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F4U-4

Corsair Part 2



F4U-4B
VMA-332

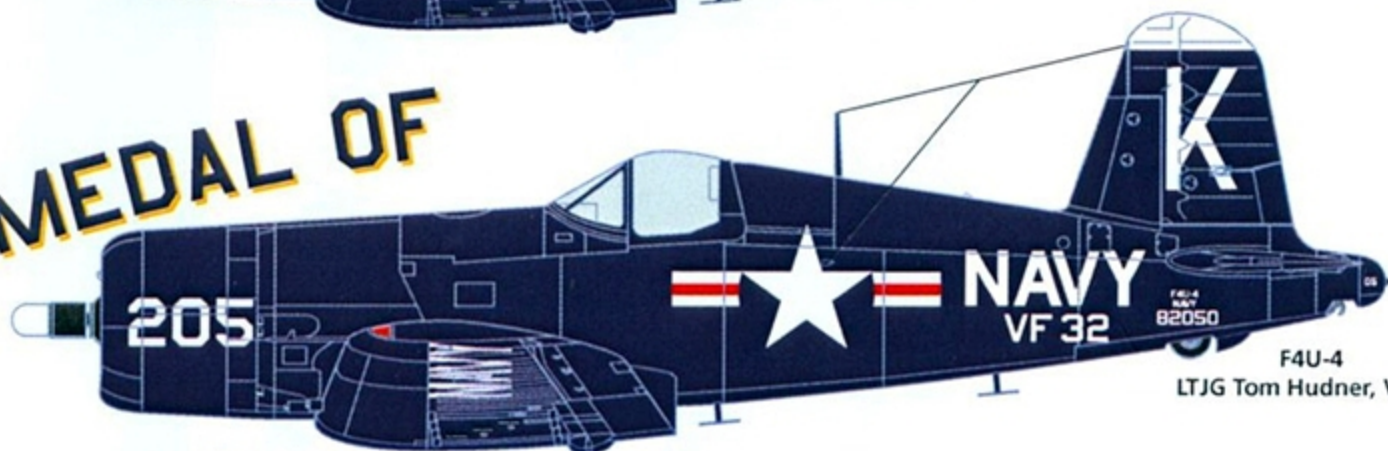


1ST BLACK NAVAL AVIATOR



F4U-4
ENS Jesse Brown, VF-32

MEDAL OF



F4U-4
LTJG Tom Hudner, VF-32



F4U-4
VA-14

Recommended kit:
Hasegawa F4U-4
Academy F4U-4

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F4U-4B

VMA-332, USS Bairoko (CVE-115)
Yellow Sea (off Korea), July 1953

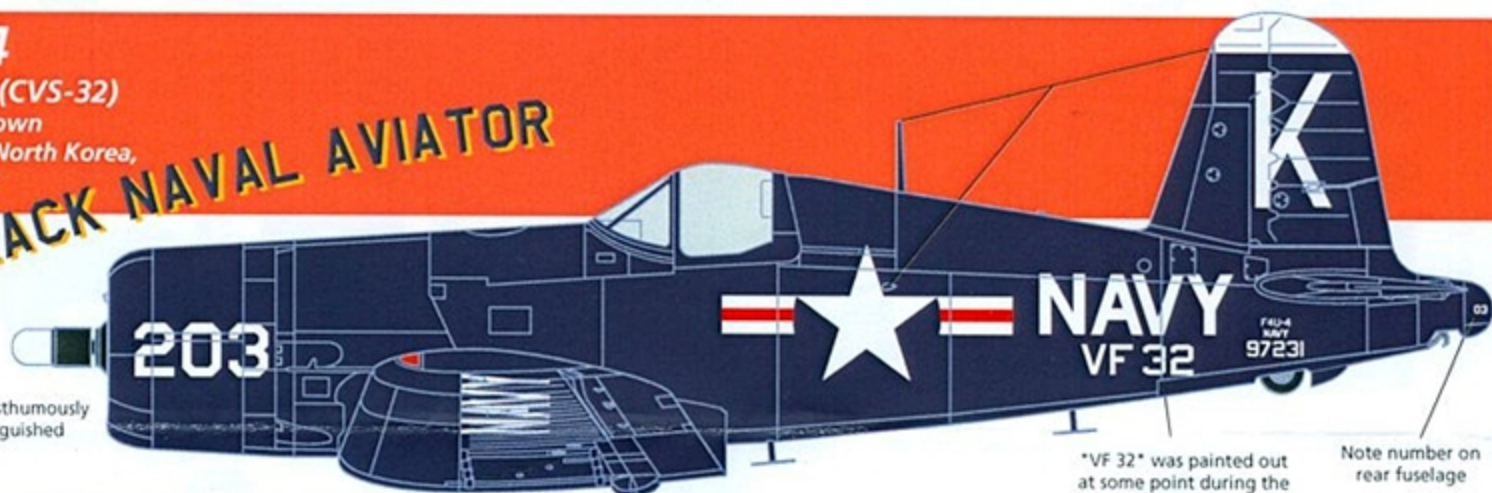


Paint white band first, then apply red dot decals.

F4U-4s were painted overall Glossy Sea Blue FS 15042

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VF-32, USS Leyte (CVS-32)
ENS Jesse L. Brown
Near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea,
4 Dec 1950



ENS Brown was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Brown was flying 97231 the day he was shot down. The Modex of 97231 may have been 217; former squadron pilots are not sure which was the correct Modex (217 decals included)

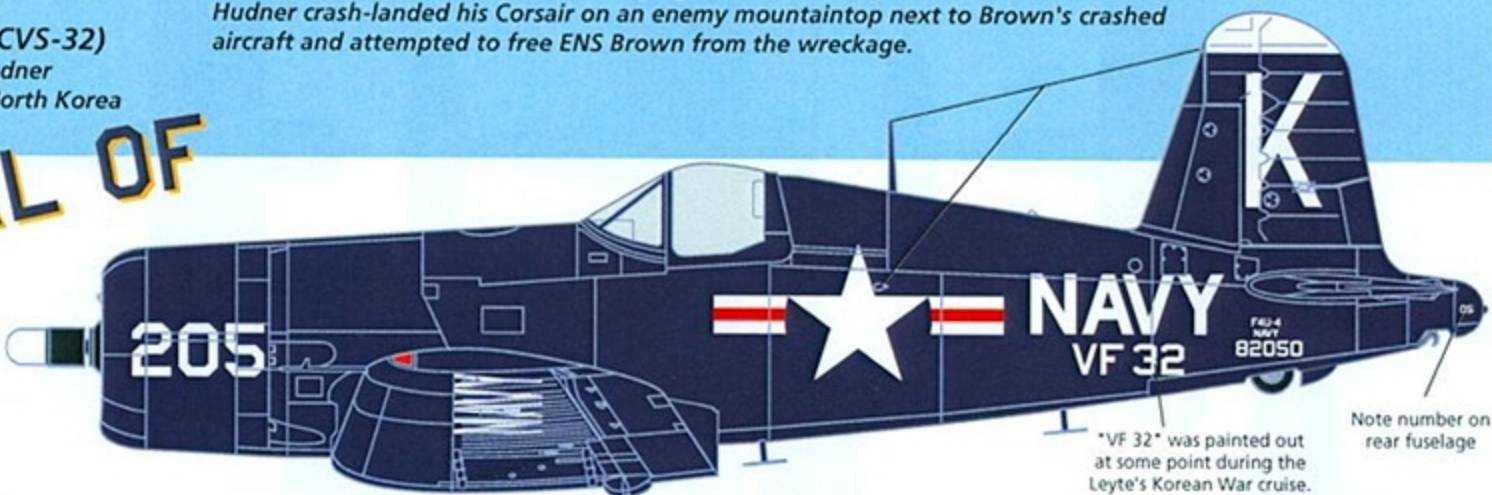
VF 32 was painted out at some point during the Leyte's Korean War cruise.

Note number on rear fuselage

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VF-32, USS Leyte (CVS-32)
LTJG Thomas J. Hudner
Near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea
4 Dec 1950

LT Hudner won the Medal of Honor trying to rescue his flight lead, ENS Jessie Brown. Hudner crash-landed his Corsair on an enemy mountaintop next to Brown's crashed aircraft and attempted to free ENS Brown from the wreckage.



MEDAL OF HONOR



VF 32 was painted out at some point during the Leyte's Korean War cruise.

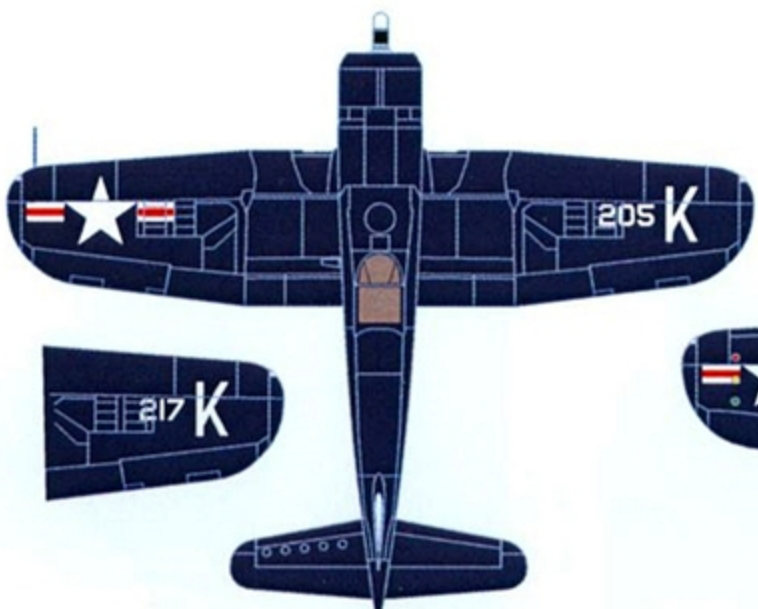
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VA-14 'Tophatters'
LCDR Lou Burke (commander VA-14)
September, 1949





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VF-32 Corsairs (Hudner & Brown)

- The BuNo for ENS Brown's Corsair is recorded in official Navy documents, but the modex of the plane he was flying that day is not. CAPT Tom Hudner, USN, Ret, and CDR William Koenig, USN, Ret (ENS Brown's cabinmate on the Leyte) supplied us with beautiful color photos and their memories of that fateful day. Most surviving squadron members believe the modex on Brown's aircraft was "203," but the squadron engineering officer thinks it could possibly have been "217," since 217 was a nearly perfect aircraft with excellent flying and maintenance qualities and Brown had flown it on other missions. We've provided both sets of modex numbers for both the cowl and the rear fuselage tip.
- The "VF-32" painted below the "NAVY" was removed at some point during the Korean cruise. Photos taken more than a month after the mission date show it removed on all aircraft visible in them, but it is not clear exactly what date the squadron number was removed, so we cannot say for certain that the "VF-32" was applied to the planes on the Medal of Honor mission date. Whether you apply it or not is up to you.
- As noted above, we are deeply indebted to CAPT Tom Hudner, CDR William Koenig, and Modelhawk, (Bill Woodier) for their indispensable help on this project.

Note regarding the F4U-4B

- The F4U-4B had two 20mm cannons in each wing instead of the usual three .50 cal guns in the F4U-4.

Applying the Decals

You probably already know all this stuff, so feel free to use your regular process; however, if you're new to aftermarket decals, here goes:

- Generally, use the Microscale Finishing System. We don't recommend extremely strong decal solvents such as Solvaset.
- Your model must have a smooth, glossy surface, as decals won't adhere well to matte surfaces. Use gloss paints or your favorite clear gloss overspray over matte or semigloss paint.
- Cut each subject out without trimming off the slight excess film (this helps the decal film disappear when dry).
- Put the decal in warm water that has a drop or two of liquid dishwashing soap or photo-flo for 10 seconds.
- When the decal will slide off the backing paper without forcing it, apply it to the proper position on your model. Slide the backing paper out from underneath.
- Gently blot off excess water and smooth out bubbles under the decal surface. If you wish, carefully brush on a mild decal softener such as Micro-Sol.
- When all decals are completely dry, gently wash off all excess decal adhesive.
- Finally, overcoat your model with a good quality gloss coat, followed by your choice of matte or eggshell clear topcoat.

FS 595 Color Cross Reference

FS 5042 Pro Modeler 88-0041

Bibliography

Original color photos supplied by CAPT Hudner via Modelhawk (Bill Woodier).