

or front-line pilots, are still alive. To bridge this gap and emphasise the human aspects of the Boomerang story, the book includes contemporary first-hand accounts, including reports from pilots returning from operational missions and casualty reports. We must remember that the pilots were young men, mostly in their twenties, who frequently lost their lives when aircraft failed to return. Placing this human cost on the record is the most important part of any book about military aviation, including this one.

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