

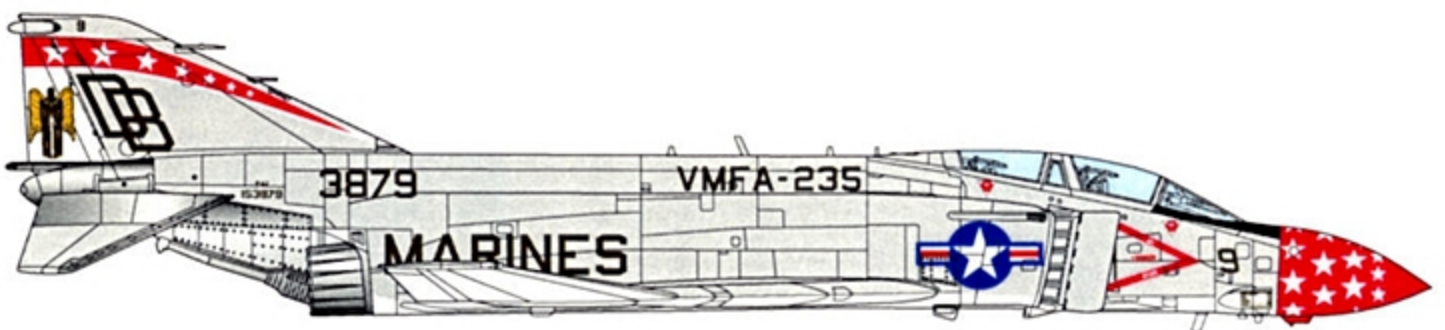
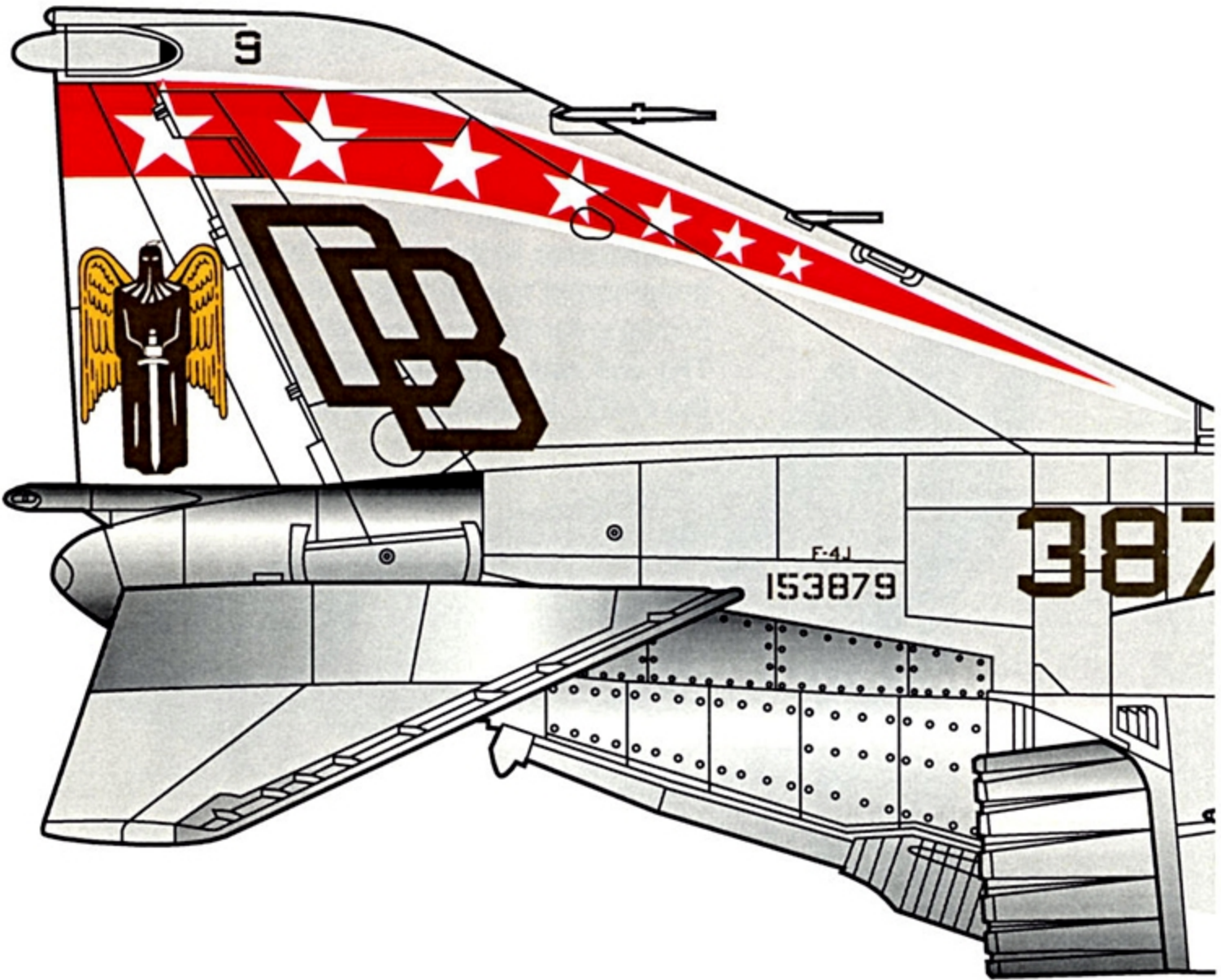
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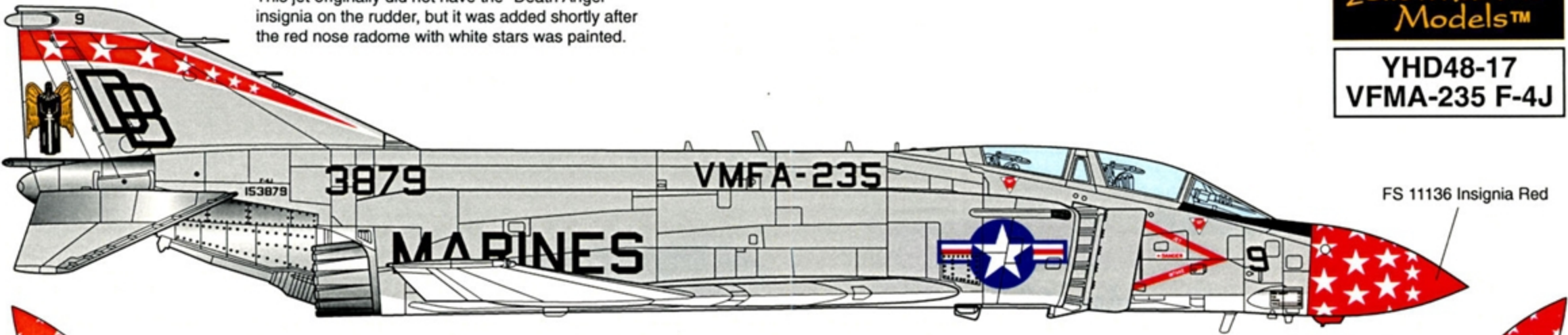
#YHD48-17 F-4J

For the Hasegawa F-4J kit

VF-235 Death Angels

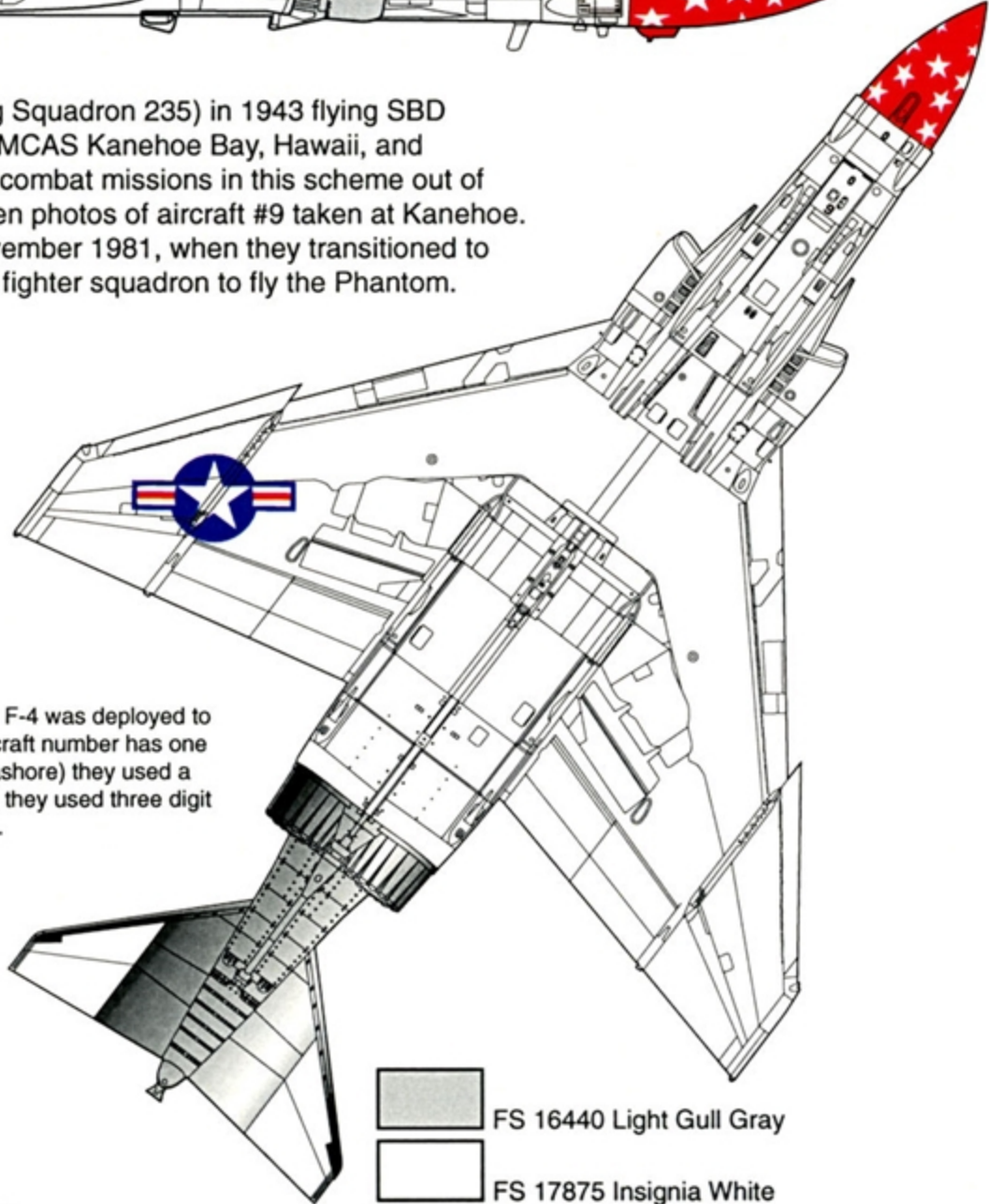
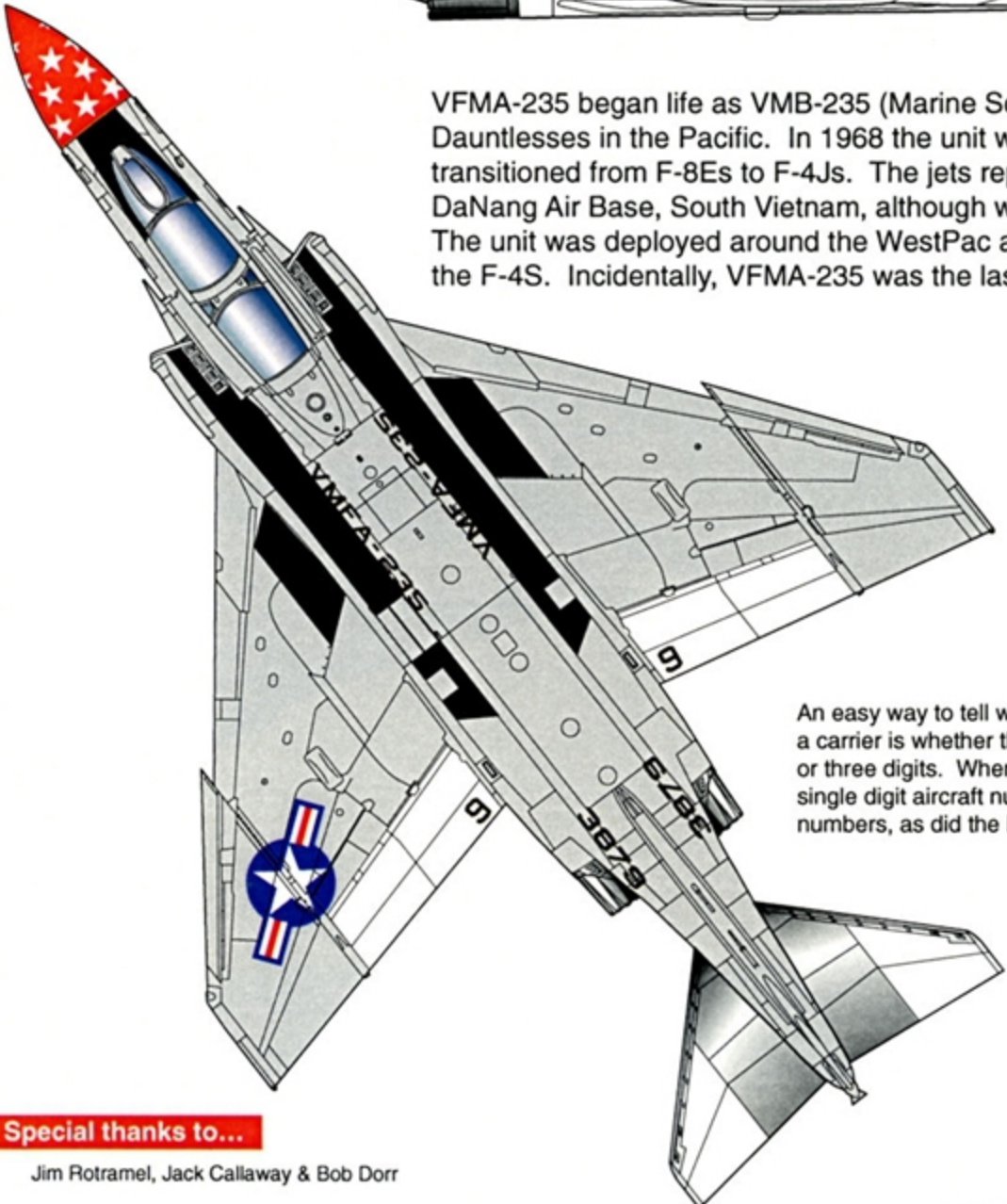


This jet originally did not have the "Death Angel" insignia on the rudder, but it was added shortly after the red nose radome with white stars was painted.


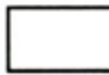


FS 11136 Insignia Red

VFMA-235 began life as VMB-235 (Marine Scout Bombing Squadron 235) in 1943 flying SBD Dauntlesses in the Pacific. In 1968 the unit was based at MCAS Kanehoe Bay, Hawaii, and transitioned from F-8Es to F-4Js. The jets reportedly flew combat missions in this scheme out of DaNang Air Base, South Vietnam, although we've only seen photos of aircraft #9 taken at Kanehoe. The unit was deployed around the WestPac area until November 1981, when they transitioned to the F-4S. Incidentally, VFMA-235 was the last active duty fighter squadron to fly the Phantom.



An easy way to tell whether a Marine F-4 was deployed to a carrier is whether the individual aircraft number has one or three digits. When home based (ashore) they used a single digit aircraft number, but afloat they used three digit numbers, as did the Navy squadrons.

-  FS 16440 Light Gull Gray
-  FS 17875 Insignia White

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