Winged Victory: The Army Air Forces In World War II

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One of the biggest unanswered questions of this history or any other of the AAF in World War 2, and one that still has not a satisfactory answer, is why MacArthur had his B-17 bombers still on the ground at about noon, Manila time, when the delayed Japanese air attack struck.

AVG fighter aircraft came from a Curtiss assembly line producing Tomahawk IIB models for the Royal Air Force in North Africa. The Tomahawk IIB was similar to the U.S. Army's earlier P-40B model AVG fighter aircraft were painted with a large shark face on the front of the aircraft.

Famous AVG members. Soon after, the Army Air Forces began hiring professional historians so that its history could "be recorded while it is hot and that personnel be selected and an agency set up for a clear historian's job without axe to grind or defense to prepare." An Historical Division was established in Headquarters Army Air Forces under Air Intelligence, in September 1942, and the modern Air Force historical program began. With the end of the war, Headquarters approved a plan for writing and publishing a seven-volume history.

Together they are the only comprehensive discussion of Army Air Forces activity in the largest air war this nation has ever waged.

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