

COST OF WAR

ALLIED AND AXIS AIRCRAFT THAT WERE SHOT-DOWN, CRASHED, CAPTURED AND SCRAPPED DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR
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Rapid acting fire and rescue crew were photographed pulling an injured Royal New Zealand Air Force Vought F4U-1 Corsair pilot from the foam-covered cockpit of his wrecked aircraft after he lost control of the Corsair while landing at Bougainville. The RNZAF received 237 F4U-1s and 127 F4U-1Ds and this aircraft was serving with No. 20 Squadron, the first RNZAF unit to operate the type.



Romanian military personnel and civilians inspect a Consolidated B-24 Liberator that came down in a farm field after being attacked by Romanian IAR-80 fighters. The Liberator pilots elected to make a gear-down landing and the nose gear collapsed in the rough soil.



A literal field full of Messerschmitts. These aircraft were isolated at an airfield following Germany's surrender and it appears most, if not all, were assigned to JG11. The Bf 109G on the left displays WNr 410285 on the lower portion of its rudder. In the middle distance are two Soviet Yak 3s so it appears the field was overrun by the Russians. Note that most of the Bf 109Gs have had their canopies and propellers removed while the left fuselage access panels have all been opened. All this was probably done to render the planes non-operational but by the Germans or Russians?