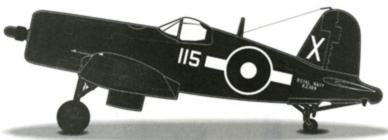
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GRAY GLOSS GLOSS SEA BLUE OVERALL

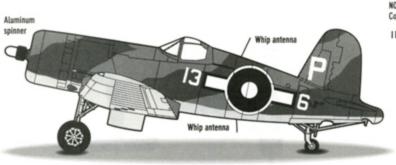
S/Lt. Sterling RNZNVR is credited with HMS Formidable's first IJN kill on May 5, 1945 while flying this aircraft. Lt. R.H. Gray also flew this aircraft as Senior Pilot of 1841 Squadron while aboard HMS Formidable.

Lt. "Hammy" Gray went on to to earn the RCN's only Victoria Cross on August 9, 1945 when he led an attack against the IJN Frigate, Amakusa. While on his successful bomb run the aircraft was hit by AA fire killing Gray. A monument has been erected in his honor on the site and he is revered as a national hero in Canada.

Either the Hobbycraft or Tamiya kits are recommended
Detailing sets for Hobbycraft kit include:
True Details resin cockpit set 9-TD48460
Eduard photo etched brass 48-030
True Details resin tires (diamond) 48-045
115 on gear doors

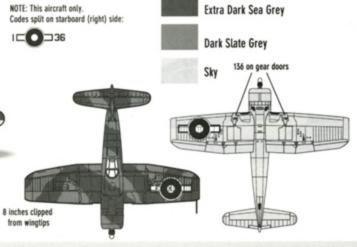






SHEPPARD EXTRA DARK SEA GREY/DARK SLATE GREY/SKY

Lt. DJ Sheppard RCNVR scored his fifth air combat victory in this a/c becoming the RCN's first Ace on the May 5, 1945 when he downed a "Gestapo" while leading a flight of 1836 Squadron.

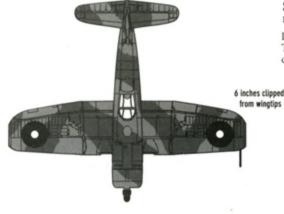


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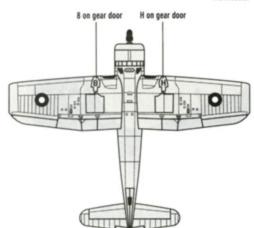
SHEPPARD

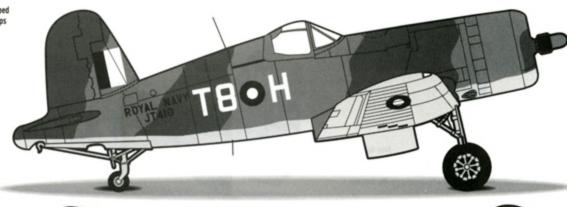
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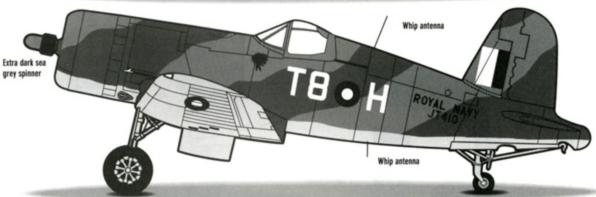
Lt. DJ Sheppard RCNVR scored his first four IJN kills in this aircraft flying from HMS Victorious during 1944-45. This aircraft served Lt. Sheppard from Home Fleet, Tripitz Operations and SEAC and is finished in a three-color camouflage scheme. An Indian profile is painted under the port side of the windscreen.











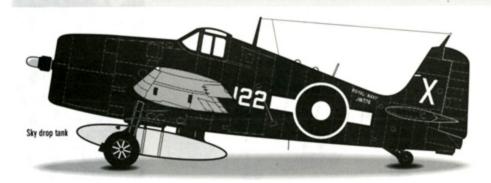
HELLCATS MK. II



ATKINSON OVERALL GLOSS SEA BLUE

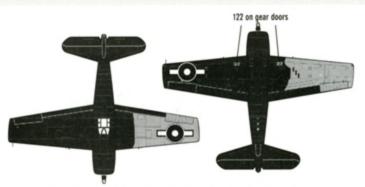
Although not equipped with either Radar or Radio Altimeters this aircraft was flown by Lt. W.H.I. Atkinson, RCNVR as part of 1844 NFD aboard HMS Formidable. Atkinson became the RCN's first Night Fighter Ace on July 25, 1945 when he scored 3 confirmed kills and 1 probable. Atkinson was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

The Hasegawa kit is recommended Detailing sets include:
Archer Fine Transfers maintenance stencils MA48002
Jaguar resin cockpit 64803
HiTech resin cockpit 48-009 Squadron vacuum canopy 9514 Eduard photo etched brass 48-168 True Detail resin tires (ribbed) 48-013 True Detail resin tires (diamond) 48-045



MACKIE OVERALL GLOSS SEA BLUE

Lt. R. Mackie flew this aircraft as Officer in Charge of the 1844 Night Fighter Detachment from the HMS Formidable. Lt. Mackie scored 1 confirmed kill and 1 probable on July 25, 1945 in this aircraft. Mackie was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.



As a result of a landing accident at Jarvis Bay, Australia the outboard port wing was replaced with one painted either ANA 608, Mixed Blue (50% white / 50% Insignia blue), or PRU blue. Personal recollections insist ANA 608, but PRU blue is most likely with Mixed Blue an outside possibility. Since all three are similar the final decision is left to the modeler.

HELLCAT MK.

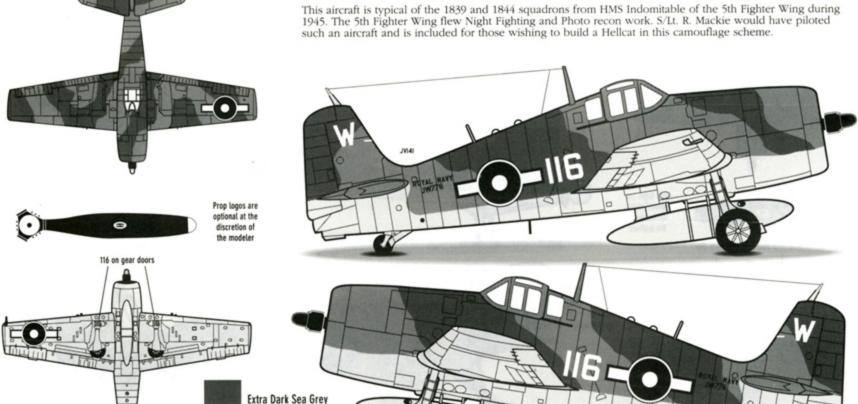
MACKIE

Dark Slate Grey

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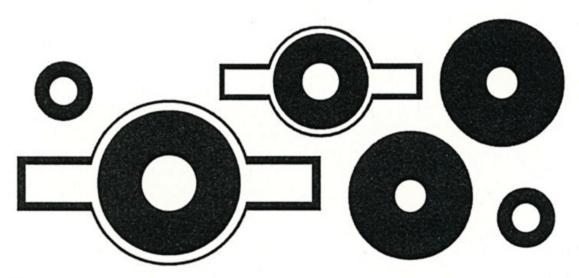
EXTRA DARK SEA GREEN / DARK SLATE GRAY / SKY

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The national insignia decals printed on both sheets have been designed to produce markings that do not have the "step" that is produced when one color is printed over another. In this case, the insignia blue is printed over the insignia white. The national insignia decals have been printed to very tight tolerances. Due to the normal variations in the decal printing process, some of the insignia decals may show a slight bleed of white at the edges. For best results, we recommend that you trim the national insignia prior to application. This technique is utilized by many model builders, particularly when decals are applied to natural metal finishes.

Trim the decals by using a new #11 X-Acto or similar blade. You don't need to cut all the way through the paper backing, only deep enough to cut the decal film. Cut right at the outside edge of the blue border. Use a straight edge as a guide when trimming those areas that are straight lines, e.g. around the bars on the national insignia. The curved areas on the larger national insignia can safely be trimmed by hand. A series of small curving cuts is recommended over a single curving cut. The small roundels on Sheppard's Corsair Mk. II can be done with a template, if you are unwilling to try them by hand. The template you will need is 13/32" dia. Photocopy the samples below. Use them for practice until you are ready to try your hand on the decals. When ready for application, soak the decal in water, remove and discard the trimmed decal film prior to transfer of the insignia to your model. If you need a replacement piece, send a photocopy of the instruction sheet indicating which national insignia you need. A replacement will be sent to you at no charge.



Errata:

- The decal for Atkinson's Hellcat was misprinted. The correct serial number is JW772. This serial number is included as a separate decal. The instruction sheet shows the correct number and it's location.
- The instruction sheet lists Extra Dark Sea Green as one of the colors for Mackie's Hellcat Mk.I. This color should be Extra Dark Sea Grey, as shown in the color legend.
- The instruction sheet for Mackie's Hellcat Mk. I shows the serial number as JW776. This serial number should be JV141 as provided on the decal sheet. The instruction sheet shows the correct location for the serial number. Use the number provided on the decal sheet in the indicated location.