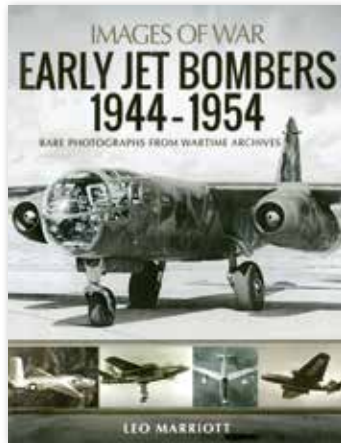


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World War Two saw significant development in the field of aerial bombing, but the advent of the jet engine would take these advances even further. This Images of War title charts the early bombers with this powerplant type from Germany,

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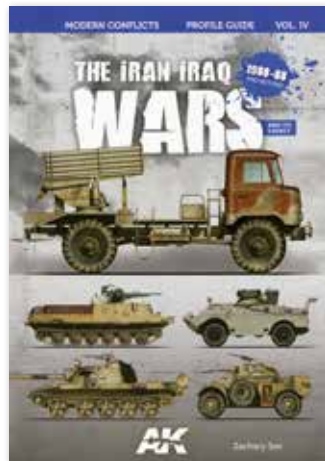
This Photosniper release from Kagero reveals how Hungarian armoured forces fought alongside Germany during World War Two. Restrictions in the 1920 Treaty of Trianon prevented Hungary from maintaining significant armed forces, yet its intention to regain control of Romania, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia - formed from former Austro-Hungarian territories - necessitated the treaty be violated. Hence, the book contains information and photos covering Italian, Swedish and licence-built Czech machines pressed into service in the 1930s, and explains how Hungary hid its forbidden military rebuilding programme. It's a similar tale to German remilitarisation in the same period and explains how the two countries lent each other support, both political and



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AK Interactive's latest Modern Conflicts Profile Guide focuses on ground equipment employed by Iran and Iraq during the 1980-88 war, plus machines operated by the latter country until 2003. A chapter is devoted to each armed force, highlighting the variety of US, Soviet, British and French types used - including

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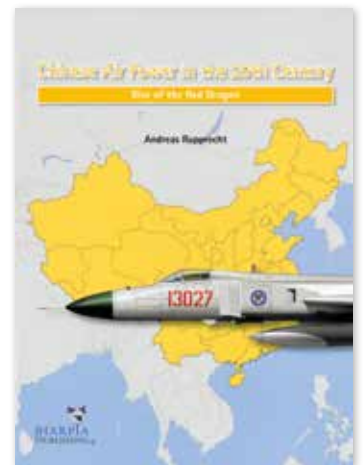
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Andreas Rupprecht's splendid treatise on Chinese air power is completed with this fifth volume on the subject (previous offerings comprised three on aircraft types and one for the geopolitical aspects). It benefits from extensive research and examines the history of the various Chinese air arms from the fall of the Qing/Manchu imperial dynasty in 1911 to the present day. Whereas the modern organisation is split between the People's Liberation Army Air and Naval Forces, their predecessors were more fragmented, with a combination of national- and warlord-controlled formations. Unfortunately, this early section has few photos or profiles to accompany the text, with most illustrations catering for just insignias. This changes from the early post-war period and has useful black and white shots of Chinese aircraft,



although remaining narrative heavy. Each of the six main sections deals with a specific timeframe, and these feature an explanation of the various organisations in existence plus political factors and any conflicts. While the photos will undoubtedly be of use to modellers, this is more of an historical reference, with more of an emphasis on organisational structures - notably, the description of Chinese aircraft serials will be helpful to modellers wanting to build specific airframes. **SF**

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