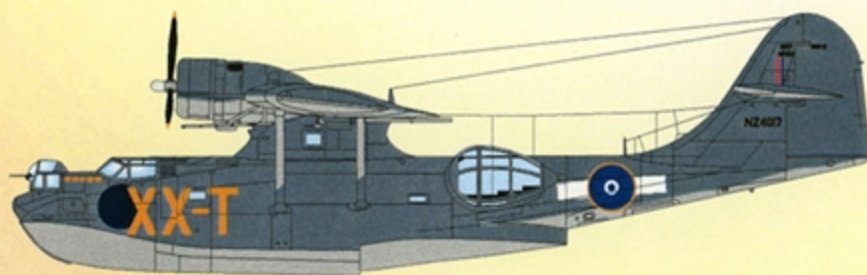
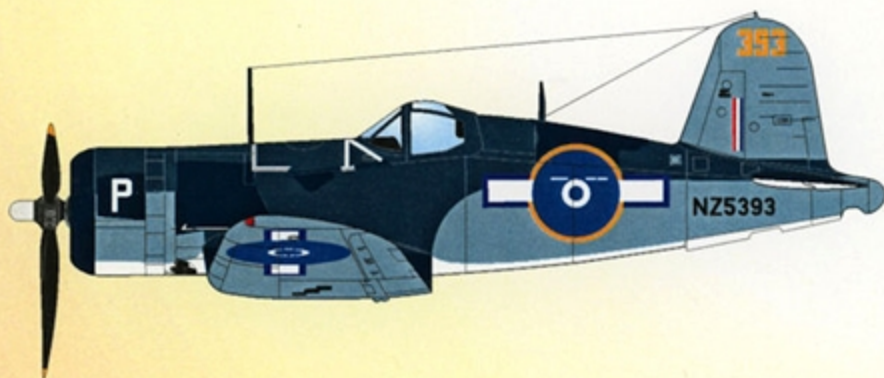
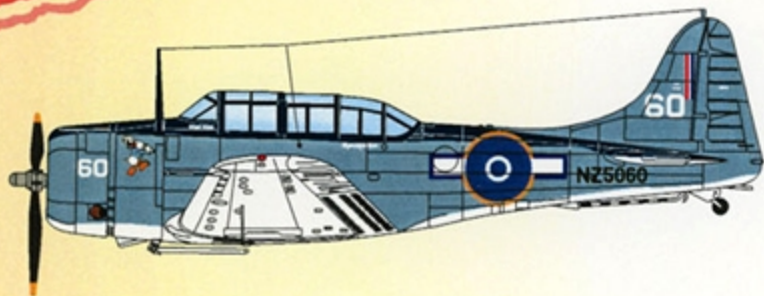


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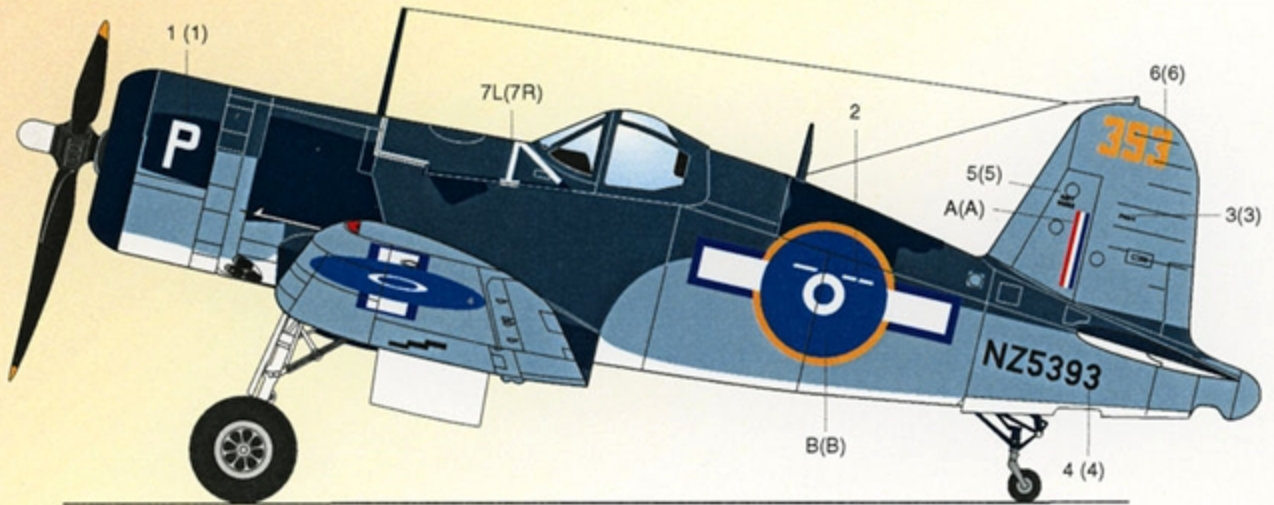
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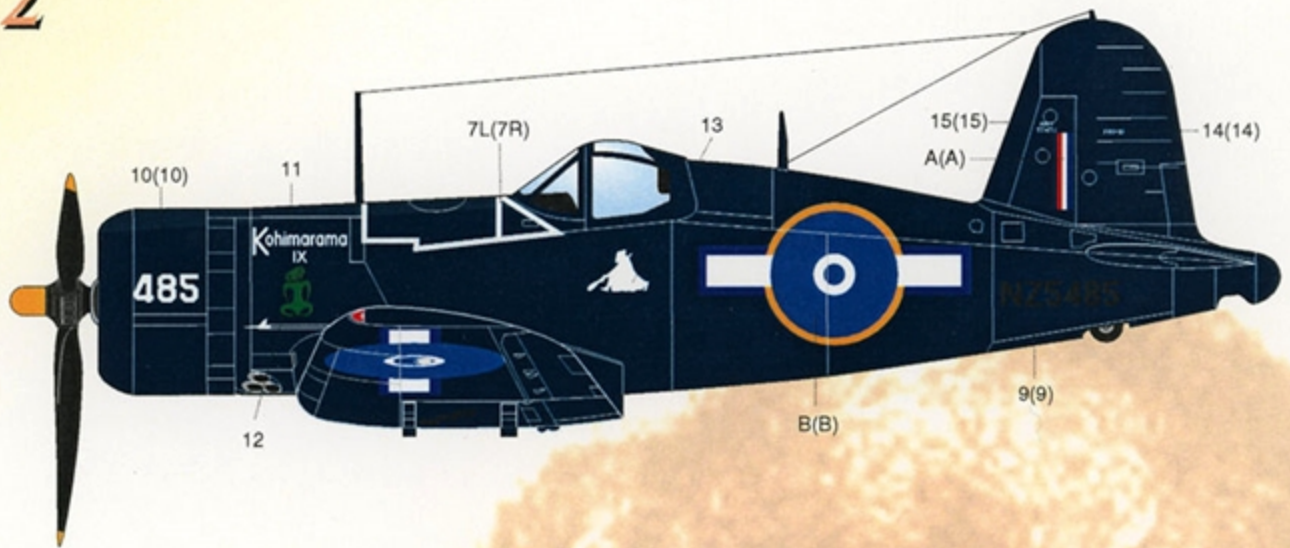
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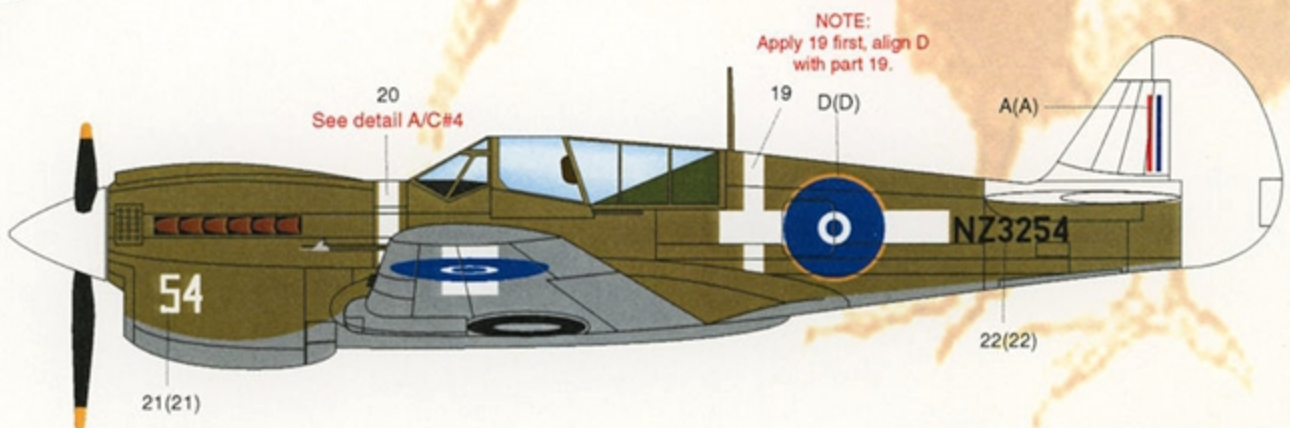
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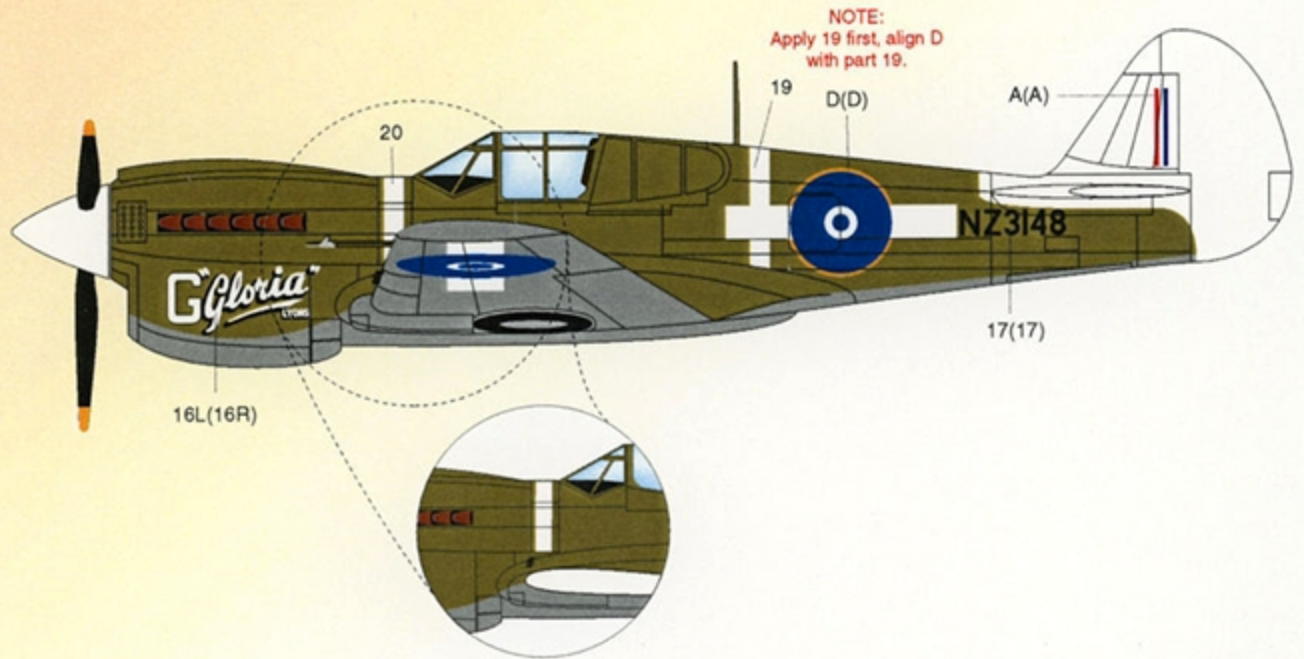


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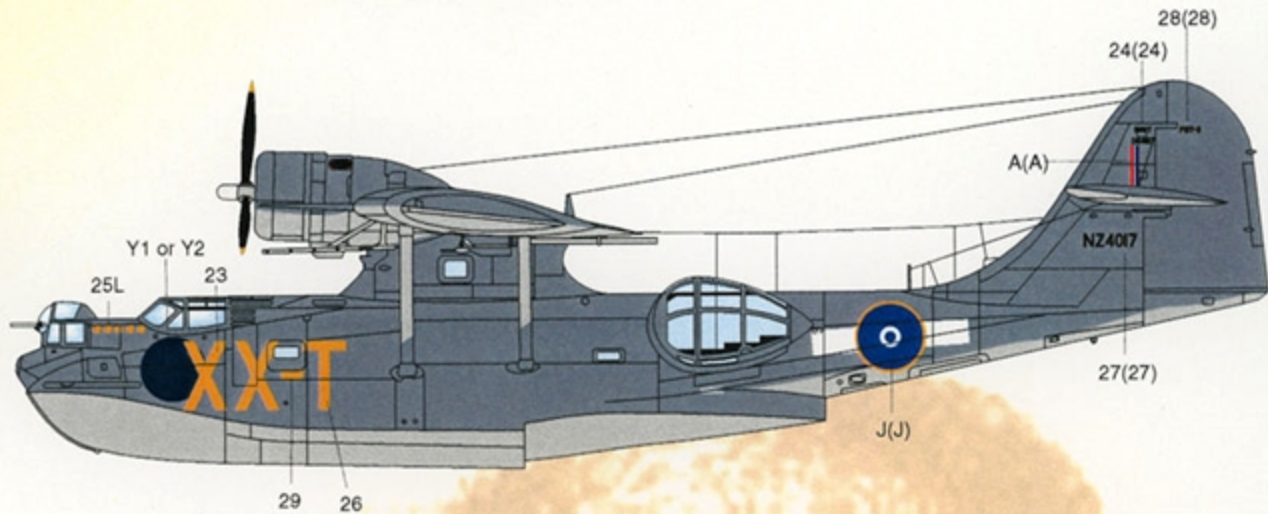
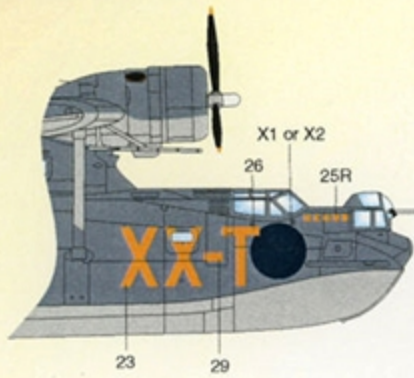
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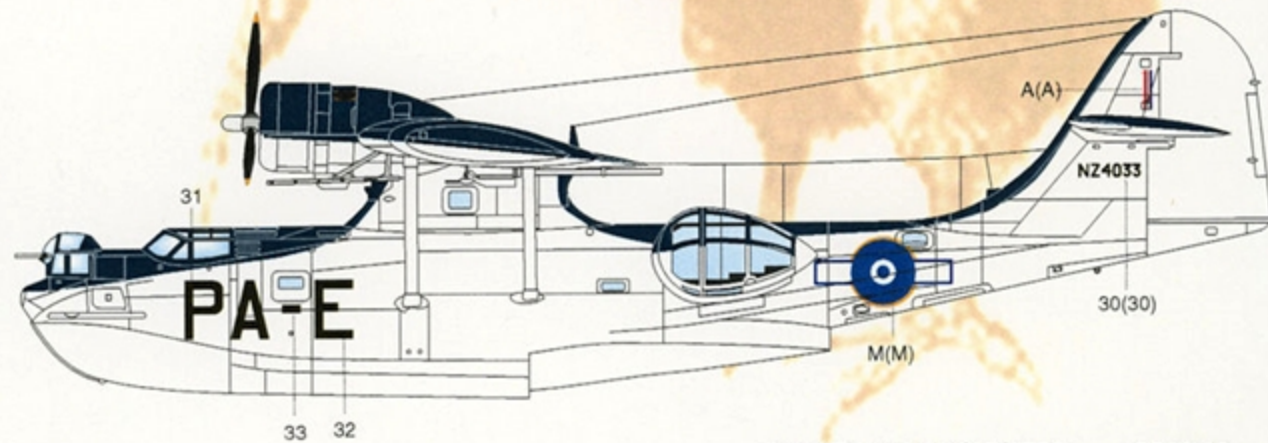
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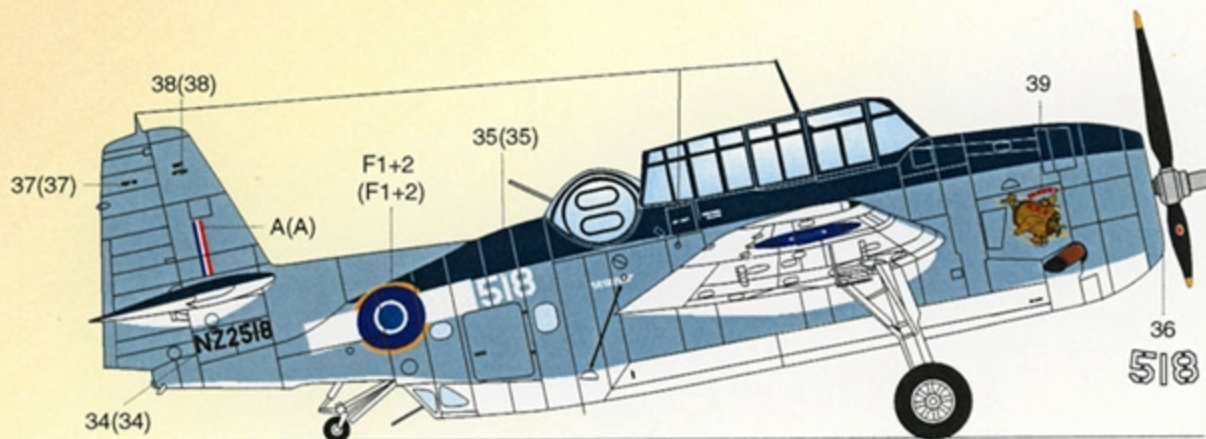


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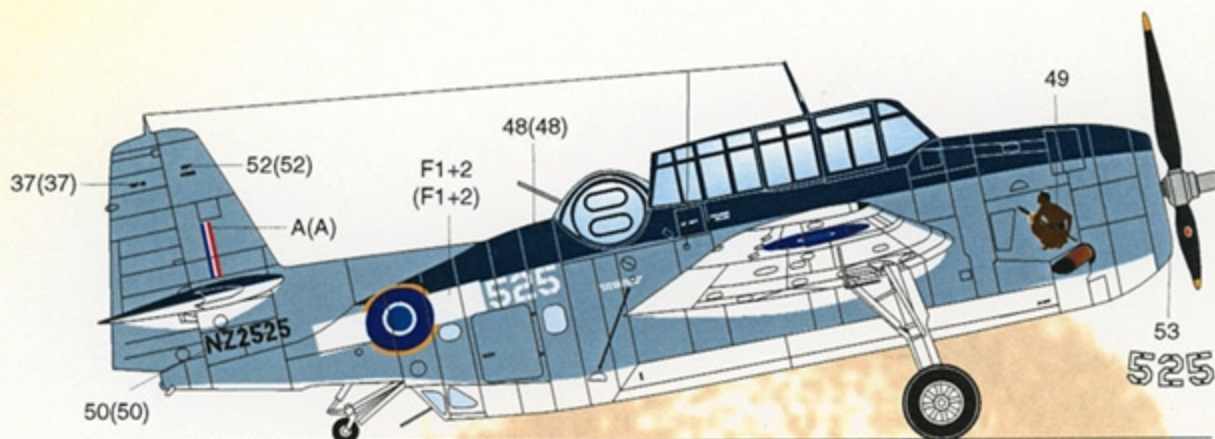
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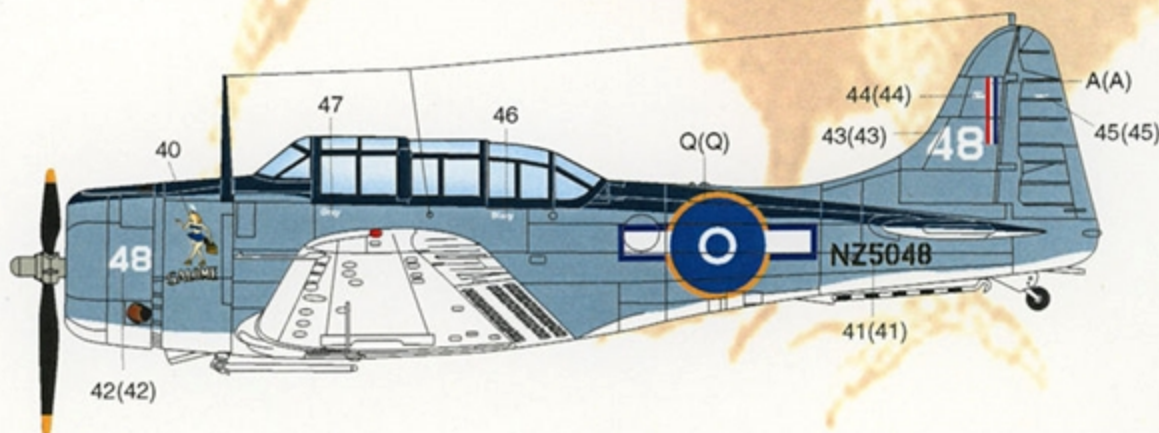
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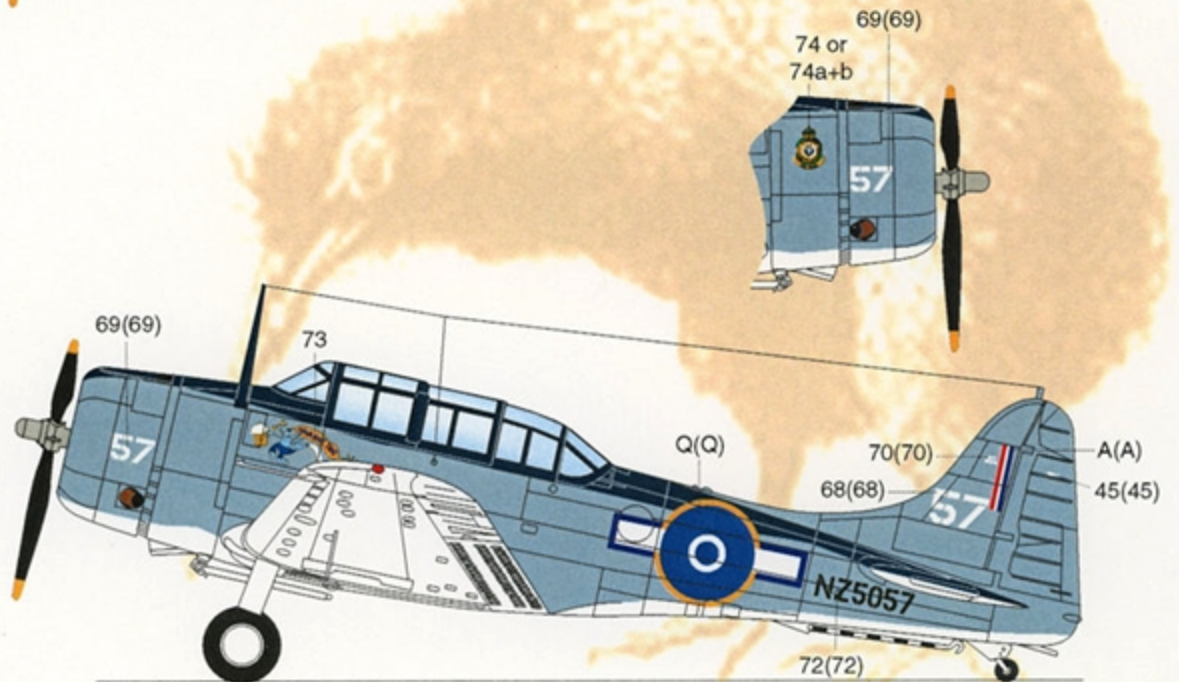
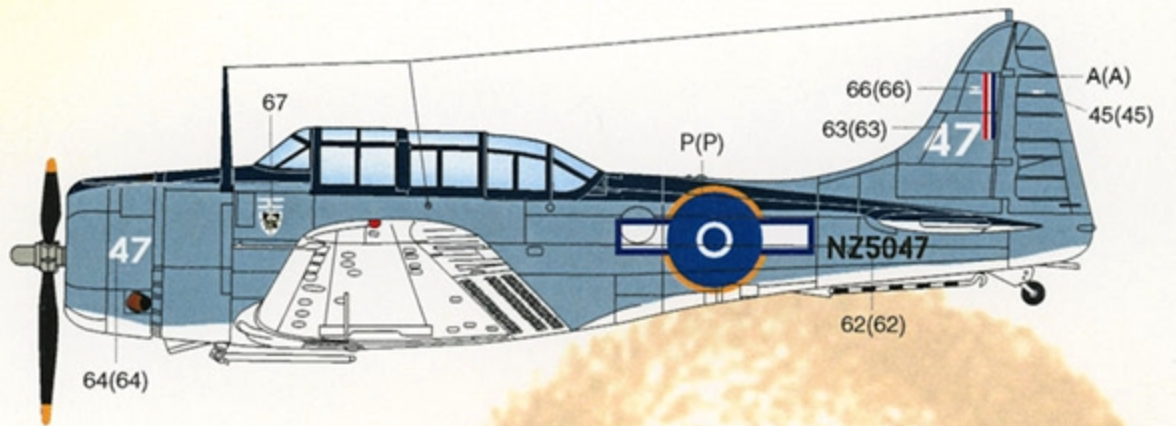
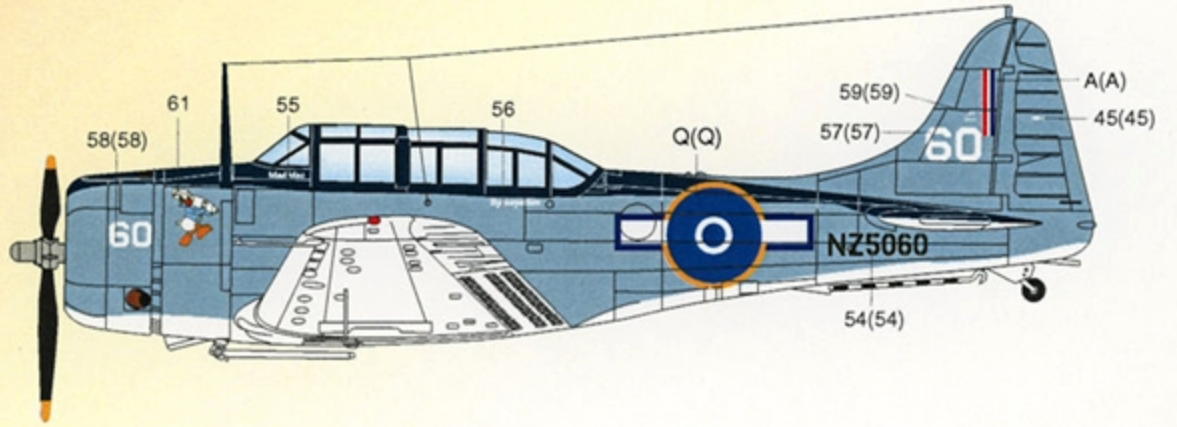


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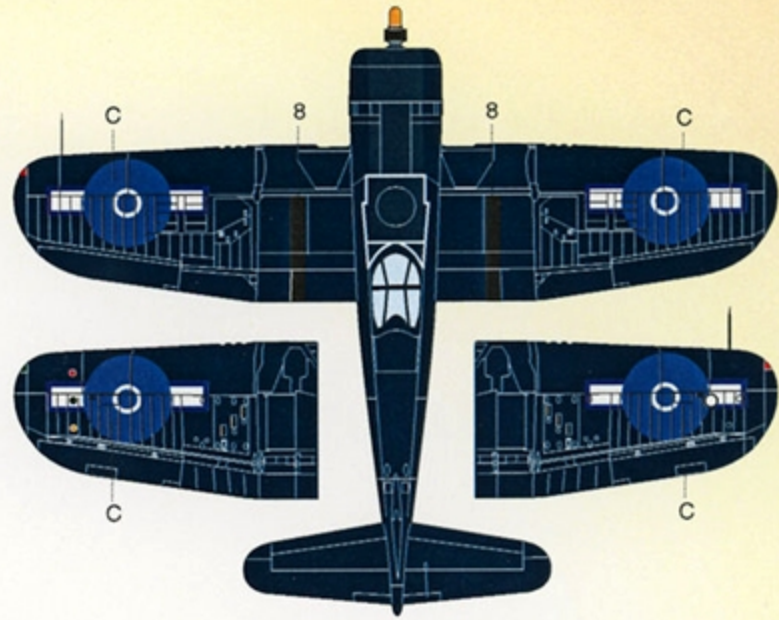
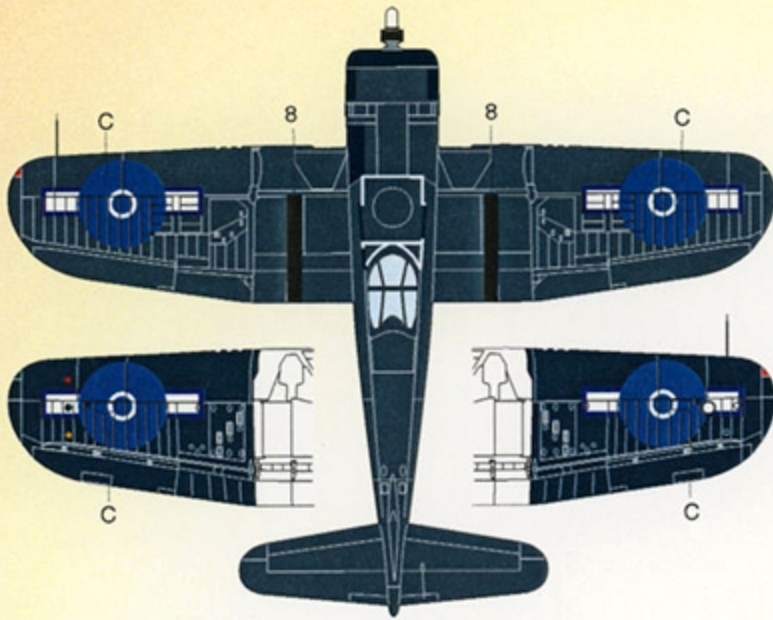
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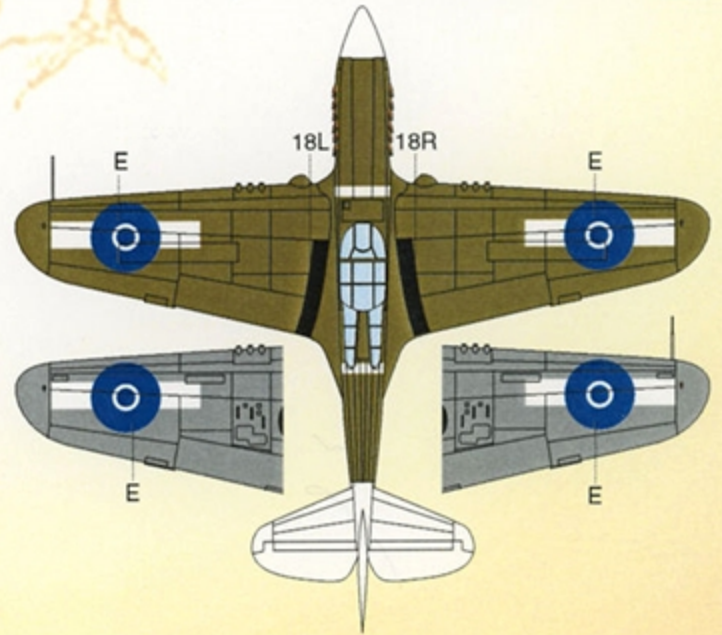
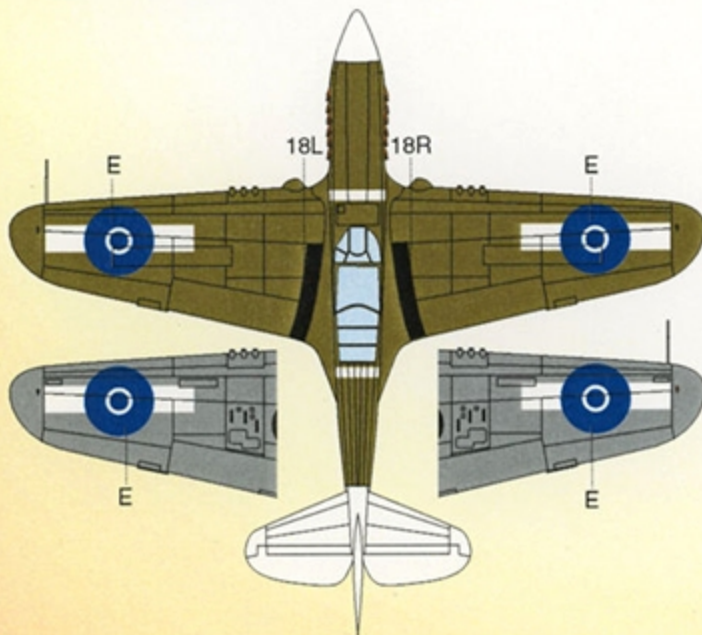
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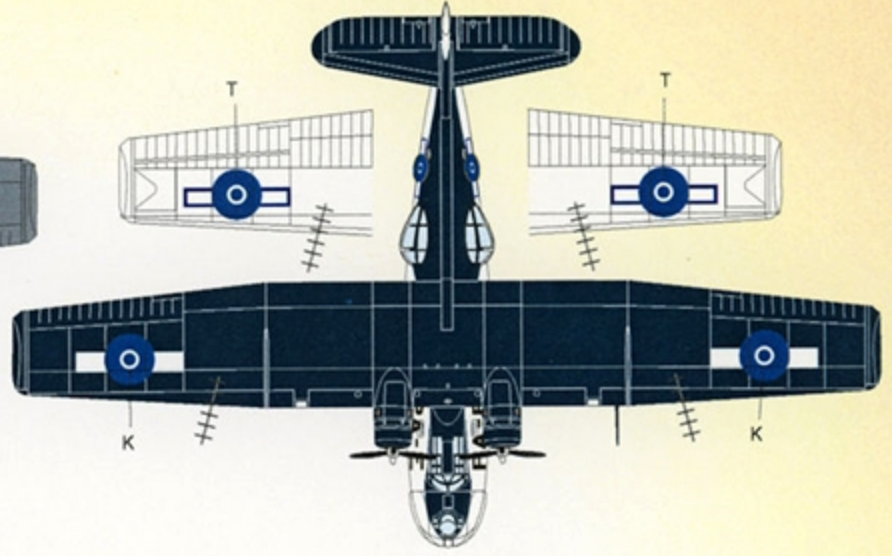
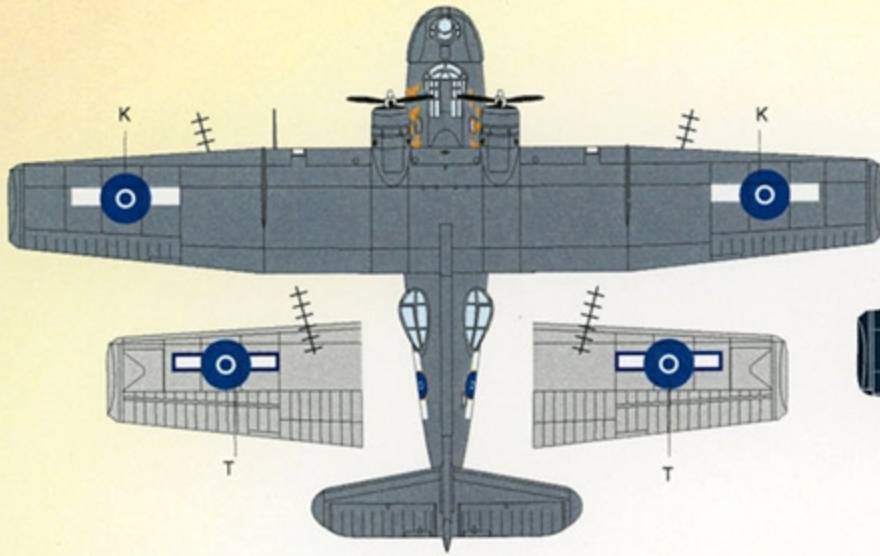


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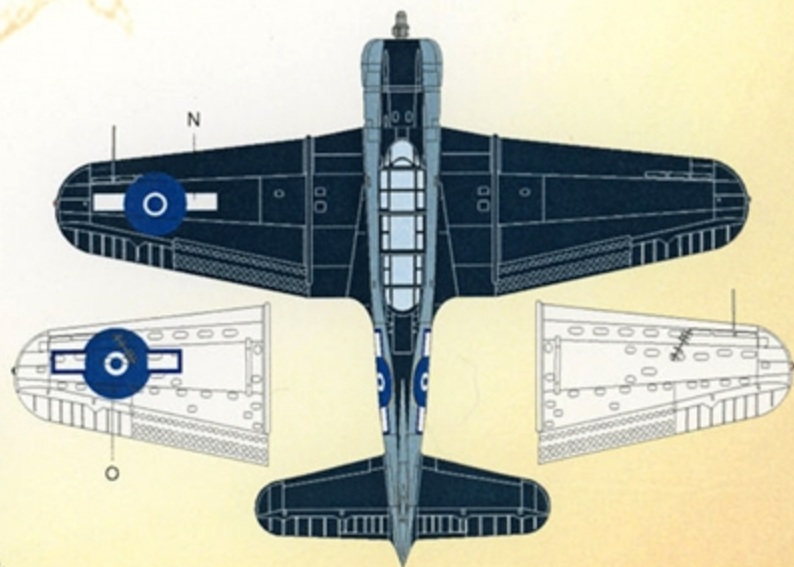
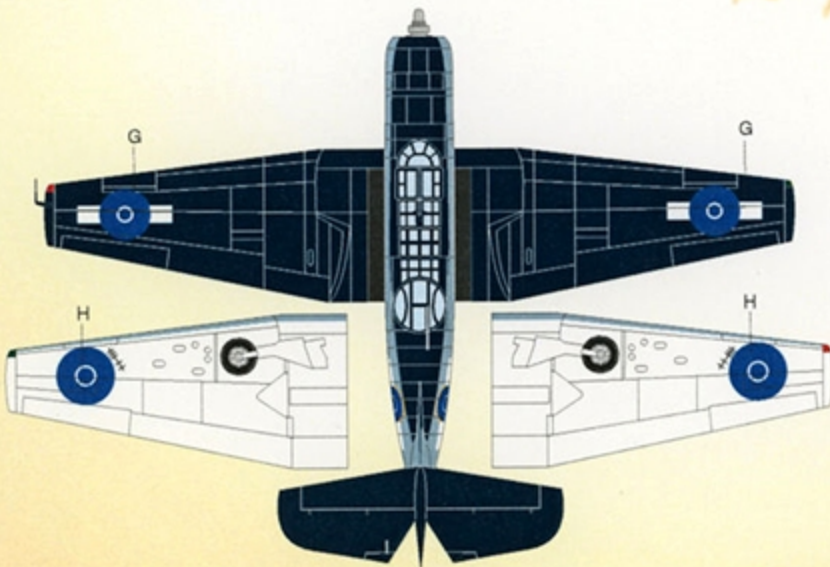
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F4U-1 Corsair BuNo. 50182 NZ5393. No. 25 Squadron, RNZAF, based at Los Negros Island in January, 1945. Extremely worn US Navy scheme of Non Specular Sea Blue (FS35042) and Semi-Gloss Sea Blue (FS25042) upper surfaces, Intermediate Blue (FS35164) sides and lower outboard wing panels, and White (FS37880) on lower surfaces. Fresh Glossy Sea Blue (FS15042) was used to overpaint earlier markings and the cowl ring. When RNZAF roundels were painted over US stars, the masking tape pulled off some of the new paint on the left side. White tape covers the forward fuel tank seams. No tail hook.



2
F4U-1 Corsair BuNo. 57473 NZ5485 Kohimarama IX No. 23 Squadron /5 Servicing Unit, RNZAF, based at Emirau in the St. Matthias Islands during August, 1945. Overall USN Glossy Sea Blue (FS 15042) finish with glossy Orange Yellow prop hub. Personal emblem and No. 23 Sq Ghost emblem carried on the left side only. Panels over the forward fuselage fuel tank were sealed with White tape. Pitot tip was painted White. Equipped with zero-length rocket launchers under the wings. No tail hook.



3
P-40N 43-23245 Warhawk NZ23148. No. 15 Squadron / 2 Servicing Unit, RNZAF, based at Ondonga, New Georgia, in October of 1943. Finished in standard US Army camouflage of Olive Drab 41 (FS 34087) over Neutral Gray 43 (FS 36173). RNZAF roundels applied in six positions over US star insignia. White spinner and 6" (15cm) fuselage ID stripes forward and aft of the cockpit.



4
P-40N 42-104752 Warhawk NZ3254 Gloria Lyons No. 4 Servicing Unit, RNZAF, based at Ondonga in December of 1943. USAAF Olive Drab and Neutral Gray scheme with White spinner and fuselage ID stripes. Gloria Lyons was a 19-year old tuberculosis patient in Christchurch who was "adopted" by the squadron as their mascot. Aircraft was a P-40N-1 with the early style canopy but with a six-gun wing, making its outwardly identical to the P-40M. The first of three P-40s to carry the Gloria Lyons name.



5
PB5-1 PB5 Catalina BuNo. 08467 serving with No. 6 (Flying Boat) Squadron, Royal New Zealand Air Force as NZ4017 at Second Channel, New Hebrides Islands. On 4 February 1944, it rescued five survivors from a ditched USAAF B-24 south of Nauru Island, for which the pilot, F/O D.S. Beauchamp, was awarded the DFC. The five Dumbo elephants forward of the cockpit recall this mission. Very weathered US Navy early war finish of Blue Gray (FS35189) and Light Gray (FS36440). Earlier national insignia on both sides of the nose painted out in Sea Blue (FS35042).



6
PB2B-1 Catalina serving with No. 5 (F. B.) Sq, RNZAF as NZ4033. Based at Second Channel in late 1944. PB2B was the designation of the Catalina flying boats built by Boeing. US Navy Glossy Sea Blue (FS15042) upper surfaces with flat Insignia White (FS37880) sides and hull with a hard edged separation between the two. RNZAF Catalinas used the later "eyeball" style of nose turret. Note the bulged windows on the hull aft of the national insignia.



7
1. TBF-1C Avenger BuNo. 47736 NZ2518 Plonky No. 30 Squadron / 30 Servicing Unit RNZAF based at Piva, Bougainville, in May of 1944. Pilot: Flying Officer Fred Ladd. Standard US Navy scheme of Non-Specular Sea Blue (FS35045) on the upper fuselage, Semi-Gloss Sea Blue (FS25042) on upper wing and horizontal tail surfaces, Intermediate Blue (FS35164) sides, and Insignia White (FS37880) undersurfaces. RNZAF roundels in six positions were overpainted RAF types with bars added to the fuselage and upper wings only. Plonky carried on right side only. Note aircraft number under the nose on cowl ring.



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5. TBF-1C Avenger BuNo. 47858 NZ2525. No. 30 Squadron / 30 Servicing Unit RNZAF based at Piva, Bougainville, in April 1944. Pilot was Sgt. W. McKenzie. Standard US Navy four-tone camouflage scheme. RNZAF roundels in six positions were overpainted RAF types with bars added to the fuselage and upper wings only. Maori nose art, applied to right side, was based on the New Zealand one shilling coin. Aircraft number carried under the nose on cowl ring.



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3. SBD-5 Dauntless BuNo. 36895 NZ5048 Salome No. 25 (Dive Bomber) Squadron, RNZAF, based at Piva, Bougainville, April, 1944. Piloted by F/O G.C. Howie, with F/Sgt J.S.R. Robertson the gunner. Standard mid-war US Navy four-tone camouflage scheme. US national insignia was modified to RNZAF type and carried in four positions only. Personal insignia and crew names were carried on the left side. Yagi antennas under both wings and large A-24 type pneumatic tail wheel.



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2. SBD-5 Dauntless BuNo. 28516 NZ5060. No. 25 (Dive Bomber) Squadron, RNZAF, based at Piva, Bougainville, April, 1944. Piloted by F/O L.A. McLellan-Symonds. Flight Sergeant R.F. Bailey was his gunner. Standard US Navy four-tone camouflage of Semi-Gloss and Non-Specular Sea Blue upper surfaces, Intermediate Blue side surfaces and Insignia White lower surfaces. US national insignia modified to RNZAF type. Donald Duck and aircrew names carried on the left side only. Note the yagi antennas under both wings and the large A-24 type pneumatic tail wheel.



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4. SBD-5 Dauntless BuNo. 36891 NZ5047 Carborundum No. 25 (Dive Bomber) Squadron, RNZAF, based at Piva, Bougainville, in April, 1944. Piloted by F/O L.H.F. Brown, the gunner was F/Sgt G.D. Ashworth. Standard mid-war USN four-tone camouflage scheme. US national insignia modified to RNZAF type in four positions. Personal insignia carried under left windscreen, loose translation = Don't let the Bastards Grind You Down. Yagi antennas under both wings and large A-24 type pneumatic tail wheel.



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6. SBD-5 Dauntless BuNo. 36925 NZ5057 Howa Bout That! Personal aircraft of Squadron Leader T.J. McLean, Officer Commanding No. 25 (Dive Bomber) Squadron, RNZAF. F/O L.T. Sewell was the observer/gunner. Based at Piva, Bougainville, April, 1944. Standard mid-war US Navy four-tone camouflage scheme. RNZAF insignia modified from US national insignia in four positions. Personal insignia on the left side and No. 25 Sq badge on the right side. Yagi antennas under both wings and large A-24 type pneumatic tail wheel.

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