

FIGHTING ACES OF WAR SKIES

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CAPTAIN WINGS
AND THE
HELL-DIVER SQUADRON
BLAST DOWN TONS OF VENGEANCE
ON THE JAP RAIDERS' SECRET BASE

IN
"MESSENGERS
OF DOOM"

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THE DEATH OF A HERO
A TRUE LIFE STORY OF
"SCARSDALE JACK" NEWKIRK
HE SOARED TO FINAL GLORY
LEADING THE FIGHT FOR
FREEDOM IN BURMA SKIES

ALSO

"THE FLYING TIGER"
A ROARING AIR-WAR YARN
by CAPT. DEREK WEST

DEDICATED TO AMERICAN FLYING
MEN WHO ARE CARRYING THE
STARS AND STRIPES TO THE SKY
SO THAT FREEDOM MAY PREVAIL

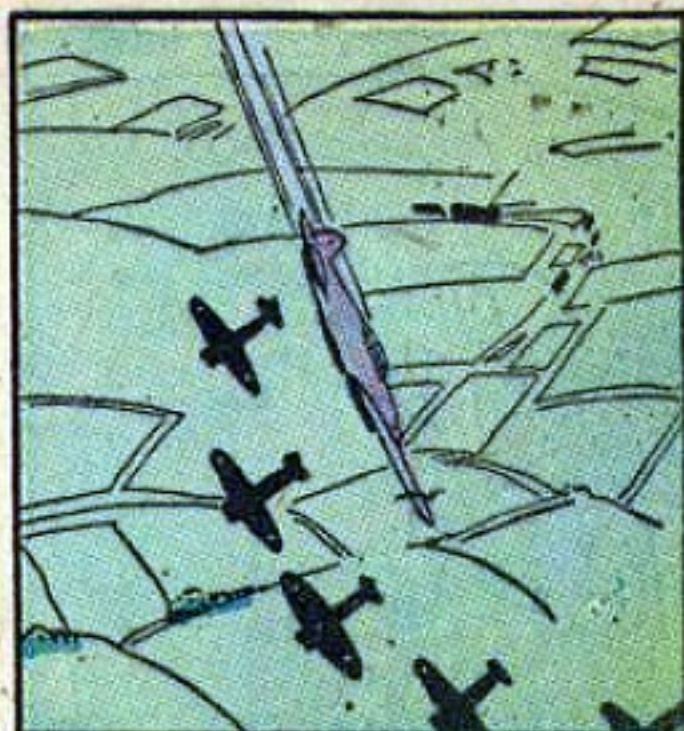
YANK ACES

OF WORLD WAR 2
"SCARSDALE
JACK" NEWKIRK

WITH RUTHLESS COURAGE AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS SCOUR THE SKIES FROM CHUNGKING TO MANDALAY... ACE OF THESE FLYING TIGERS, SCARSDALE JACK WAS POISON FOR THE JAPS...



Yankee pilots in P-40 pursuit ships reap a grim toll as Jap bombing squadrons drop death on defenseless Burmese cities.



Often outnumbered 20 to 1 the Flying Tigers slash fearlessly through enemy formations and lose only a few of their ships.



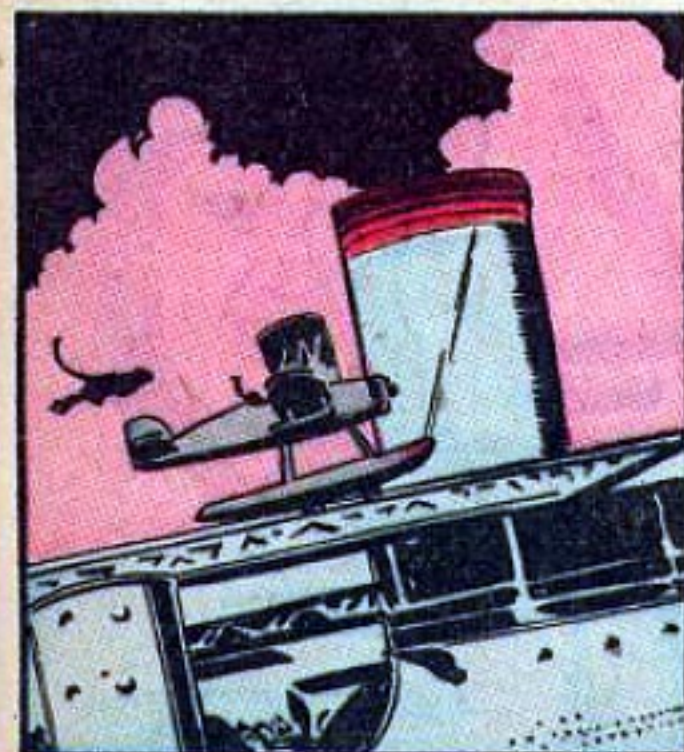
Only when their guns or fuel tanks are empty do they allow their foe to escape. Then they return to hidden jungle bases.



John Newkirk of Scarsdale, N. Y., is among U. S. Navy fliers to join the unit. Bagging several Japs he becomes squadron leader.



Years before as a choir boy he dreads the nickname, Sissy. But at ten he shoots a sheriff and later wins medals as a marksman.



Winning his wings at Pensacola, Florida, Jack gets expert training in combat tactics—is eager for a crack at real fighting.



Later in San Francisco his bride of a few days bids him luck as he sails for China. "This is like a vacation," he reassures her.



Jack's P-40 bears Chinese Air Force insignia and tiger jawed cowling. And his air cannon bears death for Jap bombers.



In less than a year after he joined the Flying Tigers he is decorated with the British Distinguished Service Order.



Japs who escape Newkirk's guns return with tales of his suicidal assaults against their heavy bomber formations.



Out for revenge a Jap fighter squadron gangs up on Newkirk. He rips into them, scoring his 26th enemy ship. The rest flee.



Warned by the loss of several buddies he gives a pal his briar pipe. "A souvenir, just in case they get me," he says.



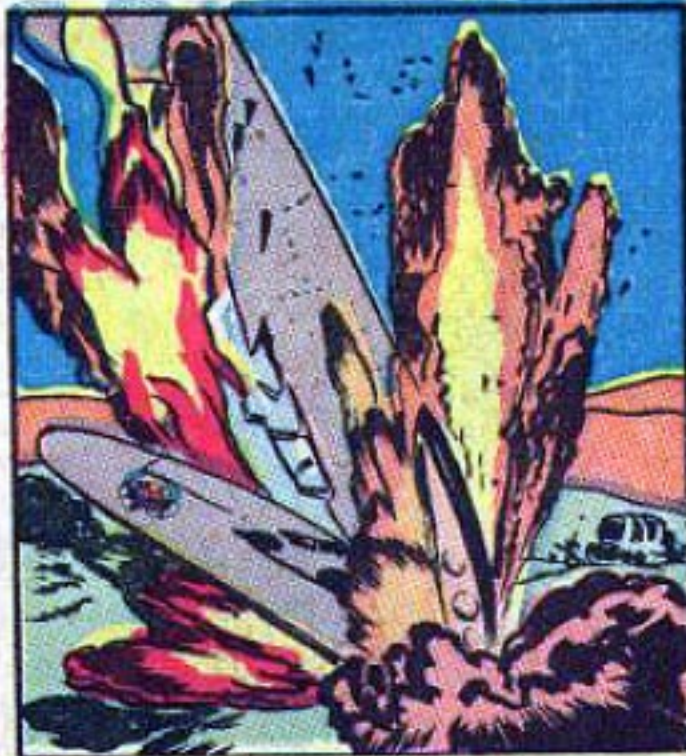
One dawn he leads his squadron in a surprise raid on an enemy base, gunning the Jap pilots as they run out for their planes.



Newkirk and his men pour 3,500 rounds into their grounded foe, killing the Jap crews and destroying a total of 40 planes.



Hidden near the field an anti-aircraft gun hurls death at the low-flying Yanks. Jack dives fearlessly on the enemy gun.



Newkirk's number is up. Horror grips his men as the Jap gunner sends their ace to his death at the end of his daring dive.



Jack Newkirk's dauntless blows against the Japs blaze a new trail of victory for America's air fighters in the Orient.