
Eighth Air Force: Boeing B-17G & Bomber Re-Supply Set

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The United States Army Air Force (USAAF) Eighth Air Force was created during World War II to support the Allied invasion of German occupied Europe by flying day-time strategic bombing missions from bases in Eastern England. By late 1944 the Eighth Air Force's air war over occupied Europe was at its height. Everyday hundreds of Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress and Consolidated B-24 Liberator bombers would head over German held territory, braving flak, German fighters and the weather to deliver bombs onto targets. Damage to returning aircraft was commonplace which often led to the cannibalisation of badly damaged airframes to keep others flying. The silver port wing on the B-17G depicted in this kit is an example of this practice and it is a testament to the skill and hard work of the ground crews that so many aircraft were kept serviceable in this way.

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