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Hump Pilot – Paying Homage to the Little Known Heroes of WWII

Vienna VA – The Hump, as the WWII airlift over the Himalayas was called, was a peril-fraught yet vital mission for which many pilots lost their lives. In *Hump Pilot* (The History Publishing Company), Nedda R. Thomas gives an authentic first-hand account of a brave man's war story, and provides a piece of history not often portrayed in books.

"My father was a modest man and rarely spoke of his wartime service," says the author. "When I persuaded him to share his experiences, I was able to see a different dimension of him, not as a father but as an American hero."

Hump pilots suffered horrifying mortality rates, and though little remembered today, their sacrifices still speak volumes. Thomas adds, *"Their mission over the tallest mountains on earth is largely forgotten even by military readers. Yet the Hump is the missing link to the entire pursuit of World War II in Asia. These pilots were critical to Nationalist China and to every Allied ground and flying unit there, and they put their lives on the line with every takeoff."*

In a well-researched, well-paced, compelling account, Ned Thomas' character emerges – that of a true gentleman. As a young pilot he had dashing good looks, good humor, and a humbling quality. His story is one of courage and fortitude. Along with other men in the Hump, his mission saved lives and honored his country. Through his daughter's writing, readers climb on-board a historical roller coaster, as a piece of nearly-lost history comes back to life.

About the author

Nedda Thomas has published numerous articles about creative and significant figures. She also writes poetry, and has worked as a magazine editor. Growing up in a military/diplomatic family, she lived in the U.S., France, and the Far East. She holds a master's degree in human development, and attended seminary. Family memories help nurture her passion for history; she speaks French and English, and lectures on several different topics.

For more information, please visit www.humppilot.com.

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