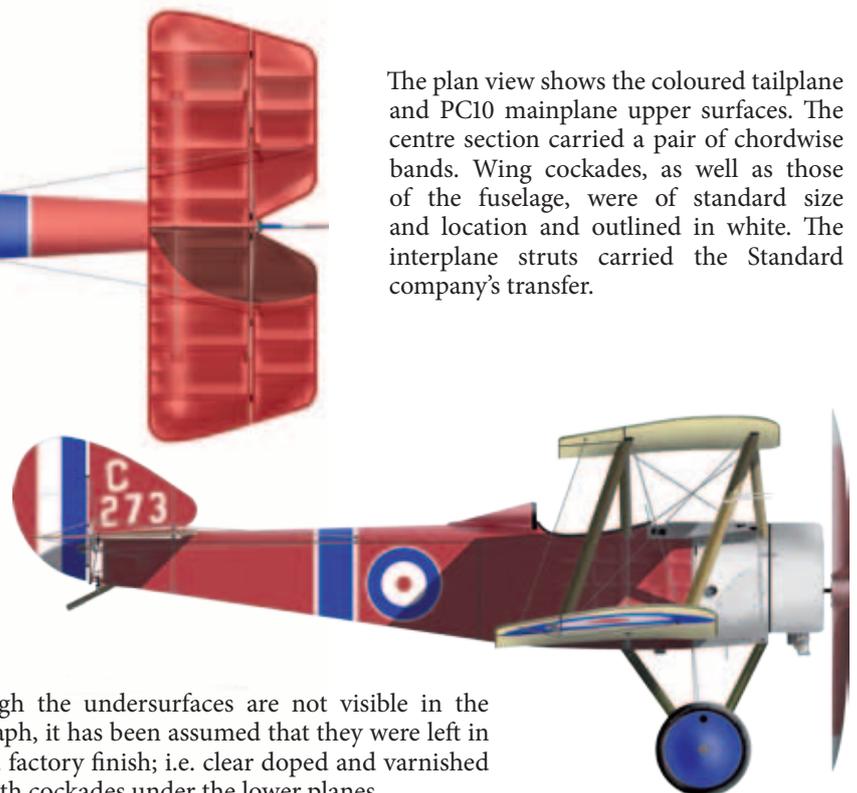


C273 was a Standard-built Pup that was delivered during January 1918. It was issued to the 18th Wing ARS at Hounslow and served with units at that station- 85 Sqn, 87 Sqn and 62 TS. When photographed, it had a headrest fitted and the lower segment of its cowling cut away to reveal a Gnome engine – probably an 80hp unit, as fitted to several others in the C201-C550 serial block.

There can be little doubt that the fuselage of C273 had been re-doped at the time the photograph was taken and the sheen on the upper surface of the tailplane suggests that it too was similarly treated. The colour was one which photographed in a dark tone, one that contrasts with the tone of the wing upper surfaces, which were apparently left covered with PC10 brown. The tone of the fuselage colour matches that of the red in the cockade and rudder stripes. Although the serial was in factory size and position, the black centres of the characters had been over-doped in white. The fuselage band was, patently, blue, outlined in white and the wheel disc covers appear in a similar tone to the band. The cowling and metal panelling of the forward fuselage were in natural aluminium.



The plan view shows the coloured tailplane and PC10 mainplane upper surfaces. The centre section carried a pair of chordwise bands. Wing cockades, as well as those of the fuselage, were of standard size and location and outlined in white. The interplane struts carried the Standard company's transfer.



Although the undersurfaces are not visible in the photograph, it has been assumed that they were left in standard factory finish; i.e. clear doped and varnished fabric with cockades under the lower planes.