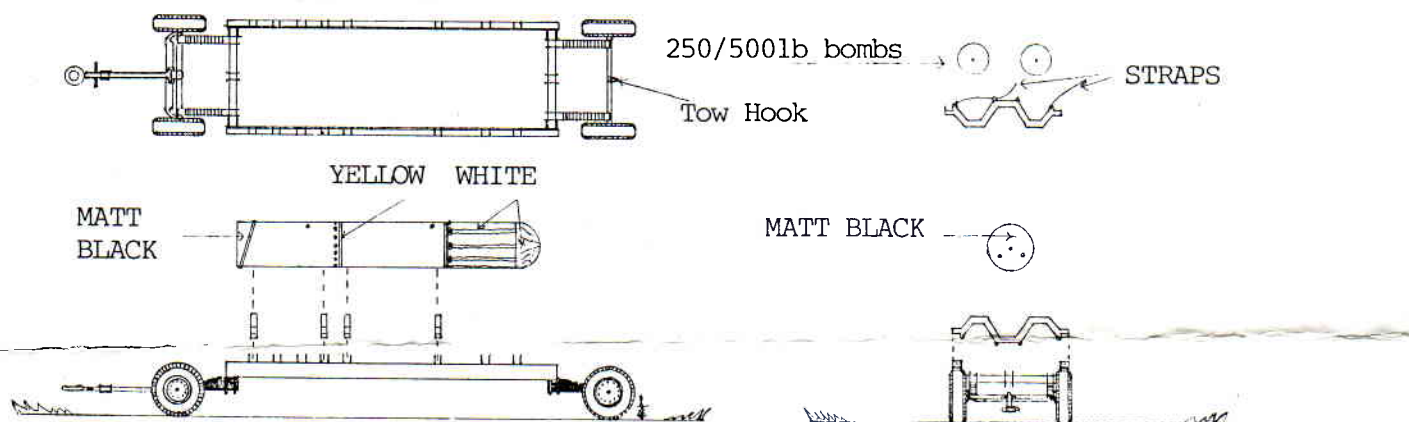


LEAD SLED MODELS

1/72nd Scale White Metal Kit
RAF TYPE C BOMB TROLLEY AND SEA MINE



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The Type C bomb trolley was introduced towards the end of 1940/early 1941. It was produced in a number of versions with various suspension designs and fittings. The bomb loads were carried on W shaped crutches which could be placed in different positions according to the load. When carrying loads other than those it was designed to carry, planks were placed across the frames making it a flatbed and the load carried on these. e.g. incendiary containers and rockets. Supplied with the kit is a sea mine of the type usually dropped on the so called Gardening Sorties by Bomber and Coastal Commands.

These trolleys were to be found on most Fighter Bomber and Bomber Stations both at home and overseas. Many saw service certainly into the 1970's and some may still be in use today. Many were modified for other purposes over the years, a wartime example being as a carrier for an airborne lifeboat.

The unit represented here was designed for a maximum safe load of 3,000 lb. examples being, 1 x 2000 lb bomb, 1 x 1900 lb. bomb, 2 x 1500 lb. A mine, 3 x 1000 lb bomb, 6 x 500 lb. bomb, 8 x 250 lb. bomb. Straps were provided on the W crutches for holding the bombs in place, but, in service were usually removed.

COLOUR SCHEMES

Trolleys were usually Dark Earth overall or RAF Blue/Grey. They were often devoid of markings but many had an identification letter or number stencilled on the side frames, some had the sideframe corners painted White. On some squadrons the armourers painted bomb weights at the appropriate crutch positions on the side frames, this was usually crudely done. Post WWII the trolleys were usually Glossy RAF Blue/Grey overall. The sea mine included with the kit is Dark Green body with the parachute straps and cover White. The angled section at the foot of the mine is Matt Black. The line shown on the illustration edged with dots is Yellow.

Our thanks are due to Phil Hunt for his help in providing information on this unit.

Assembly instructions overleaf.

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Use Cyano Acrylate and/or 5 minute Epoxy adhesives. Follow manufacturers advice for safe usage.

Fettle and clean parts.

Fit side frames to spring units, ensure assembly is square. At this stage the frame will be floppy, to make rigid, the W frames must be fitted at this stage. Decide on the load to be carried and fit frames to top of side frames in the appropriate slots and glue in place.

Fit rear axle to Bottom of tips of springs then fit front axle in similar manner, ensure tow bar bracket faces upwards.

Note that front wheels have a raised rear face. Fit all four wheels then fit tow hook to center top of rear axle. Fit tow bar. Note the fully lowered position is as shown on the illustration. The mine should be fitted as shown.

If you have any suggestions for future models we will be pleased to hear from you.

In the event of faulty parts please return the part for replacement to,

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