

„BLACK JET” by Michael Rondot

*The seventh limited edition in Michael Rondot's GULF WAR series.
Each print is signed by 24 operational F-117A Stealth pilots*



BLACK JET. Lockheed F-117A Stealth fighter. 49th FW, Holloman AFB, NM
500 signed, dated and numbered with 50 Artist's Proofs

by Michael Rondot
28 x 20 Ins

In one of the most dramatic limited edition prints ever published, Michael Rondot portrays a sinister black Lockheed F-117A Stealth fighter landing at dawn with its distinctive black braking parachute streamed. This superb print, the seventh edition in our GULF WAR series, is countersigned by TWENTYFOUR operational F-117A pilots from the 49th Fighter Wing, Holloman AFB, serving in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere, symbolising a remarkable breakthrough in access to the once super-secret Black Jet and its aircrews.

Designed and built in the early 1980s at the Lockheed 'Skunk Works' under conditions of intense secrecy, the 117A Stealth fighter was not revealed to the public until 1990, after it had been in service for over 7 years. A year later during Operation Desert Storm, laser-guided precision bombing images from the cockpits of Black Jets over downtown Baghdad were on every television screen and newspaper front page around the World. Night after night, the theory of an aircraft designed to evade radar detection was tested by brave pilots in combat over densely packed Iraqi radar-directed air defences. The results, together with the aircraft and its pilots, are now legend.

Each copy of BLACK JET is issued complete with historical notes, details of all the signatories, and a signed and numbered certificate of authentication to guarantee that once the edition is sold out, none can ever be reprinted. Published as a single limited edition of only 500 copies, this is a truly significant print for collectors of aviation art.



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