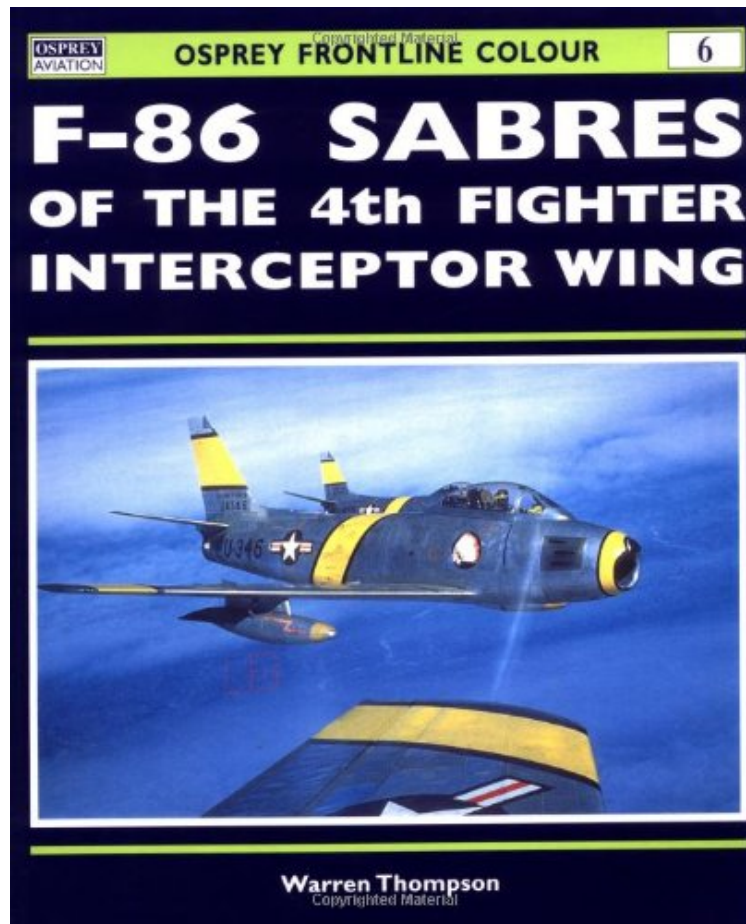


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Korean War. These guys were hell on wheels! Thompson's book, replete with dozens of excellently-reproduced color photographs, benefits from the inclusion of lengthy and quite interesting reminiscences from various pilots including Bruce Hinton, Bill Littlefield, James Johnson, Drury Callahan, Albert Smiley and others. In terms of visual imagery and 'straight-from-the-source' info, this book can't be beat. It's a shame Osprey pulled the plug on this series before it ran its course. The other volumes in the series - covering F-51s, F-84s, F-80s, B-26s and F-86 fighter-bomber ops - are as well done and interesting as F-86 SABRES OF THE 4TH FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR WING. Pick up copies where you can find them; you won't regret it!

The 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing (FIW) was sent to Korea in December 1950 expressly to deal with the threat posed by the all-new MiG-15 fighter that had made its combat debut the previous month. It remained the sole Sabre wing in theatre for a full year, its pilots tangling with Russian-flown MiGs up over the Yalu River on a near-daily basis. Through sheer skill and superior machinery, the 14th FIW prevailed and the skies over North Korea remained in UN control. This book includes numerous photos of aces and their aircrafts, as well as extensive first-hand accounts.

From the Publisher These histories of classic military aircraft showcase the best in privately owned contemporary photography, supported by scale drawings, cutaways, comprehensive text and a wealth of first hand accounts. About the Author Warren Thompson has been an avid military aviation historian and editor for over 40 years and his personal reference collection includes thousands of photos and detailed interviews with over 2,000 pilots and aircrew members. He has had 25 books published including three books on the Korean War for Osprey. His book Korean War Aces in the Aircraft of the Aces series was a bestseller.