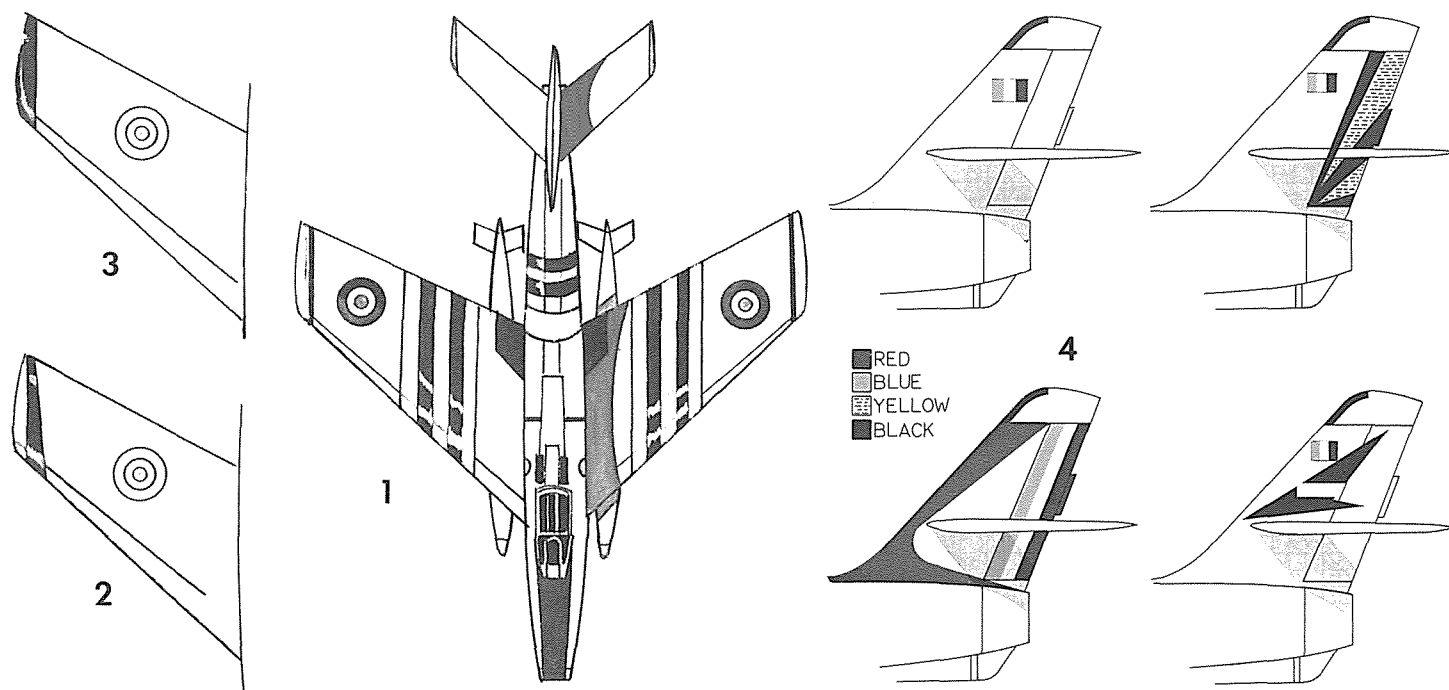


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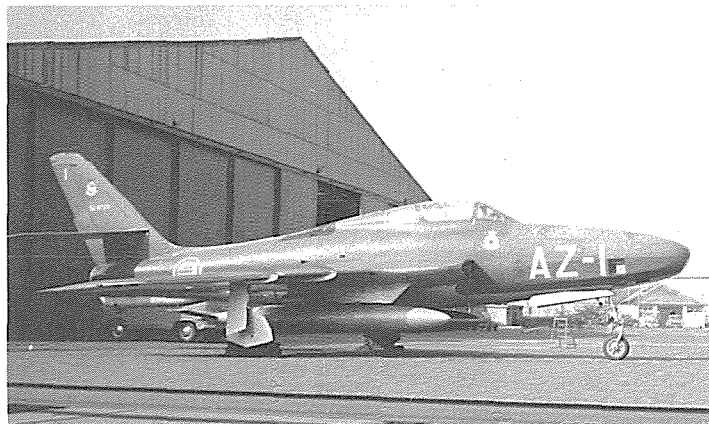
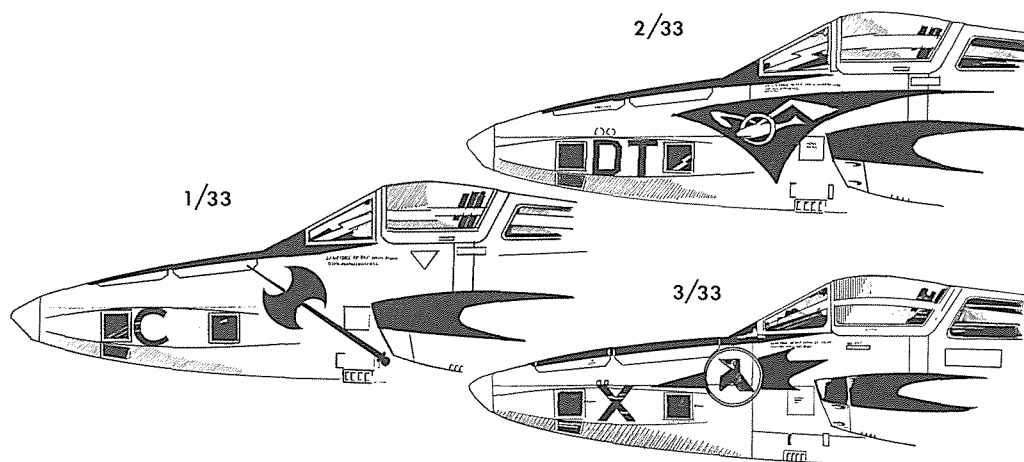
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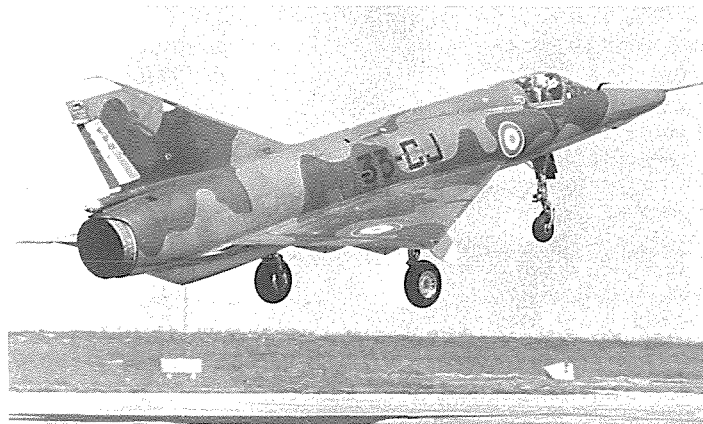


1.) For the Sinai Campaign the F-84's were given black and yellow stripes around fuselage and wing, and wingtips of yellow with black border. 2.) The 9th Escad. wingtips were yellow with a converging border stripe to the inboard; black for 1st Squadron and red for 2nd Squadron. 3.) In the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 11th Escadres the wingtips were a solid color appropriate to the individual squadrons. 4.) Fin markings were the more distinctive for various units, with the standard red, white, blue fin-flash used on all but the 1st T.F.W. (Escadre) which used the French national colors over the entire rudder. Below are typical nose markings of the 33rd Escadre units.

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52-8729, shown here as AZ-1 of Royal Norwegian Air Force, was supplied from FAF inventory in accord with MDAP. (Hoehn) At right, the Dassault



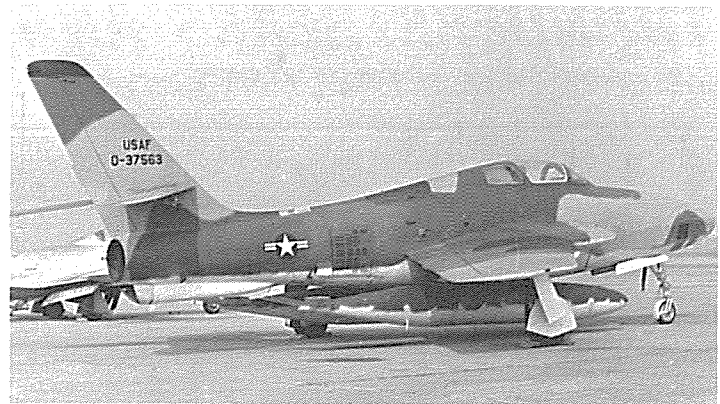
Mirage IIIR of Squadron 1/33, which type replaced the RF-84F as the French aircraft industry became capable. (Photo - E. Moreau)

Following is the list of known U.S. serial numbers FAF code assignments, and dispositions of the Thunderflashes of 33rd TRW:

| S/n      | Codes               | Disposition                  |
|----------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| 51-17017 | 33-CC, 33-DA, 33-DT |                              |
| 51-17027 | 33-NA               |                              |
| 51-17043 |                     |                              |
| 51-17054 | 33-TV, 33-TB        | To Denmark as C-054          |
| 52-7243  |                     | Rec'd via RNAF in '58, to    |
| 52-7248  | 33-CJ               | Denmark as C-248             |
| 52-7252  |                     | Rec'd via RNAF '58           |
| 52-7253  | 33-CV               | Del. to RNAF Feb. '58, to    |
|          |                     | France July '58, to          |
|          |                     | Denmark as C-253             |
| 52-7260  |                     |                              |
| 52-7283  | 33-CA, 33-CN        | To Denmark as C-283          |
| 52-7298  |                     |                              |
| 52-7299  | 33-NE               |                              |
| 52-7300  | 33-CC, 33-NJ        |                              |
| 52-7301  |                     |                              |
| 52-7303  |                     |                              |
| 52-7304  | 33-CF, 33-DB        |                              |
| 52-7305  | 33-TW               |                              |
| 52-7307  | 33-CH               |                              |
| 52-7319  | 33-NP, 33-NF        | To RNAF in '63 as AZ-C       |
| 52-7321  | 33-CJ, 33-DG        |                              |
| 52-7322  |                     | To RNAF, Aug. '58            |
| 52-7323  |                     |                              |
| 52-7324  | 33-CM               | To Denmark as C-324          |
| 52-7325  | 33-NU               | To RNAF in '63 as AZ-Q       |
| 52-7237  | 33-CP, 33-NR        |                              |
| 52-7329  | 33-DH               |                              |
| 52-7330  | 33-DJ               |                              |
| 52-7331  | 33-TU               |                              |
| 52-7332  | 33-X, 33-NT         | To RNAF in '63 as AZ-S       |
| 52-7333  | 33-DK, 33-TU        |                              |
| 52-7334  | 33-TD               |                              |
| 52-7336  | 33-TC               |                              |
| 52-7337  | 33-DM               |                              |
| 52-7389  |                     |                              |
| 52-7442  | 33-NT               |                              |
| 52-8718  | 33-NI               |                              |
| 52-8718  | 33-NM               |                              |
| 52-8720  |                     |                              |
| 52-8721  | 33-NC               | To RNAF in '63 as AZ-W       |
| 52-8722  | 33-DR               |                              |
| 52-8723  | 33-NQ, 33-NC        | To RNAF in '63 as AZ-X       |
| 52-8724  | 33-XB               | I.R.A.N. 361. To RNAF in '58 |
| 52-8729  |                     | To RNAF in '58               |
| 52-8731  |                     | To RNAF in '63               |
| 52-8734  | 33-DT               | To RNAF in '58               |
| 53-7559  | 33-TV               |                              |
| 53-7560  | 33-TC               |                              |
| 53-7561  |                     |                              |
| 53-7562  | 33-TI               |                              |
| 53-7563  | 33-CO               | To USAF, MI ANG, '66         |
| 53-7565  |                     |                              |
| 53-7568  |                     |                              |
| 53-7569  | 33-CT               |                              |
| 53-7572  | 33-CD               |                              |
| 53-7573  | 33-CG, 33-TN        |                              |
| 53-7576  | 33-CD               |                              |
| 53-7577  | 33-CK               | Now monument at Strasbourg   |
| 53-7578  | 33-CE               |                              |
| 53-7579  |                     |                              |
| 53-7580  | 33-CM               | To USAF in '66               |
| 53-7587  | 33-TW               |                              |
| 53-7618  | 33-CO               |                              |
| 53-7620  | 33-XM, 3-TM         |                              |
| 53-7621  |                     |                              |
| 53-7622  | 33-TT               | To USAF in '66               |
| 53-7623  |                     | To USAF in '66               |
| 53-7625  | 33-TP               | To USAF in '66               |
| 53-7626  |                     |                              |
| 53-7628  |                     | To USAF in '66               |
| 53-7629  | 33-TS               | To USAF, MI ANG, '66         |
| 53-7630  | 33-ND               |                              |
| 53-7631  | 33-CW               | To USAF, NB ANG, '66         |
| 53-7632  | 33-CX               | To USAF, MI ANG, '66         |
| 53-7633  | 33-CZ, 33-TS, 33-NJ | To USAF in '66               |

\*RNAF = Royal Norwegian Air Force.

Note that the serial numbers as applied to FAF RF-84F's included the last five (or six in case of 1951) digits, viz., 27389 for 52-7389, 37360 for 53-7630, 117027 for 51-17027, etc. At least 17 were returned to USAF of which ten are included in the above list.



RF-84F's even achieved a second life after NATO use by reassignment to U.S. units. O-37563 went to MI ANG in 1966, was formerly 33-CO in the 33rd TFW, France. Photographed at Detroit in June 1968 by G.J. Dorward. (Hoehn Coll.)

This concludes the second part of Jean Pierre Hoehn's Research Project 7107. The first part was presented in the *JOURNAL*, Fall Issue, 1972. Members with additional information concerning F-84's and RF-84's in French service are urged to contact the author at 7, Rue de Sarrebourg, 67 - Schiltigheim, France.

## ADDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

As we prepare final copy for the press the following two Research Projects were assigned. See also Pages 299 and 300.

### RP 7235 — RB-57D and -F

Unit assignments, deployment, operational use, and histories of Martin RB-57D and General Dynamics RB-57F airplanes. Have basic data, serials, dimensions, performance, etc., but need operational material to round out data for future article in *JOURNAL* with history of each a/c by serial number. David A. Anderton, 30 South Murray Ave., Ridgewood, NJ 07450.

### RP 7236 — LOCKHEED P-3 ORION

For a history of the P-3 the squadrons, detachments, and Navy and other facilities using the P-3 are to be researched. Information on these plus markings of the airplanes, dates placed in service, and dispositions by all units in all countries, is need. Bud Joyce, 1018 Duncan Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94087.

## ANNUAL MEETING — February 3rd, 1973

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the American Aviation Historical Society will be held on the 3rd day of February 1973 in the County of Los Angeles, California, for the purpose of annual election of Directors and for the conduct of such other business as shall come before the meeting.

The Annual Meeting will be held on the QUEEN MARY at Long Beach harbor between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Further details will be published in the Society NEWSLETTER, 1st Quarter 1974, No. 25.

NEWSLETTER No. 25 will be mailed on 12 January 1974 to all Members in good standing as of 31 December 1972. Notices of renewal of annual dues for the year 1973 were mailed via first class postal rate with NEWSLETTER No. 24 on 7 November last. Annual dues are payable in January each year, at \$10.00. Check or money order should be payable to the A.A.H.S. and forwarded to P.O. Box 996, Ojai, CA 93032.