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F-105D "PUSSY GALORE II"

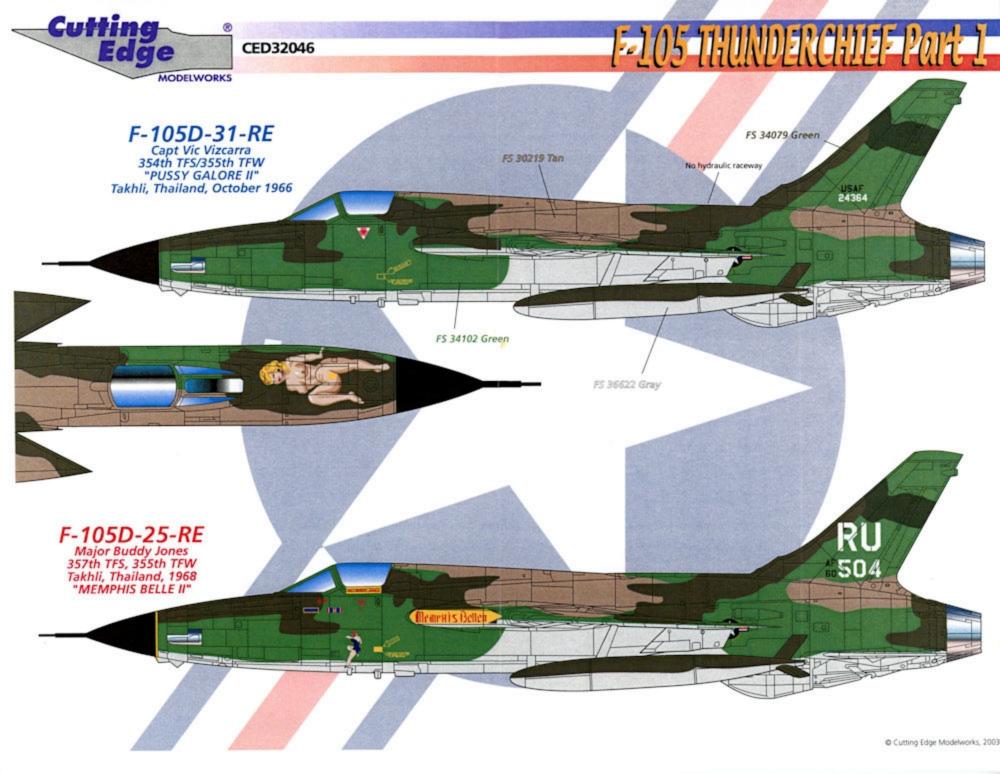
F-105D "MEMPHIS BELLE II"

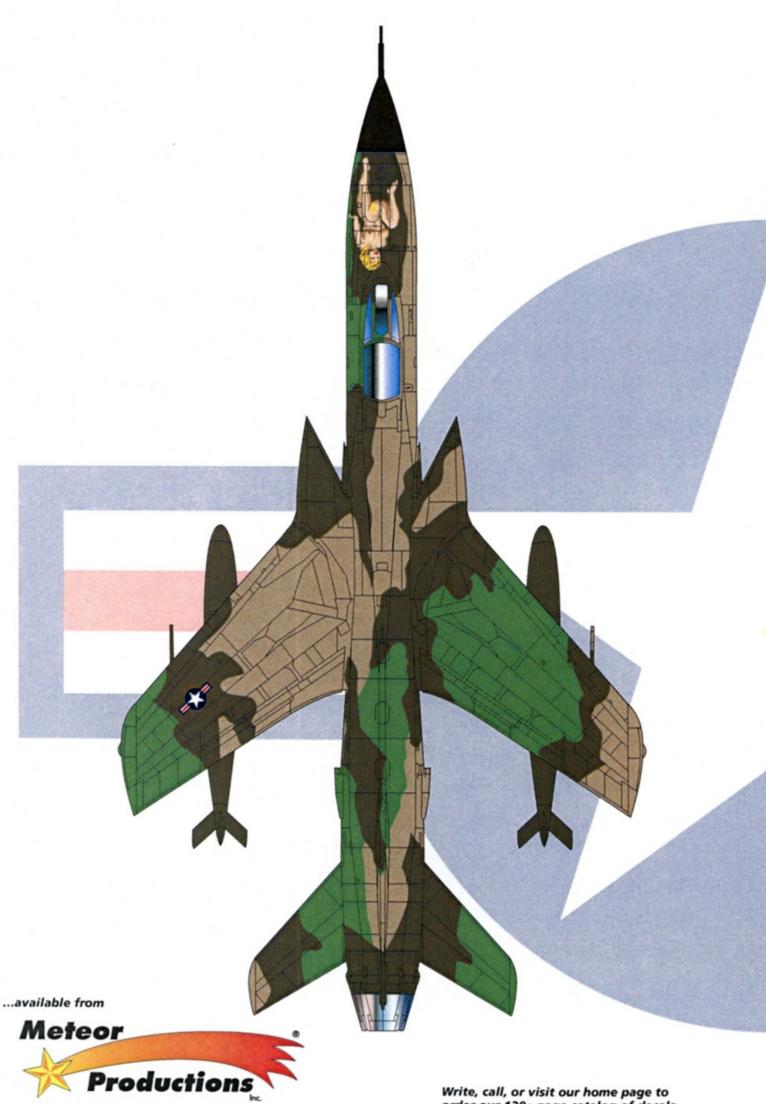
Recommended kit: Trumpeter F-105D



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## **Thunderchief Part 1**

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FIRST: we're deeply indebted to **Bob Mikesh** for sharing his many photos of the Pussy Galore and Cherry Girl jets. Some of these schemes have been done in decal form before, but thanks to Bob's excellent photos we're able to bring you accurate versions of these famous pieces of art. Second, all F-105Ds on this sheet are identified as Block 25 or higher, since all went through LOOK ALIKE, which brought all jets to Block 25 standards regardless of their block number when they were produced.

#### PUSSY GALORE II

Capt Vic Vizcarra, the inventive painter and pilot of Pussy Galore (I) [see Cutting Edge decal CED48181] also created Pussy Galore II. When he returned on temporary duty to Takhli in late October 1966, he decided to create a new version of his earlier silver "party girl" jet. The aircraft of the 355th TFW were camouflaged, but, hey, good art is good art!

This time Capt Vizcarra decided to get permission before painting a jet, and after talking to the flight commander, squadron commander, and wing director of operations (who says political correctness is a new Air Force phenomenon?), permission was granted and Pussy Galore II was created.

Unfortunately, this jet lasted only a few weeks, and was lost when Col Robert Scott, the former Flying Tiger, author of *God is My Copilot*, and commander of the 355th TFW saw the artwork and suffered a thundering apoplexy. The painting was removed and life went on.

- Note this jet was NOT a F-105B as incorrectly stated in the book Roll Call Thud. No F-105Bs went to SEA.
- Note exact placement of girl over refueling door.
- This aircraft has been incorrectly identified as the same aircraft as CHERRY GIRL (which is correctly depicted on Cutting Edge decal CED48180).
- In consideration of wives and children who might not fully appreciate the realities of modern warriors, we've bi-kini waxed the female figure. The pie part is separated on the decal sheet, so add it where necessary.

### Memphis Belle II

• This jet was credited with two MiG kills. It is now on display at the US Air Force Museum.

# **Applying the Decals**

You probably already know all this stuff, so feel free to use your regular process; however, if you're new to aftermarket decals, here goes:

- Generally, use the Microscale Finishing System. We don't recommend extremely strong decal solvents such as Solvaset.
- Your model must have a smooth, glossy surface, as decals won't adhere well to matte surfaces. Use gloss paints or your favorite clear gloss overspray over matte or semigloss paint.
- · Cut each subject out without trimming off the slight excess film (this helps the decal film disappear when dry).
- Put the decal in warm water that has a drop or two of liquid dishwashing soap or photo-flo for 10 seconds.
- When the decal will slide off the backing paper without forcing it, apply it to the proper position on your model. Slide the backing paper out from underneath.
- Gently blot off excess water and smooth out bubbles under the decal surface. If you wish, carefully brush on a mild decal softener such as Micro-Sol.
- When all decals are completely dry, gently wash off all excess decal adhesive.
- · Finally, overcoat your model with a good quality gloss coat, followed by your choice of matte or eggshell clear topcoat.

## FS 595 Color Cross Reference

- FS 4102 Xtracolor X116, Modelmaster 1713, Gunze Sangyo H073
- FS 6622 Xtracolor X140, Modelmaster 1733, Gunze Sangyo H311
- FS 4079 Xtracolor X110, Modelmaster 1710, Mr Color 309, Tamiya XF58, Pro Modeler 88-0044, Floquil 303143/303243
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