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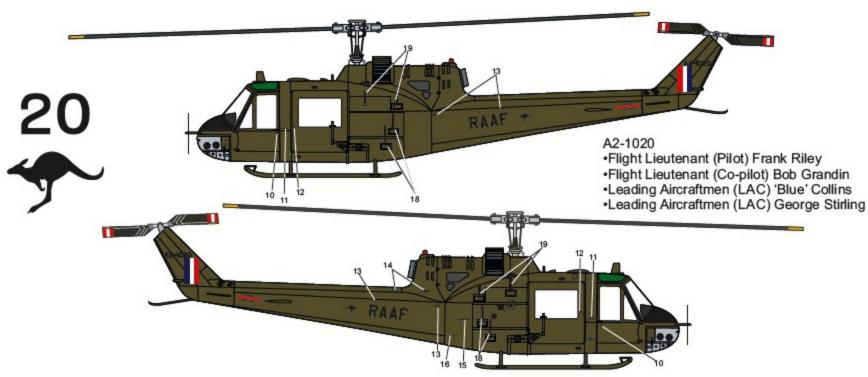


1/48 Scalle UH-1B Iroquois Long Tan UH-1B's



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