

## BARNWELL'S 'BULLET'

Bristol Scout

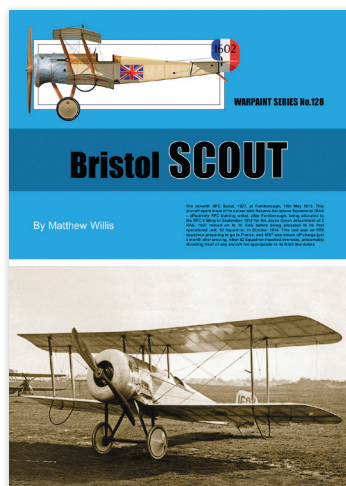
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Bristol's Scout biplane was an important but frequently neglected World War One aircraft, often overshadowed by later types. Guideline's latest *Warpaint* guide seeks to address this, containing a detailed history covering its initial (and unauthorised) design by Frank Barnwell, production/testing and service record. At a time when most aircraft used wing-warping controls, the Scout employed ailerons and was found to be exceptionally fast, leading to it being labelled a 'bullet' by Royal Flying Corps airmen; this was a general term for any speedy type. As such, it excelled at its reconnaissance role and arguably became the blueprint for early fighters – as indicated in the text, with diagrams exploring the various weapon fittings trialled. As well as period photos supporting the text, full-colour profiles, scale plans and



walkaround images of a modern reproduction provide superb reference, although a modelling section at the end of the book demonstrates the limited number of Scout kits. No mainstream manufacturer has covered the subject, with just limited-run styrene, resin and vac-form offerings. As such, the reference provided will be useful for constructing these or tackling an ambitious scratch-build project. **JF**

## EYE OF THE HURRICANE

The Hawker Hurricane

By: Richard A Franks

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Valiant Wings' *Airframe & Miniature* series is a firm modellers' favourite, with this volume dedicated to a beloved subject: Hawker's Hurricane. As usual, it begins with the type's history, covering origins, development and service – including with overseas forces – and a list of production details/serials. This segues into chapters on the prototype and Mk.I airframes, the Mk.II-V, Sea Hurricane and Canadian-built machines, plus reconnaissance/experimental variants. These sections and the camouflage and markings elements are supported by period photos, while further reference is provided by a 50-page walkaround covering all aspects of the airframe using modern and period imagery. Moving to the modelling section, there is a comprehensive kit, accessory



and decal listing. Sadly, this isn't as strong as other books in the series, as the assessment section covers comparatively few offerings – mostly those available during the book's production. This is understandable, given the plethora of historic kits, but modellers with such offerings would undoubtedly find evaluation beneficial. Nonetheless, full builds of Airfix, Arma Hobby, Hasegawa and Fly products include construction tips plus fold-out 1/48 scale plans to aid any Hurricane project. **JF**

## TANK DRAWINGS

Panzer III Ausf. J/L/M/K

By: Stefan Damiński

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Web: [www.kagero.pl](http://www.kagero.pl)

Kagero's *Top Drawings* books may have low page counts, but in terms of information density they are arguably one of the most value-for-money products currently available, especially when the separate fold-out A3 plans are factored into the equation. This particular volume is dedicated to four of the later Panzer III variants: the Ausf. J/L/M and K (developed from the Ausf. M). The 'book' drawings are mainly a mix of 1/72 and 1/48 scales, which allows the author to cover early and late sub-types, combined with larger 1/35 isometric views and 1/16 close-ups of items such as drive and idler wheels. Centre pages are devoted to colour profiles, with at least one example of each type – these are an ideal reference for camouflage schemes, while also giving data on units and their associated markings.



The final two pages are invaluable for modellers as they identify the changes between each of the variants, although it would have been helpful if these were labelled. Bonus fold-out sheets provide three- and five-view scale drawings of all four variants, with additional images of specific vehicles to highlight configuration changes adopted by crews, such as the omission of the front and rearmost Schürzen plates. **SF**

## FLYING LEATHERNECKS

Modern USMC Air Power

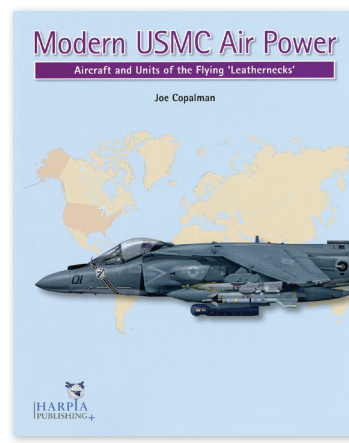
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Harpia's *Air Power* studies have rapidly become a key reference for modellers and aircraft enthusiasts alike, but its latest volume on the modern US Marine Corps aviation force has gone one step further. The central theme is transition, with the author approaching the whole subject of Marine Corps aviation from the perspective of combat/training roles, as opposed to just discussing the various types. This allows for a greater analysis of how the force is changing its equipment and functions in response to the latest technological developments in manned/unmanned assets. Chapters are arranged alphabetically according to the USMC unit designations, so helicopter units are examined prior to fixed-wing attack, electronic warfare and refueller types. The well-written narrative



is supported by excellent period and contemporary photographs throughout, with combat anecdotes interspersed with information on tactics and weapons. It's also something of a showcase for how the USMC has taken a particular aircraft/helicopter and then modified it to fulfil a different role, such as its Hellfire-armed KC-130J tankers and the use of electronic-warfare pods on Harriers. In short, if you're interested in USMC aviation, then this is a must-have publication. **SF**





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