



BASIC DESIGN: The Consolidated Vultee XF-92A (above) was used as the basic design for a new USAF delta wing fighter known as the F-102, now in production at Convair's San Diego plant. The XF-92A, which was the first delta to fly anywhere (1948) is powered by an Allison J-33 rated at 5,200 lb. th., plus afterburner power. Gross weight is 15,000 pounds, while speed is said to be over 650 m.p.h.

this action, he officially initiated active RCAF participation in Continental European defence.

The Wing, first of four that will make up the Canadian Air Division on the Continent, consists of 416, 421

and 430 Fighter Squadrons. Commanding officer is Group Captain M. E. Pollard, who has succeeded Group Captain J. K. MacDonald. G/C MacDonald held the post for only a few months, but was recently forced to re-

linquish it because of ill health.

At the ceremony, Defence Minister Rene Pleven represented France, the host nation, while the Wing was accepted by General Alfred M. Gruenther, chief of staff of SHAPE.

Active Service

Lieutenant Joseph MacBrien is the first Canadian Naval pilot to participate in combat operations in Korea. Lt. MacBrien is serving as an exchange pilot with Fighter Squadron 781, attached to the USS Oriskany, and flew his first combat mission on November 9. His squadron flies Grumman F9F Panthers. A native of Toronto, Lt. MacBrien graduated from Royal Roads in 1942.

Anniversary

On November 15, 1952, No. 1 Fighter Wing celebrated its first anniversary in the U.K. It was on this date in 1951 that the RAF officially handed North Luffenham over to the RCAF. As part of the ceremonies marking this occasion, the Station was visited on November 14 by Lord Alexander, British Minister of Defence.

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