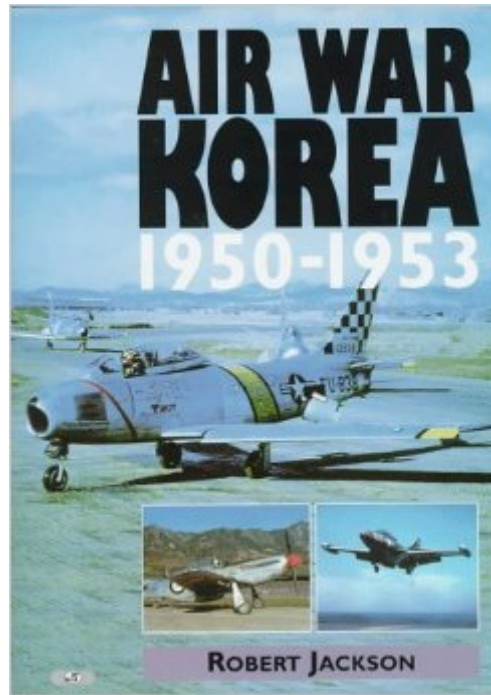


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Synopsis

When eight divisions of North Korean troops slammed through the 38th Parallel on June 25, 1950, it heralded a battle for air superiority of unprecedented scope; it also unleashed a new age of aviation fighting technology. A first generation of jet fighters from the Soviet Union shot it out with America's finest, as Migs and Sabres tussled high in the skies over Asia. Meanwhile, older piston-powered warbirds with roots in World War II duked it out in the contours of the hills below. Robert Jackson captures the story of cold precision that turned 30-year-old-fighter aces from the piston age into a new breed of jet aces.

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This fascinating book tells the story of the planes and pilots who fought for air supremacy over Korea from June 1950 through July 1953. The experiences of early jet-to-jet combat as well as close air support and strategic bombing are told in chronological order and illustrated with dozens of B&W as well as color photographs, including many two page spreads. Some of battle recaps are amazing. Many times 20, 40, 60 or more North Korean/Chinese/Soviet Mig-15s came up to battle F-86s and other "UN" fighters in extended battles over hundreds of square miles. B-29s were attacked by Migs despite jet escorts and there was lots of danger, day and night, from AAA and other ground fire. The USAF was never able to take air supremacy for granted. There are appendixes listing all the "aces" (the only US Navy ace flew a WWII left over F4U Corsair to shoot down North Korean biplanes!), other notable pilots (future astronauts, etc.) and order of battle listing all USAF, US Navy and British Commonwealth units and the planes they flew. The emphasis is fully

on the "UN" side of the war (mostly USAF, but some sections on US Navy and land and carrier based British and Australian units), with virtually no photographs (except gun camera shots) of Communist aircraft and very little about their pilots. Highly recommended to Korean War and aerial combat buffs, veterans and military historians.

Robert Jackson's latest publication on the Korean conflict gives the reader an overview of accounts with regard to the aerial activity which took place over the Korean peninsula during 1950-'53. The original colour photographs give the reader a superb visual content of the various aircraft types used, from L-5 FAC aircraft to the F-86. Would like to see a little more content relating to 77 Sqn. Royal Australian Air Force, as they were part of the USAFs 5th AF in that region, but none the less, a publication worth owning for anyone interested in the Korean air conflict. Is divided into sections: 1950, '51, '52, '53. and excellent reviews of Task Force 77, USN. Hope to see more on the Korean air conflict, a very under-rated and under-researched field.

Having served with the 8th FBG, I found this account of "our" activities to not only help me better understand the "big picture", but brought back many memories of the fine people with whom I served. I've read several accounts of the Korean War and none of them gave the various air forces more than superficial mention. The photos were terrific, also! Thanks to the author and to you for making this available.

This book is the brilliant for military aircraft history collection. High quality issue, a lot of beautiful photos, attractive and informative text, reasonable explanation of historical facts and conditions. I had a wonderful time with this book.

After reading this book, I called Robert Jackson in England to thank him for writing it. It is an outstanding source for air war historians, and Mr. Jackson obviously did his homework! The book is chock full of excellent color photos, and all aspects of the Korean air war are covered, including all NATO forces involved. Appendix III has an excellent listing of the Orders of Battle. Jackson ends the book with some very thought-provoking conclusions. A very well-written, extremely informative book!

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