The First and the Last

The Rise and Fall of the German Fighter Forces, 1938-1945

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P-47 美國重戰鬪機。

Above: The Republic P-47, a heavyweight fighter, joined the P-38 on escort duty and helped destroy vast numbers of ME-109s and FW-190s. (Photo by David Cooke) Below: Probably one of the USAAF's most effective fighters, the North American P-51 did yeoman service over Germany. Standard German fighters were no match for it in speed and firepower. How it would have fared against the radical jet aircraft is another question. The U.S., however, also had several jet aircraft in Europe (Lockheed P-80s) when the war ended. (Official U. S. Air Force Photo)





B-24 美國轟炸機。

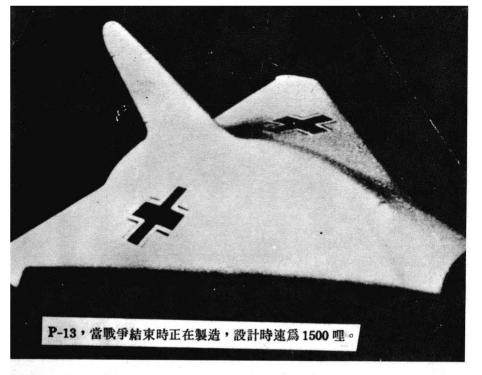
Above: The Consolidated B-24 joined the B-17 in the destruction of the German industrial might. Eighteen thousand B-24s were built during the war. (Consolidated Vultee Photo) Below: Without fighter escort, mass daylight raids became unendurably costly. Among the finest types to support bomber formations was the Lockheed P-38, which ran up a fine record against German fighters.

P-38 美國護航戰鬪機





This magnificent photograph of a formation of B-17s over Germany illustrated the power of the USAAF in the Battle of the Reich. The enormous defensive power of the B-17 (11.50-caliber machine guns per ship), plus the effectiveness of the U. S. fighter support, drove the German fighters from the skies. (Air Force Photo)

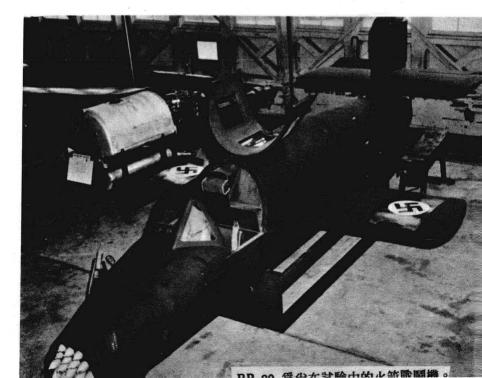


The prototype of this aircraft, the Jaeger P-13, was under construction when the war ended. Designed to fly at 1500 mph, it was designed by Alexander Lippisch, who also designed the ME-163. (Air Force Photo)



The Arado AR-234 was designated as a fighter! A four-jet airplane with a speed of 670 mph at 25,000 feet, it never was mass-produced. It carried a two-ton bomb in its concave underside. (Air Force Photo)

The Bachem BP-20 was an experimental rocket fighter. It never saw action. (Air Matériel Command Photo)





Above: The ME-163 rocket plane attained a speed of 600 mph in 1941. Three years later it was used mainly for strafing ground targets. Hitler never sensed the value of fighter aircraft in the defense of Germany. (Air Force Photo) Below: The Heinkel HE-162 was largely constructed of nonstrategic materials. Called "The People's Fighter," it got into mass production after Germany's fate had been sealed. Here is one of the few flight pictures of this craft in existence. (Air Force Photo)

HE-162, 號稱為「人民戰鬪機」在德國已註定失敗時始大量生產。



AR-334, 世界上第一架噴射轟炸機。



Above: The Arado AR-234 was probably one of the world's first jet bombers. Developed by the Germans at the end of World War II, it was powered by two jet engines slung under the wings. (Air Force Photo) Below: The twin-jet ME-262, with a speed in excess of 500 mph, could have been in large-scale production by 1944. Hitler, however, insisted on committing this revolutionary aircraft piecemeal as a fighter-bomber! Thus, while Allied P-47s, P-51s, and P-38s were sweeping German fighters from the skies, these aircraft were pecking hopelessly at ground targets along the shrinking perimeter of the Reich. (Air Force Photo)

双噴射引擎的 ME-262, 時速已超過 500 哩, 如能在1944年大量生產, 則戰局可能改觀。



飛機載飛機爲一種特殊的試驗。



Above: One of the unusual experiments attempted by the Luftwaffe was the Pick-a-Back plane. Here is an FW-190 mounted on a JU-88. The pilot of the FW-190 controlled the JU-88 by remote control. Over the target, the JU-88 is released and guided to the objective by the remote control. (Signal Corps Photo) Below: The Dornier DO-335 utilized the pusher-puller principle. A fast, hot aircraft, the DO-335 never got into the mass-production stage. (Official United States Navy Photograph)

DO-335, 一種新型機,因故障太多,不曾大量生產



ME-410 ,輕轟炸機,也用來支援地面作引



The ME-410 was employed as a destroyer, or ground-support aircraft. It was also used as a light bomber. (Official Photo U.S.A.A.F.)

JU-388 爲德國最佳飛機一用作夜間戰鬪機,在37000 呎時 速爲414 哩。



The JU-388 was one of Germany's best airplanes. Used as a night



This is a photograph of the HE-177, captured by the British. This was Hitler's heaviest type of bomber. In each engine nacelle were two engines, hooked to a single drive shaft. Considerable difficulty was encountered with this arrangement. (Official United States Navy Photograph)

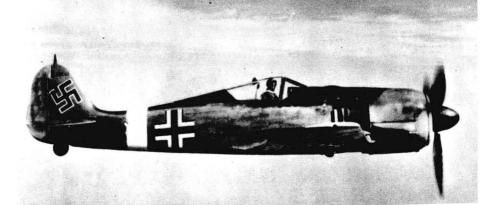


One of the major factors in Allied air victory over Germany was the Boeing B-17. Here, ironically, is a captured B-17 with German markings. Unlike the HE-177, pictured above, the B-17 was an extremely powerful and reliable aircraft. Its defensive armament was several times



Above: The FW-190. This fighter, which began to replace the ME-109 in 1943, shortly became the favorite of the German Fighter Arm. (Air Force Photo) Below: A side view of the FW-190. (Air Force Photo)

FW-190 之側面,不久成爲戰鬪機部隊所最歡喜的飛機。







This Focke-Wulf FW-189 was largely used as ground-support aircraft. (Official United States Navy Photograph)

Reichsmarshal Göring (center) and Galland (facing Göring) talk at an advanced fighter base during the Battle of Britain. (Photo by Herbert Ro





The JU-88 saw considerable service in the Luftwaffe. Used as both a dive bomber and a level bomber, it was a fast aircraft with good performance features. Its limited range and bomb load rendered it ineffective as a strategic weapon. (Air Force Photo)



Above: This Dornier DO-217 is fitted with a dive-brake (see extension of fuselage). In dive, brake opens like an umbrella to reduce speed. (Air Force Photo) Below: An ME-110 fitted with radar for night-fighter duty. (Photo by Herbert Rost)



ME-110 裝有雷達供夜戰之用

DO-17,綽號「飛行鉛筆」也是防禦武裝太差。

Above: The Dornier DO-17, aptly dubbed "The Flying Pencil," saw a good deal of action over England in 1940-41. Like many German bombers, its defensive armament was poor. (RCAF Photo)

