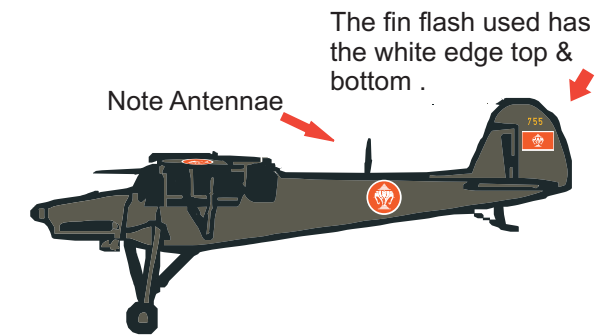
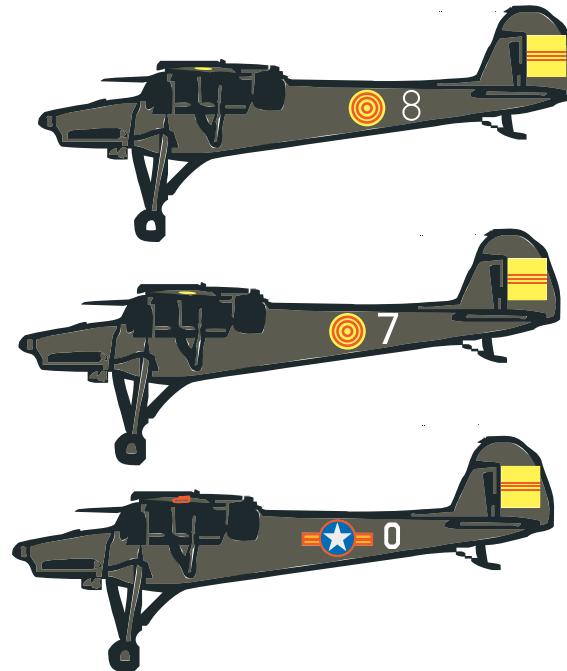
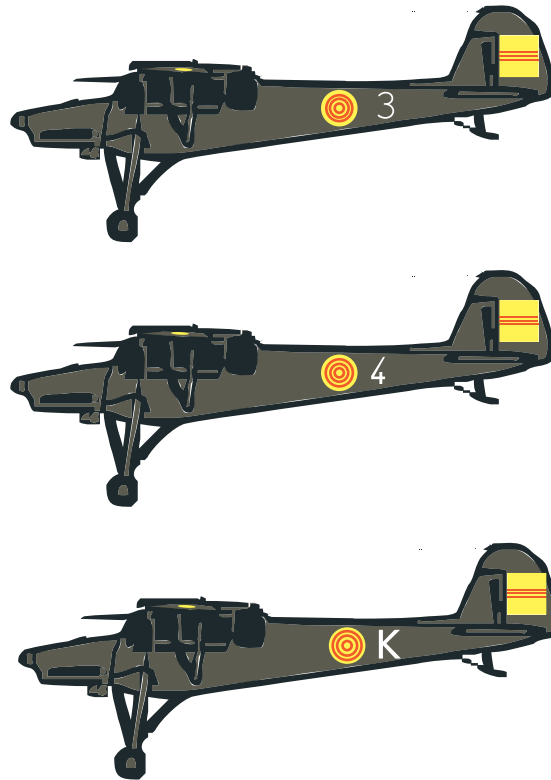


**Morane Saulnier Ms500 'Criquet' of South Vietnam and Laos 1951 to 1955**



**Morane Saulnier MS500 'Criquet'**

The six 'Criquets' shown of the South Vietnam Air Force have identical paint schemes of all over dark olive-drab, with black propellor with yellow tips. Aircraft '7' and '8' have either white or yellow hi-visibility panels on the top wing. It is not clear whether this was common on all VNAF aircraft or at what time period. Aircraft with the early 'stars&bars' insignia had either white or yellow (or possibly an over lay of both) of a single letter ('O' and 'Q' are visible in photos, however only 'O' is offered on our sheet.). Stars and bars were on top and bottom wings, as with the earlier roundels



**Morane Saulnier MS500 'Criquet'**

Royal Lao Air Force Criquets carried the same all over dark olive drab scheme, but carried only basic roundel insignia and a small number on the tail. The fin flash appears to be the white edged style. Roundels were carried on top and bottom of wings and fuselage sides. The aircraft carried a dorsal blade antennae.