

Snippet. 'New' French System: PUNCH

The set shown here was offered on the French Ebay, and it clearly AVIADYP (see 35/1051) under a different name. Thank you to David Hobson for alerting me to it.

The parts in the Set match those of the No.1 outfit in what was called Phase 2 in OSN 35. Apart from the name etc (and the purple stain on the lid) the lid label & manual cover shown right are the same as their AVIADYP counterparts in OSN 35 (Figs.25,23). Also the two models shown from the manual on Ebay, Chasseur à Réaction & Chasseur "Météore", (Jet & Propeller Fighters) are in the OSN 35 manual.

Phase 2 sets vary in their lid labels & in the arrangement of the parts of the backing cards. The Punch set has the later label used on all Phase 3 sets, but in having the main wing parts on both cards, **Fig.2** noting that the AVIADYP version of the manual was actually from a Phase 3 set in OSN 35 which did include said Tanks.

The words to the left of PUNCH on the lid label are

PUNCH: S1

More on the German MERKUR

A little about this system was given in 36/1094 and now Urs Flammer has kindly sent photos of his set, and the front of a manual seen on Ebay.

There is no indication of the Set's designation but the Manual cover (below) has Größe 1 (Size 1) on it, and in other Ebay offerings this cover is shown with sets whose boxes are identical to Urs'.

The maker on the cover is Fritz Hochstrate, Im Hölken 3a, Wuppertal-Nächstebreck (hence the FHW on the



Fig.1

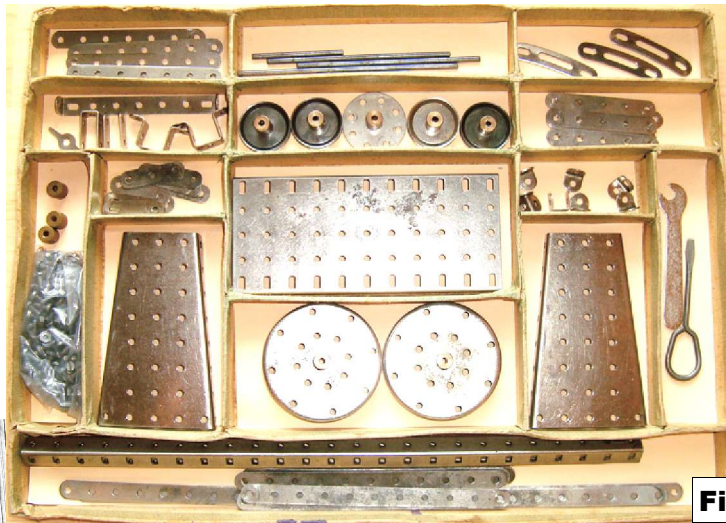


Fig.2



Fig.3

mentioned before are: • a 3h Strip (left, as well as the one without a centre hole, and with one of its end holes slotted); • a Bush Wheel; • 2h Ø Pulleys; • hexagon Nuts & cheeseheaded Bolts; • 3 Collars or Spacers (above the packet of N&B); • the 'Pointer' part immediately above them in the next bay up (a Pawl conceivably if there were Gears, but 3 can be seen in the OSN 36 set); • Axles about 45, 90, & 110mm long; • a Spanner & a Screwdriver. • Also a Crank Handle is used in the model on the cover.

Urs wrote that holes are 3.4mm Ø at 13mm pitch, Axles are 3.2mm Ø, and the thread is M3.

MERKUR [2]: S2

More on the GLUCK Zeppelin. Since 50/1521 two identical models have been seen on Ebay, each complete except for its Nose Cone. Fig.1 shows the Cabin complete with Wheels, and the loose parts in Fig.2 include 2 more Wheels which could be fitted to the lower Fin, and 2 Bombs. The Leaflet with the models is as before but is clearer and in the instructions the Wheels are referred to as No.15, called Motor in the Illustrated Parts. Also the No.12 Handle is to be fitted outside the Nose Cone on the Bolt which holds the Cone in place – presumably to represent a mooring point. The Bombs can be bolted to the lugs under the Cabin instead of Wheels,



FIG.1



FIG.2

or, using the Bolts which join the body sections, wherever there is space for them. The dimensions of one of the models were given as 15½" long (without the Nose Cone) & 3¾" wide.

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lid (see 27/794, it is shown in colour the OSN website, click on OSN 27), Telefon 57640.

The Set's box is light brown, 37*27*2½cm, with the label above. Left, its base, partitioned as before. But unlike previous sets seen the parts are nickel plated and can be seen much more clearly.

Parts that have not been

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