

'Hunt' Class Escort Destroyer Type 1 H.M.S. TYNEDALE Resin & Photo Etched Metal Kit in 1/350 scale

History

HMS Tynedale was a Hunt Class Escort Destroyer of the first sub group (Type 1) and was laid down on 27th July 1939 at the yard of Alexander Stephen and Sons on the Clyde. She was launched 5th June 1940 and commissioned into the Royal Navy on 2nd December 1940. Tynedale was adopted by the Northumberland town of Hexham.

HMS Tynedale was initially based in Portsmouth as part of the 1st Destroyer Flotilla and was employed on convoy and escort duties for most of the time, until December 1941 when she was transferred to the 15th Flotilla based in Plymouth.

Her most notable action came when she was assigned to escort the Flotilla of ships and Coastal Craft on the mission to St Nazaire in Western France, in a raid using HMS Campbeltown, would destroy the large dry dock gates and prevent the large ships like Tirpitz from refitting there. Whilst at sea patrolling and waiting for the returning craft, she sighted the U-Boat U593 which she attacked and forced to the surface. A gun battle followed, but the submarine managed to dive again and escaped. After rendezvousing with the rest of the small craft, Tynedale and Atherstone were engaged by a flotilla of German E boats which they successfully fought off. After returning to Plymouth, Tynedale was repaired and resumed her normal escort duties in the South Western Approaches. She was

part of the task force that encountered and sank the German auxiliary cruiser Stier, and later in another incident the German auxiliary cruiser Komet.

In March 1943 HMS Tynedale was sent to the Mediterranean to join Destroyer Division 59 with duties to escort convoys running from Gibraltar to Algeria. She was an interceptor during the allied invasion of Sicily and assisted in rescuing survivors from a torpedoed Dutch freighter.

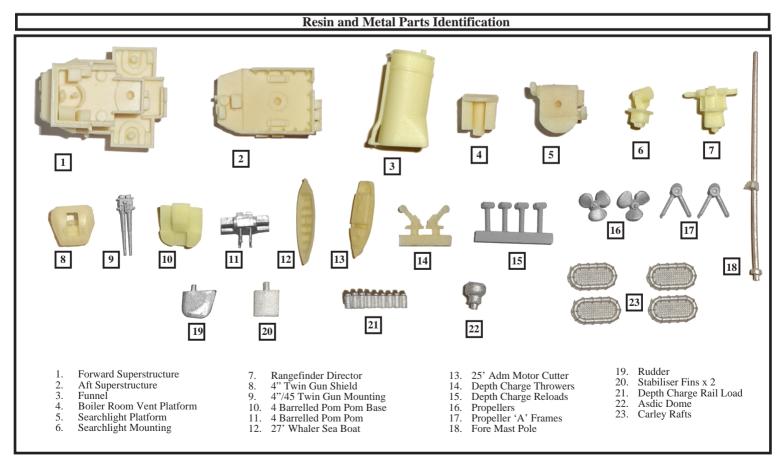
During convoy escorts on the 12th December 1943, HMS Tynedale was torpedoed by her old adversary U593 off the coast of Algeria. She broke in two and quickly sank with the loss of 73 lives. Ironically, the next day, U593 was depth charged and forced to surface where it was captured.

Specifications

Length: 279ft 10ins oa. Beam: 29ft Displacement: 1000 tons standard 1340 tons deep. Speed: 27 knots

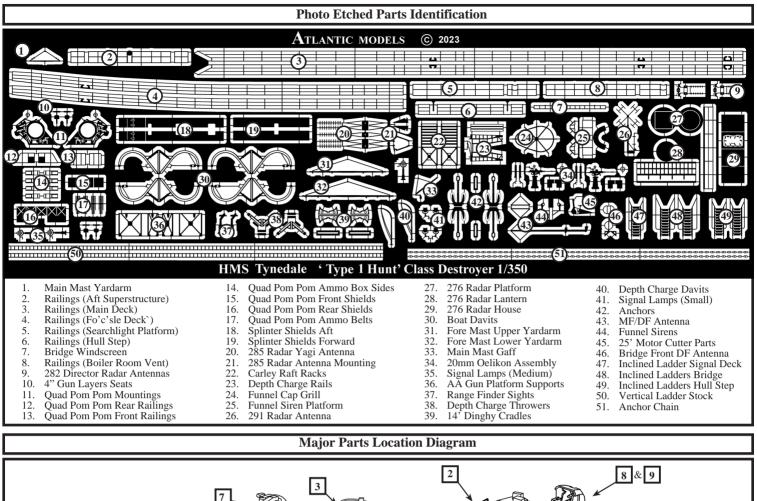
Armament: 4 x 4 inch guns in two twin HA/LA mountings.

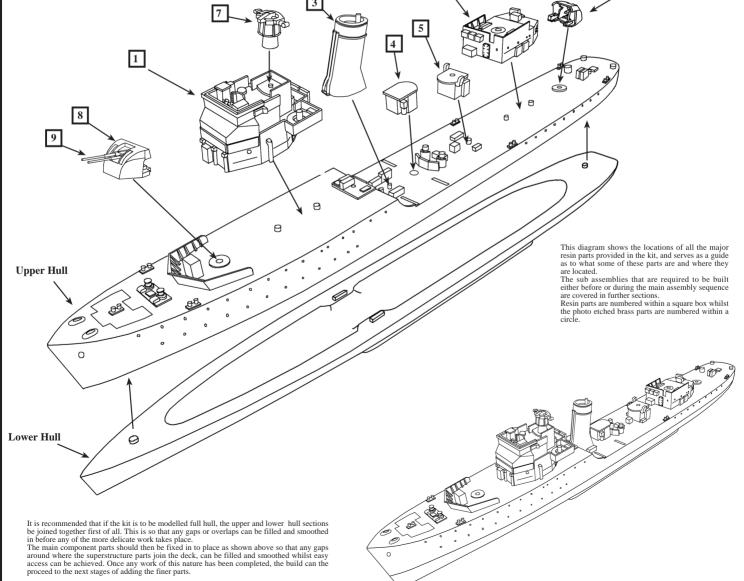
40 Depth Charges fired from 1 x Mk 1 depth charge rail and 2 x Mk 11 depth charge throwers. 1 x 4 barrelled 2 pounder Pom Pom. 2 x 20mm Oerlikons in 2 x Single Mountings

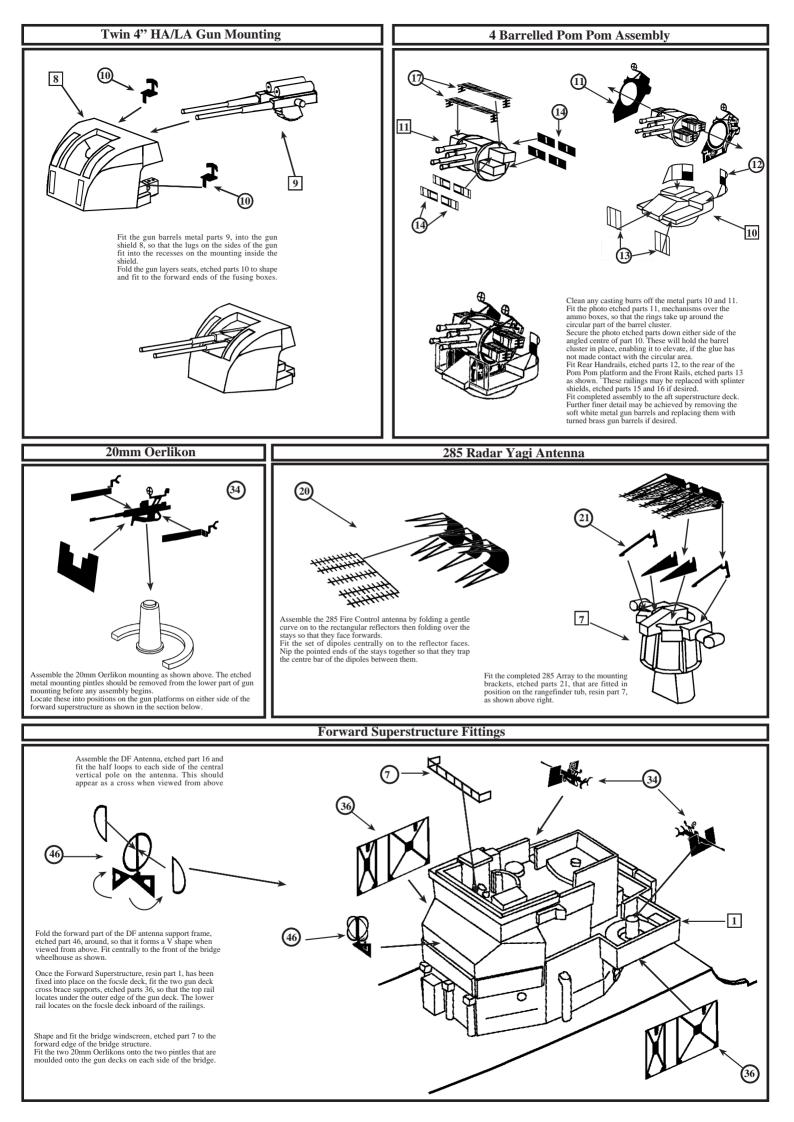


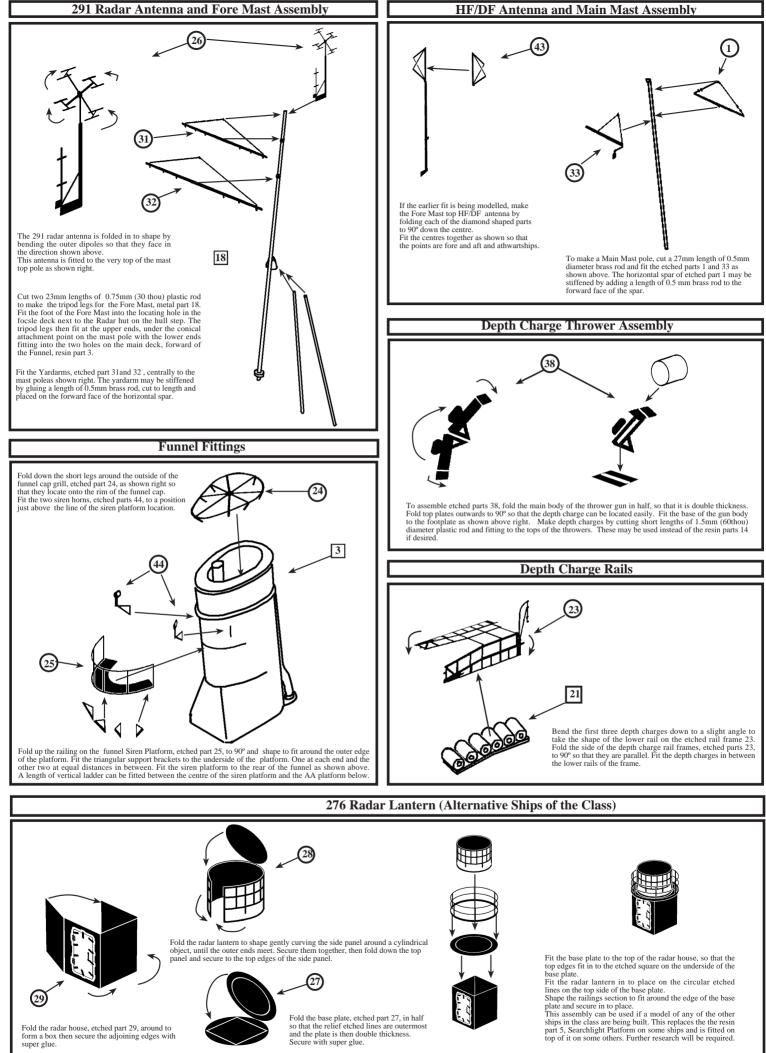
This kit contains a mixture of resin and white metal small parts, of which some of the resin parts have been attached to sprues for ease of casting.

Care must be taken when detaching the parts from the sprues, to remove the flash without causing damage. When cleaning off the excess material using files or abrasive paper, it is recommended that a mask is worn as resin dust can be harmful to health if inhaled.

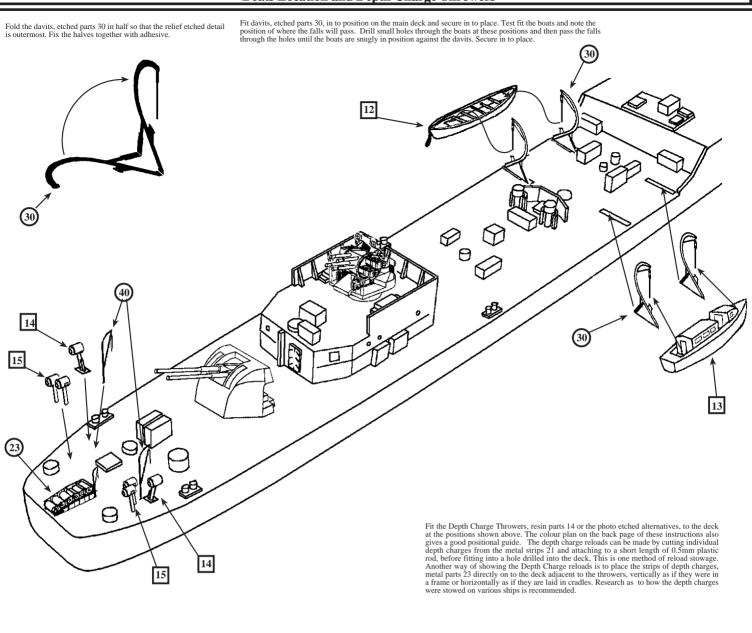


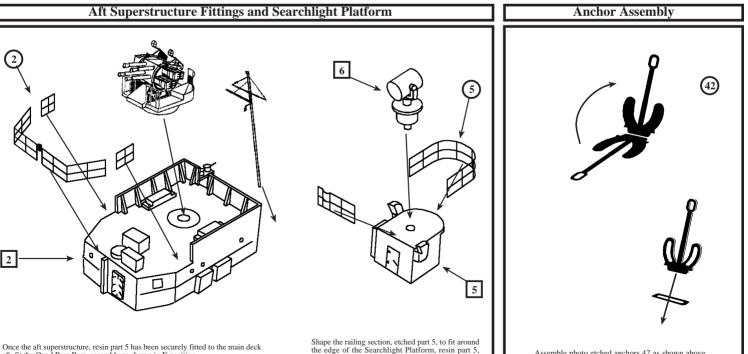








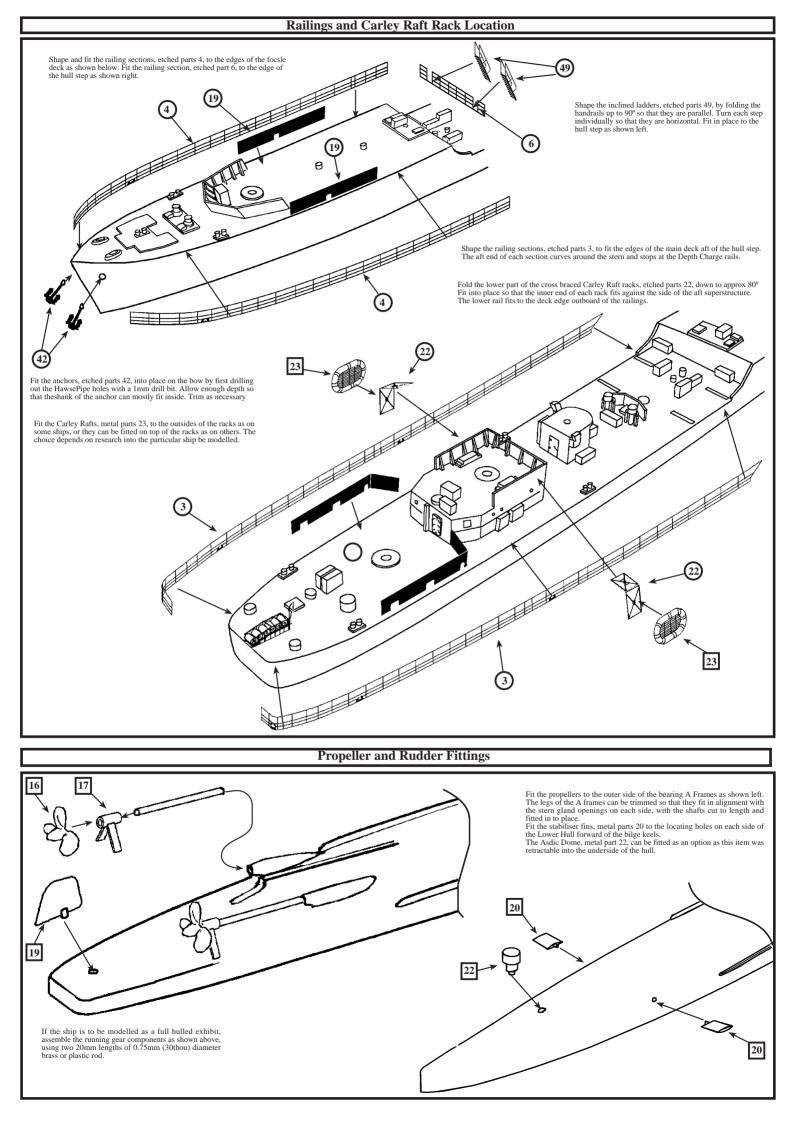


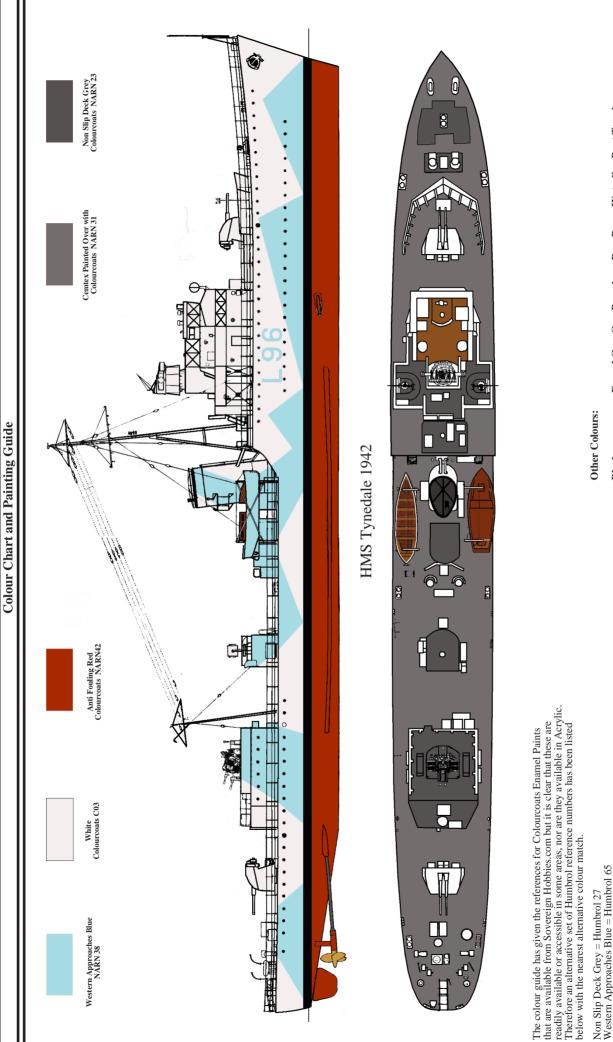


Once the aft superstructure, resin part 5 has been securely fitted to the main deck aft, fit the Quad Pom Pom assembly as shown in X position. Fit the main mast pole assembly centrally to the main deck 5mm forward of the aft superstructure as shown above left. Shape and fit the railings sections, etched parts 2, to the aft edges of the deck as shown above.

Shape the railing section, etched part 5, to fit around the edge of the Searchlight Platform, resin part 5, as shown above. Fit the Searchlight, resin part 6, to the locating hole in the deck of the platform.

Assemble photo etched anchors 42 as shown above. Fit anchors into the hawse pipes each side of the bow, after first drilling out the holes with a 1.3mm drill bit.





Non Slip Deck Grey = Humbrol 27 Western Approaches Blue = Humbrol 65 White = Humbrol 34 Anti Fouling Red = Humbrol 100 Grey Painted Cemtex = Humbrol 106

Bronze Natural Wood Black

Funnel Cap, Gun Barrels on Pom Poms, Waterline Boot Topping Propellers and Ammunition in trays on Pom Poms. Inner Decks and Thwarts on Ships Boats, Bridge Platform, Carley Raft Gratings

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