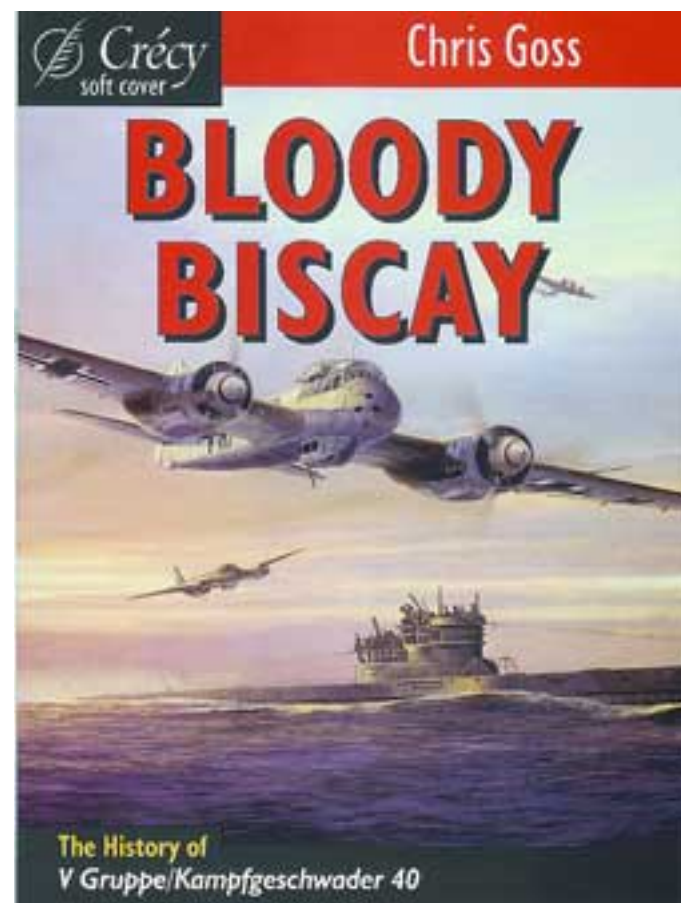


## BLOODY BISCA Y

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*Bloody Biscay* is the story of the Luftwaffe's only long range maritime fighter unit – V Gruppe/Kampfgeschwader 40 (V/KG40) – and its battles against the Royal Air Force (RAF) and the US Army Air Force (USAAF) and the US Navy (USN) from July 1942 to August 1944 in the skies above the Bay of Biscay.

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