

Occasional Colours

DeHavilland Hornet & Sea Hornet

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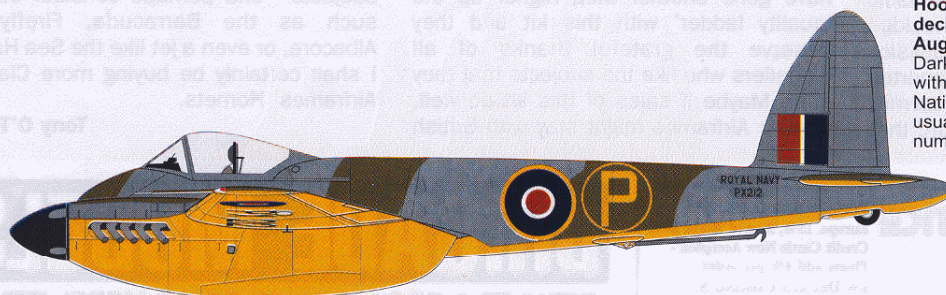
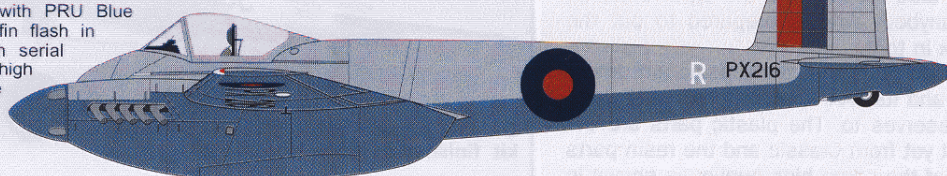


Hornet Prototype, RR915, first flown from Hatfield on 28 July 1944

Medium Sea Grey upper surfaces with Yellow undersides. Post-1942 type National Markings roundels and fin flash in usual positions. Black 8 inch high serial number on fuselage side. Note Yellow 'Prototype' marking next to fuselage roundel.

Hornet PR.II Prototype, PX216/R at A&AEE Boscombe Down, November 1945

Medium Sea Grey upper surfaces with PRU Blue undersides. Red/Blue roundels and fin flash in usual positions. Black 24 inch high serial number under wings. Black 8 inch high serial number on fuselage side. White 'R' approx 10 inches high.

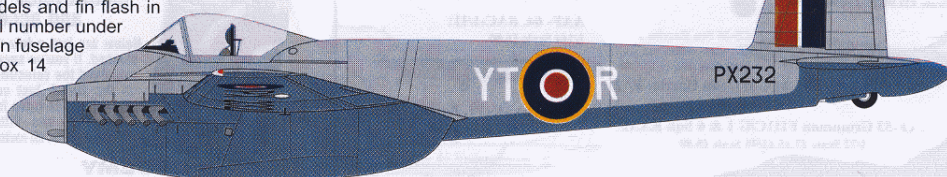


Hooked Hornet, PX212, which undertook deck landing trials on HMS Ocean, on 10 August 1945

Dark Green and Ocean Grey upper surfaces with Yellow undersides. Post-1942 type National Markings roundels and fin flash in usual positions. Black 24 inch high serial number under wings. Black 4 inch high serial number and ROYAL NAVY on fuselage side. Note Yellow 'Prototype' marking next to fuselage roundel.

Hornet F.1, PX232, YT-R of No 65 Sqn., Fayid, Egypt, May 1947

Medium Sea Grey upper surfaces with PRU Blue undersides. Post-1942 type National Markings roundels and fin flash in usual positions. Black 24 inch high serial number under wings. Black 8 inch high serial number on fuselage side. Medium Sea Grey spinners. Approx 14 inch high code letters in white. Note Squadron badge on fin.

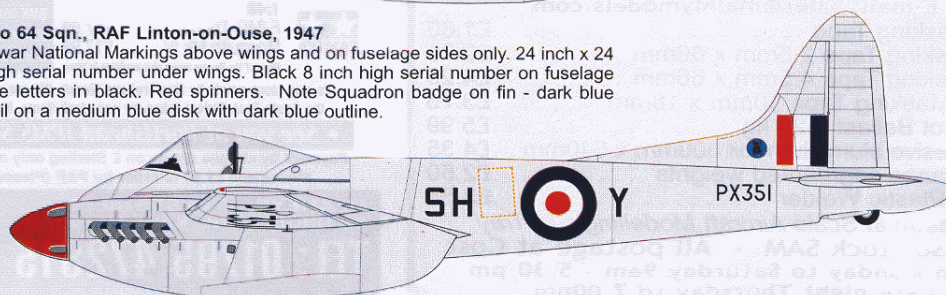


Hornet F.3, PX387, QV-H of No 19 Sqn., RAF Church Fenton, July 1947

Overall Aluminium finish. Post-war National Markings above wings and on fuselage sides only. 24 inch x 24 inch fin flash. Black 24 inch high serial number under wings. Black 8 inch high serial number on fuselage side. Approx 14 inch high code letters in black. Blue spinners with white band. Note replacement engine panel in PRU Blue.

Hornet F.3, PX351, SH-Y of No 64 Sqn., RAF Linton-on-Ouse, 1947

Overall Aluminium finish. Post-war National Markings above wings and on fuselage sides only. 24 inch x 24 inch fin flash. Black 24 inch high serial number under wings. Black 8 inch high serial number on fuselage side. Approx 14 inch high code letters in black. Red spinners. Note Squadron badge on fin - dark blue Scarab Beetle with yellow detail on a medium blue disk with dark blue outline.



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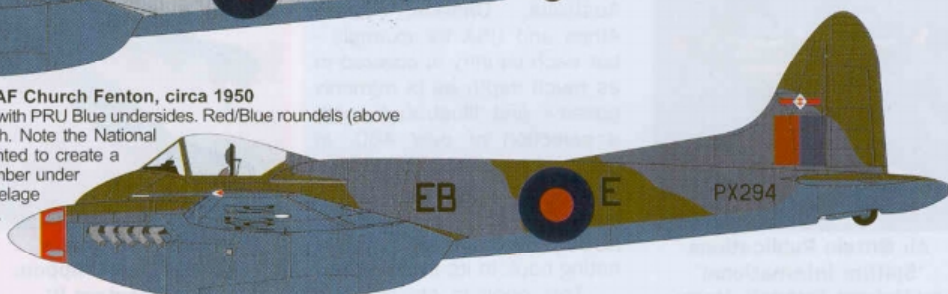
Hornet F.3, PX298, EB-V of No 41 Sqn., RAF Church Fenton, December 1948

Medium Sea Grey upper surfaces with PRU Blue undersides. Red/Blue roundels (above wings and on fuselage sides only) and fin flash. Black 24 inch high serial number under wings. Black 8 inch high serial number on fuselage side. Approx 14 inch high code letters in black. Medium Sea Grey spinners.



Hornet F.3, PX294, EB-E of No 41 Sqn., RAF Church Fenton, circa 1950

Dark Green and Dark Sea Grey upper surfaces with PRU Blue undersides. Red/Blue roundels (above wings and on fuselage sides only) and fin flash. Note the National Marking III fuselage roundel has been overpainted to create a Red/Blue roundel. Black 24 inch high serial number under wings. Black 8 inch high serial number on fuselage side. Approx 14 inch high code letters in black. Red and Aluminium spinners. Note Squadron badge on fin.



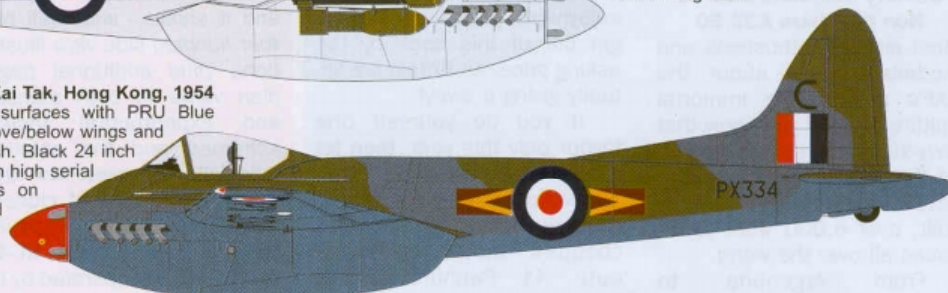
Hornet F.3, WB874, of 33 Sqn., RAF Butterworth, Malaya, circa 1954

Overall Aluminium finish. Post-war National Markings above/below wings and on fuselage sides. 24 inch x 24 inch fin flash. Black 24 inch high serial number under wings. Black 8 inch high serial number on fuselage side. Squadron bars on fuselage and squadron badge on fin. Red spinners. This aircraft was previously coded 5R-W in red. Note bomb and rocket underwing load.



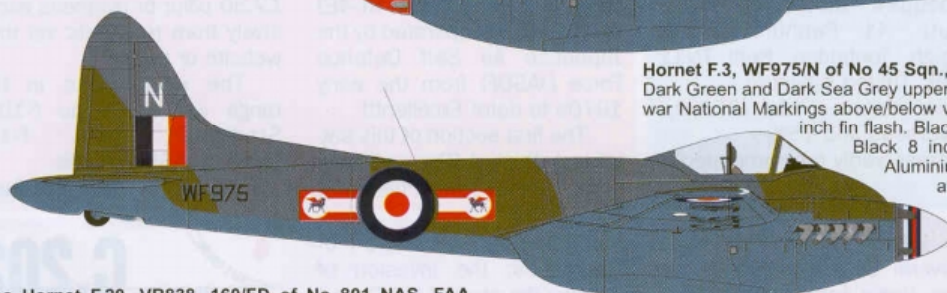
Hornet F.3, PX334/C of No 80 Sqn., RAF Kai Tak, Hong Kong, 1954

Dark Green and Dark Sea Grey upper surfaces with PRU Blue undersides. Post-war National Markings above/below wings and on fuselage sides. 24 inch x 24 inch fin flash. Black 24 inch high serial number under wings. Black 8 inch high serial number on fuselage side. Squadron bars on fuselage and squadron badge on fin. Red spinners.



Hornet F.3, WF975/N of No 45 Sqn., Butterworth, Malaya, May 1955

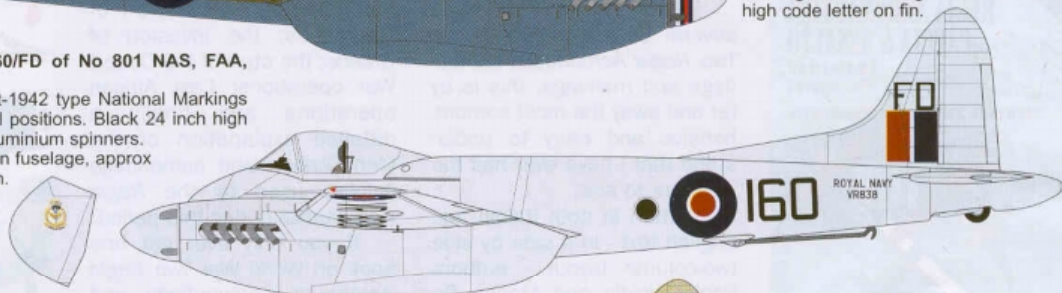
Dark Green and Dark Sea Grey upper surfaces with PRU Blue undersides. Post-war National Markings above/below wings and on fuselage sides. 24 inch x 24 inch fin flash. Black 24 inch high serial number under wings. Black 8 inch high serial number on fuselage side. Aluminium spinners with Black/Red/Black bands and Dark Sea Grey backing plate. This was the only aircraft to have the 'flying camel' fuselage bar markings. White 12 inch high code letter on fin.



Sea Hornet F.20, VR838, 160/FD of No 801 NAS, FAA, RNAS Ford, 1947

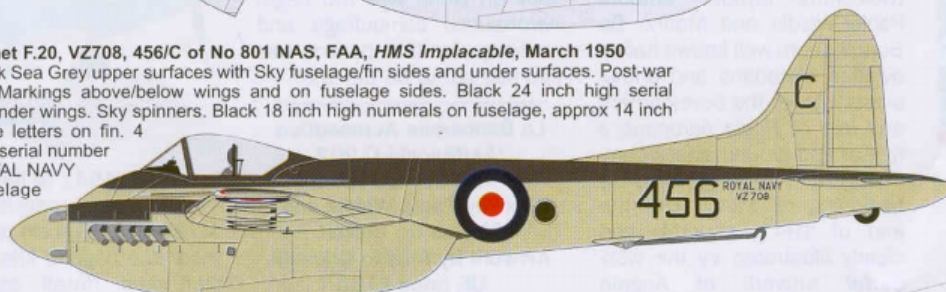
Overall Aluminium finish. Post-1942 type National Markings roundels and fin flash in usual positions. Black 24 inch high serial number under wings. Aluminium spinners. Black 18 inch high numerals on fuselage, approx 14 inch high code letters on fin.

Inset: Note Squadron badge on nose.



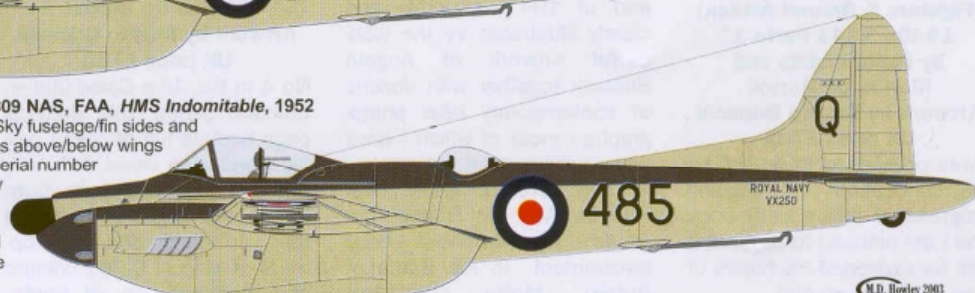
Sea Hornet F.20, VZ708, 456/C of No 801 NAS, FAA, HMS Implacable, March 1950

Extra Dark Sea Grey upper surfaces with Sky fuselage/fin sides and under surfaces. Post-war National Markings above/below wings and on fuselage sides. Black 24 inch high serial number under wings. Sky spinners. Black 18 inch high numerals on fuselage, approx 14 inch high code letters on fin. 4 inch high serial number and ROYAL NAVY on fuselage side.



Sea Hornet NF.21, VX250, 485/Q of No 809 NAS, FAA, HMS Indomitable, 1952

Extra Dark Sea Grey upper surfaces with Sky fuselage/fin sides and under surfaces. Post-war National Markings above/below wings and on fuselage sides. Black 24 inch high serial number under wings. Extra Dark Sea Grey spinners. Black 20 inch high numerals on fuselage, approx 14 inch high code letter on fin. Black 4 inch high serial number and ROYAL NAVY on fuselage side. Note Squadron badge on nose.



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