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# He 162 Volksjäger Units (Combat Aircraft)



## Synopsis

With the Third Reich on the brink of defeat, Hitler's instructions to his designers were clear. He wanted a Volksjäger--a People's Fighter that was quick to produce and used minimal quantities of strategic materials. Heinkel rose to the challenge with the He 162, a fighter constructed of wood and metal that was designed, built, and flown in the staggeringly short time of ten weeks. Professional pilots were in short supply, and so the Luftwaffe was ordered to man the He 162 with hastily trained members of the Hitler Youth--a flawed plan that fortunately never came to fruition. Detailed aircraft profiles and never before seen photographs perfectly complement the analysis of the revolutionary Heinkel He 162 as author Robert Forsyth traces its entire history, from the early design and production through to its limited combat experience.

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Robert Forsyth's previous titles include *Battle over Bavaria* (1998), *Messerschmitt Me 264 Amerikabomber* (2006--with Eddie J Creek), and *He 162 Volksjäger* (2008--with Eddie J Creek). He founded Classic Publications and the imprint Tattered Flag. Jim Laurier works in many artistic

mediums, across a variety of subjects. He has worked on the Osprey Aviation list since 2000, and in that time, has produced some of the finest artwork seen in these volumes.

One of Germany's last ditch efforts to stave off defeat in 1944-45 was the fielding of the He 162 jet fighter. Designed and built on a compressed timeline in late 1944, the new fighter mixed materials and borrowed parts from existing projects. Its principal innovation was a turbojet engine perched on top of the fuselage. Training the necessary pilots was a separate challenge..."He 162 Volksjager Units" is an Osprey Combat Aircraft Series book, authored by Robert Forsyth, with illustrations by Jim Laurier. The book traces the developmental history of the He 162, including the construction of its aircraft in underground factories staffed by forced labor. The aircraft itself was remarkably innovative for its time. It was also tough on pilots. The operational history of the He 162, recapped in some detail in the narrative, includes the deaths of numerous experienced pilots in accidents and mishaps. At the conclusion of the war, the winning Allies were quick to exploit the models that fell into their hands for the development of their own jet fighters. Recommended as a concise but very readable introduction to an innovative but largely forgotten aircraft.

The reasons why this aircraft were largely unsuccessful are explained in detail by the author. The political interference and technical idiosyncrasies of the He 162 are presented and explained. A very interesting read.

Another book for the Heinkel He 162 fan. Good for modelers and history buffs.

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Really enjoyed the read. A lot of new information on a unique aircraft that had a short career. Format is very typical of this series.

very good recap of the HE 162 squandrons and short live

Anything by this author is great.

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