

COST OF WAR

IMAGES OF ALLIED AND AXIS AIRCRAFT DESTROYED, CAPTURED, OR DAMAGED DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR ARE SELECTED FROM THE CHALLENGE ARCHIVE BY MICHAEL O'LEARY

Personnel from the US 7th Army examine a Messerschmitt Me 262A-1a from I./KG51 on 27 March 1945. This aircraft, and others, were parked on the *autobahn* near Frankfurt. With the war over, America was in a rush to obtain as much advanced German technology as possible.



American troops came across pre-production Dornier Do 335A-0 WNr 240102/VG+PH in basically intact condition.

Aircraft of the Royal Air Force's No. 1426 (Enemy Aircraft) Flight receive servicing prior to a mission. Photographed on 22 February 1945 at Collyweston, Northamptonshire, the plane in the foreground is a Junkers Ju 88S while the Focke-Wulf Fw 190A-3 carries the RAF serial of PN999. They were flown to different British bases so that pilots could get accustomed to the handling of enemy aircraft and develop tactics to use against them.