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Language NotesText: English, Turkish (translation)About the AuthorGary Leiser has been the civilian United States Air Force historian in Turkey since 1984.