

Yellowhammer Models™

F6F-3 VF-15, U.S.S. Essex CV-9

This aircraft was Commander McCampbell's second Hellcat. His first, "Monsoon Maiden", was lost on May 19, 1944 when it was pushed over the side of the U.S.S. Essex due to severe damage sustained in a raid over Marcus Island.

Color Note: Colors should blend together where they meet. Wing Walks should be painted Dark Grey.

Note: The actual bureau number of this aircraft is unknown.

Upper Wing Insignia was painted Grey by mixing one volume Lt. Grey and one volume Insignia White

FS# 35042



Non-Specular Sea Blue

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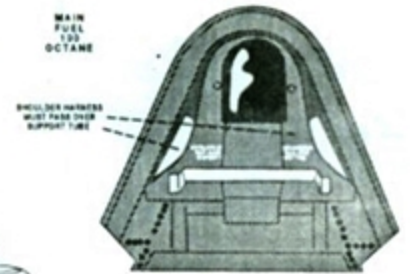
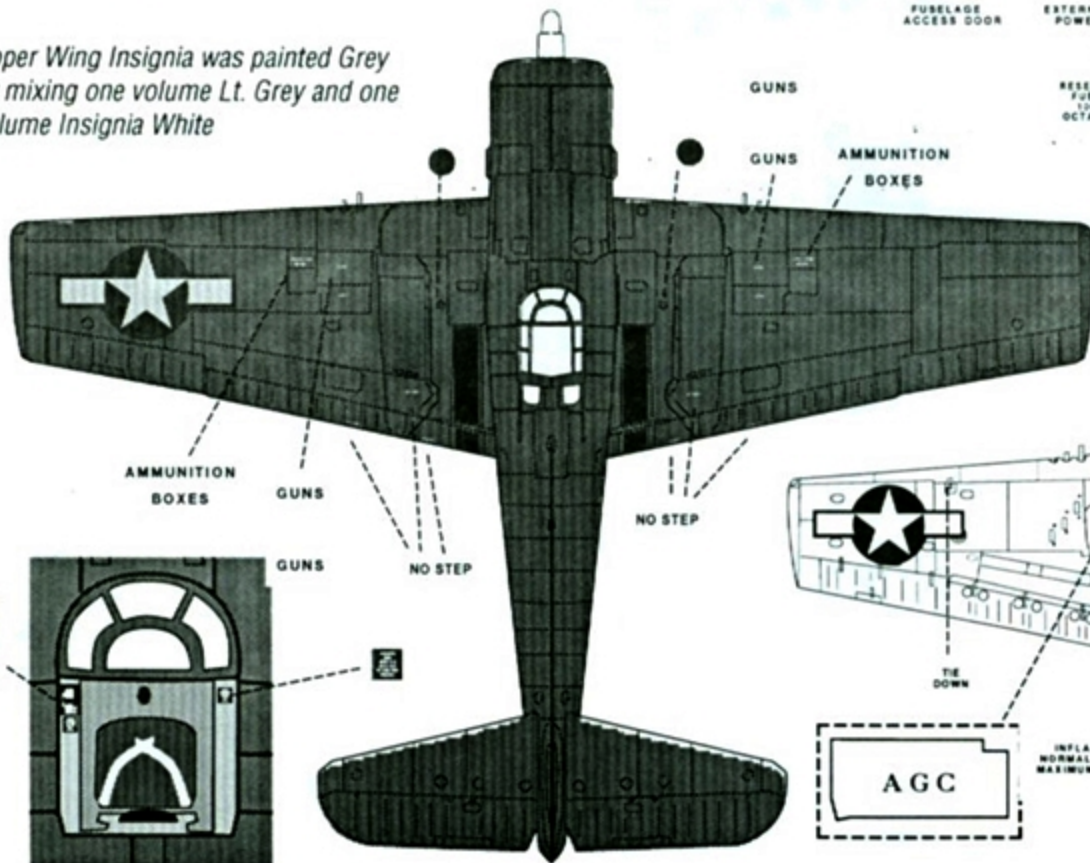
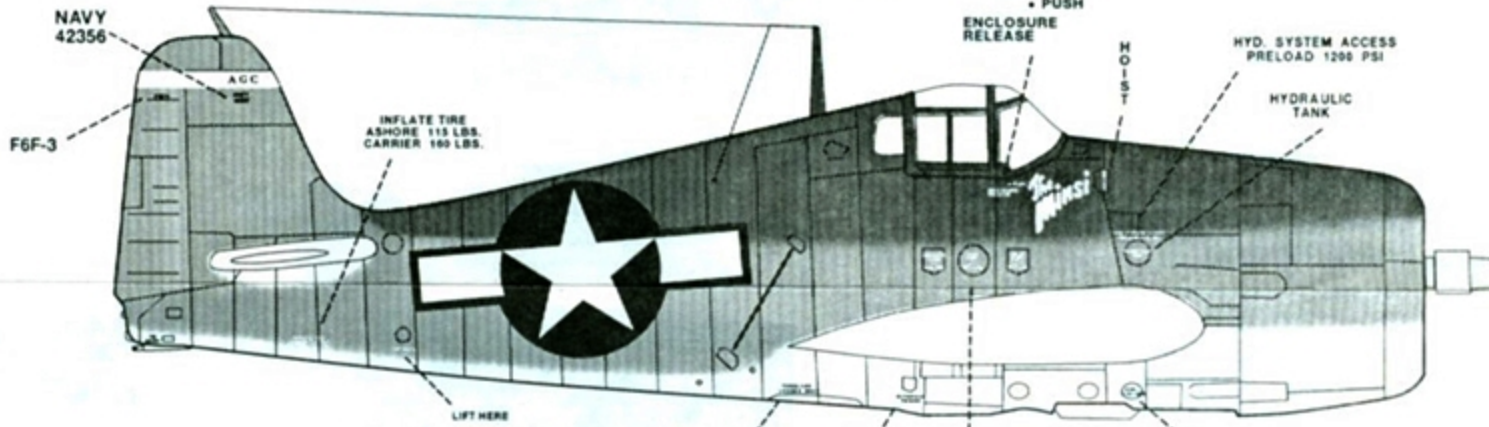
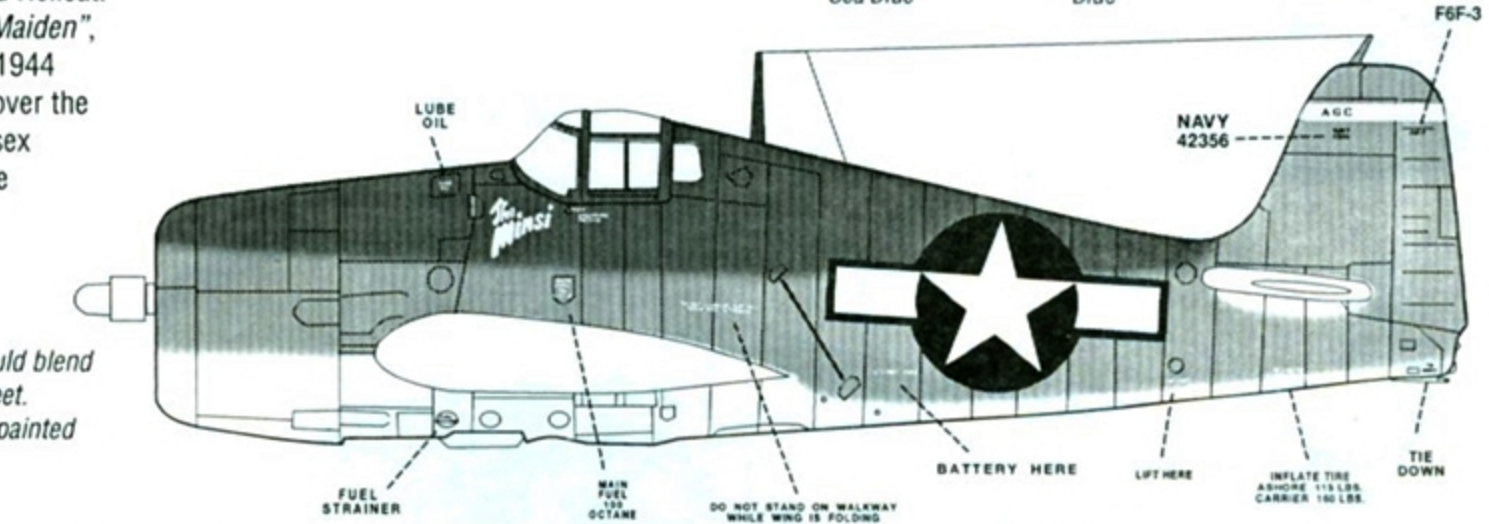


Intermediate Blue

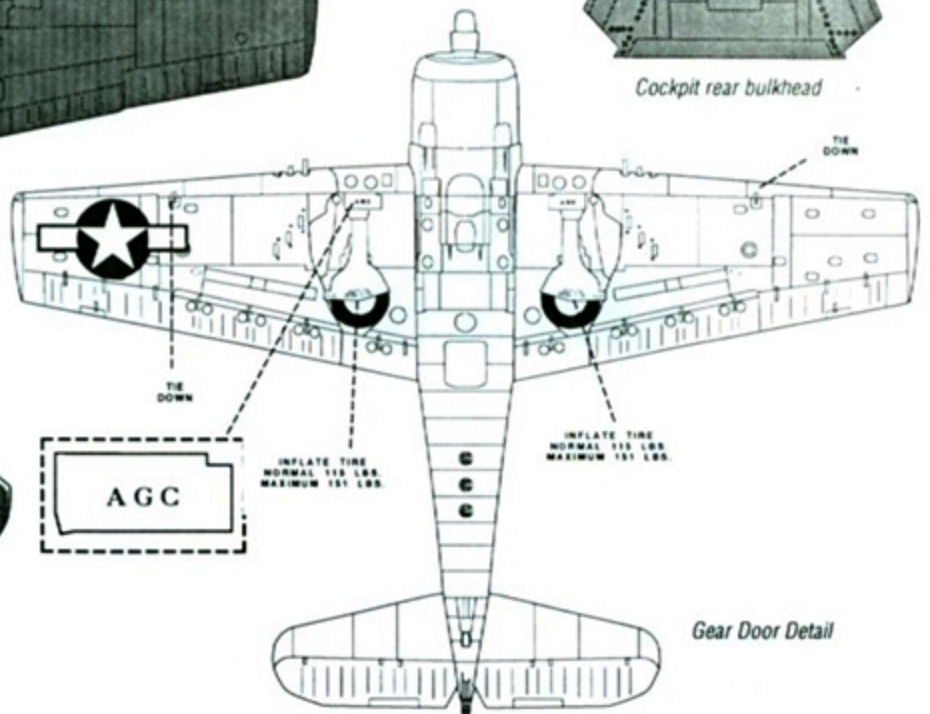
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Insignia White



Cockpit rear bulkhead



Gear Door Detail

Top View of cockpit to show placement of cockpit sill placards.



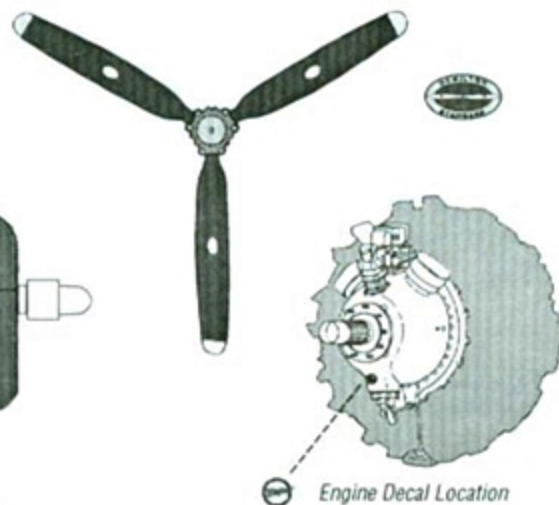
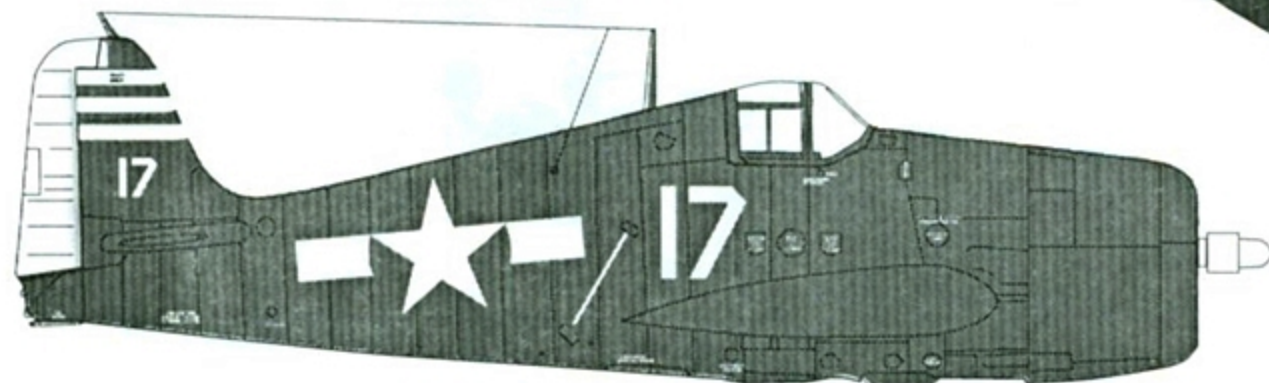
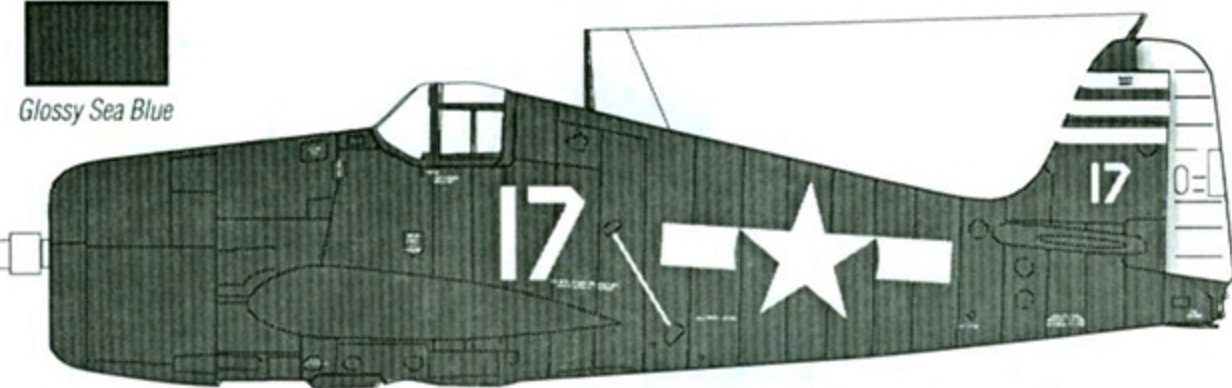
F6F-5 BuNo. 58571 VF-31, U.S.S. Cabot CVL-28

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Lt. Arthur R. Hawkins was flying this aircraft on September 13, 1944 when he shot down five Oscars over Negros Island, Leyte, Phillipines. Lt. Hawkins would end the war with a total of 14 kills.

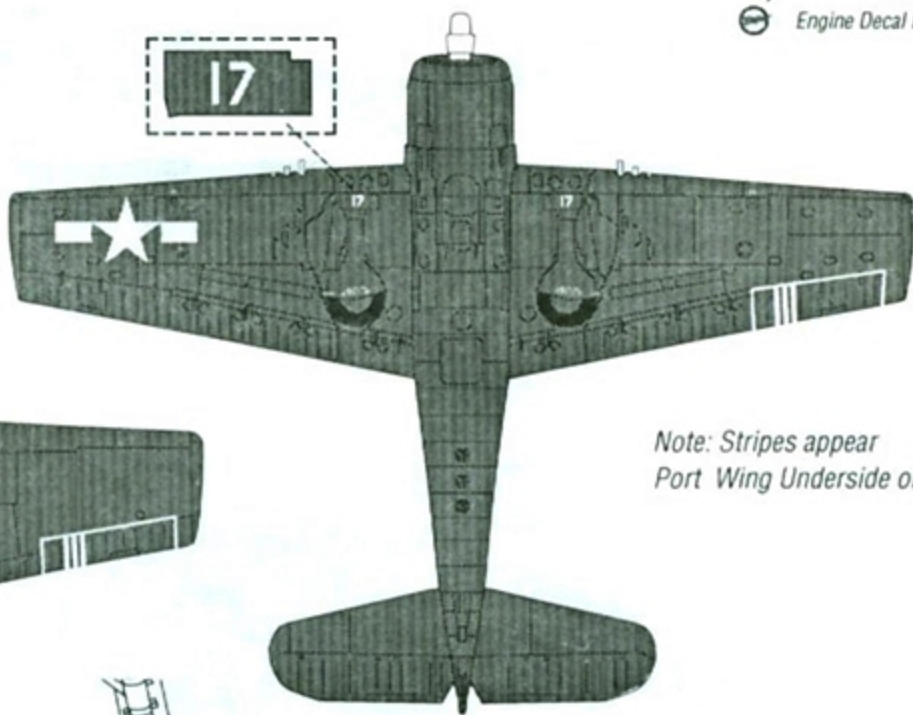
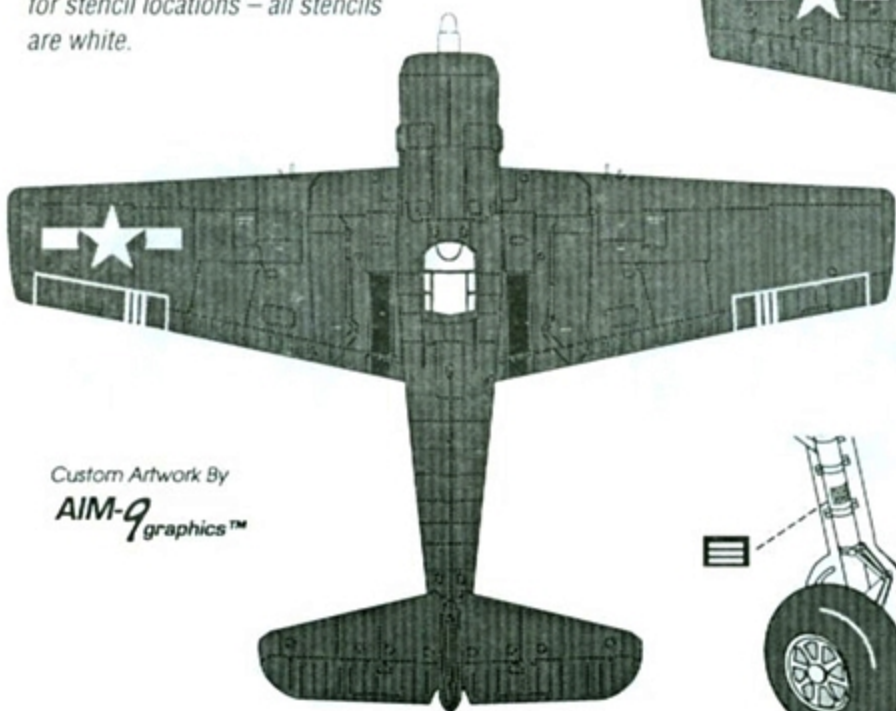
Color Note: This plane is overall Glossy Sea Blue. Wing Walks should be painted Dark Grey.



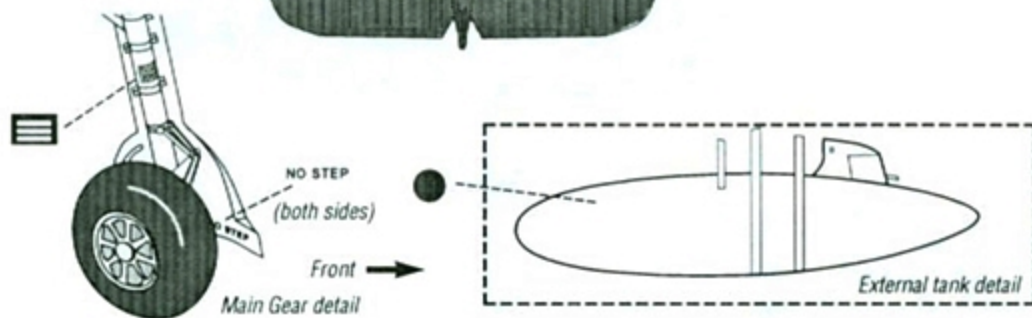
Note for both Aircraft:

Vertical stabilizer and aileron stripes are printed longer than necessary so they can be trimmed to fit any available Hellcat kit.

Stencil Note: Use F6F-3 drawing for stencil locations – all stencils are white.



Note: Stripes appear Port Wing Underside only.



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Major References:

- 1) Photo TR-10621, Essex Series, U.S.N. Department , 27, October 1944.
- 2) Hellcat painting specification AN 01-85FB-2 U.S.N. Bureau of Aeronautics.
- 3) Personal Collection, Capt. Ray Hawkins U.S.N. (R).

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