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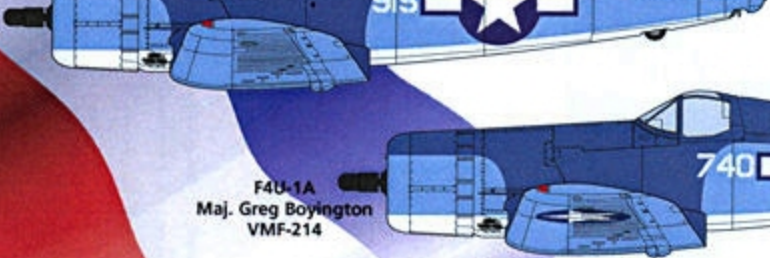
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Maj. Greg Boyington
VMF-214



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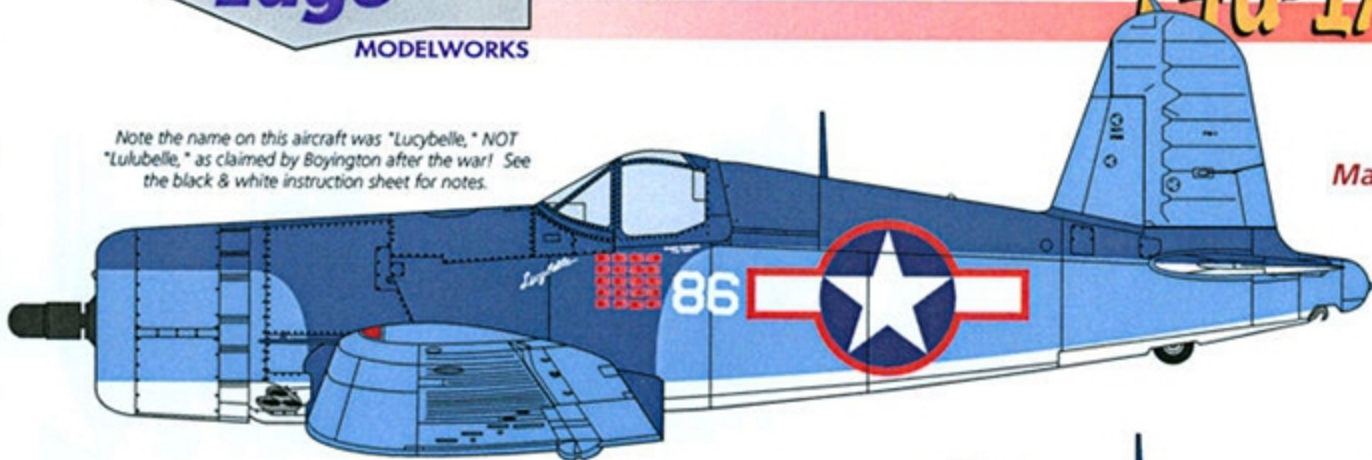
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Note the name on this aircraft was "Lucybellie," NOT "Lulubelle," as claimed by Boyington after the war! See the black & white instruction sheet for notes.

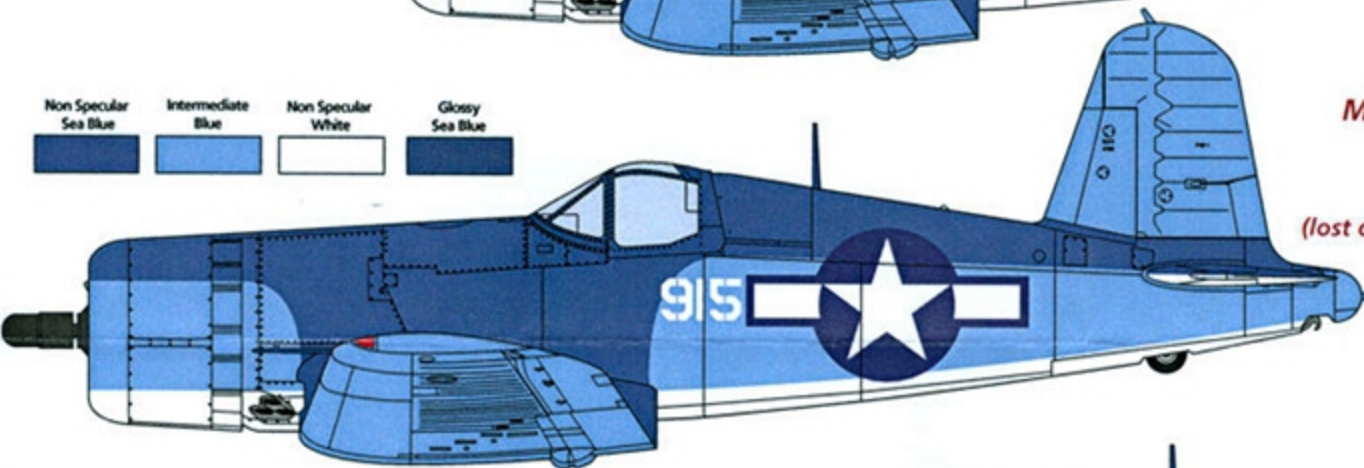


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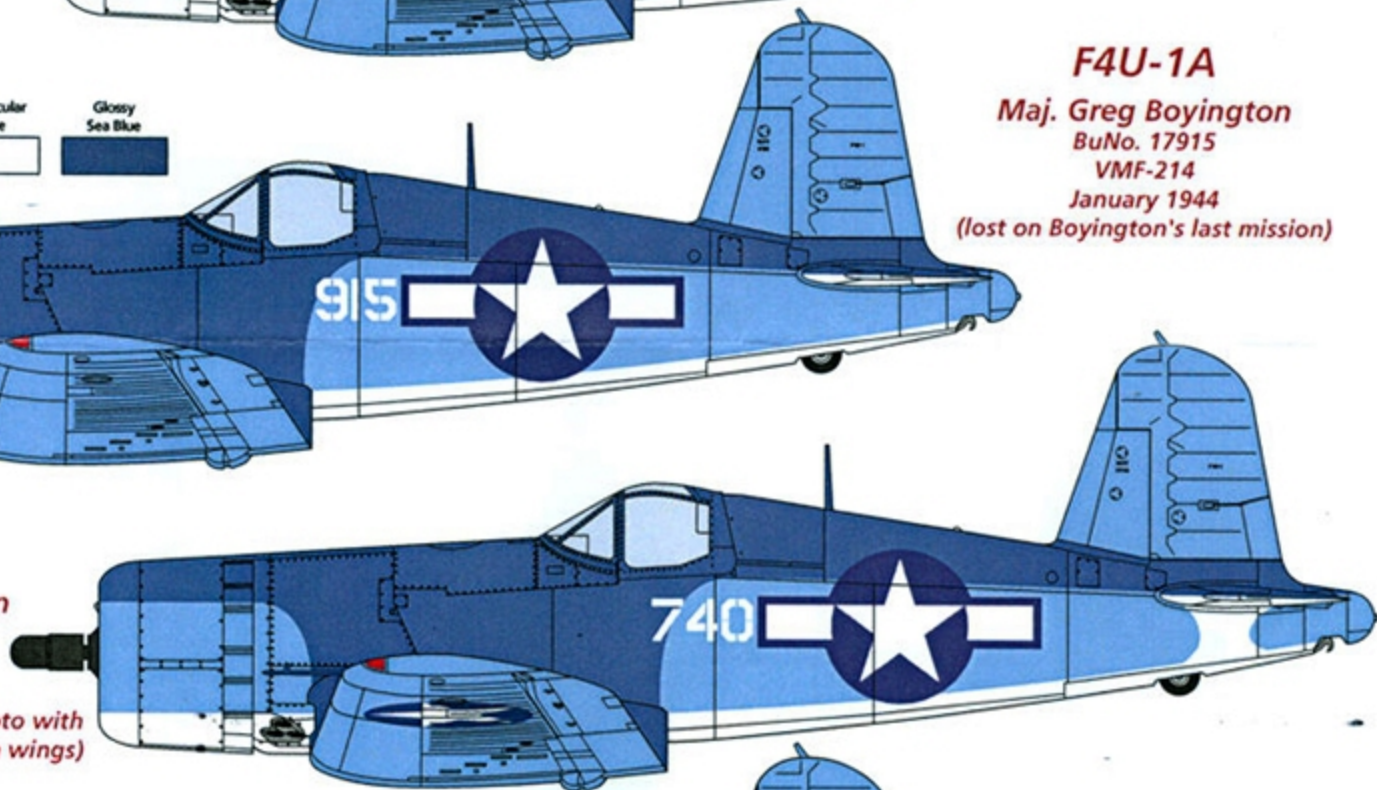
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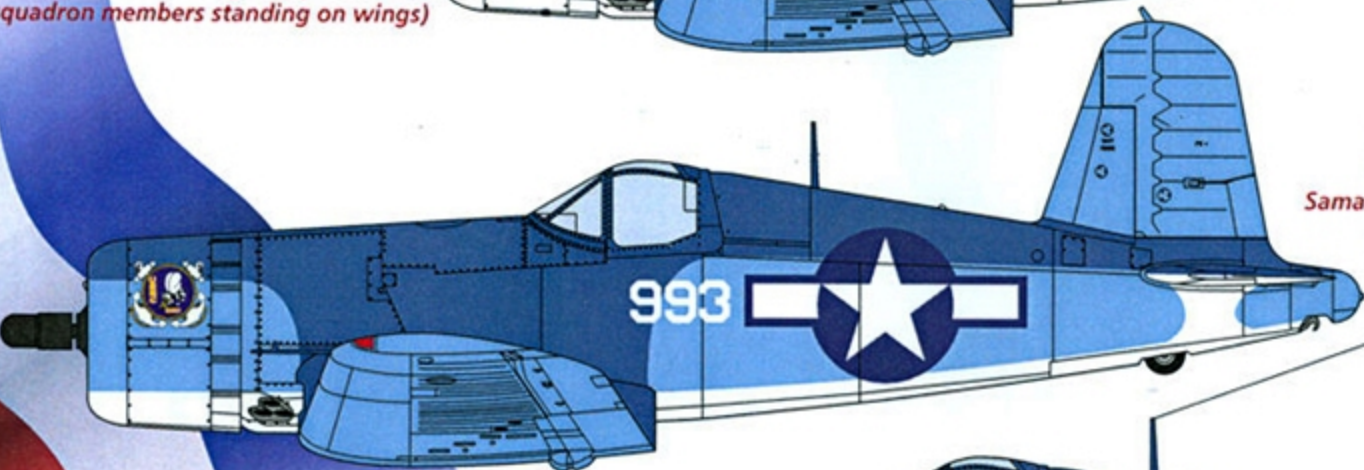
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 BuNo. 17915
 VMF-214
 January 1944
 (lost on Boyington's last mission)



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Maj. Greg Boyington
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 (aircraft used for the group photo with
 squadron members standing on wings)

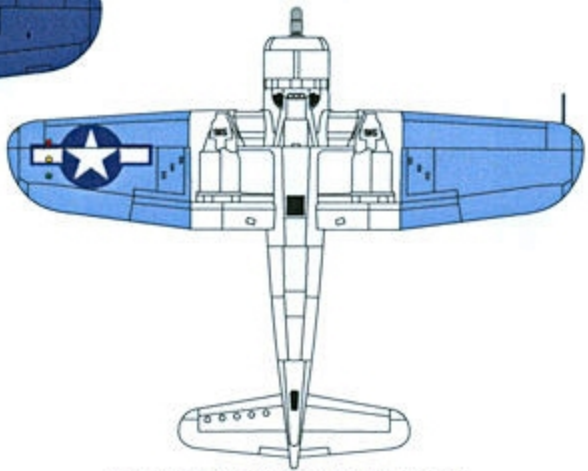
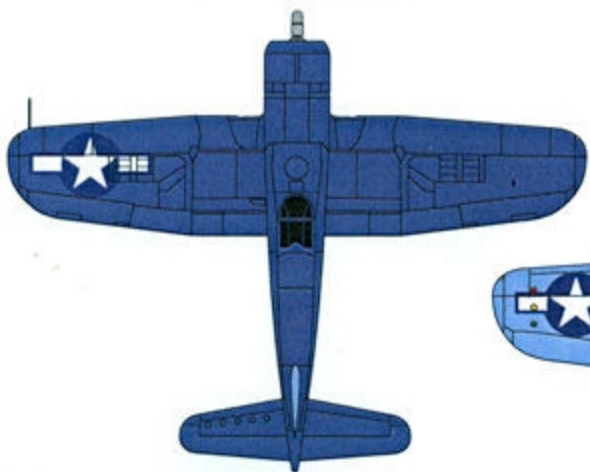
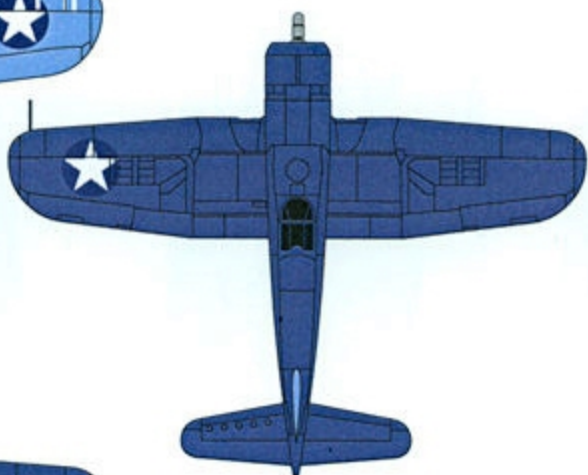
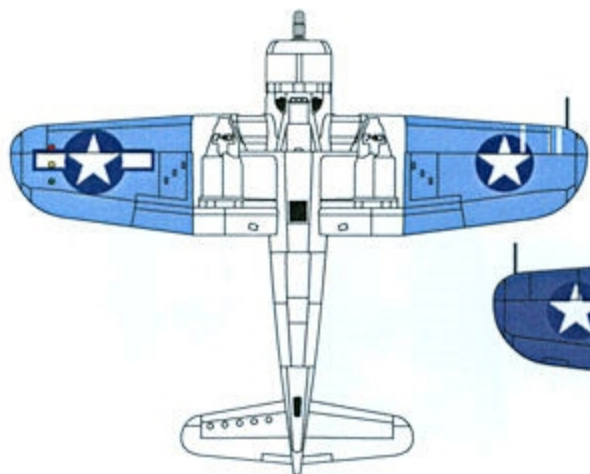
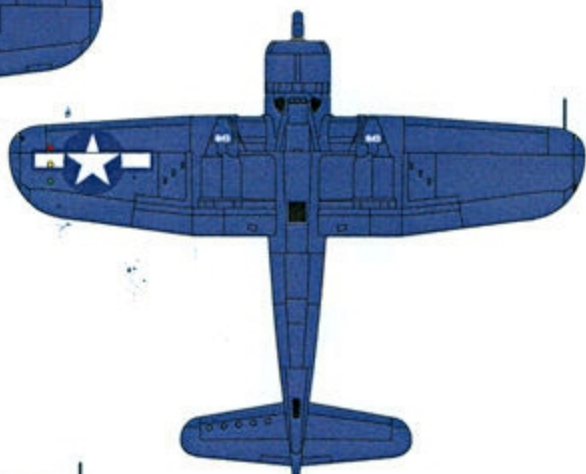
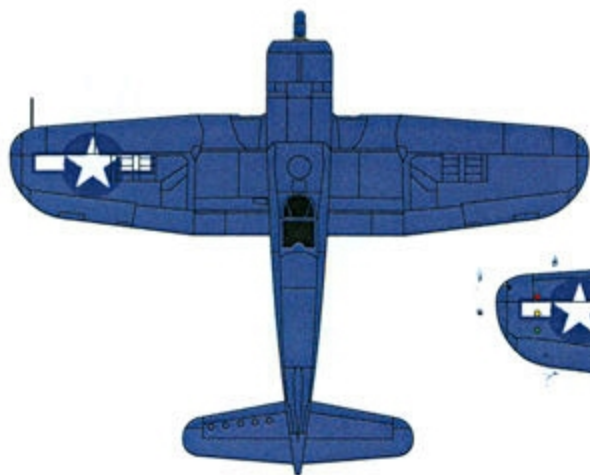


FG-1
VMF-222
 BuNo:13993
 Samar, Philippine Islands
 March 1945



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 VMF-122





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VMF-214

- While no specific aircraft was ever assigned to any one pilot, we have been able to identify the four that Boyington flew from November 1943 to January 1944.

White 883

- This aircraft was shared between Boyington and 1st. Lt. Bob McClurg (7 kills). The kill markings were applied only for publicity photos on the ground and he never flew with them. The name Martha was flown in combat, so if a combat version of this plane is what you want to build just apply that decal separately.

White 86

- The mission markings and "Lucybelle" were applied for a photo op and it is unlikely that Boyington flew this aircraft on any missions after their application.
- Was it Lucybelle or Lulubelle? A crew member's arm covers two letters of the word, which was either Lucybelle or Lulubelle. At that time, Boyington was involved with a Lucy Malcolmson, and Frank Walton from the unit remembers the name as Lucybelle. Ms. Malcolmson and Boyington later had a messy break up and she allegedly kept a large sum of his money. After this time Boyington started "recalling" the name on his ship as 'Lulubelle'. Hmmm...

White 740

- Jim Sullivan supplied us with a beautiful color photo of this aircraft. Of interest is the fact that it had an old style roundel on the lower left wing! We think this might have been a replacement with from one of the unit's F4U-1s that had the early cocarde—but then why are the camo colors the tricolor scheme? We also do not know how the insignia appeared on the upper side as this was not visible in our photo. Both possible styles are supplied.

White 915

- This was the aircraft that Pappy was shot down in on his last mission in January 1944. Boyington was picked up by the Japanese and became a POW until the end of WW II.

Applying the Decals

You probably already know all this stuff, so feel free to use your regular process; however, if you're new to aftermarket decals, here goes:

- Generally, use the Microscale Finishing System. We don't recommend extremely strong decal solvents such as Solvaset.
- Your model must have a smooth, glossy surface, as decals won't adhere well to matte surfaces. Use gloss paints or your favorite clear gloss overspray over matte or semigloss paint.
- Cut each subject out without trimming off the slight excess film (this helps the decal film disappear when dry).
- Put the decal in warm water that has a drop or two of liquid dishwashing soap or photo-flo for 10 seconds.
- When the decal will slide off the backing paper without forcing it, apply it to the proper position on your model. Slide the backing paper out from underneath.
- Gently blot off excess water and smooth out bubbles under the decal surface. If you wish, carefully brush on a mild decal softener such as Micro-Sol.
- When all decals are completely dry, gently wash off all excess decal adhesive.
- Finally, overcoat your model with a good quality gloss coat, followed by your choice of matte or eggshell clear topcoat.

FS 595 Color Cross Reference

FS 5042 Pro Modeler 88-0041
FS 5045 Pro Modeler 88-0040
FS 5164 Pro Modeler 88-0039

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