



Luftwaffe Mistel Composite Bomber Units (Paperback)

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Bloomsbury Publishing PLC, United Kingdom, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. Jim Laurier (illustrator). Language: English . Brand New Book. The striking appearance of Luftwaffe s Mistel Composite attack aircraft might seem ridiculous to modern eyes, but employed correctly, these original `fire and forget weapons were devastatingly effective, as Allied sources testify. This book draws on a wealth of first-hand reports and revealing contemporary photographs to tell the full, strange story of the Mistel units. They were the product of a remarkable mix of desperation and innovation, and were actually grounded in a pre-war, non-military practise - the mounting of one aircraft atop another was initially conceived to extend the ranges of passenger and mail-carrying aircraft. But as early as 1942, German planners saw the potential for use as a guided missile, and by the end of the war, the sight of a Ju-88 lashed to a BF 109 or FW 190 fighter bearing down on an Allied target was not as rare as one might expect. This is a comprehensive account of the Mistel units, from their design and development, through the first deployments at D-Day, to the last, desperate missions against key bridges on the Oder and the Neisse in...



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