

Introduction - References

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p.ix The works referred to include: McAulay (1991) *Blood and iron*; Moremon (2000) *A triumph of improvisation*; Bullard (2007) *Japanese army operations*; Ruffato & Claringbould (2012) *Eagles of the rising sun*; Williams (2012) *The Kokoda campaign*.

p.x USAAF 'fighter' squadrons and groups - until May 1942, these were referred to as 'pursuit' squadrons/groups, but for the lay reader's sake they are referred to throughout this book as 'Fighter' squadrons/groups, as per the new US terminology - despite the anachronism.

p.x Airacobra sub-types in service with the 8th and 35th Fighter Groups in 1942 included P-39 and P-400 models, with both types operating alongside each other by mid-year. The only significant difference between them was that the US-ordered P-39 had a 37mm cannon, whereas the UK-specified P-400 had a 20mm. In this book both sub-types are referred to interchangeably as 'Airacobras', as they had very similar performance and tactical characteristics.