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*Profiles Barksdale Air
Force Base,
describing the aircraft,
personnel, and daily
activities.*

*The author in flight
gear after photo
twelfth mission
second Air Medal
(age nineteen) He still*

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wears lucky Air Cadet ring! Hutch's third book contains short stories of boys on B-17 Flying Fortress crews in deadly missions with the Eighth Air Force in World War II and stories of his own teenage combat experiences as radio/gunner on twenty missions with

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*the Mighty Eighth.
Teenagers enlisted or
were drafted, trained
and went into combat
before they could
legally vote or buy a
drink. They
volunteered to fly in
the Army's Air Cadet
Program and became
a part of the greatest
air armada in the
world. Most of the
gunners on a bomber*

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crew were teenagers and the average age of officers was twenty-four. Veterans' memoirs and diaries give amazing reports of fighter attacks, flak damage and those who survived being shot down out to become Prisoners of War. These youngsters manned the planes that

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bombed and destroyed Germanys military and war industry. The price of victory was high, with an extreme loss of aircrews and planes. Eighth Air Force losses were among the highest of any military unit. Like the author, teenagers who survived to tell the stories of those

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great air battles are now in their mid-eighties and rapidly passing into history. See previous books "Through These Eyes" and "Bombs Away!" See a free DVD at <http://video.smithville.net/?p=17> for interviews of the author with actual WW II combat film footage.

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The Mighty Eighth affirms the elected civilian authority as the arbiter of military rules of engagement while lamenting its consequences. The General McChrystal drama illustrates the selfless sacrifice military leaders will make to achieve combat objectives with minimum loss of

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*life despite shackling
political restrictions.
During the Vietnam
War, it took a regime
change and another
general shown on the
front cover to finally
employ the war
ending strategy called
'the 11 day war.' Lt.
Col. Wayne Goodson,
USAF, (Ret.), reveals
a long awaited truth
about the everyday*

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drama, personal and otherwise, of Anderson AFB, Guam. Goodson exposes the roles of the national media, liberal politicians and academia that led to public distain of the military. Goodson attempts to alter secular, unpatriotic attitudes in honor of the B-52 aircrews of

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the Strategic Air Command and the role they carried out to end the Vietnam War. 'The Mighty Eighth is a masterful piece that pulls the whole story together from the Azores to Guam. You will find yourself inserted in the personal experiences of Lt. Col. John Wayne

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Goodson (Ret.), while learning the around the clock happenings on Guam and details of the ongoing B-52/KC-135 operations. ' —Lt. Gen. George H. McKee, USAF, (Ret.)
USAAF 8th Air Force Bombers Versus the Luftwaffe 1943–1945
Airmen of the Mighty Eighth

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*Mighty Eighth War
Diary*

*The Human Story of
How the Vietnam War
Was Won*

*A Mighty 8th Air
Force, 390th Bomb
Group (H) History
B-24 Liberator Units
of the Eighth Air
Force*

A must-have
classic.

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Mostly taken
by members of
"Mighty"
Eighth Air
Force, this
wonderful
selection
portrays the
American
aircraft and
their crews
deployed to

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Britain in
1942. The
daring and
danger of
those days
comes across
in a uniquely
personal
perspective,
in photos of
bases,
aircraft in

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action and on the ground, nose art, and airfields and countryside from high above. Nearly 600 photos, arranged alphabetically by home base.
"A brilliant

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gallery of memories.”—Hobby Merchandiser. Includes aircraft and crews from every U.S. Eighth Air Force base operational in Britain in WWII. The

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author is a
leading
historian.

The perfect
companion to
Masters of the
Air on Apple
TV+, this is a
superbly
illustrated
examination of
the aircraft,

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pilots, crews
and operations
of the US
Eighth Air
Force. The US
Eighth Air
Force-known as
the "Mighty
Eighth"-was a
combat air
force
activated in

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Georgia, USA
on January 28,
1942. Its
bomber command
soon moved to
Northern
Europe to
conduct
strategic
bombing
missions,
seeking to

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destroy
Germany's
ability to
wage war.
Among the
major
operations it
participated
in were "Big
Week" in
February 1944;
the D-Day

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landings in
June 1944; and
the defeat of
the Luftwaffe
and
destruction of
German
industry.
Eighth Air
Force was the
largest of the
deployed

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combat Army
Air Forces in
numbers of
personnel,
aircraft, and
equipment. At
peak strength,
Eighth Air
Force had 40
heavy bomber
groups, 15
fighter

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groups, and
four
specialized
support
groups. This
work provides
a superbly
illustrated
and fully
comprehensive
exploration of
the Mighty

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Eighth's
bomber and
fighter
planes, its
incredibly
brave pilots
and crew, and
its daring and
dramatic
operations. It
also explores
the careers of

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key personalities associated with the Mighty Eighth, such as Earle Partridge, James Doolittle, and William Kepner. Packed with hundreds

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battlescene
artworks, and
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look at the
illustrious
history of the
US Eighth Air
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the U.S.

Eighth Air
Force

A History of
the Units, Men
and Machines

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of the US 8th
Air Force
A History of
the Units (men
and Machines
of the US 8th
Air Force)
A Collection
of Stories by
and about
Young Men from
Mississippi

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who Served in
the Eighth Air
Force During
World War II
The Mighty
Eighth in
WWII: A Memoir
The Air War in
Europe As Told
by the Men Who
Fought It

The heroics of the

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airmen who served in the United States Eighth Air Force and fought in the embattled skies of Europe during World War II are legendary. When in 1942 they commenced their campaign against Nazi Germany, their

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arrival sent a deep shudder of despair through the German High Command. For the next three years, while RAF Bomber Command bombed at night, by day the American Eighth Air Force pounded the enemy war machine to its knees until, by

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May 1945, victory had finally been won. This commemorative book provides a unique glimpse into the lives of some of the men and machines that fought in that bitter, often titanic struggle, together with some

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of the extraordinary
missions they flew.
Beautifully
illustrated using an
unparalleled
collection of
paintings, drawings
and specially created
maps from the
archives of the
Military Gallery, this
book is not simply a

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collection of
artwork; first and
foremost it is a
historically accurate
recollection of
events, painstakingly
researched with the
assistance of leading
historians.

In the skies of World
War II Europe, the
Eighth Air Force

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was a defining factor
in turning the tide
against the Nazis. In
these gripping oral
histories, the
sacrifice, savagery,
and supremacy of
the 'Mighty Eighth'
is described by those
who experienced it .
. . and survived it.

When America

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entered World War 11, it was woefully unprepared for a fight, though Europe was already years into the battle. Soon, though, America's war machine was rolling out pilots, engineers, planes, and materials in astounding numbers.

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It was called the
Eighth Air Force -
and it would hit the
Nazi juggernaut like
a lightning bolt.

Launching a then-
groundbreaking
campaign of daylight
bombing runs, the
men of the Eighth
would suffer more
casualties than the

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entire Marine Corps
in the Pacific
Theater. But they
would also prove to
be the most effective
weapon against the
enemy, taking out
strategic targets such
as munitions plants
and factories that
were vital to the
German war effort

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and grinding them to a halt. In The Mighty Eighth, the men who fought in the greatest air war in human history tell their stories of courage and camaraderie as only those who were there can tell them. 'Bold, brawny, epic

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in scope' Stephen
Coonts, author of
Pirate Alley

'Revealing and vivid
personal sketches of
the quiet heroes in a
unit that suffered
more lives lost than
the entire Marine
Corps in WW11.'

Kirkus Reviews

'One of the most

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accomplished oral
historians at work
today.' Publishers
Weekly

The arrival of the
WWII B-17 bomber
at the National
Museum of the
Mighty Eighth Air
Force in January of
2009 ini-tiated a
great adventure for a

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group of warbird lovers from the nearby communities as they united to restore that B-17. The dream of the volunteers was to honor the WWII veterans of the Eighth Air Force – some of whom were literally their fathers

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– by restoring the B-17 to its original pristine condition. The group was challenged by the fact that the airplane had been in storage for more than two decades following a long working life, and was far from the gleaming symbol of

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power that it had
been in 1945. This
book is the story of
the six year effort by
a team of volunteers
to over-come the
challenges they
faced and to fulfill
their dream to create
a lasting sym-bol to
honor their fathers
and grandfa-thers

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and all of the
veterans who served
in the Mighty Eighth
during WWII.

The True Story of a
World War II Air
Combat Crew's

Courage,
Camaraderie, Faith,
and Spirit

David & the Mighty
Eighth

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Personnel

Associated with
Heavy Bomber and
Fighter Activities,
1942-1945

The Story of the
Mighty Eighth Air
Force in WW II
B-17 Flying Fortress
Units of the Eighth
Air Force

The Men and Boys

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Who Flew the B-24s
Over Germany
1944-45

**The true story
of a WWII air
combat B-17
crew's amazing
courage,
touching
camaraderie,
uplifting faith
and indomitable**

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**spirit as they
fought and died
over the skies of
Germany.**

**The Lucky Ones
is a collection of
stories gathered
from the
wartime
experiences of a
few US airmen
who served in**

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**the 8th Air
Force Bomb
Groups in
England during
WWII. The
stories in this
collection,
narrated by the
airmen
themselves,
recount the
harrowing**

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**adventures the
airmen endured
in their most
trying missions
over Europe.
These are
stories of
encounters with
enemy fighters,
struggles to
control flak-
damaged**

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**planes, grueling
crash landings,
and desperate
bail-outs from
burning planes.
Many airmen,
fortunate
enough to
survive these
experiences,
were captured
by the Germans**

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**once on the
ground. Their
treatment at the
hands of their
captors is
painfully re-told
here.**

**Miraculously
some airmen
managed to
evade captivity
and escape the**

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**Germans,
sometimes as
an entire crew.
In the course of
the war, more
than 30,000
young
Americans lost
their lives over
Europe. As one
airman said:
“The real**

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**heroes...were
the many...who
died in combat.”
These are the
stories of other
heroes who
survived what
seemed certain
death. These
are the stories
of The Lucky
Ones.**

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**An illustrated
history of the
American
fighter units
which waged
successful
campaigns
against the
Luftwaffe in
World War II
Heroes Who
Flew the B-17s**

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**in World War II
Mississippians
in the Mighty
Eighth**

**The Bomber
Boys**

**The Men of the
Mighty Eighth
Units, Men and
Machines : (a
History of the
US 8th Air**

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Force) 35 Missions to Hell and Back

The splendor of the
mighty Eighth
Squadron's silver
birds, and the
legends who flew
them, come alive on
page upon
spectacular page.
Seventy-five

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luscious color
paintings by
talented British and
American military
artists,
accompanied by the
commentaries of the
leading historian of
American aviation,
Roger Freeman,
capture every
aspect of pilot and
plane: sleek dives,

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breathtaking
bombing raids, and
precious moments
of rest. You'll see a
fighter's view of a
quaint French town
marred by steel
tanks marching
down its streets, yet
still flying the flag of
its allies, and the
return of the
Memphis Belle --

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that most famous of all Flying Fortress aircraft. And one image graphically captures a dramatic dash in which a desperate German airman deliberately slices into an American plane with his propeller. (The U.S. pilot bailed out safely.) Triumph and

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tragedy alike axe vividly captured for historians, veterans, and battle buffs to treasure for years to come. Selected by the Military Book Club.

"Relates how the American Eighth Air Force bombers helped Britain's Royal Air Force in

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fighting Germany during World War II."—ProtoView From the beginning of World War II, the RAF's Bomber Command had been the only means of striking Hitler's Reich and its war machine. But the entry into the war of the United

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States—and the subsequent arrival in the UK of the Eighth Air Force—would more than double the Allied capability. The Flying Fortress and Liberator heavy bombers were mostly flown across the Atlantic by their young, green

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aircrew, and many succumbed en route and never arrived. Flying in northern Europe was a different ball game from American skies and it took a considerable time before the crews familiarized themselves with the vagaries of fog, low

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cloud, rain and snow. The American bombers bristled with defensive armament and elected to fly in close defensive formation during the day, leaving the RAF to carry out nighttime raids. With the arrival of long-range protective

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escort fighters, the task became a little easier. This book is the story, including many firsthand accounts, of how the American bomber force helped fight to eventual victory, by decimating German industry and transport

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systems—and
breaking the Nazi
war spirit.

The US 8th Air
Force was based in
the UK from 1942
onwards, spread
exclusively across
East Anglia and
operating from over
40 locations. The
remains of some of
these sites can still

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be found and a few are still airfields. The 8th flew intensive bomber and fighter sorties over Europe. Over 2000 aircraft, mostly B-17s, B-26s and P-47s, involving 150,000 men and a vastly sophisticated supply chain, were engaged in a

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ceaseless war of
high-altitude
daylight precision
bombing that did
much to secure
eventual Allied
success.

Masters of the Air
over Europe
1942-45

Home of the Mighty
Eighth

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A Glimpse of the
Men, Missions &
Machines of the
U.S. Eighth Air
Force 1942-1945
The Battle of the
Bulge by the Men
Who Fought It
A Blood-Dimmed
Tide

When, during the
London Blitz, he and
his older sister are

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evacuated to go live on their grandparents' East Anglia farm, a young English boy finds it difficult to adjust to his new life until the arrival of the pilots and crews of the U.S. Eight Air Force at nearby airfields brings excitement, friendship, and hope for the future.

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Drawing on firsthand accounts by survivors of the bloody Battle of the Bulge, diaries, letters, and official documents, this study describes the events of the campaign, hardships faced by the soldiers, the battle's horrifying costs, and the controversy surrounding the

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campaign.

A day by day
operational record of
the United States 8th
Air Force which was
based in the United
Kingdom during World
War II.

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B-17 Flying Fortress
Restoration

The Mighty Eighth Air
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Stories of Wwii

*In the skies of
World War II
Europe, the
Eighth Air
Force was a
defining factor
in turning the*

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*tide against
the Nazis. In
these gripping
oral histories,
the sacrifice,
savagery, and
supremacy of
the "Mighty
Eighth" is
described by
those who
experienced
it...and*

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*survived it. At
the outbreak of
World War II,
America was
woefully
unprepared for
a fight, though
Europe was
already years
into the
battle. Soon,
though,
America's war*

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rolling out
pilots,
engineers,
planes, and
materials in
astounding
numbers. It was
called the
Eighth Air
Force—and it
would hit the
Nazi juggernaut*

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lightning bolt.
Launching a the
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groundbreaking
campaign of
daylight
bombing runs,
the men of the
Eighth would
suffer more
casualties than
the entire*

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*Marine Corps in
the Pacific
theater. But
they would also
prove to be the
most effective
weapon against
the enemy,
taking out
strategic
targets such as
munitions
plants and*

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*factories that
were vital to
the German war
effort and
grinding them
to a halt. In
The Mighty
Eighth, the men
who fought in
the greatest
air war in
human history
tell their*

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*stories of
courage and
camaraderie as
only those who
were there can
tell them.*

*Examines the
lives of the
pilots,
bombardiers,
navigators, and
gunners chosen
by the Air*

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*Force to embark
on the most
dangerous
missions during
World War II.
The B-24
Liberator was
built in
greater numbers
than any other
US warplane,
yet its combat
crews live,*

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*even today, in
the shadow of
the less
plentiful, but
better-known,
B-17. Accounts
of the 'Mighty
Eighth' in
Europe, and
indeed many of
the books and
films that
emerged from*

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*the greatest
air campaign in
history, often
overlook the
B-24, even
though it was
in action for
as long as the
Flying
Fortress, and
participated in
just as many
perilous*

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*daylight
bombing
missions.*

*World War II
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Air*

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Europe as Told
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Eighth in Art
A Chronological*

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*Survey of
Spitfire, P-39,
P-37, and P-51
Losses, Eighth
United States
Air Force, July
1942 - April
1945*

*The 8th Air
Force Album*

On an early
morning in the
fall of 1942,

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Kemp

McLaughlin's group set out for a raid on a French target. Immediately after dropping its bombs, McLaughlin's plane was hit. A huge fire burned a four-foot hole in

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his wing, his
waist gunner
bailed out, his
radio operator
was wounded,
the plane lost
all oxygen, and
his pilot put
on a parachute
and sat on the
escape hatch,
waiting for the
plane to

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explode. And this was only McLaughlin's first sortie. McLaughlin went on to pilot the mission command plane on the second raid against Schweinfurt, the largest air raid in

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history, which resulted in the destruction of 70 percent of German ball bearing production capability.

McLaughlin also participated in the bombing of heavy water installations

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in Norway. The
Mighty Eighth
in WWII also
includes the
stories of
downed pilots
in France and
Holland who
traveled under
the cover of
night through
the
countryside,

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evading the
Nazis who had
seen their
planes go down.
As a group
leader,
McLaughlin was
responsible for
the planning
and execution
of air raids,
forced to
follow the

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directives of senior (and sometimes less informed) officers. His position as one of the managers of the massive sky trains allows him to provide unique insight into the work of

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maintenance and
armament crews,
preflight
briefings, and
off-duty
activities of
the airmen. No
other memoir of
World War II
reveals so much
about both the
actual bombing
runs against

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Nazi Germany
and the
management of
personnel and
material that
made those
airborne
armadas
possible.
The Mighty
Eighth were a
key part of
Allied attempts

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to bomb
Hitler's
Germany into
submission and
were at the
forefront of
the war against
the Third
Reich. Their
reputation for
bravery and
tenacity was
won in

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countless
daylight raids
over the skies
of occupied
Europe and in
the savage
character of
World War II
airfighting.
Christopher
Anderson,
drawing on
images from

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private
collections and
rare archives,
now presents an
exciting
pictorial
history of the
unit and an
important study
on the uniforms
and equipment
of this elite
formation. This

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book includes
more than 100
rare and
unusual
photographs,
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informative
captions on the
men, uniforms,
equipment and
insignia of the
8th Air Force.

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Barksdale
The U.S. Eighth
Air Force,
1942-1945
The Mighty
Eighth Roll of
Honor
The Wild Blue
Putting into the air
the largest striking
force ever committed
to battle was a highly

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complex task and remains one of the great achievements of the war. With more than three hundred photographs and dozens of line drawings, this book relates the procedures and the improvisations that lay behind the success

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of this mighty air force. Over 1,700 aircraft at a time, involving 15,000 men and a vastly sophisticated supply chain, were engaged in a ceaseless war of high altitude daylight precision bombing that did much to secure eventual allied

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success.

Chronicle of the U.S.
8th Air Force's
daylight bombing
campaign over
Europe during World
War II, from its
genesis to the end of
the war.

True tales of heroism
and the men who
fought and died in

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the skies of World War II Europe. In World War II, there were all too many ways for a fighting man to die. But no theater of operations offered more fatal choices than the skies above Nazi-occupied Europe. Inside of a B-17 Bomber,

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thousands of feet above the earth, death was always a moment away. From the hellish storms of enemy flak and relentless strafing of Luftwaffe fighters, to mid-air collisions, mechanical failure, and simple bad luck, it ' s a wonder any

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man would volunteer for such dangerous duty. But some very brave men did. Some paid the ultimate price. Some made it home. But in the end, all would achieve victory. Here, author Travis L. Ayres has gathered a collection of previously untold

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personal accounts of combat and camaraderie aboard the B-17 Bombers that flew countless sorties against the enemy, as related by the men who lived and fought in the air—and survived. They are stories of heroism, sacrifice,

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miraculous survival
and merciless warfare.
But they should all be
remembered...

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Machines (a History

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of the US 8th Army
Air Force)

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War

The Story of a WWII
Bomber's Return to
Glory in Honor of
the Veterans of the
Mighty Eighth Air
Force

Twenty-plus years
in the writing, and

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for an additional ten years, this gut-wrenching, heartwarming story has been silently biding its time, awaiting a channel for expression. A compelling story of young boys bound by faith, courage, blood, sweat, and tears, and how that

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bonding created the brave young men they became. Hopefully, all who read this account will feel the deep emotions of terror, disappointment, frustration, laughter, love, peace, and joy experienced by the author during his

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service as a
radioman/gunner
on a B17G during
World War II. Some
of the stories
contained in this
manuscript have
never been
published or made
public. Stationed in
the European
Theater of
Operations in

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Framlingham,
England, Mr.
Richardson, USAAF,
8th AF, 390th Bomb
Group (H), 571st
Squadron, was the
recipient of
numerous major
awards and
citations, including
Distinguished
Flying Cross; Air
Medal with 4 Oak-

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Leaf Clusters; 2
Presidential Unit
Citations; Russian
Medal of Victory in
the Great Patriotic
War (on behalf of
Boris Yeltsin);
Certificate in
Recognition of Cont
ribution/Service in
liberating France
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