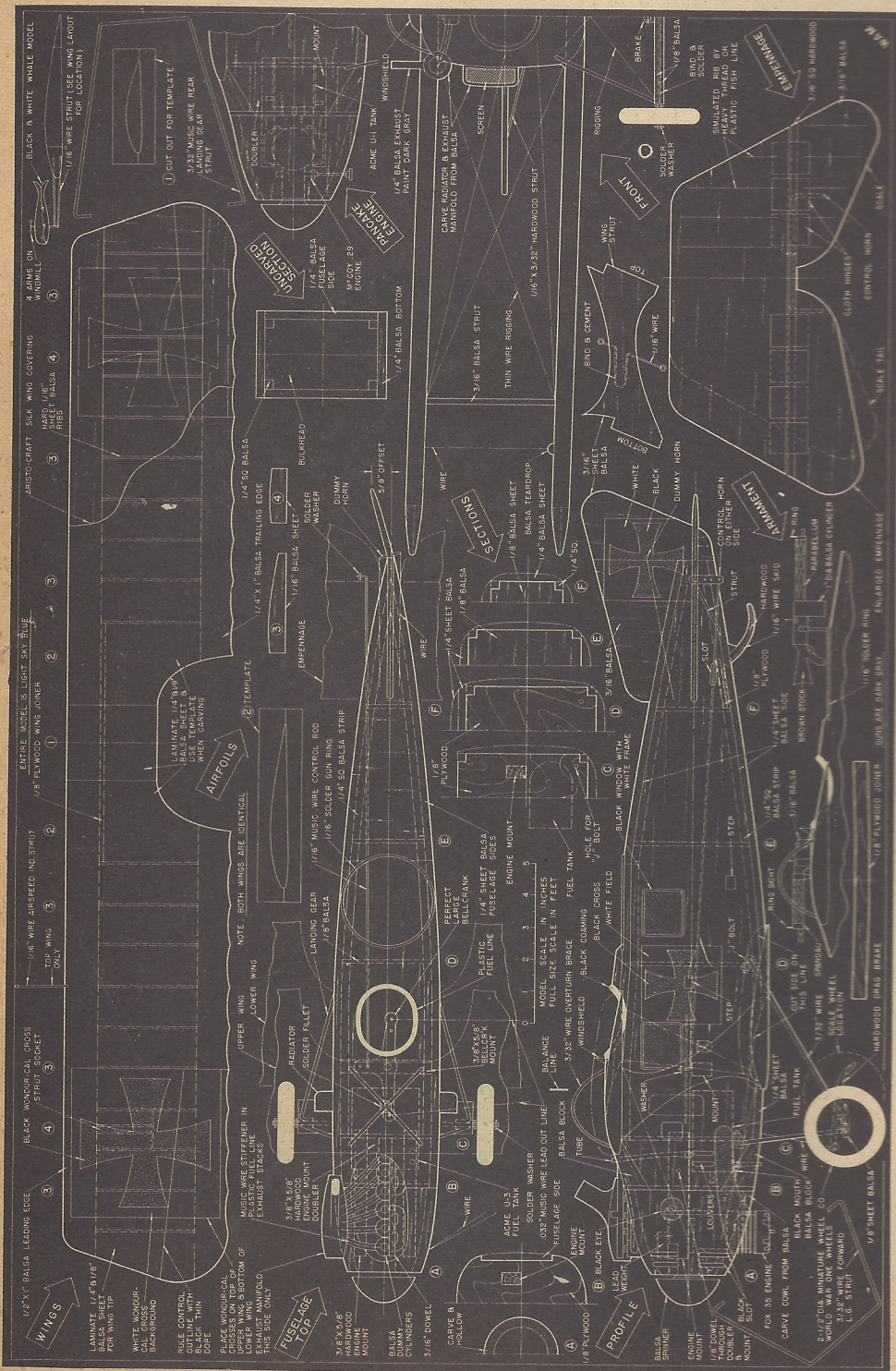
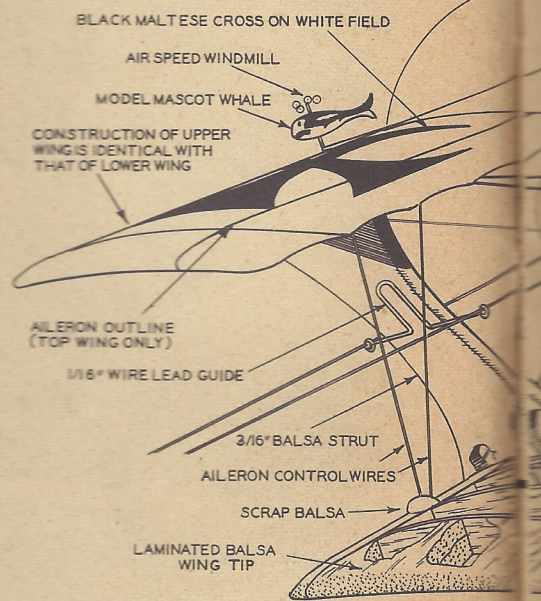
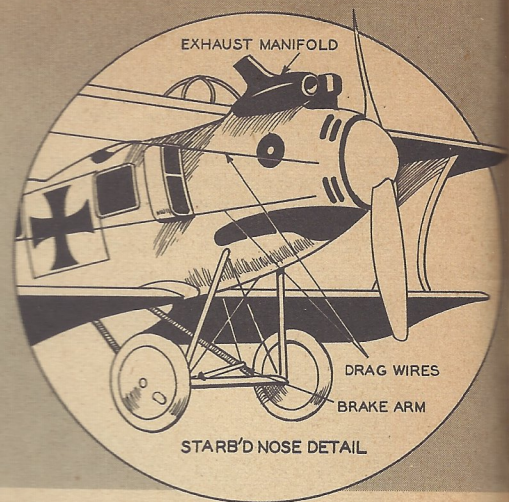




World War-1 ace von Schleich and his Roland "Wahlfisch"

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THE MAN

Although Eduard von Schleich saw action at the front as a fighter pilot for only fourteen months during World War One he scored thirty five victories including some doubles and triples. In addition, this German Ace became the leader of one of four Jagdgeschwaders ("Flying Circuses") in the German Air Service with rank equal to von Richthofen. He survived that war to become one of the organizers of the Nazi Luftwaffe.

A Bavarian, Schleich was born on August 8, 1888 in Bad Tolz, near Munich, Germany. At the age of twenty he joined the 11th Bavarian Infantry Regiment stationed at Regensburg; two years later in 1910, Eduard was promoted to Lieutenant. When World War One started he was a company commander. In August 1914 Schleich was seriously wounded in the shoulder during a battle near Maire, France.

Upon his return to action Eduard decided to transfer to the Air Service; during 1915 he passed the tests for both pilot and observer at the East German Albatros Works in Schneidmuhl which resulted in his assignment to Bavarian Feldflieger-Abteilung 2b as a pilot. During an observation run Schleich was wounded in the arm by an exploding anti-aircraft shell. Realizing the im-

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