



GUNFIGHTER PHANTOMS PART TWO

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35th TFW 366th TFW F-4C/D DANANG AIRBASE

OPTIONS FOR 11
F-4C/D AIRCRAFT



F-4C 64-0752
480TH TFS
35TH TFW
DA NANG AB
1967

FS 34079 FS 34102 FS 30219 FS 36622 FS 17875

AF 40752



AF 40752

WHILE PILOTING 64-0752 (CALLSIGN MINK 01) ON 4/26/1966 MAJ. PAUL GILMORE & 1LT. WILLIAM SMITH SHOT DOWN A MIG-21 WITH AN AIM-9B. THIS AIRCRAFT WAS LOST TO AAA FIRE OVER NORTH VIETNAM ON 6/8/1967.



USE NAVY STYLE WING PYLONS

NOSE GEAR DOOR

RADOMES ARE SEMI-GLOSS BLACK

64-0752 ARRIVED IN VIETNAM PAINTED IN THE USAF'S ORIGINAL PHANTOM PAINT SCHEME OF GULL GRAY (FS 36440) OVER GLOSS WHITE. REPAINTED IN THE FIELD WITH THE SOUTH EAST ASIA SCHEME APPLIED OVER THE GULL GRAY, 64-0752 RETAINED ITS WHITE UNDERSIDES. HASTILY APPLIED IN THE FIELD, AND UNDER THE RIGORS OF COMBAT, THE S.E.A. SCHEME RAPIDLY CHIPPED AWAY TO REVEAL THE GULL GRAY UNDERNEATH.

SPECIAL THANKS

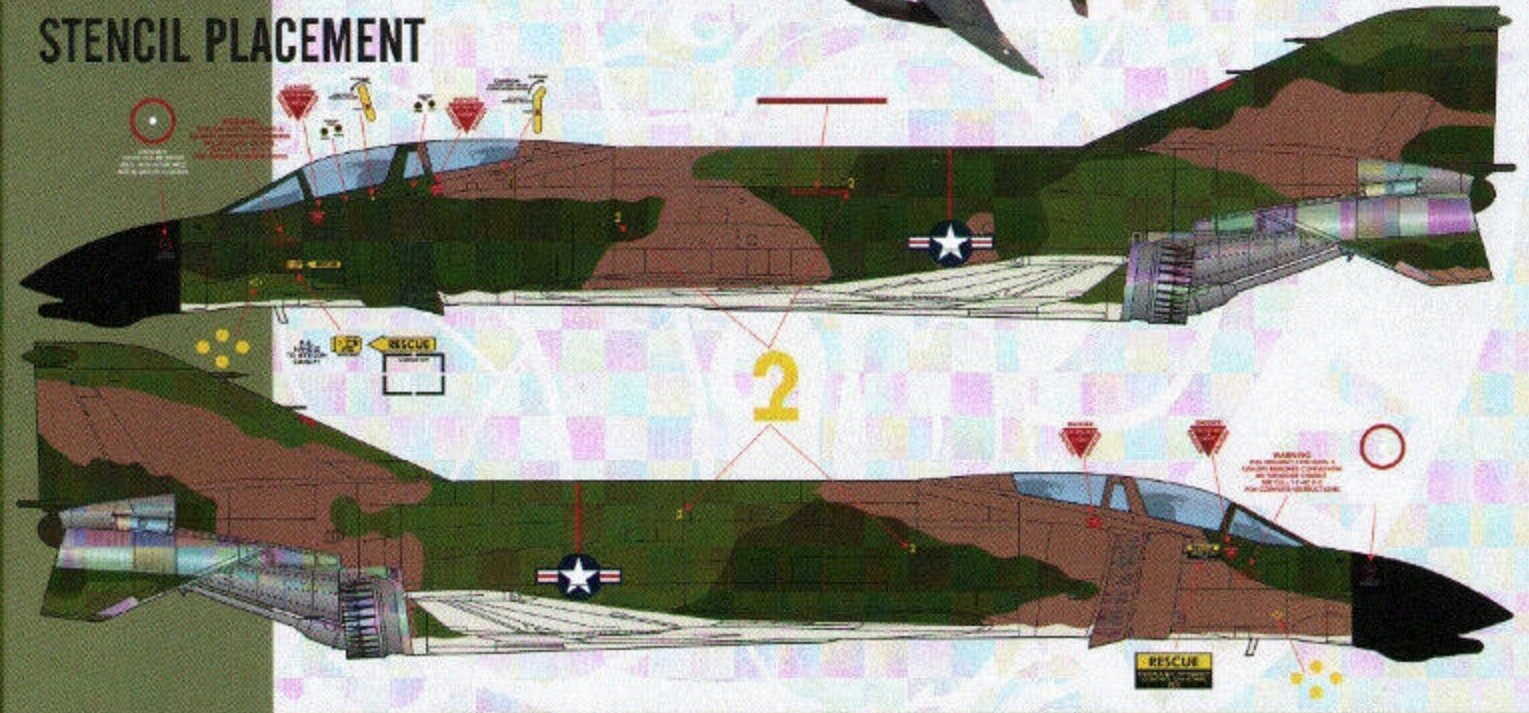
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JACK CALLAWAY

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F-4C 63-7500
366TH TFW
390TH TFS
DA NANG AB
1967

FS 31136 FS 35183 FS 34079 FS 34102 FS 30219 FS 36622

BB AF 37500



BB AF 37500

AF 37500

GEAR DOOR INTERIOR

LEFT WING PYLON

RIGHT WING PYLON

PAINTING REPEATED ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF EACH PYLON

NOSE GEAR DOOR

RADOMES ARE SEMI-GLOSS BLACK

F-4D 66-7646
389TH TFS
366TH TFW
DA NANG AB
JUNE 1968

F-4D AIRCRAFT HAD THEIR ORIGINAL FACTORY APPLIED SERIAL NUMBERS PAINTED OVER WITH A DARKER SHADE OF TAN

AH AF 646



AH AF 646

USE BADGE WITH RED MUZZLE FLASH

LEFT WING PYLON

RIGHT WING PYLON

PAINTING REPEATED ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF EACH PYLON

NOSE GEAR DOOR

646



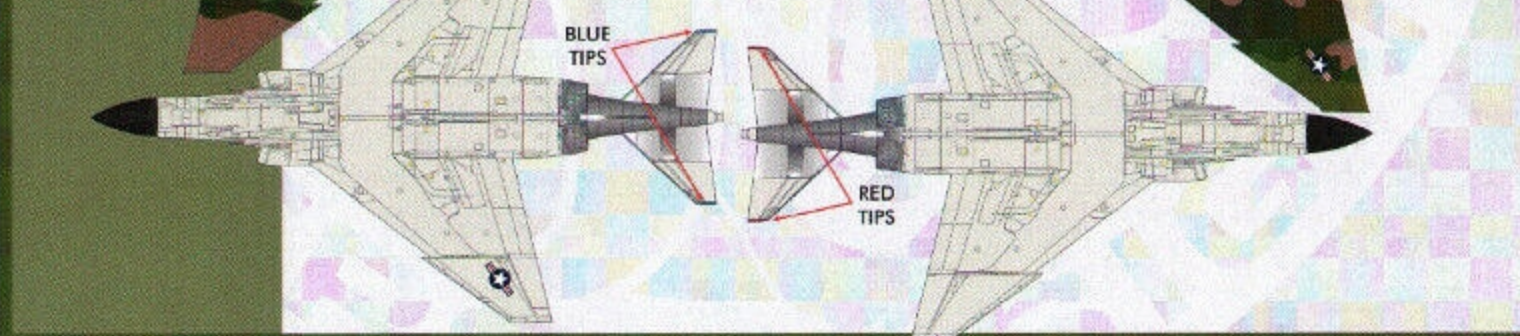
63-7500

BLUE TIPS

USE BADGE WITH RED MUZZLE FLASH

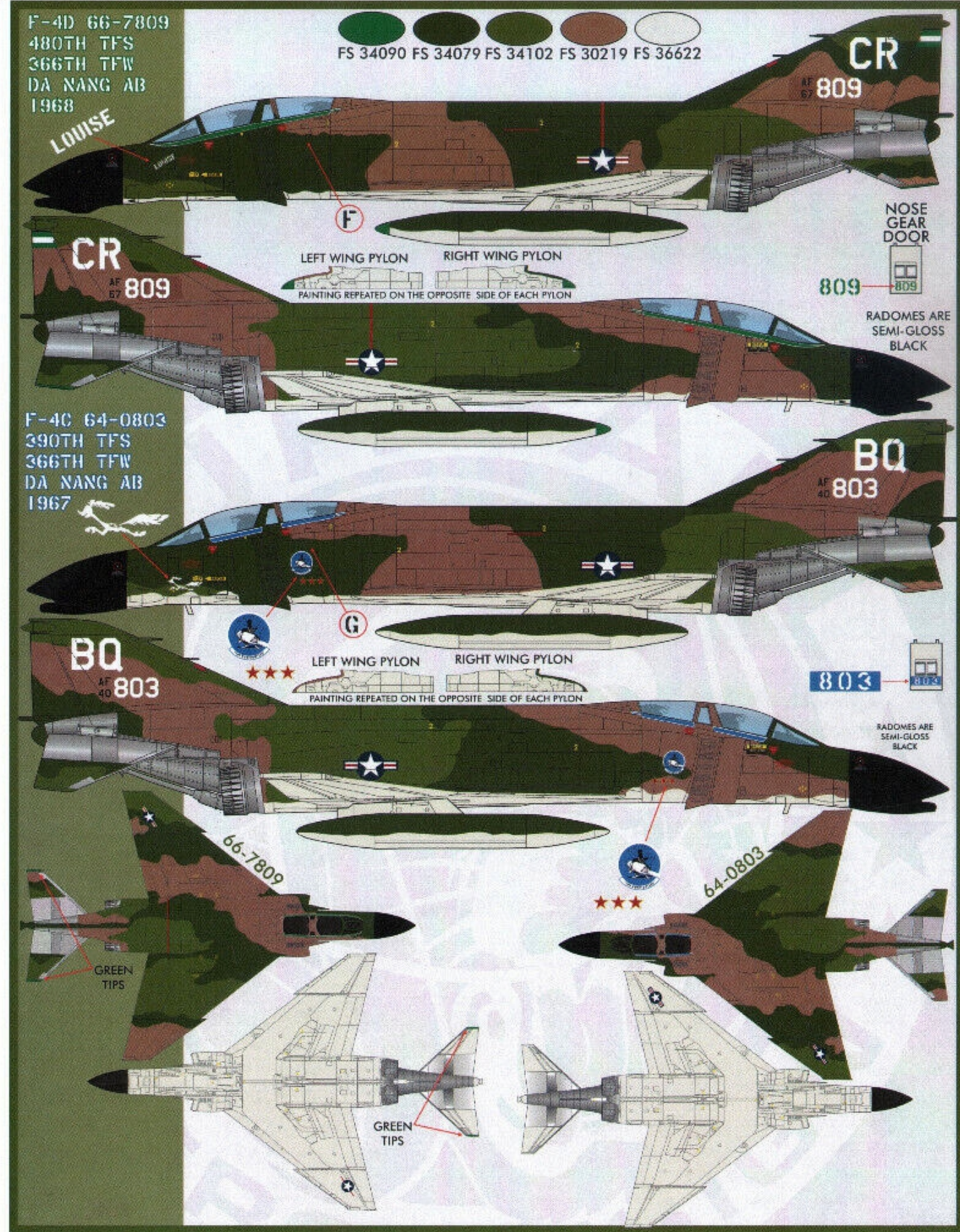
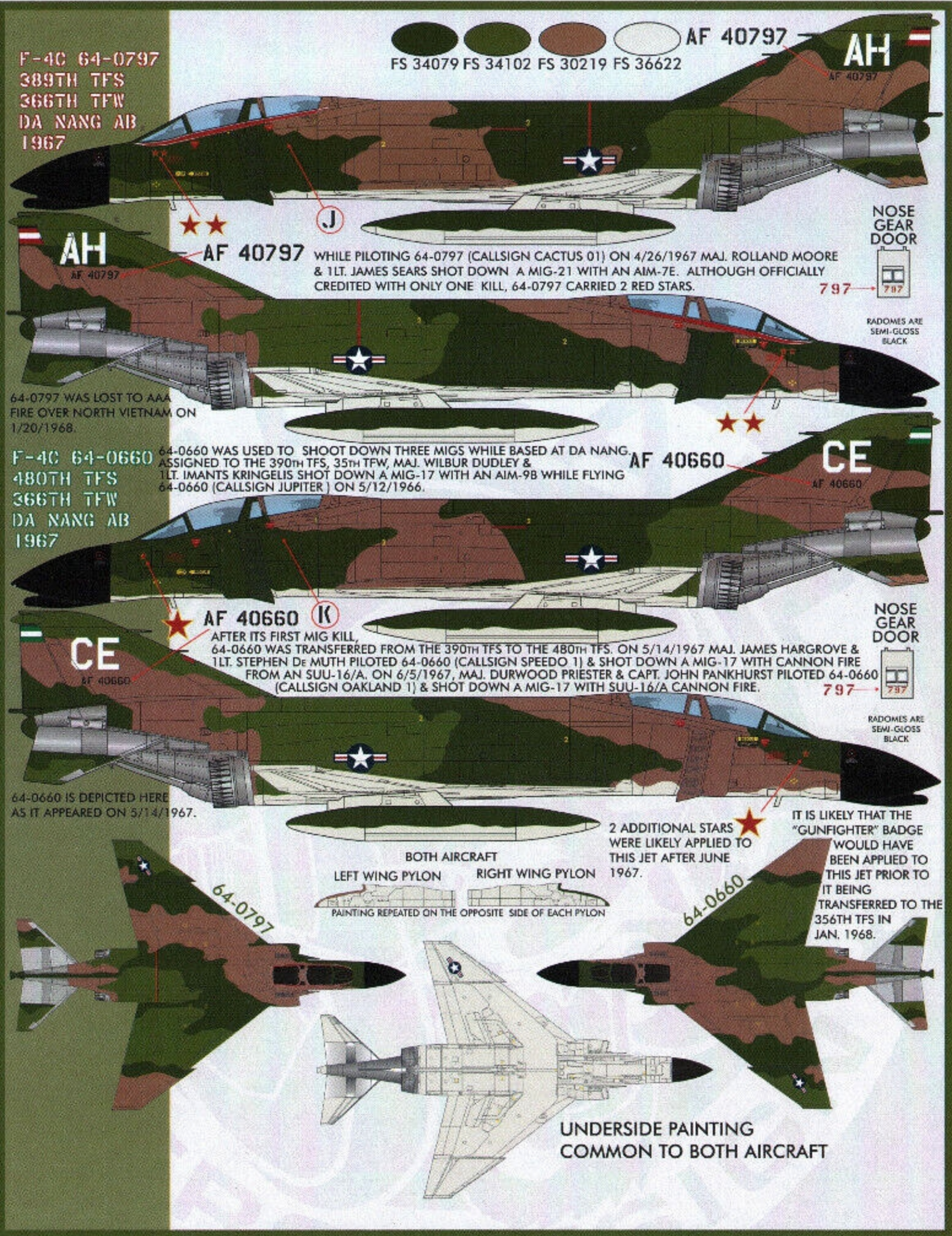
F-4D AIRCRAFT WERE EQUIPPED WITH ER-142/ALR-53 ANTENNAS

RED TIPS



BLUE TIPS

RED TIPS



F-4C 63-7668
390TH TFS
366TH TFW
DA NANG AB
JAN. 1968
MS. GEORGIE GIRL

FS 34079 FS 34102 FS 30219 FS 36622
A RECENT TRANSFER FROM THE 8TH TFW, THIS AIRCRAFT STILL WORE THE MARKINGS OF THE 555TH TFS **AF 37668**

BK
AF 37668

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WHILE PILOTING 63-7668 (CALLSIGN FLAMINGO 01) ON 5/4/1967 COL. ROBIN OLDS AND 1LT. W.D. LAFEVER SHOT DOWN A MIG-21 WITH AN AIM-9B.

WRAP RED STRIPE AROUND NOSE

NOSE GEAR DOOR

668

RADOMES ARE SEMI-GLOSS BLACK

MS. GEORGIE GIRL

F-4C 64-0776
389TH TFS
366TH TFW
DA NANG AB
MAY 1967

AF 40776

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AF 40776

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5/22/1967 LT COL. ROBERT TITUS AND 1LT. MILAN ZIMER PILOTED 64-0776 (CALLSIGN WANDER 1) & SHOT DOWN 2 MIG-21s USING AN AIM-9B AND CANNON FIRE FROM AN SUU-16/A.

NOSE GEAR DOOR

776

RADOMES ARE SEMI-GLOSS BLACK

64-0776 IS NOW ON THE DISPLAY AT THE MUSEUM OF FLIGHT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

BOTH AIRCRAFT
LEFT WING PYLON RIGHT WING PYLON
PAINTING REPEATED ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF EACH PYLON

63-7668

64-0776

IT IS LIKELY THAT THE "GUNFIGHTER" BADGE WOULD HAVE BEEN APPLIED TO THIS JET PRIOR TO IT BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE 347TH TFW IN MARCH OF 1968.

UNDERSIDE PAINTING COMMON TO BOTH AIRCRAFT

F-4D 66-8773
480TH TFS
366TH TFW
DA NANG AB
1968

FS 35183 FS 34090 FS 34079 FS 34102 FS 30219 FS 36622

CM
AF 68 783

C

THE SILENCER

LEFT WING PYLON RIGHT WING PYLON
PAINTING REPEATED ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF EACH PYLON

NOSE GEAR DOOR

783

RADOMES ARE SEMI-GLOSS BLACK

F-4D 66-8805
390TH TFS
366TH TFW
DA NANG AB
1968

BT
AF 68 805

D

WILLIAM LEE

LEFT WING PYLON RIGHT WING PYLON
PAINTING REPEATED ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF EACH PYLON

NOSE GEAR DOOR

805

RADOMES ARE SEMI-GLOSS BLACK

66-8783

66-8805

GREEN TIPS

BLUE TIPS



DA NANG AIRBASE

LOCATED JUST 85 MILES SOUTH OF THE DMZ, DA NANG AIRBASE WAS THE NORTHERN MOST BASE IN SOUTH VIETNAM. BECAUSE OF ITS STRATEGIC LOCATION, DA NANG RAPIDLY BECAME ONE OF THE BUSIEST AIRPORTS IN THE WORLD WITH NEARLY 1500 DAILY TAKE OFFS AND LANDINGS. ORIGINALLY BUILT WITH A SINGLE RUNWAY, A SECOND PARALLEL RUNWAY WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1966 TO ACCOMMODATE THE HUGE VOLUME OF AIR TRAFFIC. THE BASE WOULD FREQUENTLY COME UNDER ATTACK FROM VIET CONG MORTAR AND ROCKET ATTACKS, EARNING THE BASE THE NICKNAME "ROCKET CITY."

366TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING

ON OCTOBER 1, 1966 THE 366TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING TOOK CONTROL OF DA NANG AIRBASE FROM THE 35TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING. THE ASSIGNED F-4 SQUADRONS WERE:
 389TH TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON 10-1-1966 THRU 6-15-1969 (F-4C/D)
 390TH TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON 10-1-1966 THRU 6-30-1972 (F-4C/D)
 480TH TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON 10-1-1966 THRU 4-15-1969 (F-4C/D)

TO FACILITATE AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION IN FLIGHT, EACH SQUADRON WAS ASSIGNED A COLOR WHICH WAS PAINTED ON THE RUDDER. LATER, EACH AIRCRAFT WAS ASSIGNED AN INDIVIDUAL TWO LETTER TAIL CODE WITH THE FIRST LETTER REPRESENTING THE SQUADRON ASSIGNMENT AND THE SECOND LETTER REPRESENTING THE AIRCRAFT. THE COLOR/ LETTER COMBINATIONS WERE:

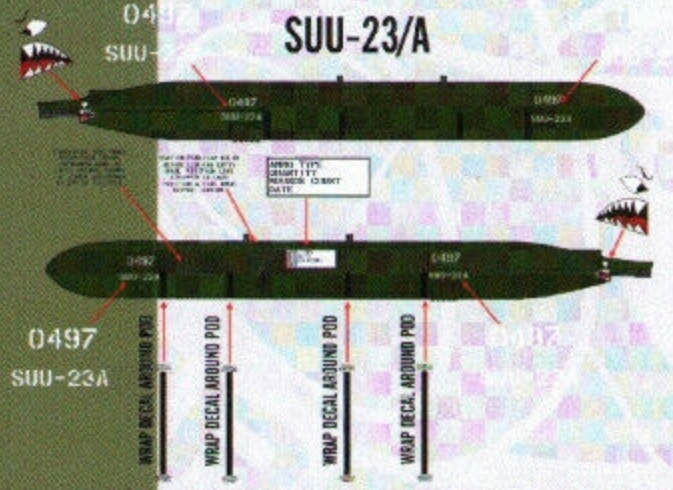
- 389TH TFS: RED WHITE RED / TAIL CODE STARTING WITH THE LETTER 'A'
- 390TH TFS: BLUE WHITE BLUE / TAIL CODE STARTING WITH THE LETTER 'B'
- 480TH TFS: GREEN WHITE GREEN / TAIL CODE STARTING WITH THE LETTER 'C'

EVENTUALLY EACH AIRCRAFT'S ORIGINAL SERIAL NUMBER PAINTED IN 6" BLACK NUMBERS ON THE TAIL WOULD BE REPLACED WITH A MORE VISIBLE REPRESENTATION. THE NEW METHOD USED THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE AIRCRAFT WAS AUTHORIZED FOR CONSTRUCTION PAINTED IN 6" BLACK CHARACTERS ALONG WITH LAST THREE DIGITS OF THE SERIAL NUMBER PAINTED IN 15" WHITE NUMBERS.

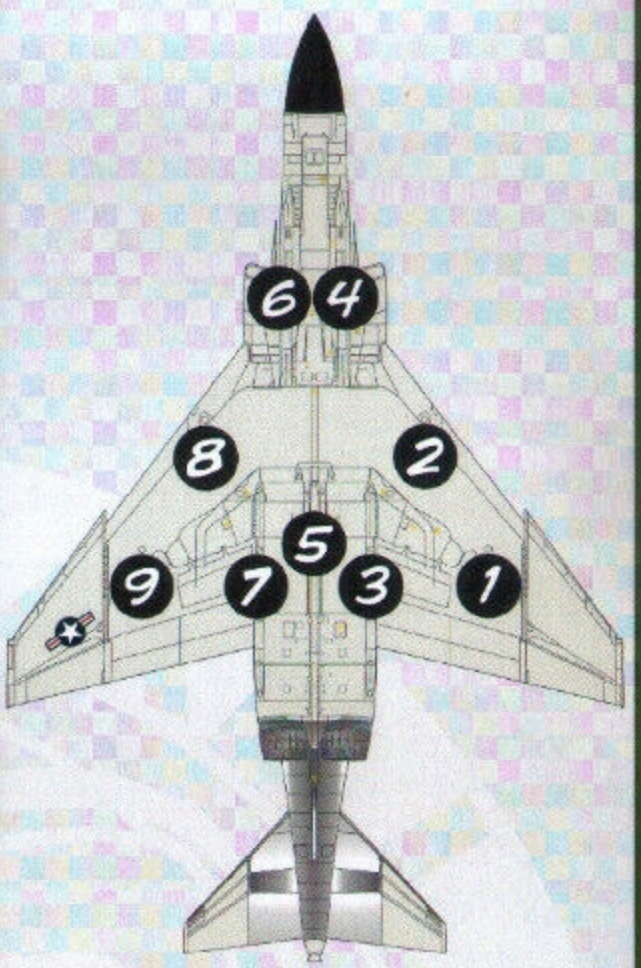
"THE GUNFIGHTERS"

THE 366TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING WAS THE FIRST USAF PHANTOM WING TO EMPLOY THE SUU-16/A GUN POD IN COMBAT. THE SHORT COMINGS OF BOTH THE AIM-9 AND AIM-7 MISSILES AERIAL COMBAT BECAME QUICKLY APPARENT DURING THE VIETNAM CONFLICT. ADDITIONALLY, THE F-4C/D'S LACK OF AN INTERNAL GUN PLACED THE USAF'S PHANTOM CREWS AT A HUGE DISADVANTAGE IN CLOSE QUARTERS AERIAL COMBAT. TO ADDRESS THIS DEFICIENCY, 366TH TFW COMMANDER COLONEL JONES E. BOLT ORDERED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUU-16/A GUN POD. FIRING 20MM ROUNDS, AND CARRIED ON THE CENTER LINE STATION, THE POD QUICKLY PROVED ITS WORTH. ON MAY 14, 1967 366TH CREWS WOULD DOWN 3 MIGs; DISPATCHING TWO OF THEM WITH THE GUN POD. LATER IN 1967, 366TH CREWS WOULD SCORE TWO MORE GUN KILLS. FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF THE 366TH'S USE OF THE SUU-16/A IN COMBAT, OTHER PHANTOM WINGS WOULD EMPLOY THE POD. LATER, THE IMPROVED GAS- DRIVEN SUU-23/A GUN POD WOULD BE EMPLOYED BY F-4Ds OF THE 366TH AND OTHER WINGS.

THE 366TH ADOPTED THE NICKNAME "THE GUNFIGHTERS" IN MAY OF 1967 FOLLOWING THE WING'S SUCCESSFUL USE OF THE SUU-16/A IN COMBAT. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE WING'S DCO, COLONEL "BOOTS" BLESSE, THE WING CREATED A "GUNFIGHTER" BADGE THAT FEATURED THE PHANTOM SPOOK CHARACTER CARRYING THE SUU-16/A. THIS BADGE WAS WORN ON MANY OF THE WING'S PHANTOMS WHILE BASED AT DA NANG, AND STILL MAKES AN APPEARANCE ON 366TH FIGHTER WING F-15Es.



STORES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MAC 370-GAL EXT TANK	1								1
SGT FLETCHER 370-GAL EXT TANK	1								1
MAC 600-GAL EXT TANK					1				
AIM-7D, E MISSILE (FUSELAGE MOUNTED)			1	1			1	1	
AIM-7D, E MISSILE (WING MOUNTED)		1							1
AIM-9B MISSILE		2							2
AGM-12B MISSILE	1	1						1	1
AGM-12C MISSILE		1						1	
AGM-45A MISSILE	1	1						1	1
LAU-3/A ROCKET POD	3	3			3			3	3
LAU-10/A ROCKET POD	3	3			3			3	3
LUA-32/A ROCKET POD	3	3			3			3	3
SUU-7A, SUU-7B	3	1			1			1	3
CBU-24/B OR CBU-29/B DISPENSER	3	2			4			2	3
CBU-12/A	2				1				2
SUU-25 FLARE DISPENSER	2	1			1			1	2
SUU-16/A GUN POD					1				
SUU-23/A GUN POD (F-4D ONLY)					1				
BLU-1/B FIRE BOMB	2	2			3			2	2
M116A2 FIRE BOMB	2	2			3			2	2
BLU-27/B FIRE BOMB					2				
M117 GENERAL PURPOSE BOMB	3	3			4			3	3
MK 81 GENERAL PURPOSE BOMB	6	3			6			3	6
MK 82 GENERAL PURPOSE BOMB	6	3			6			3	6
MK 82 SNAKEYE BOMB	6	3			6			3	6
MK 83 GENERAL PURPOSE BOMB	2	2			3			2	2
MLU-10/B LAND MINE	3	3			3			3	3
M129E1 LEAFLET BOMB	3	3			6			3	3



STENCIL PLACEMENT

