

How to make a Training-aid

Bag the Hun!, page 41 mention is made of a celluloid ring located in a pouch at the back of the original document.

To aid my learning curve I reproduced this celluloid ring. Below are the instructions to make this training-aid that I produced:

Obtain stiff clear plastic sheet, I used some unused over-headed projector sheet I found in a hidden away for years amongst some documents. Anything would do, for instance, the clear plastic on toy packaging that allows the consumer to view the item in the package.

Obtain a marker pen, a protractor, a compass to describe circles with (one of those kiddy's compasses that has a pencil holder is what you need), and a ruler and sharp pencil.

Using the pencil, mark a dot in the centre of the paper, then get the protractor and mark off dots at 90 degrees to each other or you could construct a right-angle using the compass. Whatever. Draw two light lines with the pencil creating a cross at 90 degrees to each other intersecting at the centre dot.

Describe a circle equal in diameter to the circles featured in the document.

Start IL2 and get up a Spitfire cockpit.

Mark the cross-hairs on the paper as per the Spitfire gunsight.

Using this template, place the clear plastic sheet on top of the template and staple together at each corner of the template and plastic sheet.

Hold down firmly whilst you mark the centre, place the marker pen in the compass pencil holder, describe the circle and march of the cross-hairs as per the template.

If the marker pen ink has not dried properly and the ink can be smudged on the training-aid, use super-glue to glue another sheet of the clear plastic to the training-aid. A small drop of super-glue on each corner will do the trick. Watch you don't glue your finger to the training-aid. Nail polish remover will be in order if this happens.

Using scissors or a guillotine, trim the training aid to the finished size.

Finished. Yah!