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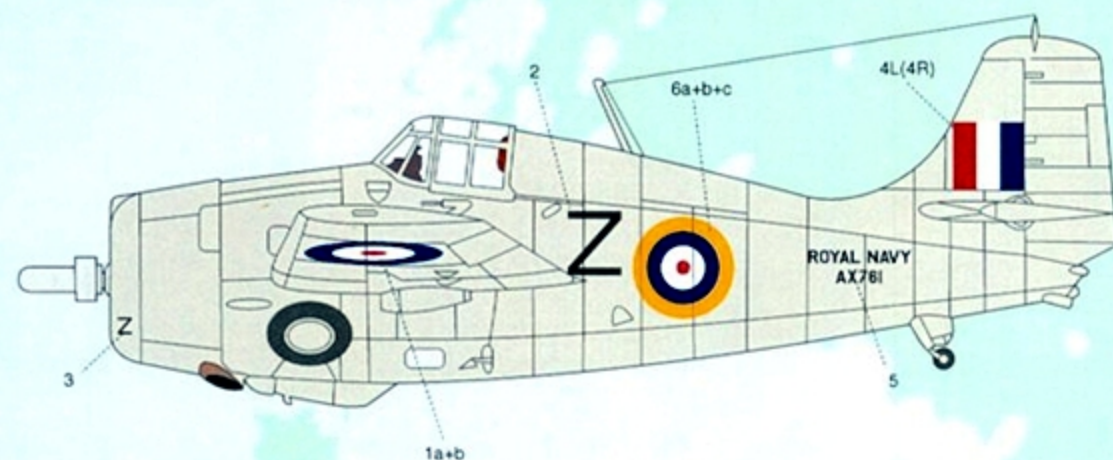
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ROYAL NAVY Grumman Martlets 1941-1944 PT. 1



Suggested Kits: Tamiya 1/48th F-4F-4 Wildcat

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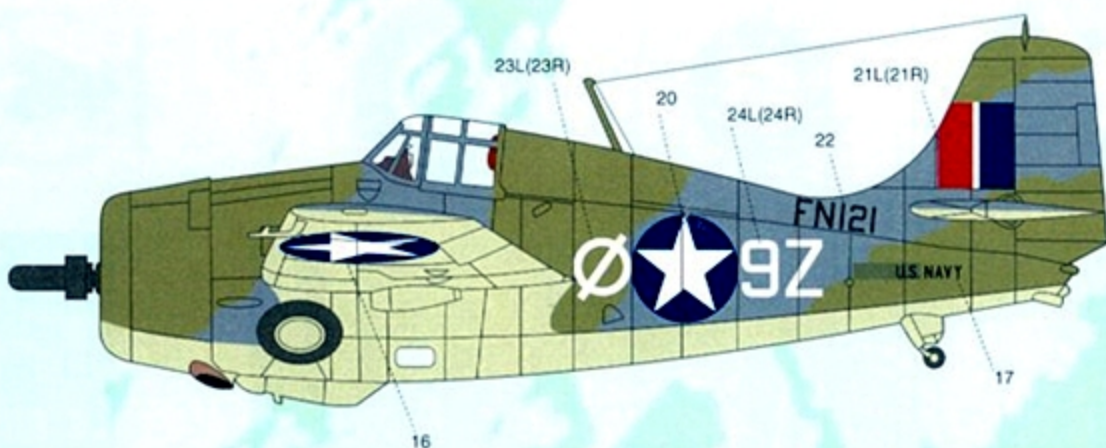
Martlet III AX761 Z

805 Squadron, Gambut, Libya 1941
AX761 was part of an original undelivered Greek order subsequently taken over by the Royal Navy for their Western Desert Fighter Unit. These aircraft were immediately put into action in their export colour of US Non-Specular Light Gray. Natural Metal Prop. Hub. Starboard side reads • Z.



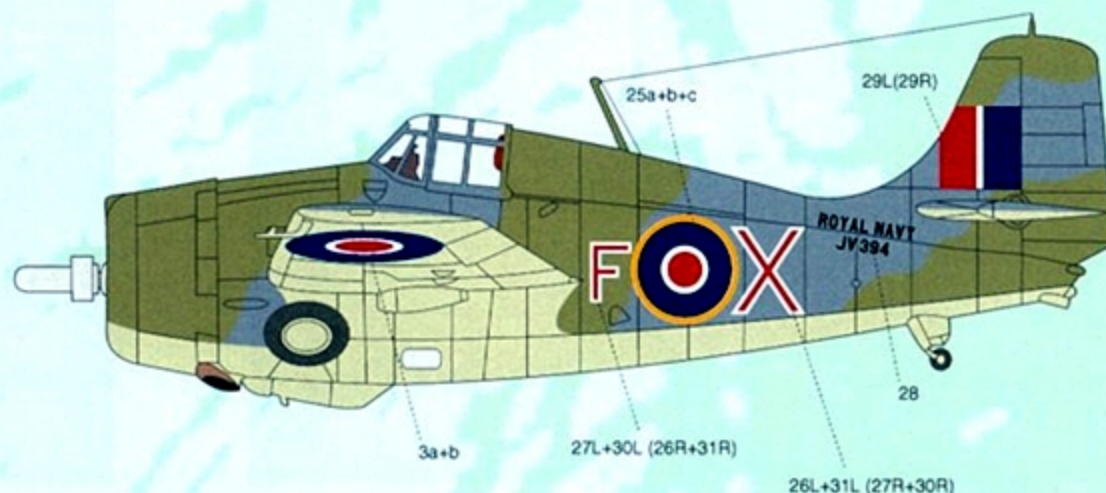
Martlet II AM997 O-7L

888 Squadron, Salerno landings (Operation Avalanche), Italy, January 1943.
AM997 provided fighter support at the Salerno landings in Italy, September 1943. 888 Squadron displayed their squadron badge, a white martlet, on the fin flash during this period. Alternatives are provided for the ROYAL NAVY lettering as the colour is inconclusive on the reference. Dark. Gray or Black Prop. Hub. Starboard side reads Ø 7•L.



Martlet IV FN121 O-9Z

893 Squadron, HMS Formidable, Mediterranean Sea, October 1942.
893 Squadron provided fighter cover during 'Operation Torch', the allied landings in North Africa. Most FAA operational aircraft involved in the landings were re-painted with US insignia. Note also the re-painting of 'ROYAL' to read 'US NAVY'. Black Prop. Hub. Starboard side reads Ø 9 • Z.



Martlet V JV394 X-F

S/Lt. Dennis White
842 Squadron, HMS Fencer, Bay of Biscay, Summer 1944. JV394 operated on anti-submarine patrols protecting Gibraltar convoys during this period. S/Lt. White later went on to become Head of the Fleet Air Arm Museum, Yeovilton. Natural Metal Prop. Hub. Starboard side reads F•X.