

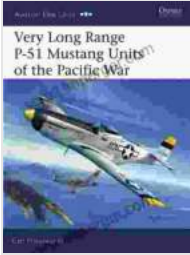
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The 51st Fighter Wing was one of the most successful and decorated fighter wings in the United States Army Air Forces during World War II. The wing was activated in 1943 and flew the P-51 Mustang fighter aircraft. The 51st Fighter Wing was assigned to the Pacific Theater of Operations and participated in some of the most important battles of the war, including the Battle of Guadalcanal, the Battle of the Philippine Sea, and the Battle of Okinawa.

History

The 51st Fighter Wing was activated on 1 March 1943 at Hamilton Field, California. The wing was originally equipped with the P-40 Warhawk fighter aircraft. In July 1943, the wing was re-equipped with the P-51 Mustang fighter aircraft. The 51st Fighter Wing deployed to the Pacific Theater of Operations in September 1943 and was assigned to the Seventh Air Force.

The 51st Fighter Wing first saw combat in the Battle of Guadalcanal. The wing flew escort missions for bombers and ground attack missions against Japanese forces. The 51st Fighter Wing also participated in the Battle of the Philippine Sea and the Battle of Okinawa. In addition to its combat missions, the 51st Fighter Wing also flew long-range escort missions for B-29 Superfortress bombers that were attacking targets in Japan.

Operations

The 51st Fighter Wing was a very long range fighter unit. The wing's Mustangs were equipped with extra fuel tanks that allowed them to fly up to 1,500 miles without refueling. This gave the 51st Fighter Wing the ability to escort bombers on long-range missions deep into Japanese territory.

The 51st Fighter Wing was also a very effective fighter unit. The wing's pilots were highly skilled and experienced. The 51st Fighter Wing claimed over 1,000 Japanese aircraft destroyed in air-to-air combat. The wing also destroyed a large number of Japanese ships and ground targets.

Legacy

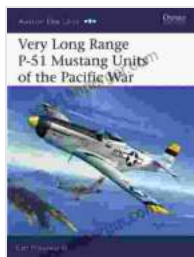
The 51st Fighter Wing was one of the most successful and decorated fighter wings in the United States Army Air Forces during World War II. The wing's pilots were highly skilled and experienced, and they flew some of the most important missions of the war. The 51st Fighter Wing's legacy continues today, as the wing is still active in the United States Air Force.

Very Long Range 51 Mustang Units Of The Pacific War: Aviation Elite Units 21 is a comprehensive and engaging account of the history and operations of the 51st Fighter Wing during World War II. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in aviation history, military history, or the Pacific War.

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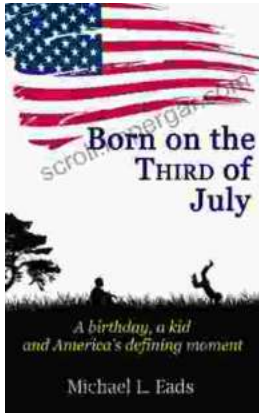
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