

Re: Poles an Zeros

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On Sat, 01 Mar 2008 01:27:17 +1100, Phil Allison wrote:

"Rob

Could someone explain to me Poles and Zeros. What does a Pole do and what does a zero do and how they interact together.

** I have spent countless hours reading about & watching films and documentary stories about of the air war that dominated WW2. However, I have never heard of any confrontation occurring between the Polish air force (or indeed any Polish WW2 flyer) and a Japanese Zero.

Probably, had a "one on one" showdown occurred somewhere over South East Asia, the Zero would have defeated the Pole.

The Pole would then become attenuated at a huge number of dB per thousand feet – until the poor fellow reached the stop band. Forever.

Actually, it may have happened. When Poland fell many poles emigrated to free countries to fight for the Allies. I imagine that most of them stayed close to the continent, but there may have been some polish nationals in the American, British, or Australian airplanes over the Pacific.

But a polish pilot in a PLZ "fighter", going against a zero, would have looked an awful lot like a small bird going against a falcon — it would be a short exchange.

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