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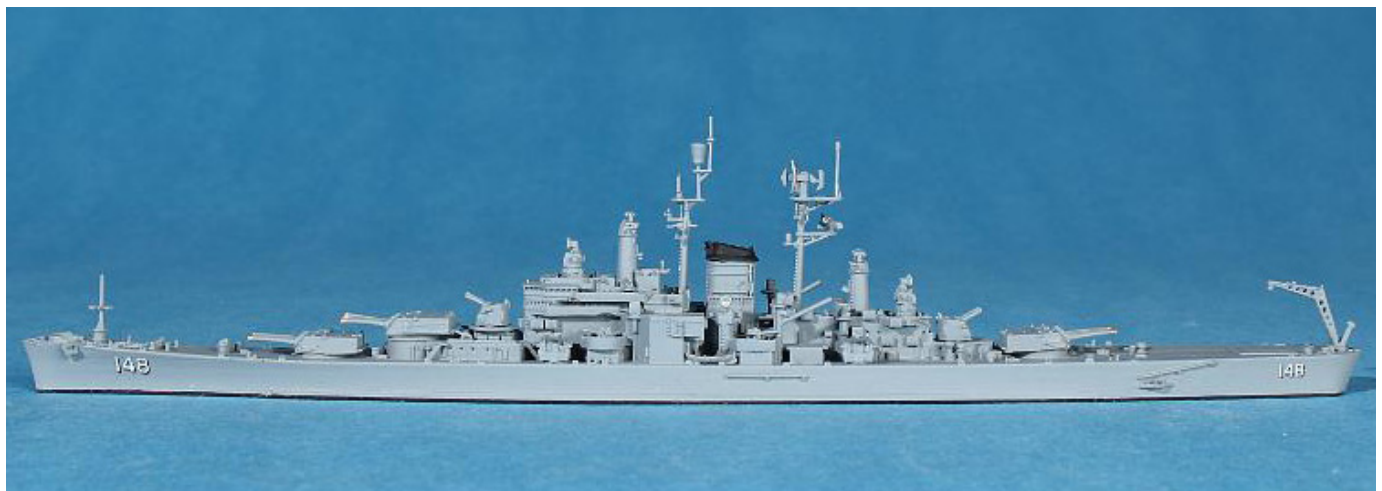


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Neptun's new 1:1250 2344 NEWPORT NEWS (CA-148), U.S. CA 1967

MEMO FROM PETE PASCHALL

Well, here we go into our 46th year. Where did the time go? We had planned to get a Report out toward the last part of 2010 but a combination of adverse circumstances foiled that plan...illness, equipment breakdowns, the sudden retirement of our web person and even one of our number taking time off to engage in the great game of politics! However, we did manage to fill your orders as best we could and am happy to say we are back to normal now (Well, almost!).

In regard to Superior, we are building back our stocks as you can see from the restock list below. We have some re-issues of some Wayne Smith's "Never-weres". Wayne is busy with an exciting new ship project which will be announced next issue. By the way, please note that we have embedded the Figurehead ships in with the Superior listings. Clydeside is showing signs of life and we hope to have a fresh listing in our next issue. Keep your eye on our website for the latest. Note also that if you're into 1:1200 kits, Alnavco offers you Superior, Clydeside, Figurehead and Mountford, the largest selection available anywhere.

Navis-Neptun has some interesting new models out emphasizing post WWII ships. GHQ keeps issuing new 1:2400's. We carry a great selection of 1:2400's which include SeaBattle (which make a lot of WWII ships, especially auxiliaries that GHQ does not) and Superior.

Chuck Treese has sent us a series of letters on his adventures with the recently released Superior WASP (A515). He gives tips on how to convert it to other ESSEX class carriers. Very interesting stuff and you can find them posted on our website. Other website issues: Our automatic email response to your web orders is currently down. We are working to get it up and going again.

So take a look at what we have for you this issue and let us know what your selections are. And as always, from the two Pete's and Sue, we thank you for your orders!

SUPERIOR 1:1200 "NEVER-WERE" REISSUES

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|------|---------|--|
| J114 | \$32.50 | FUJIMOTO , Japanese BB design, circa 1929 35,000T, 761'L, 9-16", 12-6" |
| J115 | \$32.50 | HIRAGA , Japanese BB design circa 1929 35,000T, 761'L, 10-16", 16-6" |

Both of these designs were named after their famous Japanese designers. They were designed to meet the 35,000T Treaty limit and to maintain 26K to keep up with KONGO and NAGATO. TOSA size hulls were chosen but this meant that weight had to be pared down which would have limited their armor. The Superior models are predicated on these designs which had a beauty and symmetry that characterized Japanese battleships and cruisers. For more background information on these ships and a list of other IJN ships that these two naval architects designed, go to our website, click Modeling & Historical Notes, then click "Special Editions."

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| G103 | \$32.50 | H39 , German BB 52,600T, 873'L, 12-15", 12-5.9", 16-4.1", 30.4K |
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Successor to the BISMARCK, the design of this class of ships formed the backbone of the "Z" plan. They were intended for long ocean deployments and convoy destruction. Two were laid down but never completed.

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| G104 | \$32.50 | H39 , G103 with 8-16" guns |
| G105 | \$57.50 | H44 , German BB 128,930T, 1133'L, 8-20" (4x2), 12-5.9" (4x3), 8-4.1", 8-21TT |

The ultimate in BB design and the biggest ever contemplated, this ship could have absorbed impressive amounts of ordnance before inevitably being sunk by Allied aircraft.

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| J202 | \$27.50 | B-65 (Project 795) , Japanese CB 31,500T, 808'L, 9-12", 8-3.9", 8-24"TT |
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This design grew out of the so-called "Battlecruiser Gap" of the late 1930's and was the answer to the U.S. ALASKA class. More urgent work occupied the Japanese planning staff as they geared up for WWII, and work on the planned six ships was never started.

OTHER SUPERIOR "NEVER-WERE" REISSUES

The following ships from "The Fleet that never-was" are now in stock in very limited quantities. Get 'em while you can as it could be several years before they are reissued again.

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| B102 | \$29.50 | LION , British BB |
| G207 | \$27.50 | KREUZER P , German CB 1939 |
| J108 | \$33.95 | TOSA , Japanese BB 1921 |
| J201 | \$27.50 | AMAGI , Japanese CB 1922 |

SUPERIOR 1:1200 UPGRADES

The following were announced earlier this year

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| A510 | \$34.50 | MIDWAY (CVB-41) , U.S. CV (Straight Deck) 1945 |
| A515 | \$34.50 | WASP (CVA-18) , U.S. CV (Angled Deck) 1960's |

Announced last issue: German "Heavies" are back after a looong time in the yards and have been upgraded by Wayne Smith.

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| G204 | \$17.50 | ADMIRAL SCHEER , AS 1943 |
| G205 | \$17.50 | GRAF SPEE , AS 1939 |
| G301 | \$17.50 | HIPPER , CA 1943 |
| G302 | \$17.50 | PRINZ EUGEN , CA 1943 |



Neptun's new 1:1250 2301 NEW JERSEY (BB-62), U.S. BB 2007



Neptun's new 1:1250 2311 CORAL SEA (CVA-43), U.S. CVA 1950

SUPERIOR 1:1200 RESTOCKS

The following have been out of stock for some time but are again available.

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| A103 | \$20.95 | COLORADO (BB-45) , U.S. BB 1941 |
| A105 | \$31.50 | IOWA (BB-61) , U.S. BB 1944 |
| A106 | \$26.50 | MASSACHUSETTS (BB-36) , U.S. BB 1945 |
| A115 | \$20.95 | TENNESSEE (BB-43) , U.S. BB 1941 |
| A303 | \$15.50 | INDIANAPOLIS (CA-35) , U.S. CA 1944 |
| A305 | \$15.50 | NEW ORLEANS (CA-32) , U.S. CA 1942 |
| A307 | \$15.50 | NORTHAMPTON (CA-26) , U.S. CA 1942 |
| A309 | \$15.50 | PENSACOLA (CA-24) , U.S. CA 1942 |
| A310 | \$15.50 | WICHITA (CA-45) , U.S. CA 1944 |
| A311 | \$15.50 | MINNEAPOLIS (CA-36) , U.S. CA 1945 |
| A404 | \$15.50 | VINCENNES (CL-64) , U.S. CL 1944 |
| A409 | \$17.50 | SAVANNAH (CL-42) , U.S. CL 1945 |
| A502 | \$14.50 | CASABLANCA (CVE-55) , U.S. CVE 1943 |
| A601 | \$ 6.75 | BENHAM , U.S. DD 1944 |
| A605 | \$ 6.75 | FLETCHER , U.S. DD 1944 |
| A615 | \$ 7.50 | SUMNER , U.S. DD 1944 |
| A616 | \$ 6.75 | Hulls 55-347, U.S. DD's 1944 |
| A802 | \$14.50 | CIMARRON (AO-22) , U.S. WWII Oiler |
| B202 | \$25.50 | RENOWN , British CB 1944 |
| B203 | \$25.50 | REPULSE , British CB 1941 |
| B303 | \$16.50 | HAWKINS , British CA |
| B305 | \$16.50 | DORSETSHIRE , British CA |
| B308 | \$16.50 | HOBART , Australian CA 1944 |
| B401 | \$15.50 | ARETHUSA , British CL 1944 |
| B405 | \$15.50 | FIJI , British CL 1944 |
| B407 | \$15.50 | SOUTHAMPTON , British CL 1944 |
| G603 | \$ 6.95 | NARVIK , German DD 1942 |
| J309 | \$17.50 | MOGAMI , Japanese CA w/flight deck 1944 |
| J409 | \$14.95 | KITIKAMI , Japanese CL w/10 quadruple TT mounts 1941 |

NEW & RECENT NAVIS/NEPTUN 1:1250

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| 2301 | \$119.50 | NEW JERSEY (BB-62) , U.S. BB 2007 Note: This ship is now berthed permanently in Camden, NJ. It is open to the public and is accessible from Philadelphia via water taxi. |
| 2311 | \$147.50 | CORAL SEA (CVA-43) , U.S. CV 1950 Note: This is the straight deck version before conversion to the angle deck. |
| 2344 | \$ 89.50 | NEWPORT NEWS (CA-148) , U.S. CA 1967 |

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| 133N | \$ 57.50 | ARGYLL , Devonshire Class British A/C 1904 |
| 214N | \$ 51.50 | ASAHI , Japanese BB circa 1900 Note: This 15,200T ship was in the Battle of Tsushima. She was built in Scotland. Her name means "Rising Sun." |

NEW SARATOGA MODEL SHIPYARD 1:1200

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| SMY49 | \$36.50 | ARGONAUT (SS-188/SM-1) , U.S. Sub 1938 Note: Built as sub minelayer, she was converted to a transport in 1942. Carried the 2nd Marine Raider Battalion to the Makin Island raid in that year. Later designated APS-1. |
| SMYF1 | \$ 7.50 | P2Y3 Patrol Plane, circa 1938 Note: This aircraft was manufactured by Consolidated Aircraft and the model appears as it did in VP-4 squadron. Personal note: It was flown in 1937 as part of VP-5F by Admiral "Jimmie" Thach who later commanded the Hornet F4F's at the Battle of Midway and was the inventor of the "Thach Weave." Your editor was privileged to be on his staff in the 1950's when as a RADM, he was ComCarDiv16 and ComHukForLant aboard the USS VALLEY FORGE (CVS-45). |

For a biography of the Admiral, Google Thach Weave; The Life story of Jimmie Thach. Especially interesting is his roll in developing tactics to overcome the advantages that the Japanese Zero had over the F4F Wildcat.

NEW MOUNTFORD 1:1250

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| MM266P | \$117.50 | North Sea Oil Drilling Rig (Painted) Built by Blohm & Voss, On line in 1975 |
| MM266K | \$ 67.50 | The above in kit form |

NEW & RECENT GHQ 1:2400

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|-------|---------|--|
| USN86 | \$14.50 | MIDWAY (CV-41) , Straight deck, inc, F4U Corsairs 1946 |
| GWS10 | \$ 8.95 | TENNESSEE (ACR-10) , U.S. WWI CA |
| GWS11 | \$11.95 | SOUTH CAROLINA (BB-28) U.S. BB 1921 |
| GWB28 | \$ 8.95 | MINOTAUR , British ACR, WWI |
| UKN46 | \$11.95 | VANGUARD , British BB 1946 Note: The biggest, fastest RN BB; The last BB ever built |

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| SUN07 | \$ 8.95 | TASHKENT , WWII Soviet DL |
| GWR11 | \$ 8.95 | TSESSARVITCH , Russian WWI era BB |
| GWR12 | \$ 8.95 | SLAVA , BORODINO class BB circa 1900 |

PASS IN REVIEW

A review of recent releases and other items of interest...

South Salem 1:1200 Recognition Models

South Salem was a small producer of waterline ship models prior to WWII. During WWII they were awarded a contract by the Navy to produce a series of 1:1200 recognition models of merchant ships. Wayne Smith has obtained a number of these and has upgraded them. The following collector gems from this series are now available.

| | | |
|------|---------|---------------------------------|
| M103 | \$18.95 | Passenger Ship, old 5"L (SS03) |
| M106 | \$ 8.95 | Standard Freighter 2.8"L (SS06) |
| M107 | \$16.95 | Modern Freighter 4.5"L(SS07) |
| M114 | \$19.50 | Collier, 6"L (SS14) |
| M115 | \$ 5.95 | Trawler, 1.5"L (SS15) |

Navis/Neptun 1:1250

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| 1103C | \$ 65.00 | RESOLUTION , British BB 1943 |
| 1108 | \$101.50 | ST. ANDREWS (N3) , British "Never-was" CB 1921 |

Note: The class was cancelled at the time of the Washington Treaty. There were to be three others in the class, ST. DAVID, ST. GEORGE and ST. PATRICK.

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| 1034B | \$63.50 | ADMIRAL SCHEER 1944 |
| 1308A | \$67.00 | NEW YORK (BB-34) , U.S. BB, 1944 |
| 1342C | \$68.50 | SAVANNAH (CL-42) , U.S. WWII CL Note: This is a computer generated model by Darius of Pa-perlab. It is scheduled for release at the end of the summer. |

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| 1396 | \$69.50 | CURRITUCK (AV-7) , U.S. Seaplane Tender 1943 |
| 1396A | \$76.50 | TANGIER (AV-8) , U.S. AV 1941 Note: Present at Pearl Harbor just abaft of BB UTAH. |

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| 234N | \$49.50 | TOKIWA , Japanese Cruiser 1898 |
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Saratoga Model Shipyard 1:1250

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| SMY42 | \$69.50 | CURTISS (AV-4) , U.S. Seaplane Tender 1943 Note: Damaged at Pearl Harbor; Sister: ALBEMARLE (AV-5); Another great job by Paul Jacobs; Model is painted in Measure 21. Note: Computer-generated model by Darius that Neptun announced earlier |
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Mountford 1:1250 Harbor Structures

This is a very nice series of harbor structures that can be set by themselves or combined for harbor dioramas. Individual pieces make good backgrounds for "bookshelf" displays. Completely painted, made of resin, come with small cranes, 12" long

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| MM188P \$19.50 | Dockside Refinery |
| MM189P \$19.50 | Provisioning Dock |
| MM190P \$19.50 | Repair Jetty (Space for 2-3" ships) |
| MM191P \$26.50 | Dry Dock, w/buildings, space for a 3" model |
| MM201P \$ 7.95 | 240 Ton Crane |
| MM204P \$ 9.95 | 240 Ton Crane (new lattice work casting) |

Note: All of the above come with a small seabase which can be attached separately.

PASS IN REVIEW; FIGUREHEAD 1:1200

Following is a current availability list of this fine line of 1:1200 kits. Great fit with Superior and Clydeside kits; Note: The Figurehead line can be found on our website embedded in the Superior 1:1200 listings

U.S. World War II Warships

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|-------|---------|--|
| CU040 | \$11.50 | LCT5-LCT6, Landing Craft Tank |
| CU041 | \$ 9.50 | LCT, LCS, LCIS |
| CU042 | \$ 9.50 | LVT2, LVT1, LVTA4, LVT4 |
| CU043 | \$ 4.00 | LCVP, LCVR, LCS(M) |
| CU044 | \$ 6.75 | DUKW, Seep, DD, Tanks (2) |
| CU045 | \$ 4.00 | Deck Cargo (M3 & M7) |
| CU046 | \$ 9.50 | LCT(R), Landing Craft Tank, Rocket (3) |
| CU047 | \$11.50 | LCF, Landing Craft, Flak (AA) (3) |
| CU048 | \$ 9.50 | LSM, Landing Ship, Medium |
| CU049 | \$11.50 | LSM(R), Landing Ship, Medium, Rocket |
| CU050 | \$ 8.00 | APC, Coastal Transport |
| CU051 | \$17.50 | LSD, Landing Ship, Dock |
| CU052 | \$15.50 | LST (2), 2 Davit, Landing Ship Tank |
| CU053 | \$15.50 | LST(2), 6 Davit, Landing Ship Tank |
| CU070 | \$13.50 | EVARTS (DDE-5), U.S. WWII DE |
| CU071 | \$13.50 | JOHN C. BUTLER (DE-339), U.S. WWII DE |

Note: CAMPBELTOWN class DD, originally USS BUCHANAN

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| CU090 | \$15.50 | FLETCHER (DD-445), U.S. WWII DD |
| CU091 | \$13.50 | WICKES/CLEMSEN, U.S. DD, 1918 rig |
| CU092 | \$13.50 | WICKES/CLEMSON, U.S. DD, 1940 Lend Lease rig |

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| CU093 | \$13.50 | WICKES/CLEMSON, U.S. DD 1941 rig |
| CU094 | \$13.50 | WICKES/CLEMSON, APD rig |

NOTE: The above are all 4-stackers

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| CU095 | \$15.50 | FARRAGUT (DD-348), U.S. DD |
| CU096 | \$15.50 | MAHAN (DD-364), U.S. DD |
| CU097 | \$13.50 | FANNING (DD-385), U.S. DD |
| CU098 | \$13.50 | DOWNES (DD-375), U.S. DD |
| CU099 | \$13.50 | BAGLEY (DD-386), U.S. DD |
| CU100 | \$24.50 | BOGUE (CVE-9), U.S. WWII CVE |
| CU100A | \$38.50 | The above with Cap Aero A/C |
| CU101 | \$24.50 | CASABLANCA (CVE-55), U.S. WWII CVE |
| CU101A | \$43.00 | The above with Cap Aero planes |
| <i>Note: Elevators in these CVE's can be modeled up or down.</i> | | |
| CU111 | \$13.50 | GRIDLEY (DD-380), U.S. DD |
| CU112 | \$13.50 | BENHAM (DD-397), U.S. DD |
| CU113 | \$13.50 | SIMS (DD-409), U.S. DD |
| CU114 | \$13.50 | BENSON (DD-421), U.S. DD |
| CU115 | \$13.50 | LIVERMORE (DD-429), U.S. DD |

World War II Great Britain

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| CU077 | \$13.50 | CAMPBELTOWN, British DD, Lend Lease rig |
| CU078 | \$13.50 | CAMPBELTOWN, British DD, St. Nazaire raid rig |

Merchant Ships

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| CBM10 | \$15.50 | GOGOVALE, Steam Merchant Ship 1940 |
| <i>Note: This 4,586T ship was sunk by U-52 in August, 1940</i> | | |
| CBM11 | \$15.50 | SUTHERLAND, Doxford Diesel Boat |
| CBM12 | \$17.50 | CLAN MACAULEY, Large Dry Cargo Ship 1936 |

Note: This 10,492T ship as transferred to Houston Line in 1963

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| CBM13 | \$15.50 | LIBERTY SHIP, U.S. WWII Freighter |
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World War II Italy

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| CT61 | \$ 9.50 | GABBIANO, DE |
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World War II Germany

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| CG53 | \$ 9.50 | M-40 Class, Minesweeper |
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World War II Japan

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| CJ72 | \$11.50 | SHUMUSHU, DE |
| CJ90 | \$13.50 | MOMI/WAKATAKE, DD |
| CJ91 | \$13.50 | MOMI/WAKATAKE, Patrol Craft |
| CJ92 | \$13.50 | MUTSUKI, DD |
| CJ93 | \$13.50 | KAMAKAZI, DD |
| CJ93 | \$13.50 | KAMAKAZI, Patrol Craft |
| CJ94 | \$13.50 | MINOKAZE, with Kaiten |



Neptune's recently released 1342C SAVANNAH (CL-42), U.S. CL, close-up of starboard side



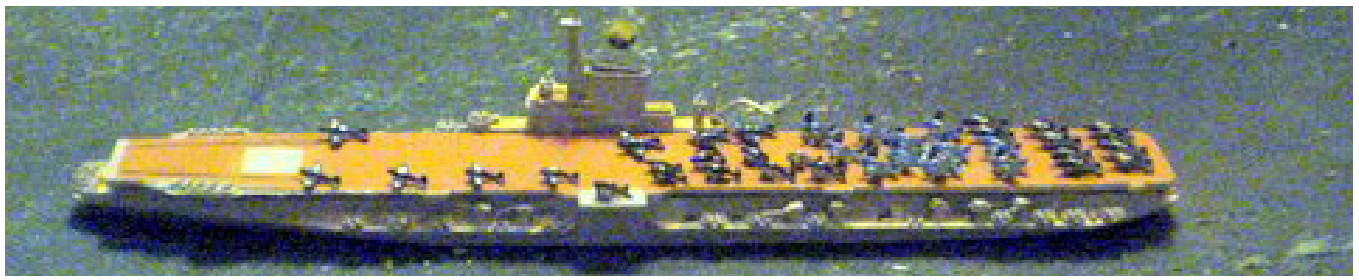
GHQ's 1:2400 UKN46 VANGUARD, British BB 1946



GHQ's 1:2400 GWS11 SOUTH CAROLINA (BB-26), U.S. BB



Mountford's 1:1200 MM266KP North Sea Oil Drilling Rig



Superior's 1:1200 A510 MIDWAY (CVA-41), U.S. CVA 1950; Photo, aircraft & paint job by Bobby Weymouth



Superior's 1:1200 J114 FUJIMOTO, Japanese "Never-was" BB; Photo & paint job by Bobby Weymouth



Superior's 1:1200 J115 HIRAGA, Japanese "Never-was" BB; Photo & paint job by Bobby Weymouth



Supplied with a small sea base which can be attached separately

Mountford's 1:1250 MM191P Dry Dock