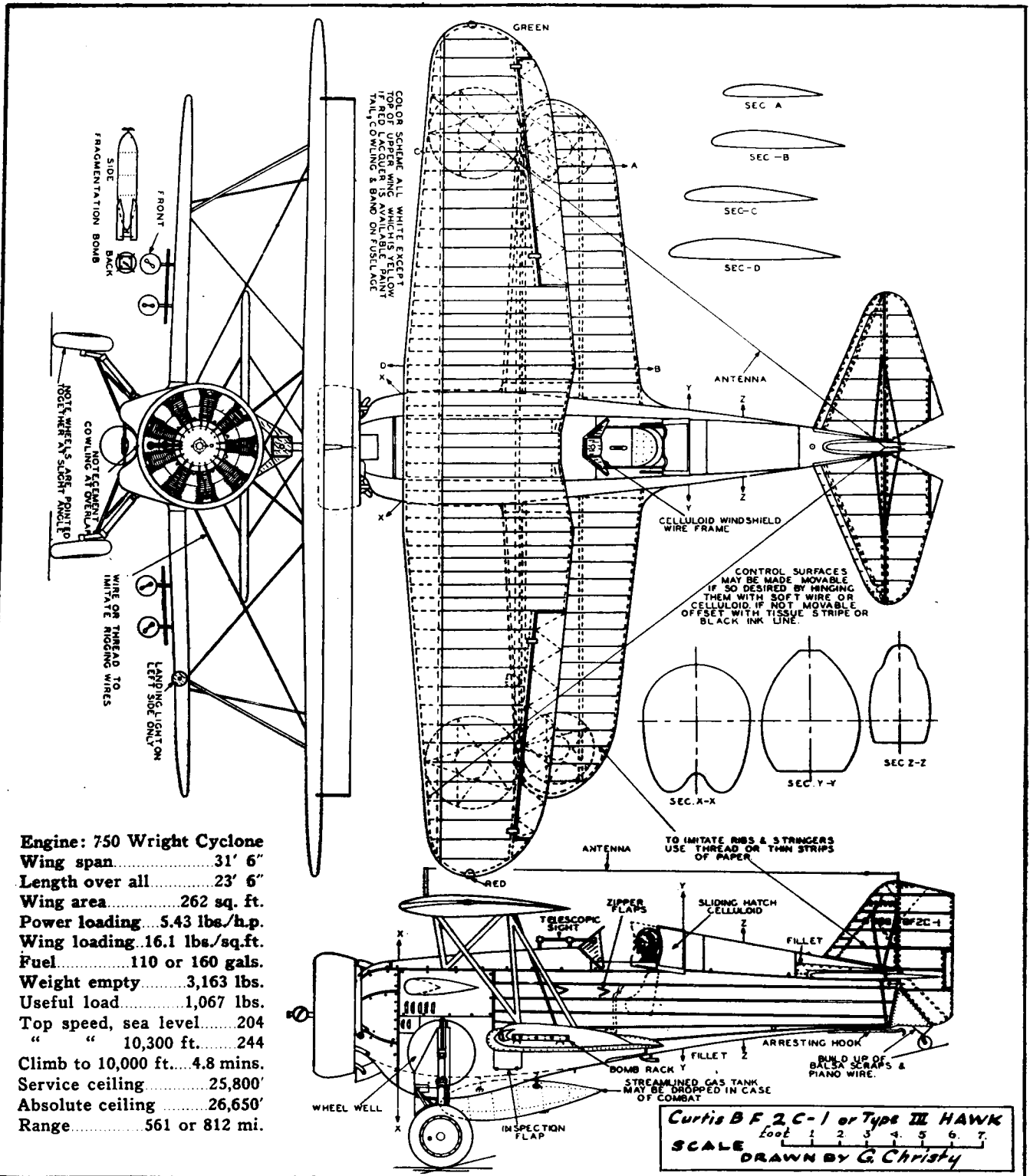


The Navy Curtiss III Hawk



BUILT particularly for high altitude bombing or fighting, the Curtiss Type III Hawk operates from the U.S.S. *Ranger*, most modern of Uncle Sam's floating landing fields, as the BF2C-1. A squadron makes up the single-seat fighter force. Up 2,000 feet in a minute, they reach 244 m.p.h. level top speed at 10,300 feet. Construction: steel tubing in fuselage,

two spruce box spars and built-up truss ribs in wings, metal frame in empennage; fabric covered; wing leading edges of dural sheet. A machine gun in each side of the fuselage runs between engine cylinders. Beneath is an extra gas tank. Wing racks hold five 10 kg. bombs, three 20s, or two 50s. There's a good photo on page 45.