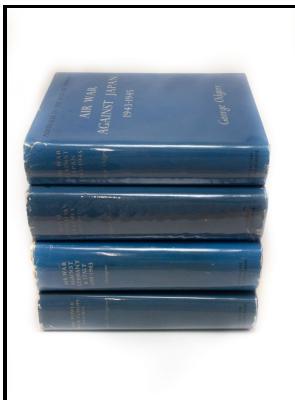


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The 15th Air Force was flying missions out of Foggia

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Only ten percent had overseas experience.

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The Luftwaffe could not deal with Britain's increasingly lethal defensive fighter screen after the Battle of Britain, or the faster escort fighters after 1943. It took four major offensives between January and May 1944 before the line was eventually broken by a combined assault of the Fifth and Eighth Armies including British, American, French, Polish, and Canadian corps concentrated along a 30-kilometre 20-mile front between and the western seaboard. By early 1944, with the Zerstörergeschwader-flown heavy Bf 110G and Me 410A Hornisse twin-engined fighters being decimated by the Mustangs whenever they appeared, direct attack against the bombers was carried out instead by the Luftwaffe's so-named Gefechtsverband formations with being escorted by Bf 109Gs as high-altitude escorts for the autocannon-armed 190As when flying against the USAAF's combat box formations.

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On the whole, however, the secret weapons were still another case of too little too late.

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Japanese naval air power proved unexpectedly powerful, sinking the American battleship fleet at in December 1941, then raging widely across the Pacific and Indian oceans to defeat elements of the British, American, Dutch, and Australian forces. On a few islands, local commanders did improve aircraft shelters and general survivability, as they correctly perceived the danger of coming raids or invasions.

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