

Sky Stack

In this striking photo, 14 Army Air Corps P-12 pursuit aircraft of the 1930s form up in echelon for the camera. The shot has preserved a glimpse of the open-cockpit, helmet-and-goggles era of military flying. The P-12, which had no nickname, boasted a 30-foot wing span and could cruise at 150 mph. The first P-12 was delivered by Boeing on Feb. 26, 1929, to Air Corps Capt. Ira C. Eaker. In 1941, the Army phased out the P-12, the last of the service's bi-plane fighters.

