

The Untold Story of Paul Dike: Nigeria's First Air Chief Marshal

Air Chief Marshal Paul Dike was a Nigerian military officer who served as the first Chief of Air Staff of the Nigerian Air Force. He was a pioneer in the development of Nigerian aviation, and played a key role in the establishment of the Nigerian Air Force.



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Early Life and Career

Paul Dike was born in Enugu, Nigeria, on December 5, 1926. He attended Government College, Umuahia, and later joined the Royal Air Force (RAF) in 1948. He received his pilot training in the United Kingdom and served in the RAF for six years.

In 1956, Dike returned to Nigeria and joined the Nigerian Air Force. He was one of the first pilots in the Nigerian Air Force, and he quickly rose through

the ranks. In 1962, he was appointed Chief of Air Staff, becoming the first Nigerian to hold this position.

Chief of Air Staff

As Chief of Air Staff, Dike oversaw the rapid expansion of the Nigerian Air Force. He established new air bases and acquired new aircraft, including the MiG-17 and MiG-21 fighter jets. He also played a key role in the development of the Nigerian Air Force's training programs.

Dike was a strong advocate for the use of air power in military operations. He believed that air power could be used to deter aggression, protect Nigerian airspace, and support ground forces. He also believed that air power could be used to promote economic development and provide humanitarian assistance.

Later Career

Dike retired from the Nigerian Air Force in 1971. He went on to serve as a senior advisor to the Nigerian government on aviation matters. He also served as a consultant to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

Dike died in Lagos, Nigeria, on January 12, 2019. He was 92 years old.

Legacy

Air Chief Marshal Paul Dike was a pioneer in the development of Nigerian aviation and the Nigerian Air Force. He was a visionary leader who played a key role in the establishment of the Nigerian Air Force and its transformation into a modern and effective fighting force.

Dike's legacy continues to inspire future generations of Nigerian aviators. He is remembered as a great leader, a skilled pilot, and a dedicated public servant.

The Untold Story of Paul Dike

The Untold Story of Paul Dike is a new book that tells the story of this remarkable man. The book is based on interviews with Dike, his family, and friends. It also draws on archival research and declassified documents.

The Untold Story of Paul Dike is a must-read for anyone interested in Nigerian history, aviation, or military history. This well-researched and engaging book tells the story of a remarkable man who played a pivotal role in the development of Nigeria's air force.

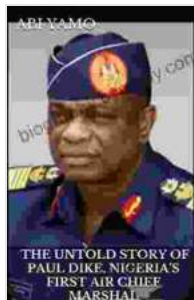


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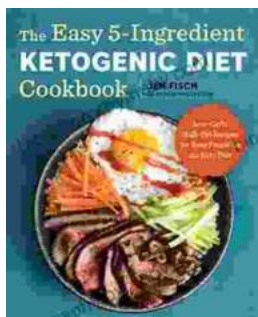
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