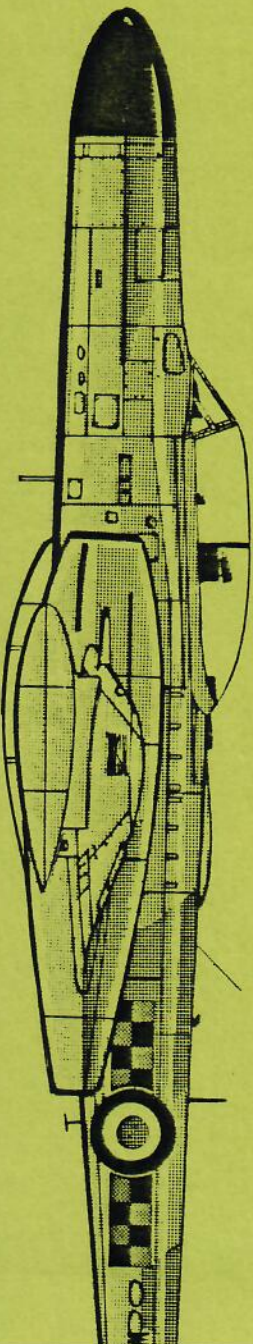




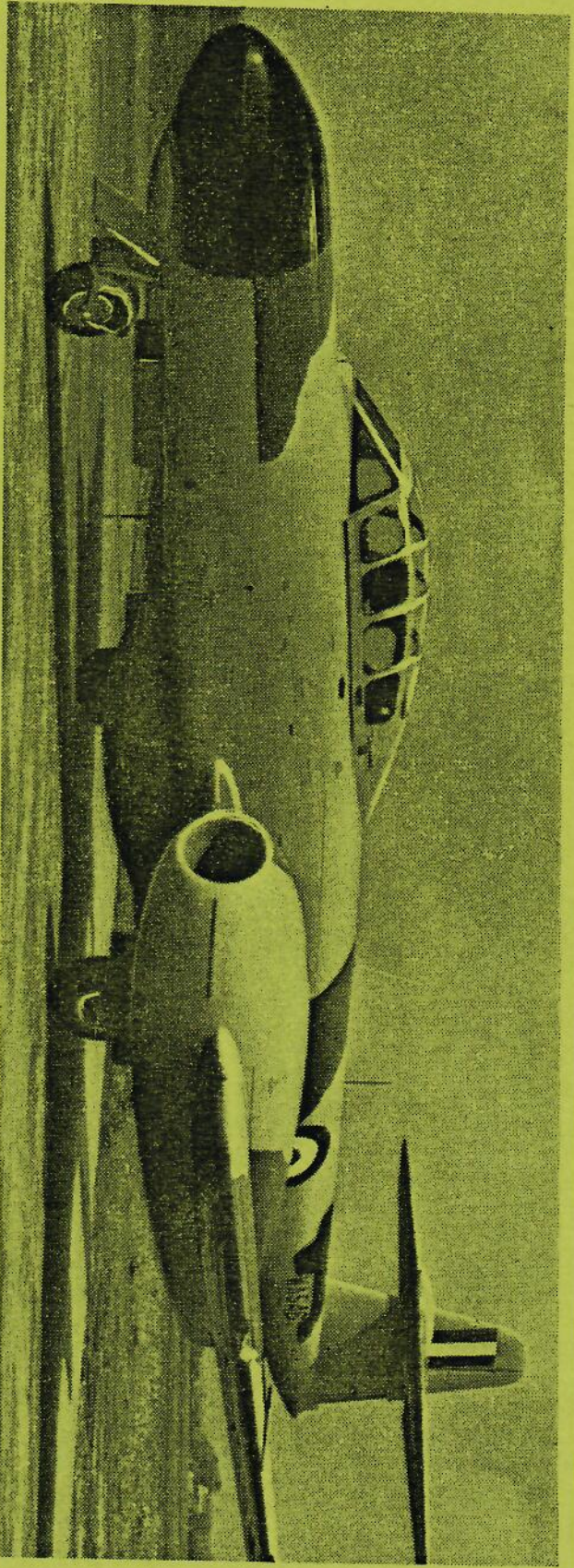
This kit contains highly-detailed vacforms moulded in styrene, clear transparencies, multi-view scale plans, picture and article references, colouring and marking details. Black serial number decals are included.

1:72 SCALE VACUUM-FORMED MODEL AIRPLANE CONSTRUCTION KIT



# METEOR NIGHT FIGHTERS

KIT WILL MAKE THE NF.14 AND EASILY MODIFIED TO NF.11/12/13 STANDARD



**CONSTRUCTION DETAILS**

Cut lightly around each moulded part and snap off excess plastic with small pliers. Now smooth all cut edges on a flat sheet of wet & dry sandpaper until a good centreline joint is achieved.

Add auto body filler to inside of thin parts for strength — do not use body putty or it will dissolve plastic. After sanding joints, brush on a coat of liquid cement to smooth scratches.

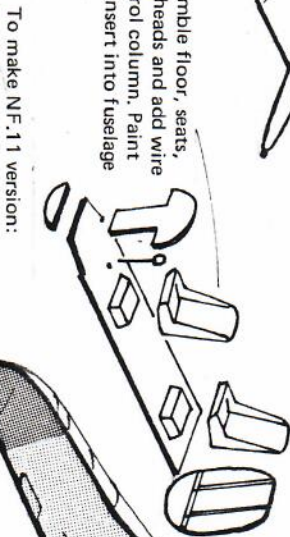


Undercarriage leg must be cut to depict aircraft in full loaded compression.



Outer cannon fairing is oval shaped.

Assemble floor, seats, bulkheads and add wire control column. Paint and insert into fuselage half.



To make N.F. 11 version:

Cut 11 mm from nose and glue back radome. Add framed cockpit canopy. Cut away tail fairing. Add fairing under nose.

Cut canopy with sharp scissors to fit fuselage opening and fix with white glue.



Add whip aerial mast. Add small aerial mast.

Line of camouflage paint on fuselage.



Ensure wings are mounted horizontally — insert spar if necessary.

Add weight to nose. Add nosewheel doors.

Glue nosewheel into front of u/c tray.

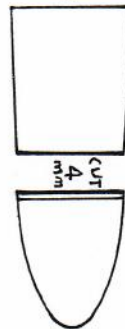
Mainwheel doors.

Score plastic under lower wing here and bend up outer wing to form dihedral.

Insert wire pitot tube

Wing tanks

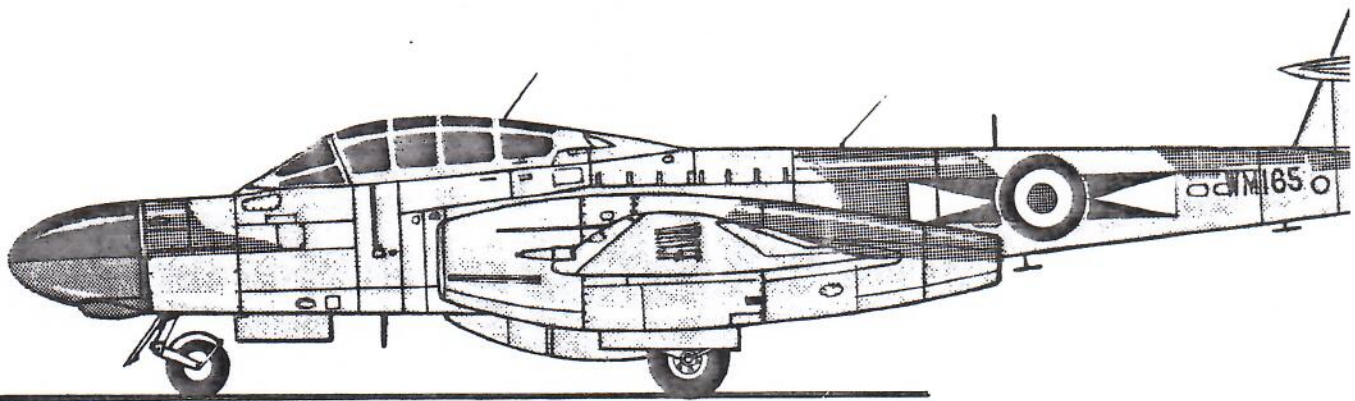
To make N.F. 12/13 versions: Cut 4mm section from nose and glue back radome. Add framed canopy.



File out intakes

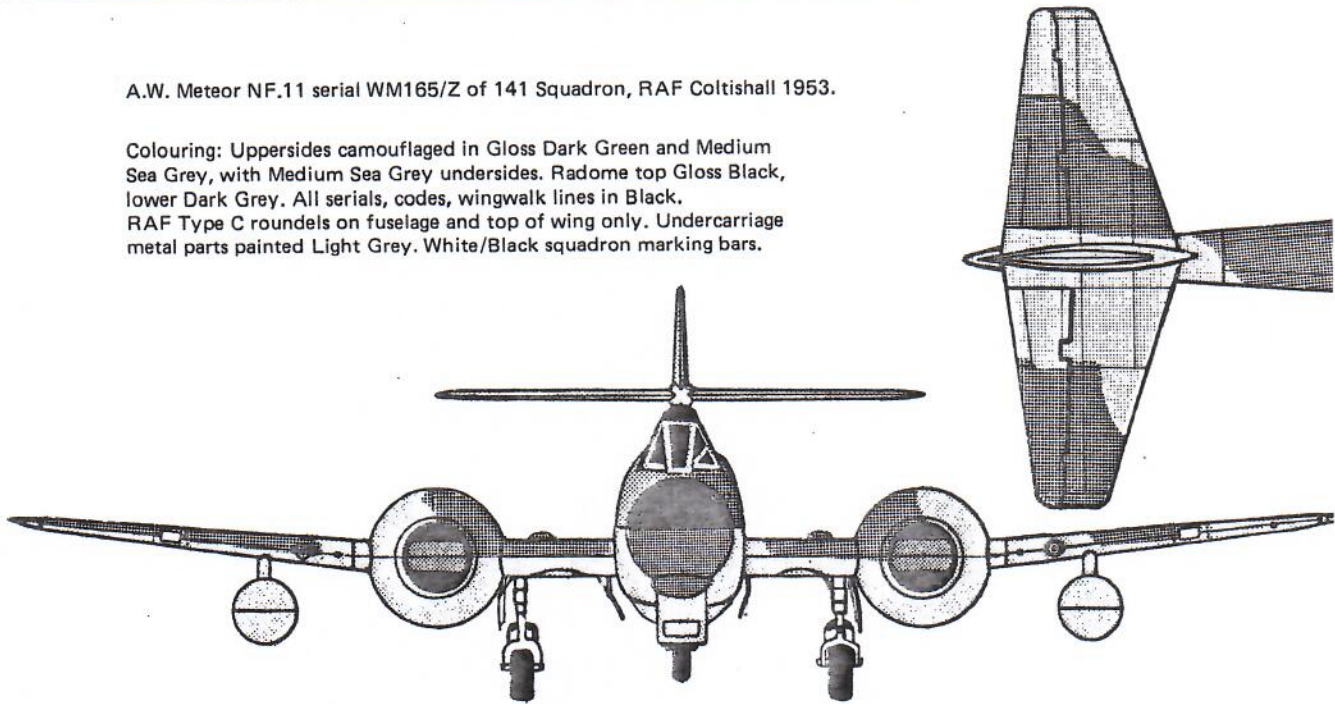
Jetpipe blanks

Belly tank



A.W. Meteor NF.11 serial WM165/Z of 141 Squadron, RAF Coltishall 1953.

Colouring: Uppersides camouflaged in Gloss Dark Green and Medium Sea Grey, with Medium Sea Grey undersides. Radome top Gloss Black, lower Dark Grey. All serials, codes, wingwalk lines in Black. RAF Type C roundels on fuselage and top of wing only. Undercarriage metal parts painted Light Grey. White/Black squadron marking bars.

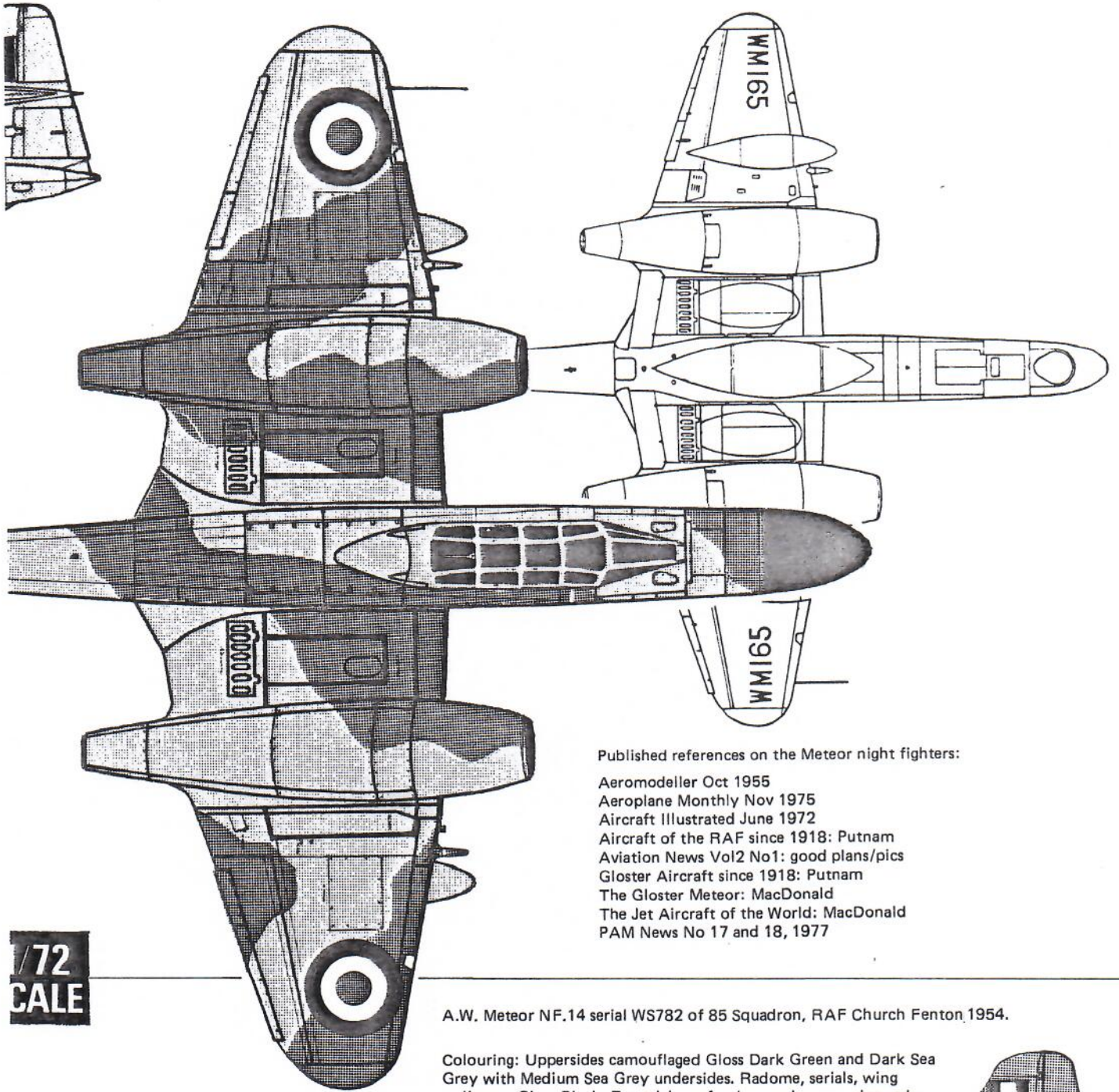


Still at the drawing-board stage, the Gloster Javelin and the DH.110 all-weather fighter designs were a long way from production in 1947 when the Air Ministry urgently needed replacements for the ageing Beaufighters and Mosquito night fighter force.

Glostons, having had great success with the Meteor twin-jet fighter, offered a specification broadly based on the two-seat trainer Meteor with an extended nose to accommodate the large radar scanner. This 'stop-gap' solution was accepted and, because the Gloster workbook was full, the complete design and development went to Armstrong Whitworth, another company in the group with Meteor production experience.

The prototype Armstrong Whitworth Meteor NF.11 flew in May 1950 and entered RAF service in the same year, a total of 341 being built. Twenty were built for Denmark and some ex-RAF machines served with France and Belgian air forces whilst Sweden had some for target-towing. The NF.12 was a progressive version with a longer nose, 100 being built. In 1952, 40 NF.13 tropical models served with the RAF in the Middle East and later were sold off to Egypt, Syria, Israel and France.

The final development, the NF.14 with a new clear canopy and an even longer nose went into production between 1953 to 1955, 100 of these were made and some remained in service in the Far East until 1961. Two ex-RAF NF.14 were sold to France in 1957 for missile development and other test purposes.



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A.W. Meteor NF.14 serial WS782 of 85 Squadron, RAF Church Fenton, 1954.

Colouring: Uppersides camouflaged Gloss Dark Green and Dark Sea Grey with Medium Sea Grey undersides. Radome, serials, wing walkways Gloss Black. Roundels on fuselage and upper wing only. Black/Red check squadron bars.

