

EagleCals #161

F4U-1 Corsairs-Part 1

The designation F4U-1A was not used in conjunction with the Corsair during wartime service, being adopted postwar to differentiate the differences between sub-variants. Given the popularity of the F4U Corsair, there are a number of nicely detailed kits available in three popular scales that are suitable for these decals.

Feb/Mar 1944 VF-17 Big Hog BuNo Unknown Pilot: Lt. Cdr. John "Tommy" Blackburn. Commanding VF-17, ten victory symbols are applied to the fuselage. This was likely his

third and last Corsair used during the unit's second tour. Colors; Upper surfaces; Non-Specular Sea Blue. Fuselage sides, tail and underwing outboard: Non-Specular Intermediate Blue. Undersurfaces of fuselage, horizontal surfaces and inboard wings: White. Prop. DWG No. 6541A-0.

National Markings: Factory Standard

Stenciling: Factory Standard

References: VF-17 "Jolly Rogers" Part 2. Early US Navy Corsair Units: VF-17's Second Tour. AJ Press.

Aug 1944 Brat III BuNo Unknown VMF-225 Pilot: Capt. Dean S Hartley Jr.

Colors: Upper surfaces: Non-Specular Sea Blue. Fuselage sides, tail and underwing outboard: Non-Specular Intermediate Blue. Undersurfaces of fuselage, horizontal surfaces and inboard wings: White. Prop: Unknown

National Markings: Factory Standard

Stenciling: Factory Standard

References: Internet Photos

VMF-214 Nov 1943 Lucybelle BuNo 18086 Pilot: Maj. Gregory "Pappy" Boyington. This aircraft was never flown by Boyington. It was used during a publicity photo shoot in November 1943 and marked for the occasion. For years it was believed to be named, Lulubelle, recently it has been determined

the correct name is Lucybelle. Colors: Upper surfaces: Non-Specular Sea Blue. Fuselage sides, tail and underwing outboard: Non-Specular Intermediate Blue. Un-

dersurfaces of fuselage, horizontal surfaces and inboard wings: White.

Prop: Unknown. National Markings: Factory Standard

Stenciling: Factory Standard

References: Swashbucklers and Black Sheep

VMF-321 Aug 1944 BuNo Unknown Luscious Lil Nan

The markings for the left side of this aircraft are unknown. A number of VMF-321 aircraft were marked with different names on the opposing side.

Pilot: 1 Lt. Robert Whiting

Colors: Upper surfaces: Non-Specular Sea Blue. Fuselage sides, tail and underwing outboard: Non-Specular Intermediate Blue. Undersurfaces of fuselage, horizontal surfaces and inboard wings: White. Tail ID markings: White or Yellow.

Prop: DWG No. 6501A-0 National Markings: Factory Standard

Stenciling: Factory Standard

References: Internet Photos