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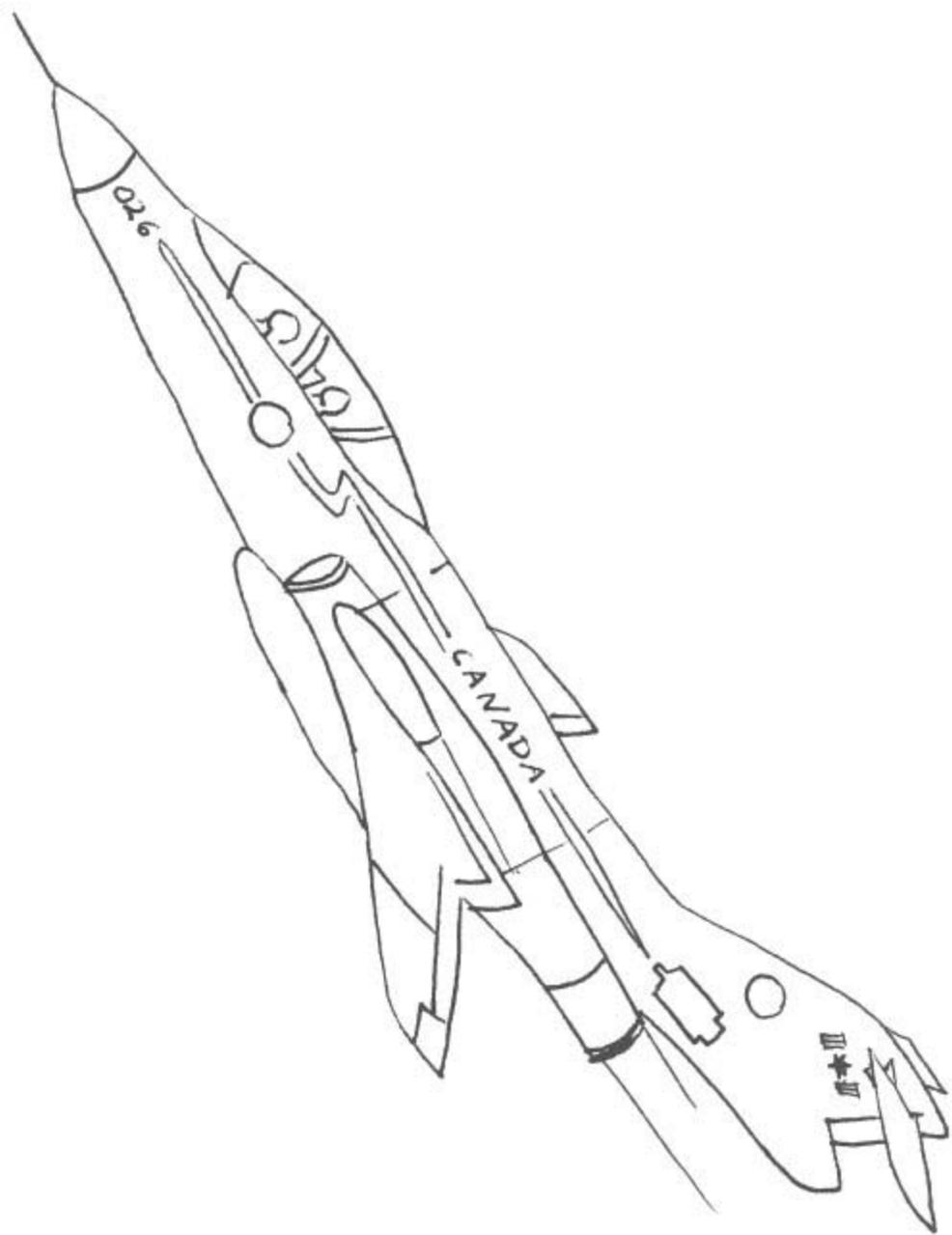
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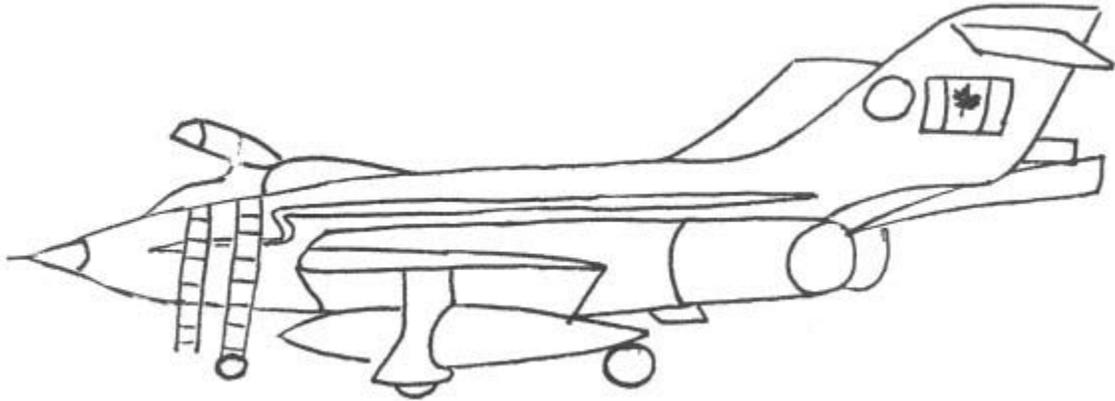
Jack Rushton is a fighter pilot. He lives with his family at CFB Chatham. CFB Chatham is an airport near Chatham, New Brunswick.

Jack loves his wife Ruth and his children. His children are named Bill and Kay. Tonight Jack has to go to work.

“I have to fly tonight,” he said after dinner. “I will be back after 12 o’clock tonight.” He kissed his wife and children and left.

Jack went to the airport. He went to his airplane. Here he met Steve. Steve is Jack's friend. Steve and Jack fly a Voodoo. Steve said, "We'll have a long flight tonight. The radar sees a Russian airplane flying towards Newfoundland."

"Let's get ready," Jack said. They went to their Voodoo.



A Voodoo is a fighter airplane. It is very fast. It can fly very far. A Voodoo can fly 1600 miles before turning towards home. Jack is the pilot. Steve watches the radar in the Voodoo. Steve sits in the back seat.

Steve and Jack looked at their airplane very closely. They looked at the wings. Then they got in.

Jack checked with Chatham airport on the radio. “No traffic in the air,” Chatham radio said. “Take off on runway 27.”

Jack started the jets. Steve turned on the radar. They went to the end of the runway. Jack turned the Voodoo towards runway 27. The radio said “Go.”

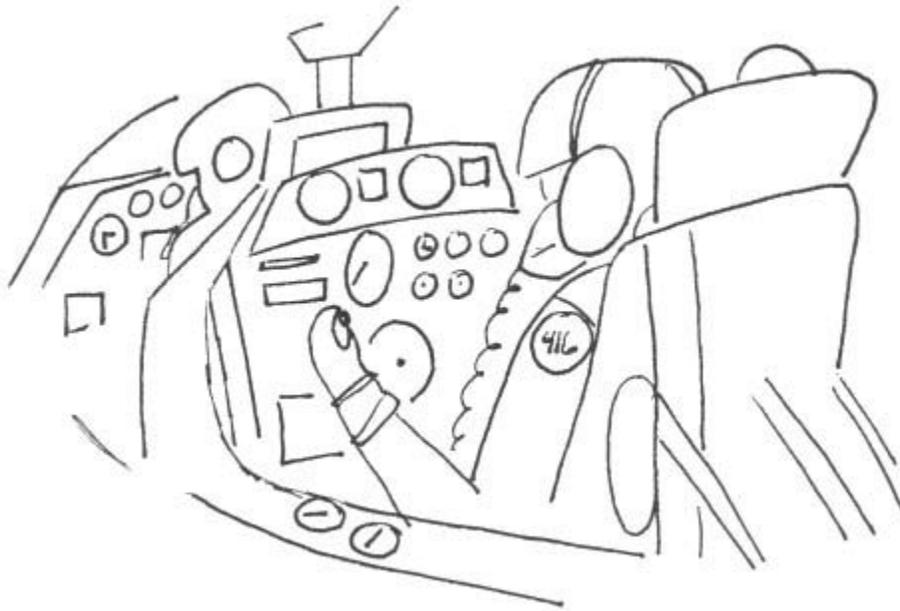


Jack turned the jets up. They went faster on the runway. Then they lifted into the air.

The radio said, "Fly to 40,000 feet." Jack flew the jet higher. The lights at Chatham were far below them.

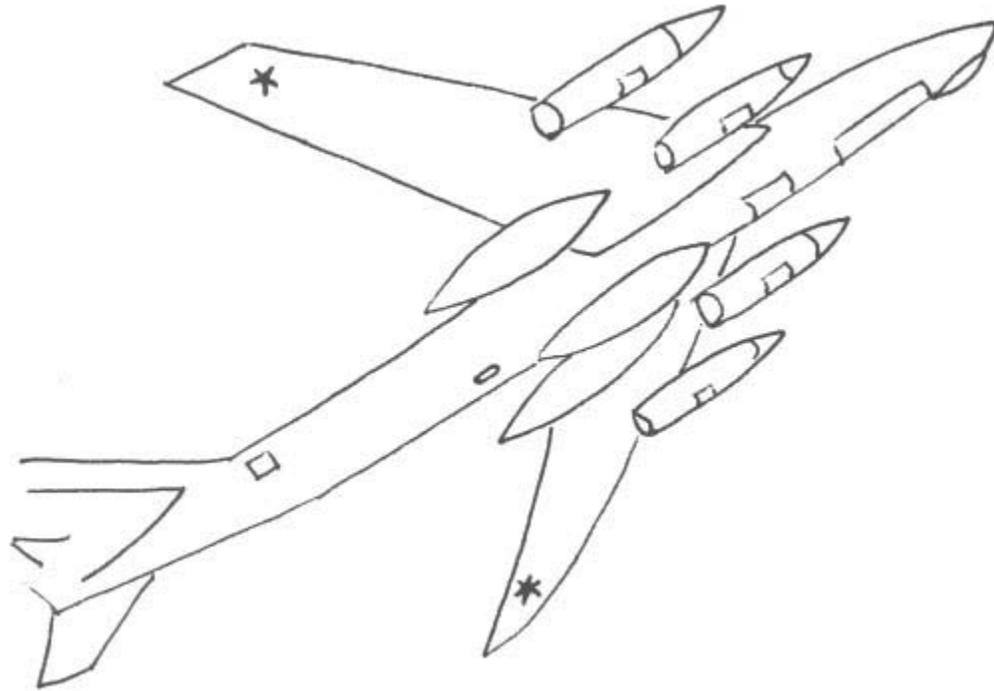
Jack turned the airplane. They were flying toward Newfoundland.

Steve watched the radar carefully. In a short time they were past Newfoundland. They were very high in the sky. Jack could not see much in the dark. Everything was black. Steve could see. Steve had his radar. He saw every airplane in the air for miles. The big radar at St. Margaret's saw everything for hundreds of miles. St. Margaret's was a big radar place close to CFB Chatham. St. Margaret's turned the Voodoo towards the Russian airplane.



Then Steve had a dot on his radar. His radar looked a little like a TV. Steve turned Jack toward the Russian airplane.

Then Jack saw the Russian airplane. Even in the dark he saw how big it was.



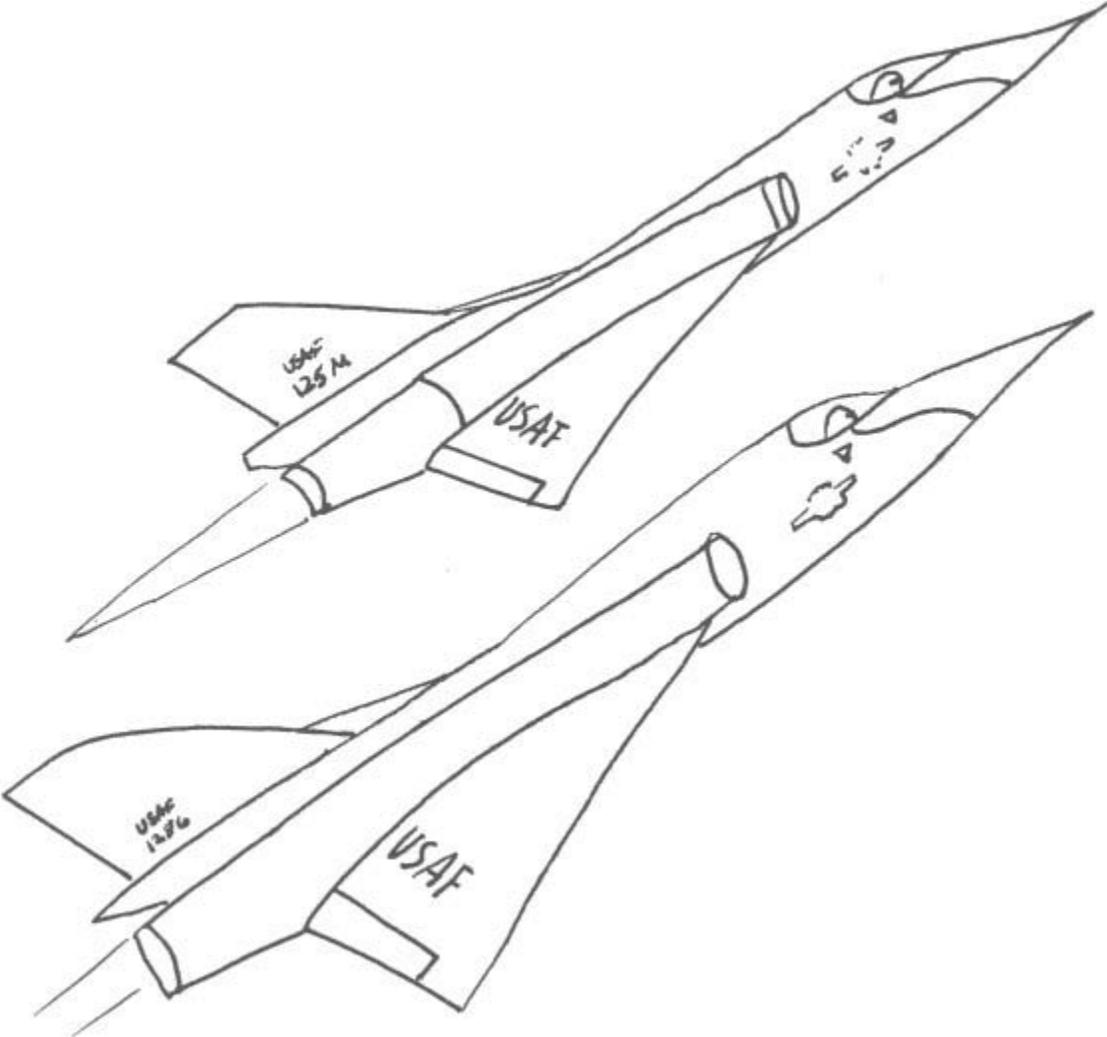
“It’s a big bomber,” Jack radioed home. “Let’s take a picture,” said Jack.

“Sure,” said Steve. Steve turned a bright light on the side of the Voodoo. Then he got the picture. Jack saw the Russian bomber pilot.

They flew beside the big bomber for many miles. They watched it very carefully. Flying beside the bomber stopped the Russian radar from working.

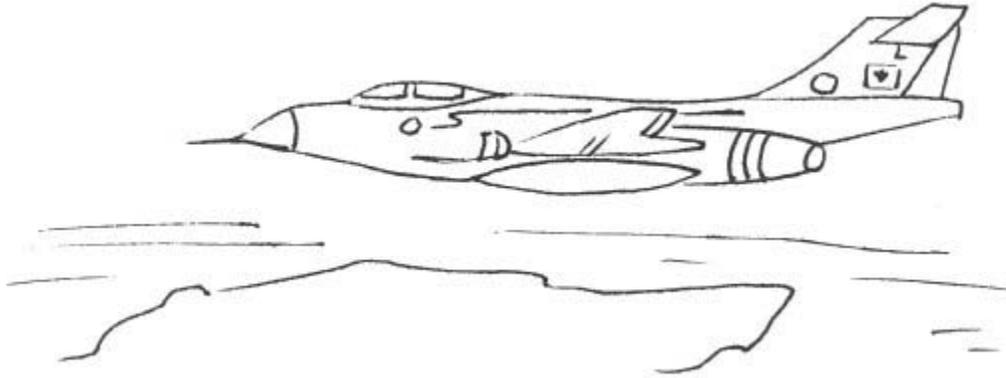
“Some friends are coming up,” thought Jack. Two United States fighter jets flew up beside the bomber. It was their turn now.

“The fighter jets will take care of the Russian airplane,” thought Jack.



Jack and Steve turned toward home. They had been able to get a picture of the Russian airplane.

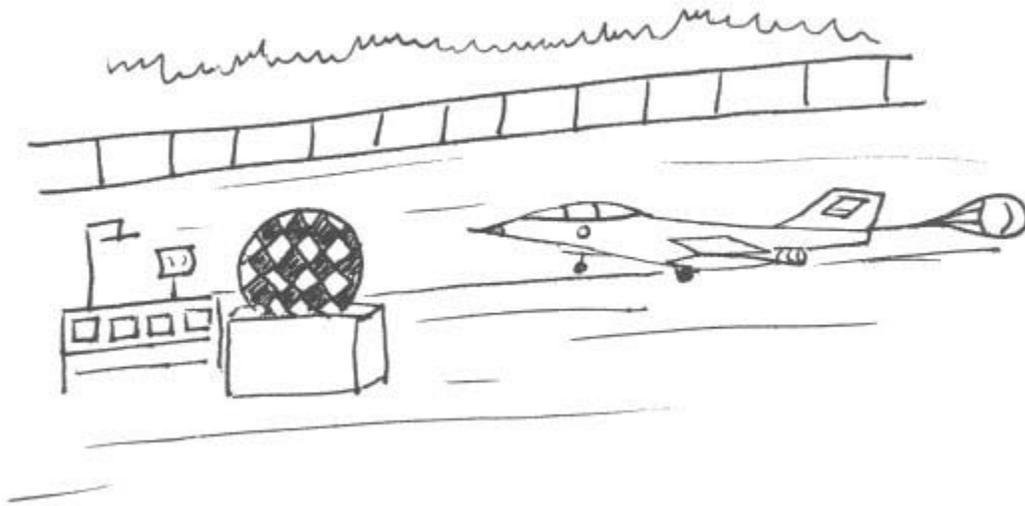
Soon they were flying over Nova Scotia. Jack and Steve were happy. They had done their job well. They had a picture of the bomber. That was enough for them.



Next they were over New Brunswick. Jack said to Chatham radio, “Voodoo GN026 ready to land.”

“Land on Runway 09,” said Chatham radio.

Jack could see the runway lights. They looked great to him. The airport radar helped them until they landed on the runway. Jack parked the aircraft. Jack and Steve got out.



When they landed they reviewed the flight with the other pilots. It was a great story. Then they went home.

It was late now. Ruth and the children were sleeping Ruth heard Jack come in. "How did it go?" she said.

"It was a great flight. We have a picture of a Russian bomber," said Jack.

Two days passed. Jack and Ruth were in the kitchen. They heard the telephone ring. It was Steve.

“Have you seen today’s newspaper yet?” Steve asked.

“No,” said Jack. Then Bill and Kay ran in.

“Father! Father! Look at this!” They handed Jack a newspaper.

On the cover was a picture of a Russian bomber. It was Jack and Steve’s picture.

“It’s all over Canada today,” said Steve.

Ruth, Bill and Kay were very happy. Jack’s face turned red. He was very happy. It had been a great flight.



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