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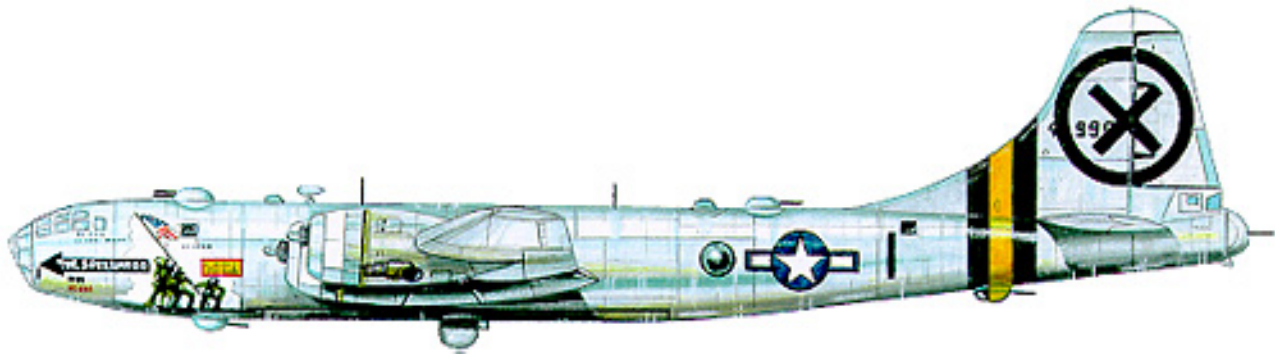
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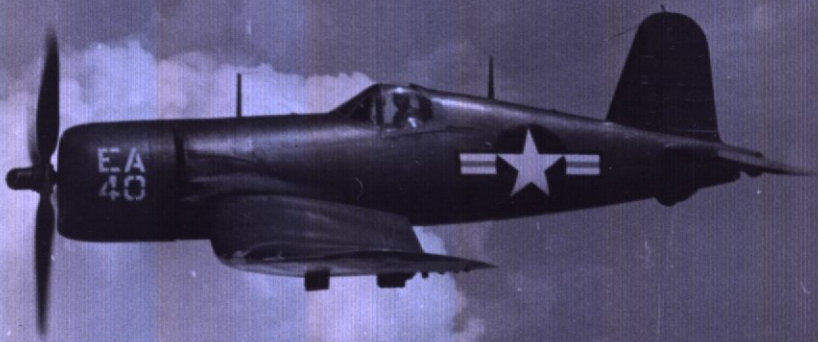






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INTRODUCTIONObject

1. The object of this Report is to describe our experiences and the tactics employed by American F.86s in air combat with Russian Mig.15s in N.W. KOREA. To see what lessons there are to be learned from such combat and the tactics employed, with a view to stimulating thought and suggestions as to how training at Home can benefit or be improved to meet similar air combat in the European theatre should it ever come to that. It will also be the endeavour to discuss in this Report the quality and performance of the human element, and also the many other technical bits and pieces that comprise a modern jet fighter operating in the open under the stress of war.
2. All air tactics must, of course, vary with the set of circumstances prevailing at any given time and place. The tactics described in this Report, however, will necessarily be concerned with those evolved by the U.S.A.F. 4th and 51st Fighter Interceptor Wings to suit the conditions of the Korean campaign. It is probable, however, that the basic principles to be learned from the sub and transonic air fighting in Korea will be equally applicable in Europe or elsewhere for some time to come.

ITINERARY

3. The Central Fighter Establishment team left England on 3rd February and landed at Haneda Airport (TOKYO) on 11th February. After reporting to Headquarters, Far East Air Force (U.S.A.F.), Air Vice Marshal C.A. Bouchier and the Air Advisor at British Embassy in Tokyo, we flew to SEOUL in Korea on 13th February, 1952, and were duly appointed to the two U.S.A.F. Fighter Interceptor Units in Korea for operations as follows:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>U.S.A.F. Commander</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wg Cdr J. BALDWIN } Plt Lt R. KNIGHT }	51st Fighter Interceptor Wing	Col GARRESKI	SUNWON (25 miles S. of SEOUL)
Sqn Ldr W. HARRISON } Plt Lt B.J. SPRAGG }	4th Fighter Interceptor Wing	Col THYNG	KIMPO (W. of SEOUL)

4. Wg Cdr John BALDWIN, DSO, DFC, AFC, was posted missing whilst engaged on an operational mission in N.W. Korea on the 15th March, 1952.
5. The team had to be inoculated and vaccinated again on arrival in Japan, because those completed in England before departure were not recorded on the correct type of international certificate, and consequently not accepted by the authorities in the Far East.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS UPON ARRIVAL IN KOREA

6. Upon arriving at K.14 (KIMPO airfield), Plt Lt SPRAGG and myself reported to the Commander of the USAF 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing (Col THYNG) and then to the Group Commander (Col PRESTON). Both officers welcomed us warmly. Wg Cdr BALDWIN and Plt Lt KNIGHT were similarly warmly received at SUNWON by Col GARRESKI, Commander of the USAF 51st Fighter Interceptor Wing to which they had been assigned.
7. In the 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing Plt Lt SPRAGG was initially assigned to the 334th Fighter Squadron, whilst I was assigned to the 335th Squadron,

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