

PHOTO FEATURE: FOREIGN PHANTOMS

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In this month's "Photo Feature" we'll break with our established practice by dispensing with the rundown on development history of the aircraft type, numbers of the various sub-types produced, important dates, etc. We'll just get right into the photo material.

(1) F-4B #152227 of VF-114 lands aboard the USS Kitty Hawk in the South China Sea early in 1966. This photo was included as an illustration of the upper surface markings usually carried by Navy F-4's. Compare these markings with those shown on Dick Powers' F-4J model, No. 10 in the model photo section in this issue. This photo by Lionel Paul.

(2) F-4E #69-7712 lands at Lambert Field after pre-delivery test flight (note EROS pod). Camouflage pattern is identical to that used on I.I.A.F. F-4D's and illustrated in this issue. Note placement of electroluminescent panels used as formation lights on newer Phantoms. Ship carries USAF delivery markings. Photo 3-23-71 by Fred Roos.

(3) RF-4E #69-7469 taxis out for production test flight. Camouflage is standard Luftwaffe brand (as illustrated in the December, 1970 Flyer), although USAF delivery markings are carried instead of Luftwaffe maltese crosses and numbers. Photo taken at Lambert Field on 2-16-71 by Fred Roos.

(4) RF-4E #69-7592 taxiing out for takeoff on delivery flight to Israel on 2-16-71. Camouflage is standard Israeli pattern, but external fuel tanks have USAF dark green camouflage paint. White centerline fuel tank was also being carried. Note electroluminescent panels, offset dorsal antenna installation, and USAF delivery markings. Photo shot at Lambert Field by Fred Roos.

(5) F-4K (FG Mk.1) #XV572 of 767 Squadron, Royal Navy, at Yeovilton, England, 9-6-69. This F-4 carries RAF-type camouflage, a black-trimmed burnished yellow eagle on the fin, and gloss white external tanks. Photo from Jim Sullivan collection.

(6) F-4K (FG Mk.1) #XV575 of 43 Squadron, RAF, at Chivenor, England, 8-23-69. This ex-Royal Navy Phantom also sports RAF camouflage with fin flash and squadron marking of black and white checks flanking the roundels on the fuselage. Wing tanks are glossy white below, glossy dark sea gray above. Photo from Jim Sullivan collection.



