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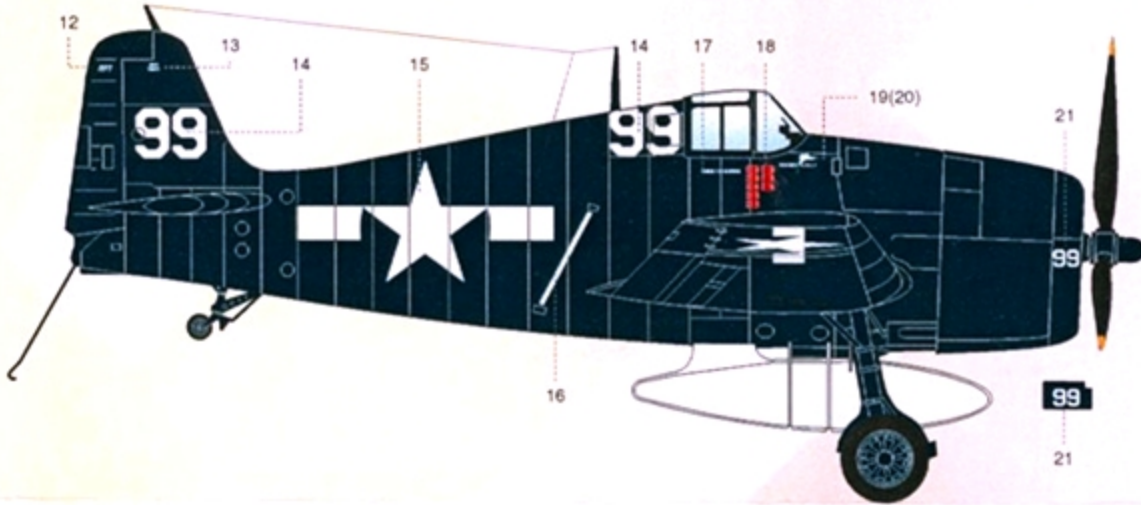


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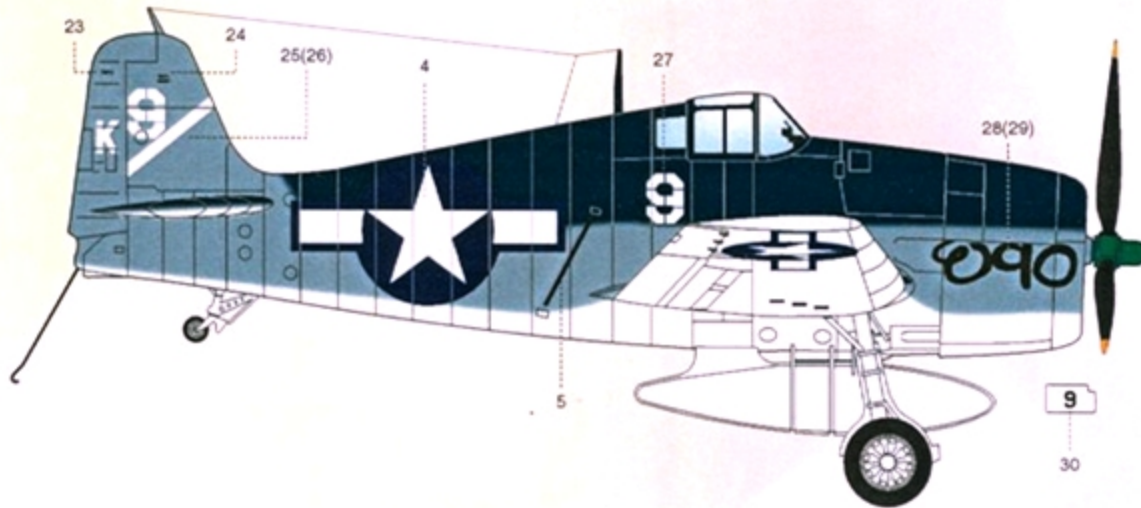
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Grumman F6F-3 BuNo 08926 flown by Lt. (j.g.) Eugene R. Hanks, VF-16, USS Lexington, 1943. Hanks destroyed 5 IJN Zeros to become WWII's first Hellcat "ace in a day." His mount wears the standard, mid-War 3-tone Sea Blue, Intermediate Blue, Off-White scheme. Note that the port-side orientation of the VF-16 "Fighting Airdales" emblem is unknown — hence provision of extra "handed" decals (9a & 9b). Note, too, the Intermediate Blue prop hub. Inset shows position of a/c numbers on gear doors. Victory flags might not have been carried in combat.

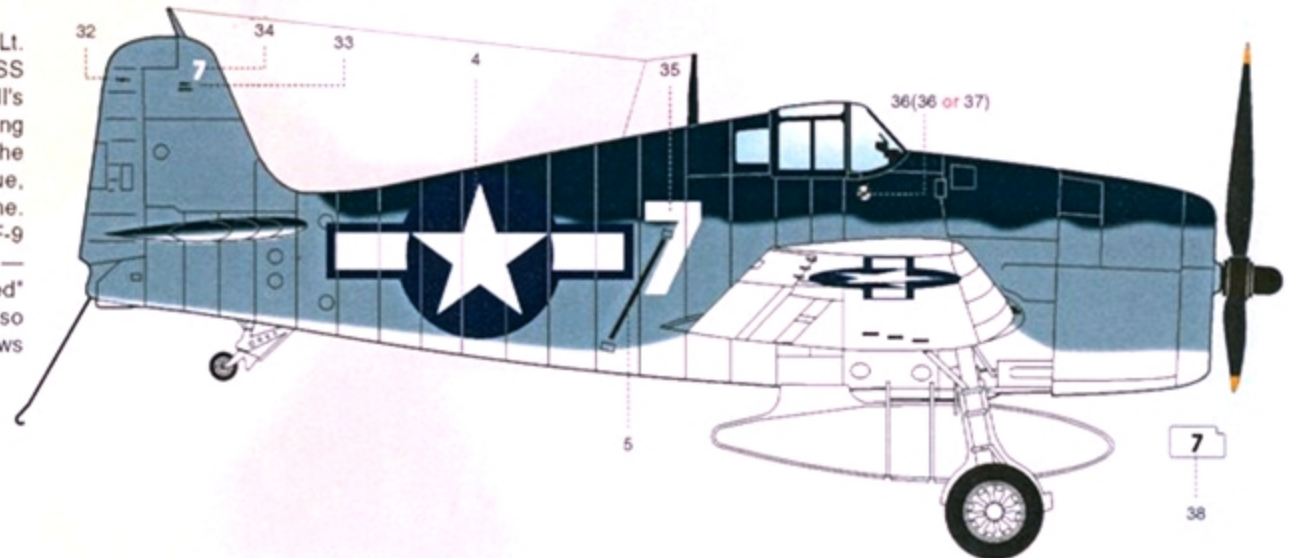


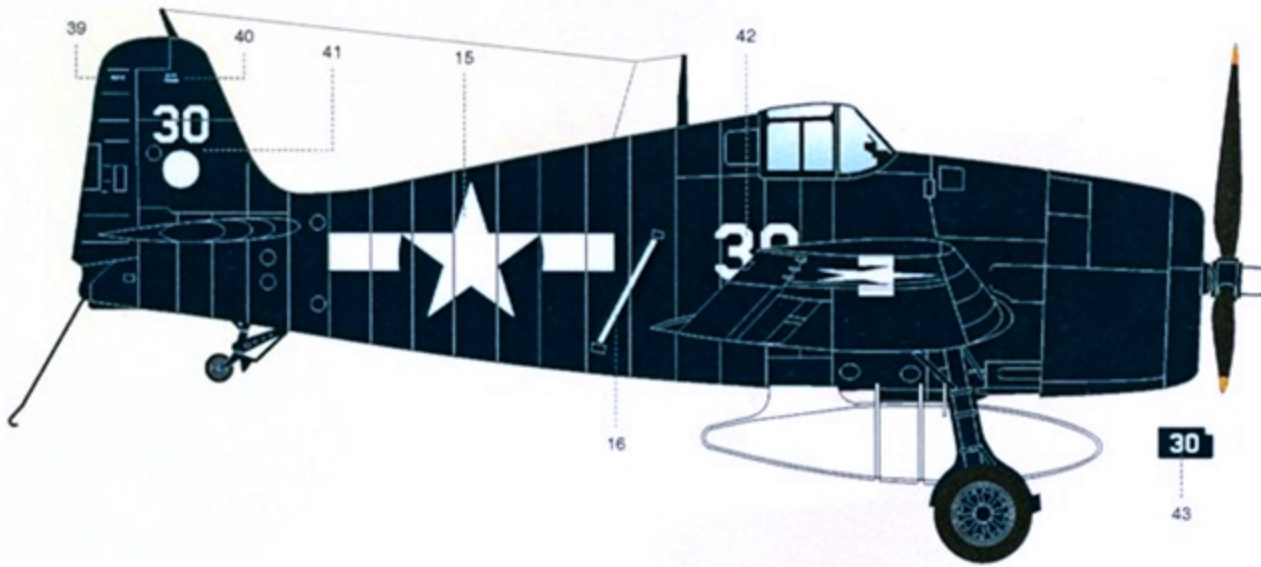
Grumman F6F-5 flown by Cmdr. Theodore Hugh Winters, VF-19, USS Lexington, 1944. Winters scored eight victories while with "Satan's Kittens." His Hellcat sports the standard, late-War, overall glossy Sea Blue — also applied to the prop hub. Note the non-standard placement of the I.D. no. in lieu of geometric symbols then in use. Inset shows position of a/c numbers on gear doors. As the BuNo of this machine is unknown, decal 13 is conjectural.



Grumman F6F-3 BuNo 40090 flown by Lt. William Crawford Moseley, VF-1, USS Yorktown, 1944. Moseley destroyed 5 Japanese aircraft before becoming MIA, July 4 1944. His machine wears the standard, mid-War 3-tone Sea Blue, Intermediate Blue, Off-White scheme. Note that the port-side presentation of decal 29 is unknown — hence our interpretation. Prop hub has been described as "pea Green." Inset shows gear door numbers.

Grumman F6F-3 BuNo 04789 flown by Lt. (j.g.) Hamilton McWhorter, VF-9, USS Essex, 1943. McWhorter became WWII's first pure Hellcat "ace," eventually scoring 12 victories. His mount wears the standard, mid-War 3-tone Sea Blue, Intermediate Blue, Off-White Scheme. Note that the exact orientation of the VF-9 emblem on either side is unknown — hence provision of 2 sets of "handed" decals. The badge colors are also unknown. Prop hub is Black. Inset shows position of a/c numbers on gear doors.





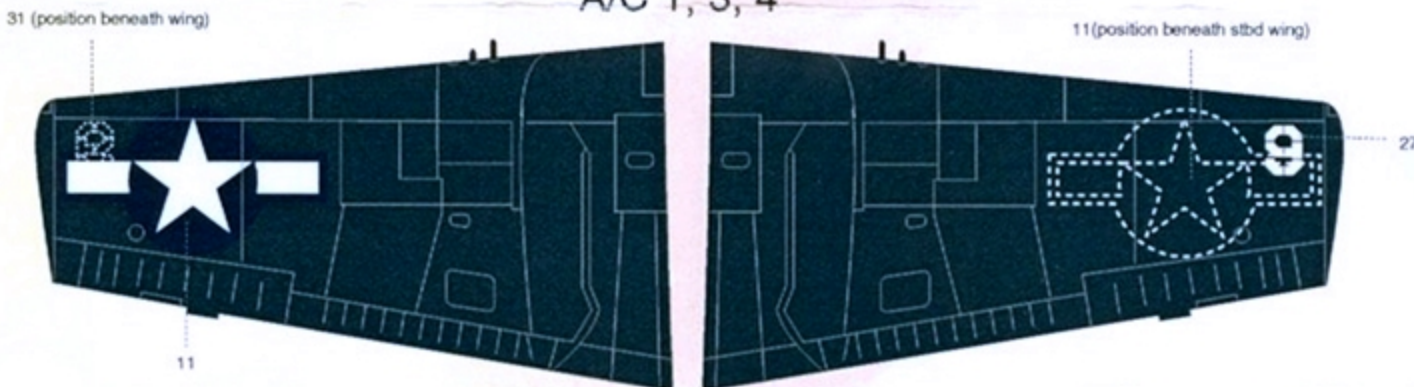
Grumman F6F-5 BuNo 70680 flown by Lt. (j.g.) Blake Moranville, VF-11, USS Hornet, 1945. Before being shot down and captured by the Vichy French, Moranville scored six victories. Standard, late-War, overall glossy Sea Blue. White applied to the prop hub tip and drop tank. Inset shows position of a/c numbers on gear doors.

A/C 2, 5



22 (position beneath stbd wing)

A/C 1, 3, 4



31 (position beneath wing)

11 (position beneath stbd wing)

OUR THANKS
to Larry Watson for the
research on this job...
Thank you Larry !!!

Note: Several decals have both a broken and a combined version. Please use the broken version if desired – usually labeled with same number plus "a" or "b" etc...

Recommended AeroMaster Warbird Colors			
Acrylic			
1001	Gloss Clear	1014	Red
1002	Semi-Gls Ctr	1015	Blue
1003	Flat Clear	1016	Green
1004	Tire Black	1044	Sea Blue Flat
1011	Yellow	1045	Sea Blue Gloss
1012	White	1046	Intern. Blue
1013	Black		

References:

1. Hellcat Aces of World War 2 (Osprey)
2. F6F Hellcat (Detail & Scale)
3. F6F Hellcat Walk Around (Squadron)
4. Various WINGS & AIRPOWER issues
5. The archives of Larry Watson

Suggested kits:

1. 1/48 Hasegawa Hellcats
2. 1/48 ARII/Otaki Hellcat is also a very good kit. Decals 25 & 26 will have to be altered to fit.

Recommended AeroMaster Warbird Colors			
Enamels			
9001	Black	9012	Flat Clear
9002	White	9013	Semi-Gls Ctr
9003	Yellow	9014	Gloss Clear
9004	Blue	9044	Sea Blue Flat
9005	Red	9045	Sea Blue Gloss
9010	Tire Black	9046	Intern. Blue
9011	Glaze		

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