

# ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS – GERMAN BATTLESHIP

# Bismarck



THE SCALE OF THIS MODEL IS  
1/594 ACTUAL SIZE  
OR  
1"–49' 6"

H-350

### FOR BEST RESULTS, READ THIS FIRST

1. Since this kit is moulded of styrene plastic, use only Revell S cement. **Do not let cement touch your eyes, furniture or clothing.**
2. Apply cement sparingly. Excess cement may run and damage the details on your model.

3. Carefully trim any excess plastic from parts before assembling. This will result in parts fitting together perfectly, and also enable moving parts to move freely.

### THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT

4. All parts are numbered for easy identification, or the numbers are engraved on the bar next to the part.

Carefully remove each part from its bar only when that part is to be used.

5. Start with No. 1 and cement it to No. 2, etc. The R and L tells you where the part is to be placed. "RIGHT SIDE" or "LEFT SIDE."
6. With Revell paint set colours, paint all the parts where indicated and allow to dry before assembling. All colours are flagged as shown in white.

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7. Directions for applying decals are on the back of the Decal sheet.
8. Carefully follow these numbered steps, for ease in building your model.

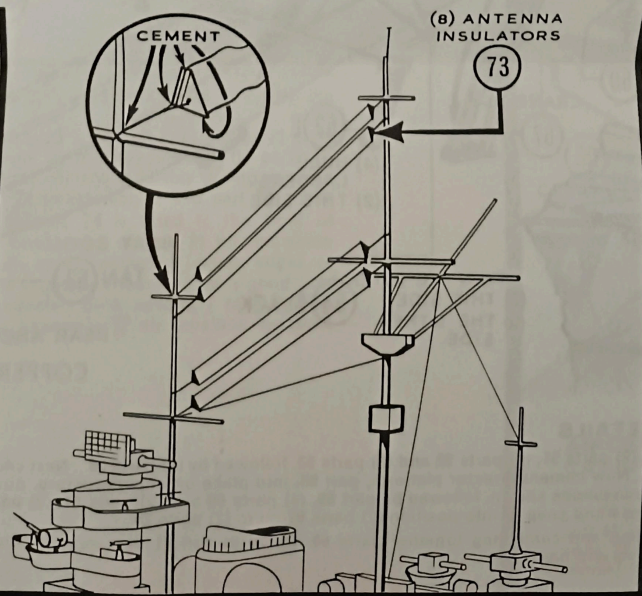
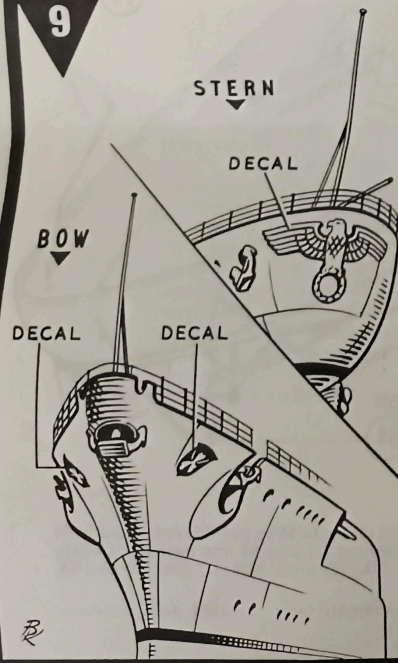
## HISTORY OF YOUR GERMAN BATTLESHIP BISMARCK

With the immobilisation of the German warships *Gneisenau* and *Scharnhorst* at Brest, the German High Command decided on immediate action in an attempt to defeat the British battleship escort in the Atlantic. The *Bismarck* and *Prince Eugen* were ordered to sea on the 18th May, 1941—the *Bismarck* to tie down the British battleships, and the *Prince Eugen* to act as raider. It was a fateful decision which was to have dire consequences on each of the opposing forces. At the first movement of the German warships, they were sighted by H.M.S. *Norfolk* and H.M.S. *Suffolk* who got word through to Admiral Tovey in the *King George V* and Admiral Holland in the *Hood*, these two ships, in company with H.M.S. *Prince of Wales* and four destroyers, closed at full speed. The British force prepared for action on 24th May, 1941. The two cruisers, however, lost sight of the *Bismarck* and *Prince Eugen* in a blinding snowstorm. They were seen again shortly after, and action started at 5.30 a.m. and fire was opened by all four ships at about 26,500 yards. By 6 a.m. the *Hood* was gone—sunk—with her midships a blazing inferno, and all but a few hands lost. Outgunned and outnumbered, Captain Leach of the *Prince of Wales* took the only course open to him. The *Prince of Wales* broke off the engagement but continued to shadow the German ships with the cruisers *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*. Drastic steps were then taken by the British Admiralty to head off the German battleships, and every available British warship was ordered into the battle area. After several intermittent skirmishes, it was apparent that the *Bismarck* and the *Prince Eugen* were heading back for Brest. The *Prince of Wales* and *Repulse* (who had joined in the chase), however, were running short of fuel and were forced to return to port. The aircraft carrier *Ark Royal* now joined the fray with her squadrons of *Swordfish* going into action. Had not these aircraft been effective in slowing down the *Bismarck* she would have found refuge near Brest, under the protection of her own U-Boats and heavy bombers, before the *Rodney* (also now in the chase) was in firing range. History shows that the *Bismarck* did not achieve this refuge, and was silenced for ever by the guns of H.M.S. *Rodney* fired almost at point blank range. The German battleship finally went down when her engineer blew explosive charges in the sea valves, the routine duty before abandoning ship. Thus ended one of the most thrilling and dramatic sea actions of World War II, when radar was used for the first time to control gunfire during night firing.



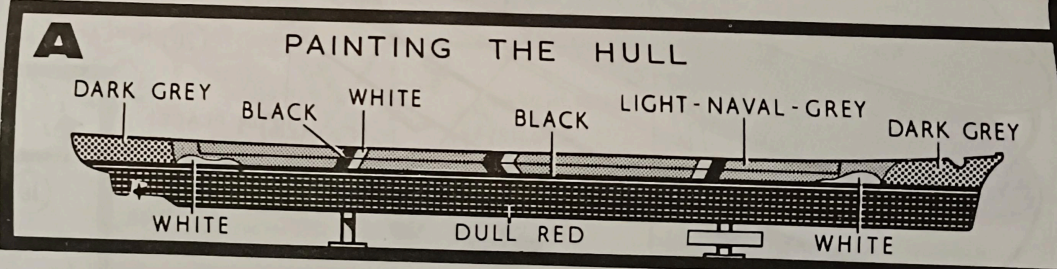
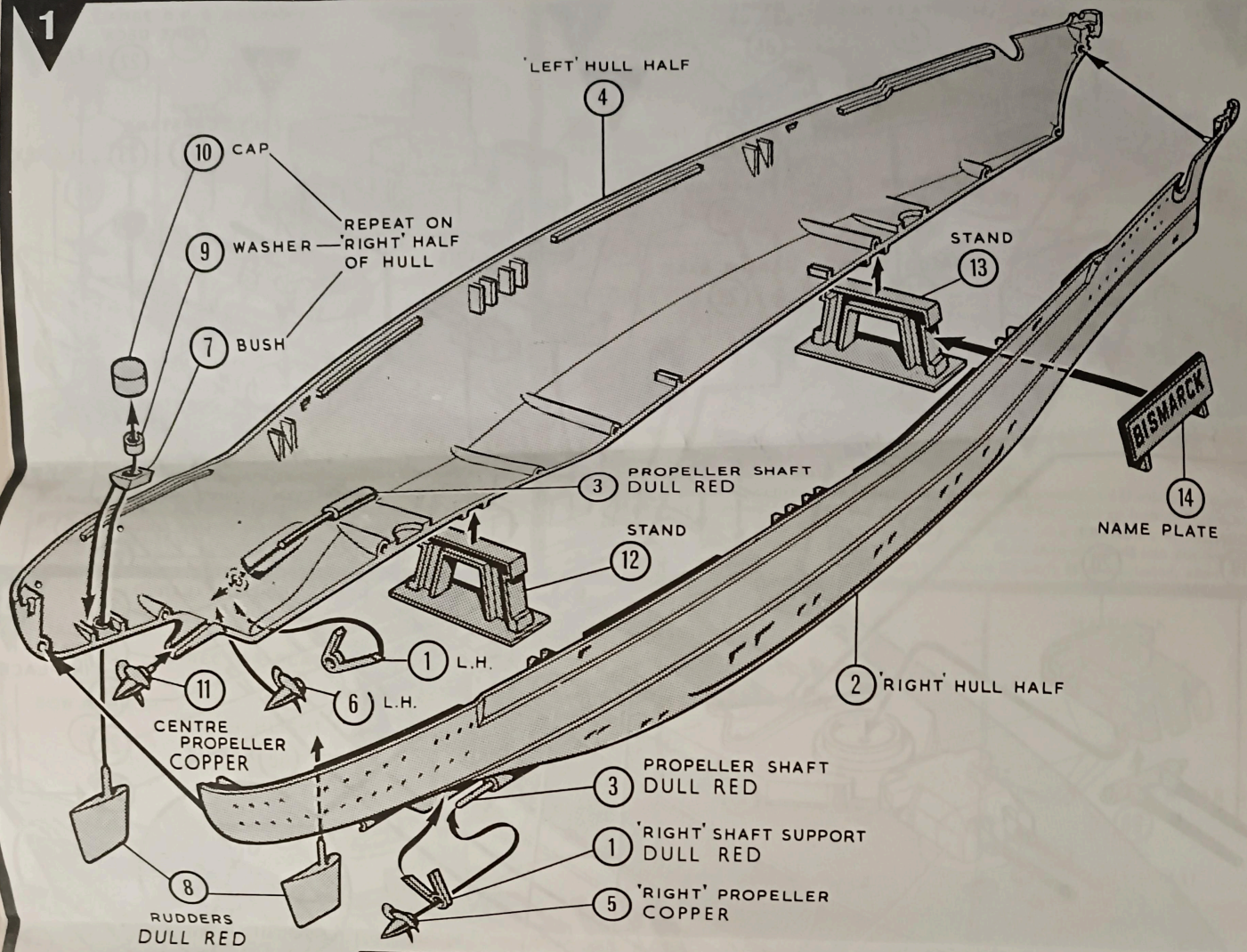
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## DECAL & RIGGING DIAGRAM



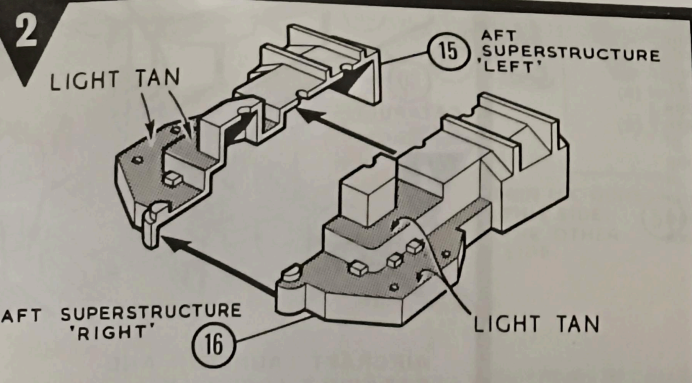
### DECAL POSITIONS

Make up aerials from black household cotton with (8) parts 73 and join to masts as illustrated. Carefully apply your international signal code flags if desired to masts.



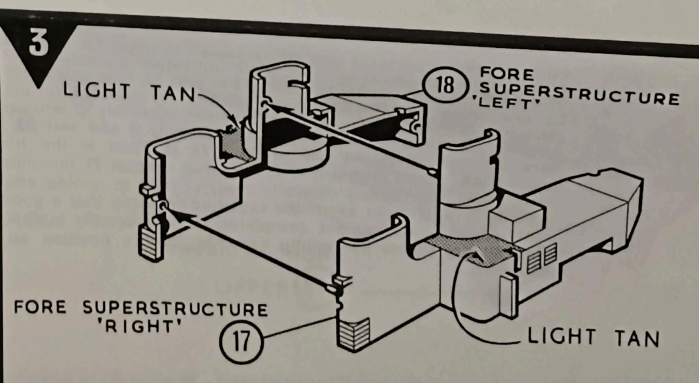
**HULL ASSEMBLY**

Insert stem of (1) part 3 through hole in (1) part 1 and cement together. Now locate and cement part 5 to stem of part 3. Next, cement this assembly in position on outside of part 2. Repeat procedure for remaining parts 1 and 3 and part 6. Next, cement part 11 into illustrated position. Then fit (2) parts 9, ensure rudders are free to turn, next cement parts 10 over parts 9. Finally cement part 14 to part 13. Set hull aside to dry.



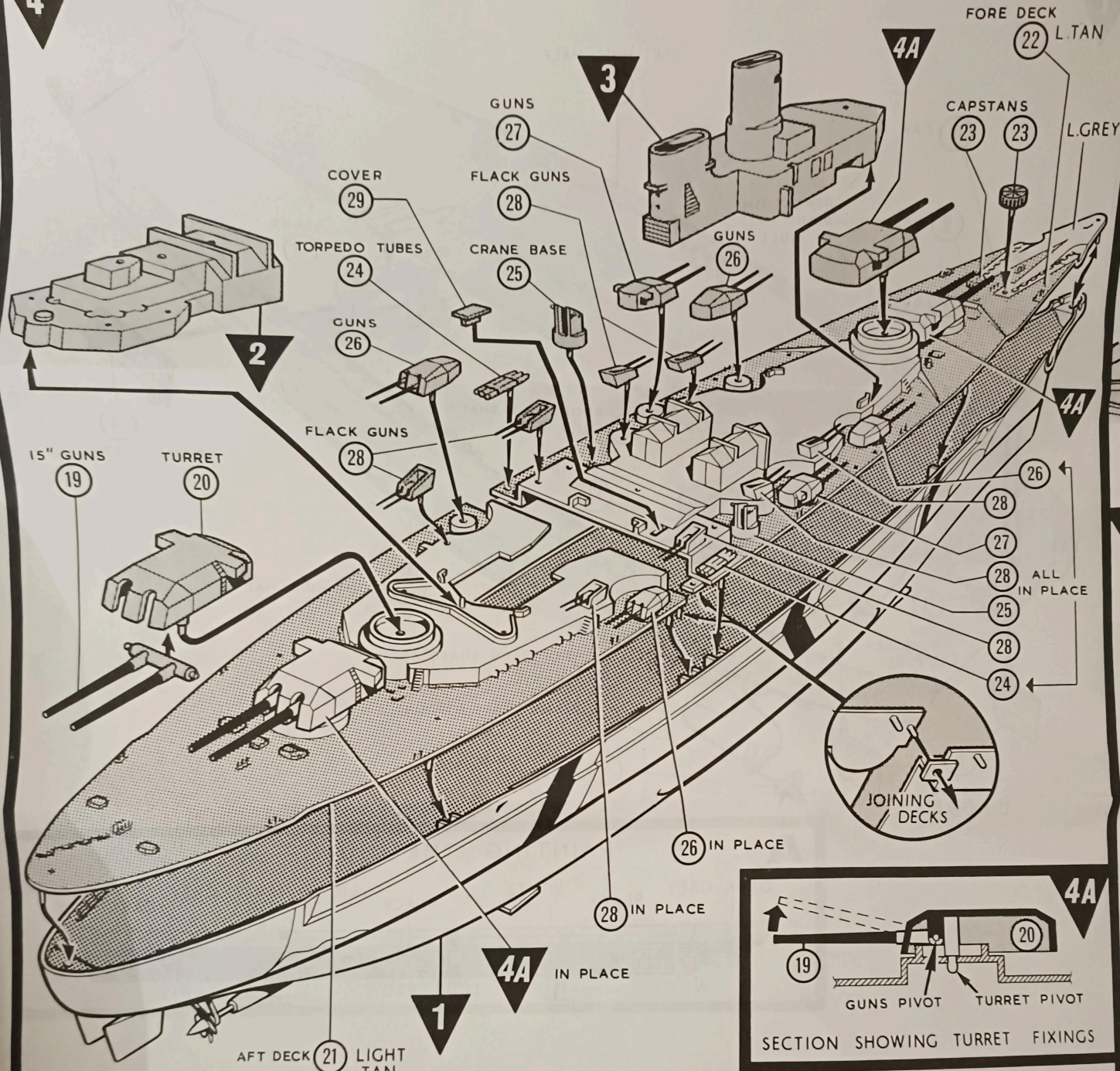
**AFT SUPERSTRUCTURE ASSEMBLY**

Apply cement to edges of parts 15 and 16 and join together. Set aside to dry.



**FORE SUPERSTRUCTURE ASSEMBLY**

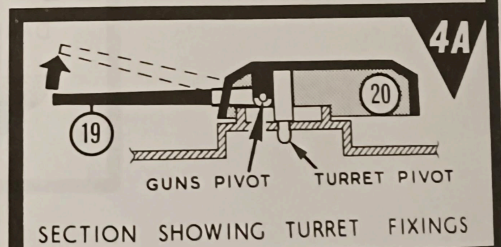
Apply cement to edges of parts 17 and 18 then join together. Set aside to dry.



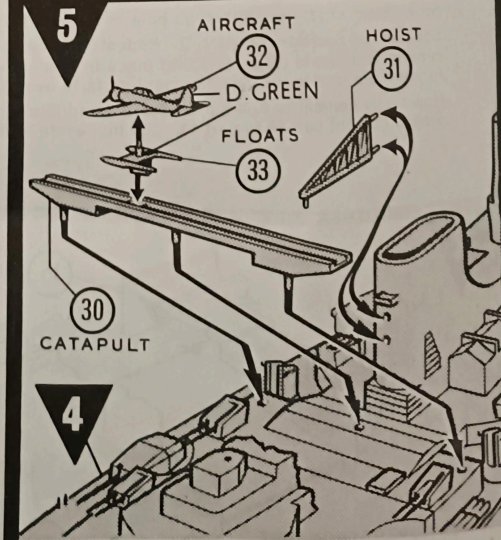
PLEASE NOTE! PAINT ALL GUN BARRELS BLACK

**DECK ASSEMBLY AND SUPERSTRUCTURE DETAILS**

First assemble parts 19 and 20 as shown in inset 4A and snap the 4 completed assemblies into their indicated positions on parts 21 and 22. Then cement (2) parts 23 to part 22, followed by (2) parts 24, next snap into place (2) parts 25, then (2) parts 26, (2) parts 27, (6) parts 28 and (1) part 29. Now cement assembly 2 into position on part 22. Then cement part 74 to assembly 3 and part 22, make sure the contoured cut out of part 74 is fitted to the front of assembly 3. Then repeat gun positioning on part 21 for remaining parts 26, 27, 28. Finally carefully apply cement to joining edges of parts 21 and 22, then assemble together ensuring that a good firm joint results, next cement completed deck assembly to hull, and allow to dry before cementing assembly 4 into position on deck as shown.

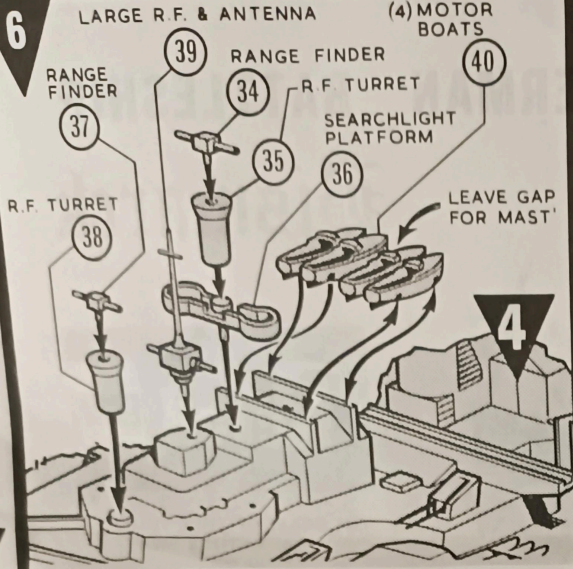


SECTION SHOWING TURRET FIXINGS



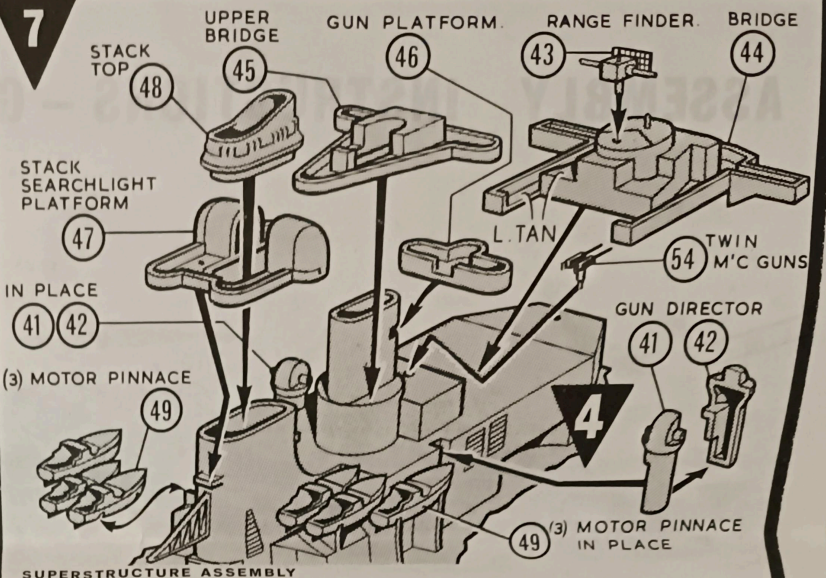
AIRCRAFT LAUNCHER AND CATAPULT ASSEMBLY

Carefully apply cement to location pegs of part 30 and fit into place on deck. Now cement part 31 into place on assembly 5. Cement (2) parts 32 and 33 together and then locate and cement to part 30.



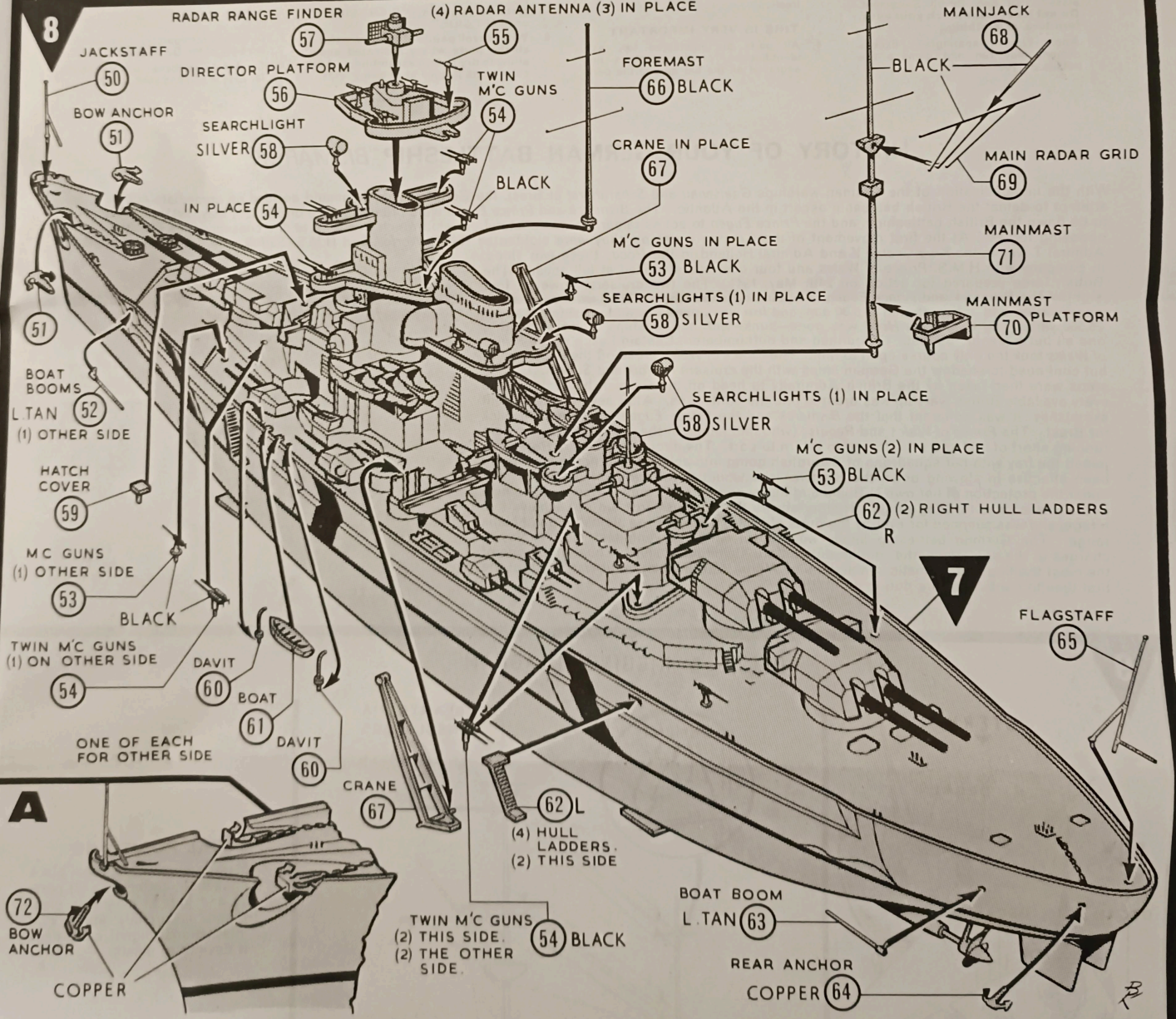
**RANGE FINDER EQUIPMENT ASSEMBLY**

Locate and cement parts 34, 35 and 36 together and then this assembly into place on assembly 2. Next cement into place parts 37, 38, 39, followed by (4) parts 40.



**SUPERSTRUCTURE ASSEMBLY**

First cement (1) part 54 in position shown on Instruction sheet. Next cement part 47 onto super-structure, now apply cement to underside of part 45 and press into place as indicated on Instruction sheet. Cement (2) parts 41 to (2) parts 42, then these assemblies to the side of assembly 4. Next cement part 43 to part 44, then part 44 into position shown on deck. Then cement part 46 into position. Next cement part 48, to superstructure. Finally cement into place (6) parts 49 as illustrated, allow to dry.



**SUPERSTRUCTURE, DECK DETAILS**

Locate and cement into place part 50, (2) parts 51, (2) parts 52 and (8) parts 53, followed by (9) parts 54. Next cement (2) parts 55 to part 56 and (2) parts 55 to superstructure, then part 57 to 56. Now cement director platform, part 56, into place on superstructure, now cement (1) part 58 into part 46. Locate and cement remaining (4) parts 58 into positions shown, followed by part 59, (4) parts 60 and (2) parts 61, (2) parts 62L, (2) parts 62R, (1) part 63, part 64, part 65 and part 66. Now carefully press and snap fit into position (2) parts 67 on to (2) parts 25. Build up aff mast assembly by locating and cementing together parts 68, 69, 70 to part 71 then cement this assembly into indicated deck position. Finally, as shown in 8A affix bow decals and part 72.