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Pilot's Flight Operation Instructions P-47B,-C,-D and -G Airplanes/Thunderbolt

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P-51 Mustang Pilot's Flight Manual

Periscope Film Com 2006-05

Instruktionsbog for det amerikanske jagerfly fra 2. verdenskrig, P-51 Mustang.

Vought F4u-4 Corsair Fighter Pilot's Flight Manual

Periscope Film Com 2006-04

En instruktionsbog (Flight Manual) for F4U-4 Corsair.

Pilot Training Manual for the Thunderbolt P-47N.

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P-47 Thunderbolt at War

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Perhaps the most significant fighter aircraft of World War II, the Republic P-47 Thunderbolt was the largest and most powerful single-engine fighter of the war, and with over fifteen thousand P-47s built, its production numbers topped any other American fighter. P-47 Thunderbolt at War traces the history of the P-47, including the pioneering efforts of Alexander de Seversky and Alexander Kartveli, who designed the prototype; the features that played into the P-47s combat performance; and its wartime construction and testing. The rugged Thunderbolts flew in combat across Europe, Africa, and the Pacific-as fighter, escort, and fighter bomber. They are brought to life through numerous photographs, many in full color, and through personal war stories from the men who flew them. Affectionately known as "Jugs," P-47s may not have been the most agile fighters, but they could take a pounding and get back home--an attribute
worthy of any pilots affection. P-47 Thunderbolt at War includes personal war stories of fighter-plane combat in Europe, the Mediterranean, and the Pacific; tales of the aircrafts postwar adventures in China, Algeria, and South America in the 1950s; and a number of Republic P-47 Thunderbolt specifications charts and diagrams.

Pilot Training Manual for the Thunderbolt P-47N-United States. Army Air Forces

Pilot's Handbook of Flight Operating Instructions for Model P-47B Airplane Powered with 1 Model R-2800-21 Engine-Republic Aviation Corporation 1942

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The Publishers' Trade List Annual- 1974


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Normandy to Nazi Surrender - Colonel Van H. Slayden 2020-11-25 The late Van Slayden trained on the PT-3 kite-like biplane in 1937, but he learned fighter pilot operations flying "by the seat of his pants," walking away from five crashes. Shortly after the invasion of Normandy, he landed on Utah Beach to help establish a US Army Air Forces' (AAF's) presence in Europe. He flew the P-47 Thunderbolt, a fighter-bomber, in combat over Northern France and commanded the 36th Fighter Group—the "Fightin' 36th" at Batogne, St. Vith, the Bridgehead at Remagen, Operations Grenade, Clarion, Varsity and other missions. His 22nd Fighter Squadron was the first in the AAF to land voluntarily on German soil. He was deep into Germany when the Nazis surrendered on May 8, 1945, which was remarkably anticlimactic. Van Slayden, a country boy from rural Tennessee, like so many of his contemporaries, stepped up to the challenge as part of the Greatest Generation.

Paperbound Books in Print - 1984

The B-17 Flying Fortress - Steve Birdsall 1979

Pilot's Handbook of Flight Operating Instructions for Model P-47b Airplane - Ray Merriam 2012-08-15 Merriam Press Military Reprint 11. First Edition (August 2012). This is the pilot's handbook of flight operating instructions for the Republic P-47B Thunderbolt fighter powered with the R-2800-1 engine, issued by the Air Service Command, Air Force Section, Patterson Field, Fairfield, Ohio, in September 1942. Contents: Description; Pilot Operating Instructions; Flight Operation Data; Communications Equipment; Armament; Operation of Oxygen Equipment; Appendix: USA-British Glossary of Nomenclature; 44 photos and illustrations; 5 charts.

P-47 Thunderbolt Units of the Twelfth Air Force - Jonathan Bernstein 2012-08-20 The P-47 Thunderbolt, originally designed as a high-altitude interceptor, became the principal US fighter-bomber of World War II. First adapted to the ground attack role by units of the Twelfth Air Force in early 1944, the strength and durability of the P-47 airframe, along with its massive size, earned it the nickname 'Juggernaut', which was quickly shortened to 'Jug' throughout the MTO and ETO. By October 1943, with the creation of the Fifteenth Air Force, nearly half of the Twelfth's fighter groups would be retasked with strategic escort missions, leaving six groups to perform close air support and interdiction missions throughout the entire Mediterranean theatre. The groups inflicted incredible damage on the enemy's transport routes in particular, using rockets, bombs, napalm and machine-gun rounds to down bridges, blow up tunnels and strafe trains. Myriad first-hand accounts and period photography reveal the spectacular success enjoyed by the Thunderbolt in the MTO in the final year of the war.

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*Check Six!* Jim Curran 2015-07-19 “Makes you proud to be an American . . . a wonderful, fast-paced read, and I highly recommend it for any World War II aviation enthusiast” (Military Review). There were no mission limits for a pilot in the Pacific during World War II; unlike in Europe, you flew until it was time to go home. So it was for James “Jug” Curran, all the way from New Guinea to the Philippines with the 348th Fighter Group, the first P-47 Thunderbolt outfit in the Pacific. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Curran volunteered to try flying in the blue yonder and trained as an Army fighter pilot. He got his wish to fly the P-47 in the Pacific, going into combat in August 1943, in New Guinea, and later helping start the “Black Rams” fighter squadron. The heavy US Thunderbolts were at first curious to encounter the nimble, battle-hardened Japanese in aerial combat, but soon, the American pilots gained skill of their own and their planes proved superior. Bombers on both sides could fall to fighters, but the fighters themselves were eyeball to eyeball, best man win. Check Six! is an aviation chronicle that brings the reader into flight, then into the fight, throughout the Pacific War and back. This work, from someone who was there, captures the combat experience of our aviators in the Pacific, aided by pertinent excerpts from the official histories of units that “Jug” Curran flew with. “Jim Curran is not afraid to share his moments of fear and emotions during the air battles with his readers which gives the book an extra dimension.” —AviationBookReviews.com


**Aces of the 78th Fighter Group** Thomas McKelvey Cleaver 2013-09-20 Dubbed the 'Eagles of Duxford', the 78th Fighter Group (FG) was unique in being the only fighter unit in the 'Mighty Eighth' to fly the P-38 Lightning, P-47 Thunderbolt and P-51 Mustang operationally. Arriving in the European Theatre of Operations (ETO) in November 1942, and eventually committed to combat five months later, the 78th, along with the 4th and 56th FGs, 'wrote the book' on long-range fighter escort by VIII Fighter Command in the ETO. This volume charts the group's highs and lows during its two years in action from Duxford, focusing on the exploits of the 51 pilots who achieved ace status with the 78th during World War 2. These men included Capt Charles London, the very first Eighth Air Force ace, and Maj Quince Brown, who was the 78th's most successful aerial ace prior to being murdered by the SS after he was shot down over Germany. By VE Day, the 'Eagles of Duxford' had downed 316 aircraft and destroyed a further 320 machines on the ground during strafing attacks on German airfields.
Hell Hawks - Robert F. Dorr 2010-05-01 Hell Hawks sets a new standard for histories of the tactical anti-war in Europe. Veteran authors Bob Dorr and Tom Jones combine masterfully crafted veteran interviews with the broader picture of the air war fought by the Thunderbolt men. You gain a new appreciation of just how tough their deadly task was, and the courage needed to fly close air support against the Nazi fighters and flak. This outstanding book raises the bar on aviation history as it brings alive the true story of an aerial band of brothers." - Colonel Walter J. Boyne, National Aviation Hall of Famer, former director of the National Air & Space Museum, and best-selling author Hell Hawks! is the story of the band of young American fighter pilots, and their gritty, close-quarters fight against Hitlers vaunted military. The "Hell Hawks" were the men and machines of the 365th Fighter Group. Beginning just prior to D-Day, June 6, 1944, the groups young pilots (most were barely twenty years old and fresh from flight training in the United States) flew in close support of Eisenhowers ground forces as they advanced across France and into Germany. They flew the rugged, heavily armed P-47 Thunderbolt, aka the Jug. Living in tents amid the cold mud of their front-line airfields, the 365ths daily routine had much in common with that of the G.I.s they supported. Their war only stopped with the Nazi surrender on May 8, 1945. During their year in combat, the Hell Hawks paid a heavy price to win the victory. Sixty-nine pilots and airmen died in the fight across the continent. The Groups 1,241 combat missions -- the daily confrontation of sudden, violent death -- forged bonds between these men that remain strong sixty years later. This book will tell their story, the story of the Hell Hawks.

Second to None - Timothy M. Grace 2006 "During World War II, the 368th Fighter Group, comprised of the 395th, 396th and 397th Fighter Squadrons, distinguished themselves while flying Republic P-47 Thunderbolt fighter-bombers during six campaigns in Europe." - p. [4] cover.

Sport Aviation - 1988

56th Fighter Group - Roger Freeman 2012-09-20 One of the first Thunderbolt groups to see action in the European Theatre of Operations (ETO) with the US Army Air Forces, the 56th Fighter Group (FG) was also the only fighter unit within the Eighth Air Force to remain equipped with the mighty P-47 until war's end. Led by the inspirational 'Hub' Zemke, this group was responsible for devising many of the bomber escort tactics employed by VIII Fighter Command between 1943 and 1945. By VE-Day the 56th FG had shot down 100 more enemy aircraft than any other group in the Eighth Air Force, its pilots being credited with 677 kills during 447 missions. The exploits of this elite fighter unit are detailed in this volume together with photographs, their aircraft profiles and insignia.

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P-47D Thunderbolt vs Ki-43-II Oscar - Michael John Claringbould 2020-07-23 Although New Guinea's Thunderbolt pilots faced several different types of enemy aircraft in capricious tropical conditions, by far their most common adversary was the Nakajima Ki-43-II Hayabusa, codenamed 'Oscar' by the Allies. These two opposing fighters were the products of two radically different design philosophies. The Thunderbolt was heavy, fast and packed a massive punch thanks to its battery of eight 0.50-cal machine guns, while the 'Oscar' was the complete opposite in respect to fighter design philosophy - lightweight, nimble, manoeuvrable and lightly armed. It was, nonetheless, deadly in the hands of an experienced pilot. The Thunderbolt commenced operations in New Guinea with a series of bomber escort missions in mid-1943, and its firepower and superior speed soon saw Fifth Air Force fighter command deploying elite groups of P-47s to Wewak, on the
northern coast. Flying from there, they would pick off unwary enemy aircraft during dedicated fighter patrols. The Thunderbolt pilots in New Guinea slowly wore down their Japanese counterparts by continual combat and deadly strafing attacks, but nevertheless, the Ki-43-II remained a worthy opponent deterrent up until Hollandia was abandoned by the IJAAF in April 1944. Fully illustrated throughout with artwork and rare photographs, this fascinating book examines these two vastly different fighters in the New Guinea theatre, and assesses the unique geographic conditions that shaped their deployment and effectiveness.

**Aircraft of World War II in Combat**- 2008 A comprehensive history of the use of air power during World War II, From Blitzkrieg Dive-Bombing Attacks To Parachute Landings And Aerial Reconnaissance.

**Titles**-[Anonymus AC00059372] 1989

**P-47 Thunderbolt Aces of the Ninth and Fifteenth Air Forces:** Jerry Scutts 1999-12-01 This book charts the story of the lesser known aces who flew the mighty Republic aircraft as a tactical fighter-bomber with the Ninth Air Force, rather than as a long-range escort. It also details the exploits of the Mediterranea-based 325th FG, which was the only P-47 group within the strategic Fifteenth Air Force. Thunderbolt aces within the Ninth Air Force, particularly, were rare, despite some 15 groups flying the fighter. Supporting troops on the ground rather than searching out aerial foes, was the name of the game for the men of the Ninth. However, with the Luftwaffe often opposing such sorties through to April 1945, more than 20 pilots had the opportunity to score five or more kills and 'make ace'.

**Pilot Training**- Arthur J. Sabin 1979

**P-47 Thunderbolt with the USAAF**- Tomasz Szlagor 2013-03-19 A visual history of the P-47 Thunderbolt. Contains more than 120 black and white photographs - all accompanied by informative captions, 12 color photos, 8 pages of color profiles. Also includes bonus decals representing the unique markings of featured aircraft in 1/72, 1/48 and 1/32 scale.

**Yellowjackets!**- Paul B. Cora 2002 Yellowjackets! The 361st Fighter Group in World War II is a narrative history of a combat unit attached to the U.S. 8th Air Force in the European Theater of Operations from December 1943 through the end of the war in Europe.

**P-47 Thunderbolt Aces of the Eighth Air Force**- Jerry Scutts 1998-10-30 The US aviation industry produced three great fighter designs to equip its burgeoning army air force during World War 2, and of this trio, Republic's P-47 Thunderbolt was easily the heaviest. Powered, crucially, by a turbocharged Pratt & Whitney R-2800 Double Wasp radial engine that produced 2000 hp, the first production fighters reached the 56th FG in June 1942, and six months later the group joined the Eight Air Force in Britain. The arrival of the first P-47Cs in mid-1943 addressed the problem of the aircraft's short combat radius, as this model could be fitted with an external tank. Slowly, as combat tactics evolved in units like the 56th and 78th FGs, pilots learnt how best to fly the Thunderbolt in order to effectively counter
the more nimble Luftwaffe fighters.

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