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Al Udied, Qatar; June 2003



Balad AB, Iraq; November 2004



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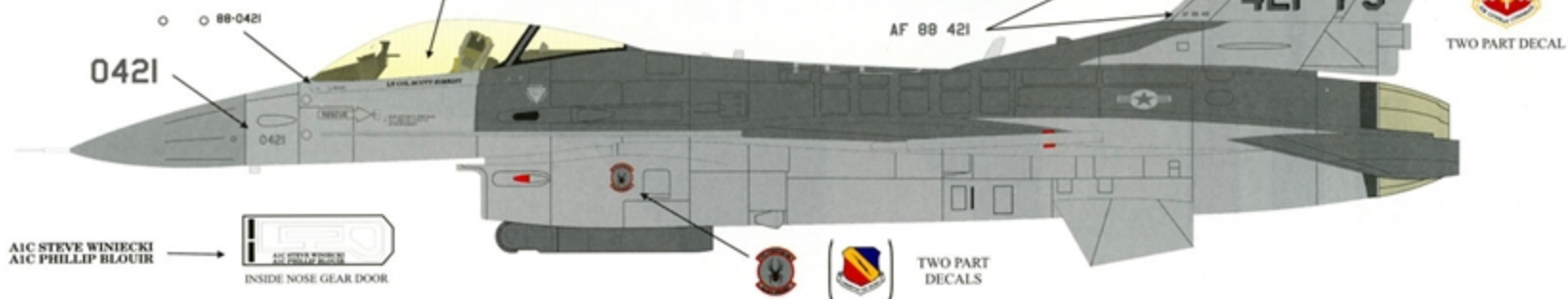
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**FIRST OIF DEPLOYMENT
JUNE 2003 - AL UDIED, QATAR**

F-16CG • 88-0421

LT COL SCOTT ZOBRIST
(SSGT RICHIE MCCORKLE)

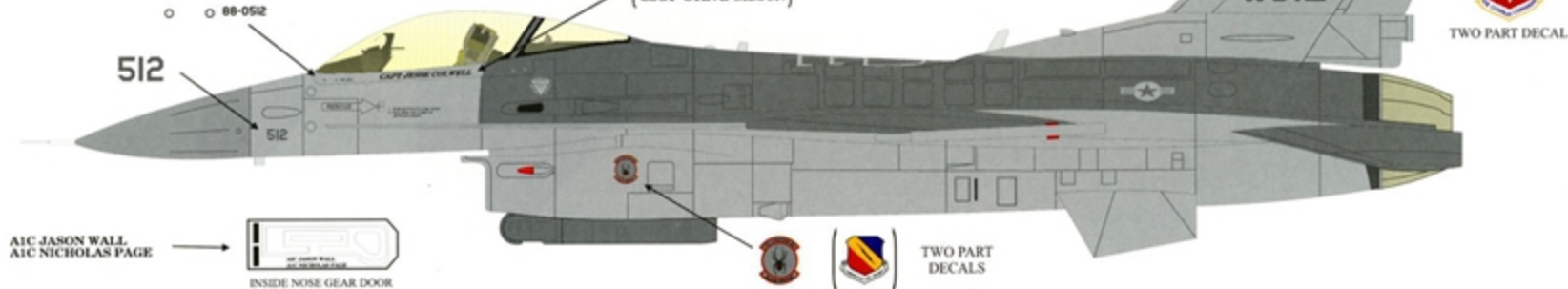


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F-16CG • 88-0512

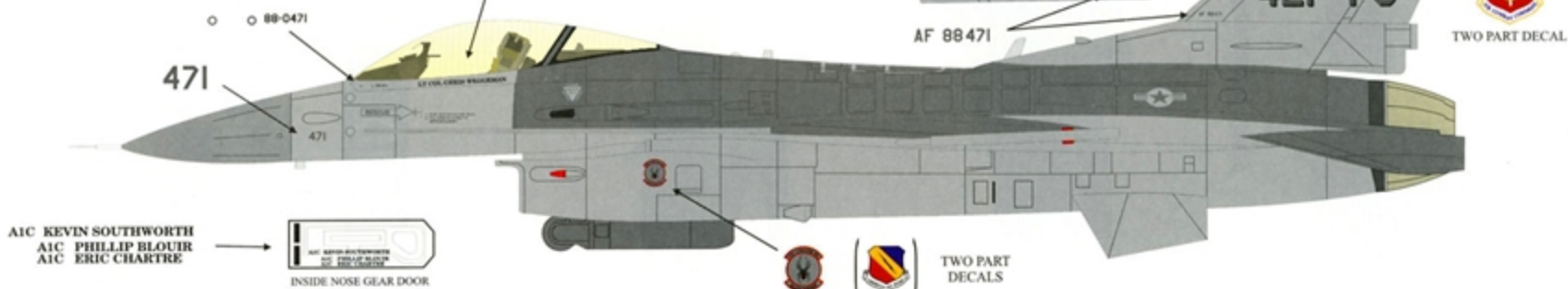
CAPT JESSE COLWELL
(SSGT STEVE GIBSON)



**SECOND OIF DEPLOYMENT
OCT/NOV 2004 - BALAD AB, IRAQ**

F-16CG • 88-0471

LT COL CHRIS WEGGEMAN
(SSGT JAMES CLARK III)



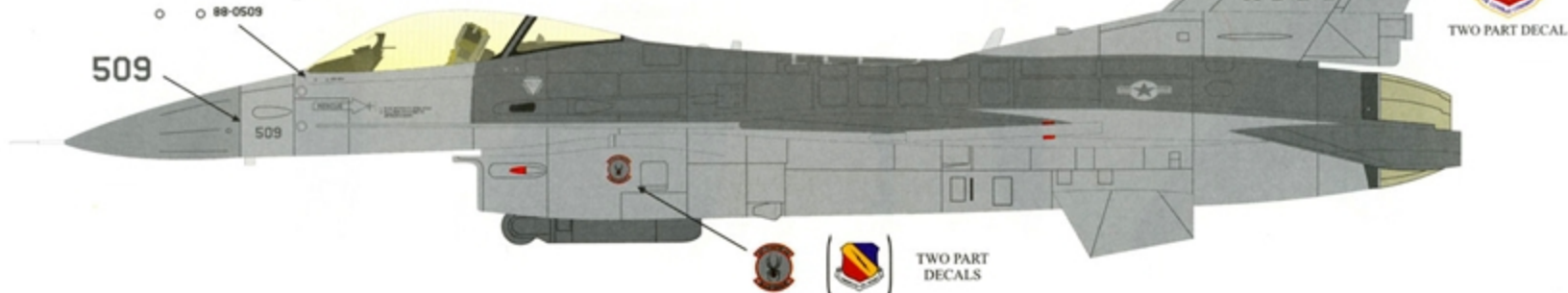
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F-16CG • 88-0509

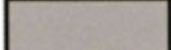
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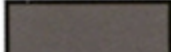
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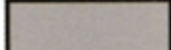


PAINT GUIDE



Overall Aircraft  FS 36270

Topsides  FS 36118

Wingtip Missile Rails  FS 36270

Underwing Missile Rails, Pylons, Drop Tanks  FS 36375 or  FS 36270

Aircraft Notes

All aircraft of the 421st Fighter Squadron are block 40 F-16s. Here are some block 40 characteristics:

- Heavy weight gear, larger tires, bulged main gear doors
- Landing lights relocated to nose gear door
- Use of targeting & navigation pods
- 2 additional AN/ALE-47 chaff/flare units
- GE engine with MCID "Big Mouth" intake
- Wide Angle Raster (WAR) HUD
- 10 external strengthening plates on upper fuselage

Modeling Notes

The Hasegawa F-16CG block 40 kits contain most all of the above mentioned parts. The more common F-16CJ block 50 kit can also be used, but it won't have the LANTIRN. Here is a list of recommended aftermarket items:

[BlackBox CS48004 F-16 Cockpit set](http://www.vmdstudios.com). www.vmdstudios.com This set contains the WAR HUD, and just looks sweet!

[Eduard set #49204](http://www.eduard.com). www.eduard.com Yeah, it says block 50, but the set contains the 10 stiffener plates, and the additional chaff/flare buckets.

www.shull24.com A cool guy who makes resin sets for modern jets! Most sets are for the F-16, many of which can be used with this sheet including: -184 ECM pod, JDAMS, Towed Decoys. Look for future releases that will complement these decals!

Deployment Notes

All aircraft have their pilot, crew chief, and maintainers names removed when deployed overseas.

1st OIF Deployment, Al Udiad, Qatar

For the first stages of Op. Iraqi Freedom, full weapons loads were carried. LAU-129 missile rails were on the wingtip stations, and LAU-129 and/or sidewinder/towed decoy pylons underwing.

F-16 #88-0421, the 421st squadron commander's jet, was heavily damaged when it lost hydraulic power while taxiing. It ran into another parked F-16 and the live AIM-9 it was carrying caught fire. #88-0471 replaced it as the squadron commander's jet.

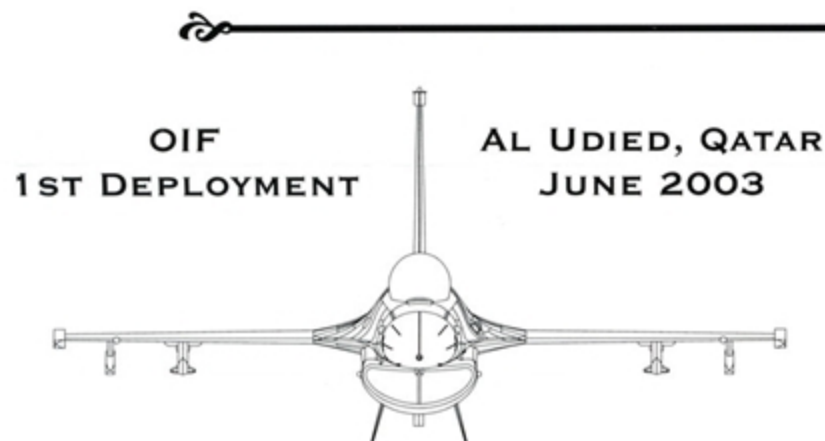
2nd OIF Deployment, Balad AB, Iraq

For their second tour, minimal weapon loads were carried. There was minimal threat from air or ground attack; ECM, towed decoys, and AIM-9s were seldom carried. The 421st also rarely put AIM-120s on the wingtip rails, preferring to load them under the wings.

The ANG unit that the 421st replaced left their AN/AAQ-28 Litening II targeting pods, which the Black Widows used during their deployment.

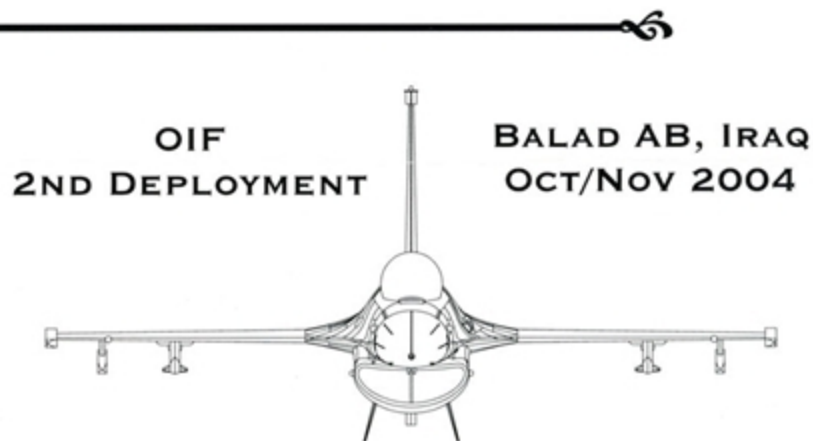
The 421st also had the distinction of being one of the first USAF units to use the new 500lb GBU-38 JDAM.

F-16 #88-0471, the new squadron commander's jet, oddly carried the 16S210 sidewinder rails on the wingtips.



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AIM-120 B/C	AIM-9 M	GBU-12	GBU-38	GBU-31 (V) -1/B Mk.84
GBU-31 (V) -3/B BLU-109	AN/AAQ-14 LANTIRN	AN/AAQ-28 Litening II	AN/ALE-50 Towed Decoy	AN/ALQ-184 3 Band (Long)



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Special thanks goes to SSgt. Steve "Bonk" Gibson, 421st FS, #88-0512's dedicated crew chief and fellow Balad AB mortar target, fall/winter 2004. Also, to the rest of the men and women of the "Black Widows" who covered my rear for 4 months, this sheet is a small celebration of your service and sacrifice for your country.
Mors ab alto, baby! SSB - 2005