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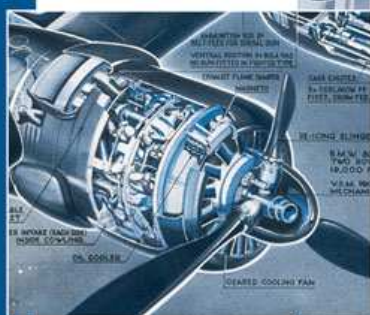


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Ju 88C

In December 1940, Flight magazine described the Ju 88 as 'a collection of numerous "brainwaves", but it is not a good aeroplane, since it has failed in its function.' A damning statement for an aircraft that many consider Germany's equivalent of the Mosquito.

The Ju 88 proved to be one of the most versatile combat aircraft ever built. In the night skies above Germany the Ju 88 excelled in the night-fighter role. It had excellent range, was well armed and had adequate space to accommodate the extra equipment necessary for the role. During the war the German night-fighter force claimed 7400 enemy aircraft destroyed.



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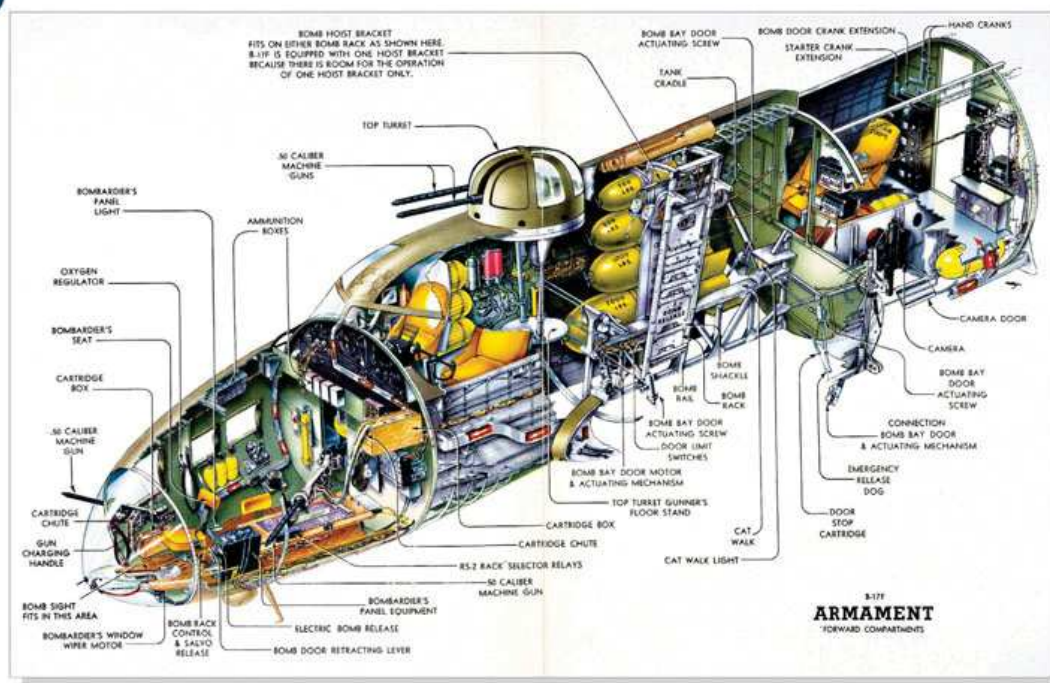
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B-17F Familiarization and Inspection Manual for the B-17F.

These two lavishly illustrated cutaway drawings of the B-17F represent some of the best work done by illustrators during the Second World War. The artist is unknown, but his work is exemplary. These drawings focus on the forward armament and the pilot's compartment and would be used to familiarize new crews to the structure and various systems found in the B-17.



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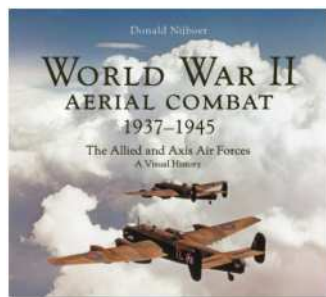
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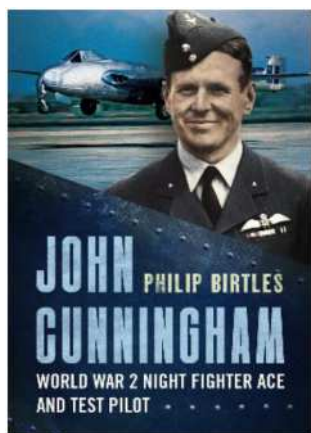
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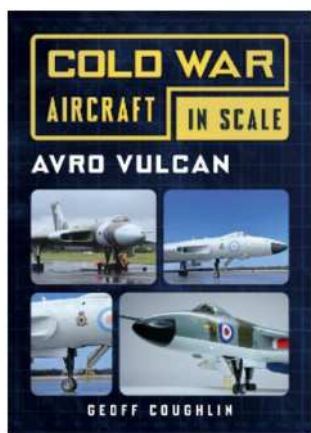
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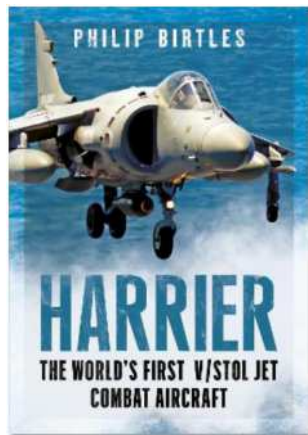
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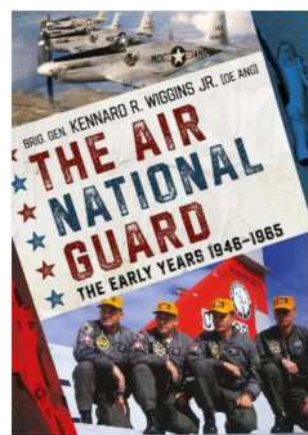
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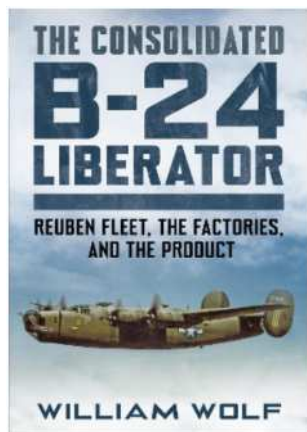
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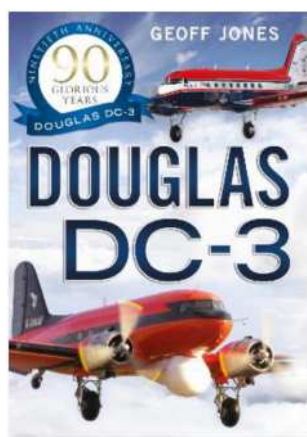
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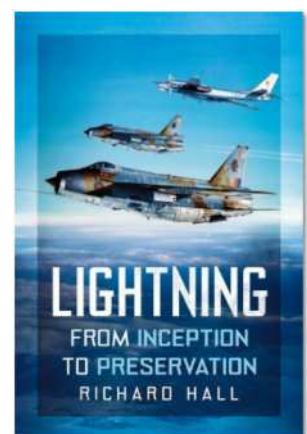
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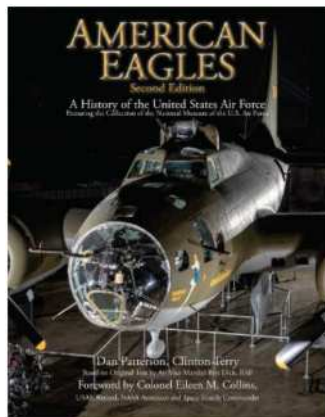
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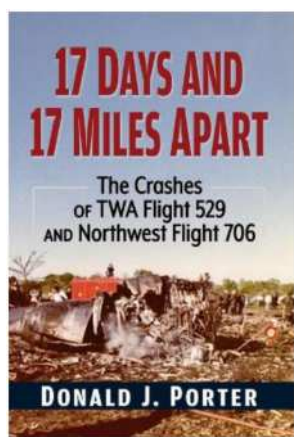


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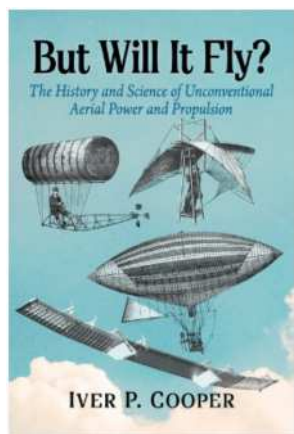
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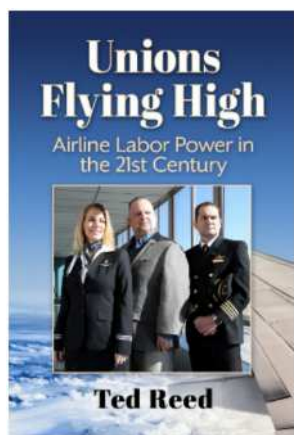


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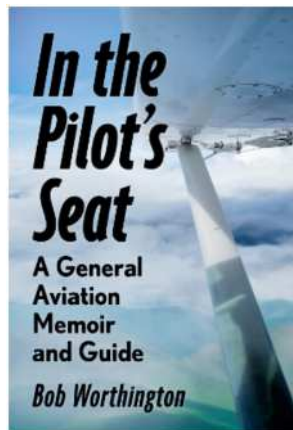
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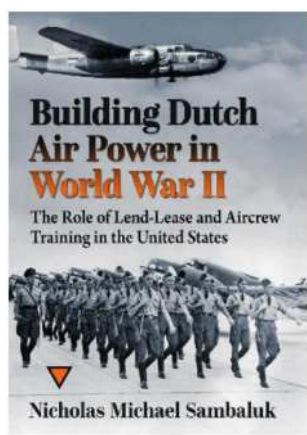


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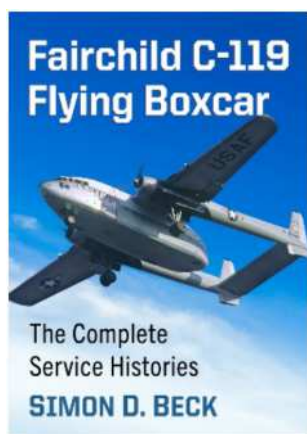
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