

Italian Starfighter Specials



Above: In a ceremony at Istrana, Italy, on May 6, the based 22^o Gruppo of 51^a Stormo received a special medal for military valour. An F-104G was painted in special marks for the occasion, and unusually wore different colour schemes on either side. (Diego Bigolin)

Salon Epsilons



Above: Groupement d'Instruction 312 (GI312) based at Salon de Provence has begun to receive TB-30 Epsilons to replace the CAP-10Bs operated by its subordinate unit, 5^e EIA. (M Fournier)

RNZAF UH-1Hs stay put

THE TWO ROYAL New Zealand Air Force Bell UH-1H Iroquois forming a detachment of 3 Sqn at Wigram are to stay in Christchurch after Wigram closes in September 1995.

The detachment, which will move to Christchurch International Airport, is the only RNZAF flying unit left on South Island.

Wigram will close down completely in December after its assets have been disposed of. The future of the airfield has still to be decided. **Paul Adams**

Taiwanese Hawkeyes

FOLLOWING HAND-OVER in the US in May 1994 of the first Northrop Grumman E-2C Group II Hawkeye for the Republic of China Air Force, Taiwanese crews have been over three training up on the aircraft. This first aircraft was due to be flown to Taiwan in mid-May, four months ahead of schedule.

It will join the AEW unit being formed as part of the country's Strong Net air defence upgrading programme. The remaining three aircraft will also be delivered by mid-1996. ▶

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