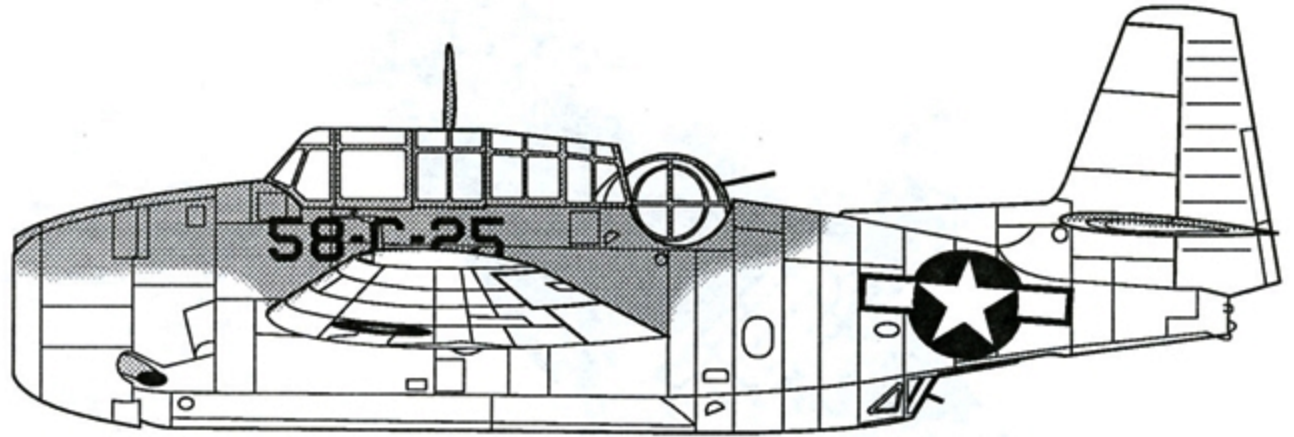


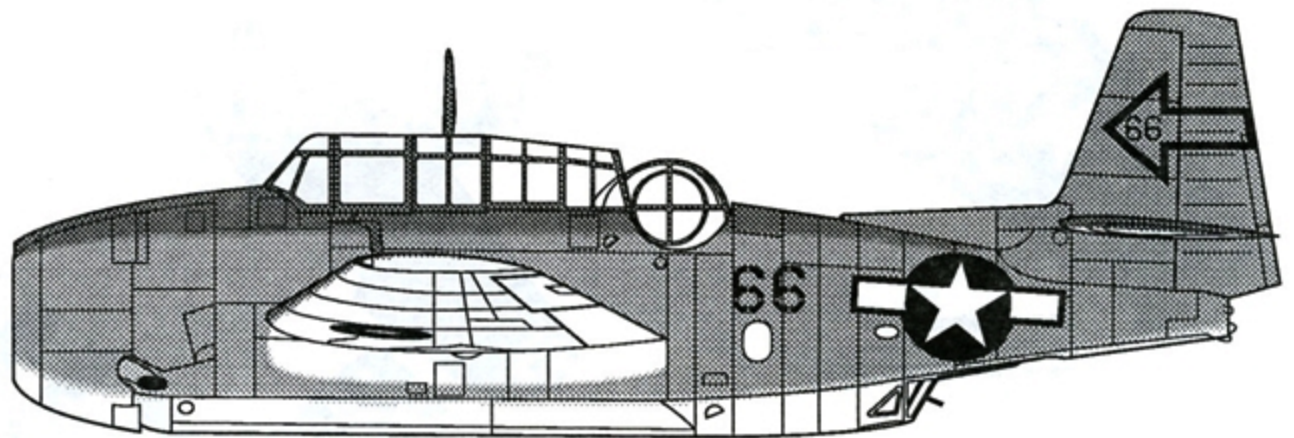
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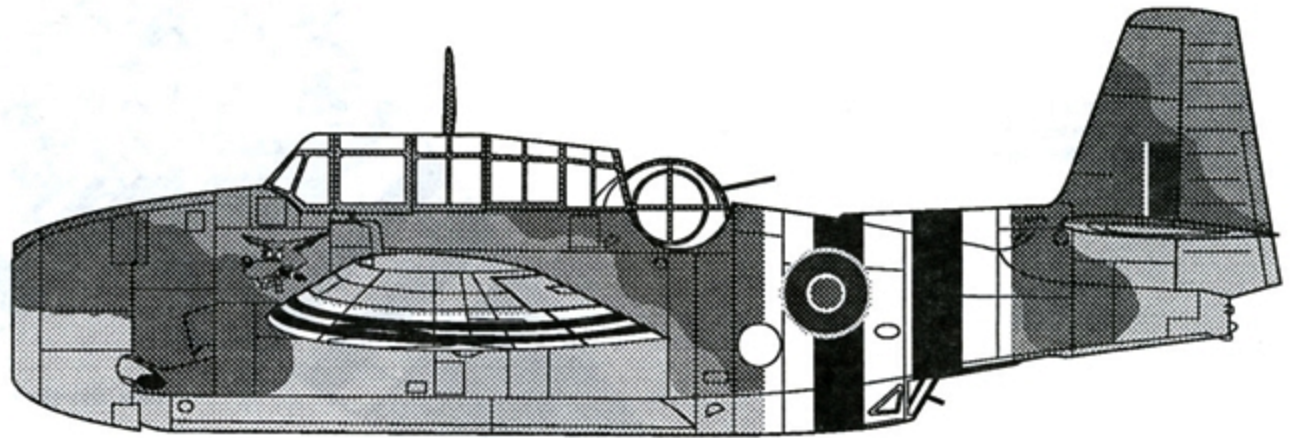
TBM-1C Avenger of Composite Squadron 58. Aircraft is in ASW scheme consisting of Dark Gull Grey uppersurfaces and white sides and undersurfaces. National insignia carried in four positions.



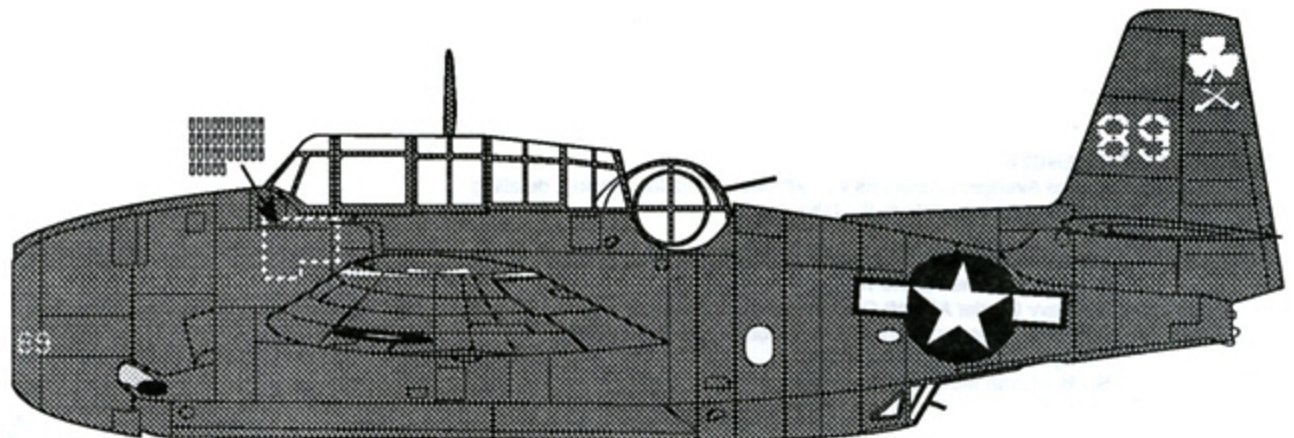
TBM-3 Avenger of VT(N)-90, operating on night intruder missions off USS Enterprise, March 1945. Aircraft is in three tone scheme consisting of semi-gloss Sea Blue uppersurfaces, non specular Intermediate Blue sides, and non specular white undersurfaces. The turret guns have been removed.

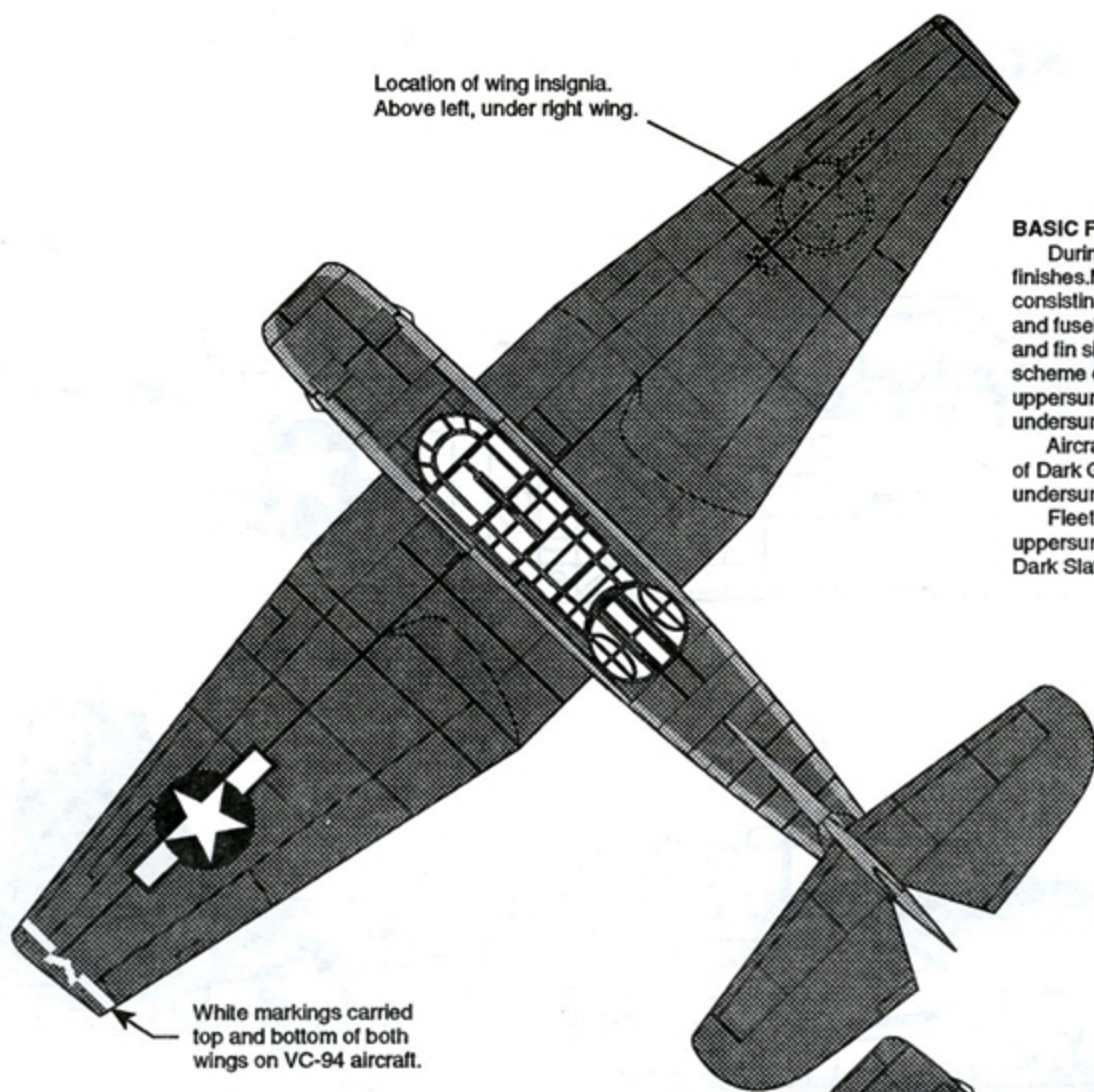


Fleet Air Arm Avenger II (TBF-1C) based at Donibristle during 1944. Camouflage is Extra Dark Sea Grey and Dark Slate Grey with Sky undersurfaces. Black and white invasion stripes carried around wings and fuselage. Note the round window found on FAA aircraft. No underwing roundels carried.



TBM-3 Avenger of VC-94, USS Shamrock Bay. Aircraft is overall Sea Blue – gloss on the uppersurfaces and non specular on the lower fuselage and undersurfaces. Note that the white mission markings are carried on the right side of the fuselage.



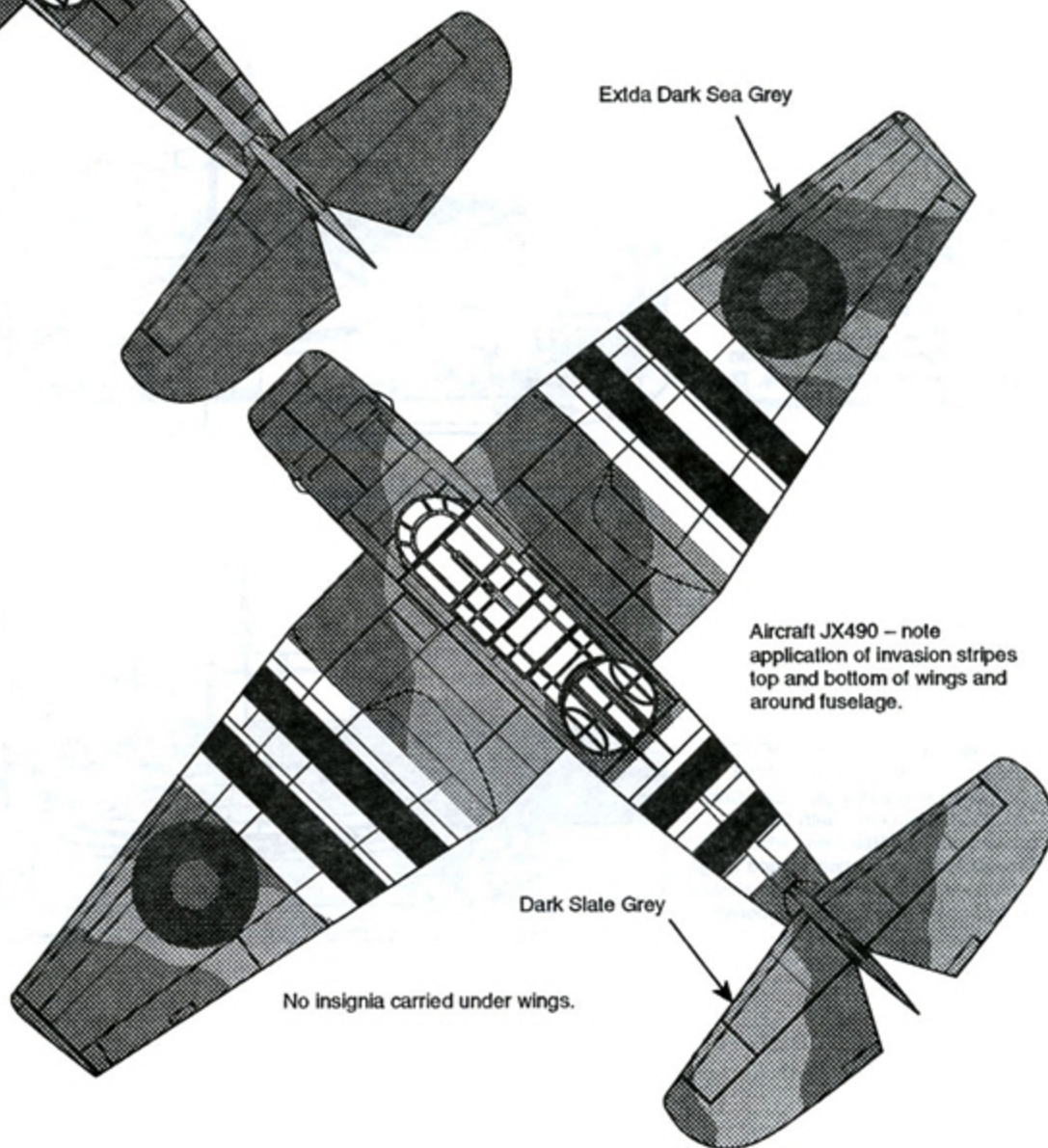


BASIC FINISHES

During its wartime career the Avenger carried a number of finishes. Most common were the standard three-tone scheme consisting of semi-gloss Sea Blue on upper surfaces of wings, tail and fuselage, non specular (matte) Intermediate Blue on fuselage and fin sides, and non specular White on the undersides. The later scheme consisted of overall Sea Blue, being gloss on the upper surfaces and non-specular on the lower fuselage and undersurfaces.

Aircraft on Atlantic ASW duty generally carried a finish consisting of Dark Gull Grey upper surfaces and White sides and undersurfaces.

Fleet Air Arm aircraft, such as that depicted here, carried an upper surface pattern of Extra Dark Sea Grey (darker tone) and Dark Slate Grey, with undersurfaces finished in Sky.



KITS

Monogram has long had available a 1/48 Avenger kit. Several versions are also now available from Accurate Miniatures.

REFERENCES

Among the Avenger references you will find useful for building, detailing and finishing your model are the following:

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