

Lieutenant Walt Carper and his colorful P-38J-15-LO 43-28269, *PLASTERED BASTARD*. Carper was "tail-end Charlie" in a 96th FS flight on the Ploesti mission. This plane was lost in action with another pilot on 29 August 1944

# LIGHTNINGS OVER PLOESTI

THE LITTLE-KNOWN STORY OF HOW LOCKHEED P-38 FIGHTERS DEPLOYED AS DIVE-BOMBERS AND ATTEMPTED TO DESTROY GERMANY'S VITAL OIL REFINERIES - **PART TWO**

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