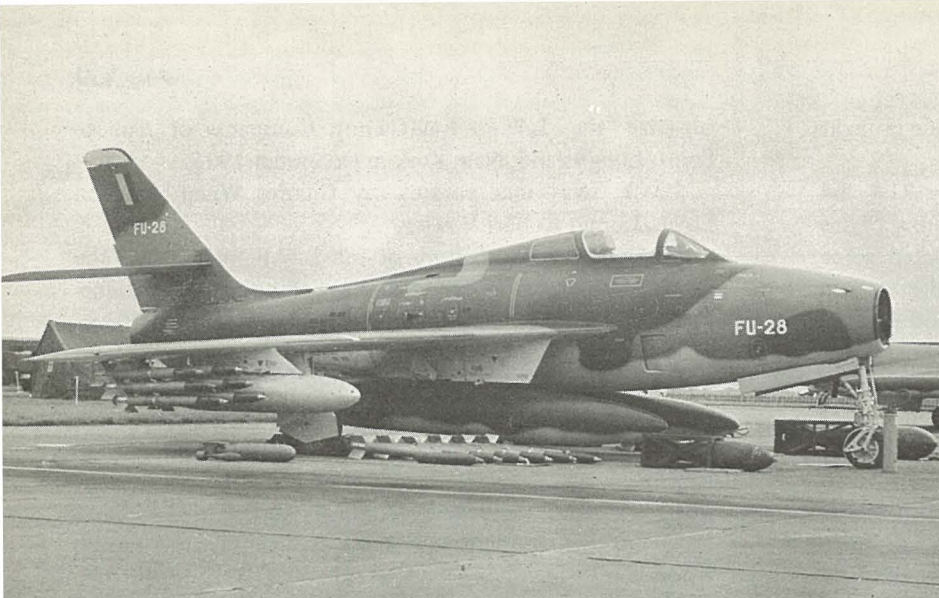


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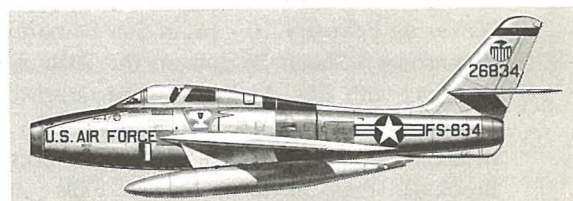
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F-84F-51RE, s/n 52-7166, FU-28 of 2nd Sqdn, 2nd Wing, Belgian Air Force, at Brusten, Belgium, June 1968. (Photo — Johann Ragay)

When Alexander Kartveli designed the F-84, some twenty-four years ago, he probably could not have prophesied that this design would continue in service as long as it has and with so many countries. During the course of those twenty-four years, the F-84 served with the Air Forces of fifteen nations:

Belgium	F-84E, F and RF-84F
Denmark	F-84E, G and RF-84F
France	F-84E, F and RF-84F
Germany	F-84F, and RF-84F
Greece	F-84F, G and RF-84F
Iran	F-84F
Italy	F-84F and RF-84F
The Netherlands	F-84F, G and RF-84F
Norway	F-84E, G and RF-84F
Portugal	F-84G
Taiwan (Formosa)	F-84G and RF-84F
Thailand	F-84G
Turkey	F-84F, G and RF-84F
USA	F-84A, B, C, D, E, F, G, K and RF-84F
Yugoslavia	F-84G



Among the many F-84s flown around the world, the F-84E was the least used; only five countries flew this model. Norway received its first F-84Es on 10 September 1951, at Sola Airport, when General Eisenhower presented the Norwegian Air Force with five. Belgium received a few F-84Es in March 1951 that were later replaced with F-84Gs. Of the six F-84Es received by Denmark, I have records of four, all F-84E-25-REs; 51-482, 51-558, 51-584 and 51-586, the first arriving 28 August 1951. With the arrival of the "G"s, they were soon phased out. France received F-84Es, but at present, I have no information on these. In the USA, the F-84 made a name for itself when it set an official speed record of 611 mph on 8 September 1946. Four years later, in December of 1950, the first F-84Es saw combat in Korea. Throughout most of the war the aircraft was a reliable workhorse, carrying many tons of explosives to targets in North Korea.

As of late 1968, the F-84F and RF-84F still continued very active in eight countries; Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Turkey, and the USA. In this country, these two models form the backbone of the Air National Guard's Tactical Fighter and Reconnaissance forces with seventeen squadrons using the aircraft.

A total of 7,883 F-84s were built: 4,457 F-84A, B, C, D, E, and Gs; 2,711 F-84Fs and 715 RF-84Fs. There is a great deal of information available but there are many areas still unknown, especially its use in the Korean War.

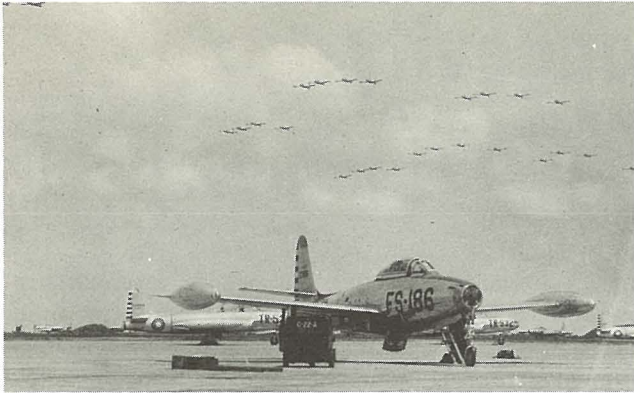


F-84F-50RE, 52-6851, 851 of No. 336 Sqdn, Armee de l'Air Grecque at Luga-Malte, April 1965. (Photo — F. Humblot)



F-84G, 51-10661, 661 of Yugoslav Air Force. Fuselage insignia derived from RAF insignia and red star. (Photo — Taylor Collection)

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F-84G-31-RE, 52-3186, of Chinese Air Force at Taiwan, Formosa.
(Photo — Chinese Air Force, courtesy of Author)

F-84G-16-RE, 51-10720, A-720 of Royal Danish Air Force. 'A' represents Aalborg Air Force Base. (Photo — W.L. Lewis via Author)

F-84F-46-GK, 52-8923, of 9th Escadre, Auvergne Squadron, French Armee de l'Air at Brieenne le Chateau, May 1964. (Photo-Humblot)

F-84F-71-RE, 53-6869, DF-368 of Jagdbombergeschwader 36, German Air Force at Soelingen Air Base, Oct. 1964. (Photo-Steven Peltz)

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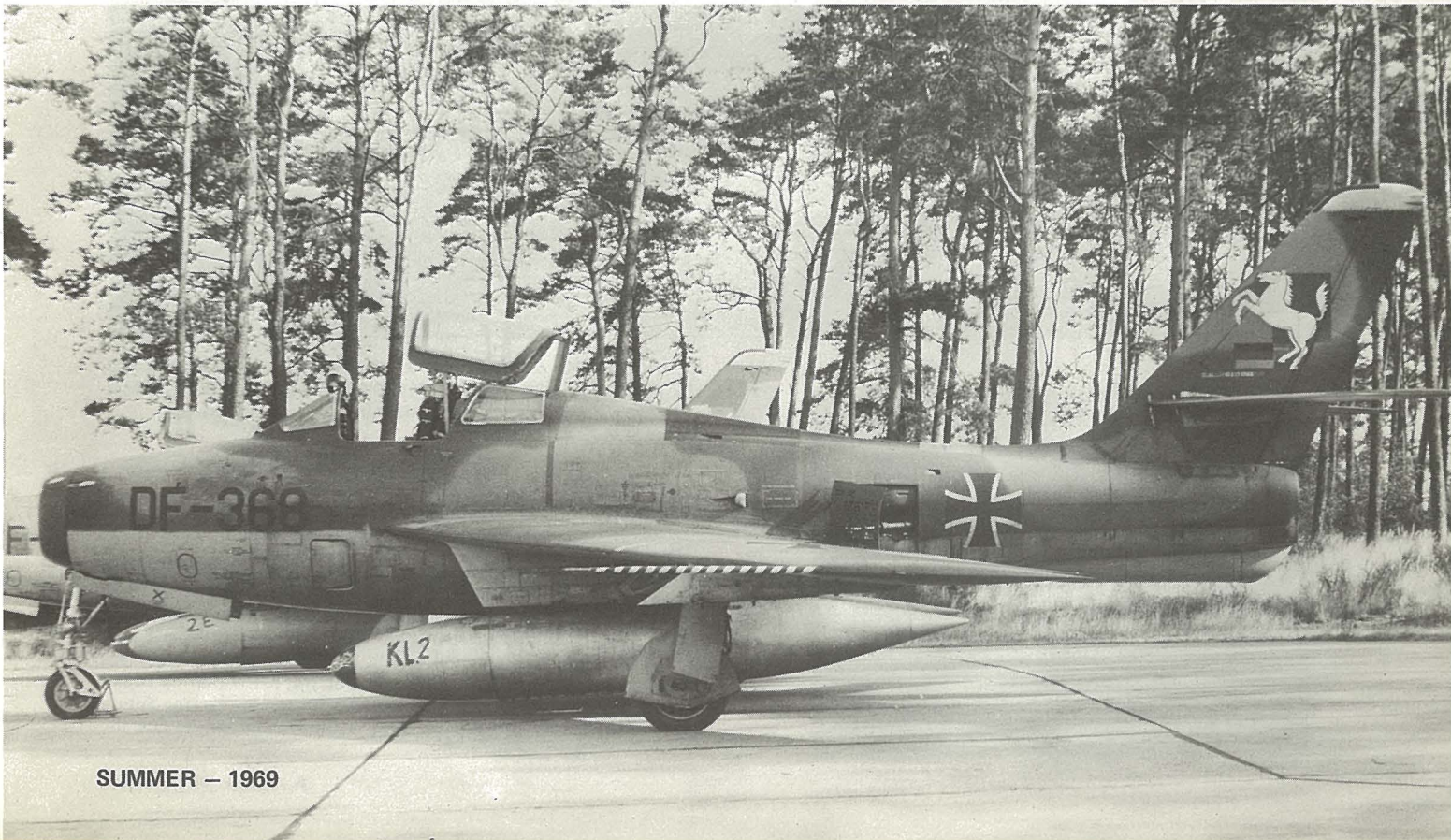
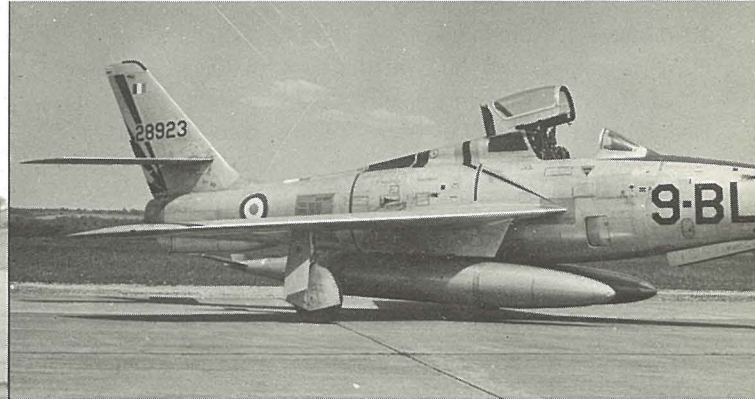
I would also like to hear from former members of the following units:

91st Strato Recon Sqdn (Used 25 RF-84Ks and the GRB configuration.)

31st Tactical Fighter Wing (In executing Operation FOX PETER ONE in July 1952 the entire Wing flew from Turner AFB, Georgia to Misawa Air Base, Japan.)

508th Strategic Fighter Wing (Flew F-84Gs non-stop from Turner AFB to RAF Lakenheath, England.)

SPECIALIST NOTE: Norman E. Taylor is Aircraft Specialist for the F-84. In a continuing program to bring to these pages the results of the Specialists' research, some of Author Taylor's most interesting photographs of F-84s in service are presented here as an introduction. (Editor)



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