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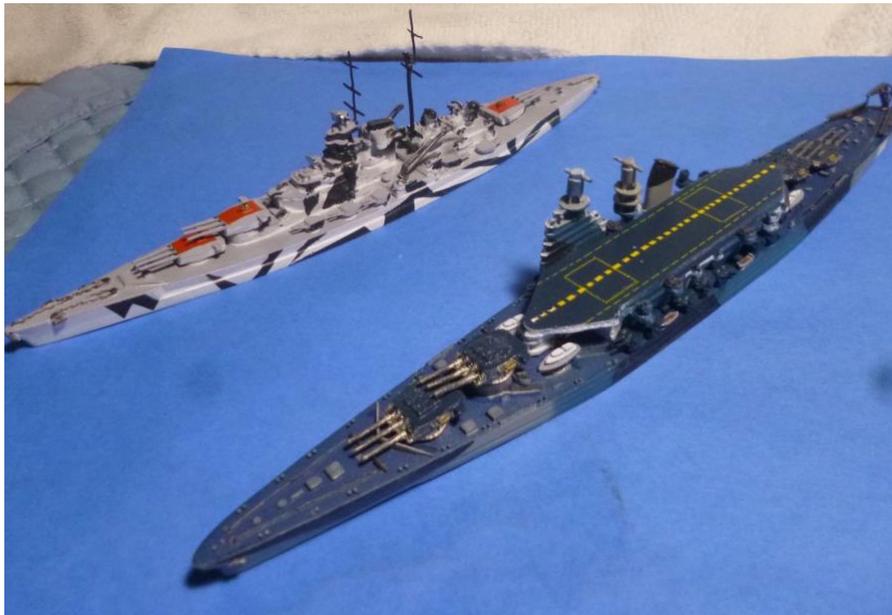
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THE REPORT

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Superior's new 1:1200 G107 BISMARCK variant, German "Never-was" BB (Top); Superior's new 1:1200 R105 GIBBS & COX "B", Russian BB/CV Hybrid 1938 Design (Paint jobs by Jeff Clarke); Note: The paint scheme on BISMARCK was generally based on the patterns used by TIRPITZ while based in Norway. Jeff's guide was a pattern from the German decal firm of Peddinghaus (Unfortunately, the decal was not in 1:1200 scale (although they do have quite a selection in 1:1250 scale).)

MEMO FROM PETE PASCHALL

First of all, I want to thank all of you who sent notes of condolences on the loss of Sue Paschall, my wife of 62 years. As I said on our Facebook page, she was with Alnavco from the beginning in 1965. When we started, I had a full time job so she did most of the packing and then would pile Pete Jr and Rich into the car and run the packages to the UPS depot. Many of you who have been with us for a while, talked to her on the phone as she took your orders and had a chance to meet her at our 40th get together in 2005 at Nauticus/USS WISCONSIN in Norfolk. She always referred to you as "My Guys." She had to retire some years back because of health issues. Pete Jr. had taken over for her by then. She did leave you a nice legacy in that it was her idea to put a Snickers bar in each shipment. Had a long time customer tell us, "That every time he sees a Snickers Bar, he thought of her." She is missed both personally and professionally.

The new Superior BISMARCK variant and the Russian "Design B" hybrid are now in production. The new GNEISENAU variant along with the Italian never-was CV SPARVIERO will be available this summer. Wayne Smith our model maker might have a surprise or two as well. In this issue you'll find quite a few Superior "Never-were" reissues. Good to order what you want of them soon as they will not be available again for some time.

Still getting regular shipments in from Navis/Neptun just not enough of them. When shipments do come in, most of the contents go right out on backorders. Again,

the fastest way to get what you want for any of the lines we carry is to maintain a wish list for those ships.

If you have a wish list with us and wish to add any ships to it, feel free at any time to give us a call to update it.

We have new up-to-date price lists for Superior 1:1200 and Neptun 1:1250 WWII. Because of rising costs we have had to make selective price increases for both lines, mostly in the larger ships. They are included in all orders that go out. Will be glad to send you copies upon request. Again, we have not had a price increase in 15 years. We will be preparing a new price list for Navis WWI and Argos 1:1250 modern ships.

New book! There's a new book out that looks like a must have. The title is Imperial Japanese Navy 1932-1945, Warships and Colors by Malcolm Wright published by Nimble Books. Nimble books are carried by Amazon. Looks like a terrific research source for painting your Japanese models. Details should be available by the time you read this.

Speaking of painting, you have probably seen on our Facebook page, painted models by Darryl Davis which are truly outstanding. Darryl is now accepting commissions. Some of our customers even have their Neptun's custom painted. Contact him at ssbamaryl@yahoo.com for quotes. When you're ready to go, order the ships from us and we will ship them directly to him.

Well, here we are in our 57th year and we're here because of you. Pete Jr. and I want to again express our appreciation to you for your orders and look forward to serving you this year.

SUPERIOR NEW 1:1200

"NEVER-WERE'S"

ANNOUNCED LAST ISSUE

G107 \$34.50 **BISMARCK** variant, German BB
42,000T, 814'L, 9-15", 16-5"

Garzke & Dulin in their monumental book Axis & Allied Battleships envisioned that BISMARCK would have been a superior ship with three 3-gun turrets rather than four. All 5" secondary mounts would be on the main deck thus reducing topside weight. The 55mm guns planned for the 1945 DD's mounted on this ship would provide wide range heavy AA fire. The model is based on this design.

For more details, see Wayne's write ups on our site

R105 \$34.50 **Gibbs & Cox Design "B"**, Russian BB/CV
Hybrid 1938 61,840T, 980'L, 12-16",
28-5", 32-1", 40 AC

This impressive ship was designed as a commerce surface raider and not as a part of the battleline. This was considered logical and practical by most navies at the time. The design was ultimately rejected by the Soviets as being too large for their existing naval infrastructure. For more details on this design, consult Wayne Scarpaci's book Soviet Battleships 1933-1957 and of course Wayne Smith's write-up on our Site.

SUPERIOR 1:1200

"NEVER WERES" REISSUES

A133 \$34.50 **BB65(I)**, U.S. BB 1938 Design
45,000T, 888'L, 9-18", 20-5"38

This was based on an IOWA hull with 18" guns and thicker armor. The only drawback was slower speed because of the heavier guns and armor in the engineering spaces. A most Compelling

A206 \$19.50 **SCHEME 2** U.S. CA "Super BALTIMORE"
15,750T, 716'L, 12-18"/55, 12-5"

This design would have increased the BALTIMORE battery by one-third while only being 2000 tons heavier. This would have been a well-balanced ship that had reached the hull limits of 120,000 SHP power plant to reach 33 knots.

A411 \$19.50 **SCHEME 1** (5-511-19), U.S. CL
"Super CLEVELAND 1941 design
13,300T, 680"L, 38k, 12-6"/47 DP,
12-5"/38

This design placed CLEVELAND armament on a BALTIMORE hull and returned torpedoes to a cruiser armament.

B112 \$34.50 **N3, British BB** 1921 design
48,000T, 815'L, 9-18" 6-16", 6-4.7"

Approved in 1921, this design was a companion to the CB G3 INVINCIBLE. It would have had a heavier main battery and armor and also be capable of 23 knots enabling it to operate with the existing main battle fleet. The G3's were cancelled by the Washington Treaty and the N3's were never laid down.

B113 \$34.50 **15A/B, British BB** 1935 Design
35,000 T, 770"L, 9-15", 20-4.5",
32-2pdr

After conducting a study, the British determined a design of either using 27 or 30kt hulls & 15" guns provided the best balance of firepower and good protection. However, the design was cancelled due to time constraints and Treaty restrictions which lead to the inferior KG V class.



Front to back: Superior's 1:1200 A206, SCHEME 2, U.S. "Never-was" CA "Super" "BALTIMORE"; Superior's 1:1200 A411 SCHEME 1, U.S. "Never-was CL, "Super" CLEVELAND 1941 Design; Superior's 1:1200 F307 ST. LOUIS, French "Never-was" CA 1940's Design (Paint jobs by Jeff Clarke)

B116 \$34.50 **SUPER LION II**, British BB
48,500T, 850'L, 12-16", 16-5.25", 85-2pdr
Super Lion II had similar armament to Super LION I (Superior B111). However the above version had a VANGUARD superstructure with aircraft facilities replaced by extra superstructure and AA guns.

F307 \$19.50 **ST. LOUIS**, French CA 1940's design
14,470T, 662'L, 9-8" (3 x 3), 10-3.9", 3 AC

The French started looking for replacements for the PRIMAGUET class in 1939. They wanted a class that were superior to the HIPPER class. This necessitated a 50% increase in size over ALGERIE, one of the best "Treaty" cruisers ever built. This model is of the C5 A3 with somewhat reduced AA capability to add aircraft facilities. The design was approved 1 April 1940 but construction was never ordered.

G207 \$19.50 **KRUEZER P**, German CB
19,679T, 755"L, 4-5.9", 8-4.1"

This 1930's design needed to have high speed to escape cruisers, a long range for raiding, protection from 8" guns and powerful armament. This would have been a good surface raider design for the early part of WWII but air power would have later eliminated here effectiveness.

J111 \$32.50 **A140 YAMATO** variant, Japanese BB
1935 design;
68,000T, 935'L, 9-18", 12-6.1", 12-5"

This all-main-batteries forward (a la NELSON) would have had a cruising range of 9,200 miles, 2000 more than YAMATO.

Note: Conversion from Bob Weymouth

J111 **The Japanese "Peace Goddesses"**
plan: Replace 9-18" with 6-20" from J109

J112 \$34.50 **A140/A2 YAMATO** variant, Japanese BB
68,000T, 835'L 8-18", 30K, 12-6", 12-5"
Designed with secondary armament aft, this design was reminiscent of the MONTANA class. Design A140/J3 was the same except for main battery consisting of triple 16" for the twin 18". We can supply you with either rig but specify the A140/J3 design if that's what you want.

J202 \$29.50 **B-65 (Project 65)**, Japanese CB
31,400T, 808', 9-12", 16-3.9", 8-24TT

This design grew out of the "Battlecruiser Gap" of the 1930's and would have replaced the KONGO's in the planned "Special Night Battle Force."

Note: Wayne Smith is currently working on several new (and unique!) "Never-weres." For his concise write ups on all these models, go to our website and click "Modeling & Historical Notes", then "Superior Special Edition Ship Histories."

COMING THIS SUMMER....

G108 \$32.50 **GNEISENAU** variant, German BB
1941 design 32,100T, 753'L, 6 -15", 12-5.9"

Many changes were made to the ship while in Brest and Gotenhaven in 1941 which included a new forecandle and a new hanger. Rearming the ship with 15" guns (2 x 6) was considered but never done. The model shows the ship in this rig.

B207 \$34.50 **J3** class, British CB, 1921 design
860'L, 43,100T, 9-15", 12-6", 6-4.7", 4-21" TT

This design was a predecessor to the G3 design (Superior model B204). It incorporated the lessons learned at the Battle of Jutland by having a heavier armor scheme.

It did not have 16" guns which were being designed for the Japanese and U.S. ships so it was discarded. However, during the WNT process, the US used 43,000 tons for the 'New Hoods' to compare fleet size. Was this based on British deception by submitting the J3 design criteria rather than the G3's 48,000 tons? See Wayne's WNT writeup in the December 2021 issue of Warship International.

...the following are being refurbished by Wayne Smith and remolded by our caster and should also be ready this summer

A303 \$19.50 **INDIANAPOLIS** CA-35), U.S. CA1944
A305 \$19.50 **NEW ORLEANS** (CA-32), U.S. CA 1942
A307 \$19.50 **NORTHAMPTON** (CA-26), U.S. CA 1942
A309 \$19.50 **PENSACOLA** (CA-24), U.S. CA 1942

Note: All of these classes fought in the Guadalcanal/Solomon Islands campaigns. Orders are now being accepted for all of the above.

These are the classes of cruisers that fought in the bitter battles in the Guadalcanal/Solomon campaigns. *Note: Despite rising metal costs, we have maintained the prices of cruisers at \$17.50. But when they have to be remolded, we have to pass on the cost.*

AVAILABLE NOW....

Newly refurbished and newly remolded!

B101 \$34.50 **KING GEORGE V**, British BB 1944

F111 \$34.50 **RICHELIEU**, French BB 1944

I103 \$34.50 **LITTORIO**, Italian BB 1940

Note: F111 replaces F104. Check out the paint jobs of the RICHELIEU & LITTORIO classes shown in this issue!

RECENT SUPERIOR RELEASES

I105 \$34.50 **AQUILA**, Italian "never was" CV
1941 design 27,800T, 773"L, 30K, 8-5.3", 12-2.56', 51 AC

Converted from the Italian liner SS ROMA; Was nearing completion when Italy surrendered to the Allies in September 1943 and construction was halted.

A505 \$34.50 **ENTERPRISE**, U.S. CV 1945

A519 \$34.50 **TICONDEROGA** (CV-14), U.S. CV 1945

Note: Lead ship of the "Long Hull" ESSEX class CV's

SUPERIOR 1:1200 "NEVER-WERES"

in stock at this writing

A149 \$34.50 **BB-1**, U.S. BB 1930's, 45,000 tons, 10-16"

A151 \$34.50 **IOWA** variant, U.S. "CIP" BB 1949, 45,000 tons, 9-16"

A152 \$34.50 **ILLINOIS**, IOWA variant, U.S. missile BB, 45,000 tons. 6-16"

A203 \$34.50 **LEXINGTON**, U.S. CC 1916, 35,500 tons, 10-14"

B113 \$34.50 **BB1935**, Design 15A/B, British BB 1930, 35,000 tons, 9-15"

B116 \$34.50 **Super LION II**, VANGUARD Superstructure, British BB, 45,000 tons, 12-16"

F109 \$34.50 **CLEMENCEAU**, French BB 1939, 49,270 tons, 12-13.4"

G107 \$34.50 **BISMARCK** variant, German BB, 42,000 tons. 9-15"

G207 \$19.50 **KRUEZER P**, German CB, 194018, 679 tons, 6-11"

F307 \$19.50 **ST. LOUIS**, French CA 14,470 tons, 9-8"

J111 \$34.50 **Design A140**, YAMATO variant, Japanese BB 1935, 68,000 tons, 9-18"

J112 \$34.50 **Design A140/A2**, YAMATO variant, Japanese BB1935, 68,000 tons, 8-18"

J113 \$34.50 **Design A140/B2**, YAMATO variant, Japanese BB 1935, 70,000 tons 8-20"

J115 \$34.50 **HIRAGA**, Japanese BB 1930, 35,000 tons 10-16"

J202 \$34.50 **B-65** (Projects 795-796), Japanese CB 1941, 35,000 tons, 9-12"

R105 \$34.50 **Gibbs & Cox "B"**, Russian BB/CV hybrid 1938, 61,840 tons 12-16", 40AC



Superior's 1:1200 G207 KRUEZER P, German "Never-was" CB 1939 (Paint job by Bobby Weymouth)



Superior's 1:1200 G203 OPQ, German "Never-was" CB 1939 (Paint job by Bobby Weymouth)



Two great paint jobs by an unknown painter which have been in our files for quite a while. The model on the left is the French BB RICHIEU and the model on the right is the Italian LITTORO class BB ROMA. Both Superior models of these ships have been refurbished and newly remodeled (as has the British BB KING GEORGE V). See listing in this issue.

THE REPORT SPECIALS

Here's a great chance to increase your fleet at reduced prices! Regular price first, sale price second
 A111 **MISSISSIPPI** (BB-41, U.S. BB 1945) \$26.50/\$21.50
 A113 **PENNSYLVANIA** (BB-38), U.S. BB 1944 \$26.50/\$21.50
 F305 **DUPLEIX**, French CA 1939 \$17.50/\$14.95
 G302 **PRINZ EUGEN**, German CA 1943 \$17.50/\$14.95
 J309 **MOGAMI**, Japanese CA/CV1944 \$17.50 /\$14.95

CLYDESIDE 1:1200 SHELL SPLASHES

These will liven up your displays, dioramas, etc. Like the models, they are "waterline" with flat bottoms. Price: \$5.50 each.
 SS01 **Light Shell Splashes** 1/2" high (6)
 SS02 **Medium Shell Splashes** 1" high (4)
 SS03 **Heavy Shell Splashes** 1 1/4" high (2)
 SS04 **Charge Explosions** 1/2" high (2)
 And for your Pearl Harbor Ford Island Dioramas...
 SS05 **Mooring Quays** (8)

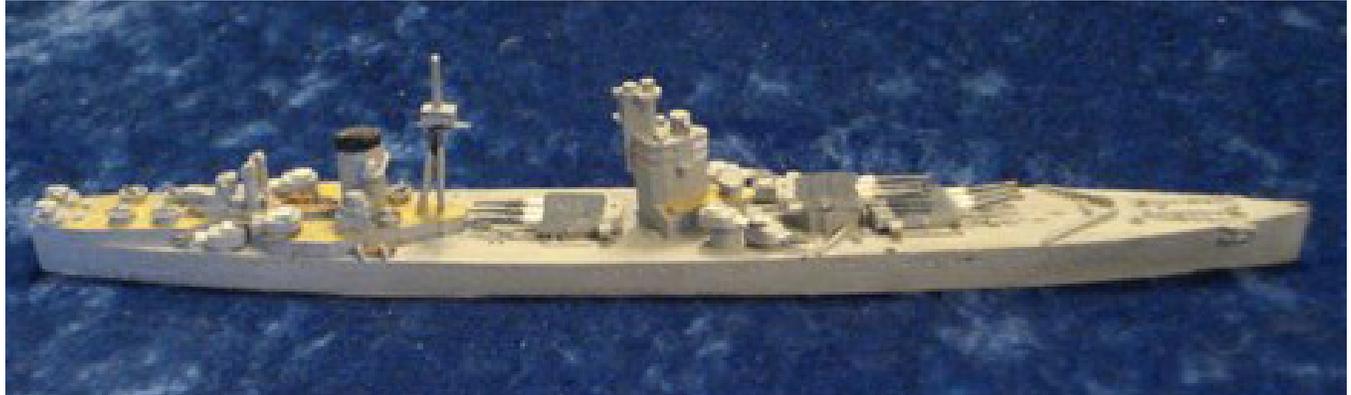
REMINDERS

Keep checking our Facebook page. Most of the paint jobs you see there are excellent and you can get good painting tips from them. If you have a question on assembling and painting these models, post it on the page. No question is too basic. You'll find collectors there willing and eager to help you out. If you have not created a Wish List with us by all means consider doing so. It's the fastest to get the out-of-stock models you want. We have a new Superior "Never-weres" catalog sheet that is up-to-date (Well, almost!). Prices not included but you can get an approximate idea of what they are by comparing the size of a particular models with a comparable one in the regular line. Glad to send you one upon request. Speaking of "Never-weres", don't forget you can get histories of all in the Superior line by going to Wayne Smith's write ups on our website. Be sure to visit "What's new" on our website periodically . There you will find the latest copy and back issues of the Report which contain photos of models you may have missed or wish to review.

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Superior's 1:1200 J202 B65 (Project 65) Japanese "Never-was" CB 1930's Design (Paint job by Bobby Weymouth)



Superior's 1:1200 B112 N3, British "Never-was" BB 1921 Design (Paint job by Bobby Weymouth)



Superior's 1:1200 B113 15A/B, British "Never-was" BB 1935 Design (Paint job by Bobby Weymouth)



Superior's 1:1200 J111 A140 YAMATO variant, Japanese "Never-was" BB 1935 Design (Paint



Superior's 1:1200 J112
A140/A2 YAMATO variant,
Japanese "Never-was" BB
1930's Design
(Paint job by
Bobby Weymouth)