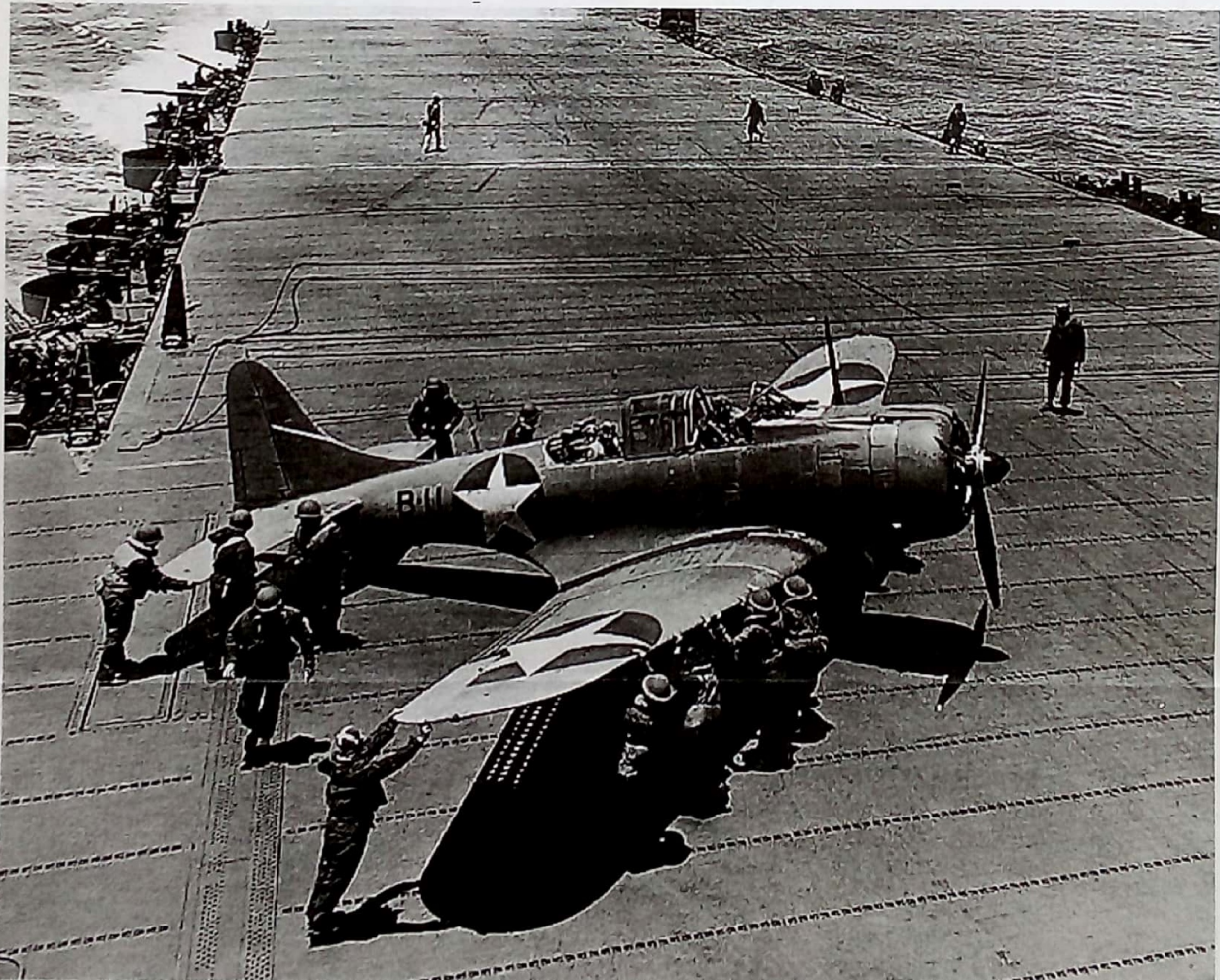
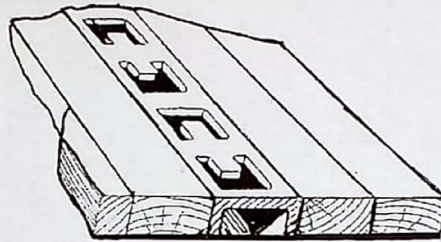


## 1/72 scale

Do not remove any parts from the tree until you are ready to add them to the model or assemble them. If you use an X-Acto blade or comparable to cut the parts off the sheet, it's best to have a hard surface underneath to prevent bending the parts. Cyanoacrylate glues (super glue) or craft glues (such as Aileen's or Gator Glue) may be used to attach or assemble brass parts. Before assembly, wash the parts with a de-greasing soap to facilitate painting. When bending is required, we recommend the modeler use a bending tool such as Hold & Fold provided by The Small Shop or use a sharp-cornered straight-edge such as the X-Acto chisel style blades (#17, 18). Place a flat surface over the part to hold it in place and slip the blade under the part to be bent. This will ensure a good, clean bend. If bent incorrectly, simply turn the piece over and flatten the bend out (brass is very forgiving). Dowels or other forms can be used to mold curves.

References: Original WW2 builder's blueprints furnished by The Floating Drydock.

Based on the blueprint we were unable to determine if the tie-down strips were furnished in stock lengths or in various lengths based on application. Apparently there was no fixed pattern to the number of 6" wide boards that were mounted between each tie-down strip. We suggest reviewing photos of the carrier deck you are modeling for accuracy. The tie-down strips should be flush with the rest of the deck.



An SBD on a Yorktown class carrier (probably). Note the spacing of the tie-down strips.