

Wartime Aviation Art

WORLD WAR 2

Music: George Fenton
Theme: " Memphis Belle "

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HIGH FLIGHT – Keith Ferris

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunwards I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds - and done a thousand things
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and
swung

High in the sunlit silence. Hovering there,
I've chased the shouting wind along and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air,
Up, up the long delirious burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace,
Where never lark, or even eagle, flew;

And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

John Gillespie Magee RCAF († Dec 11, 1941)
Compuso este poema tras un vuelo de alta cota
en su Spitfire. Pocos días después falleció.





FOURTH MISSION OF THE DAY – Gil Cohen



COASTAL PATROL - Richard Taylor

**August 1940 – Battle of Britain: Mk1 Spitfires of 610 Sqn from Biggin Hill patrol
The White Cliffs near Dover.**



B17 NINE-O-NINE - Steve Heyen

1944 - B17 bombers of 333 Sqn Bomb face Me109 fighters over Germany



DAUNTLESS AGAINST A RISING SUN - William Phillips

JUN 1942 - Battle of Midway: 2 SBD-3 from USS Yorktown fly towards the Japanese fleet.



CLOSING THE GAP - Robert Taylor



FW190 STURMGRUPPE FORMATION - John Wallin Liberto



FW190 STURMGRUPPE FORMATION (detail) - John Wallin Liberto

DESERT SHARKS - Heinz Krebs





SPLASH LANDING – Gareth Hector

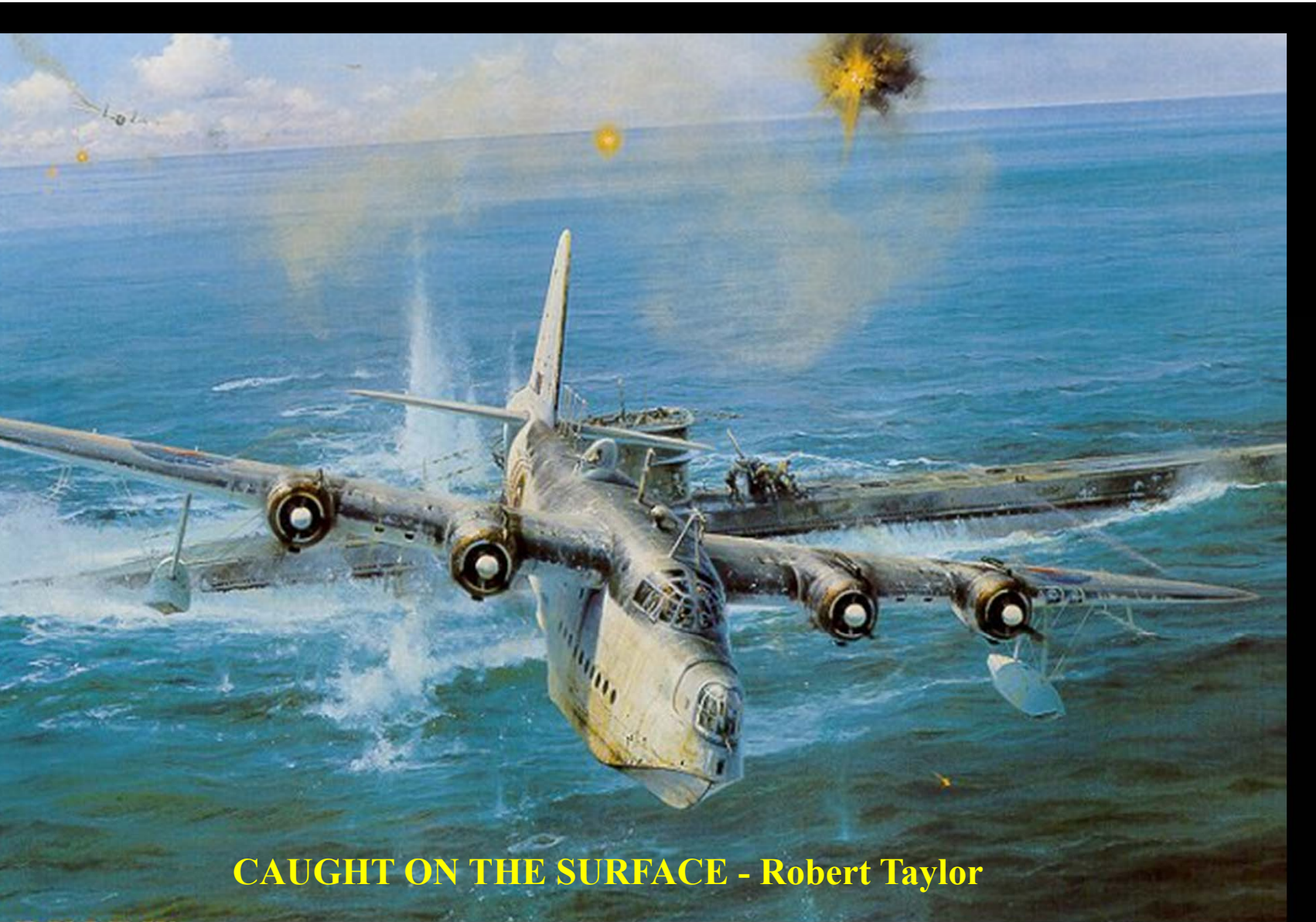


GALLAND'S ACES - Dieter Meyer



A SPITFIRE WITH A BUZZ

t 1944 – This one depicts a Spitfire MkXIVe flown by Flying Officer Burgwal of 322



CAUGHT ON THE SURFACE - Robert Taylor

A Sunderland of 461 Sqn RAAF, identification letter U, destroys submarine U 461, a type XIV tanker, one of



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DAMBUSTERS BREACHING THE EDER DAM - Robert Taylor



FLY FOR YOUR LIFE - Robert Taylor



By [signature] 1942



CAN'T TALK NOW.... GOTTA SHOOT - Dan Zoernig



INTO THE TEETH OF THE WIND Robert Taylor



HARTMANN'S LAST VICTORY - Mark Patlethwaite



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED - Roy Grinnell

AMBUSH - Heinz Krebs



Me 262 jet fighters, were vulnerable to fighter attacks during take-off and landing. To counteract mounting losses special units were formed to provide cover. In order to make these aircraft clearly



BLACK FRIDAY - Mark Postlethwaite

045 - At 14.00 on February 9 1945, 31 Bristol Beaufighters of 445 (BAAF), 404 (BCAF) and 144





CLASH OF EAGLES - Roy Grinnell

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Roy Grinnell, 1944

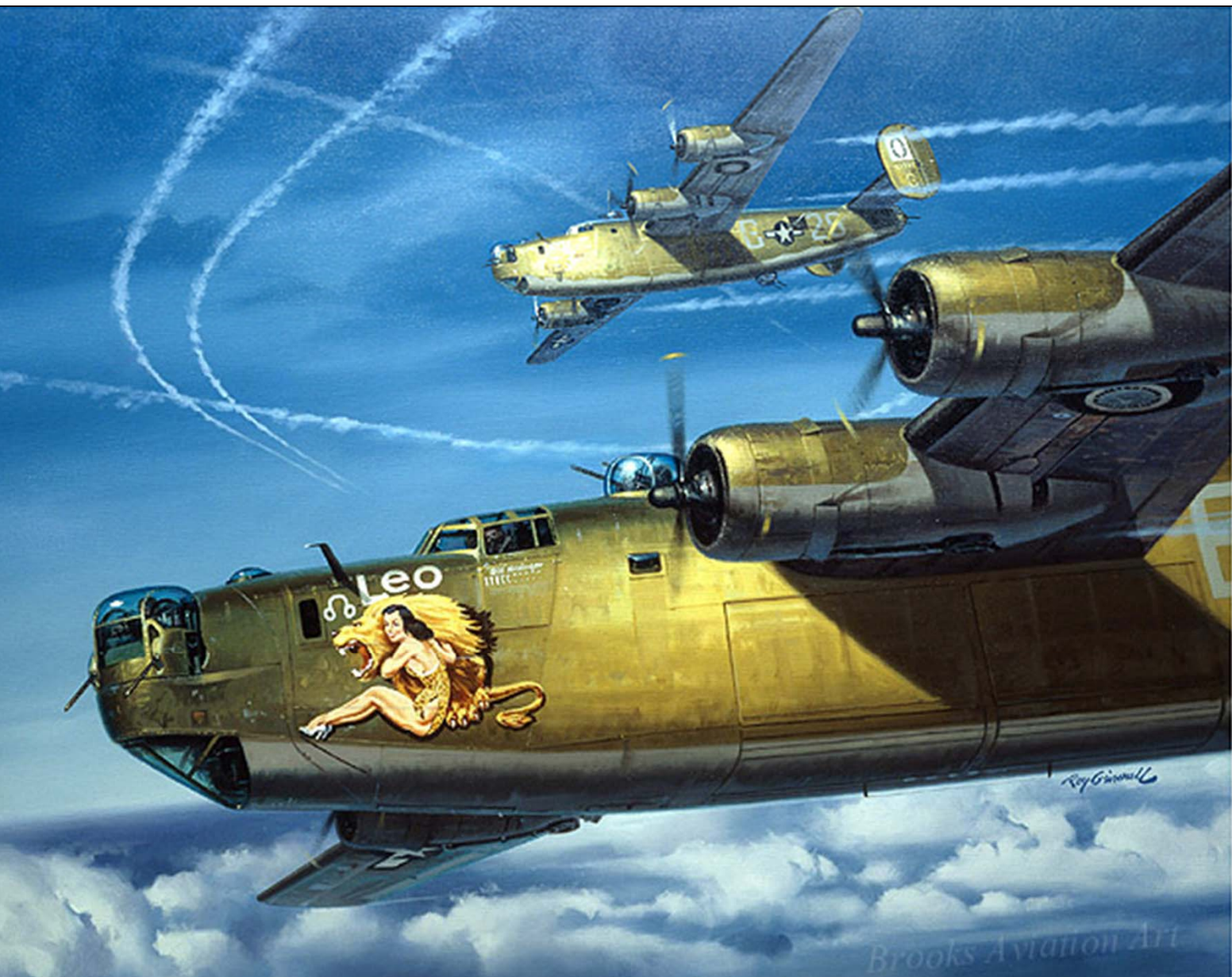


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FORTRESSES UNDER FIRE - Keith Ferris



is the 25 foot high by 75 foot wide mural in the World War II Gallery of the National Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC. The B-17G, 42-38050, "The Bird" of the 303rd Bomb Group, based at Molesworth, England, is seen at 11:45 AM, August 17, 1944, over Trier, Germany, on its return to base from a mission to Weisbaden. B-17Gs "The Bird", "The Bird", and "The Bird" were shot down by Messerschmitt 109s and





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DESPERATE DAYS - Gareth Hector





THE FAMOUS FOUR MINUTES – R. G. Smith



INTO THE TEETH OF THE TIGER - William Phillips

There is more than one way to bring down an opposing fighter, as 1st Lt. Don Lopez learned on December 12, 1943. He and other pilots of the 75th Fighter Squadron were at 6,000 feet over South Central China when the young airman experienced



FIRST KILL- Roy Grinnell

1929 - One of the first biplanes of WW2 - 1st World War - in his collection



SEMPER FI SKIES
John D. Shaw

21 MAY 43 - This scene depicts Corsairs of VMF-112 'Wolfpack' in combat near Guadalcanal in 1943. On May 21, Captain Archie Donahue became an 'ace in a day' by shooting down 5 enemy aircraft in one mission. He

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STAR OF AFRICA - Heinz Krebs



SHARK SIGHTING - John D. Shaw

Kunming, China. Before the pilots of the legendary 1st American Volunteer Group 'The Tigers' could take to the skies against the enemy, the all-important task of boresighting the



ONE MAN AIR FORCE - Wade Meyers

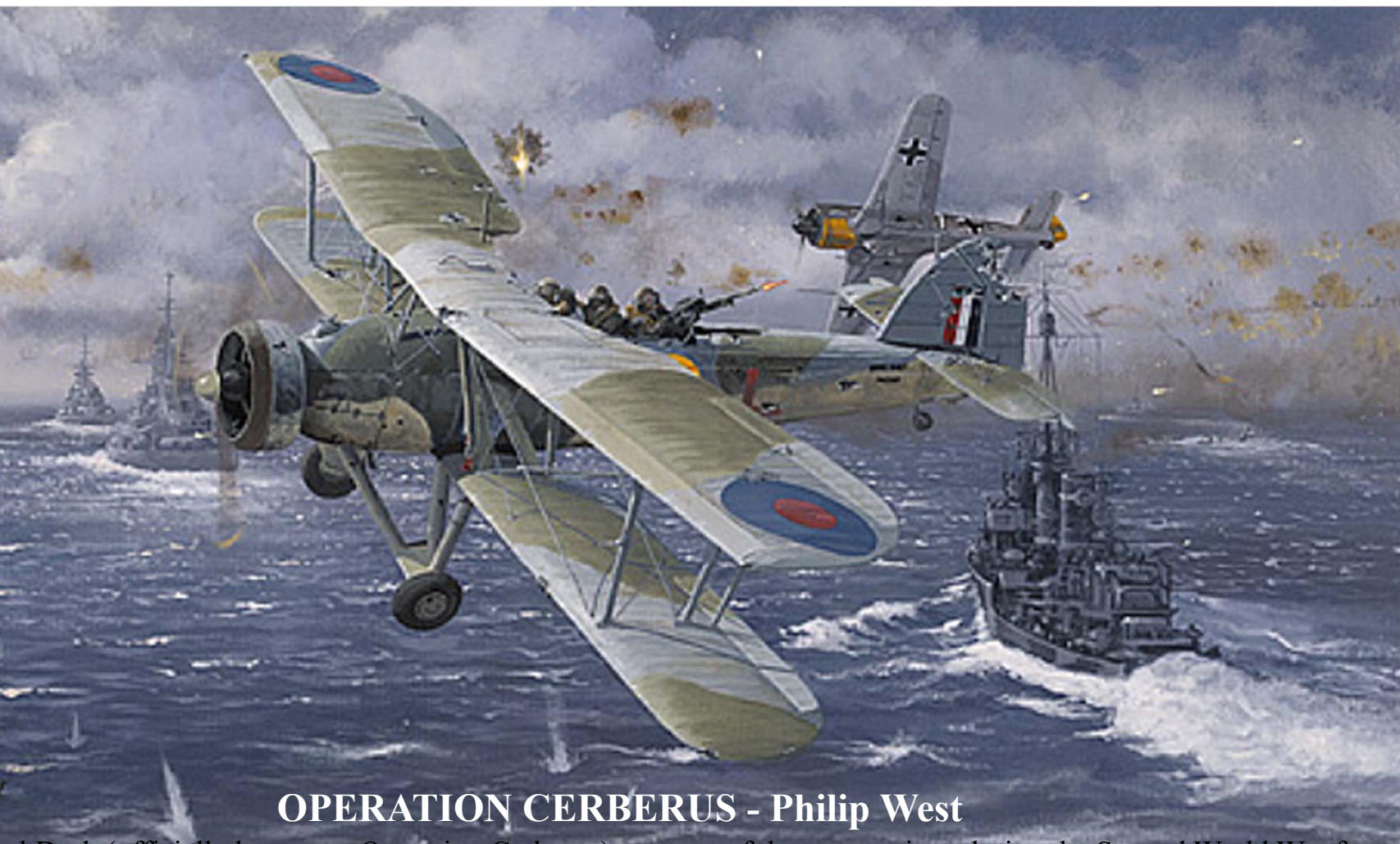
Don S. Gentile of the Debden-based 336th Fighter Squadron manoeuvres his P-51B-7-NA Mustang



OPEN ASSAULT - Robert Taylor

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OPERATION CERBERUS - Philip West

...nel Dash (officially known as Operation Cerberus) was one of three operations during the Second World War for ...airey Swordfish was to become the most famous. Heavily outgunned in the Straits of Dover on this day, February



TIRPITZ MISSION ACCOMPLISHED - Mark Postlethwaite

44 - Avro Lancasters of 9 and 617 Sqns sink the battleship Tirpitz, as it shelters in Tromsø Fjord in



PLAYING THE LAST ACE - Heinz Kubi



RED TAILED BLACK ANGELS - Sgt. Shepherd



“HAPPY” NEW YEAR - Gareth Hector

1945. All across western Europe airfields are thrown into chaos as the Luftwaffe unleashes a desperate surprise attack to destroy allied air power on the ground. 'Operation Bodenplatte' would instead result in the death knell for the formidable German air force. However there were some successes, Eindhoven the home of the RAF's 2nd TAF was hit







BAMBAIDERS - Richard Torden





TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE - Keith Ferris



ONE THE HARD WAY - Dan Zoernig

Day, 1941. American Volunteer Group Flight Leader Parker Dupouy finds his guns jammed during
the Gulf of Mexico. Determined to finish his mission, he attacks the Heinkel





THE EAGLES NEST - John D. Shaw

945 With Goring's champagne and Bavarian beer, the veterans of Easy Company celebrate the



The End