

**Leading
Edge** MODELS

CAF CF-18 409 SQDN "NIGHTMARE 01"

DECAL SET #72.60 1/72 SCALE

High Quality Model Decal Set



LIGHT GRAY
FS #36375



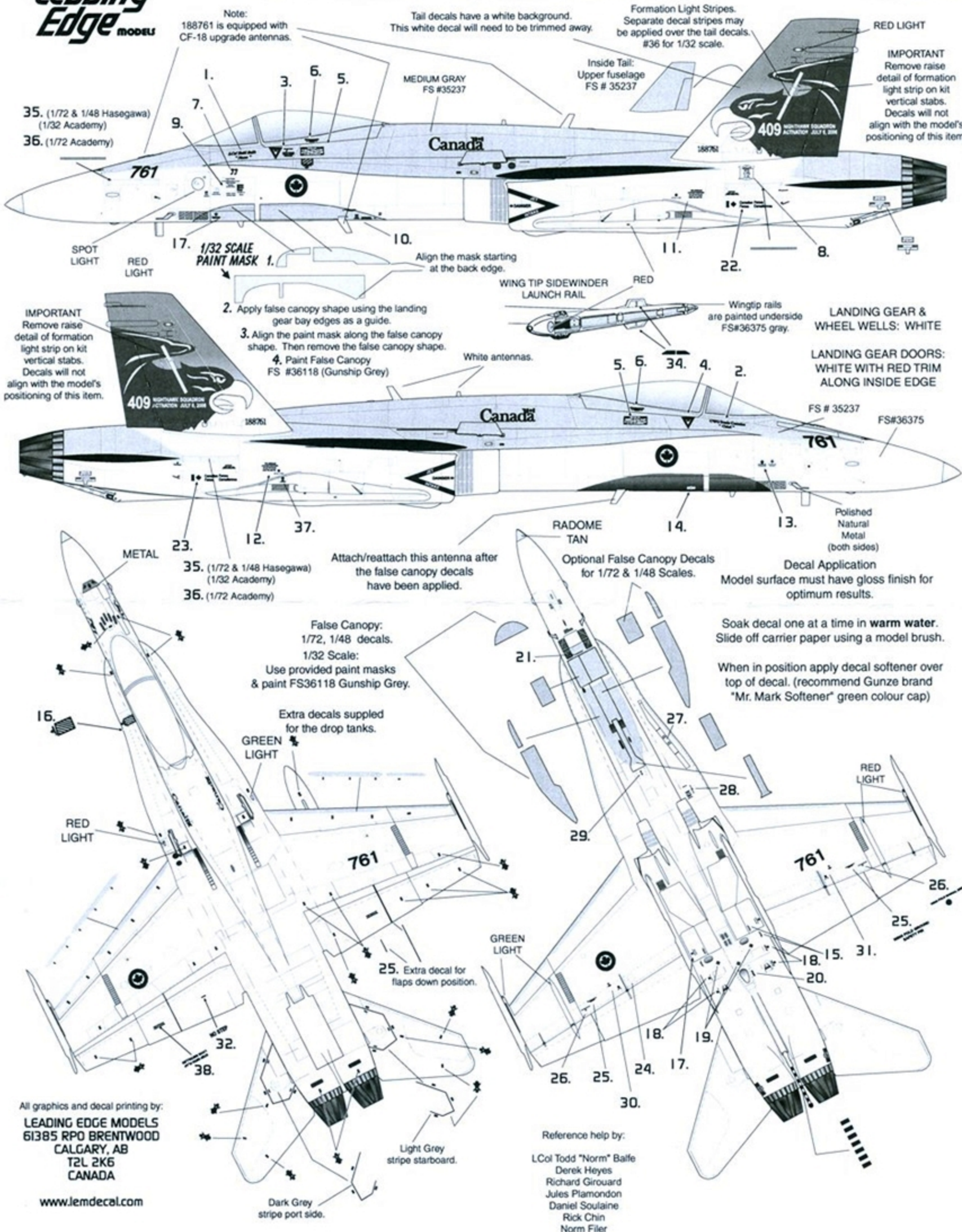
MEDIUM GRAY
FS #35237



RADOME TAN
FS #31140



Photos: Derek Heyes



Note:
 188761 is equipped with
 CF-18 upgrade antennas.

Tail decals have a white background.
 This white decal will need to be trimmed away.

Formation Light Stripes.
 Separate decal stripes may
 be applied over the tail decals.
 #36 for 1/32 scale.

IMPORTANT
 Remove raise
 detail of formation
 light strip on kit
 vertical stabs.
 Decals will not
 align with the model's
 positioning of this item.

35. (1/72 & 1/48 Hasegawa)
 (1/32 Academy)
 36. (1/72 Academy)

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Inside Tail:
 Upper fuselage
 FS # 35237

SPOT LIGHT
 RED LIGHT

17. 1/32 SCALE
 PAINT MASK 1.

Align the mask starting
 at the back edge.

WING TIP SIDEWINDER
 LAUNCH RAIL

RED
 Wingtip rails
 are painted underside
 FS#36375 gray.

LANDING GEAR &
 WHEEL WELLS: WHITE

LANDING GEAR DOORS:
 WHITE WITH RED TRIM
 ALONG INSIDE EDGE

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 detail of formation
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2. Apply false canopy shape using the landing gear bay edges as a guide.
3. Align the paint mask along the false canopy shape. Then remove the false canopy shape.
4. Paint False Canopy FS #36118 (Gunship Grey)

White antennas.

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METAL

35. (1/72 & 1/48 Hasegawa)
 (1/32 Academy)
 36. (1/72 Academy)

Attach/reattach this antenna after
 the false canopy decals
 have been applied.

RADOME
 TAN
 Optional False Canopy Decals
 for 1/72 & 1/48 Scales.

Polished Natural
 Metal
 (both sides)
Decal Application
 Model surface must have gloss finish for
 optimum results.

False Canopy:
 1/72, 1/48 decals.
 1/32 Scale:
 Use provided paint masks
 & paint FS36118 Gunship Grey.

Soak decal one at a time in **warm water**.
 Slide off carrier paper using a model brush.
 When in position apply decal softener over
 top of decal. (recommend Gunze brand
 "Mr. Mark Softener" green colour cap)

Extra decals supplied
 for the drop tanks.

GREEN LIGHT

RED LIGHT

761

761

25. Extra decal for
 flaps down position.

GREEN LIGHT

RED LIGHT

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Light Grey
 stripe starboard.

Dark Grey
 stripe port side.



CF-18 188761 History

CF-18 *Hornet* aircraft 188761 was produced by McDonnell Douglas in St Louis, Missouri as part of Block 18 of the initial F/A-18A production run. Initially assigned to 439 Tactical Fighter Squadron at CFB Baden-Sollingen, Germany, it flew without incident until 20 October 1987. That afternoon when departing RAF Alconbury, England, in a formation take-off with CF-18 188748 following Dissimilar Air Combat Training against RAF aircraft, 761 (call sign 'X-Ray 2') failed to rotate as quickly as the lead aircraft and a takeoff abort was initiated.

Consequently, the aircraft veered off the runway and tore through both wood and barbed wire fences before coming to rest in a farmer's field, broken in half at the cockpit section, the pilot having successfully ejected before the aircraft left the runway. 761 was repaired by MBB in Germany and would ultimately become the last Canadian CF-18 to return to Canada following the closure of Canadian Forces Europe, with Major Lee Obst (formerly of 421 Squadron, Baden) at the controls for the ferry flight.

The aircraft flew without incident for several more years before being selected for the ECP-583 Hornet modernization program to fit it with Have Quick jam resistant radios, Hughes AN/APG-73 multimode radar, and the AIM-120 AMRAAM missile. Following the upgrade, 761 was assigned to 441 Tactical Fighter Squadron (the first Canadian unit equipped with modernized Hornets) where it continued to fly without incident until June 2004. On the morning of 19 June, three CF-18s, including 761, were landing in Yellowknife en route to Inuvik, NWT in support of northern sovereignty operations when 761 failed to decelerate as normal and emergency brakes were selected. Eventually leaving the runway after a 270-degree skidding turn during which the pilot ejected successfully, the aircraft eventually came to rest where it was found that, apart from minor damage to its landing gear and AIM-7 and AIM-9 missiles, it had escaped from the incident relatively unscathed.

Returned to service following repairs, in June 2006, it became the flagship for the newly reformed 409 "Nighthawk" Tactical Fighter Squadron as depicted by the artwork that adorns the aircraft tail.

Note: "Nightmare 01" is the call sign of 188761 flown by LCol Balfe.

Special thanks to 409 squadron for providing this biography.

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