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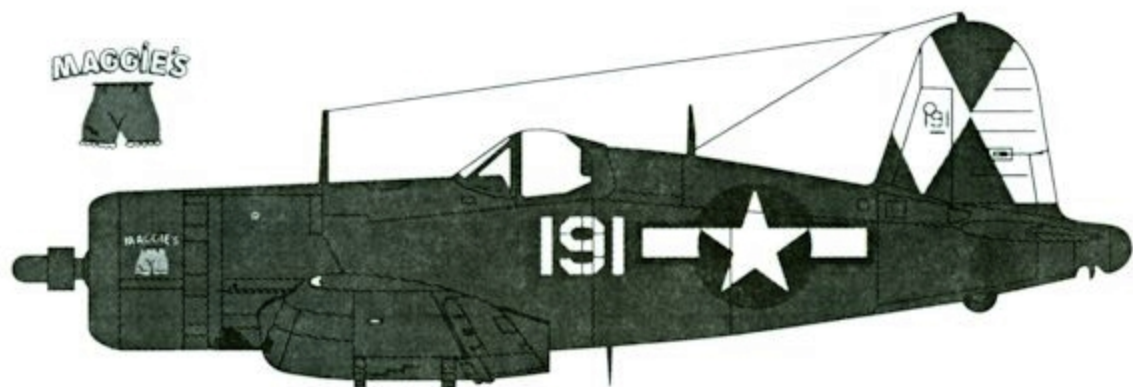
Yellowhammer
Models

#Y48-12 VBF-83 Corsairs

For FG-1D/F4U-1D kits

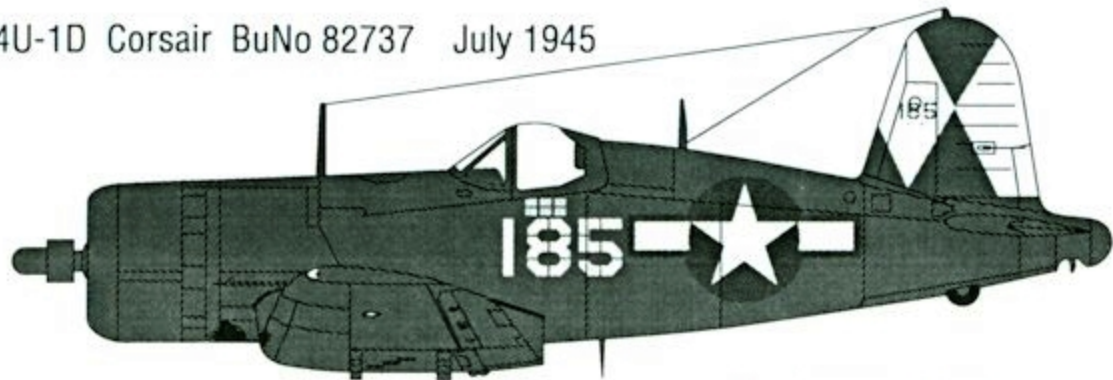
Chance Vought F4U-1D Corsair

VBF-83 Corsairs USS ESSEX CV-9 Summer 1945



In March 1945, Air Group 83, equipped with F6F-5 Hellcats (VF-83), F4U/FG-1D Corsairs (VBF-83), SB2C-4 Helldivers (VB-83) and TBM-3 Avengers (VT-83), embarked aboard USS Essex (CV-9) in the Western Pacific for a combat cruise that lasted until hostilities ended on 15 August 1945. During that period, VF-83 and VBF-83 pilots were credited with 228 kills. All CVG-83 squadrons displayed Essex's Fan symbol on their upper right wing and vertical tail surfaces. On 27 July 1945, the US Navy assigned new G-Symbols for its carrier air groups, Essex being assigned the letter F. With the change, VBF-83 assumed numbers in the 2XX range, whereas it previously had carried numbers in the range 150-199. In contrast to most other carrier air groups, a number of CVG-83 aircraft carried individual names and nose art while aboard Essex. Two of these Corsairs are included on this sheet.

F4U-1D Corsair BuNo 82737 July 1945



NOTE: Place Red kill markings over White flag outlines given with "185."



NOTE: Instrument decals fit Hobbycraft kits only.



Paint kit instrument panel Extra Dark Glossy Gray. Add individual instrument face decals when dry. Next, spray decalced instrument panel with Clear Flat. When this dries, add a drop of Clear Gloss over each instrument face.



COLOR: Overall Sea Blue Gloss FS15042, including landing gear components and wheel well

"KILLER'S HASH WAGON" BuNo 82043(?)

Markings used through July 1945

**"KILLER'S
HASH WAGON"**



Later, optional markings for Killer's Hash Wagon used from August 1945

Use White BuNo in Outline on F227

Use **227** on vertical tail



Nose art is documented by photographs of the right side only. We have no photographs of the left side of these aircraft but we have included optional nose art for that side also.

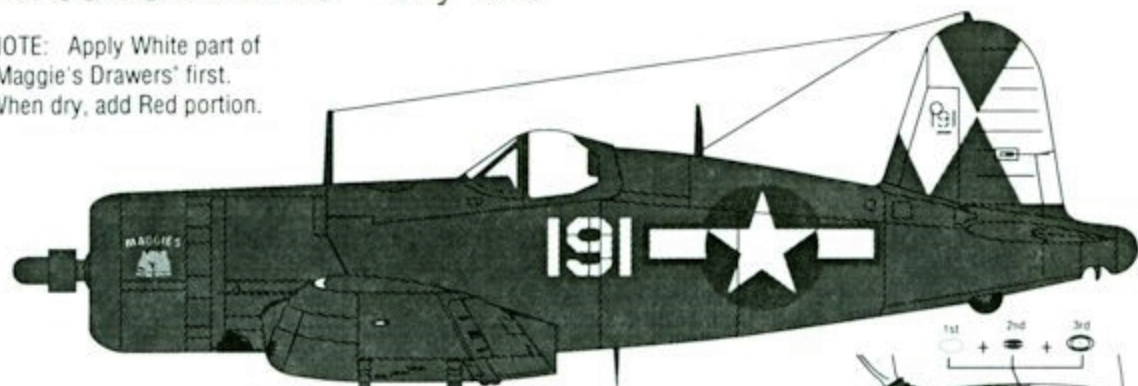
Use **227** on main gear covers



NOTE: Many, but not all, VBF-83 Corsairs had their inboard wing flap NO STEP areas marked.

MAGGIE'S DRAWERS July 1945

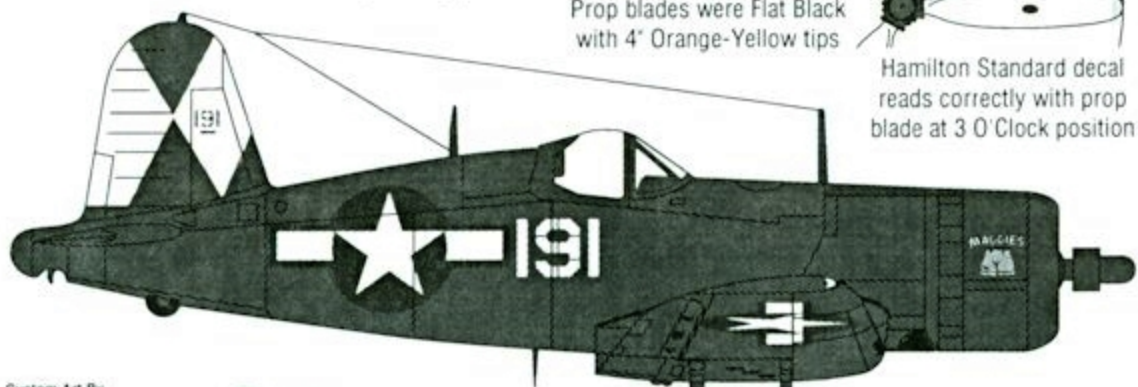
NOTE: Apply White part of "Maggie's Drawers" first.
When dry, add Red portion.



Prop blades were Flat Black with 4" Orange-Yellow tips



Hamilton Standard decal reads correctly with prop blade at 3 O'Clock position



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During WWII, the red flag that was waved when the target was missed during rifle practice was called Maggie's Drawers. The name on one of VBF-83's Corsairs remains unexplained, but four Marine pilots were assigned to the squadron during its combat tour. Do the initials MAG on Maggie's Drawers stand for Marine Air Group... a hint perhaps at some "friendly" interservice rivalry?

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NOTE: VBF-83 Corsairs were equipped with rocket launcher stubs



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