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BIRDCAGE CORSAIRS

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PART 2

F4U-1 White 7



F4U-1 White 76 Major Robert Owens



F4U-1 White 17-F-13 Lt(jg) James Halford



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F4U-1 BIRDCAGE CORSAIRS

Early Birdcage Corsairs were determined to be unsuitable for carrier operations in the Pacific. However, the Marines gladly pressed this high performance fighter into service as part of their island hopping campaign. As their aircraft were all land based, carrier arresting gear was removed. To accurately represent the first two schemes with this decal sheet, the modeler may wish to incorporate that important detail to their kit.

Photos also indicate limited stenciling applied to the aircraft with only the BuNo and aircraft type applied in small black text on the vertical surfaces. Stenciling has been provided for the propeller blades.

My Bonnie

BuNo Unknown

White 7

VMF-124

May 1943

The pilot for this aircraft is unknown. Photos don't reveal the artwork for the left side, therefore a provisional decal has been provided.

The aircraft displayed two different styles of "7" on the forward gear doors. These doors also painted Dark Blue, not matching the lowersurface colors in that immediate area. To conform to new orders displaying the national insignia, non-standard White bars added to the existing markings in six positions.

Colors: Uppersurfaces: Blue Gray FS35189

Lowersurfaces: Light Gray FS36440

Prop Hub: Natural Metal

References: Corsair Aces of World War 2

Spirit of '76

BuNo 02714

White 76

VMF-215

August 1943

Pilot: Maj Robert G Owens Jr. Co of the unit, Owens credited with 7 victories. Photos don't reveal the artwork for the left side, therefore a provisional decal has been provided. Owens only flew this aircraft once, though he did approve the name and is associated with it.

The scheme applied is provisional in nature as reference photos are badly highlighted. It does appear to have a field-applied three tone pattern with Dark Blue on the upper fuselage, Intermediate Blue on the fuselage sides and upper wings and Light Gray or White under the fuselage and non folding portion of the wings.

Colors: Fuselage Uppersurface: Dark Blue

Fuselage Sides: Blue Gray FS35189

Lowersurfaces: Light Gray FS36440 or White

Prop Hub: Black

References: F4U Corsair at War

BuNo Unknown

17-F-13

VF-17

August 1943

Pilot: Lt(jg) James Halford. VF-17 took the Corsair aboard the U.S.S. Bunker Hill during their qualification cruise. The four victory markings added to the fuselage represent the victories claimed while flying the F4F Wildcat at Guadalcanal. He claimed no victories in the Corsair.

A relatively freshly painted Corsair, this aircraft was finished in the new three-tone scheme, National insignia in four positions.

Colors: Uppersurfaces: Non Specular Sea Blue FS35042

Fuselage Sides: Intermediate Blue FS35164

Bottom: White

Prop Hub: Black

References: Corsair Aces of World War 2