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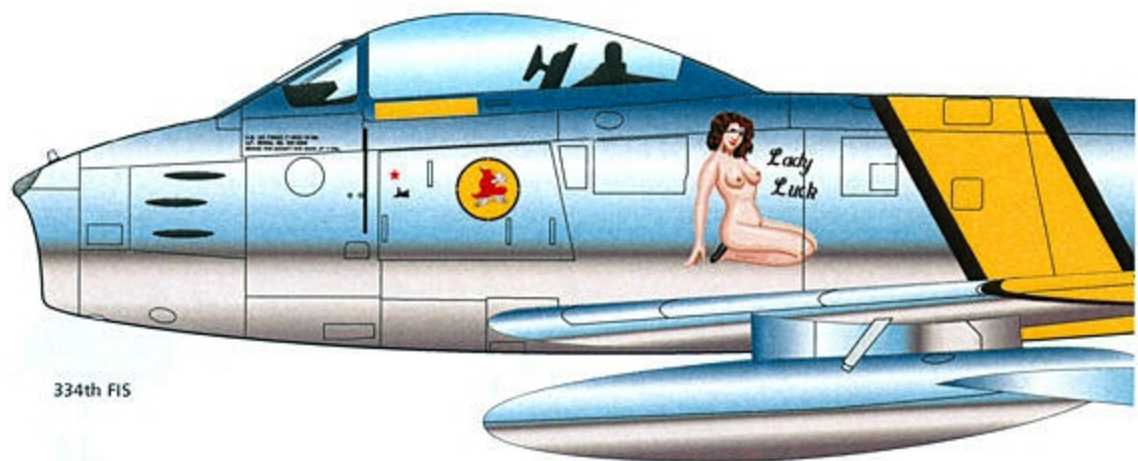
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# F-86A/F

## Sabres Part 2



39 FIS, 51 FIW



334th FIS

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The black checks are not hard edged, but have a slightly fuzzy overspray in places. We suggest you apply the decal then carefully airbrush black along some of the edges.

Starboard gun access door

We've seen the names depicted in red and black, so we've included both for you

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THE HUFF

Note: "THE HUFF" started out with a standard 'F' slatted wing, but later received the '6-3 Hard Wing' at Suwan in 1953.

**F-86F-1-NA**

S/N: 51-2897, 39 FIS, 51 FIW  
Lt. James L. Thompson, K-13, 1953.

Lady  
Lucy

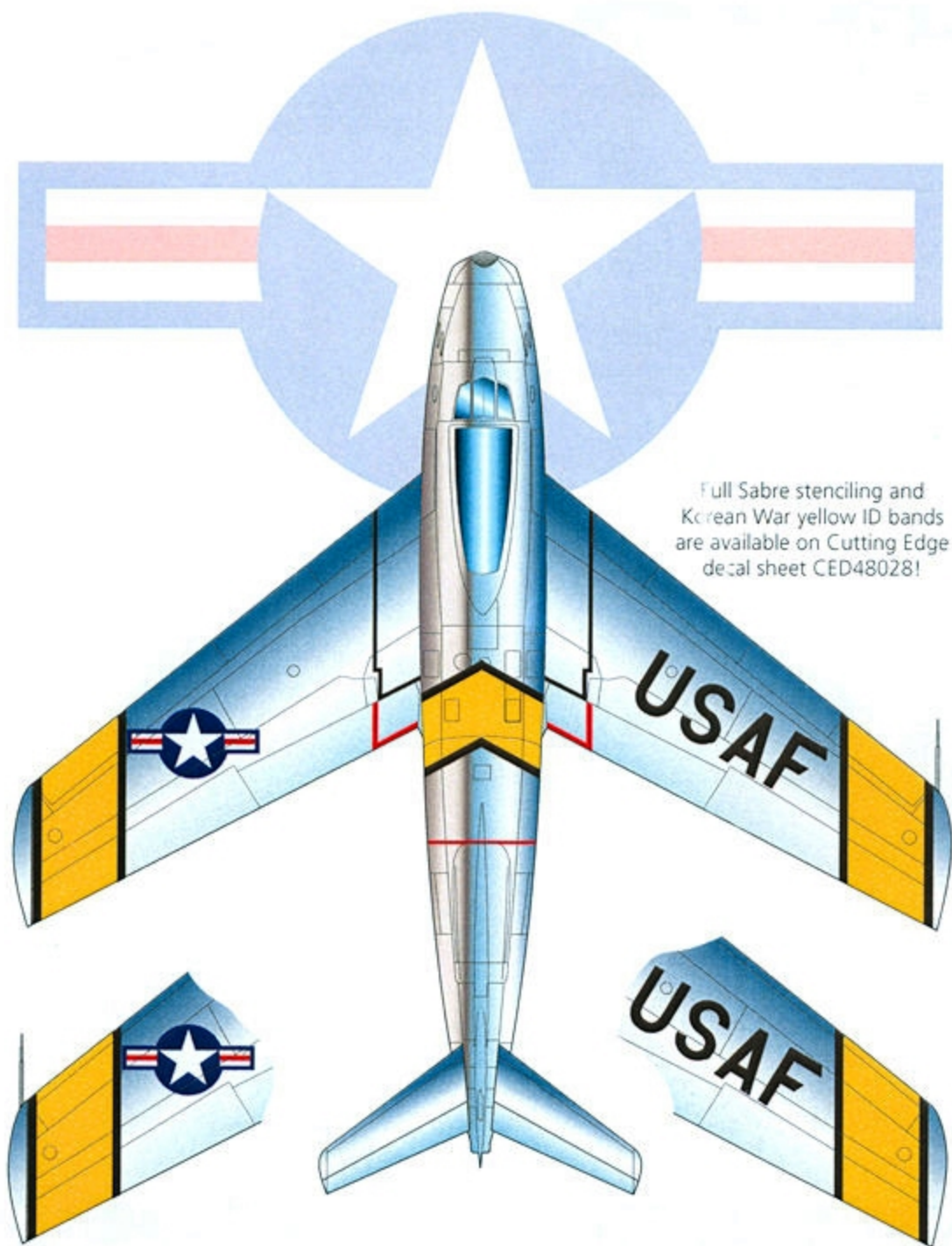
The yellow crew block is blank.

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**F-86A**

S/N: 49-1128  
334th FIS, 4th FIW



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## FU-897

- The Huff artwork was added to this jet after an air-to-air encounter with a particularly well flown MiG-15 adorned with a green dragon during the late spring of 1953.
- "THE HUFF" started out with a standard "F" slatted wing, but was retrofitted with the '6-3 Hard Wing' at Suwan in 1953.
- The black checks are not hard edged, but have a slightly fuzzy overspray in places. We suggest you apply the decal then carefully airbrush black along some of the edges.
- Beware photos of a restored F-86 painted as THE HUFF. The art on the right hand side is incorrect and not applied in the correct location. Our art came from period photos and is NOT based on a restored paint scheme.
- The only photo we have of this aircraft showing the complete wing tanks is from a book. It APPEARS that the lightning bolt had a thin red stripe along the upper edges of the bolt. This might have been a printing error, but we've included the stripes as a separate decal.
- This jet was a F-86F-1-NA, which was essentially a F-86E-10 with the updated J47-GE-27 engine. As such it had the flat intake on the fuselage spine just ahead of the fin fillet.
- Lt. James Thompson, the usual pilot of The Huff, shot down two MiG-15s, on 18 May and 16 June 1953.
- The only known photo of the right side of this jet is a black & white snapshot. The words "Miss Jerry" could have been black or red, so we've provided both options in case a color photo ever surfaces.

## FU-129

- The crew block was intentionally left blank as no crew names had been added at the time our photos were taken.

## 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.

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