



U.S. NAVY AVIATION

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Starting with this issue there will be a Naval Aviation department in each JOURNAL to cover small items of interest to the Navy enthusiast. We hope to be able to print many interesting items, such as the F4U-1 below, that heretofore have not been published because they do not fit into existing articles. We will cover all periods from 1911 to the present and welcome your contributions of photos and information.

NEW COAST GUARD MARKINGS

As part of the change-over in the Coast Guard from the Treasury Department to the Department of Transportation, all ships and aircraft are being repainted. A narrow blue band adjacent to a wide band of international orange, containing the Coast Guard insignia, is placed diagonally on the hull or fuselage. The prefix letters "U.S." have been dropped and the words COAST GUARD enlarged on the new white aircraft.

WORLD WAR II NAVY AIRCRAFT BOOK

Aireview magazine, in Japan, has published a real sleeper in their "U. S. Navy Aircraft of World War II". This 209-page paperback is loaded with photos and line drawings by Hashimoto. Not intended for the U. S. market, with all of the text in Japanese, it is nevertheless a valuable addition to any naval aviation library. If you can find a correspondent to get a copy for you it sells for 650 Yen (\$1.81) in Japan



Experimental 1944 installation of contra-rotating prop on F4U-1 by Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. Engine used was P & W R-2800-55. (P & W Photo)

NAVAL AIR RESERVE HISTORY

AAHS member Clarence "Doc" Doxstater is continuing his work on an excellent model display depicting all types of aircraft flown by the Naval Air Reserve. Each model is finished in the authentic markings of the period, and this often raises many questions. Any Navy buffs who would be willing to help with this project are asked to write to Doc at 9752 Russell Street, Garden Grove, California 92641.

His "Red Ripper" display has been gaining national recognition through publicity in the Navy Times etc., and is slated for permanent display at NAS Los Alamitos.

DETAILED THREE-VIEW PLANS

Aeromodeler magazine in England has published a fine series of detailed plans on U. S. Navy aircraft and these are available as reprints in enlarged size. Each Packet sells for 30 cents each in England and contains two drawings, in two scales, plus a reprint of the introductory text (with photos) used in the original magazine printing. Order from Model Aeronautical Press Ltd., 13 Bridge Street, Hemel Hempstead, Herts., England.

USN types available, with their Packet Numbers are: 2673 Boeing F4b-4; 2658 Vought F7U-3; 2668 Vought F8U-1; 2723 Vought F8U-3; 2774 Vought F4U-1; 2821 Convair XFY-1; 2755 Curtiss Navy Racer CR-1, 2, 3; 2445 Douglas F4D-1; 2649 Douglas A4D Skyhawk; 2856 Douglas D-558; 2872 Douglas SBD Dauntless; 2683 Grumman F9F-8; 2706 Grumman Gulfhawk & F3F-2; 2747 McDonnell F4H-1.

NAVY AIRCRAFT PROFILES

Now that the aircraft Profiles have ended with No. 204, it is a good time to take stock of your library and make sure that you have all of the U. S. Navy types that were issued.

The full list is as follows: Number 27, Boeing F4B-4, by Peter M. Bowers; No. 42, North American FJ Fury, by Francis K. Mason; No. 47, Vought F4U-1 by Jay Frank Dial; No. 53, Grumman Wildcat, by Frank L. Greene; No. 60, Douglas Skyraider, by Harry Gann; No. 90, LTV Crusader, by Gerhard Joos; No. 92, Grumman F3F by LCDR Benton Reams; No. 102, Douglas A-4 Skyhawk, by Harry Gann; No. 107, Grumman F8F-1 Bearcat, by Hal Andrews; No. 116, Curtiss Navy Hawks, by Peter M. Bowers; No. 124, Curtiss SB2C-1, by Hal Andrews; No. 150, Chance Vought F4U-4 to F4U-7, by Jay Frank Dial; No. 171, Douglas TBD-1, by Thomas E. Doll; No. 183, Consolidated PBY, by Everett Cassagnergere; No. 194, Curtiss SOC Seagull, by William Larkins; No. 196, Douglas SBD Dauntless, by David Brazelton and No. 204, Lockheed P2V Neptune, author unk.

Individual copies of these Profiles may be purchased for 50 cents each from the National Aerospace Council, Room 616 Shoreham Bldg., 806 Fifteenth St. N. W., Washington, D. C. 20005.



Ling-Temco-Vought A-7A "Corsair IIs" of VA-147 leaving the United States for their first tour of combat duty in Viet Nam. VA-147 left aboard the USS RANGER on November 4, 1967, and has since been highly praised in daily news reports. (Photo by W.T. Larkins)

AIRCRAFT, QUANTITY AND TYPE

NOTE.—This report is a summary of the general status of naval aircraft, as shown by the records of the Department at 4.30 p.m., May 31, 1927.

V. HEAVIER-THAN-AIR AIRCRAFT (TOTAL, 844)

SCOUTING (147 VS)			PATROL (5 VP)		
3 CS-1.	33 H-16.	32 SC-2.	1 PN-7.	1 PN-9.	2 PN-10.
1 CS-2.	10 HS-2L.	2 SC-6.	1 PB-1.		
1 CS-3.	4 MS-1.	1 SC-7.			
34 F5L.	23 SC-1.	3 SDW-1.			
TORPEDO AND BOMBING (57 VT)			FIGHTING (204 VF)		
21 DT-2.	1 FT-2.	24 T3M-1.	1 F3W-1.	2 FB-3.	19 VE-7.
2 DT-4.	3 MBT.	2 T3M-2.	2 F4C-1.	1 F2B-1.	18 VE-7S.
1 DT-6.	2 T2D-1.	1 TN-1.	3 F6C-1.	27 FB-5.	2 VE-7SF.
OBSERVATION (222 VO)			4 F6C-2.	20 FU-1.	12 VE-9.
28 DH4B-1.	23 02B-1.	4 OL-3.	34 F6C-3.	1 R3C-4.	1 VE-9II.
8 DH4B-2.	4 02B-2.	2 OL-4.	26 F6C-4.	17 TS-1.	
1 LePere.	1 02U-1.	10 OL-6.	11 FB-1.	3 VE-7H.	
1 M20-1.	2 OD-1.	33 UO-1.	TRAINING (204 VN)		
23 MO-1.	2 OL-1.	74 UO-1C.	9 JN.	63 NY-1.	1 TG-4.
1 NO-2.	5 OL-2.		38 NB-1.	1 NY-2.	2 TG-5.
			21 NB-2.		
			EXPERIMENTAL (5 VX)		
			1 XJR-1.	2 XS-1.	1 XS-2.
			1 XOL-7.		

Z. LIGHTER-THAN-AIR AIRCRAFT (TOTAL, 22)

ZR. Rigid airship 1-ZR-3.
ZK. 9 kite balloons and 11 free balloons.

ZN. Nonrigid airship 1-J-3.