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Untitled—girl removing girdle—
B-17.

Gary M. Valant
C/O Valco

ENEMY PILOTS

Regarding the "Inside AC" article of January 1987. The paragraph concerning "Crack Shots of the Führer" and the author's statement, "These photographs show the deadly pilots and planes of Nazi Germany—and a murderous lot they were." And, "These pilots and their leaders were not the same as their Allied counterparts and it is wise that we do not forget that fact." My opinion differs from the author's, because if the German pilots were a murderous group then all of us who were fighter pilots and shot down the enemy, whether they were German, Japanese, Russian, North Korean or North Vietnamese, should also be placed in the murderer's row classification.

As a Corsair pilot in the Pacific, a Panther jet pilot in Korea and a few other civil air actions in Africa and Laos I always considered that the opposing pilots were merely an extension of their country's national policy, whether right or wrong. Just as we Americans were of our national policy and many times the American policy was erroneous. To infer that highly skilled, and often outnumbered, German pilots were

murderers, because they ran up damn impressive victories in air-to-air combat, is pure drivel. Even with the above bitching I greatly enjoy *Air Classics* and look forward to each issue.

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T-28C RESEARCH

I am hoping readers can help me in finding photographs of factory-fresh North American T-28Cs (dating from about 1956 in yellow paint). Does anyone out there have a color shot of a C model in flight?

I am currently trying to rebuild/restore T-28C BuNo 140524. I've completely taken the aircraft apart and plan on zeroing everything. It's quite a bit more than I first planned and a complex aircraft. I'm an aerial sprayer and not that adept at having "systems." It will take a few years to complete but I'd like to paint the Trojan back into factory finish and that's why I need some good photos.

My plane was surplus as scrap from Corpus Christi and is painted in orange and white VT-27 markings (plane #767). Also I have no logs. I know the military usually doesn't throw these things away. Any idea where they are?

I also need to know if the landing gear struts are painted white or silver. Factory B&W shots seem to indicate silver but most restorations have the struts painted white.

Ken Hildebrandt
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CAPT. BLAND

I have a flight bag I would like to return. It was found in Dublin, Georgia, during 1946 and carries the

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