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NO SWEAT



Synopsis

This is a collection of approximately 75 narratives (and numerous photos with most taken personally by the author), related to thoughts and observations of many people and incidents experienced in a relatively short military career, just 2 years and 7 months, but almost a subsequent lifetime of reflection of all! The Korean Air War was not all F-86 Sabres vs. Mig-15s--the unsung and obsolete B-29s (vs. Migs) are almost as forgotten as The Korean War itself! What is NOT forgotten, nor ever will be, is the extremely close camaraderie of our 11 crewmembers flying combat in our ship named "NO SWEAT". These anecdotes are not the grand strategies or the statistics of military planners--but rather of those smaller happenings to relatively average people, crewmembers and others, who in some cases rose to grander levels of the human spirit --with some gone missing! That I have already had several friends read just a few of my anecdotes, and critique as they have, has assured me that I have done what I had intended--to relate here the sadness, terror, humor, and joy sometimes occurring within moments of each other! Bud, I read all your postings, some times with tears, others with laughter but always with enjoyment. Don Brzezinski, WW II B-29 Combat Crewman?

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Customer Reviews

Bud Farrell was raised in Philadelphia and Aldan, Pennsylvania, attended Penn State for just one semester before quitting school to enlist in The Air Force on his 18th birthday. He volunteered for aircrew duty and Gunnery School, and a 25 mission B-29 combat tour over North Korea, completing his service as an Air Refueling Operator in "pioneering" KB-29 Tankers and an exactly

even 100 flights in B-29s and KB-29s. Farrell returned to Penn State, met his wife? Carole 49 years ago, had a rewarding career in sales with great opportunity to travel and meet and reunion with many people, all of whom? have contributed? to both the serious and humorous memories that seem far better now in retrospect than then in reality!

"No Sweat" is a great book, written by Bud Farrell, who flew as a gunner the B-29 "No Sweat" during the Korean War (1952 - 53.) It is not often that you get a combat aviation perspective from a member of the crew rather than from a member of the command flight deck. Farrell has the unusual talent of being able to bring you into his world of the early 50's and US Air Force by providing insights and perspectives of basic and flight training; the customs and mores of the Air Force crew hierarchy; the fear and boredom of combat missions; flight characteristics of the B-29; and finally, what awaited him on the home front. He provides a lot of detail but still manages to keep it interesting and flowing. If you are an aviation history buff, especially of the B-29, you need to read this book; you will not be disappointed.

In "No Sweat," Frank Farrell tells us what it was like to be a B-29 Gunner in the Korean War, not just in general terms, but down to the smallest detail. While doing so he has filled his book with photos, illustrations, and news clippings that alone would make "No Sweat" well worth owning. Personally, "No Sweat" provided a rare research tool that I was able to draw from in writing "Black Tuesday Over Namsi." Farrell's section on "Shoran" was particularly valuable. From a crewmember's perspective there has probably never been a more comprehensive book written about B-29 operations in the Korean War.

Dad loved it!!!!

My father died while piloting a B-29 during the Korean War. Wanting to know what kind of life he lived during that period of his life; I read "No Sweat" In this book, author Frank Farrell writes narratives that take the reader from his enlistment through his years in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, to the day he gets out of service. It's a great read for anyone wanting to know about war from an enlisted man's experiences.

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