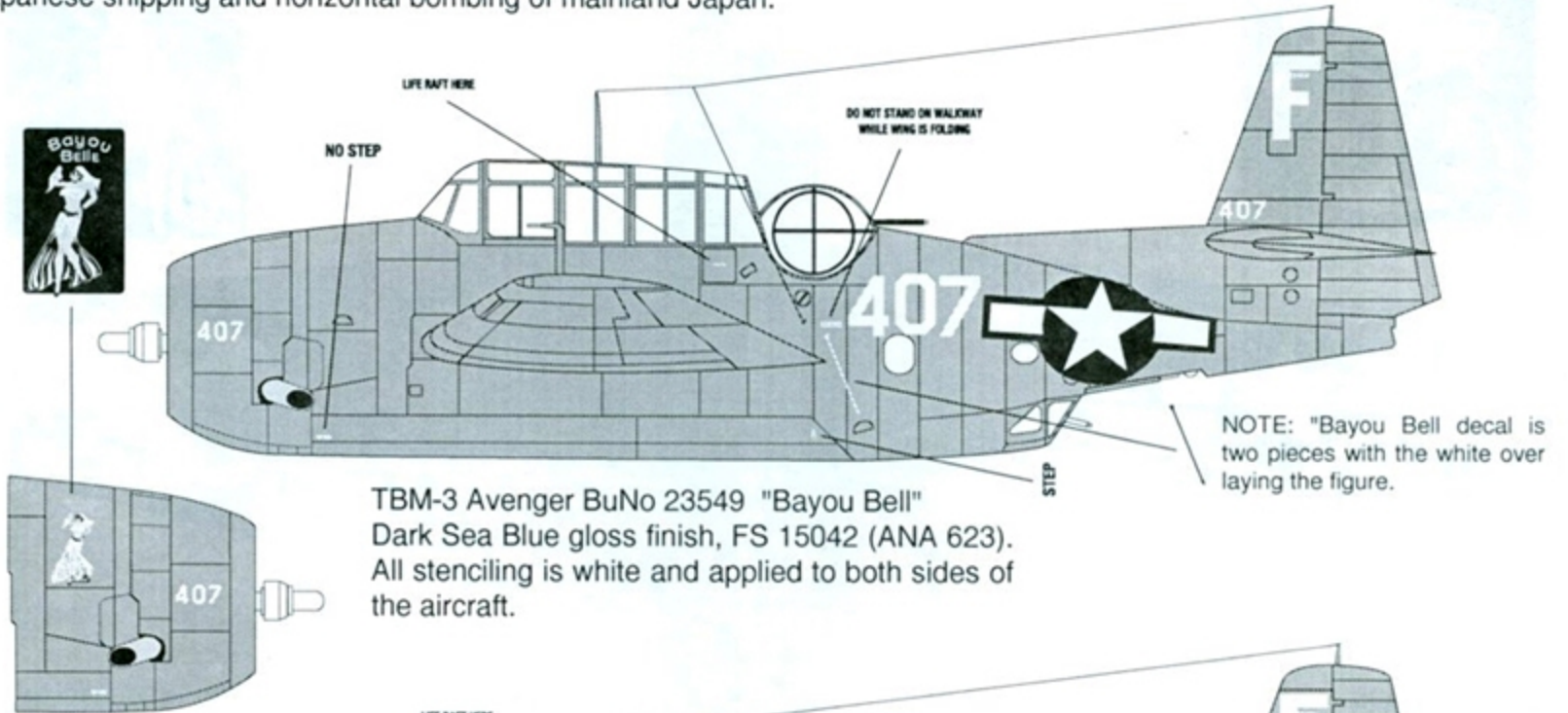
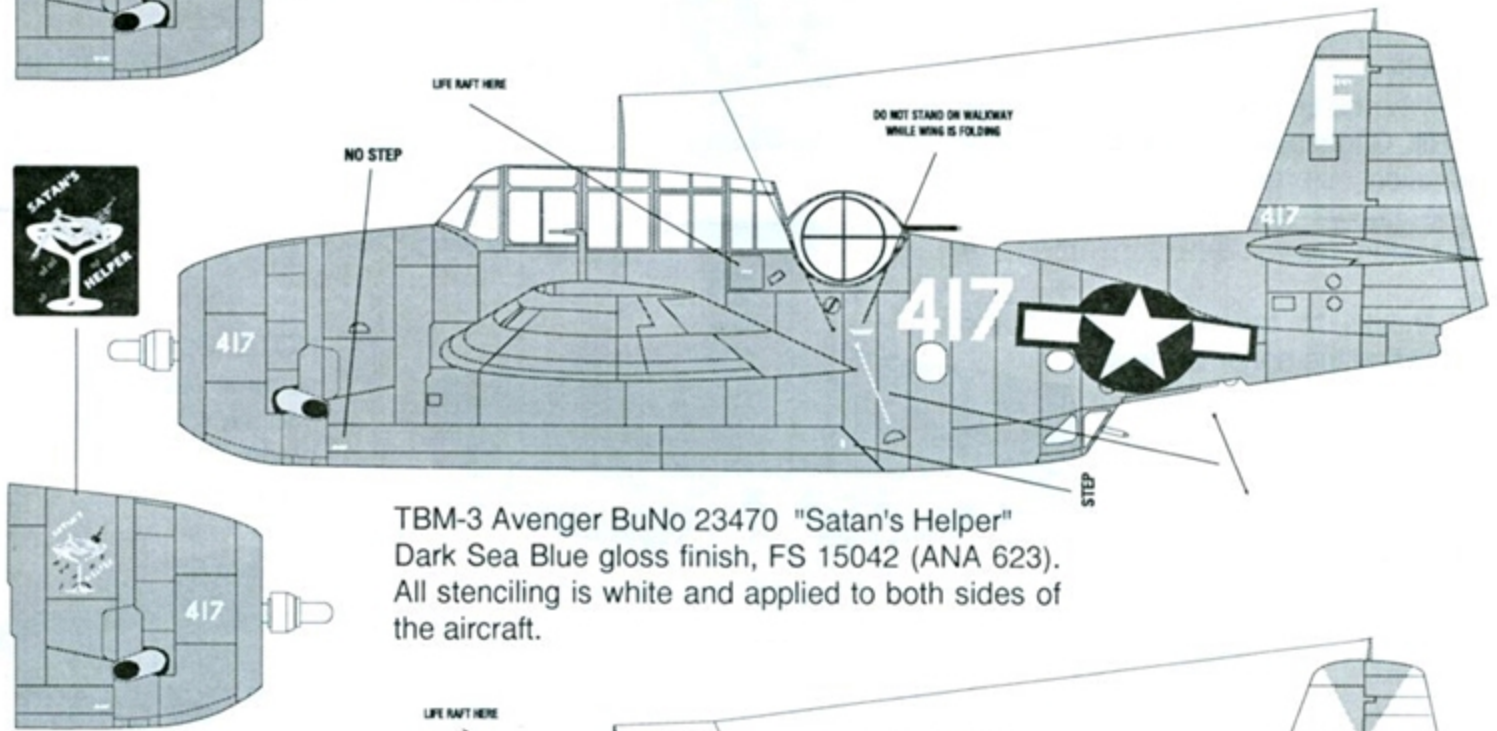


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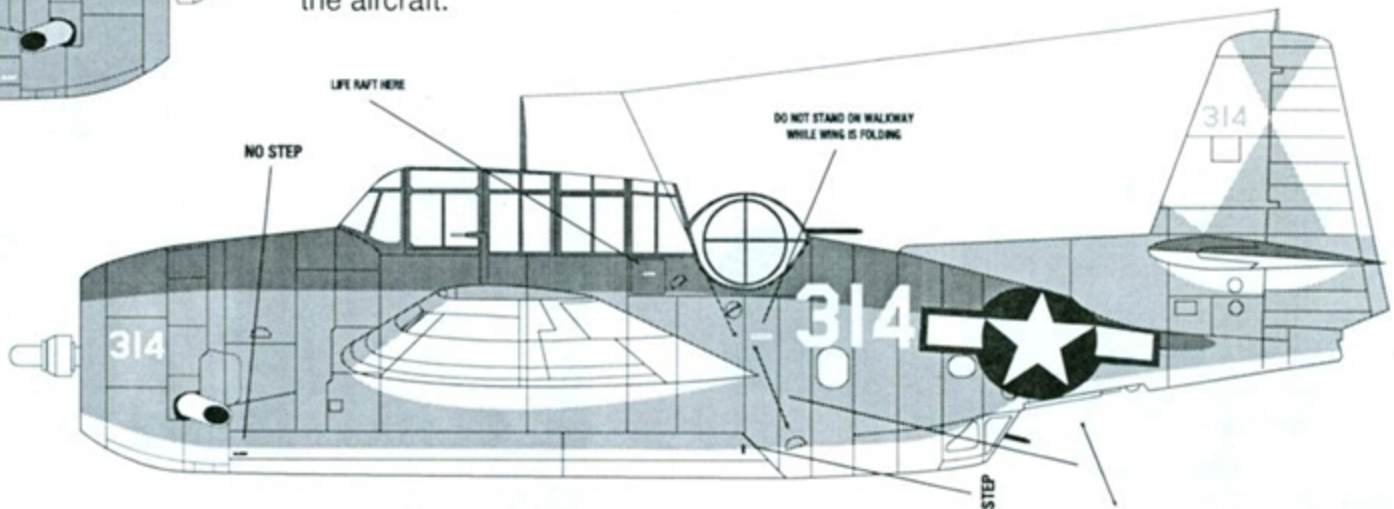
The three TBM-3's featured on this sheet operated on board the U.S.S. Essex during the period of 18 March, 1945 through the end of the war. Among their many missions were their participation in the sinking of the I.J.N. Yamato, strikes against Japanese shipping and horizontal bombing of mainland Japan.



TBM-3 Avenger BuNo 23549 "Bayou Belle"
 Dark Sea Blue gloss finish, FS 15042 (ANA 623).
 All stenciling is white and applied to both sides of the aircraft.



TBM-3 Avenger BuNo 23470 "Satan's Helper"
 Dark Sea Blue gloss finish, FS 15042 (ANA 623).
 All stenciling is white and applied to both sides of the aircraft.



TBM-3 Avenger BuNo 22957 Tri-color Scheme Three color scheme consists of Non Specular Sea Blue (FS 35042, ANA 607) and Intermediate Blue (FS 35164, ANA 608) over Non Specular White (FS 37875, ANA 601)

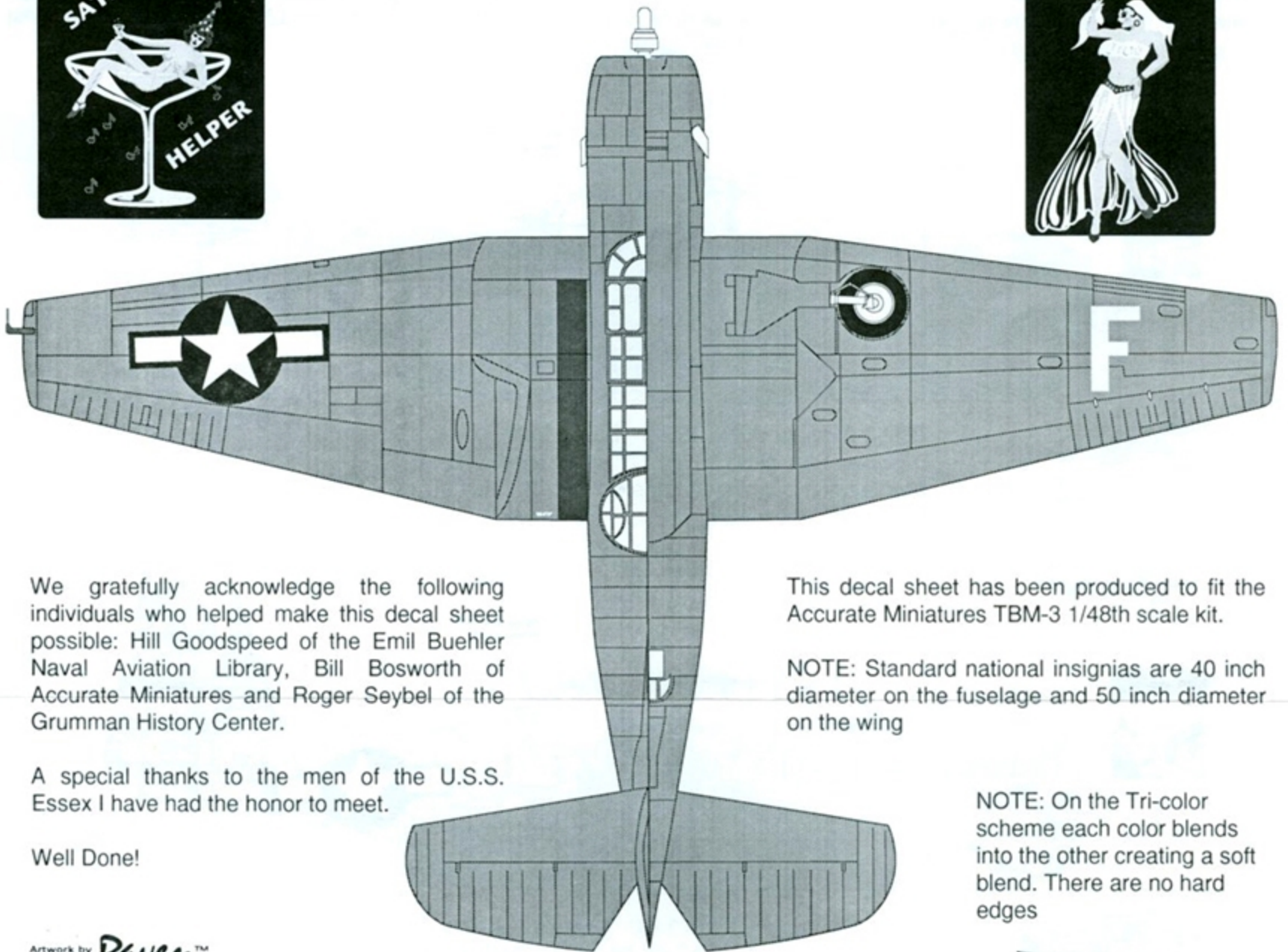
NOTE: The "No Step", "Step" and Arrow markings on this scheme are black. All other stenciling is white

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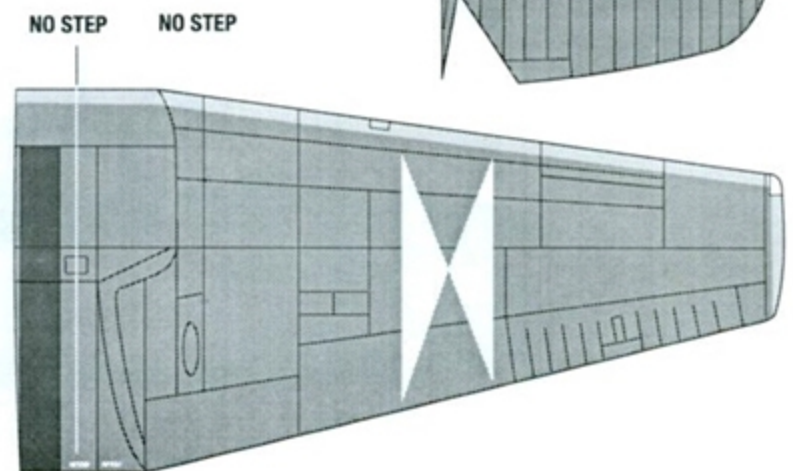
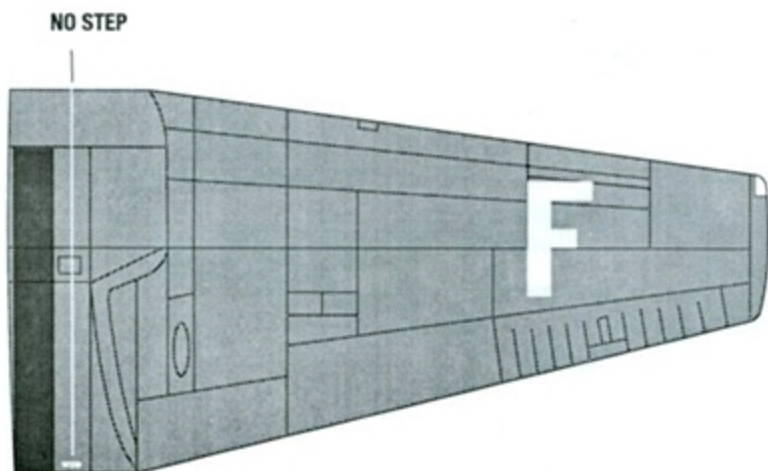
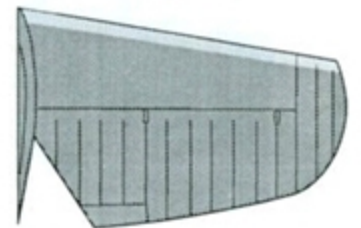
NOTE: Standard national insignias are 40 inch diameter on the fuselage and 50 inch diameter on the wing

A special thanks to the men of the U.S.S. Essex I have had the honor to meet.

NOTE: On the Tri-color scheme each color blends into the other creating a soft blend. There are no hard edges

Well Done!

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TBM-3 Avengers, #407 and #417 Sea Blue Scheme "F" is displayed on the upper starboard and lower port wings of both aircraft. Wingwalk should be painted dark gray.

TBM-3 Avenger #314 Tri-color Scheme Note how the intermediate blue wraps around and over the leading edge of the wings and horizontal stabilizers