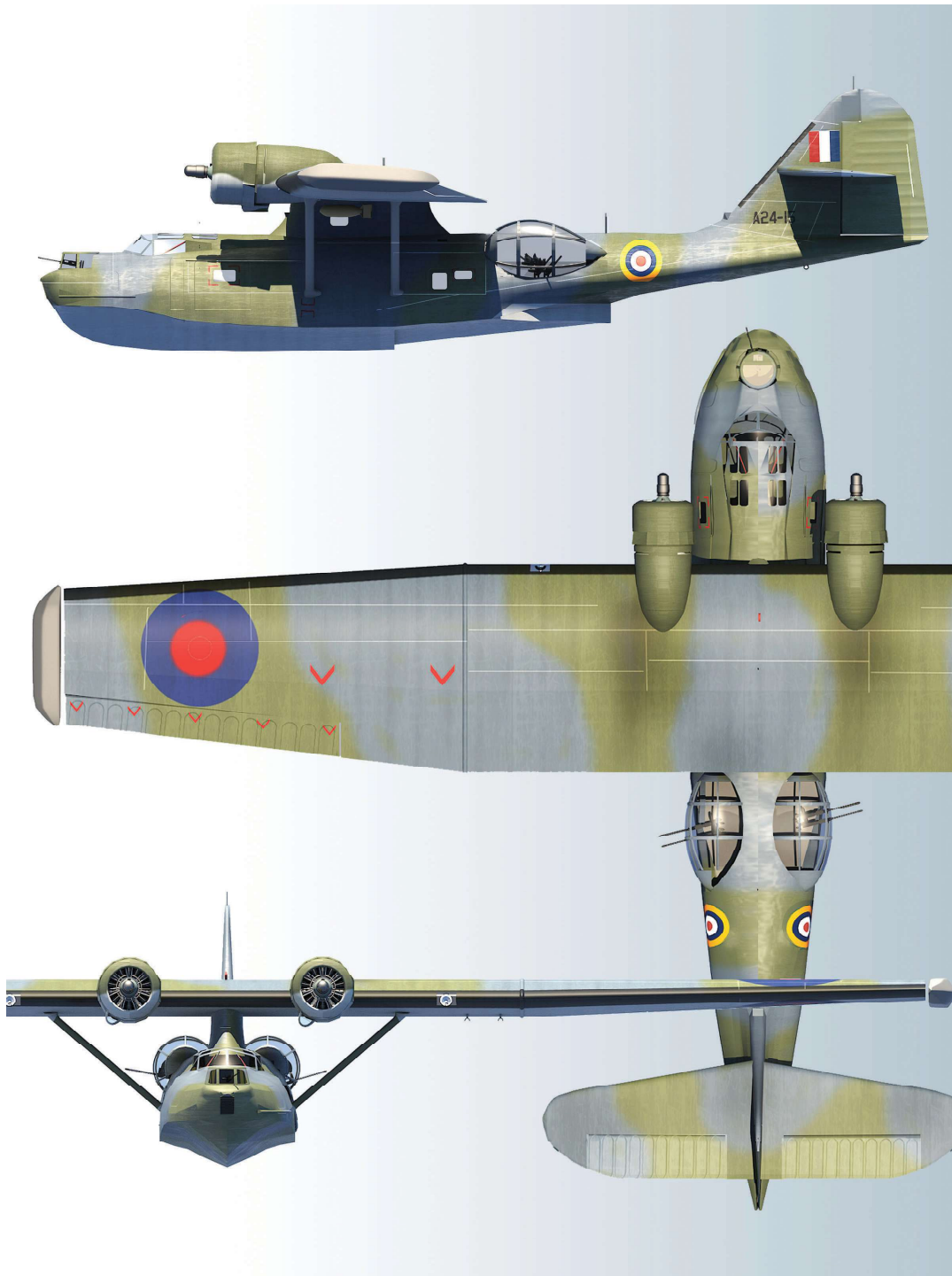


## THE CATALINA FLYING BOAT



*A three-way view of Catalina A24-15 which was received by the RAAF in October 1941. Sadly, this aircraft was the first RAAF Catalina lost in the Pacific War when it crashed at Port Moresby on 8 December 1941. The early Catalinas received by the RAAF in 1941-42 had British-style camouflage. Otherwise, the main features of the Catalina design are clearly visible including the large overhead wing and the two waist "blister" positions.*