

**All-American Fighting Forces**

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**TUSKEGEE**  
**AIR MEN**  
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# War

## above Europe

Two black pilots flew high above **Europe**. Their job was to guard a U.S. **bomber** plane. Suddenly, they spotted an enemy plane. It had to be destroyed.

One pilot steered his **fighter** behind the enemy. But his guns jammed. The enemy tried to escape. But the other pilot fired, taking the enemy's plane down.



# PARTS OF A P-51 MUSTANG FIGHTER







## African American Fighter Pilots

The two pilots were Tuskegee Airmen. The Airmen were the United States' first black pilots. They fought in World War II.

World War II began in 1939. The United States joined the war in 1941. It worked with Great Britain, France, and other countries. They were the **Allies**. They fought against Germany, Japan, and Italy.