

HITTING THE KWAI

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I've been researching this topic for years. I was drawn to the story after seeing that great David Lean movie *Bridge on the River Kwai*. But I soon found out that the real story was even more incredible, and tragic. Some 16,000 American, Australian, British and Dutch prisoners of war perished during the construction of the infamous "Death Railway" that provided the Japanese with an overland supply route from Bangkok to Burma.

The bridges that conveyed the tracks to the River Kwae Noi were targets that had to be destroyed by the United States Army Air Forces. Again and again aircrews flew low through the intense anti-aircraft fire while trying to hit a target which resembled the thin edge of a knife blade. I am pleased, therefore, that a portion of the proceeds from the sale of this print will benefit the Kwai River Christian Mission in Thailand.

Fine Art Print: 23 7/8" w x 12" h. 850 s/n. \$265 (unframed)

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PACIFIC MORNING: BLACK SHEEP ON THE PROWL

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Looking for targets of opportunity near Rabaul in the Solomon Islands, 1944, former Maj. USMC "Pappy" Boyington and other Marine Fighter Pilots from the famous VMF-214 Black Sheep Squadron, flew the Vought F4U Corsair. The famed Black Sheep pilots owned the skies in the Western Pacific.

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