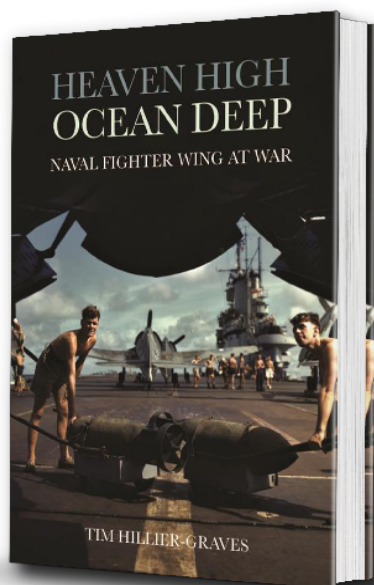


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In 1944, with the invasion of Europe underway and the battles in the Atlantic all but won, the Royal Navy's strength could now be focused on the Pacific where the Japanese were still a long way from defeat. Eager to stand toe to toe with their American cousins, the British sent the largest fleet they had ever assembled to the Far East and began an intense, bloody war of attrition against the Axis foe. This book follows the story of the aircraft carrier HMS *Indomitable* and her daring 5th Fighter Wing, whose actions would come to define the Pacific Fleet and its courage in the face of injury, imprisonment and death.

### WHAT WAS THE 5TH FIGHTER WING?

- ◆ The **5th Fighter Wing** was the air arm of the Royal Navy carrier **HMS Indomitable** who fought as a part of the British Pacific Fleet between April 1944 and August 1945.
- ◆ Comprised of young men from across the Commonwealth, including **Canada, New Zealand, Holland and South Africa**, the book follows their lives and actions that lead them to serve together in this front.
- ◆ The Fighter Wing's accomplishments were second to none; a feat only achieved by the sacrifice and endurance of its men who flew in the battles for **Sumatra, Leyte and Okinawa**.

### WHAT DOES THIS BOOK OFFER?

- ◆ This book provides the first detailed history of the courageous 5th Fighter Wing, using many unpublished first-hand accounts from pilots of the Fleet Air Arm, the aviation wing of **the largest British fleet ever assembled**.
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- ◆ Included within is a collection of **stellar photographs, official documents and personal squadron diaries** that build a complete and no-holds-barred account of the exceptional men who persevered in the shadow of death.

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