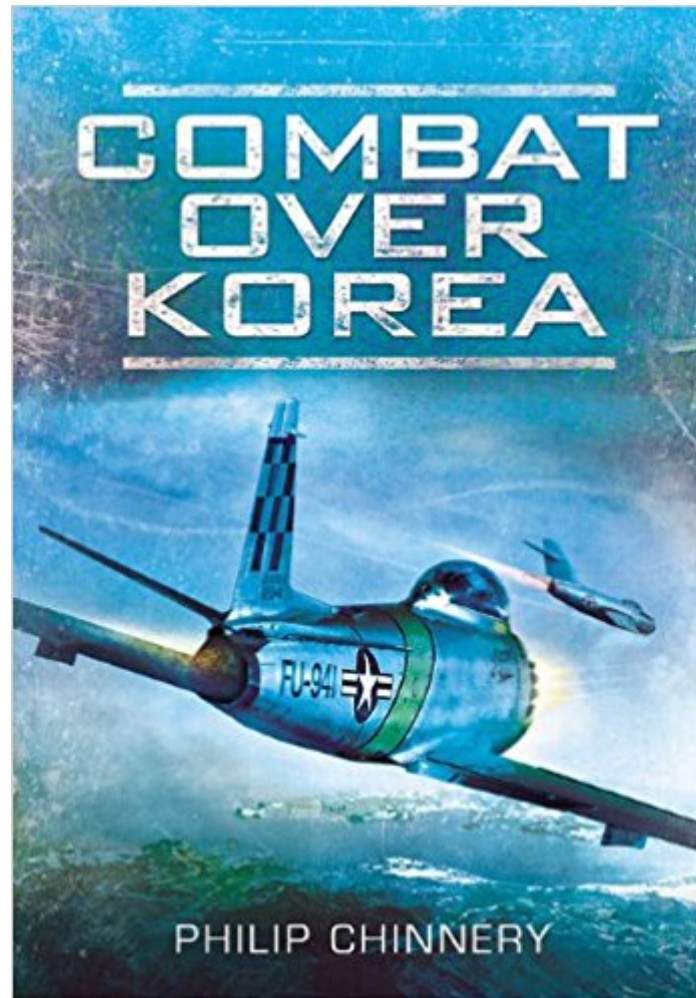




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Combat Over Korea



Synopsis

Combat Over Korea offers a superb selection of thrilling accounts by Allied airmen of their experiences. These include air combat between fighters, a B29 Superfortress bomber ditching in the sea, C-54 cargo plane being attacked by North Korean fighters. We read of the exploits of the 21 Troop Carrier Squadron (The Kyushu Gipsies) who flew into impossibly short strips to rescue thousands of wounded soldiers – they received the Presidential Citation for their feat. Others tell of their hair-raising escapades after being shot down. While a number miraculously avoided capture (often due to the skill of fellow pilots), many were less lucky. Their treatment in captivity was often brutal. Very few escaped but 1st Lieutenant Melvin Shadduck did and he tells his story here, as do others who have remarkable experiences to describe. While it was not until 1955 that the last POWs were released, the Author concludes that there is every possibility that a number were denied freedom forever.

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Customer Reviews

Philip Chinnery is an author and historian.

Combat Over Korea is a compilation of well-written firsthand accounts that detail various missions flown during the Korean War -- many of which went right as well as some that went wrong, even terribly wrong, or ended in 'no decision.' The focus is entirely on the experiences of U.S., Australian and British crews who fought in the Korean skies, although many interesting features of the various aircraft flown and their armaments are also included. Chinnery's writing style makes it seem like you,

the reader, are 'there' with the pilots and crews as they fought the various battles againsts ground and aerial targets...or directed close air support, rescued downed airmen, flew reconaissance, or even dropped leaflets over enemy territory. The final chapter gives firsthand accounts of life as POWs in the custody of North Korea/China/Russia from those who were there and were fortunate enough to (eventually) be repatriated following War's end.

Good

i have not readit yet.i love the F-86 and have a lot on it.when i can afford it i buy anything new.this looked good

Philip Chinnery's COMBAT OVER KOREA is a comprehensive history of the air war waged over North/South Korea from 1950 to 1953. Published by Pen & Sword Books in 2011, it benefits from the inclusion of 30 first-person reminiscences by various Allied aviators who saw combat in Korea. Without preamble, Chinnery jumps right into the action with the North Korean invasion on 25 June 1950. Caught off-guard, America and the Free World rallied to South Korea's defense with units from various nations being hurriedly deployed to the Far East. In time, air action over Korea evolved into a myriad of tasks - CAS, strategic strikes by B-29s, night-time interdiction, photo-recce, MiG battles, SAR, supply, etc. - undertaken by USAF, USN, USMC, British, Australian, Greek and other Allied units. Chinnery covers it all, packing a lot of info into the book's 200 pages. The book features narratives by RAAF P-51 pilots, B-29 gunners, Marine Corps F7F pilots, F-94 ROs, RAAF Meteor pilots, Air Force MiG killers, Marine SAR helo pilots, etc. While not exhaustive nor definitive, COMBAT OVER KOREA is a fresh, comprehensive look at the air war over Korea. Because it's an import, the price tag's \$39.95 but it's worth it. Recommended.

The book was significant to me as I was in Korea innineteen fifty to May nineteen fifty two. I arrived with the 452nd bomb wing assigned to air police squadron, age eighteen with two stripes on my sleeve. I worked in the criminal investigation section. not long after my arrival at k-9 air base I was reassigned to the 1st Shoran Beacon Unit which guided bombers to theirtargets by transmitting shoran beams from several sites in order to triangulate the bomb drop point. I am told that it was accurate enough to knock out bridges In the dark.h berman beacon squadron working wit thenn

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