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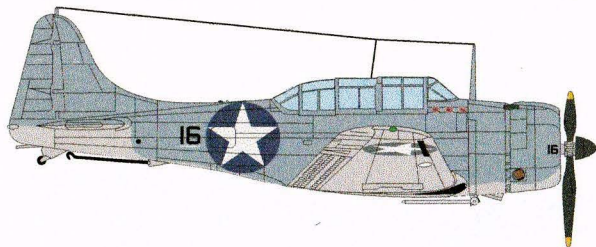
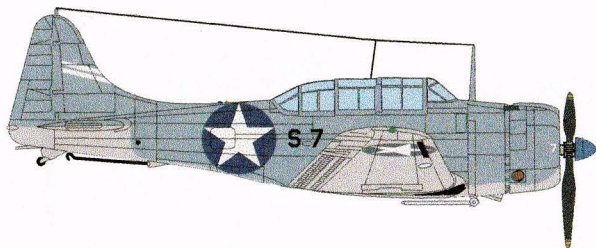
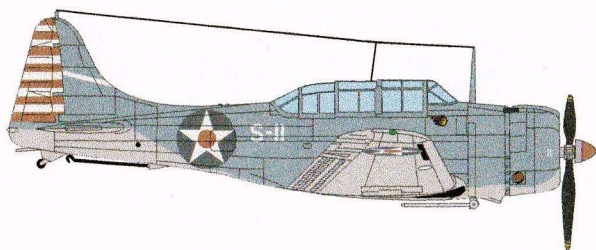
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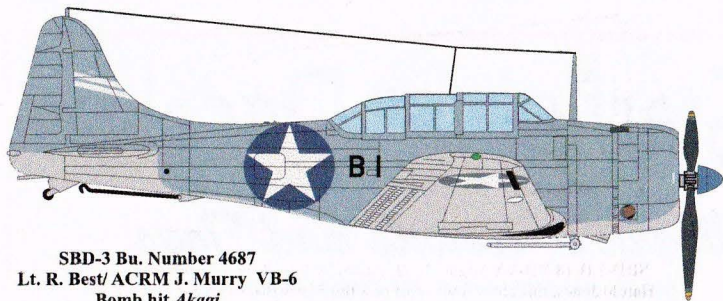
Dauntless at War in the Pacific

1942-1943



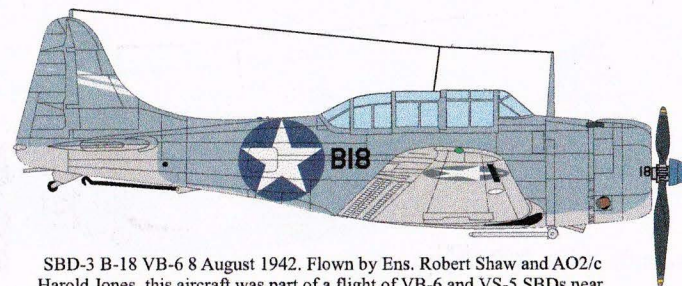
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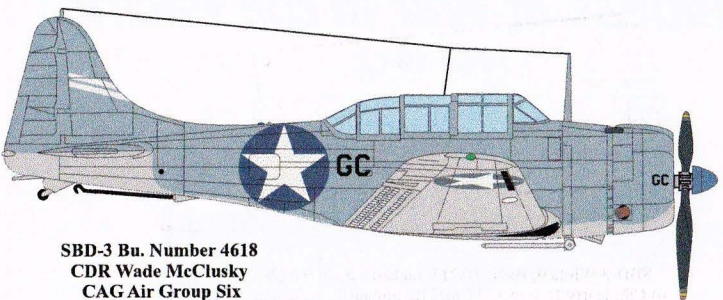


SBD-3 Bu. Number 4687
Lt. R. Best/ACRM J. Murry VB-6
Bomb hit Akagi

Sheet notes
Two sets of Insignia and prop markings are provided for each aircraft type. Some of the markings provided are "Best Guess" as no photos exist of the exact aircraft, but may exist of other aircraft from the squadron. The decals are designed to fit the Accurate Miniatures kit. They may or may not fit other kits.



SBD-3 B-18 VB-6 8 August 1942. Flown by Ens. Robert Shaw and AO2/c Harold Jones, this aircraft was part of a flight of VB-6 and VS-5 SBDs near Tulagi when they were jumped by two A6M2 Zeros, one flown by Saburo Sakai who sustained grave injuries from the return fire of the bombers.



SBD-3 Bu. Number 4618
CDR Wade McClusky
CAG Air Group Six

USN Blue Gray



Lt Gray 602



Black



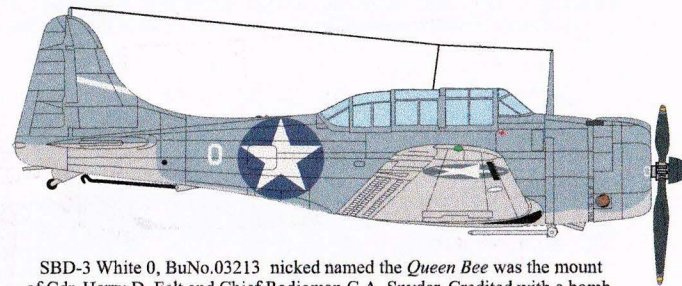
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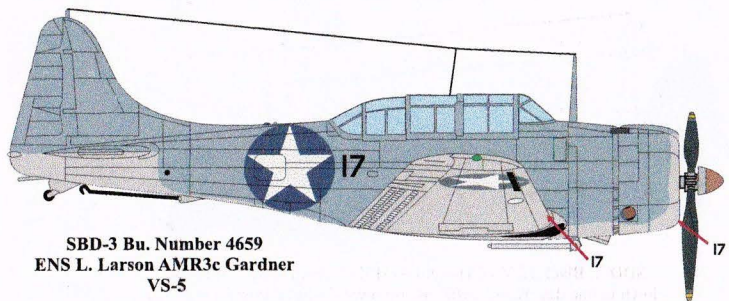
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Prop

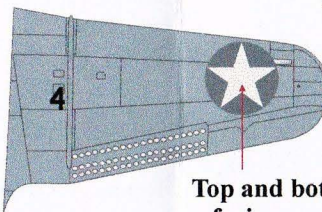
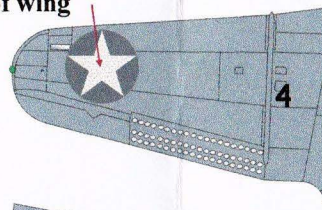


SBD-3 White 0, BuNo.03213 nicknamed the *Queen Bee* was the mount of Cdr. Harry D. Felt and Chief Radioman C.A. Snyder. Credited with a bomb hit on the IJN *Ryujō* on 24 Aug '42 while flying as the *Saratoga's* CAG.

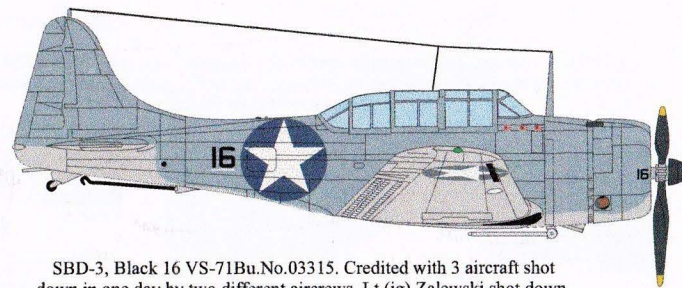


SBD-3 Bu. Number 4659
ENS L. Larson AMR3c Gardner
VS-8

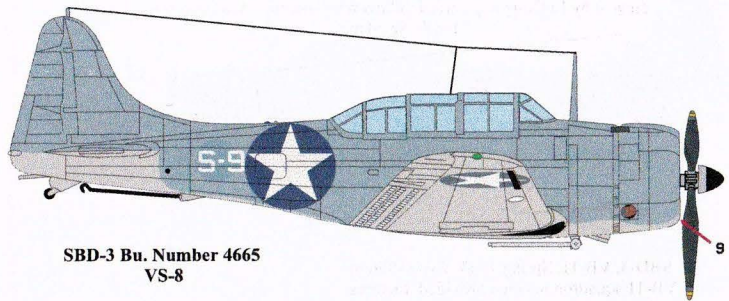
Top and bottom of wing



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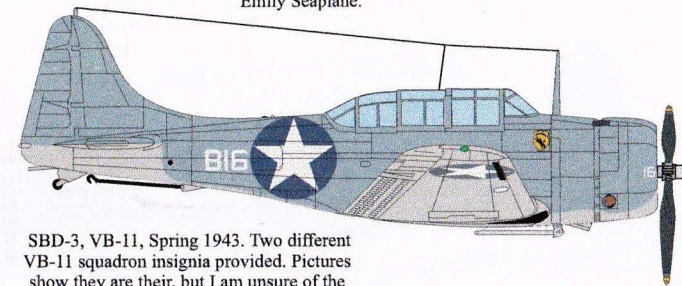
SBD-3, Black 16 VS-71 Bu.No.03315. Credited with 3 aircraft shot down in one day by two different aircrews. Lt.(jg) Zalewski shot down two E13A Jake floatplanes on the morning of Aug 25, 42. That afternoon, crewed by Lt Doughty, it was credited with shooting down an H8K Emily Seaplane.



SBD-3 Bu. Number 4665
VS-8

Builders notes

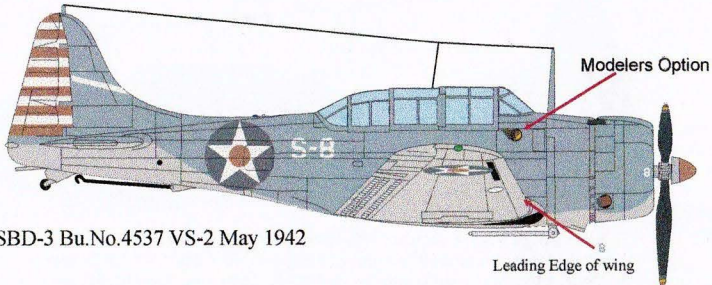
SBD-3 at the Battle of Midway carried by CV units were all were equipped with twin 30 caliber rear mounted machine guns. Scouting units were usually armed with 2x 100 lb bombs on scouting missions and additional 500 lb on the centerline on an attack mission. Bombing units carried a 1000lb bomb on the centerline. Insignia were carried in all six positions (Top and bottom of wings, sides of fuselage).



SBD-3, VB-11, Spring 1943. Two different VB-11 squadron insignia provided. Pictures show they are their, but I am unsure of the color. Modeler's option.

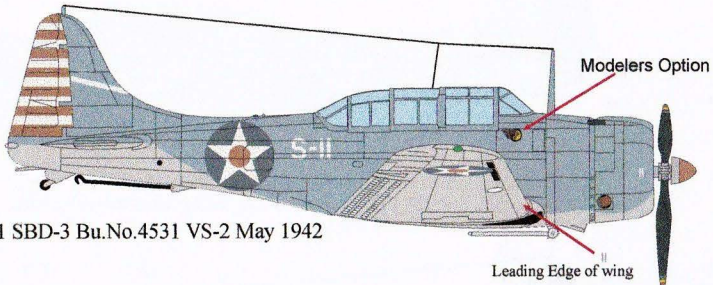
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The SBD-3 Dauntless was the main offensive weapon of the USN Air Groups during the Guadalcanal Campaign. Used both as a Scouting and Dive Bombing aircraft, this versatile aircraft was even used as a stop-gap point defense fighter.



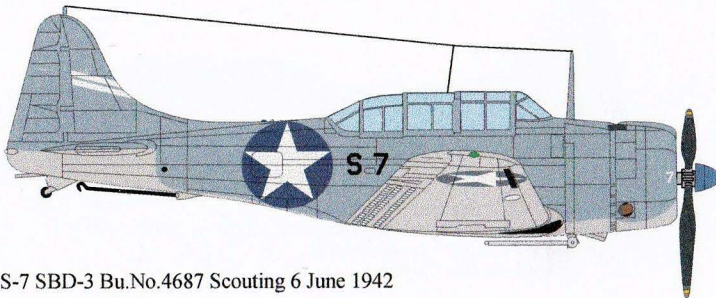
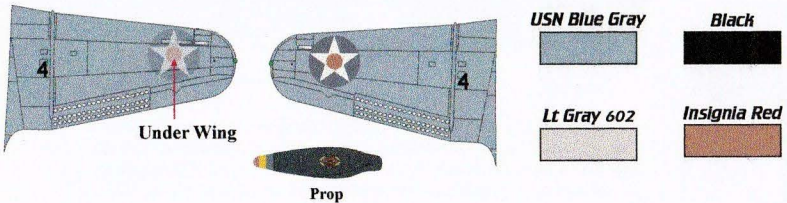
S-8 SBD-3 Bu.No.4537 VS-2 May 1942

Lt(jg) William Hall and Radioman 1c John More flew Anti-Torpedo plane duty on 8 May 1942. Credit with a "Kate", he and his gunner continued with the defense of the *Lexington* after being wounded. Lt(jg) Hall was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for this mission.



S-11 SBD-3 Bu.No.4531 VS-2 May 1942

Cdr. William Ault was the Commander Air Group Lexington. Cdr. Ault claimed a hit on the *Shokaku* when they radioed in the strike report. Also reporting that he and his crewman was wounded, they never returned from the strike.



S-7 SBD-3 Bu.No.4687 Scouting 6 June 1942

Lt.Jg N.J. Kleiss ARM3c J.W. Snowden. Scored Bomb Hits on the , *Kaga*, *Hiryu*, on two different missions on June 4th and *Mikuma* on June 6th during the Battle of Midway. Awarded the Navy Cross for his actions during the battle.