



Introducing F/A-18 Hornet RAAF Pack 2.0 - **3SQN A21-17**

A21-17 appears as it did in June 2017. This low visibility scheme is indicative of any 2010's 3 Sqn Hornet, and represents the final year of the Hornet in 3 Sqn service, before the remaining aircraft were transferred to 77 Sqn to make way for the F-35A. The tail displays the 3 Sqn eagle carrying a bomb logo, with the Southern Cross backdrop, modernised from the mid 2000's to have a more defined appearance. The fuselage arrows are inverted in colour, with the 3 Sqn eagle crest as the centrepiece. Many of the panels have been repainted and show varying amounts of paint fade. There are minimal fluid deposits on the wings and tail. The most notable element is the anti-slip surface on the leading edge extensions, which is inverted from its usual black or faded gray appearance.

Ordered 11/1981. Built as a Block 17, A model Hornet. Delivered 08/05/87. Appeared at 1999 and 2001 Avalon Airshows (3 Sqn). In Service with 3 Sqn.



3 Squadron

fighter squadron, headquartered at RAAF Base Williamtown, near Newcastle, New South Wales. Established in 1916, it was one of four combat squadrons of the Australian Flying Corps during World War I, and operated on the Western Front in France before being disbanded in 1919. It was re-raised as a permanent squadron of the RAAF in 1925, and during World War II operated in the Mediterranean Theatre. The Cold War years saw the squadron disbanded and re-raised twice. It was based at RAAF Butterworth during the Malayan Emergency and the Indonesia–Malaysia Konfrontasi.

Equipped with McDonnell Douglas F/A-18 Hornet multi-role fighters from 1986, in February 2002, during the Afghanistan War, elements of No. 3 Squadron were deployed to Diego Garcia, in the Indian Ocean, to relieve No. 77 Squadron, providing air defence for the Coalition base. No. 3 Squadron personnel also participated in Operation Falconer, No. 75 Squadron's deployment to the Iraq War during 2003, conducting air interdiction operations and combat air patrols. The squadron currently forms part of the Air Combat Group's No. 81 Wing RAAF. In April 2016, No. 3 Squadron deployed to the Middle East during Operation Okra as part of the military intervention against ISIL, taking over from No. 77 Squadron

On 8 December 2017, No. 3 Squadron ceased F/A-18 flight operations, followed by the disbandment of the squadron, under Wing Commander John Haly on 14 December 2017 and subsequent



re-establishment of the squadron at Luke AFB in Arizona, under command of Wing Commander Darren Clare. All of its Hornets and most of its personnel were transferred to No. 77 Squadron.

3SQN Engagements

World War I

- Western Front

World War II

- Western Desert Campaign
- Syria–Lebanon Campaign
- Tunisia Campaign
- Italian Campaign

Cold War

- Malayan Emergency
- Indonesia–Malaysia Konfrontasi
- Military intervention against ISIL

Installation

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Airframe information was sourced on Wikipedia for basic squadron information, and the brilliant ADF Serials website: www.adf-gallery.com.au, which contains specific airframe information.

Reference images were sourced from airliners.net, jetphotos.com, adf-gallery.com.au, downunderaviationnews.wordpress.com, commons.wikipedia.org, alert5.com, masm.fr.

There is great information on the Operation Falconer and Bastille deployment at: http://www.clubhyper.com/reference/opfalconerhornetskb_1a.htm

Thank you to Eagle Dynamics and BelSimTek for raising the bar with their F/A-18C Hornet module, and for providing access to the templates that allowed me to produce these liveries. Also thank you to the DCS community for providing guidance, an open forum, and continued support.

The Hornet entered RAAF service the year I was born, and I have been watching them ever since - what a fantastic thing it must be to fly one - hopefully these liveries get us regular Joe's closer than we've ever been before.

Sincerely,

Hugh Langlands-Bell ("Sheriff")