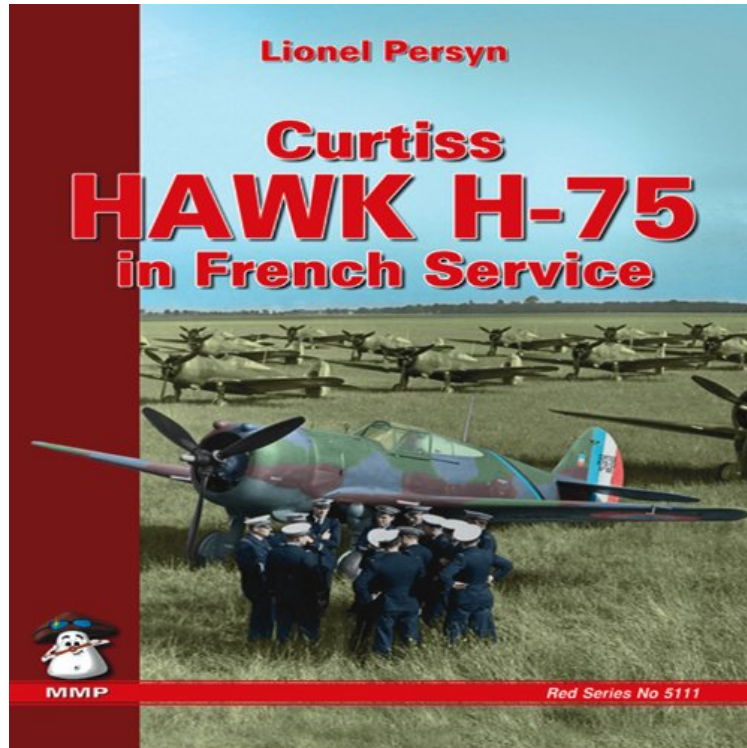


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Lionel Persyn : Curtiss Hawk H-75: In French Service (Red Series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Curtiss Hawk H-75: In French Service (Red Series):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book on the Curtiss Hawk 75! By Vince M. I gave it five stars because it is the best book I own on the Hawk 75 (and I have a few more). The book is not large in format size but is chock full of wartime photos of the tough little Curtiss fighter in French service. Reproduction of the photos is quite good. There is also a set of color photos of a beautiful Hawk 75 preserved in Europe and in French colors as well. Finally, there are some color profiles of paint schemes finely rendered. If you are interested in the Hawk 75, this book is a no-brainer! 3 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Welcome but flawed book on an American aircraft in French service. By Jim Davis. Books in English about aircraft in French service during World War II are not thick underfoot. For many years the best one could do was French Fighters of World War II by John F. Brindley in the old Hylton-Lacey series Men and Machines. This is Mushroom's second book concerning an aircraft in French service (although of American origin). This book is in the Red Series (No. 5112) which emphasizes service history over aircraft nuts and bolts. It's 144 6-1/2" x 9" pages. The book really delivers on the service history front. It narrates in great detail the acquisition of the aircraft, its introduction into French service, its use by various units, its commendable combat record against the Germans, its post Armistice service with the Vichy regime, and its final postwar use. This is well supported photographically including some period color photos. There is also a nice set of walk around color photos of a museum specimen. The book's last 26 pages is devoted to color profiles of the aircraft in

its various markings over its career. There are a few shortcomings, however. Irritatingly, the manufacturer's designation of the aircraft is given as the H-75A1, H-75A2, etc throughout. Other sources are generally unanimous that it was H75A-1, etc. On all photos the tail nomenclature (the official French designation) is given as H75-C1, the significance of which is not explained. Also never explained are the meaning of the cryptic symbols on the tails of the aircraft (PT, PE, PC, PD) which appear in numerous photos and color profiles. Abbreviations are used for French ranks throughout. Some are self explanatory but some like Cne, S/C, or Adj needed to be given in full at least once. Also irritating, given the level of discussion of the unit badges in the text and the traditions associated with them, is that said badges are not presented separately in larger size in the color profile pages. I'm sure modellers would have been appreciative if they had been. Also, given the depth of discussion of H75 victories, a tables of aces would have been nice. Two other things were minor annoyances. The word "American" is rendered as "american" in a number of places. There is also the understandable, but regrettable, crude colorized cover photo. All in all, a book that can be recommended but that could have been better. One interesting tidbit was the promotion of a new series on the rear cover entitled French Wings. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Detailed look at a little known fighter By John Matlock In the years before the Second World War France struggled to produce a modern air force. They were hampered by a chaotic bureaucracy and, inefficient small manufacturing companies. When the war started the French had their hopes on their Dewoitine D.520 which was suffering many delays. As a result when the war started the French, like other countries, sent purchasing agents to the United States to buy aircraft that were already in production. Among other planes, the Curtis Model 75 was an adequate late 1930 design roughly the equivalent of the first versions of the Spitfire and the Bf-109 and was sold to at least a dozen other countries as well as being adopted by the US Army Air Force as the P-36. The Hawk was obsolescent at the actual beginning of the war and useful only as trainers by the end. The Hawk in French service fought the Germans, then many were sent to North Africa where they subsequently fought the British and Americans. After the war the Hawk continued in French service as a trainer until the middle of 1949. This book is up to the usual standards of the publisher, complete with an amazing set of actual wartime photographs and detailed scale drawings showing the paint schemes used by France.

This is the story of the French Service of the famous American fighter Curtis Hawk H-75. The book includes the service history in France before and during WWII with combat records. It contains superb color illustrations of camouflage and markings with rare black and white archive photographs. It is an essential reading for aviation enthusiasts, aviation historians scale aero modelers.