

## B 25B Mitchells Doolittle Raid, USS Hornet, April 18th 1942

This sheet includes markings to complete all 16 of the aircraft which took part in the audacious 'Doolittle Raid', a retalliatory attack on mainland Japan. Conceived by a Navy Captain, Francis S. Low and lead by Leutenant Colonel 'Jimmy' Doolittle ,the idea was to shatter the promise made by the Japanese leadership that no enemy bombs would fall on their homeland. Whilst the amount of bombs dropped was a mere pin-prick, the result of the raid was a psycological shock to the Japanese at such an early stage in the war to be attacked on their own turf. The mission was one way, aircraft launched several hunndred miles from the coast of Japan had to complete their attack, overfly the islands that make up Japan, then fly on into China for where they hoped to be able to land safely.



