

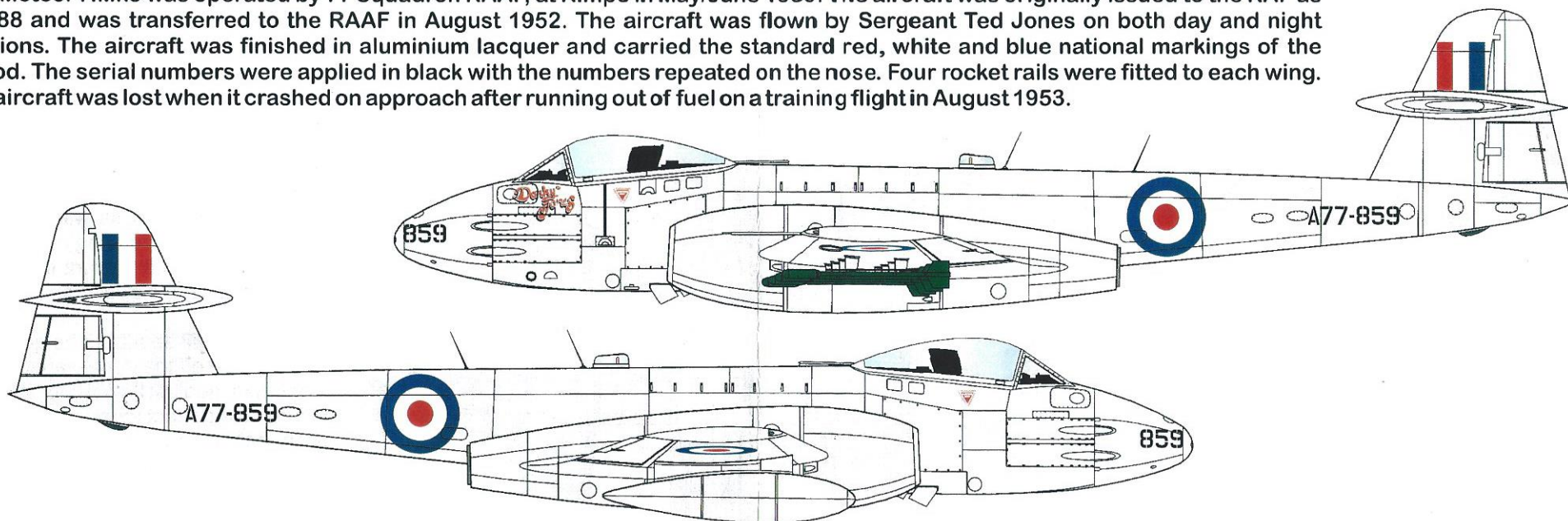
Boring Old Silver

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Sheet Number One: A77-859, "Darky Jones", 77 Squadron, RAAF, Korea 1953.

A Red Roo Models Limited Run Decal Sheet

This Meteor F.Mk8 was operated by 77 Squadron RAAF, at Kimpo in May/June 1953. The aircraft was originally issued to the RAF as Wk688 and was transferred to the RAAF in August 1952. The aircraft was flown by Sergeant Ted Jones on both day and night missions. The aircraft was finished in aluminium lacquer and carried the standard red, white and blue national markings of the period. The serial numbers were applied in black with the numbers repeated on the nose. Four rocket rails were fitted to each wing. The aircraft was lost when it crashed on approach after running out of fuel on a training flight in August 1953.



DECAL APPLICATION Thin Film Decals – Please Use Care

Ensure model has received a suitable coat of gloss varnish before applying these decals.

Cut around the required decal. Do not excessively trim carrier film, it is this film that protects the decal edge and prevents it from chipping.

Soak the decal in water for about 15 seconds, then remove the decal from the water and stand on glass or plastic surface.

Moisten the application site with your favourite settling solution. Remember, the carrier film on these decals is very thin, test the effect of your settling solution on an unwanted decal if in doubt.

Apply decal carefully by sliding off backing paper with a soft, long bristle brush. Position carefully and use tissue paper to absorb excess moisture.

Use decal-settling solution to draw the decal down over surface detail. If air bubbles or "silvering" form during drying phase wait till decal is thoroughly dry, then pierce affected area with a pin and re-apply settling solution. Do not try to force decals to conform to surface or express air bubbles – doing this will tear the decals.

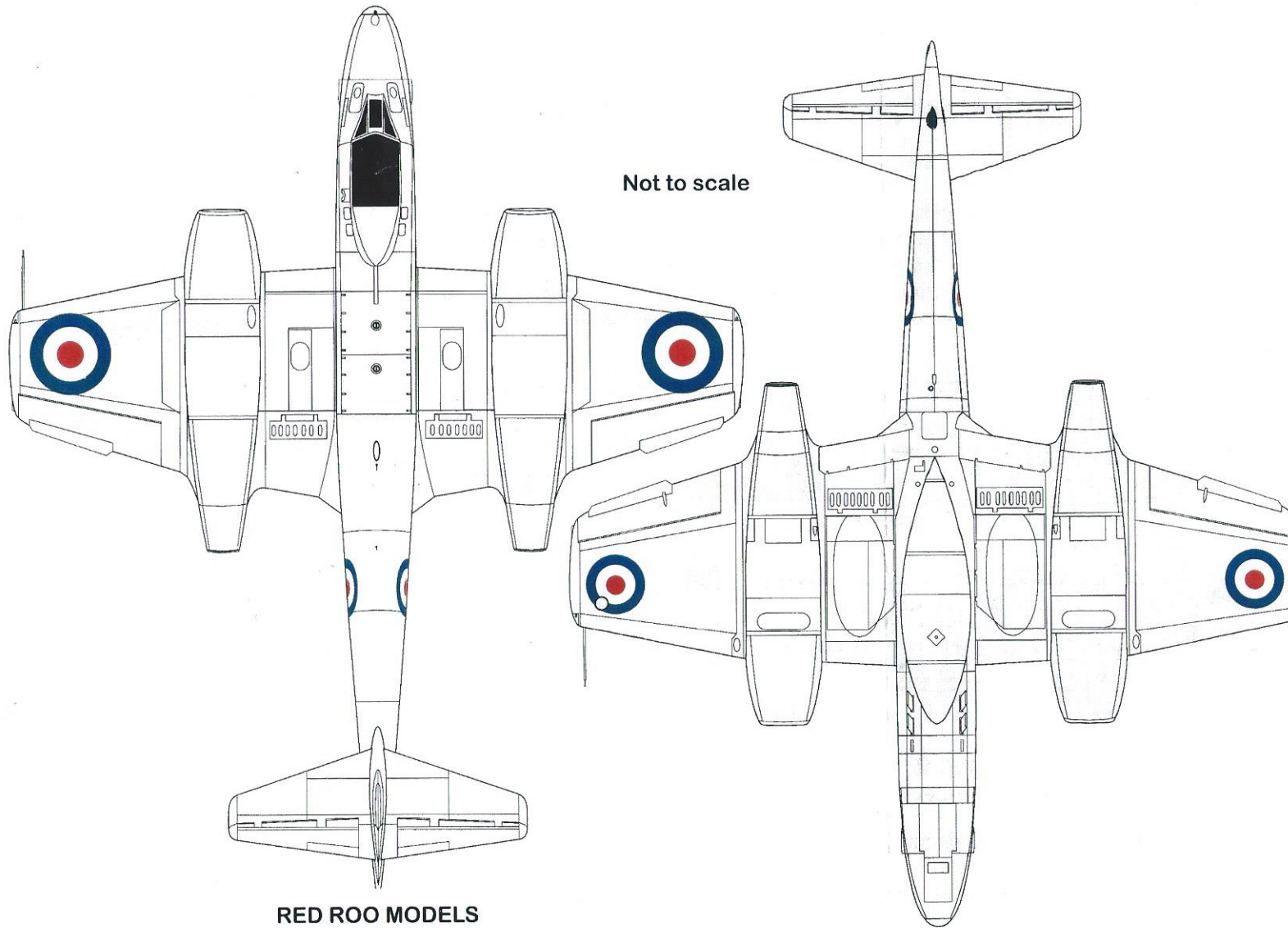
Apply a coat of gloss varnish over the decals once they are thoroughly dry, then apply a coat of matt varnish over the entire model when the previously applied gloss varnish is thoroughly dry to hide the carrier film.

Using this Decal Sheet

A few extra words are needed in preparation for use of this decal sheet. This sheet has been printed on an Alps dry ink thermal printer. Therefore, a few things are noticeable right away. There is a separate sheet of white circles and rectangles that are designed to be applied under the blue portions of the national markings. In the case of red/white/blue national markings the red centres of the 'bullseye' roundels are also printed separately. This has been done for ease of production. Normally we would encourage modellers to trim the decal film, but in this case, particularly for the blue sections of the national markings, we strongly advise you to leave about 1mm of carrier film around the object. This will avoid any of the white background peeping out from the edges of the roundels in the event that the edge has been 'nicked' by the scissors.

The colours will appear to be quite translucent when floated off the decal paper, but do not be concerned, against their white backing they will assume the correct tone, hue and opacity. The black decals are opaque. The decals are printed on very thin carrier film. Ensure that you use a generous amount of settling solution and water on the surface to which the decal is to be applied. If you need to adjust the position of the decal please use a long, soft bristle brush to avoid damaging the decal. Using a pin or tweezers for this *will* tear the decal. Once the decals are in position allow at least 24 hours to dry. Wash any excess solution from the model with a very soft cloth or a facial tissue. Apply a coat of gloss varnish and allow to dry before applying the finishing coat of matt varnish. Please note: these decals may react to varnishes with strong solvent solutions. We recommend using *Future*, *Long Life* or *Super Stride* for gloss coats.

These decals are limited run 'boutique' decals and as such have a slightly higher price than those in our standard and 'Odds and Sods' ranges. Only 200 sheets will be printed for each subject.



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