

TWO ACES IN KOREAN AIR WAR

TWO ACES have been crowned in Navy and Marine aviation in Korea, Lt. Guy Pierre Bordelon with five "Bed Check Charlies" to his credit and Maj. John F. Bolt the first Marine jet ace, with six *Migs* to his credit.

Bordelon, the Navy's first ace in Korea, flew F4U-5N *Corsairs* from VC-3 on the *Princeton*. While on the night flying duty he was attached to Fifth Air Force at Seoul. On June 29, Bordelon shot down two of the low-wing monoplanes, believed to be YAK-18's. He followed this up with two more on July 1 and became an ace by bagging his fifth night prowler on July 16. For his feats he won two Silver Star medals and was recommended for a Navy Cross.

The night heckler planes on one occasion got some bomb hits on storage dumps and caused considerable damage at Seoul. The YAK-18 is a two-place trainer about the size of Ryan primary trainers used in World War II. It has a five-cylinder radial engine and 140 knots top speed. The plane has a radius of about 200 miles but the Reds may have added fuel tanks to boost this for the Seoul raids. Its speed is so slow faster planes have to drop wheels and



MAJ. BOLT, FIRST MARINE JET ACE, ON SABER

flaps to try to cut their own speed.

Maj. Bolt was leading a four-plane *Saber* flight in an attack on four *Migs* east of Sinuiju while on temporary duty with the 51st Fighter Interceptor Wing. It was his 37th mission. Bolt saw the *Migs* take off from Antung base and led his flight down on them before they could gain altitude.

He said he blacked out momentarily and came out only 1500 feet behind the *Migs*. "I pushed over and gave four bursts," Bolt said, "He began to smoke, rolled over and slipped into the ground.

"I made the second kill when this other dude drifted over my way. I pulled

my nose up and close to within 500 feet and started firing into his tailpipe. He began burning and I was so close that I was near blinded by the dense smoke. I pulled out and got out of it just in time. I watched the pilot eject himself and float to the ground. It took me only 1200 rounds and five minutes—a pretty good return on the investment."

Maj. Bolt has completed 89 *Panther* fighter-bomber, close air support and interdiction missions with MAG-33 in addition to his 37 *Saber* sweeps. During World War II, Bolt shot down six *Zeke*s while serving with Boyington's *Black Sheep* squadron, VMF-214, between 23 September 1943 and 4 January 1944.

Bordelon served with Air Group 111 and VC-183 on the *Corrigedor*, *Puget Sound*, *Boxer* and *Valley Forge*.

On June 15, Maj. George H. Linne-meier of VMC-1, flying a night interceptor hop, shot down a PO-2 night heckler and claimed another damaged.

VF-172 Wins 14 Gun 'E's' Blue Bolts Riddle Banners at Gitmo

COMFAIR JACKSONVILLE—A month's competitive gunnery firing by VF-172 saw the *Blue Bolts'* hotshot gunners win 14 E's at 25,000 feet and 11 E's at 15,000 feet.

Temporarily based at Leeward Point, Cuba, the jetsters riddled many tow target banners while logging 1100 flight hours during the month. Lt. George Warren, a double E winner, also had the squadron's highest over-all average for the month.

Double E winners were LCdr. Gilford Acker, Lts. Robert Hamilton, Roy McClosky, George Warren, Lts. (jg) Richard B. Bellinger, Albert Wilhila, Donald Haynsworth

and Ens. James A. Newcomb and Dave North.

Single E winners were LCdr. James Cain, squadron skipper; Lt. Paul Creatau, Lts. (jg) Paul Riley and Louis Racy and Ens. Thomas Fisher, James Osborn and Donald Minnigerode.

VF-102 pilots racked up 17.4% hits in gunnery at 25,000 feet, winning 23 E's, 13 at that altitude and 10 at 15,000 feet. Best competitive target sleeve was brought back by Lt. Gene Glass, Lt. Robert Horner, Lt. (jg) Richard Doan and Ens. Charles Beal, who averaged 31% hits at 15,000 feet.

Double E winners were LCdr. Roy Dalton, the skipper; Lts. Glass and Horner, Lt. (jg) Doan, Ens. John Haselton, Ens. Harry Rolka and John Nichols.

Single E's went to LCdrs. Kenneth Ruiz and Tom Lindsey, Lts. Arthur Brooker, Ronald DeBaets, and Raymond McDannold and Ens. William Knowlton and Beal.

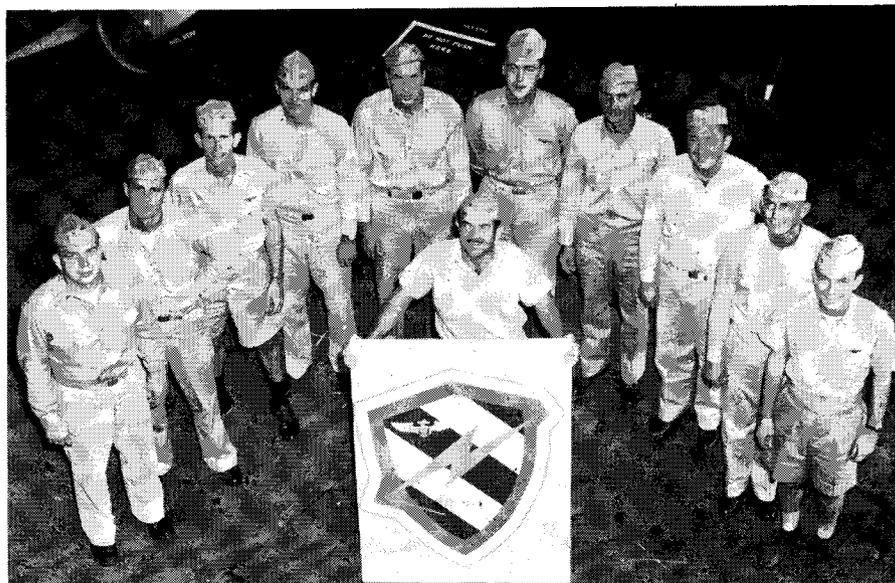
VF-43's *Fighting Falcons* picked up 15 E's, nine at 15,000 feet and the rest higher up, with Lt. Howard M. Hudspeth making the top hit percentage.

Navy Chief Becomes Citizen He Wasn't Born Here in U.S. After All

After nearly 16 years of naval service with the U. S. Navy, Chief Yeoman Hill has finally dropped his Canadian citizenship and become an American citizen at NAAS CABANISS FIELD.

Until last October, when Hill wrote a relative to obtain a birth certificate, Hill honestly believed that he had been born in Detroit, Michigan. The relative wrote back, informing him that Toronto, Ontario was his place of nativity.

The Chief explained his position to the Navy and the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and began the long process of obtaining citizenship. This spring, after living under "false pretenses" in the United States for over 35 years, he became a citizen.



SKIPPER CAIN HOLDS BLUE BOLT INSIGNE AS HIS 'E' WINNING MARKSMEN CLUSTER AROUND