



USS WARD DD-139 (WICKES CLASS DESTROYER)

USS Ward (DD-139), was Wickes class destroyer of the United States Navy. Her keel was laid down on May 15, 1918 at the Mare Island Navy Yard and launched a record 17 days later on June 1, 1918. Ward was commissioned on July 24, 1918, however she did not participate in any action during World War I. Ward was placed in reserve and decommissioned on July 21, 1921.

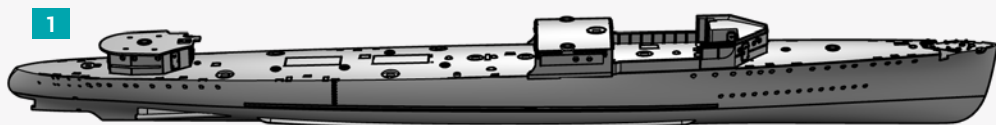
When war broke out in Europe, Ward was recommissioned on January 15, 1941 and transferred to Pearl Harbor to assume local district defense duties. While patrolling the channel entrance into Pearl Harbor on the morning on December 7, 1941, lookouts on Ward's bridge spotted the conning tower of an Imperial Japanese midget submarine and commenced firing upon it. A shot from the number three gun struck the conning tower, causing the submarine to sink. Ward dropped 4 depth charges as it passed the submarine's position, sealing its fate. Unknowingly, Ward had fired the first American shots of the Pacific War.

Ward was converted into a high-speed transport and redesignated as APD-16 in February 1943. She supported numerous amphibious landings in the Pacific. While supporting troop landings in Leyte Gulf on December 7, 1944, Ward came under kamikaze attack and was struck amidships by one. The resulting fires could not be controlled and her crew abandoned ship. Ward was sunk by gunfire from USS O'Brien. In December 2017, Ward's wreck was located by RV Petrel in 209m (686ft) of water.

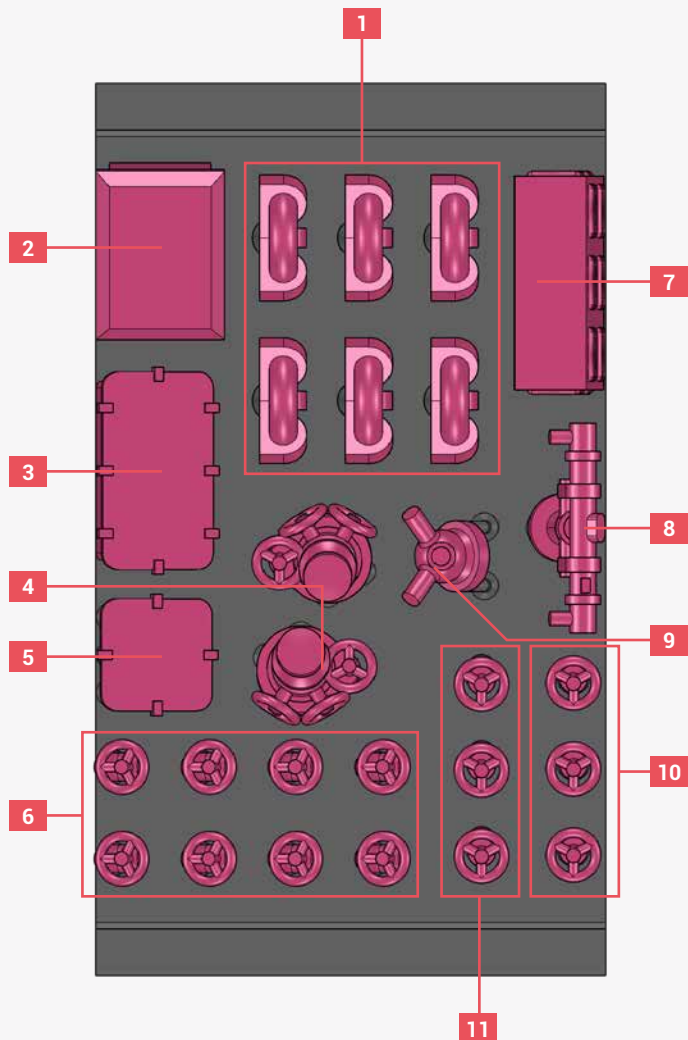
Le USS Ward DD-139 était un destroyer de la classe Wickes dont 111 exemplaires furent construits pour la Marine Américaine. La quille fut posée le 15 mai 1918 au chantier naval de Mare Island, et lancé le 1er juin 1918 après un temps record de construction de seulement dix-sept jours. Entré en service le 24 juillet 1918, il ne participa à aucune action pendant la Première Guerre Mondiale, et fut placé en réserve le 21 juillet 1921.

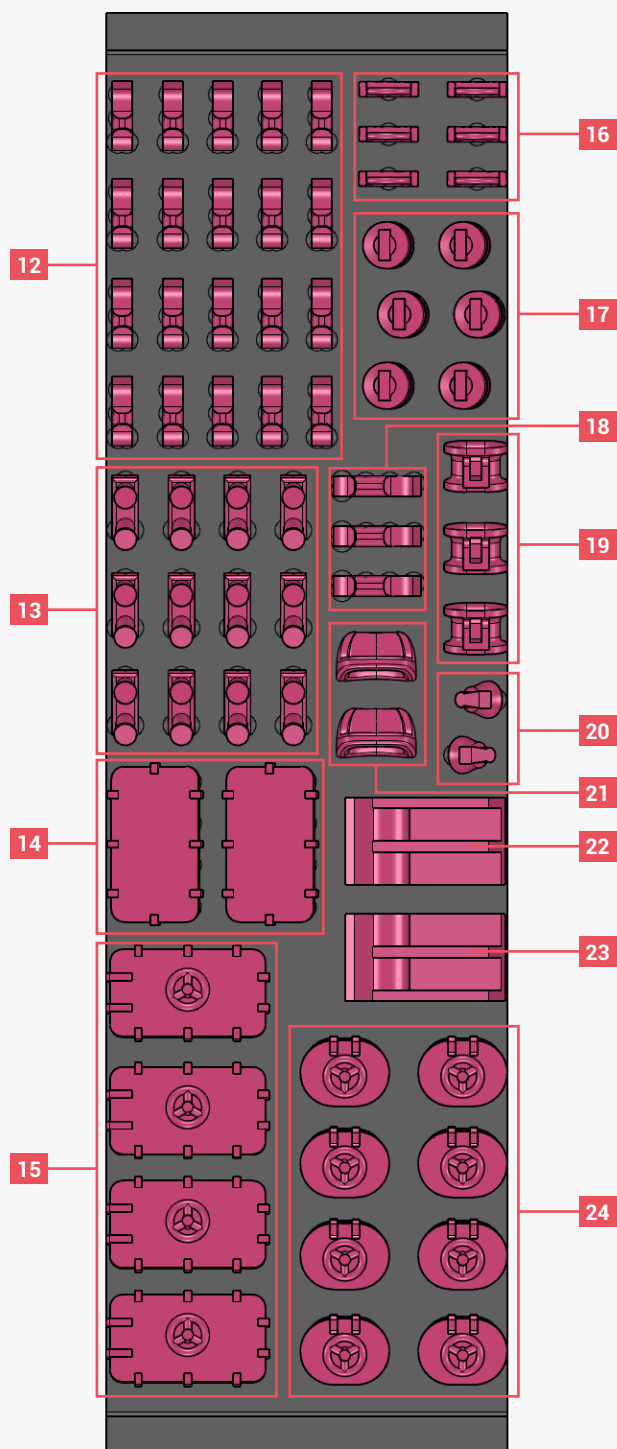
Lors du déclenchement de la guerre en Europe, le Ward reprit du service le 15 janvier 1941, et fut affecté à Pearl Harbor pour des missions de défense portuaires. Le 7 décembre 1941, lors d'une de ces patrouilles dans le chenal d'entrée du port, la vigie du bord détecta le kiosque d'un sous-marin nain de la Marine Impériale Japonaise, et le destroyer ouvrit immédiatement le feu. Un tir du canon numéro trois toucha la cible, provoquant le naufrage du bateau. Le Ward largua ensuite quatre charges de profondeur sur la position présumée du sous-marin, scellant définitivement son sort. Sans le savoir, le Ward venait de tirer le premier coup de canon américain de la Guerre du Pacifique.

PARTS



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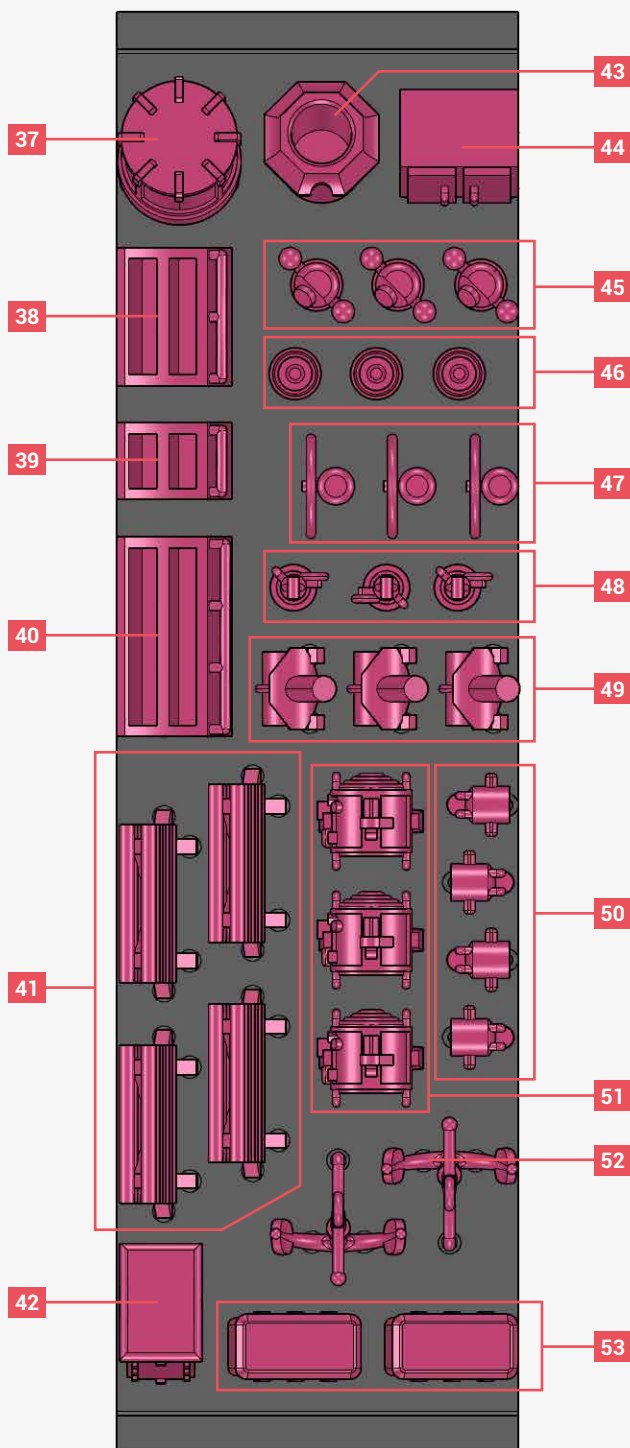
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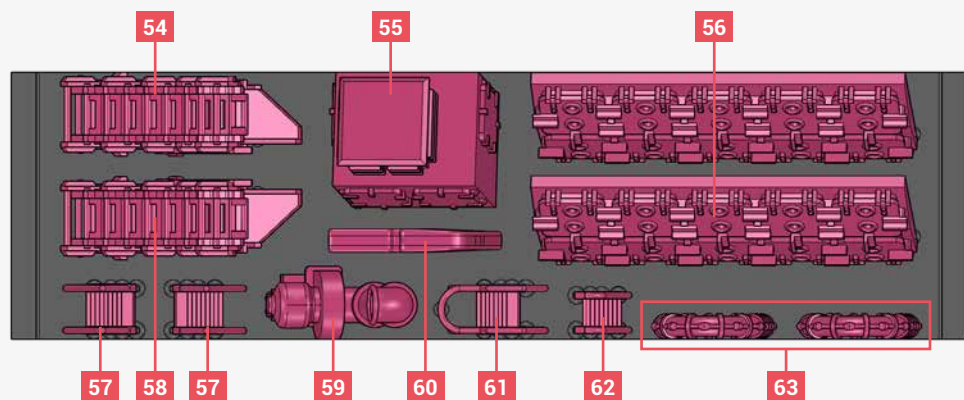
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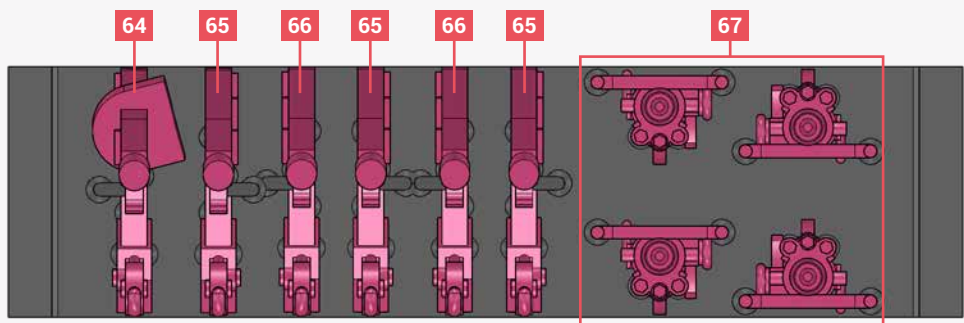
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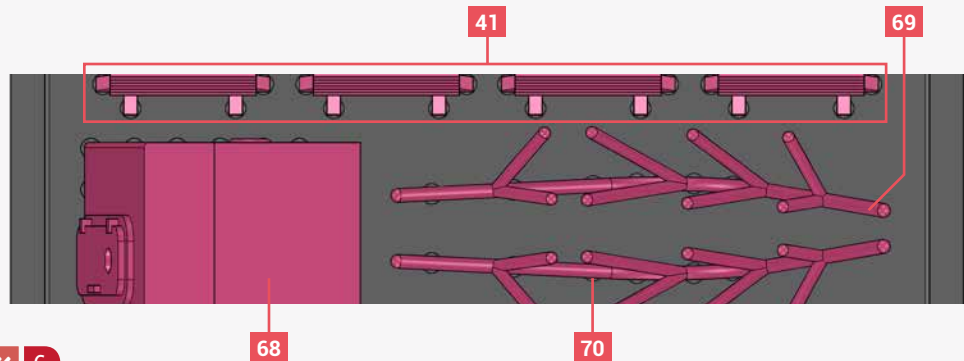
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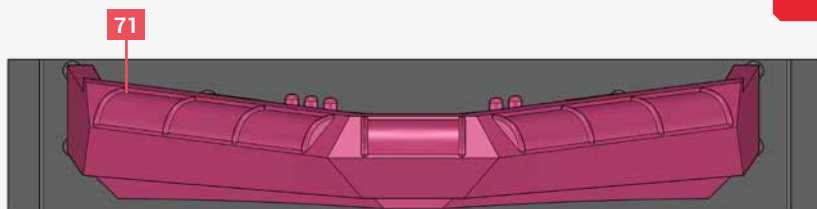
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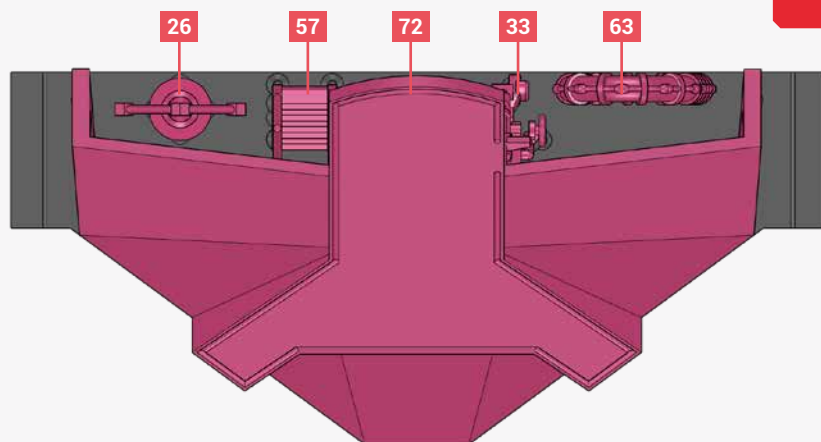
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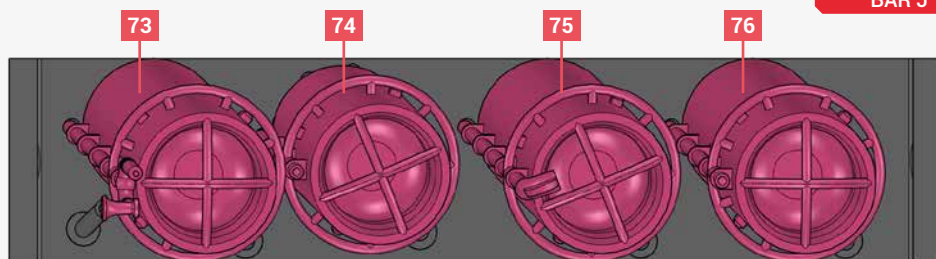
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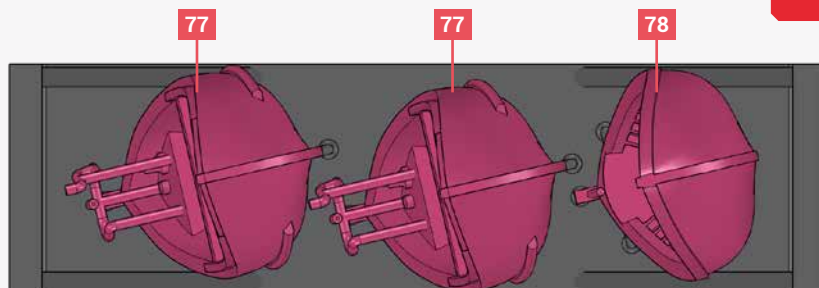
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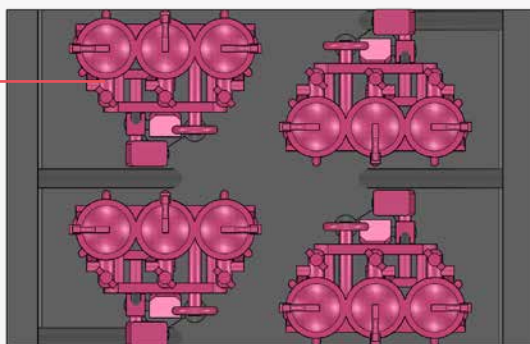


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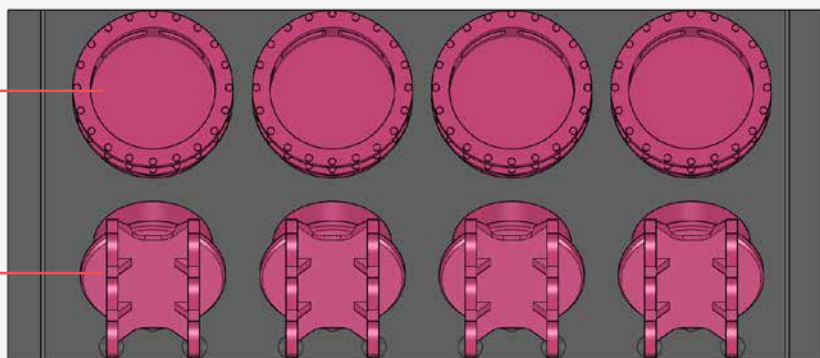
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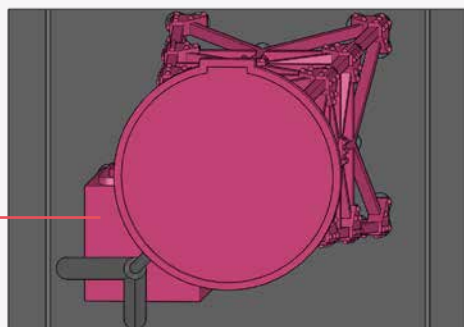
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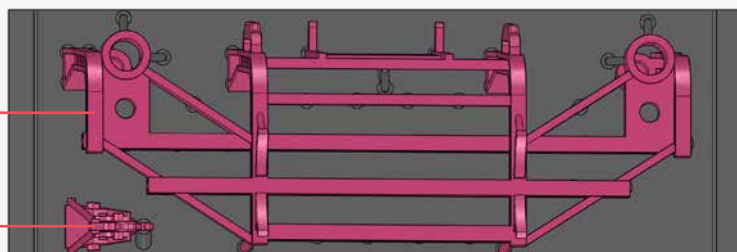
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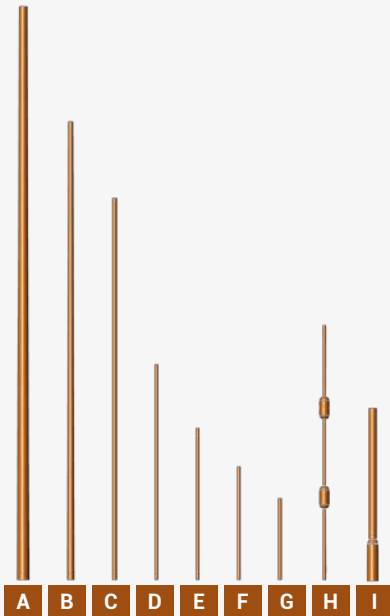
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PHOTOETCH PARTS



BRASS PARTS



A	x1
B	x1
C	x1
D	x1
E	x1
F	x1
G	x1
H	x1
I	x2

DECALS PARTS

0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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3	3	3	3	3	3	3
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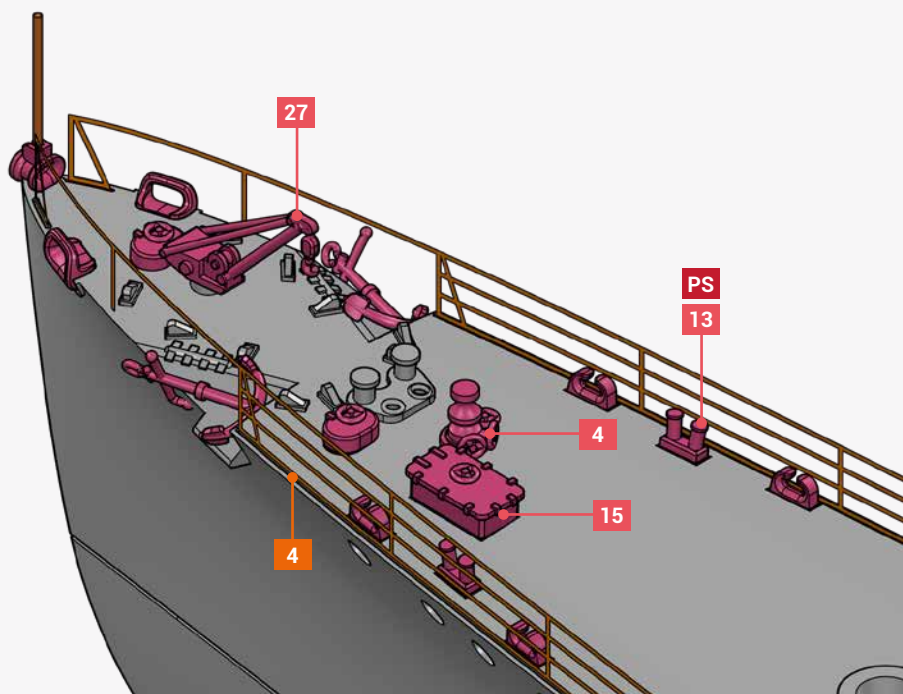
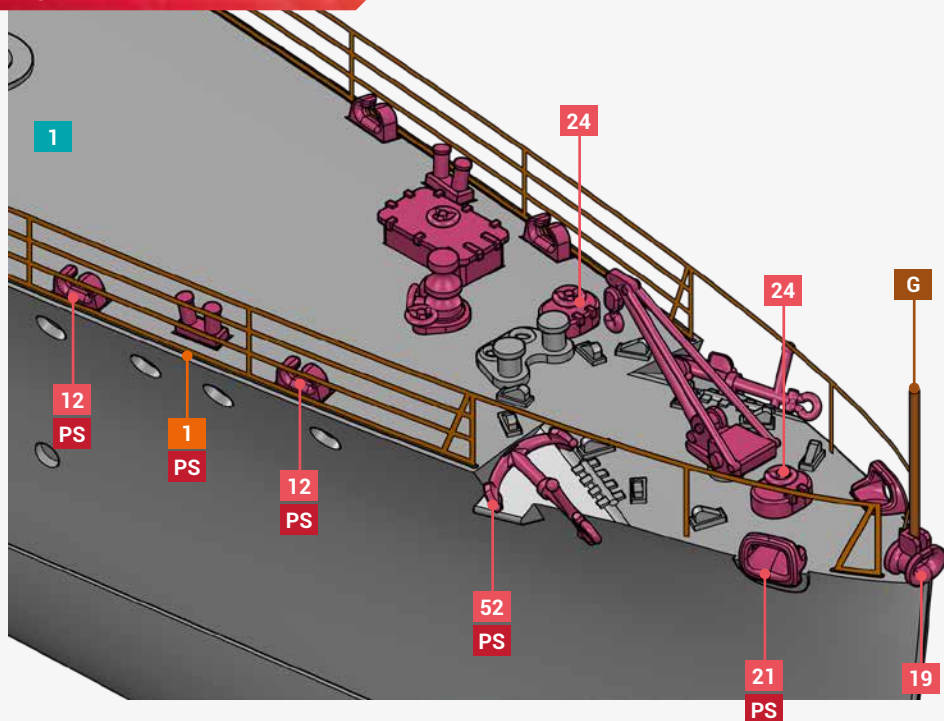
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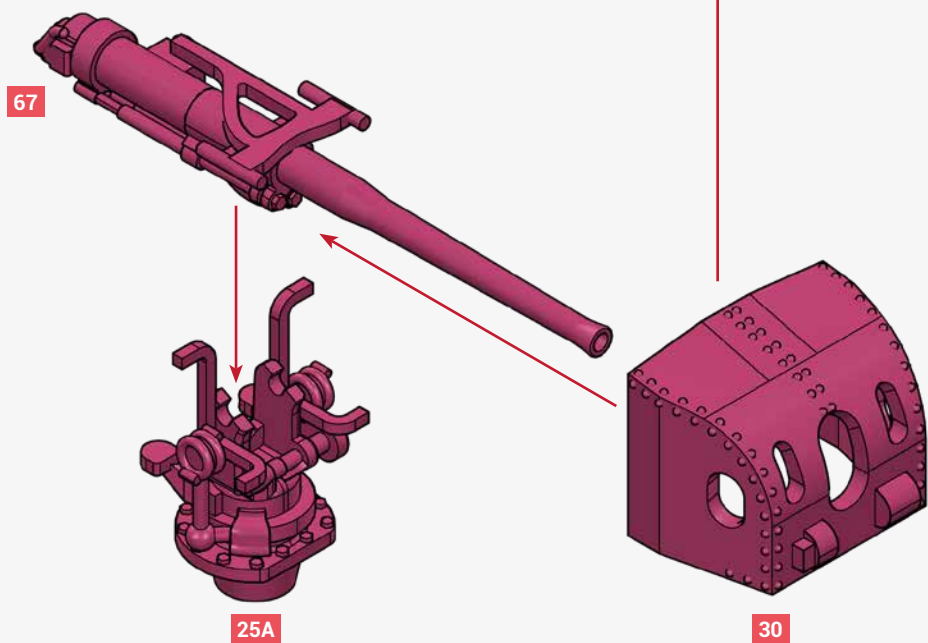
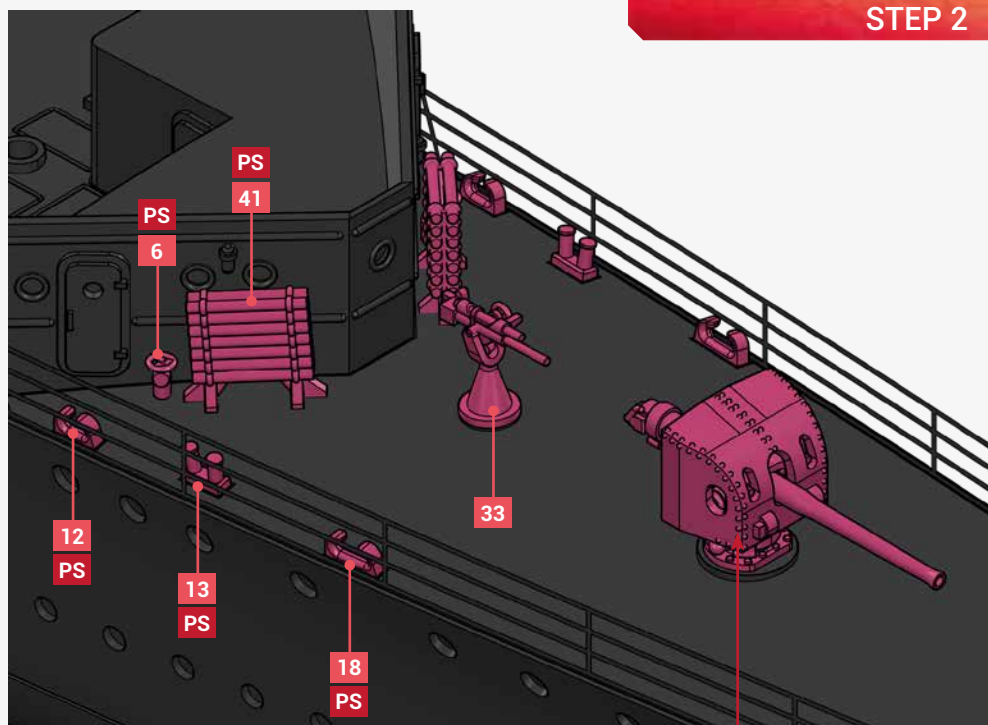
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X	INFORMATIONS

SOME PHOTOETCH AND 3D PARTS ARE PROVIDED IN EXTRA NUMBERS.

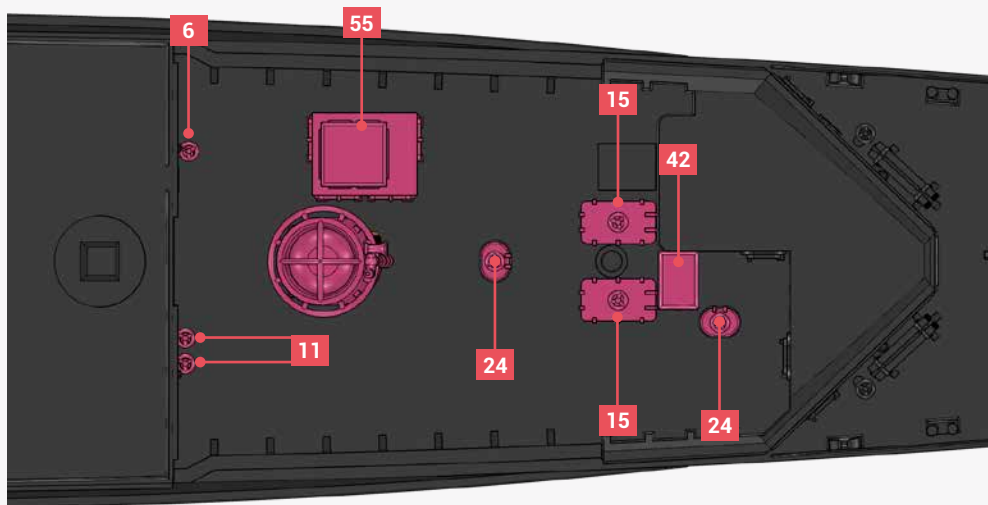
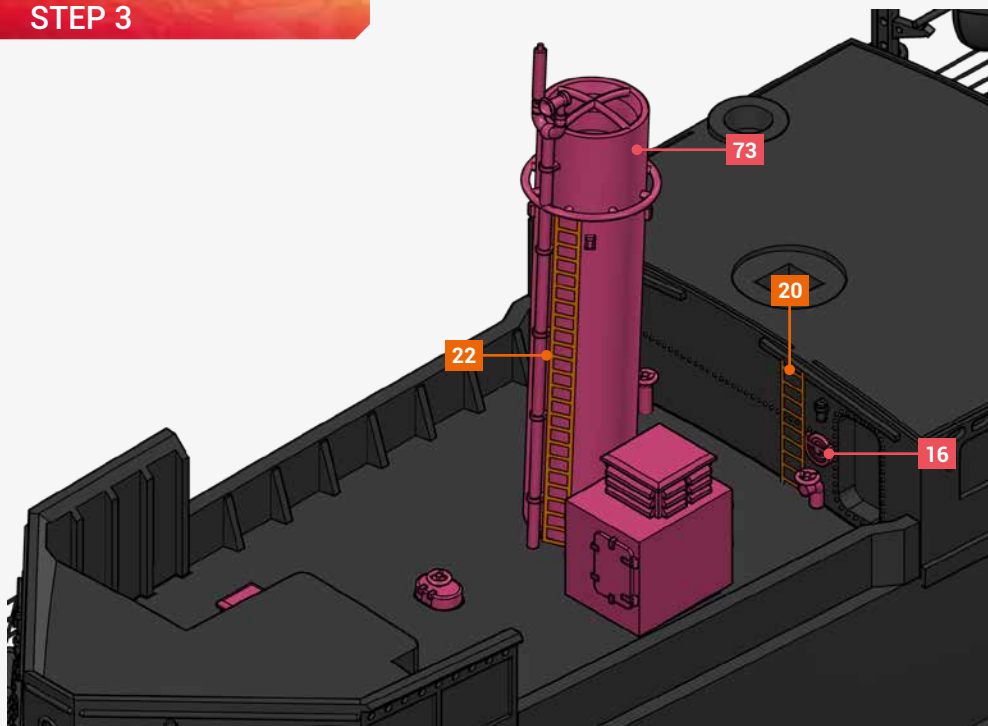
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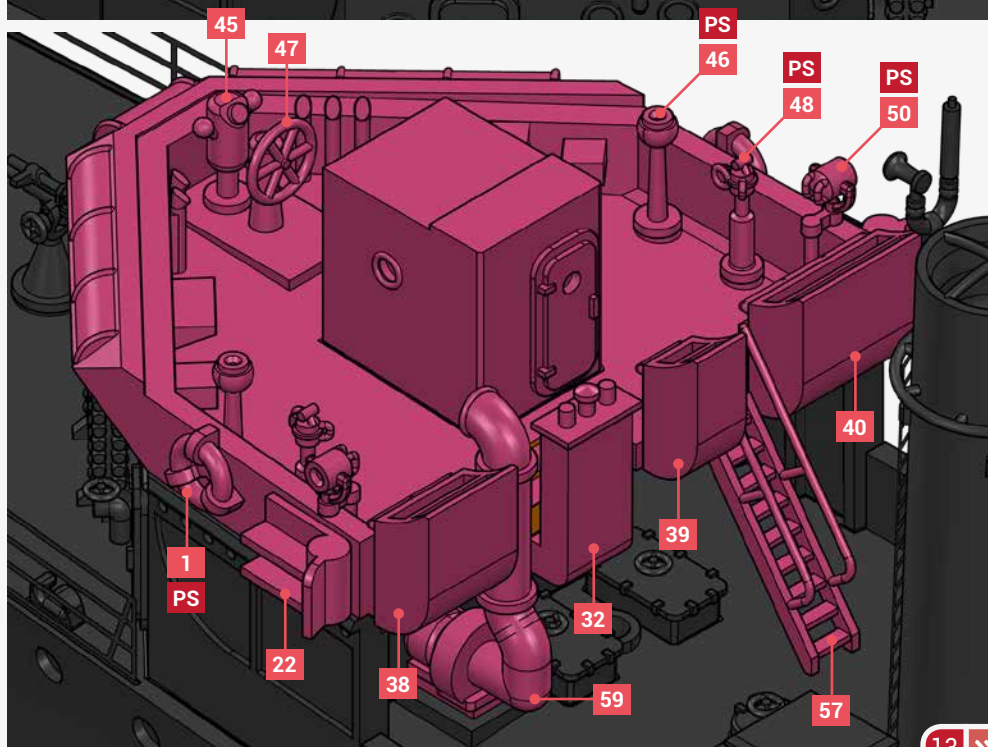
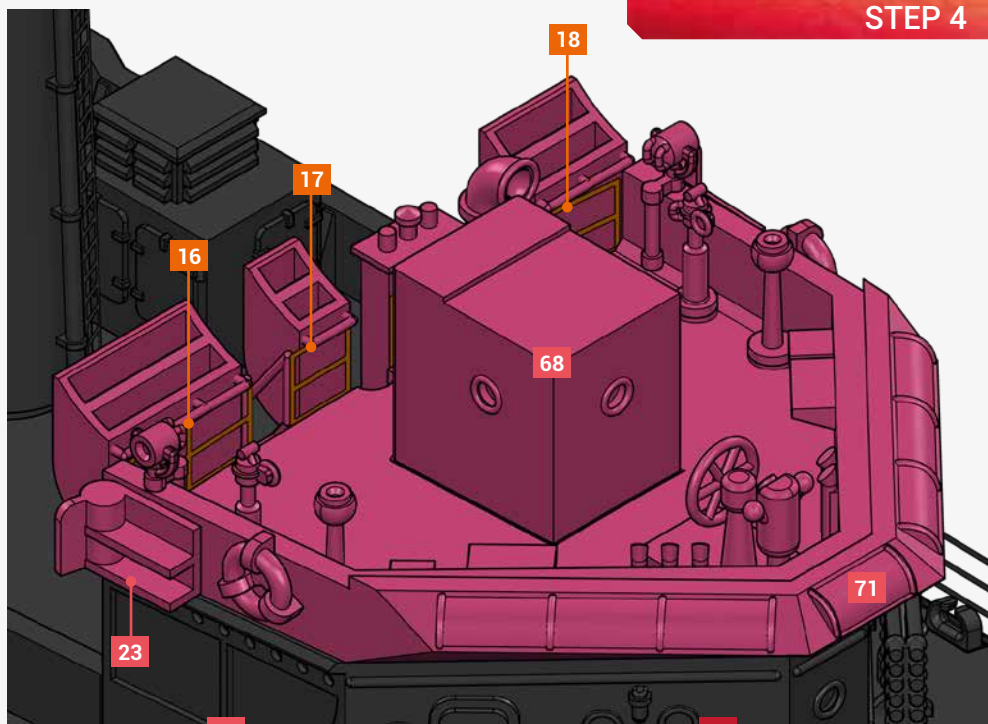
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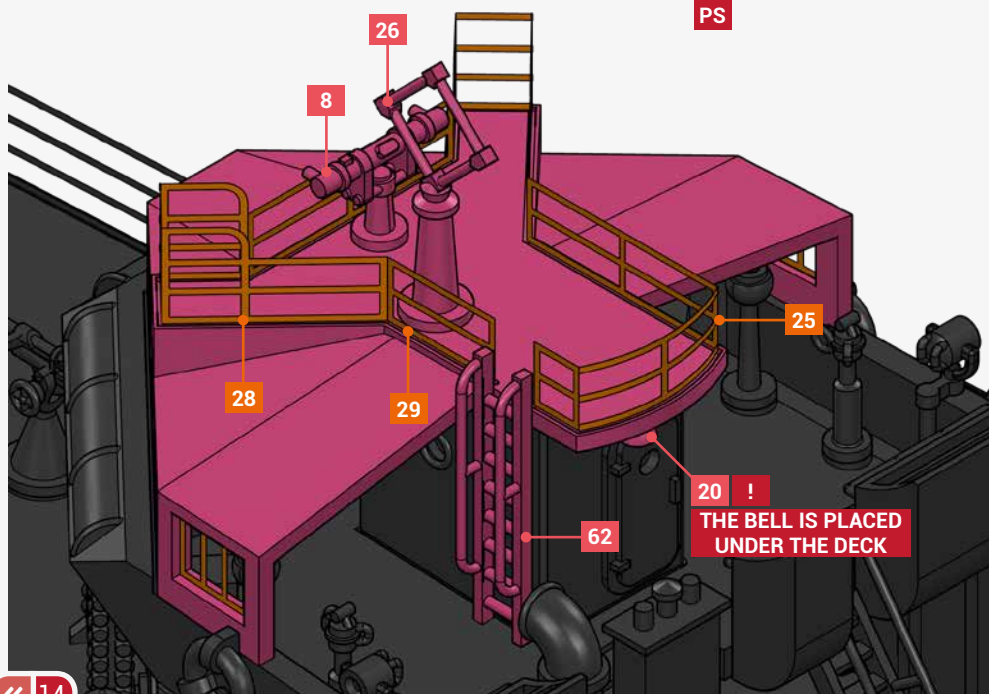
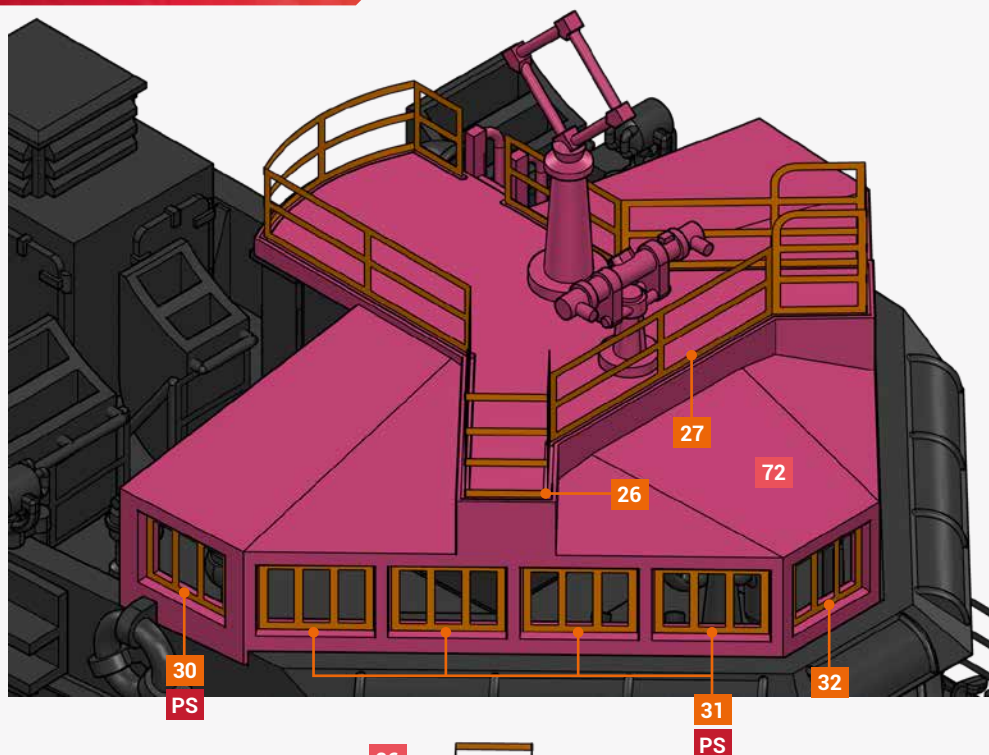


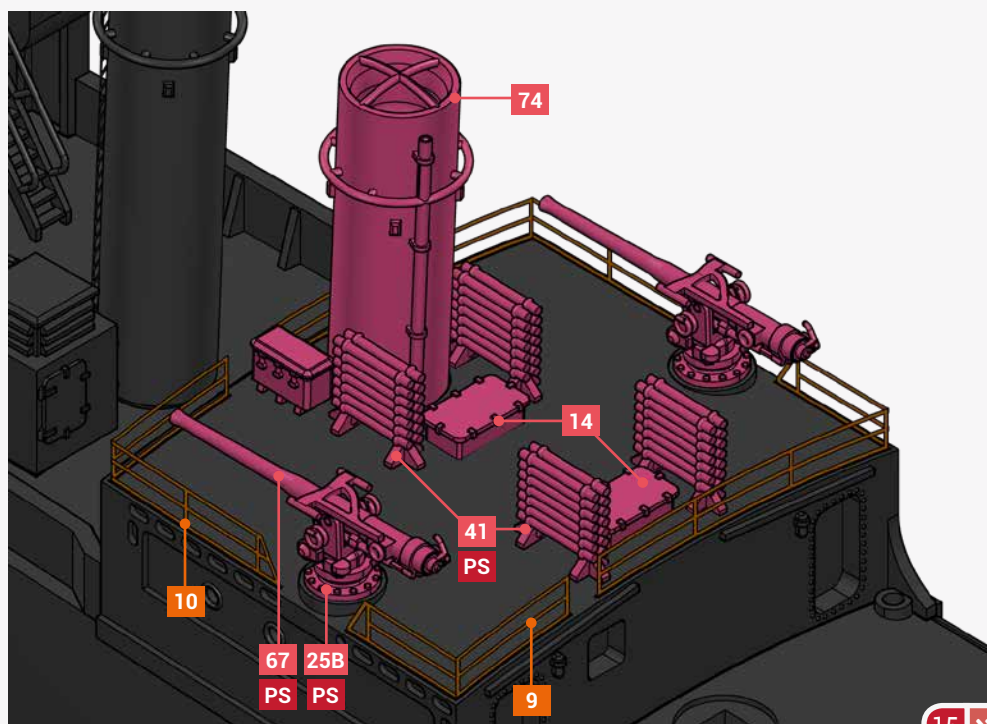
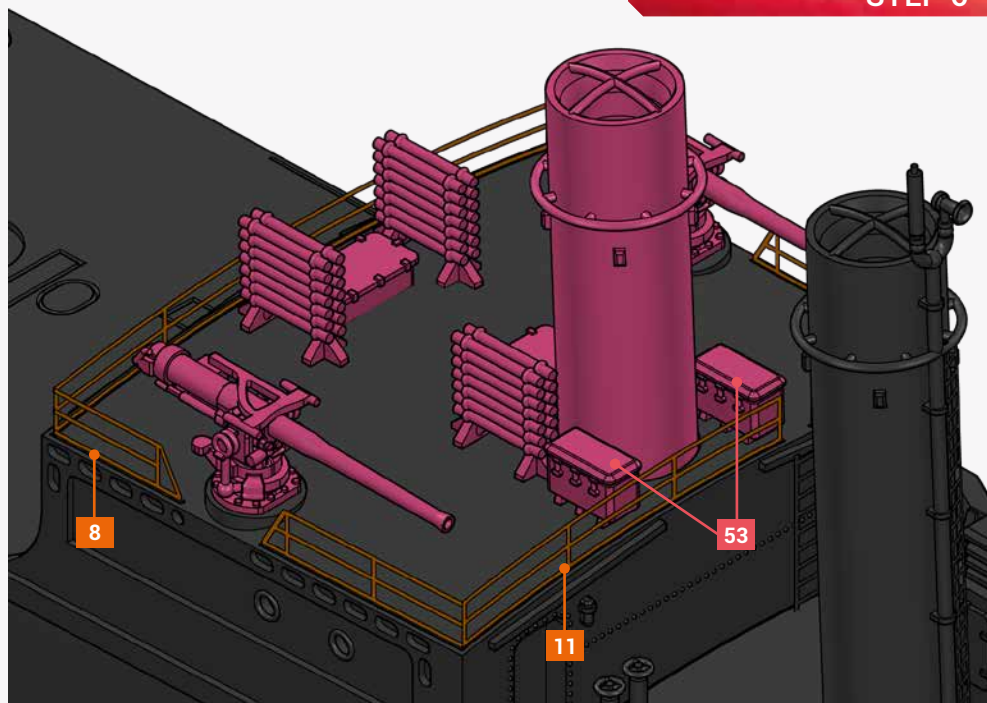
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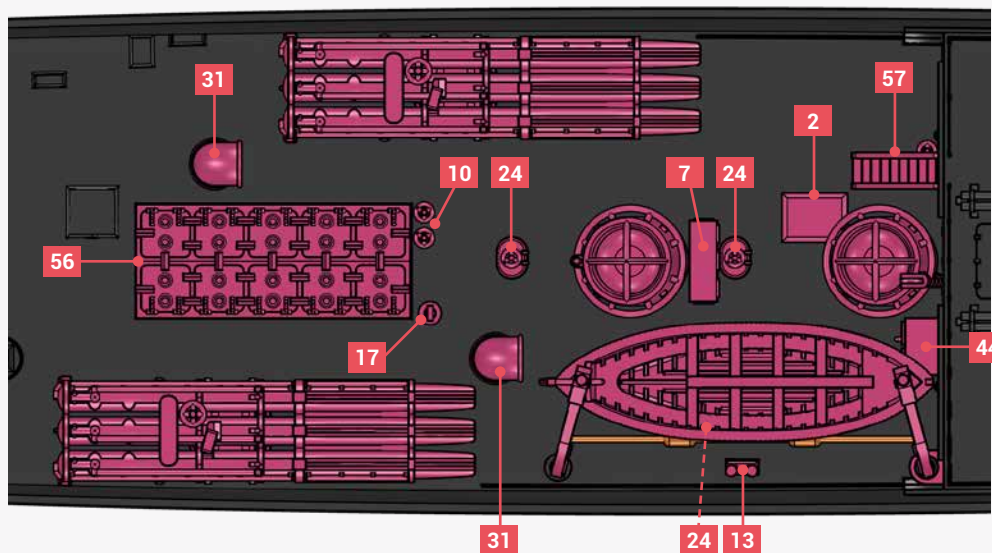
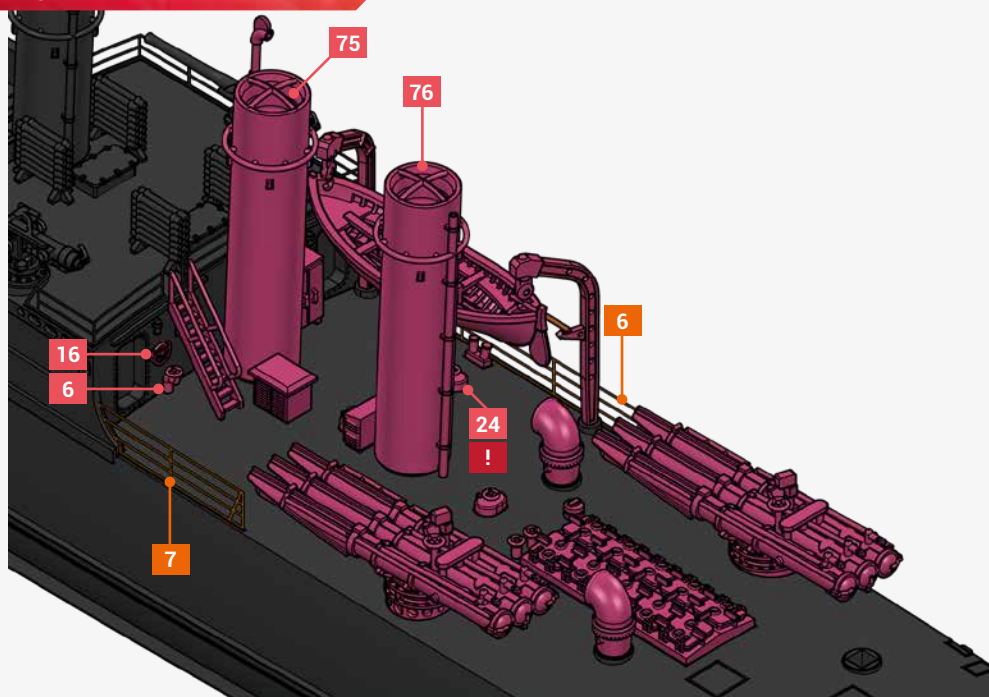


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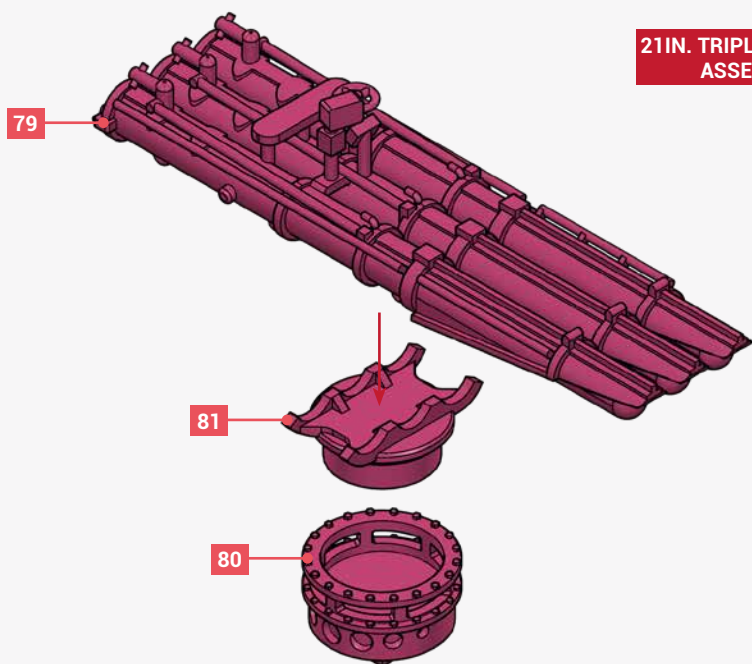




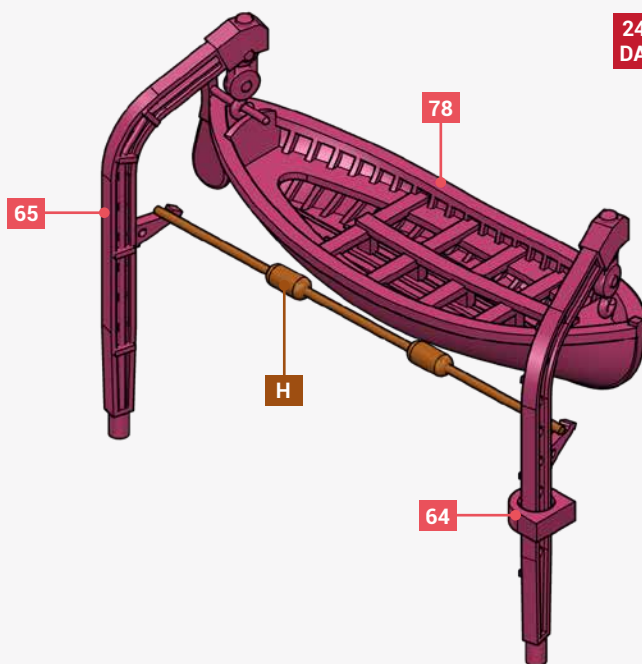
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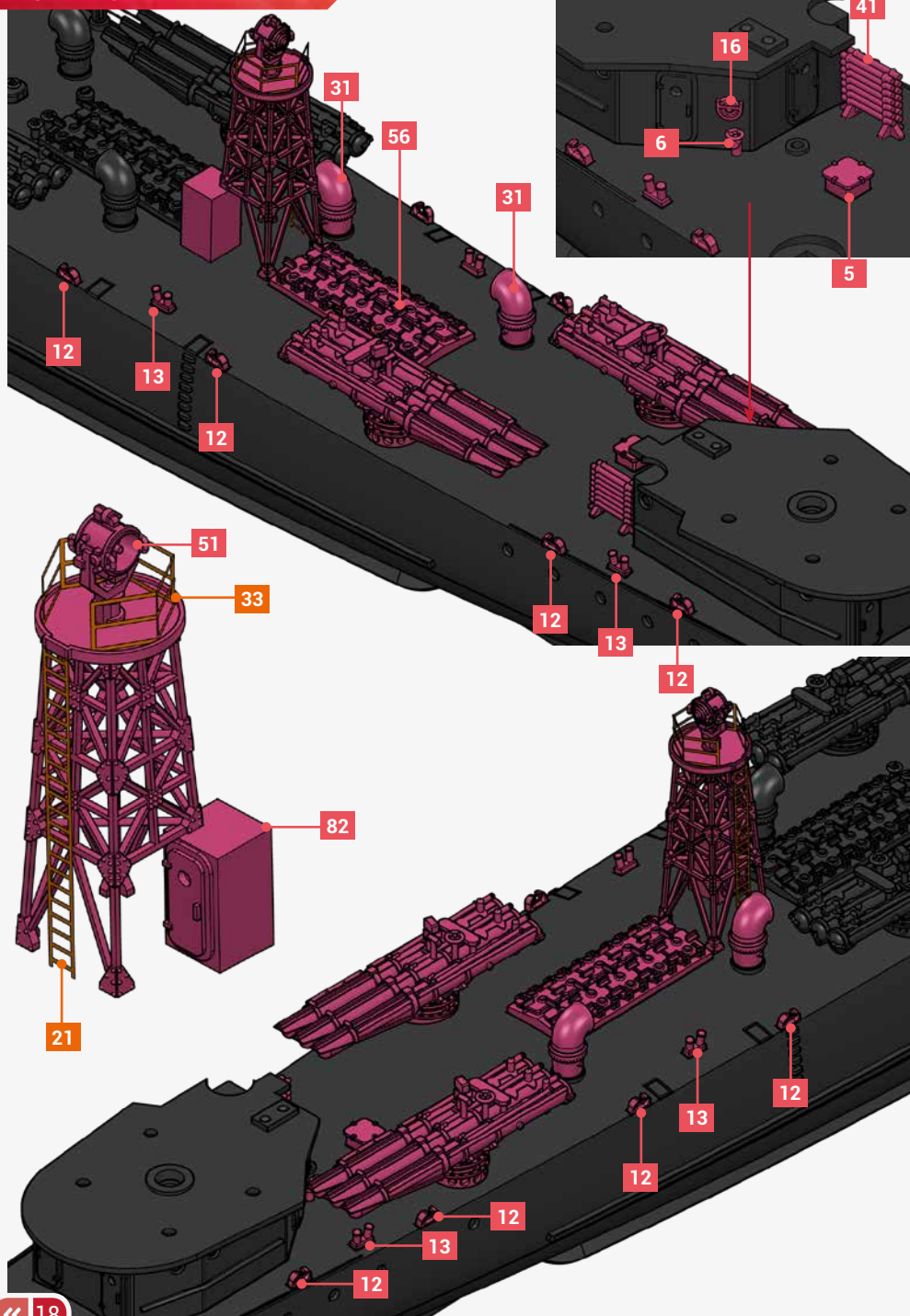
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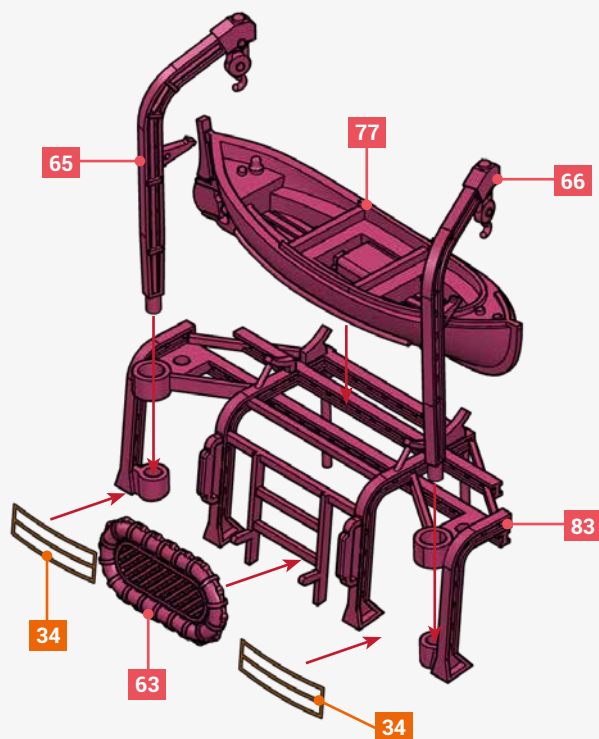
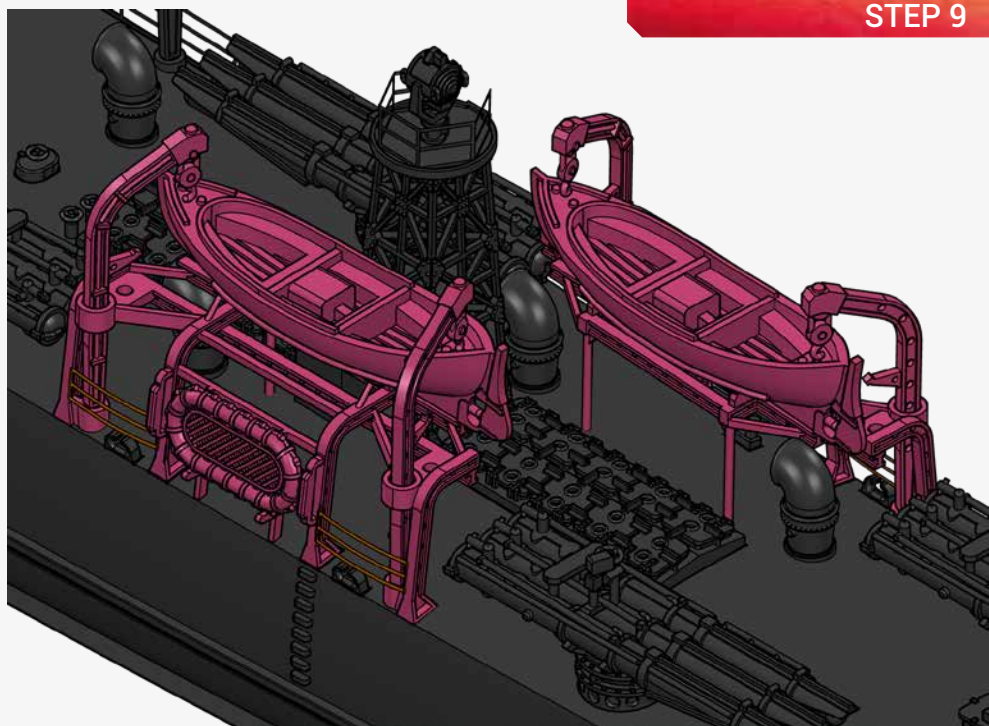


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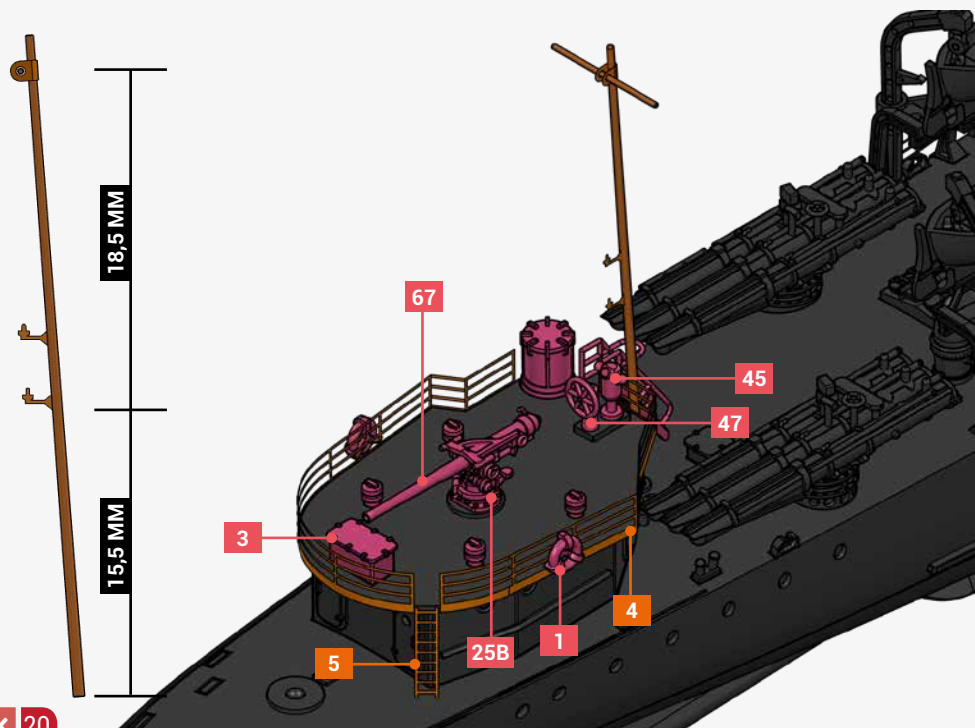
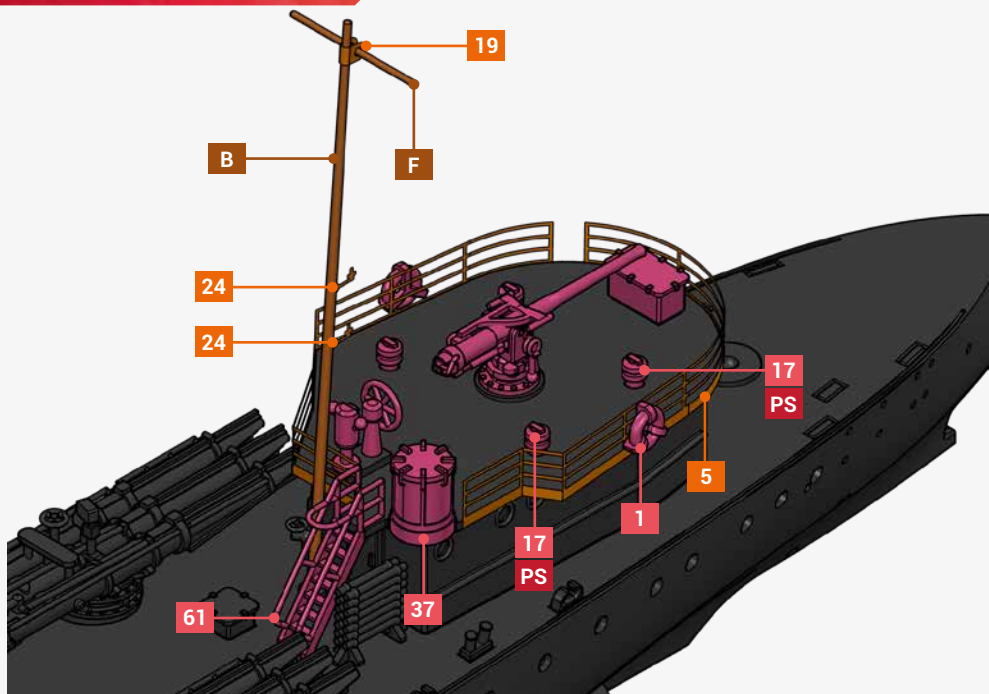


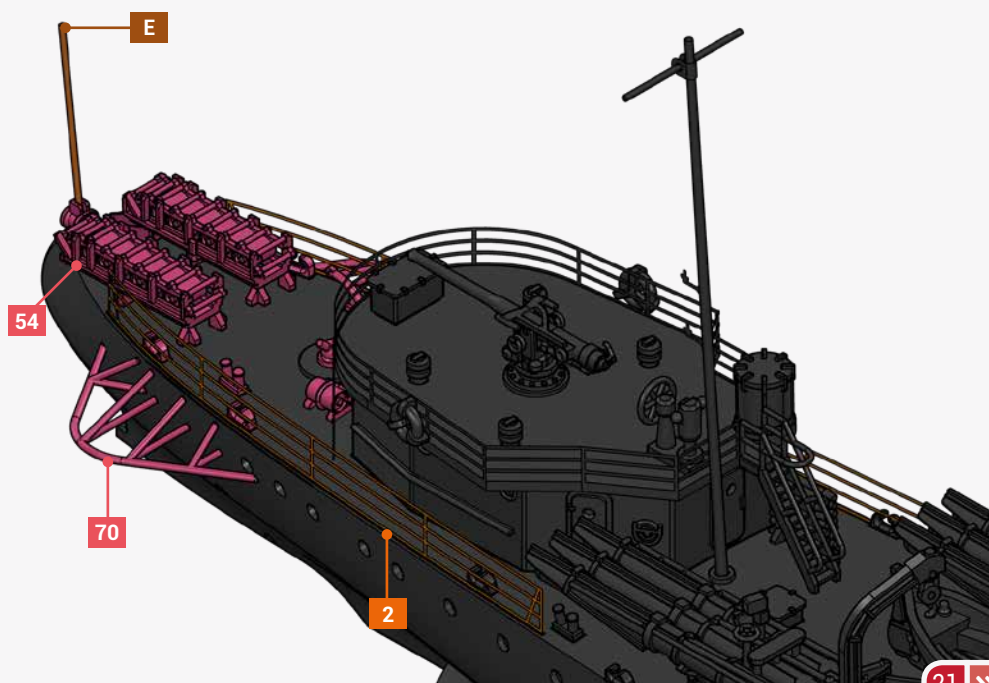
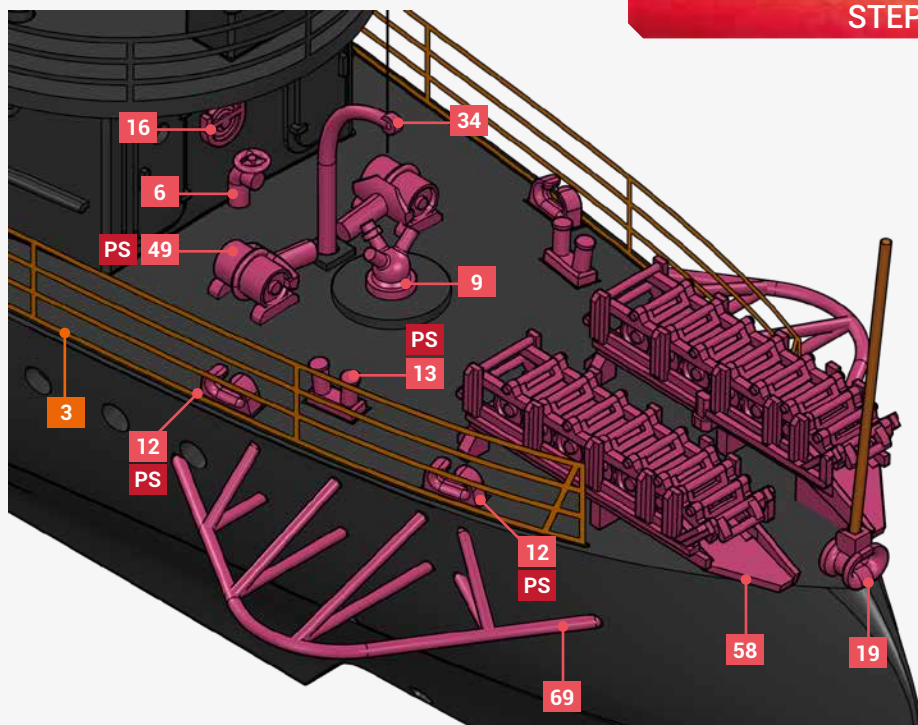
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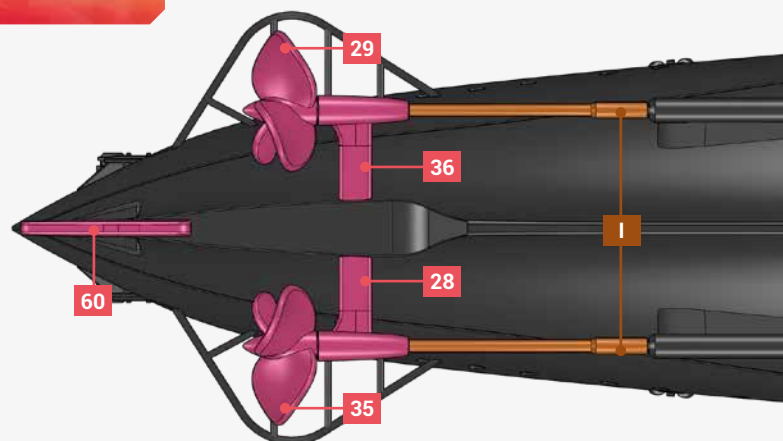


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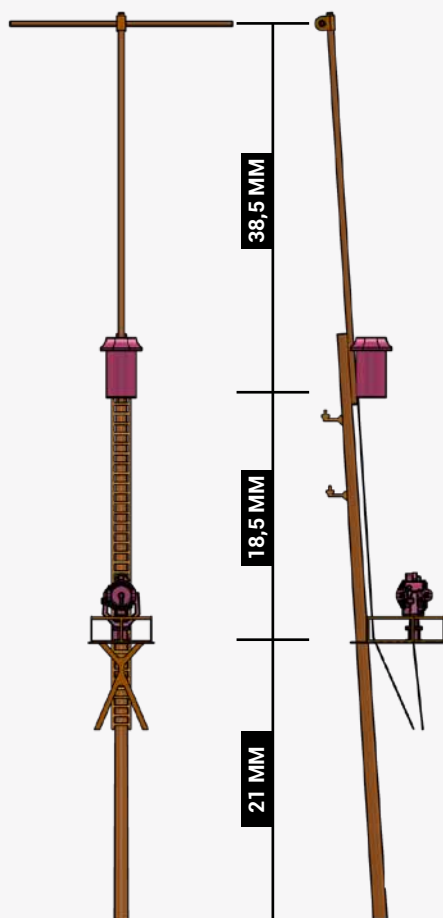
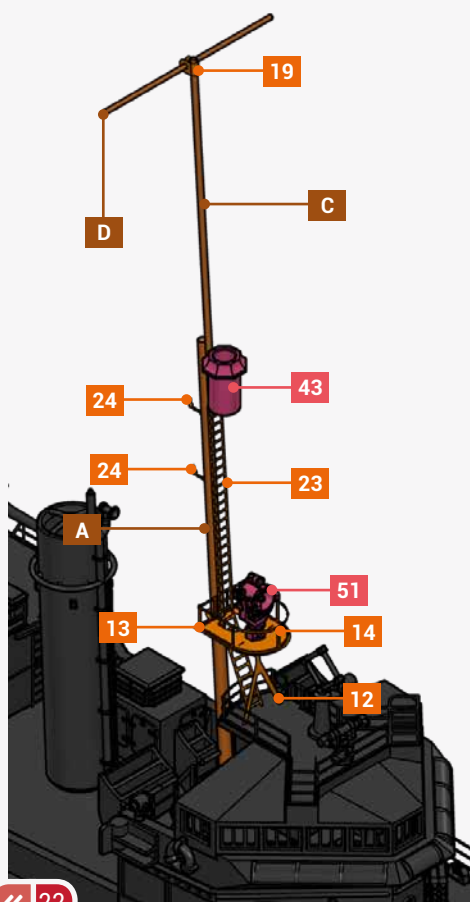


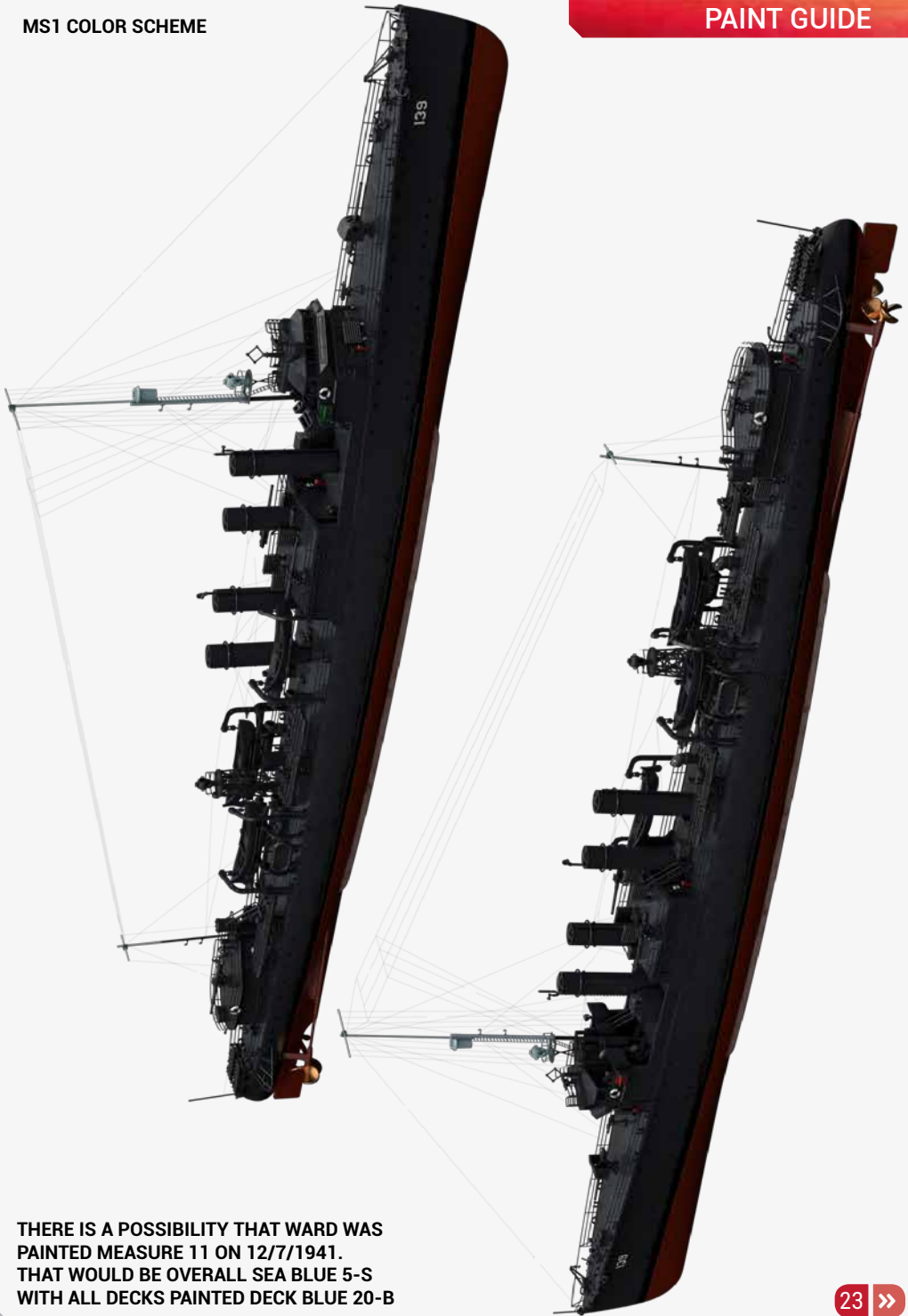


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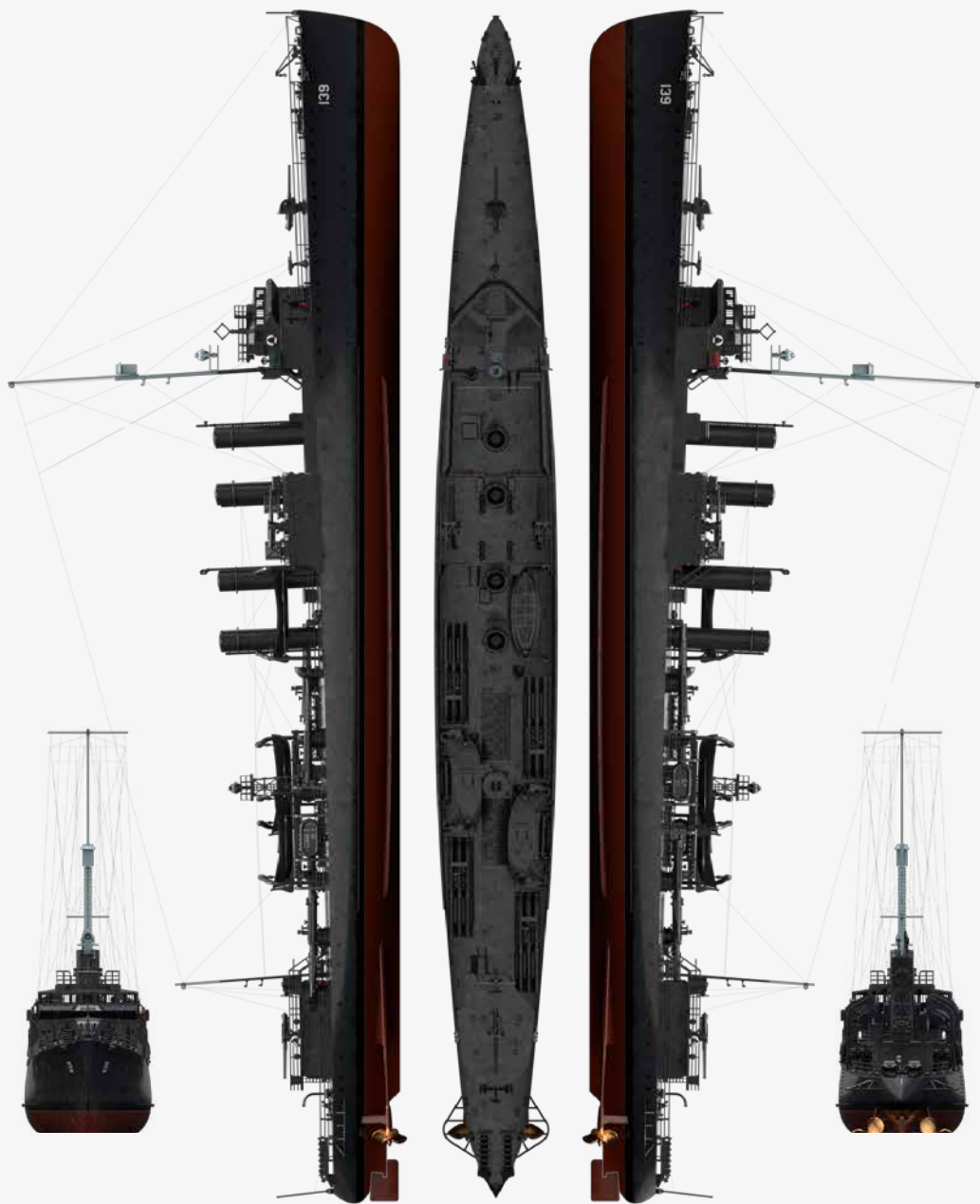


STEP 13





THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT WARD WAS
PAINTED MEASURE 11 ON 12/7/1941.
THAT WOULD BE OVERALL SEA BLUE 5-S
WITH ALL DECKS PAINTED DECK BLUE 20-B



MS1 COLOR SCHEME



DARK GRAY 5-D

LIGHT GRAY 5-L



BLACK

ANTIFOULING RED