

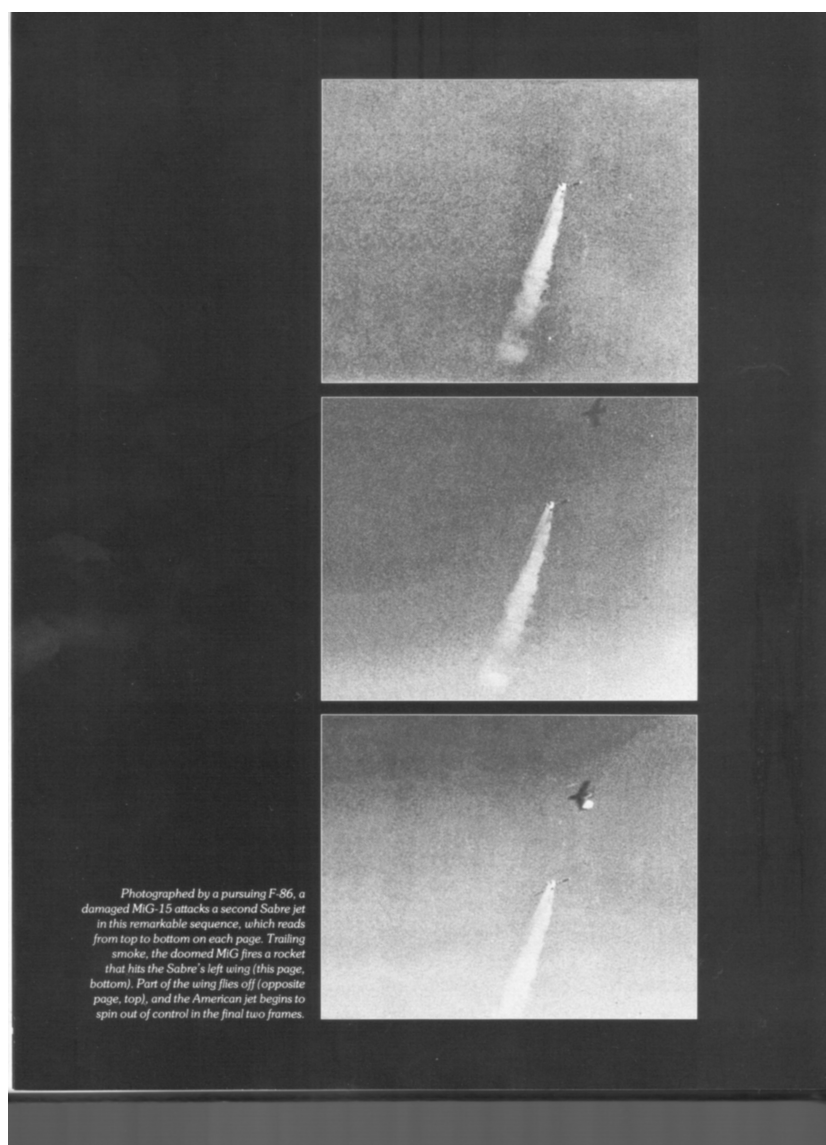
## Air Fighting Korean War    Contributed by Jake Newham

Recently I mentioned the loss of an RAF pilot seconded to USAF 4th Fighter Wing, Kimpo. SQNLDR Hulse. 14 March 1953.

I was on vehicle alert at the readiness pad, No4 of four Meteors, and watched 72 Sabres take-off for obviously a major sweep by the Yalu river, known as Mig Alley. We were scrambled shortly thereafter on an unrelated mission, and returned within 40 mins after a strike close to home. We were on the tarmac as the Sabres returned without their drop tanks and noses of most covered with gun smoke.

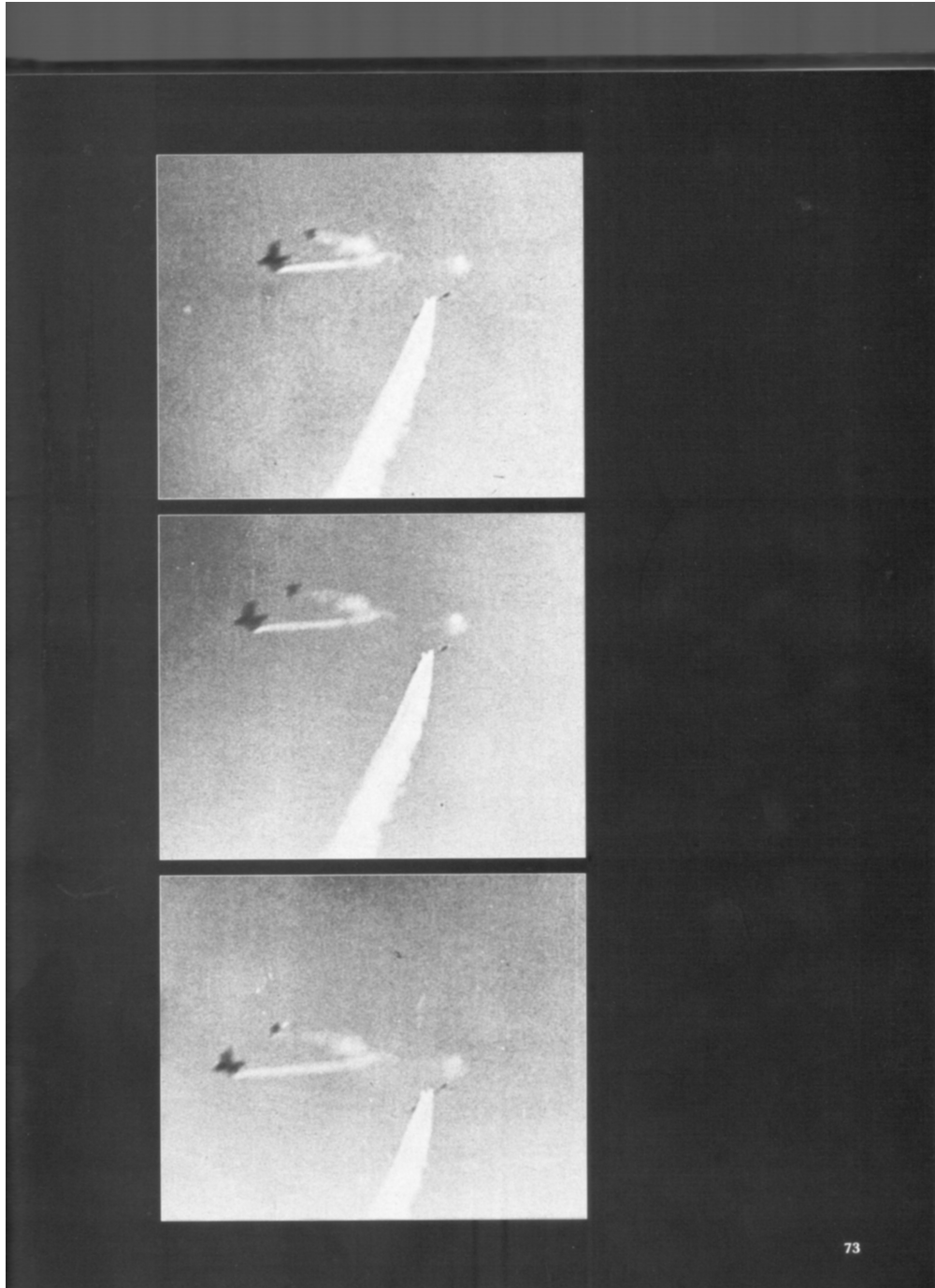
That evening several of us ventured across to the 4th Officers' Mess to watch a projection of the day's camera film, with comments by 4th Wing Commander.

One clip featured shots of a Mig under attack, showing evidence of hits and streaming smoke, probably fuel vapour. See following stills taken from this film: No1 shows, from the top, the Mig under attack, and in the second frame a Sabre entering the frame right to left, then in the third frame the Mig firing whilst still under attack and getting hits on the Sabre's left wing.



NB: The narrative to this frame says the Mig fires a rocket . . . This is quite incorrect, as shown. Also the Migs then did not possess such a capability. The actual film as it was run that night distinctly showed the Mig's 37mm cannon fire puffs of smoke. Remembering that the two 23mm cannon were firing too, it was quite eerie.

Now to clip No2: from top to bottom, the three frames show the left wing severing and the Sabre starting to spin. There was no indication from the movie clip of an ejection.



RESCAP units went to the area, including four from 77. A roundel scribed in the snow was reported, but no visual sign of Hulse, or emergency radio call. A recce at first light next morning showed the area extensively trampled.

As my recollection was quite vivid, I mentioned this experience to Dennis Newton when he was researching material for his book on the air war in Korea, c1998. Maybe a year later Dennis phoned me to say he'd chanced upon the clips from the gun camera movie in a Time/Life magazine, and sent me copies.

The tale does not end though as FLTLT Viv Shearn\*\* and SQNLDR Hulse had become friends and Viv was close to a flight in an F86, which did not eventuate as a result of the loss of his sponsor.

The following pic shows Hulse (Left) and Viv:



\*\* Viv had served in Spits in UK and returned to Australia to be one of the founding members of 77 Sqn. Went to Darwin and served in the Pacific .....

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