



IT'S ONLY A NEWSLETTER

IPMS Marietta Scale Modelers

May 2020

NOW HEAR THIS!

We are going to hold our first virtual club meeting hosted via the ZOOM platform on SATURDAY, 9 MAY 2020 at 1200 EDT/ NOON EASTERN TIME>

Please look for an email link sent by Chuck Davenport on behalf of Buz Pezold or check for the link via the club Facebook page.

While we would optimally like to meet in-person, the conditions are not quite right, especially considering that our meeting place is not yet able to accommodate us at this time.

Please join us at noon Saturday!

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*Meet every 2nd Saturday of the month at Hobbytown USA in Kennesaw, GA
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QUIZ FOR MAY

1. What cruisers that fought at the Battle of the River Plate were named for ancient Greek heroes?
2. In what conflict did the Australian Army conduct it's last (or most recent) bayonet charge?
3. The current British Army service weapon is of a "Bullpup" design. What is the weapon's official designation?

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MAY MEETING INFORMATION

Rob Morales

On Saturday, 9 May 2020 at 1200 or Noon for you non-mil types, we will host our first virtual club meeting. We, the Executive Team, are hopeful that this is a short-lived endeavor and we'll be able to get back to meeting in-person soon.

That said, we have, at the suggestion of member Chuck Davenport, tested the ZOOM application twice and have found it to be a relatively suitable and stable platform to host our meeting.

Optimally, you should participate in the meeting with a computer that has video capability, such as a built-in or attached camera. It is not absolutely necessary for participation, however.

You do NOT need to create a ZOOM account to participate. An email has been sent with the appropriate link to join the meeting. If you have a ZOOM account, the meeting ID and Password are in the email as well; just copy and paste those into the application.

As stated earlier, we have done two trial runs with this platform. The first included Buz, Chuck, Mike and myself and we were able to get it going pretty well. The second iteration included the previously mentioned members, and also included Andrew Geocaris, who uses the platform in his job and showed us a few tricks, Ed Shelnut, who participated without video and proved it was doable, and Fred Martin from Bristol, England, who came in clear as a bell.

While we of course would love to do an in-person meeting, we do hope that you'll join us for this endeavor!

THE TROJAN HORSE

Coach Mack Cobb

I thought some would be interested in why I thought about building a model of the supposed Trojan horse from the Trojan War. This subject has had my interest for years when you consider all the written material and many movies on the subject. Here is some history on the subject.

A Greek writer Homer in the 400's BC wrote the *Iliad* a story on the Trojan War. Troy was a city on the coast of Asia near the Dardanelles. It was a rich city due to its location on the trade routes at this time. The war started when Paris, a son of Prim King of Troy, stole Helen of Sparta taking her home to Troy. The Greeks now had to follow to get Helen back. According to Homer, the Greeks were in a thousand black ships. Why black ships, probably because their keels were tarred. But still with so many warriors the Greeks still could not take the city. The war had lasted 10 years. Somehow the Greeks had to come up with a idea on how to take the city as by now most of the Greeks wanted to return home.

The Greeks, under the thought of building a horse being the em- force of warriors inside into bringing the horse ing to later writings, the The only real lumber of their own ships that

The *Iliad* is a book full ending with the death of Achilles, the greatest Homer's *Iliad* ends with horse. But later authors both Greek and Roman take up the tale of the sacking of Troy using the wooden horse.



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leadership of Odysseus, great wooden horse (the blem of Troy), hiding an elite (40) and fooling the Trojans inside the city walls. Accord- horse took 3 days to build. the Greeks had were some had brought them to Troy.

of tales of Gods and Heroes Hector, prince of Troy by warrior of the Greeks. only a few mentions of the

This is where I come to why the wooden horse as a model. I have loved the story since college. In the army I even used the story of the 1,000 ship invasion by the Greeks in teaching military history comparing it to our invasion of Cuba in 1898. I read many books on the Trojan horse trying to find exactly what the horse looked like. In one book I found a drawing of the horse that drew my interest. It had as the horse's head the front part of a sailing ship from the 400s BC or later. Since I could not find any model I decide to do his example as the Trojan

horse. Who could say I was wrong?

There are several oar warships that I could purchase to make the horse. I bought 2 ships by Zvezda 1/72 to construct the horse. Remember, the horse had 40 warriors in army so the horse had to be big. For colors, since it took only 3 days to construct, I left them deck tan color. Unfortunately after a year of working on the model I had to place it aside due to coaching football 24/7 for 365.

We all have our shelf kings or whatever you call them. Mine was the Trojan horse. Finally I decided to finish the project. To give it some size I decided to be like Paul (Crawley) and add some figures. I used a set of 1/72 Spartans but had to modify their appearance. Finally the drawing I used had the horse on wheels but in the writings Prim demanded the horse be brought inside the city wall on rollers. I assumed the rollers were trees they had brought down. In the writings also I found that the first Greek to exit the horse fell to his death. I added this figure.

Finally the story was thought to be nothing but myths until the discovery of the city of Troy in 1870 by a German team of archaeologists. In reality there are a total of 8 cities of Troy all build on the same hill. The city of Homer is thought to be Troy VI...?

Overall this model has taken me years but now I'm glad it's on to the next model. Hope you all appreciate my time and energy spent on building the Trojan horse.

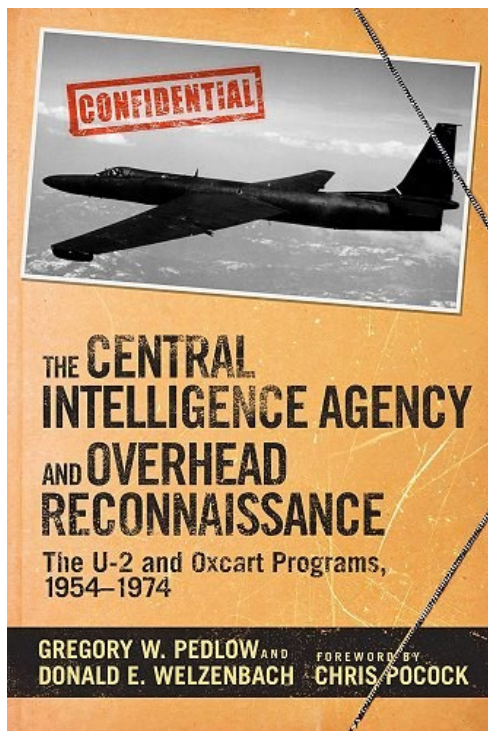


JIM'S PRINTED MATTERS

Jim Pernikoff

There's not a lot of new printed matter this month, but I have purchased a few older books that may be of interest, and I'll tell you about those as well.

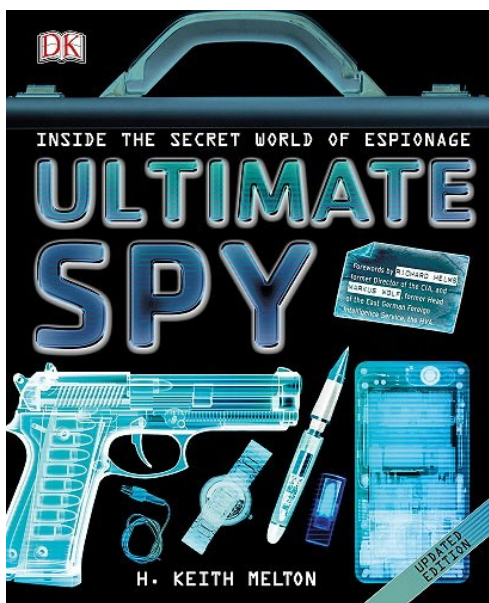
Spying seems to be a common topic on some of these books. One of the newbies is #3 in the *Europe @War* series from **Helion Books**, entitled **Hunt For the U-2**, *Interceptions of Lockheed U-2 Reconnaissance Aircraft Over the USSR, Cuba and People's Republic of China, 1959-1968*. The rather long subtitle tells you the gist of this book, and it clearly goes well beyond Europe. Written by a Polish author, the book provides good detail of the mission profiles, particularly those of Powers and Anderson, accompanied by some good maps, including one showing the disposition of SAM sites around Moscow. There are 6 pages of color drawings showing the U-2s, the fighters tasked with bringing them down, and the types of suits worn by pilots on both sides. There is a good bibliography and some notes but no index. This is a good reference for modelers of the U-2s and their opposing interceptors.



In a similar vein, in 2016, **Skyhorse Publishing** brought out a thick softcover edition of **The Central Intelligence Agency and Overhead Reconnaissance**, *The U-2 and Oxcart Programs, 1954-1974*. The original hardcover of this appeared in 2013 from the CIA itself but was criticized for poor printing and image reproduction, though the smaller page size and cheap paper in the softcover edition doesn't completely solve that issue. This is a very in-depth review of the development and deployment of the U-2 and SR-71, with a fair number of drawings of the aircraft as they were developed and maps of the overflights, including those of the PRC by Taiwanese pilots. There is a 16-page insert of b&w photos on better paper, but no color, so from a modeler's standpoint, the Helion book will be more useful. But this book has a number of appendices, a long bibliography and an extensive index, and I find it surprisingly readable for a government document. While not a modelers' book, this is still a worthwhile read and a good reference.

More spy stuff! **National Geographic** has reissued a special issue magazine from 2017, **World War II: The Spies and Secret Missions That Won the War**. This covers all manner of secret work on both sides, including intelligence, decoding, secret missions including the plot to murder

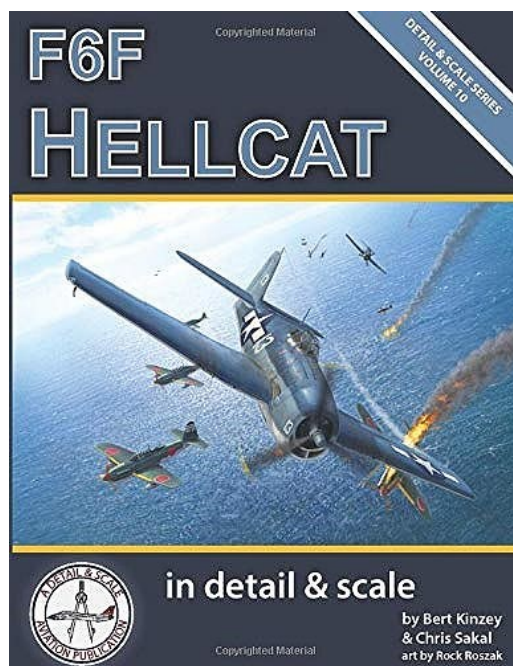
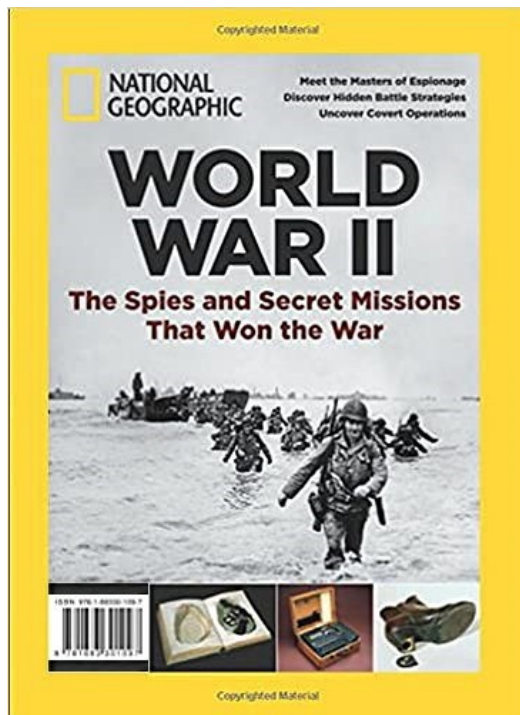
Hitler and development of new weapons like the atomic bomb. The chapters switch back and forth between Europe and the Pacific, each covering about two years. There are some good maps including one detailing Operation Downfall, the planned invasion of Japan that never happened. Sidebars have some very interesting (and in some cases, little-known) stories. There is some technical information about spy gear, but nowhere near what the book below has to offer. Some bookstores may be closed, but you should find this one at your supermarket!



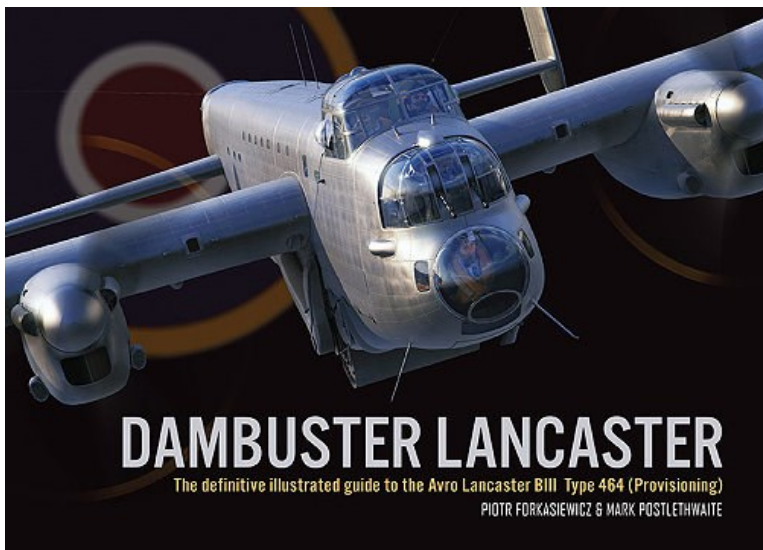
Ultimate Spy was first issued by **DK Publishing** in 1996 and has been updated and enlarged twice, in 2002 and 2009 (the latter was reprinted in 2015). This is one of those fascinating DK books that tells its story by showing the artifacts of spying and how they were utilized: cameras, listening devices, counterintelligence devices, clandestine communications equipment and weapons. Famous espionage organizations and the operations they engaged in are listed, and sidebars give biographies of famous spies. Each edition has added about 16 pages to what came before, so getting the latest edition,

which has a predominantly black cover (as opposed to white and red for the first two) would be a good idea. (I would suggest contacting your vendor first, however, to make sure you get the right one.)

Back to some new stuff. #10 in the latest **Detail & Scale** series from Bert Kinzey is on the **F6F Hellcat**, a good choice considering the recent 1/24 Airfix kit release. This is probably the best D&S book I've seen yet, with lots of good color. The history section has some 1/72 scale five-view line drawings from Dana Bell, and the section on variants has the best coverage I've seen on the "missing marks", the -2, -4 and -6, along with specialist versions like the -3E and the -5N, the use of the Hellcat by the Blue Angels, and its use as a drone, which will give you plenty of alternative color schemes to basic blue! Foreign usage of the F6F



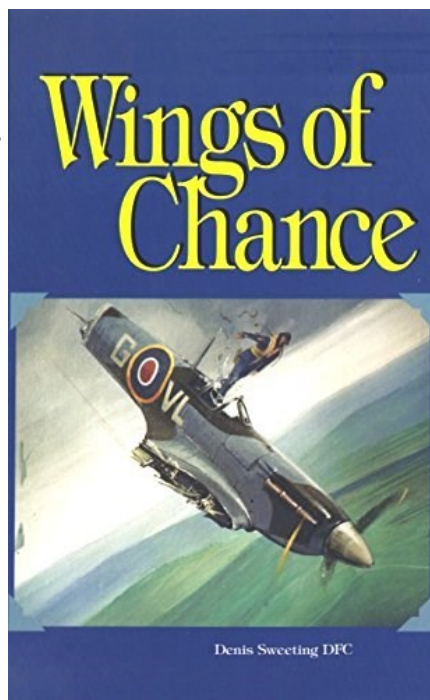
(Britain, France and Uruguay!) includes some color drawings, and there is a 6-page interview with leading Hellcat ace David McCampbell. The detail section is phenomenal, with lots of well-illuminated photos, mostly in color, showing interior and exterior features that all F6F modelers will like. The colors & markings section has more color side views, followed by a 17-page section that reviews every Hellcat kit ever released, even the “oldies but baddies”. Since this goes up in scale, the last kit reviewed is naturally the new Airfix offering, which does get top marks. If you want to build Grumman’s great WWII fighter, this book is a must.



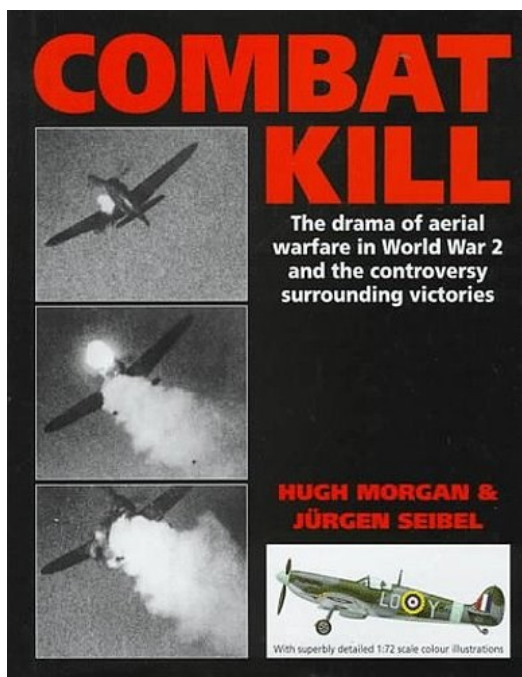
New from **Red Kite** in the U.K. is **Dambuster Lancaster**, *The definitive illustrated guide to the Avro Lancaster B.III Type 464 (Provisioning)*, which covers the aircraft from “soup to nuts”. The illustrations are based on a superb computer-generated model which graphically shows the differences between the modified Lancaster and the regular aircraft, including the fairings in front of and behind the bomb bay and a number of added antennas. Then there is extensive coverage of the Upkeep bomb

(including preliminary versions) and how it was fused, mounted, “spun up” and dropped. All of the crew positions are shown (which could be useful to anyone building a “regular” Lanc) along with the special altimeter and bombsight used on the raid. A section on camouflage & markings is followed by 50 pages showing the complete histories, with a color side view of each, of every one of the modified aircraft. This is a fantastic reference to anyone building a model of a Dambuster and of some value to anyone building a regular Lancaster as well.

World War II fighter pilot autobiographies have long been a staple of aviation enthusiast libraries; many of us are familiar with books like *The First and the Last*, *Wing Leader*, *Thunderbolt!*, *The Big Show* and *Samurai!* But even non-aces wrote books, and one of the more entertaining ones I’ve come across is **Wings of Chance** by RAF pilot Denis Sweeting (published by **Asian Business Press**), who flew Hurricanes, Spitfires and Typhoons, mostly on ground-attack missions, from just after the Battle of Britain to the end of the war. He had a number of close escapes, including the one depicted in the lurid cover art of him being ejected through the canopy of a Spitfire V with no wings or tail! (Believe it or not, he was back flying in 2 months!) Like many Brits, his wry sense of humor makes the



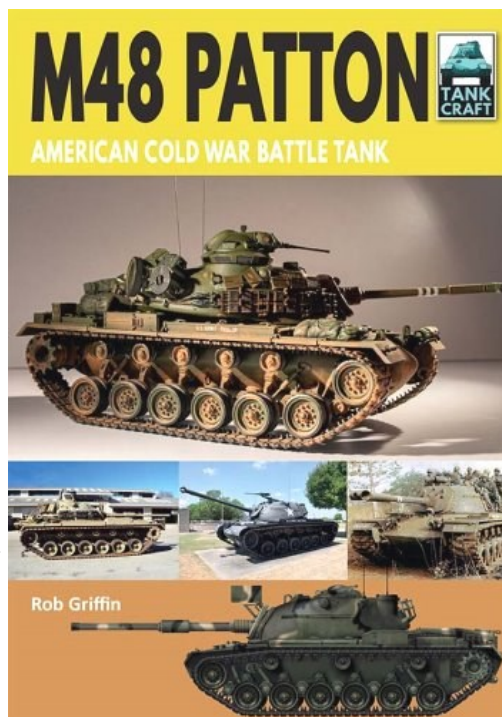
book fun to read, though his description of the many cronies of his who failed to make it to the end of the war always provides a sobering note. There are a number of b&w photo inserts throughout the book. It was published in 1990 but copies in decent shape are still fairly plentiful; Sweeting passed away in 1997.



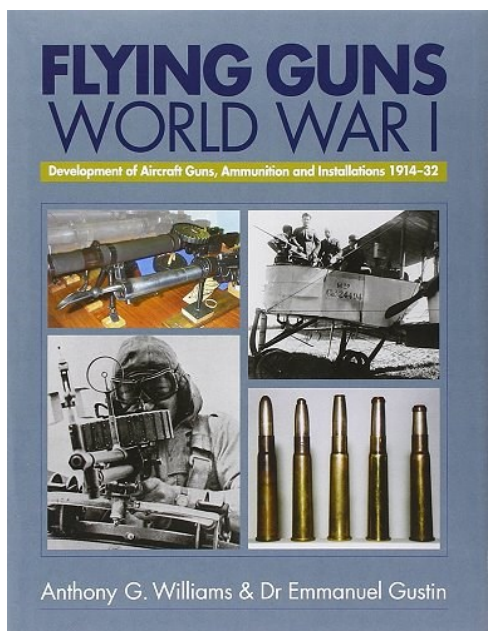
Speaking of fighter pilots, **Combat Kill**, *The drama of aerial warfare in World War 2 and the controversy surrounding victories*, was published in 1997 by **Patrick Stephens Ltd** and takes an interesting look at fighter pilots of the six countries battling in Europe, including the Finns and the Italians. (The Pacific war is ignored, so no sign of Japan or the U.S. Navy.) For each force, there are headings such as Training, Tactics, Claims Procedure, Gun Camera (whether it mattered), Intelligence Officer (ditto), Psychological Stress (how it was handled), Public Relations (how the public was told) and Awards & Decorations; there are usually a number of Pilot Profiles of representative pilots in different types of fighters. In addition to some good photos, there are illustrations of procedures for claims, combat reports, pilots' logbooks, guidelines for awards and award citations. There are 8

pages of color three-views of selected aircraft and a decent bibliography and index. This is an interesting look at the fighter war in a way you probably haven't seen before.

The other new book this month is #22 in the *TankCraft* series from **Pen & Sword** on the **M48 Patton**, *American Cold War Battle Tank*. The layout is common to the series, starting with a development history that naturally starts with the M26 Pershing. The "in detail" chapter has a number of very good color photos of both exterior and interior details of the tank, which should be good for modelers. The "variants" chapter gets a bit confusing because of all the upgrades the tanks went through, including the upgrade from the 90mm to 105mm gun, and the book claims that some late-model upgraded M48s are almost indistinguishable from the M60s that replaced them. Specialist variants like flamethrowers and mine rollers get their own chapter. The "in action" chapter mainly covers Vietnam, the Middle East and India/Pakistan, and it's a bit unfortunate that the last photo in the book show an utterly destroyed Pakistani tank. The color section includes 8 four-view drawings showing different color schemes and 4 very nice kit builds. Then there is



a description of the various kits, accessories and decals available, with some unpainted built-ups showing the accessories in place. Unfortunately all of this is for 1/35 only; other scales are ignored. All told, if you are building an M48, especially one in 1/35, this book should serve as a useful reference.

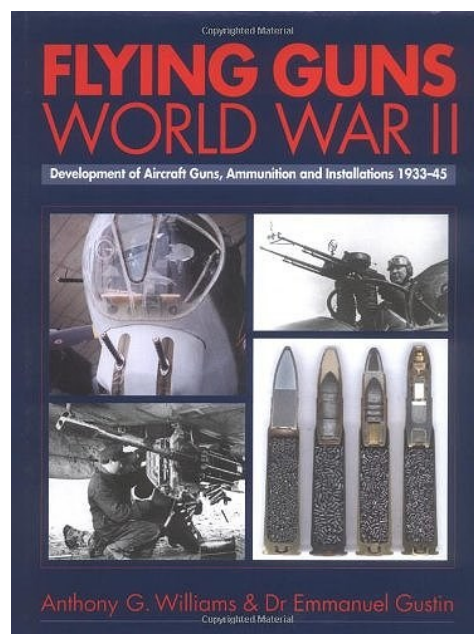


Guns! Guns! Guns! Here are three fascinating books that were published by the *Airlife* imprint of **The Crowood Press** in 2003 and 2004 entitled **Flying Guns**, *Development of Aircraft Guns, Ammunition and Installations*. These quite technical books go into great detail about how machine guns were first adapted to aircraft use and how that developed to today's elaborate rotary cannons and chain guns. In each of the three books, the technology of the guns and their ammunition are studied, then the various techniques of installing them in aircraft follow.

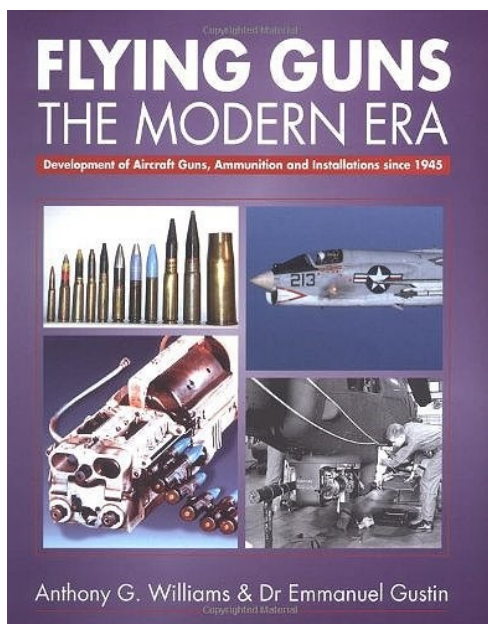
There are almost no photos of entire aircraft, nor should they be. Each book has

some impressive appendices, including an installation table showing the gun armament of every military aircraft in service

worldwide during the period covered by the book, including number and types of guns, location in the aircraft, and ammunition capacity. There is a data table of all the guns, another for all the ammunition types, and a drawing showing the comparative sizes and shapes of all the guns included. (Elsewhere there are comparative photos of ammunition.) Each book also has a glossary, extensive bibliography and a good index. The only color photos are on the dust jacket, but I don't think that's a problem.



The three books are subtitled **World War I** (which covers thru 1932), **World War II** (1933-1945) and **The Modern Era** (1945-2004). Unfortunately, the second book is the



only one currently in the Crowood catalog and fairly readily available; the other two are very rare and expensive, but hopefully they will be reprinted (and updated, if applicable) eventually.

The reopening of Books-A-Million allowed me to buy the latest *Aviation Archive*, #48, from

Key Publishing, called **Luftwaffe**, *85th Anniversary: Special Edition*, which includes 24 WWII aircraft and 8 from the post-1956 air force. All your favorites are in the first part, including some lesser types like the Do 24, Bv 138 and Me 323. You may not learn anything new, but fully half of these feature vintage isometric cutaway drawings and some good vintage photos. Unfortunately, the jet-age section (which runs from the F-84F to the Typhoon) has no cutaways. If you like vintage cutaways, this is a worthwhile purchase, if you can find it!

Separately in this newsletter you'll find a list of selected new **Osprey** books planned for release in the second half of the year, though



OSPREY PUBLISHING NEW RELEASES JULY – DECEMBER 2020

Jim Pernikoff

Here are *selected* softcover Osprey releases for the second half of this year. Dates are subject to change:

Air Campaign:

Ho Chi Minh Trail 1964-73 (September)

Malaya & Dutch East Indies 1941-42 (October)

Campaign:

Velikiye Luki 1942-43 (July)

King Philip's War 1675-76 (October)

North Cape 1943 (November)

The Meuse-Argonne Offensive 1918 (December)

Combat:

Soviet Soldier vs Finnish Soldier 1941-44 (August)

US Air Cavalry Trooper vs North Vietnamese Soldier 1965-68 (September)

German Soldier vs Polish Soldier 1939 (October)

Combat Aircraft:

Vickers Wellington Units of Bomber Command (July)

Arado Ar 234 Bomber & Reconnaissance Units (September)

A-7 Corsair II Units 1975-91 (October)

Duel:

P-47 Thunderbolt vs Ki-43-II Oscar 1943-44 (July)

A-4 Skyhawk vs North Vietnamese AAA 1964-72 (September)

US Navy Ships vs Japanese Attack Aircraft 1941-42 (September)

Spanish Galleon vs English Galleon 1550-1605 (November)

RAF Fighter vs Luftwaffe Bomber 1940 (November)

British Battleship vs German Battleship 1941-43 (December)

Elite:

Hitler's Eastern Legions 1941-45 (August)

Vietnam War Booby Traps (October)

Men-at-Arms:

Armies of the Italian-Turkish War 1911-12 (September)

German Troops in the American Revolution (1) (November)

New Vanguard:

WWII German Super-Heavy Siege Guns (July)

The Royal Netherlands Navy of World War II (August)

US Navy Battleships 1895-1908 (September)

Soviet Cold War Attack Submarines (September)

Soviet Armoured Cars 1936-45 (October)

French 75mm Gun of 1897 (October)

US Navy Destroyer Escorts of World War II (November)

Raid:

We Killed Yamamoto (August)

Weapon:

The PIAT (August)

Weapons of the Civil War Cavalryman (September)

Early Military Rifles 1740-1850 (November)

X-Planes:

World War II US Gunships: YB-40 & XB-41 (November)

Cold War Delta Prototypes (December)



IPMS/USA is the United States Branch of the International Plastic Modelers' Society, whose roots can be traced to the startup of the first IPMS National Branch during the 1960's in Great Britain. In 1964 a US-based modeler applied for a charter to start the US Branch. In the ensuing 4 decades, IPMS/USA has become a 5,000 member, all-volunteer organization dedicated to promoting the modeling hobby while providing a venue for modelers to share their skills in a social setting, along with friendly but spirited competition in the form of local, regional, and national contests and conventions. As this is written, there are over 220 active US chapters (including groups in Canada and the Philippines as well as one "cyber-chapter" existing entirely on the internet). These chapters are organized into 13 geographically-determined Regions, overseen by Regional Coordinators. The IPMS/USA Executive Board, made up of elected and appointed members, serves as the overall governing body for IPMS/USA.

IPMS/USA produces the Modelers' Journal, an all-color magazine supplied to our members 6 times each year. Sample copies of the Journal are available upon request, and you'll find several cover shots elsewhere in this handout.

In addition, IPMS/USA maintains one of the largest and most-visited public websites in the modeling community (www.ipmsusa.org). Members and visitors can view product reviews, chapter and contest information, see examples of members' work, and view images of contest, museum walkarounds, and the like. A members-only Forum allows discussion of specific topics of interest amongst our membership. The remainder of the website is open to the modeling public and sees thousands of hits weekly.

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QUIZ ANSWERS FOR MAY

1. HMS Ajax and HMNZS Achilles. Both ships were Leander-class light cruisers that, along with the heavy cruiser HMS Exeter, chased and trapped the German pocket battleship Graf Spee at Montevideo in 1939 in WW2's first great naval action. Both Ajax and Achilles went on the fight and survive the war.
2. The Vietnam War. It wasn't the frosty hills of Korea, but the steamy jungles of Southeast Asia on February 18, 1967. 300 Diggers of the Royal Australian Regiment mounted a two-day assault on a fortified Viet Cong stronghold in Phuoc Tuy Province, South Vietnam. The bayonet charge, led by a sergeant named Butch Brady, was repulsed by heavy machine gun fire. Eventually, the enemy position was worn down by a series of air strikes.
3. The current personal weapon issued to infantry soldiers is the SA80 in 5.56mm calibre. Infamous in recent years for being unreliable and prone to jamming in certain situations and theatres of war, a number of improvements have been made in the last The ammunition is somewhat underpowered. This is something that could never be said of its predecessor the 7.62 mm L1A1 SLR - If your target went down, he stayed down!

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