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AH-1W Cobras
HMM-261 HMM-264 HML/A-167 HML/A-269
Cobras of Desert Storm, Allied Force and Operation Enduring Freedom

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Special thanks!
All references and technical information provided by Lt. Col. Randy Smith, USMC.



Note: This 2-tone earth camouflage was applied in the field during the conflict. There were minor variations from A/C to A/C. Side view representations are given on our instruction sheet. Continue the pattern on the top and bottom elevations of your model.



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Individual Aircraft Details

160815. HMLA-269 based at MCAS New River, Jacksonville, North Carolina. HMLA-269 uses the tail letters "HF" and callsign "Gunrunner." The squadron's logo is two snakes on each side of the turret cowling (this logo was previously on HMLA-167 aircraft). The paint scheme/configuration is as the aircraft appeared in the Summer of 2002. The noseart was applied while the aircraft was attached to HMM-365, 26th MEU(SOC) during Operation Enduring Freedom. This aircraft participated in Operations in Afghanistan while attached to the 26th MEU(SOC). 160815 began life as an AH-1T and was upgraded to an AH-1W and later an AH-1WNTS.

F556575
 Testors 1728
 Humbrol HU127
 Gunze Sangyo H308
 Xtracolor X136

160804. HMLA-167 aircraft attached to HMM-264 "Black Knights" (EH), 26th MEU(SOC). Deployed Fall 2000. Each community used a Chess Piece as a callsign. The Cobras were "Bishop." Each Bishop had a Sharkmouth, but Bishop 40, with the gold tooth was the most colorful. 160804 began life as an AH-1T and was upgraded to an AH-1W and later an AH-1WNTS.

F55257
 Testors 1721
 Humbrol HU145
 Gunze Sangyo H337
 Xtracolor X126

162542. HMLA-167 based at MCAS New River, Jacksonville, North Carolina. HMLA-167 uses the tail letters "TV" and callsign "Warrior." The squadron's logo is a red and black checkerboard on the exhaust fairings. The checkerboard logo (a reference to checker taxis) originated with the squadron in Vietnam on their UH-1Es when the squadron CO volunteered the squadron for extra missions (work) ferrying Navy nurses to and from hospital ships. 162542 was painted in this scheme during June of 2002. The aircraft has since been transferred to NAS Patuxent River for use as a chase aircraft for the AH-1Z testing.

F55711
 Testors N/A
 Humbrol N/A
 Gunze Sangyo N/A
 Xtracolor N/A

FS 33531 would be a suitable sub for this color.

162545. Another HMLA-167 aircraft. Photographs taken in Jan 2001 during Combined Arms Exercise (CAX) at 29 Palms, CA. Sharkmouth painted during MEU(SOC) deployment in 2000 and retained until transferred in Spring 2002 for another MEU(SOC) deployment. 162545 served in Operation Desert Storm with HMLA-367 as Scarface 127. She had five kills during Desert Storm. 162545 was destroyed in June 2002 in a training mishap.

F50257
 Testors N/A
 Humbrol 1* HU94 + 1* HU 63
 Gunze Sangyo N/A
 Xtracolor N/A

165317. Originally painted in this scheme by HMLA-167 (TV) and later transferred to HMM-261 "Raging Bulls" (EM) for a MEU(SOC) deployment. Deployed with HMM-261 squadron participated in multiple high visibility exercises such as "Bright Star, Noble Shirley and Infinite Moonlight". The squadron returned from LF6F 1-00 in March 2000.

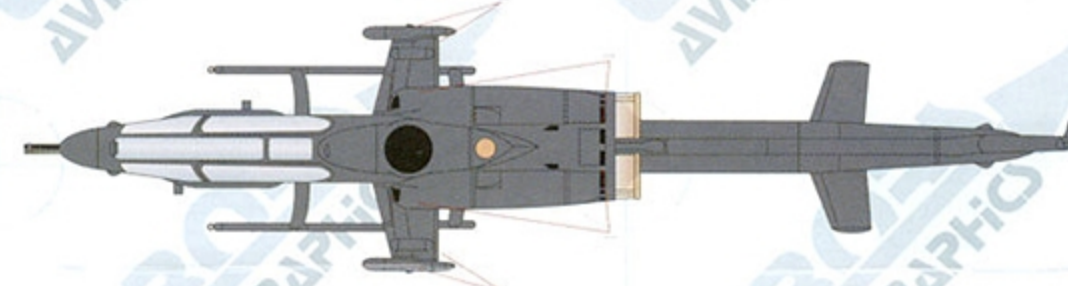
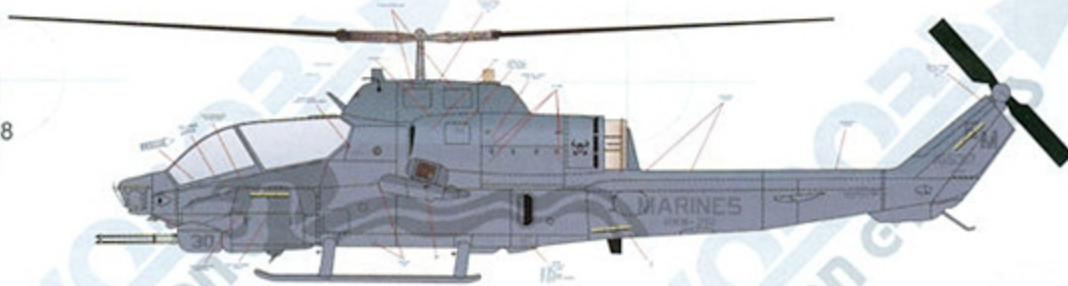


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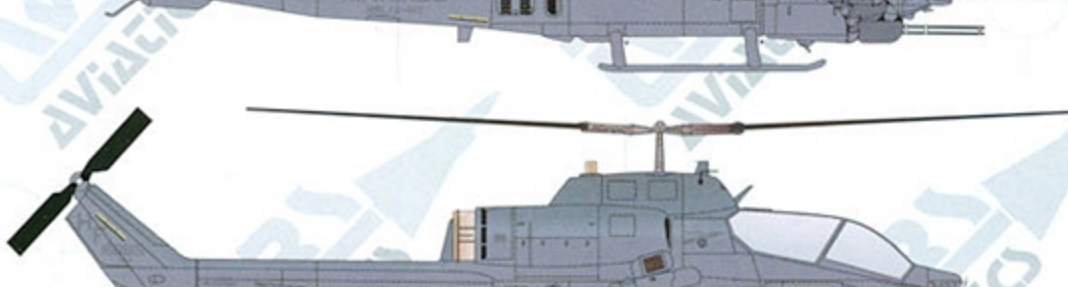
There were three USMC Huey/Cobra squadrons shorebased during Operation Desert Shield and Storm: HMLA-367 "Scarface", HMLA-369 "Gunfighters", and HMLA-269 "Gunrunners."

HMLA-369 was the first Marine helicopter squadron to deploy for Desert Shield. Hoping to add some spikes to the speedbumps, the Gunfighters turned in some of their UH-1N Hueys for extra AH-1W Cobras and immediately headed for Saudi Arabia. HMLA-367 followed on their heels a few weeks later on 24 Aug 1990, barely three weeks after the 2 Aug Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, heavy on Hueys and light on Cobras. HMLA-269 followed a few weeks later. Since the Gunrunners had just transitioned from the AH-1T to the AH-1W, they were assigned as reserves. All USMC AH-1W initially had the tri-color (green, black, and gray) camo paint scheme. HMLA-269 chose to keep this paint scheme. HMLA-369 painted their Cobras all sand or sand over the black and green with only the gray showing and a portion of the original markings showing. HMLA-367 initially painted their aircraft with a light coat of gray (giving a two-tone appearance with the black showing through from underneath). The aircraft were later painted sand and brown. The only markings reapplied were the bureau number (BuNo) and side number or modex.

HMLA-367 was initially based at Al Jubail, Saudi Arabia and later moved North to Tanajib. Although the Marine Corps husbanded its helicopters for the ground war, the squadron participated in numerous "skirmishes" during the air war. Scarface 120 claimed the first AH-1W tank kill during the Battle of "Al Elbow" on 30 Jan 1991. This was most likely the first USMC Cobra tank kill (US Army AH-1G Cobras claimed numerous tanks during the Vietnam War). Scarface Cobras also participated in the Battle of Khafji on 30-31 Jan, destroying numerous vehicles, including a battery of 2S1 self-propelled artillery. As the ground war approached the squadron moved to the Forward Operating Base "Lonesome Dove" on the Kuwaiti border. During the ground war (24-28 Feb 1991), Scarface Cobras supported both the 1st and 2d Marine Divisions as well as the coalition forces. The ten Cobras (nine of which remained operational during the entire war) and twenty pilots accounted for over 100 vehicles and "captured" thousands of EPWs in less than four days of fighting.



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Desert Storm Kills HMLA-367

Bu/No	Modex	Tanks	APCs	Trucks
160113	"120"	3	3	0
160800	"121"	4	2	0
160822	"122"	0	0	0
162541	"125"	10	3	9
162543	"126"	1	3	0
162545	"127"	3	1	1
162546	"130"	7		1
162552	"131"	11	5	3
162571	"132"	3	2	2
162572	"133"	2	2	7



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