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A history of Army Aviation's role in the Korean conflict. Author was a field artillery spotter pilot in L-4s in WW II, and he flew L-19s in Korea. He was the unofficial information officer for Army Aviation during the Korean conflict.