

F-16C Block 50 Shaw Vipers



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"Dog" Day Afternoon

Note:
This A/C carried a replacement canopy from A/C 90-830 during The Kosovo Conflict.

Note:
These changes were made for the ferry flight from Kosovo back to Shaw AFB after the end of the Kosovo Conflict
Also, the Yugoslav flag was inadvertently painted the incorrect colors on this scheme. The correct colors should be Blue, White, Red in order from top to bottom.



Puma 11 "Dog" MIG Killer

Current MIG Killer scheme

Kosovo Conflict 1,000th Combat Sortie

Apply crew chief name for ferry flight scheme only. Pilot name is not included in our decal sheet for this scheme for security reasons at the request of the pilot.

Take note that there are slight variations in the Fs36118 Gunship Gray on these three A/C.



WHAT'S OUT THERE?
1/48 Hasegawa F-16CJ Fighting Falcon
Black Box F-16C Cockpit Set
Airwaves Detail Set
Eduard F-16CJ Detail Set
Eduard Canopy and Wheel Masks
Cutting Edge Canopy and Wheel Masks
Flightpath ALQ-131 ECM Pod

MIG-29
First ever MIG-29 kill by a USAF F-16!



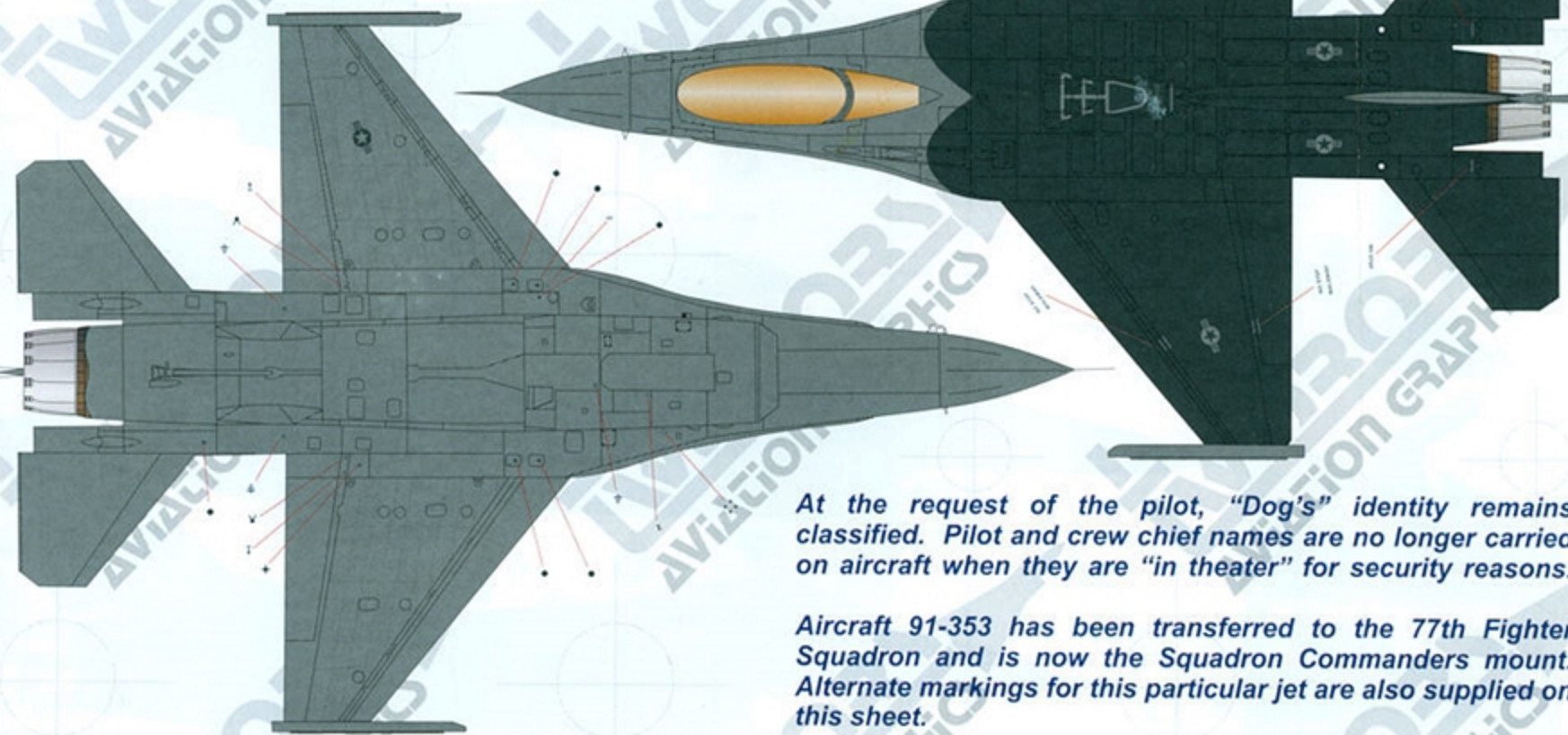
ALE-50 Towed Decoy



F356118
Testors MM 1723
Humbrol Hu125
Gunze Sangyo H305

F356270
Testors MM 1725
Humbrol 1* Hu156 + 1*Hu34
Gunze Sangyo H306

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At the request of the pilot, "Dog's" identity remains classified. Pilot and crew chief names are no longer carried on aircraft when they are "in theater" for security reasons.

Aircraft 91-353 has been transferred to the 77th Fighter Squadron and is now the Squadron Commanders mount. Alternate markings for this particular jet are also supplied on this sheet.

"Dog" Day Afternoon Over Serbia

On May 4, 1999 a pilot from the 78th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (Bushmasters) achieved the first USAF F-16CJ air-to-air kill of the Kosovo war. Going by the call sign of "Dog", the pilot shot down a Yugoslav MiG-29 fighter near the city of Belgrade.

A/C 91-353 was part of a four-ship flight, call sign Puma 11 that were on a force protection mission. Their mission was to provide both SEAD and CAP support for two waves of strike aircraft over Western Serbia. The first strike package consisted of both British and French Jaguars and Dutch F-16s.

Puma 11 completed the first portion of their mission and handed off their duties to another flight of F-16CJs. En-route to their tanker, Puma 11 received a call from a NATO AWACS.

After being alerted by a British E-3D AWACS that an unidentified aircraft was airborne, the four ship went to investigate. The MiG-29 had taken off from Batajnica Air Base, near Belgrade at 1241 hours. The AWACS vectored the flight towards the radar contact and directed that they make a visual identification of the aircraft. During the intercept however, the lead aircraft (Dog) of Puma 11 was "spiked" (locked

on by the MiGs radar) by the bogey. At 1246 hours, "Dog" fired two AIM-120B AMRAAM missiles and a minute later both he and his wingman witnessed the MiG-29 executing some evasive maneuvers. The MiG did not succeed in shaking the AMRAAMs though and exploded in a fireball as it fell to the ground. AWACS confirmed the explosion by reporting that the MiG radar contact had disappeared.

After the shootdown, the F-16CJ four-ship tanked up and returned to Western Serbia to fly SEAD and CAP for another strike mission.

Yugoslav reports indicate the pilots name was Col. Milenko Pavlovic, Commander of the 204th Aviation Regiment. They also claim he was downed by friendly fire.

Loadout for A/C 91-353 for this mission was typical of all Block 50 CJ Falcons during the Kosovo War:

Stations 1 / 9 - AIM-120 AMRAAMs
Stations 2 / 8 - AIM-9 Sidewinders w/
ALE-50 Towed Decoy Pylons
Stations 3 / 7 - AGM-88 HARMs
Station 4 / 6 - External Wing Tanks
Station 5 - ALQ-131 ECM Pod
Right Intake Station - ASQ-213 HARM
Targeting System (HTS) pod

1000TH COMBAT SORTIE



On 10 Jun 1999, Lt. Col Clyde T. Bellinger flew the 1,000th strike sortie of Operation Allied Force. Flying under the call sign of Cutlass 12, Lt. Col Bellinger flew Mission #2101F into the Kosovo Engagement Zone (KEZ). This turned out to be the last sortie of Operation Allied Force that was flown into the KEZ. Shortly thereafter, the Serbian military began withdrawing their troops to meet the NATO imposed deadline of 15 June 1999.

Shaw AFB personnel were able to launch a phenomenal number of sorties in record time, an astonishing 1,000 sorties in only 53 days. Shaw's F-16s were the only wing at Aviano AB to accomplish this feat in such a short span.

"The folks out here.... My hats off to them," Bellinger added. "They deserve this honor, I just happened to drive the bus so to speak."

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