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Families of **ALTERED WARS** by Ted Nomura

Well, after a little more than 11 years and nearly 1800 pages, including about 250 pages of Luftwaffe: 1946 episodes (not counting reprints and special issues), Families of Altered Wars has reached its 50th issue! For those who expected to see Part 3 of the "Projekt Saucer" story, my apologies. I've been so busy trying to catch up with my work that I didn't even realize until after the advance information was sent to the distributors. So I'm taking this opportunity to review the first 50 issues, especially for the benefit of those readers who are unaware of the earlier Tigers of Terra episodes, so you can get a better picture of what this complex Families of Altered Wars saga is all about. The "Projekt Saucer" episode will resume next issue.

The whole concept of this story started in the early 1970s, when I quit reading American comics after entering junior high. (Also, the regular price for comics had gone up from 12¢ to 15¢!) I had other, more interesting activities, like motorcycling and then dating girls, but I still watched movies and read some Japanese comics during my spare time. War comics weren't as popular during the late Vietnam and post-Nam era, and I might have given up on war stories altogether if it weren't for great movies like A Bridge Too Far and Reiji Matsumoto's The Cockpit comic series.

When I was assigned to the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing at Kunsan Air Base in Korea during 1981-82, I had a lot of time to think, and one thought I had was to combine all my war story ideas into a single plot. Most of the ideas I had created in the 1970s, like "Angels of the Luftwaffe," "Roses of the Red Phoenix," "Tigers of Burma" and "Black Eagles of Steel," were already pretty well developed, but by the 1980s, thanks to Star Wars, sci-fi combat was more popular, so I expanded the story to include the future. After receiving encouragement from my friend Kevin Harris to create my own comics (something I had never considered until I met him), I started to develop a format, eventually evolving from the original title of "Chronicle of Altered Worlds" to "Families of Altered Wars" or just simply "Altered Wars." For the first series, I had a choice between World War II: 1946 or Tigers of Terra. Since sci-fi was still popular, I chose the latter, but WWII was my favorite subject, so I kept that as my primary focus. Reference was no problem, since I already had over 3000 pages of art and comics that I had drawn since the late 60s, but keeping the stories together was a little tricky.

After much self-instruction, I finally released my first issue in November, 1986, naively thinking that I could finish the story in 5 years, then move on to the next title. Little did I know or expect that I'd be facing events that would affect my scheduling (aside from my learning the hard way about the comics business), like Desert Storm and a family health crisis. Thanks to Ben Dunn, I was able to continue my story, which evolved into Luftwaffe: 1946. I'm right back where I started!

For my dedicated readers who have been following the story since the Tigers of Terra days, you all know that I still have many questions that need to be answered. I'm beginning to answer some of them in Luftwaffe: 1946 and eventually plan to finish them off when I return to Tigers of Terra. I hope I live long enough, because I've only told about one-quarter of the whole story!

Families of Altered Wars is a story of families that changed history spanning 150 years, from 1895-2045. It starts from the Reina Sabre character of 1895 and ends with the Reina (Siddleley) Sabre character of 2045. Between those two points, there's a lot of war stories to tell!

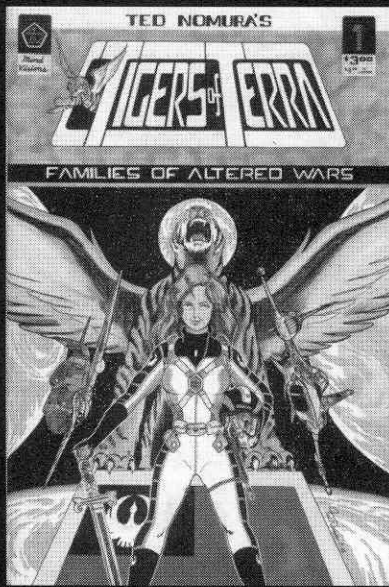
—Ted Nomura
December, 1997



Her ancestors fought in the World Wars and changed history as we know it. A century later, her children fight the Planet Wars that were never meant to be.

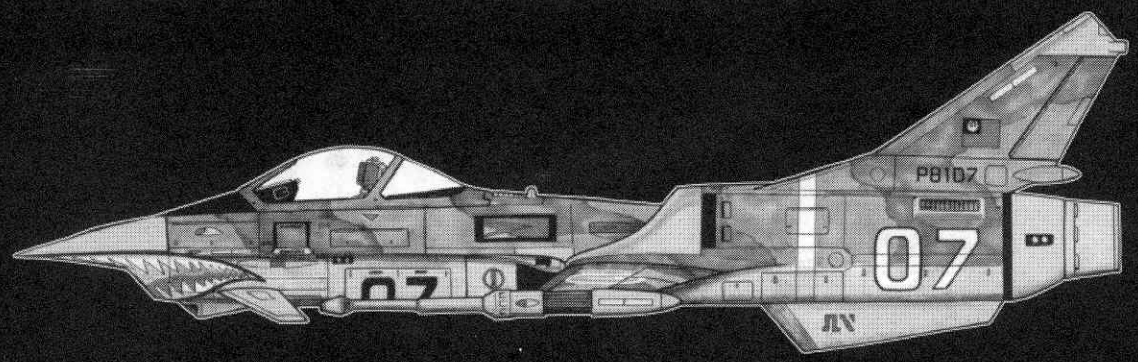
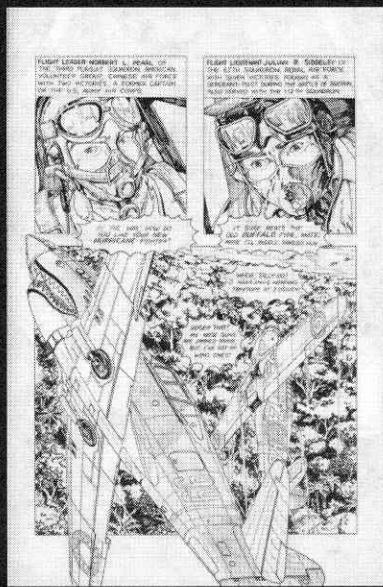
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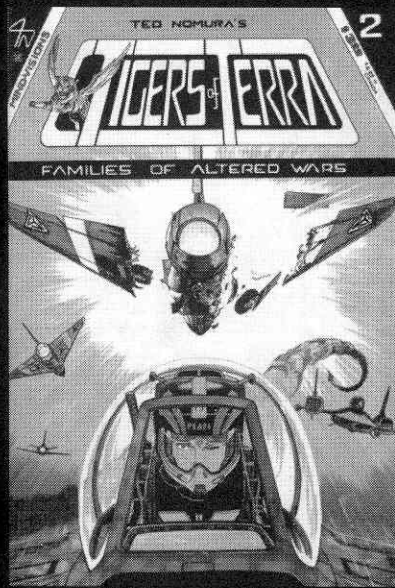


Tigers of Terra Vol. 1, #1
 Families of Altered Wars #1
 (November, 1986)

The first issue starts with a scene in Burma in December, 1941, with Flying Tigers P-40s and RAF Hurricane fighters engaging Nakajima Ki-27Bs. Then the main scene turns to August, 2039, when SF400C2 Tigerhawk fighters of the newly formed EVG (Earth Volunteer Group) are in combat. This issue also introduces the MiG-29 in action.

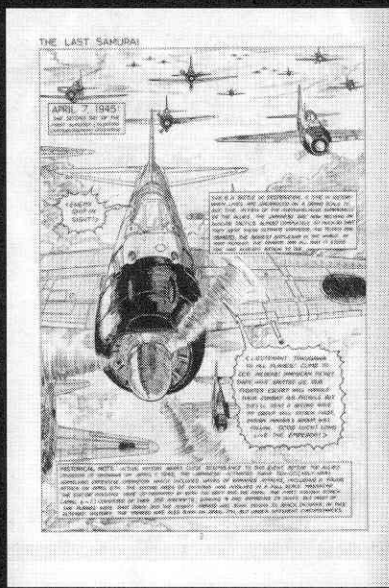


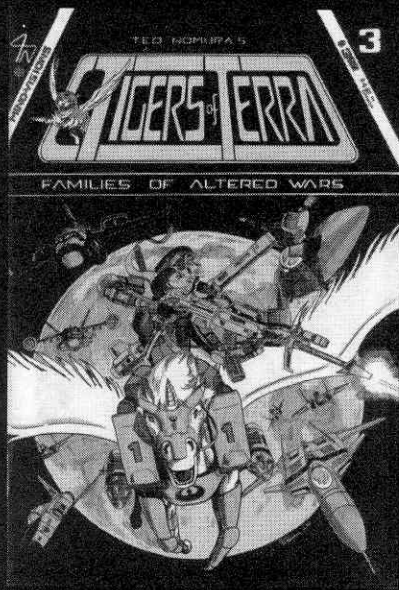
Arumon-Condorcet SF400C2 Tigerhawk flown by Lieutenant **Reina Siddeley** of the White Tiger Squadron, Earth Volunteer Group, Terran Air Force, on August 27, 2039.



Tigers of Terra Vol. 1, #2
 Families of Altered Wars #2
 (April, 1987)

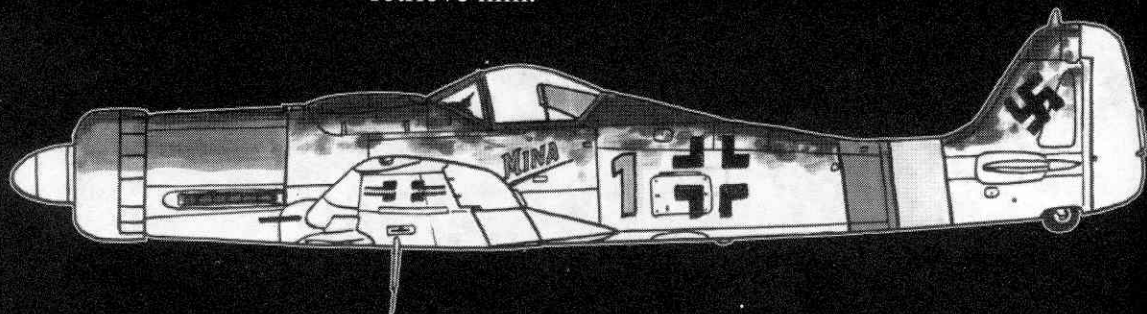
Begins with a scene over Okinawa in April, 1945, when Zeros of the Kikusui Kamikaze Group fight off swarms of Hellcats from the USS Enterprise's CAPs (Combat Air Patrols). In the main story, Lt. Siddeley survives a head-on attack with an enemy cruiser, only to have Major J.J. Condorcet IV visit the base and volunteer for a combat mission.



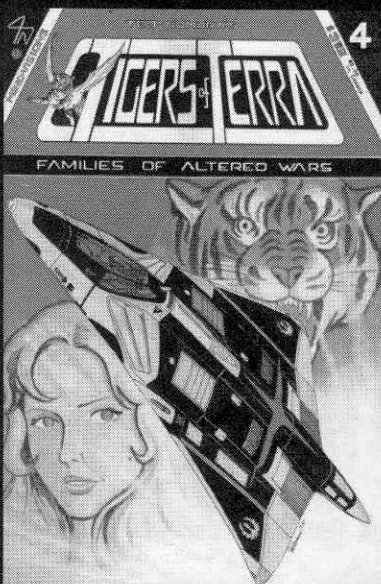


Tigers of Terra Vol. 1, #3
 Families of Altered Wars #3
 (August, 1987)

This issue starts with a story of the “Roses of the Red Phoenix” (Night Witches), the all-female Soviet 588th Night Bomber Regiment, dropping bombs over a German column near River Don in July, 1942. In the main story, Maj. Condorcet has been shot down over enemy territory and one pilot has already been killed in a rescue attempt. Unknown to the EVG, the Special Forces are already being formed to retrieve him.



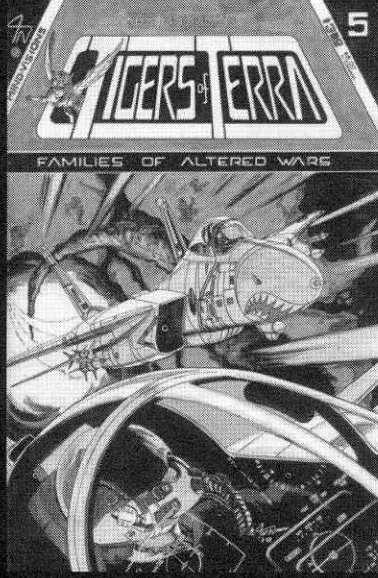
Fw-190D-9 flown by Captain **Gustav Adler** of Stab./JG8, August 27, 1945.



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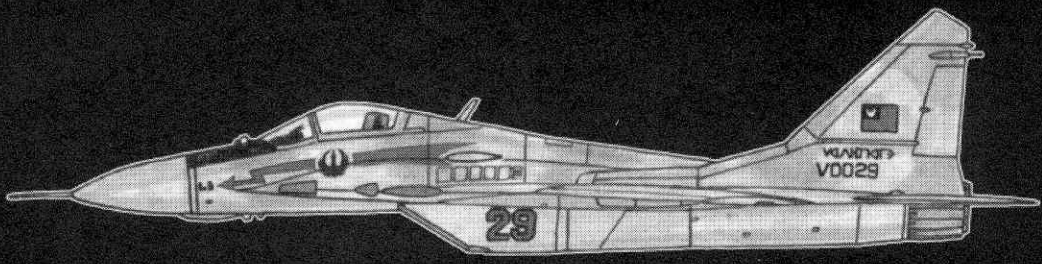
This issue first introduces the “Angels of the Luftwaffe,” which would later become part of the *Luftwaffe: 1946* series. Captain Dora Oberlicht fights the P-47 fighters that are trying to protect the B-24s being challenged by the Me-262 squadron led by Maj. Ritter. In the main story, the EVG fights off increasing enemy fighter presence while a new squadron of F-14 “Wolf Packs” arrives on base.



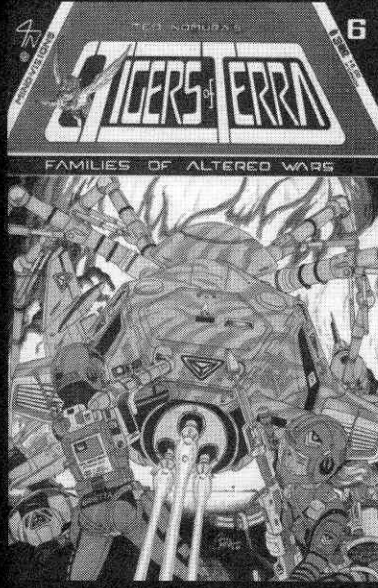


5 *Tigers of Terra* Vol. 1, #5
 Families of Altered Wars #5
 (April, 1988)

This issue begins with the first all-female crewed nuclear carrier, the USS Caspar Weinberger (CVN-75), being put into action in the Mediterranean Sea in December, 1996. In the main story, Maj. Condorcet discovers a secret enemy base while the EVG and Special Forces launch a large rescue force. Meanwhile, in space, the giant space battleship IMS Musashi, built by the Confederated Martian government, is introduced.



Procella SF-29 (MiG-29) flown by Lieutenant **Katerina Yakovelev** of the Earth Volunteer Group, Terran Air Force, August 28, 2039.



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 Families of Altered Wars #6
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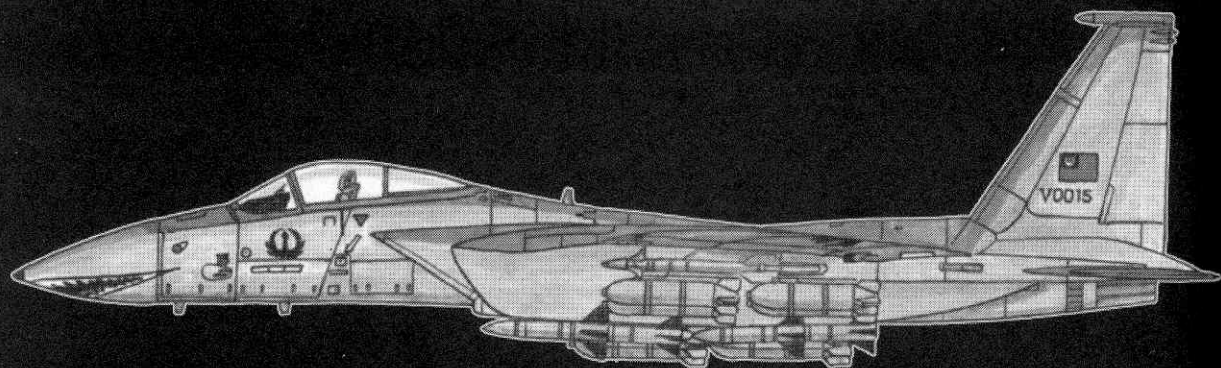
In a “Seven Keys of Damnation” preview, UN forces are attacking a renegade Chinese ICBM base in May, 2018. Converted supersonic B-1As carrying lifting-body fighters are also shown. In the main story, the rescue forces are met with resistance, and a large air battle occurs. Rookie pilot Ensign Terri Curtiss, flying an old F-20 Tigershark fighter, is shot down by an enemy ace.





Tigers of Terra Vol. 1, #7
 Families of Altered Wars #7
 (January, 1989)

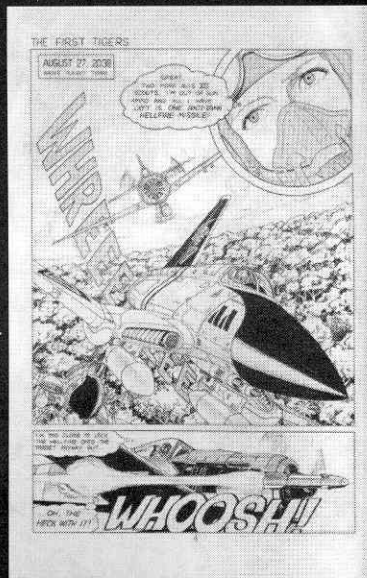
Over France on May 7, 1917, Oberleutnant Luther Adler and Leutnant Wolfgang Ritter of the Jasta 2b Flying Albatross DIIs witness Flight Sub-Lieutenant Tyrus Siddeley of the RNAS No. 8 Squadron flying a Sopwith Triplane and shooting down what appears to be another DIII flown by Hermann Göring. In the main story, after an intense battle, Maj. Condorcet is rescued, only to stir up bigger trouble.

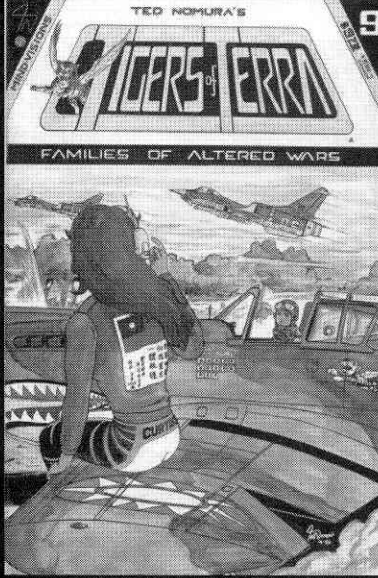


Pirata SF-15II (F-15A) flown by Lieutenant **Sharon Neshor** of the Earth Volunteer Group, Terran Air Force, August 29, 2039.

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 Families of Altered Wars #8
 (August, 1989)

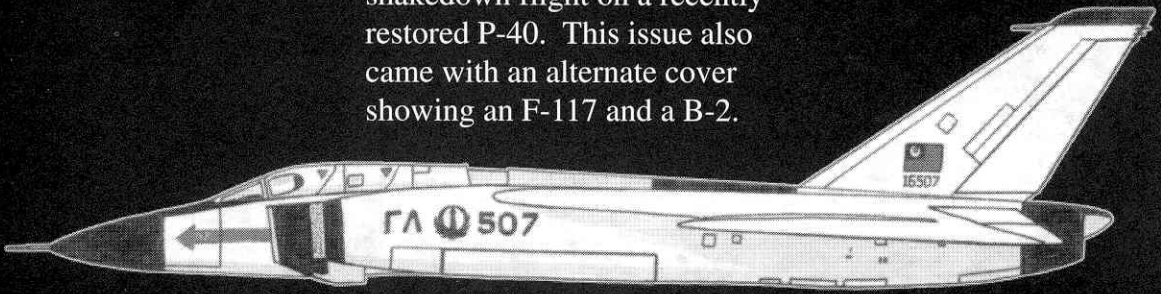
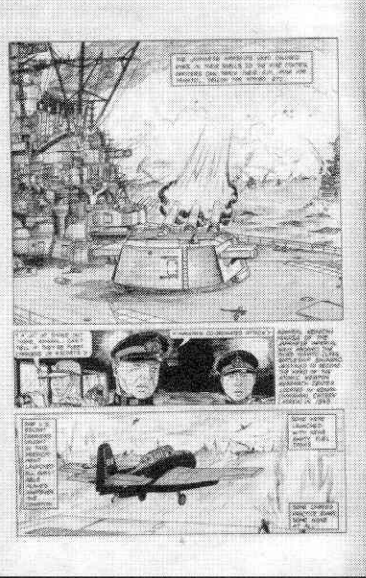
In this altered universe, the famous Canadian Avro CF-105 Arrow II (RL25206) makes its maiden flight on March 25, 1958, and is placed in full production two years later. There is also a scene showing the pilots of the Interplanetary Squadron flying AV-8Bs, TSR-2s, and WWII vintage Fw-190A-8s in August, 2038. In the main story, the EVG takes a small breather while the enemy forces of the Viragonian Empire prepare for a full invasion.





9 *Tigers of Terra* Vol. 1, #9
 Families of Altered Wars #9
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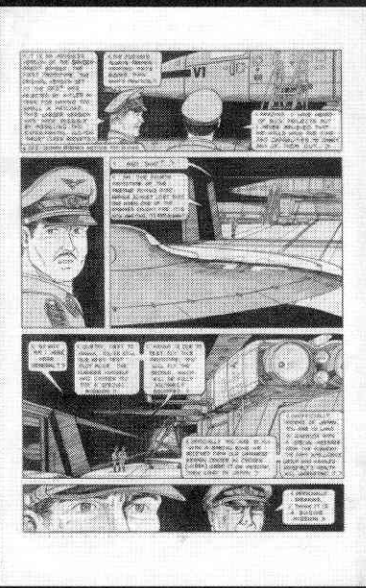
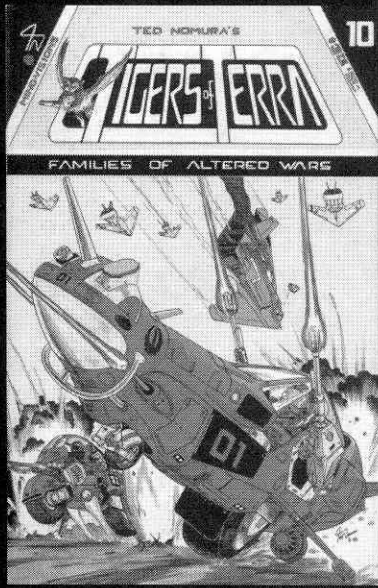
On October 25, 1944, near the Leyte Gulf, the Japanese Navy, lead by three Yamato-class battleships, engages the U.S. forces and changes the balance of power. On October 29, 1982, a modified F-117 (A-11) lands on the carrier USS Enterprise to prepare for a covert mission. Also, a squadron of B-70s is shown in action. In the main story, the enemy forces strike on September 1, 2039 while EVG leader Captain Pearl is making a shakedown flight on a recently restored P-40. This issue also came with an alternate cover showing an F-117 and a B-2.



Sagitta SF-105 (CF-105) flown by Lieutenant **Reina Siddeley** and Captain **Noelani Pearl Vought** of the Earth Volunteer Group, Terran Air Force, August 30, 2039.

Tigers of Terra Vol. 1, #10
 Families of Altered Wars #10
 (December, 1990)

Shades of Luftwaffe: 1946... on August 15, 1946, Air Marshal Wolfgang Ritter shows Major Adler the first prototype of the larger Sanger spacebomber. In Area 51, 36 years later, the 4th prototype of the Mieth flying saucer is revealed, and in space, a further 19 years later, a space probe discovers the same Sanger bomber orbiting the newly discovered "counter-Earth". In the main story, the EVG fights for survival while Earth debates whether to send more reinforcements.

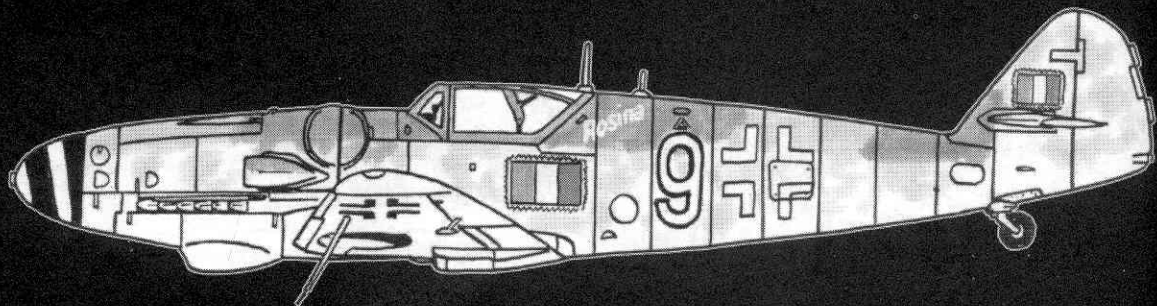




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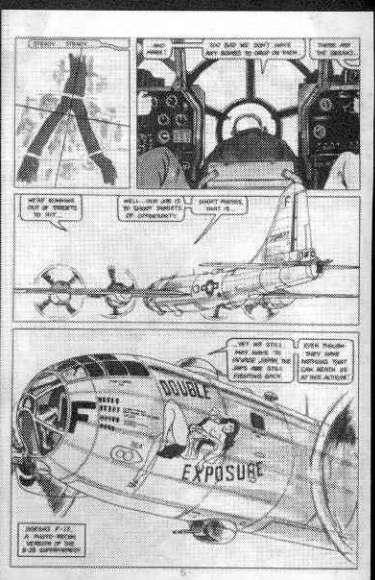
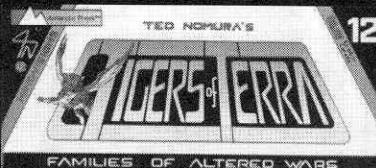
First A.P.-published issue. In Italy on November 7, 1944, the superheavy "Maus" tank makes early deployment while P-51Bs flown by the "Tuskegee Airmen" engage Bf-109Gs, flown by Italian pilots, and the new Me-262s. (Part of this scene was revised and reprinted in *Luftwaffe: 1946* Vol. 2, #4.) In the main story, after being shot down, Reina Siddeley discovers and inspects the long-lost Earth ship flown by her grandparents in 1999.



Bf-109G-14 flown by Sergente **Saberio Chavalier** of 3a Squadriglia Ilo Gruppo Caccia at Aviano Air Base, November. 7, 1944.

Tigers of Terra Vol. 1, #12
Families of Altered Wars #12
(July, 1993)

The final issue of the original series, printed in 48-page format, this is also the first issue with a computer-colored cover (color by Pat Duke). On August 6, 1945, a lone B-29 approaches the city of Hiroshima. But in this universe, it's a photo-recon F-13 version, not the atomic-bomb-carrying Enola Gay, now facing a captured B-29 converted into a gunship flown by a Japanese crew. In the main story, EVG members barely make their escape while the Viragonian queen reveals the frozen body of Adolf Hitler.





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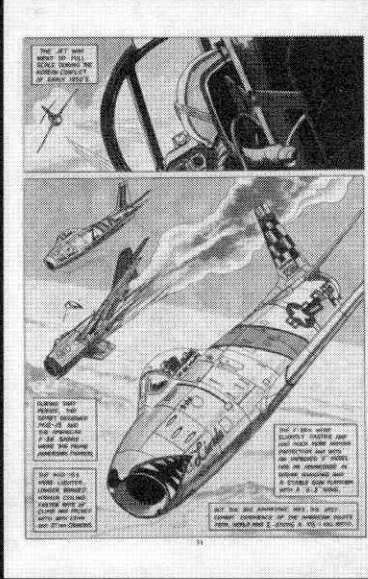
Tigers of Terra Vol. 2, #0
Families of Altered Wars #13
(August, 1993)



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shows the evolution of air combat in the 20th century compared to the sortie flown by EVG pilots in the future. Many aircraft, such as the Fokker Dr.1, SPAD VII, I-16, F-86, MiG-17, F-4E and Sea Harrier, are shown in action.

Unlucky #13. This issue was originally intended to be the first all-color special, with the issue number to be Vol. 1, #0, but was unable to get enough orders in time, and was thus reluctantly published in black-and-white. (Ben later felt it should've been done in color anyway, but at the time it was coming in on top of the costs for *Albedo*.) This issue



Fokker Dr.1 (Fok. 425/17) flown by
Rittmeister **Mandred von Richthofen**,
Führer of JG1, in France, May, 1918.

Tigers of Terra Vol. 2, #1
Families of Altered Wars #14
(November, 1993)

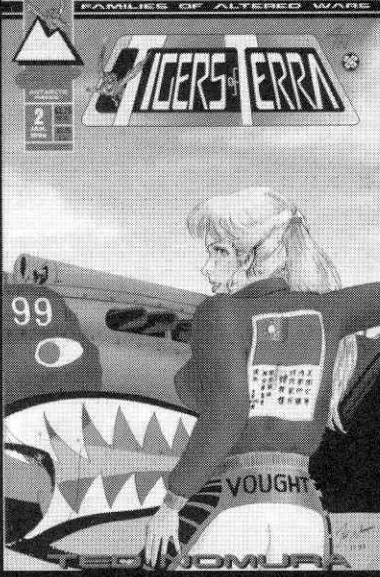
This issue shows the beginning of the "Altered Wars" family tree in the Tunguska region of Siberia, Imperial Russia, on August 27, 1895, when Margareina (Reina) Sabre is born. Back in the future, it's now October 2, 2039, and the EVG establishes a new base. Lt. Siddeley returns to the lost ship site, only to discover that the ship has disappeared. Also includes the first "Comrade Birdboy" short story. The cover was originally intended to be white with my Japanese name in red, but became a tan name on a black-to-purple fade due to an oversight.

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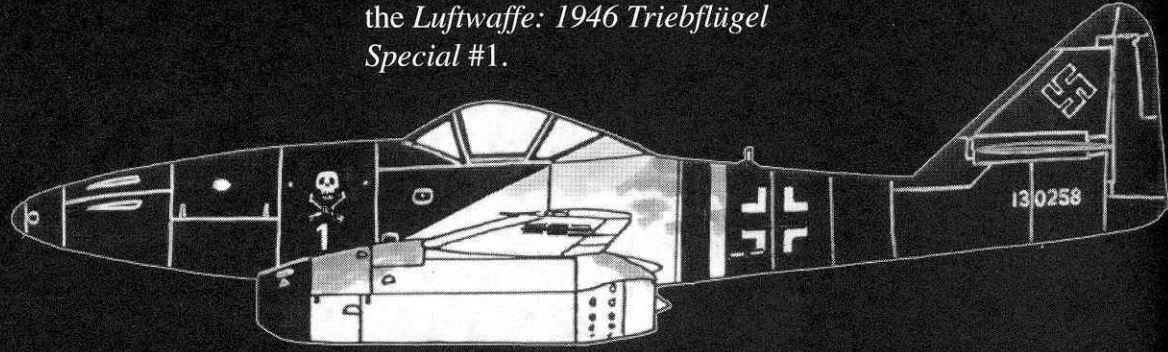
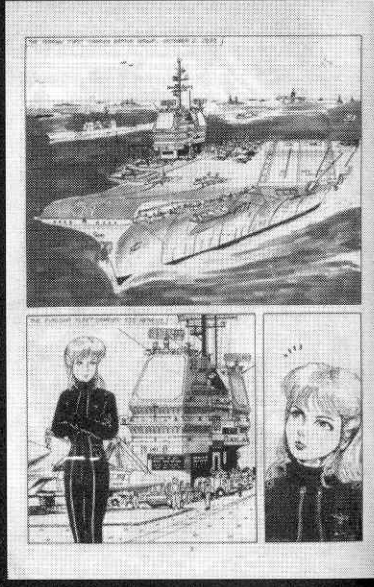
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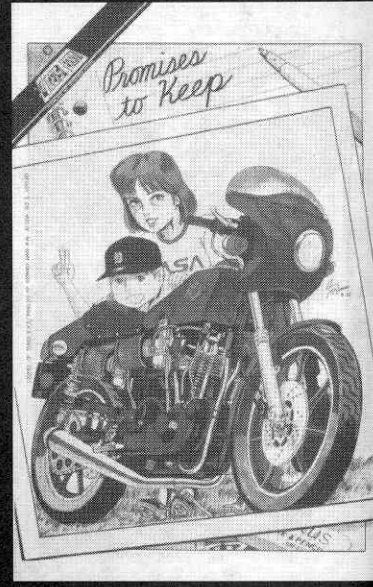
On October 2, 2039, Captain Vought recruits Focke-Wulf restoration expert B.M. Wulf to assist her in recovering her valuable P-40, which is still hidden at her former base, now overrun by the enemy. They succeed in flying both the P-40 and an Fw-190A away under heavy fire, and later engage enemy fighters. This issue also includes part 1 of the "Triebflügel" story, which was later revised and combined into the *Luftwaffe: 1946 Triebflügel Special* #1.



Me-262A-1 flown by Major Erik Brunswick of Kommando Brunswick, November, 1944.

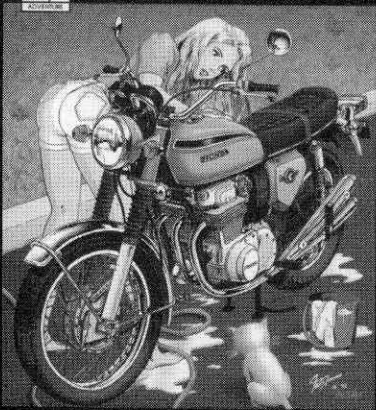
Tigers of Terra Vol. 2, #3
 Families of Altered Wars #16
 (February, 1994)

Although unrelated to the main aviation subject, this is one of my favorite issues. It focuses on the character development of the two main EVG characters, maintenance supervisor Chief Boris Konig and Ensign Terri Curtiss. On June 6, 1999, in Houston, Texas, young Konig befriends a motorcycle-riding girl who becomes his "big sister" and learns valuable baseball skills from her that help him win the friends that he needs, only to discover later that she has died in space.

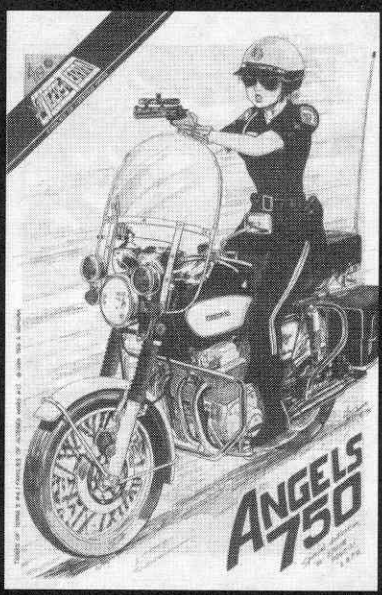




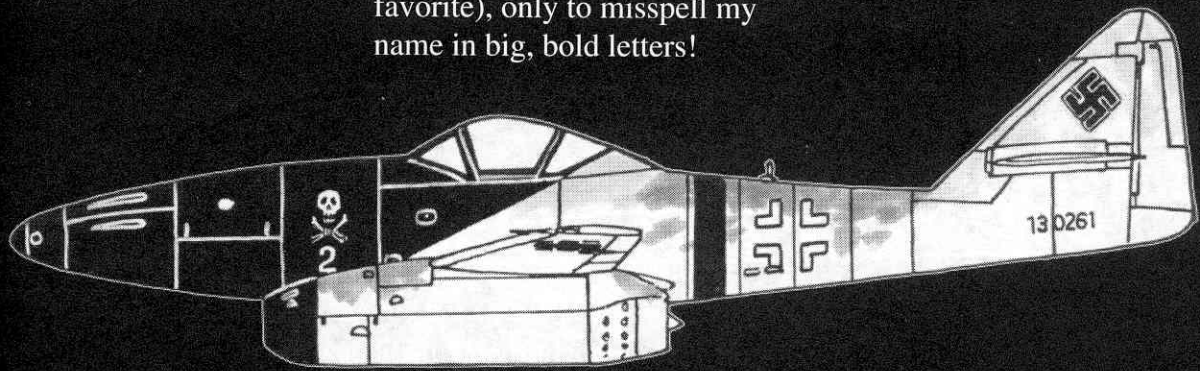
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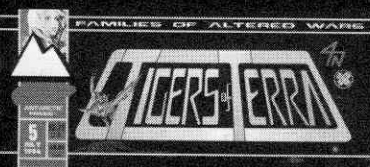
Another motorcycle-related family tree story, this time focusing on Los Angeles, California on June 4, 1994, when LAPD motorcycle officer Deanna Pearl confronts armed criminals on a busy freeway. This Deanna Pearl is the same person who appears at the end of each *Luftwaffe: 1946* episode. The ironic part of this issue is that colorist Pat Duke did a masterful job on the cover (one of my most favorite), only to misspell my name in big, bold letters!



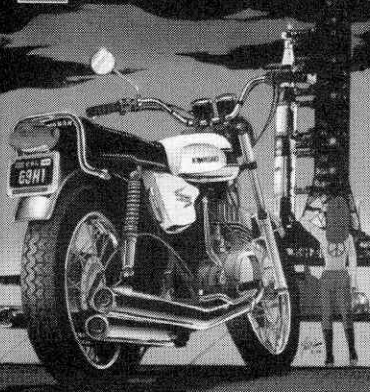
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Me 262A-1 flown by Leutnant **Bruno Engel** of Kommando Brunswick, November, 1944.



Tigers of Terra Vol. 2, #5
Families of Altered Wars #18
(July, 1994)



In the last of the three-part motorcycle story, Officer Pearl faces death fighting the criminals, then later attends her USAF Reserves duty flying a KC-135 tanker, only to face more gun-carrying criminals, this time in mid-air! Also, the conclusion of the 4-part "Triebflügel".

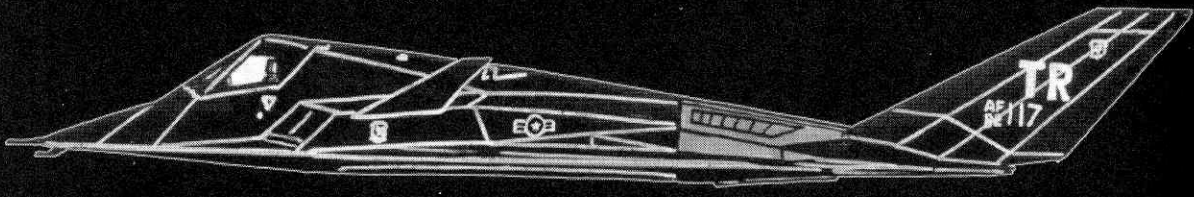
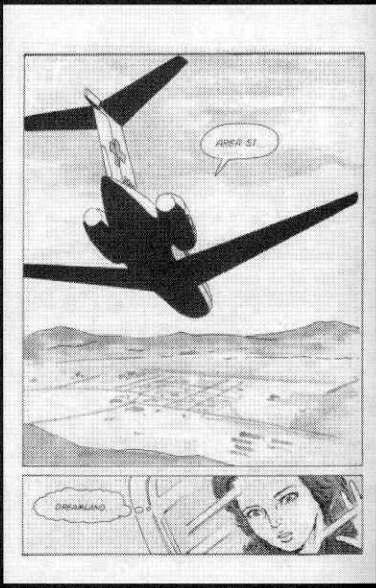
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Tigers of Terra Vol. 2, #6
 Families of Altered Wars #19
 (September, 1994)

A special issue influenced by and dedicated to actress Deanna Lund of the *Land of the Giants* sci-fi TV series. On August 27, 1994, young Boris Konig's mother, Valerie, gets a special assignment to meet a C-9 Nightingale crew on September 2nd to fly to pick up an "article" in Area 51. Much to young Boris' dismay, his mother and the entire crew of the *Spindrift II* disappear without a trace on June 12, 2003. This issue also includes a small spoof on *The X-Files*.



A-11A flown by Major **Christopher Hawker** of the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing, USAF, January, 1991.

Tigers of Terra Vol. 2, #7
 Families of Altered Wars #20
 (December, 1994)

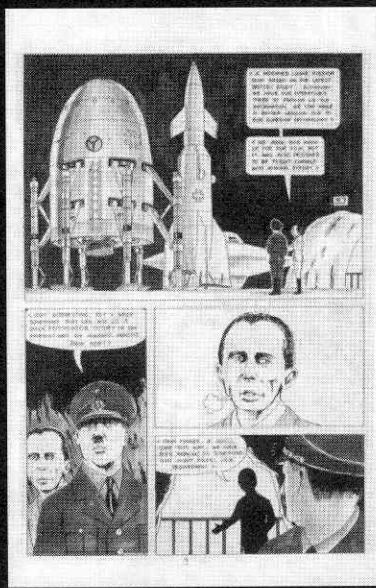
Another family tree story, this time set in 1967. In Vietnam, young Specialist Malcolm Maldini, who in 1990 will become the first African-American astronaut to land on the Moon, fights for his life as a gunner on an OH-6 flown by Captain Jeb Condorcet. Meanwhile, three junior-high kids, using their rich families' funds, prepare to launch a manned rocket from Zaire to beat the Americans and Russians to the Moon as a publicity stunt! Cover coloring beautifully done by Joe Wight.



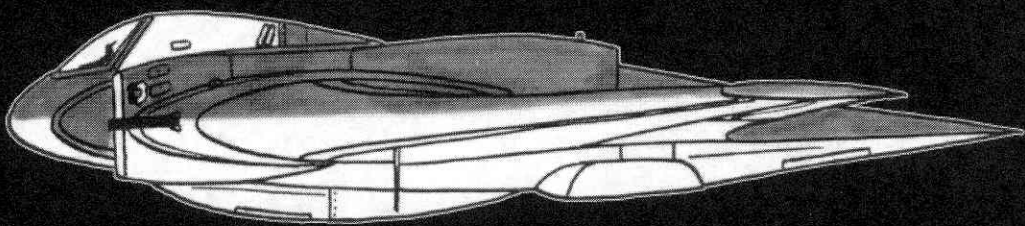


Tigers of Terra Vol. 2, #8
 Families of Altered Wars #21
 (January, 1995)

In the "Projekt: Mars" episode, Joseph Goebbels shows Hitler his latest film clip, a fictional trip to Mars, in October of 1945. His ultimate goal is to create a masterpiece propaganda to make the Allies think that the Nazis are really planning to send men to the Moon and Mars to claim them. But Hitler is more interested in another



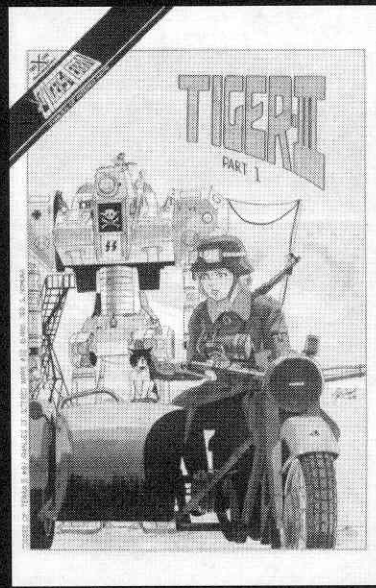
psychological bluff, a giant robot code-named "Tiger III". This issue was meant as a prelude to the "Angels of the Luftwaffe" miniseries I was planning. But I met some unexpected resistance from A.P. itself, so I shelved the idea...temporarily.

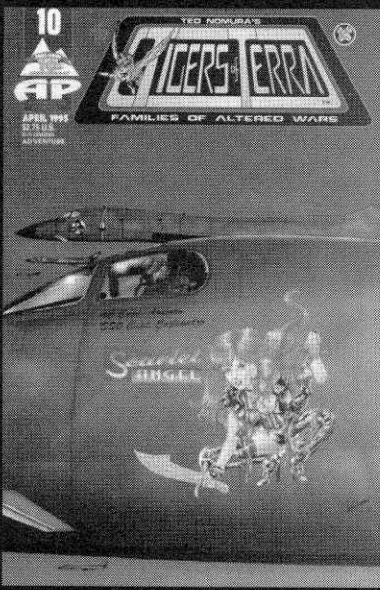


Ho-229A-1 flown by Captain **Dora Oberlicht** of 1/JG500, September, 1945.

Tigers of Terra Vol. 2, #9
 Families of Altered Wars #22
 (March, 1995)

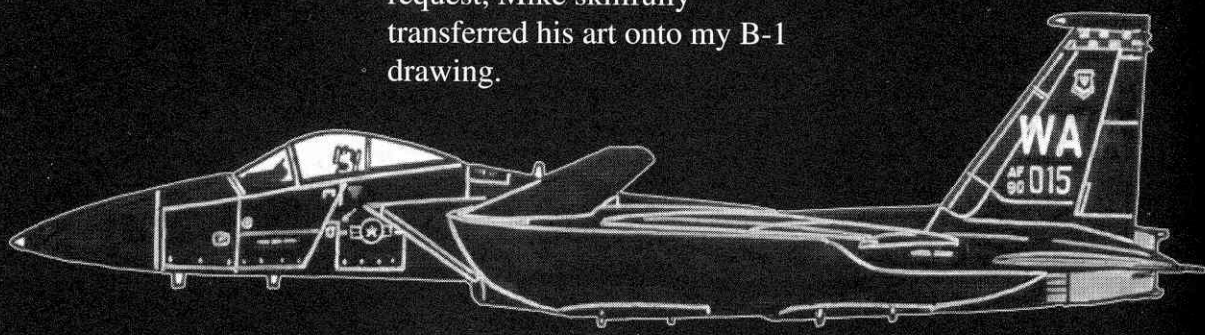
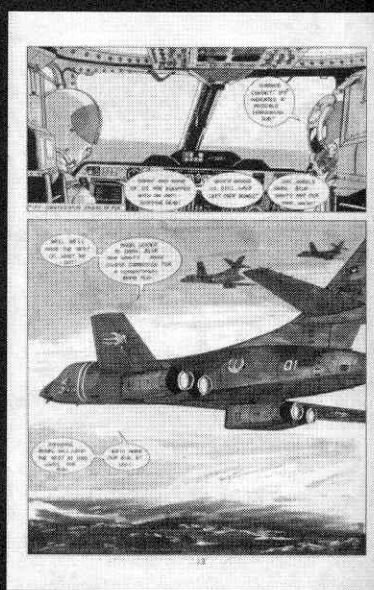
In part one of the "Tiger III" story, members of the EVG examine a strange machine found buried in the sand near the shore. Reina Siddeley unintentionally receives an unusual vision when she touches it. Meanwhile, Terran forces find difficulty locating the unknown Viragonian "pocket" gunship. The cover shows the Viragonian Operational Officer Do-Ree of the giant flying fortress Trojan. She made her first appearance in the first *Tigers of Terra/Ninja High School* crossover, the *Trouble with Tigers* 2-part miniseries.





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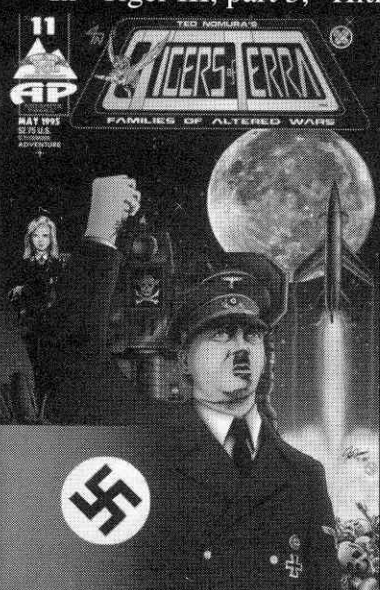
In "Tiger III, part 2," members of the EVG are busy restoring the Tiger III into working condition while a flight of B-1B bombers attacks the Viragonian "pocket" gunship that's disrupting shipping lanes. The B-1B noseart shown on the front cover is "Scarlet Angel," designed by Mike Cogliandro, which was originally intended as a spin-off of Ben Dunn's *Warrior Nun* series. At my special request, Mike skillfully transferred his art onto my B-1 drawing.

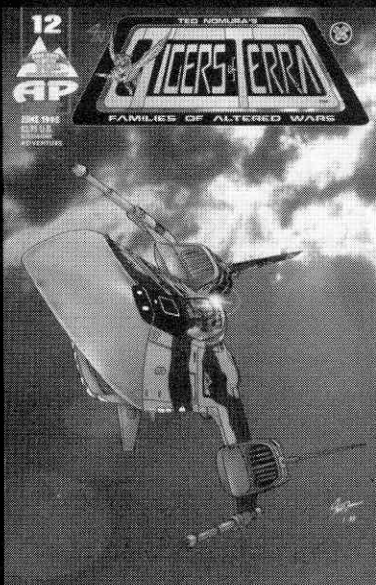


F-15G flown by Lieutenant **Margaret Linda Pearl** of the 57th Fighter Weapons Wing, January, 1991.

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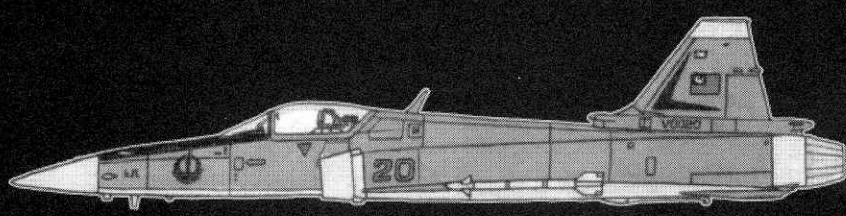
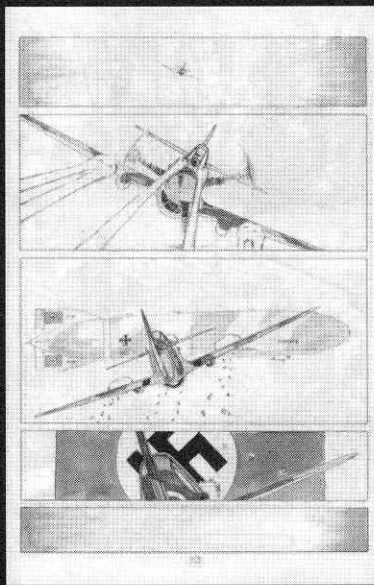
In "Tiger III, part 3," Hitler views the three surviving Tiger III prototypes before they are sent to fight the advancing Soviet forces in 1946. In 2039, the last prototype, the Tiger III V9, is nearly operational. The Viragonian gunship evades the Terran navy and surfaces right in front of the Tiger III. This issue also includes a short story about "Aviatrix Elfie" flying the Me163/Ju88 Mistel. The Hitler cover, beautifully colored by Jochen Weltjens, was a result of Ben's off-hand joke that he didn't have enough comics with Hitler on the cover!





Tigers of Terra Vol. 2, #12
 Families of Altered Wars #25
 (June, 1995)

Part 4 of the “Tiger III” episode. The EVG crew fights desperately against the much larger enemy “pocket” gunship while learning to operate the Tiger-III. Meanwhile, Reina Siddeley receives a vision of the Flying Tiger P-40 engaging the now camouflaged and armed Hindenburg LZ-129 airship. Sensing the others are in danger, Reina sorties her SF-400 Tigerhawk fighter onto the battlefield.

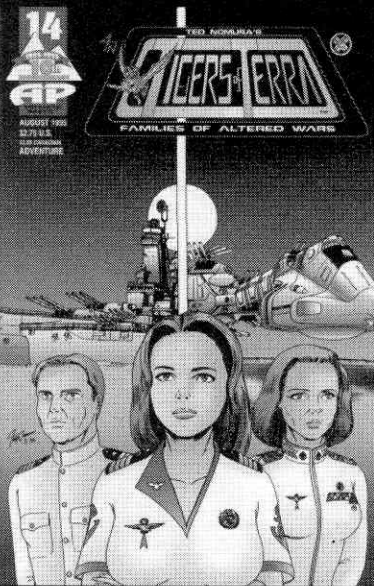


Accipiter SF-20 (F20-A) V-0020 flown by Lieutenant **Reina Siddeley** of the Earth Volunteer Group, Terran Freedom Air Force, October, 2038.

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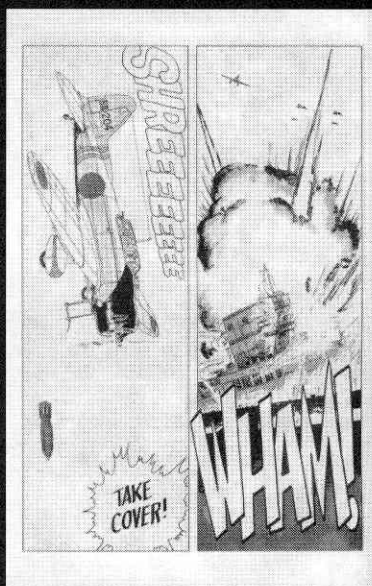
First “non-aviation” issue, focusing again on my other passion, motorcycles. Originally intended as a separate “Families of Altered Wars” series, the “Angels 1000” episode starts with Officer Pearl chasing an armed gunman who just fatally shot her Sergeant, not realizing until later that this is the same person she arrested last year (Vol.2, #5), and that she has unintentionally compromised a deeper government conspiracy.



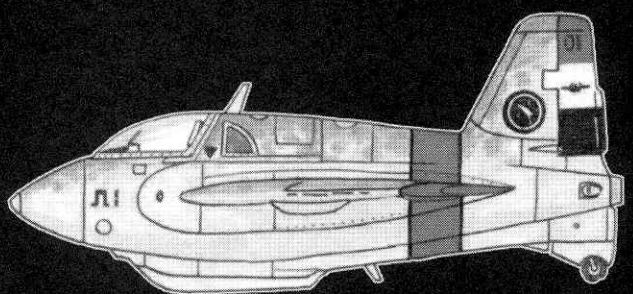


Tigers of Terra Vol. 2, #14
 Families of Altered Wars #27
 (August, 1995)

In “Battleship Arizona, Part 1” (another story planned at first for its own miniseries), the story begins with Amelia Earhart making a goodwill visit to Hiroshima, Japan on December 1, 1941, only to find out that the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on November 30. In this altered universe, the battleship Arizona survives. In the future, on April 7, 2040, Earth’s first space battleship, the ESS Arizona, discovers an unknown object from the past. Following the “Angels 1000” prelude, Officer Pearl gets reassigned to Las Vegas after killing a gunman in “Totenkopf Police, Part 1.”

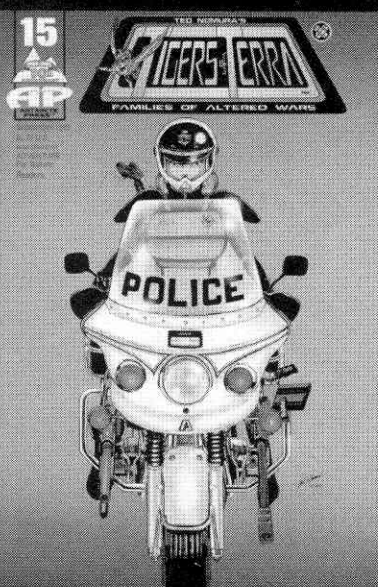


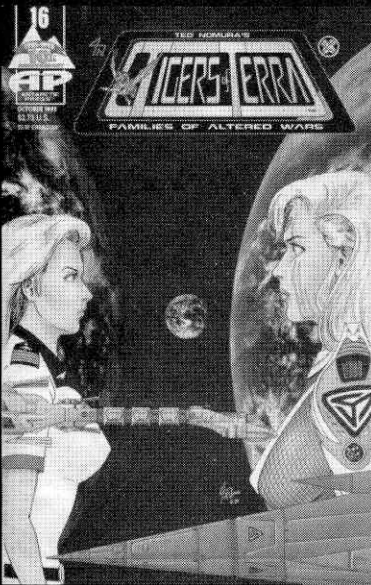
Cometes I-163 flown by Lieutenant **Adolph Adler** of the Second Red Wing Volunteer Squadron, Republic of Terra Air Force, October, 2036.



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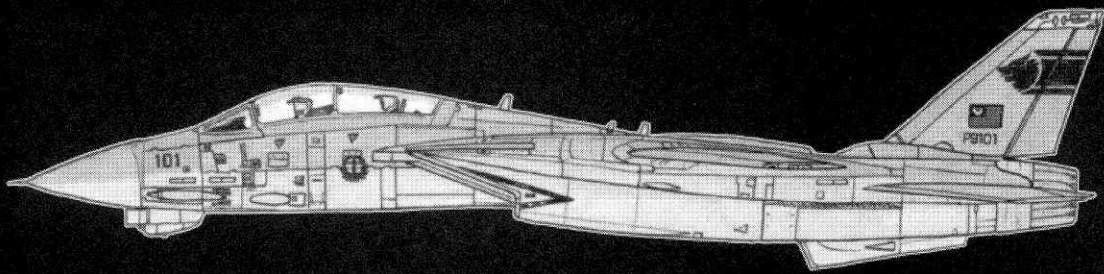
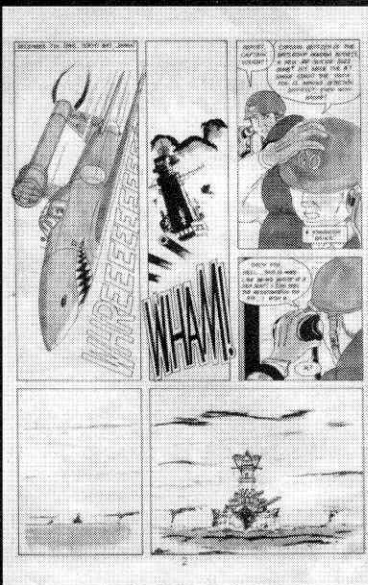
In “Battleship Arizona, Part 2,” the USS Arizona engages the Japanese battleship Mutsu in the Battle of Suriago Strait on October 25, 1944. In the future, the space destroyer ESS Glenville engages enemy forces. “Totenkopf Police, Part 2” includes Halloween spoofs of *I Dream of Jeannie* and *UFO*. The cover is one of my favorites, colored by Mike Cogliandro, and the issue sold out rather quickly.





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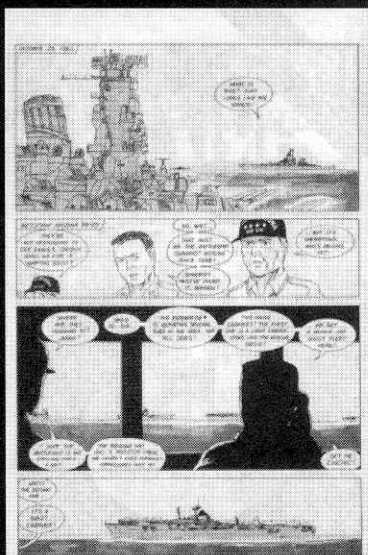
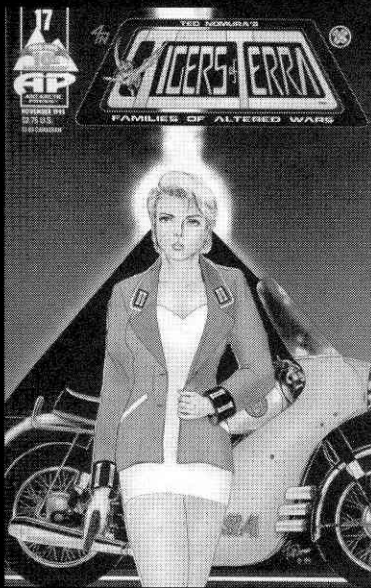
In "Battleship Arizona, Part 3," the new Montana-class USS Arizona engages the Japanese battleship Musashi in Tokyo Bay on December 7, 1946. In April, 2040, the Earth space fleet meets heavy enemy forces near the counter-Earth. In "Totenkopf Police, Part 3," there are more Halloween spoofs, then a deadly unknown lifeform appears near Beatty, Nevada. This issue was printed on newsprint without my permission.



Terrafeles SF-14 (F-14A Plus) flown by Captain **Anton Caesar** of the Martian Volunteer Group, Terran Freedom Naval Air Force, August, 2039.

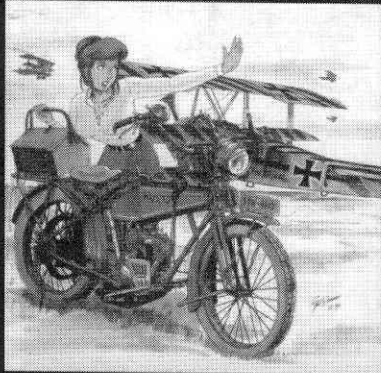
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 Families of Altered Wars #30
 (November, 1995)

The World War II Japanese battleship Shinano and the German carrier Peter Strasser re-emerge in the Pacific and meet the nuclear carrier USS Enterprise in 1982, while in 2040, the Earth spacefleet pulls back on the verge of victory, causing J.J. Condorcet IV to resign his Earth commission and join the Martian forces in part 4 of "Battleship Arizona." In "Totenkopf Police, Part 4," Officer Pearl is abducted by government forces and is revealed in front of an unknown entity.



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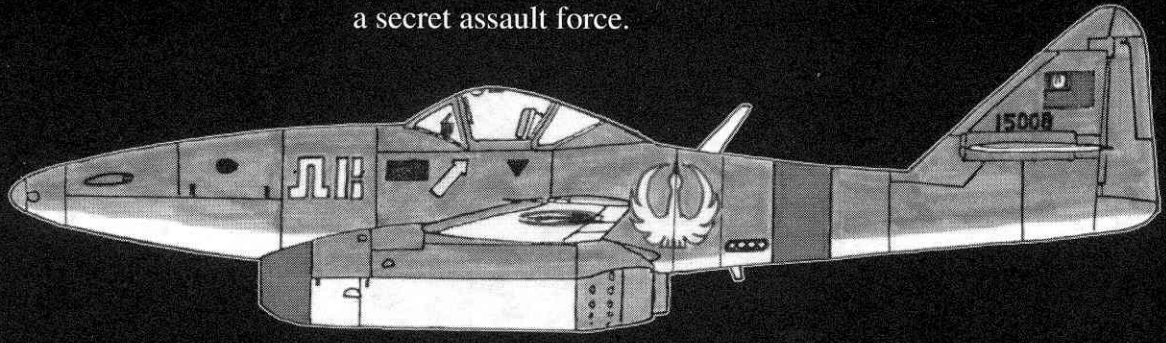
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Tigers of Terra Vol. 2, #18
Families of Altered Wars #31
(January, 1996)

Going back to the family roots, in the "Dreidecker Wars" episode, a grown Margareina Sabre travels to Germany for study aboard the Titanic on April 13, 1913, and gets caught in a situation when World War I is declared. Eventually, she manages to escape England, but must leave behind her baby, Reimar Ritter. In "Totenkopf Police, Part 5," after being designated as MJ5, Officer Pearl is recruited by the government in a secret assault force.



A262A (Me262) of the Terran 262nd Squadron assigned to Jouett Air Base, Terran Freedom Air Force, August, 2039.

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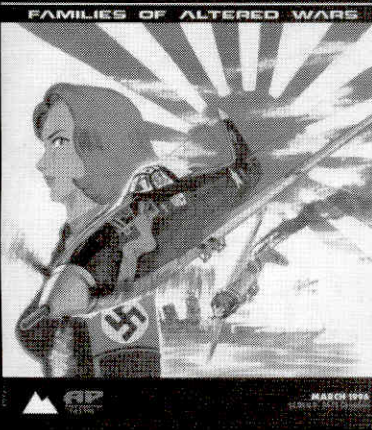
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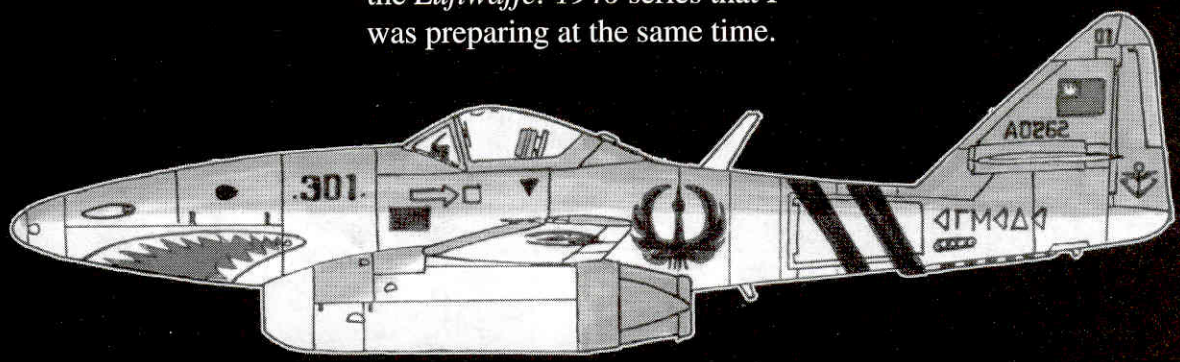
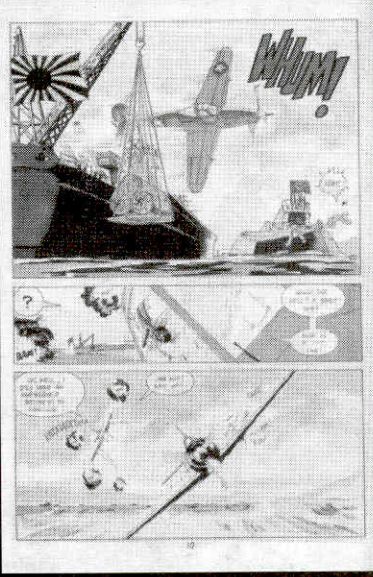
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In "Black Eagles of Steel," a story of the "Tuskegee Airmen" is shown in more detail. In Germany, Ritter and Adler talk about how to counter them. One of Ritter's ideas is to use the captured P-51s painted in Luftwaffe markings. In retaliation, one of the Tuskegee Airmen flies a captured Me262 with U.S. markings. Due to time limitations, this story was shorter than planned, and I intend to continue it in *Luftwaffe: 1946*.



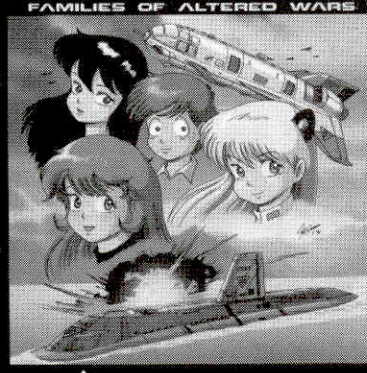


In the "Rabaul: 1942" episode, J.J. Condorcet I gets shot down over Rabaul and receives interrogation by both a Japanese naval officer and an SS officer (who is later introduced as Mika Oberlicht, Dora's older sister). Yet J.J. outsmarts them both and manages to escape in a Japanese Zero, only to get shot down by the Americans. Although rushed into production, this story is a full 32 pages long and already reflects the *Luftwaffe: 1946* series that I was preparing at the same time.

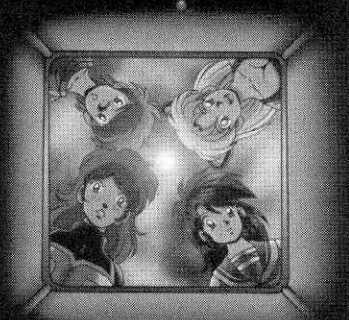


A262B (Me262) of the VA-1, TSS Nereus, Terran Freedom Air Force, September, 2039.

This issue features the revised version of the original *Ninja High School/Tigers of Terra* crossover miniseries *Trouble with Tigers*, now expanded into a 3-part story rather than the original 2-parter released in 1991. In the beginning, Reina Siddeley receives a vision, this time of the future, in which she meets MJ-4 and MJ-6 at the end of a bloody planetary war on August 6, 2045. Meanwhile, the *NHS* crew gets trapped in a time bubble and is hurled into the *Tigers of Terra* universe. In part 6 of the "Totenkopf Police" story, Officer Pearl meets Lt. Col. Radham and Senator Limbaugh.

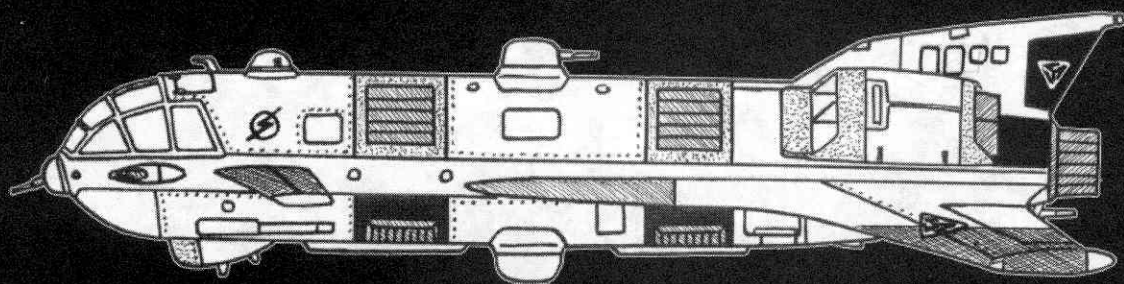
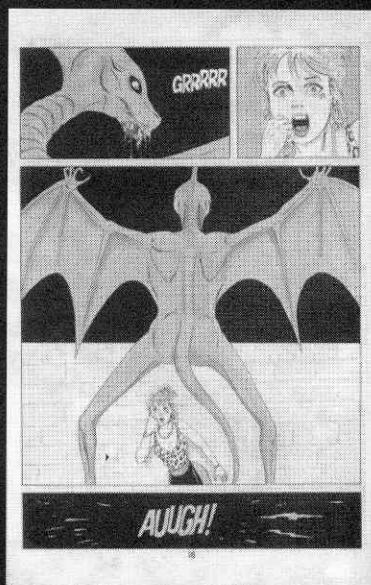


Tigers of Terra Vol. 2, #22
 Families of Altered Wars #35
 (July, 1996)



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In part 2 of "Trouble with Tigers," Jeremy is captured by the Amazon-like Viragonian forces. Terri Curtiss meets the *NHS* crew and prepares a rescue mission as Jeremy faces execution, charged as an EVG spy. In "Totenkopf Police, part 7," upon hearing of the failure of SC7, Monsignor Deimos of the Vatican orders the activation of the "Shadow Crusaders," while Officer Pearl discovers that the new secret organization is based on an ancient Swastika. This is the first and only time the cover was drawn by a different artist, Ben Dunn, who also colored it.



Vindicare-class gunship, ser. #V20021713, believed to have been flown by Ensign Terri Curtiss (EVG) and an unknown crew, August, 2039.

Tigers of Terra Vol. 2, #23
 Families of Altered Wars #36
 (September, 1996)

In part 3 of "Trouble with Tigers," Jeremy is rescued but the crew is recaptured, this time by a giant Viragonian airship, and is forced to fight their way out again. In "Totenkopf Police, part 8," Officer Pearl receives new weapons. Another excellent cover coloring job by Pat Duke.

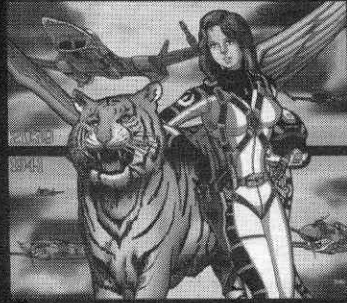


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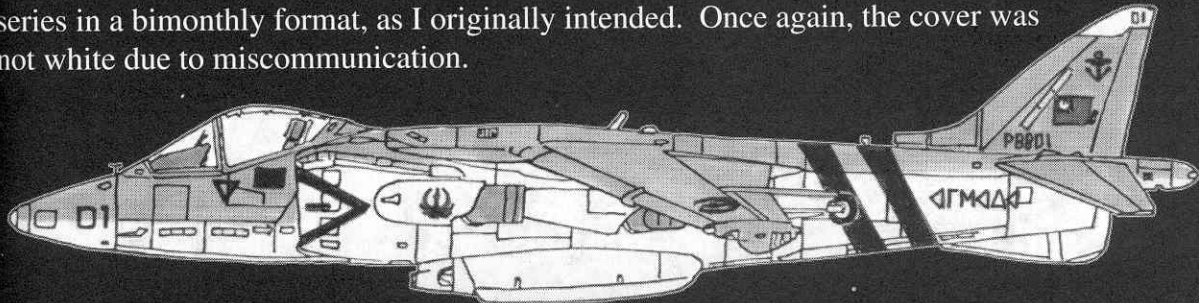
Tigers of Terra Vol. 2, #24
Families of Altered Wars #37
(November, 1996)



Celebrating the series' 10th year, this special issue was published in the 48-page format of the original series. Contains the first-issue story in a 1985 prototype version, with different names and variation of details, plus a series of pre-production art dating as far back as 1983. There are also some additional pages that never made it into the production



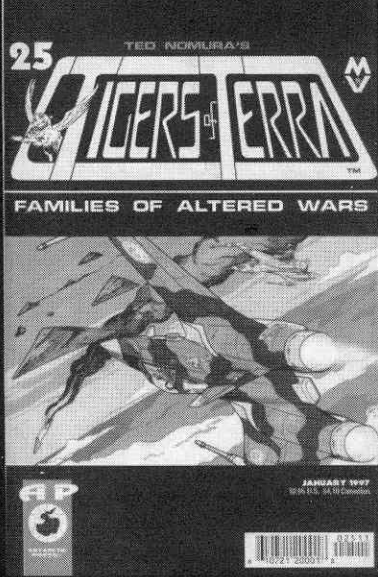
version. Ironically, it was at the same time this issue was being printed that it was decided to end the second series of *Tigers of Terra* and concentrate on the new and more successful *Luftwaffe: 1946* series as a monthly title, instead of doing both series in a bimonthly format, as I originally intended. Once again, the cover was not white due to miscommunication.



AV-8B, ser. #P8801 of the VA-4, TSS Bowdon Wheeler CVS-4, Terran Freedom Naval Air Force, August, 2039.

Tigers of Terra Vol. 2, #25
Families of Altered Wars #38
(January, 1997)

Final issue of *Tigers of Terra's* second series. In the main story, "Revelation", J.J. Condorcet IV reveals his plan to his friend, Prince Maulidi of Venus, and Reina (Siddeley) Sabre is troubled by the thought that she may be Adolph Hitler's great-granddaughter. Meanwhile, the Viragonians launch their largest offensive to date on May 10, 2040. In the epilogue episode of "Totenkopf Police," Officer Pearl prepares to leave for Germany to meet the aging Gustav Adler, a meeting shown in *Luftwaffe: 1946*.



Luftwaffe: 1946 Vol. 1, #1
Families of Altered Wars #39
(July, 1996)

Originally intended for April 1996, the delay was partly due to the new format of fully computer-shaded pages, which took Ben a little time to master, especially in following my strict Luftwaffe camouflage instructions. The first issue re-introduces Dora Oberlicht shortly after she becomes a member of the all-female JG500 unit in May, 1945. Also includes 8 full-color prototype artwork pieces I did in 1985. The cover was designed by Ben Dunn.

Luftwaffe: 1946 Vol. 1, #2
Families of Altered Wars #40
(September, 1996)

The Kriegsmarine aviation scene was suggested by Ben after hearing about my earlier idea of an altered 4-navy battle in the South Atlantic. Uncharacteristically, Dora challenges the leader of the Japanese carrier air group to a duel after he insults the quality of the German naval pilots. Meanwhile, the crew of the Japanese sub I-404 is escorted to the large secret German base in Antarctica. This issue also includes the first letters page section, which grows rapidly in size afterward.

Luftwaffe: 1946 Vol. 1, #3
Families of Altered Wars #41
(November, 1996)

In this issue, the genesis of the German carrier force is shown in an altered story of the first carrier near-clash in 1918. Also, an advanced German rocket program is revealed, led by Wernher von Braun. At the end of the large naval battle in the South Atlantic, a huge explosion of unknown cause from the German battleship/carrier Hindenburg cripples the Allied fleet. Meanwhile, the first German A9/A10/A11 booster sends payload into Earth orbit.

Luftwaffe: 1946 Vol. 1, #4
Families of Altered Wars #42
(January, 1997)

In the final issue of the original series, Hitler is shown a new and strange artifact that was found near the alien disk first discovered during their expedition in 1938. After Dora and Gustav return to Germany, Hitler launches the long-awaited nuclear strike and unintentionally upsets the time governor left by the advanced civilization from the past. This issue also shows the original 4 full-color cover art pieces.

Luftwaffe: 1946 Vol. 2, #1
Families of Altered Wars #43
(March, 1997)

In the first issue of the "Luftsturm" series, Reimar Ritter is ordered back to Berlin from Africa and is assigned by Galland to head the Me262 combat evaluation team, not knowing until he meets him that the SS has also assigned a pilot for the job. Two years later, after flying combat in an Me262, Reimar meets Dora for the first time.

Luftwaffe: 1946 Vol. 2, #2
Families of Altered Wars #44
(April, 1997)

In "Luftsturm, Part 2," Dora meets Gustav in Japan to evaluate aircraft for Japanese use. This issue was originally intended to include Dora's nightmare scene from when she visited Mittlewerk with Lorelei earlier, but this was pulled when we received some complaints from readers for not including scenes about the Holocaust.



In "Luftsturm, Part 3," Dora begins to have doubts about the logic of war and tries to stop one student that she taught from accepting his destiny as a Kamikaze pilot. This episode was originally intended for the separate "Kamikaze" series I was working on, but the original story of Dora explaining to Gustav about the horrible slave-labor conditions at Mittlewerk was shelved for the same reason of Holocaust complaints. And yet this issue turned out to be one of my favorites.



Due to some revision writing for "Luftsturm, Part 4," some scenes from *Tigers of Terra* Vol. 1, #11 are shown in revised format. Dora and Gustav return to the German fleet on a long-range version of the Stuka. The main reason for the Stuka on the cover is a request from Ben. The original plan was to show a naval version of the Horton Ho-229, also with a folding wing feature.



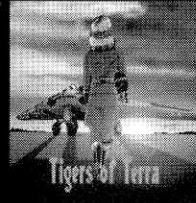
In the climactic final issue of the "Luftsturm" story, the Japanese attempt to drop bombs with radioactive-dust warheads fails, and in a *Star Wars*-type battle (George Lucas patterned his space battle scene after some WWII movies), Luftsturm forces fail to stop the massive Allied armada, which eventually leads to nuclear warfare. In the end, Deanna Pearl continues the story of bringing Gustav Adler back to the U.S.



Originally intended to start with a scene showing the Miether V4 saucer flying over Roswell in July, 1947, it was changed to show instead USAF Captain Yeager breaking the sound barrier when I realized that this issue would be dated on the 50th anniversary of that event. Unfortunately, my drawing of the Bell X-1 was crude since I misplaced the reference materials and did it mostly from memory. I also had difficulty getting accurate accounts for the Me-163 because, in the more than 10 books I assembled for the subject, most of the dates and events don't match!



This issue introduces Oberst Gunther Amsel and his all-black-uniformed Luftwaffe "Hermann Göring" Luftpanzer division. In real history, this unit was activated much earlier. The Hitler/Göring bunker scene was done partly because Ben wanted to see Göring, even though he's supposed to be dead(?) in this universe. So I did a transition scene between fact and fictional events. Unfortunately, the "fact" scene may be fiction. Again, I assembled about 10 books on Hitler's last days, and once again, most dates and events didn't match!



This issue was originally intended to be part 3 of the "Projekt Saucer" story, until I realized that this is the 50th issue of "Families of Altered Wars." This gave me a perfect opportunity to review the first 49 issues and give the readers, especially those who are unfamiliar with the *Tigers of Terra* series, a guide to make it easier to scope the "big picture." The "Projekt Saucer" episode will return next issue, and I've purposely held back the big flying saucer scenes until our first *Luftwaffe: 1946 Technical Manual* is released in February, 1998. Most of the materials for this were provided by Justo Miranda. This "X-profiles" may make you believe that there may be more fact than fiction in Germany's flying saucer project. So stay tuned!

I hope my next 50 issues will be easier than the first 50!

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Okay, we're back! Now, did I say last issue that we hope we didn't make too many mistakes? Boy, was I wrong! I completely forgot to mention about our other big products that are coming out in April, 1998, Luftwaffe Month. First, there will be a Luftwaffe: 1946 All-Color Special #1! It'll mostly consist of new art and materials. There will be a full-color short story, plus full-color profiles of unit markings, uniforms and aircraft, including the Allied stuff ("the Good Guys" to you Nazi-haters). Second, there will be an ALL-COLOR Luftwaffe: 1946 T-shirt! The first in a series, this one will feature the Me-262 Sturmvoegel. And let's not forget the Luftwaffe: 1946 Annual #1 and the regular Luftwaffe: 1946 #8 issue. Unfortunately, due to the mass overload, I had to put aside the Luftwaffe: 1946 Special #2 (Me-262) for another time. I'll be lucky if I can get half of the stuff out early. I hope there isn't a war like Desert Storm between now and April.

Now, while I was dusting off my archives, I found two reader letters that I answered back in the 1990-91 era. Back then, I didn't have the room for reader mail (still don't), so I responded in my bi-monthly Tigerprobe news booklet. I decided to reprint these two for this issue because it seems like we dealt with detailed discussions back then just as we do now, and these still contain a lot of information. The main difference is that we only discussed the military hardware and not the politics back then. Gee, life was simpler in the old days.

Dear Mr. Nomura:

I came across *Tigers of Terra* #9 in my local comics shop (Comics Plus) and purchased it because it had a "bird" that I've worked on (B-2) on the cover. After reading it, I had to go out and hunt for the previous issues. It took a while, but I now have a complete set.

As an aeronautical engineer who also enjoys aviation history, I appreciate the way you've handled various alternate aircraft developments, and I especially appreciate that any "all-new" vehicles make technical sense; not all comics do this. Do have a slight bone to pick, though: The F-108 depicted on page 9 of #9 doesn't show the IR sensors that were part of the AN/ASG-18 system, nor does it show what, at best in our history, was the final configuration. Be that as it may, I still find your comic quite well done. In another issue, you show F-5Gs or enhanced F-5Es rather than what became the F-20. You might be interested to know that such an aircraft almost came about, though the engines would've been (roughly) J102-CA-100's rather than J85-GE-29's (progress fouled on engine manufacturer's timidity).

As the story evolves, I'd like to suggest a few aircraft that might be supplied to the Terran Freedom Forces:

- 1) HAL HF-24 "Marat Mk. II"—Only Mk. I, IR, IT, flew in our history, and design was held back by lack of engines to the performance level the type had been designed around. Still, did excellent ground attack duty for IAF. With proper engines and possibly a good radar/fine control system, it would make a good mount for air/air or air/ground combat.
- 2) Hawker P-1121 "Hurricane"—Another political victim, could've become a "British F-105" with advanced versions having better range due to an afterburning Medway turbo-fan replacing the original versions. Conceivably, this could've become a "multi-role" aircraft in the same degree as the Phantom II.
- 3) F4F—A summation of several proposals for improved F-4s, could probably be separated into two variations (at least!): an interceptor with attack capability and a "tactical strike fighter" version. It'd take a bit of sketching to develop these versions, but if you're interested, I'll be glad to give it a try

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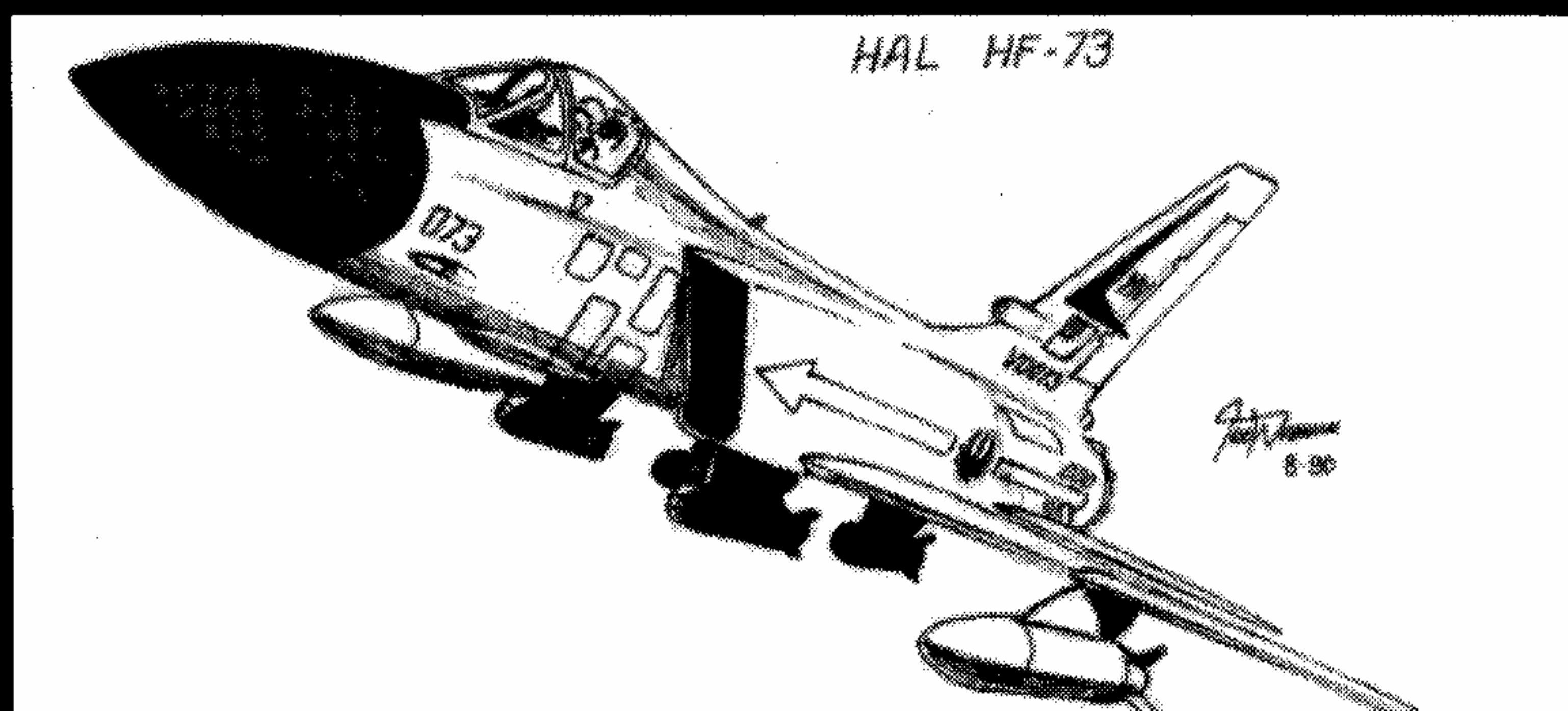
Speaking as one engineer (ex) to another, this just shows that you can't get away with too much phony tech! I always learn more from you guys and I'm always hun-

*gry for more (as long as it's declassified stuff). I knew I might get some flak for the F-108, but drawing it was a last-minute decision and I only had one photo of an early mock-up and a brief story article from the book U.S. Fighters by Aero Publishers (1975). As you indicated, details about the F-108 are very thin, and I didn't have time to write to Rockwell International to try to get more info. There were many versions of the F-108, and the book included a three-view drawing of the latest version with practically no detail, so I made up most of the details you see in *Tigers of Terra* #9. The F-108, like many fighters designed in that period, carried no internal gun, but the F-108 you see in *ToT* #9 is supposed to be equipped with a retractable gun in the bomb-bay. I wanted to have a classic gun-vs.-gun battle between the two Mach 3-class fighters (They have to shoot at below Mach 1, though), and that was the reason I mounted a gun on the MiG-25 prototype you see. This F-108 is also a prototype, but was pushed into combat operation due to the war emergency. I'm planning to do a whole story about this engagement in the future.*

As for your comment about the F-5G, that's interesting. I worked on J85s, the -5, -17 and -21s for years, both on assembly and full trimming, and I figured they squeezed as much power as possible from the -21 version. This was originally designed as a one-way mission engine! But I also figured that engineers would find a way to squeeze a little more. I originally thought of squeezing a J101 engine (the YJ101 that was installed in the YF-17), but I abandoned the idea when a little research revealed that the engine was too big and the power increase was too much. But thinking back, I was also surprised that the engineers managed to squeeze a modified B-1 engine into an F-16 by doing some fan trimming, so nothing surprises me anymore. I wasn't aware of the J102-CA-100's, though.

Yes, I considered including the HAL HF-24 in the Terran inventory, but the list got too big and I had to trim some corners. Yet I have always been a fan of Dr. Kurt Tank's designs and I'll probably include them in the next series. The same reason holds true for my not including the Hawker P-1121. This was one of the best VTOL designs back then, and the British are still paying for the mistake of cancelling it due to politics. I managed to squeeze in the TSR-2 in this series, and I'm planning to include the P-1121 as well in the next series, probably as a modified Terran-built version.

I managed to put a drawing of an F-4 in the Family Portfolio #5's artwork. I worked on F-4s off and on for ten years, and the E model was the one I saw most frequently. I was studying the latest modifications the Israelis were doing, especially on the engines, and that type will probably be included in the next series' inventory. One thing I did like about the F-4s (from a pilot's perspective) was the engine bay doors. They weighed a ton and were double-walled, which probably made one feel a little easier flying low-altitude missions. The walls on F-15s are paper-thin; I'd feel better flying in an F-14, which has separate engine bays. Although my own aircraft have less engineering than I'd like due to the science-fiction story format, a low-altitude-safety mentality did play a role in designing the Tigerhawk, which has three separate engine bays.



I always welcome any engineering and design suggestions. I already showed you guys Francis Valencia's interesting "F-107 Adder" design in ToT #6, and I'm hoping to devote a whole Tigerprobe issue to reader drawings in the future. Thanks for your suggestions, Evan, and as for the rest of you guys, keep 'em coming!

To Mr. Ted Nomura:

My favorite "short" segment so far is "Young Angels of the Luftwaffe," but since this "altered" WWII lasts into 1946, shouldn't the Allies be using jet fighters as well as the Germans?

The British had Gloster Meteors and de Havilland Vampires by this time, and the U.S. might have used P-59 Airacromets, P-80 Shooting Stars, and maybe a few of the first P-84 Thunderjets.

As for the WWII Pacific theater, if the war in the Pacific and East Asia also lasts longer in the "altered" reality, the U.S. might use F8F Bearcats, P-82 Twin-Mustangs, A-1 Skyraiders and F7F Tigercats, while the Japanese might use more Shidens, Raidens, Reppûs and Shindens than they really did. Sub-based Japanese planes could hit the Panama Canal.

Finally, the battleship *Shinano* in the middle of the Pacific Ocean in 1982 in issue #9 seems to me a little "Twilight Zone," a little outlandish, but I'm sure you'll have a good explanation for that.

David M. Stock
Bloomington, IL

Well, David, most of your line of thinking matches pretty closely to what I have planned. Yes, the Meteors, Vampires, Shooting Stars, Bearcats, Twin-Mustangs, Skyraiders, Tigercats, Shidens, Raidens, Reppûs and Shindens in action in 1945 are included in the overall picture, along with the original Phantoms (FH-1s), P-83s, MiG-9s, F5Us, F6Us, FJ-1s, F2R-1s, jet-powered Oka 22/43s and Baikas, just to name a few. I didn't consider the early model P-84s at first, but since I was thinking about including the Banshees, I figured, "Why not?" Like the Heinkel He-280, the Bell P-59 Airacomet had stability problems, so it wasn't first on my list of fighters for combat scenes, but I might put it in limited combat sorties due to the war emergency situation. Let's put it this way: In the "altered" history, the Junkers Jumo 004 was developed with less trouble than what happened in reality, but the Me-262 experienced severe airframe defects in the tail section. (This is actually not far from the truth. The Me-262 did experience weak tail-section joints in reality, but was less dangerous than the Hawker Tempest.) In this "altered" version, delivery of the Me-262 airframe was delayed long enough to warrant a limited production of He-280 and even some of the Me-109TL (twin Jumo-004-powered version of the Bf-109) as a stop-gap. The deployment of the Me-262 squadrons still came out earlier than what happened in real history because of the better Jumo-004 development. The early debut of the Me-262 caused the Allies to make an emergency combat deployment of the pre-production P-59 Airacomet until it could be replaced with the P-80. Of course, as you may know from real history, the Me-262s were regarded as superior even to the P-80, but combat might have proved them equal mainly due to the superior condition of both American pilots and machines. I, among many post-war air buffs, would've loved to have seen the Vought F5U fly. This unique "pancake" fighter might have proven itself well had the war urgency lasted longer, but we'll never know how it could've flown, since for some reason the Navy brass decided to smash the completed

prototype into pieces before it had the chance to fly. This is one of the ironies and wastes of good material that still haunt me. For the Japanese strike mission to the Panama Canal, I was thinking of I-400-class subs, each capable of launching an Oka 22 and/or Oka 43. As you may know, in real history, such an attack force, only using conventional aircraft instead, was on its way, but was halted en route when it received the message that the war was over. Another in a long list of "What if..."s. But in my "altered wars" series, such changes in history are not just based on one or two events, but on a series of them, all connected.

As for the battleship *Shinano* preview, I was originally concerned that the readers might think of this as another Final Countdown idea, but I had the story 5 years before Final Countdown, and it was too good to pass up, so I showed the preview to commit myself. The original name of the battleship was going to be the *Shingo*, but since that was my original Japanese name, I dropped it from the published version. The ship was named the *Kii* until the very last minute. I also favored the original title being *The Third Yamato* at first, but after the preview went to press, I heard about the paperback book titled *The Attack of the Seventh Carrier*. (I jokingly first thought it was title *The Attack of the Seventh Tomato*!) Well, I haven't read the book, but in order to avoid any confusion, I'm planning to title the miniseries I intend to do in the future as simply *The Battleship Shinano*.

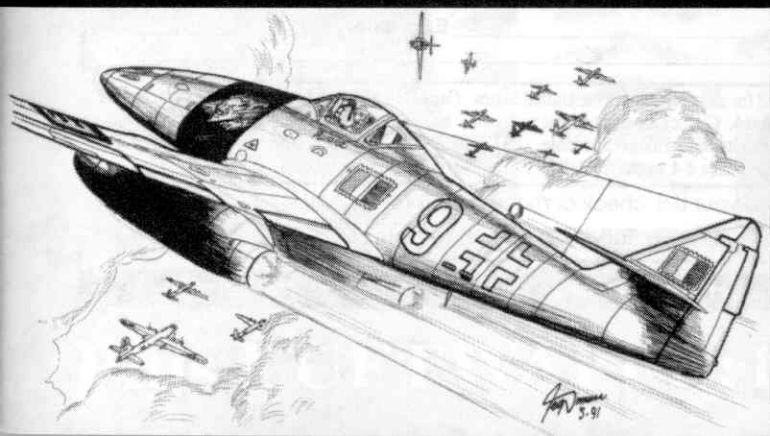
"Angels of the Luftwaffe" is still the most popular of the miniseries proposals I have, according to reader response, and as a result it'll be one of the priority set of miniseries I'm planning to do after the first series of *Tigers of Terra* is completed (if ever). In order to continue the *Tigers of Terra* story, each miniseries will have it as a back-up story, and the regular issue of *Tigers of Terra* will include a short-story/subject from another time in this "altered wars" history. A 4-part miniseries of *Young Angels of the Luftwaffe* is scheduled as one of the first to come out, and if I decide to continue that series further, I'll simply title it *The Angels of the Luftwaffe*, which was actually the original name when I created the concept some 15 years ago. Oh, in addition to the "Fighters of 1946" that I mentioned, I'm also planning to continue the Italian side of the war to the end. Thus I've decided to do a story about Italian pilots flying Me-262s alongside the Germans in late 1945/early 1946. This idea is not far-fetched, either, since in real history, some of the Italian pilots were being trained to fly the German jets, although I don't know of any reference stating if they ever went on actual combat sorties in them. The Italian side of the "altered" World War II will be previewed in *Tigers of Terra* #11. You'll recognize the names of the characters that will be included.

Well, as usual, I've included more information than the reader requested, but since many of you have asked similar questions, I figured I should cover all areas. My thanks to David for being a long-time supporter. Many like you make it all possible.

Well, there you are. As you can see, I had pretty smart readers back then, too, even though my stories tend to get too big and too confusing even for Ben. Now, most of the second series of both *Tigers of Terra* and *Luftwaffe: 1946* are still available directly from Antarctic Press. Some issues, like *Tigers of Terra* Vol. 2, #0-5 and 15, are sold out. A.P. has also reprinted the first 10 issues of the original *Tigers of Terra* series in TPB (trade paperback) format. Books 2-5 are still available, as are subscriptions. You can call, write or fax us. Now, if you need the missing issues that you can't get from A.P. directly, you can write to me, being sure to enclose a SASE. Please keep your requests simple if you want a response in a reasonable amount of time. Since I spend most of my time producing *Luftwaffe: 1946*, my personal mail service is chaotic at best.

OK, back to work for me. Stay tuned for the *Luftwaffe: 1946* Technical Manual #1 coming in February, 1998, then *Luftwaffe: 1946* Vol. 2, #8, Color Special #1, Annual #1, color T-shirt, and the *Luftwaffe* Pilot 12" figure, all coming in April, 1998! I'm taking March off so I can sleep!

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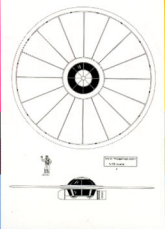
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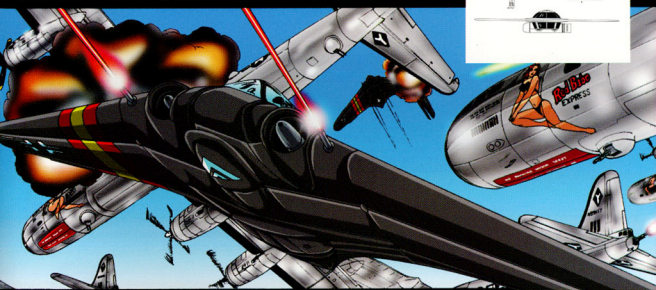
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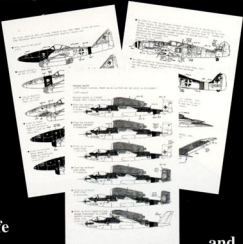
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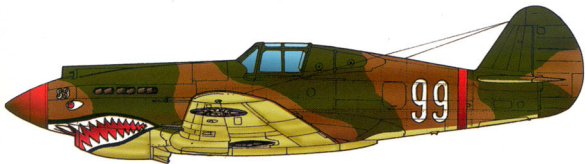
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Polikarpov Po-2 (U-2) flown by Lieutenants **Katerina L. Soyuz** and **Galina Subanova** of the 588th Night Bomber Regiment, Soviet Air Force, July 27, 1942. Manned by female pilots, better known as "Night Witches," the 588th NBR was later promoted to an elite rank of the 46th Guards Regiment, still flying bravely aboard biplanes powered by small M.11 (110 Hp) 5-cylinder, air-cooled radial engines capable of only 91 mph. (*Tigers of Terra* Vol. 1, #3)



Hawker Tempest V flown by Squadron Leader **Julian R. Siddeley** of the No. 486 Squadron, Royal Air Force, August 27, 1945. A native of Canada who flew during the Battle of Britain as well as in Africa and in Burma, S/L Siddeley began flying Tempests with the New Zealand No. 486 Squadron during the London/V-1 Blitz of mid-1944 and eventually upgraded to flying Tempest IIs and Vampires by 1946. (*Tigers of Terra* Vol. 1, #4)



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