

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910163348603321
Autore	Anon
Titolo	Pacific counterblow : the 11th Bombardment Group and the 67th Fighter Squadron in the battle for Guadalcanal
Pubbl/distr/stampa	[Place of publication not identified] : , : Pickel Partners Publishing, , 2013 1992
ISBN	1-78289-381-4
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (55 pages)
Disciplina	940.544973
Soggetti	World War, 1939-1945 - Aerial operations, American
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Sommario/riassunto	[Illustrated with 6 photos and 3 maps]Originally published shortly after key air campaigns, the Wings at War series captures the spirit and tone of America's World War II experience. Eyewitness accounts of Army Air Forces' aviators and details from the official histories enliven the story behind each of six important AAF operations.Pacific Counterblow tells the story of the Battle for Guadalcanal (1942), focusing on the operations of the 11th Bombardment Group and the 67th Fighter Squadron.Months after the devastation of Pearl Harbor, U.S. forces had crushed the Japanese fleet at Midway and then moved to seize the initiative. AAF commanders in the Pacific sought to prevent the enemy from severing Australia's supply lines. So the B-17s of the 11th Bomb Group and the P-39s and P-400s of the 67th Fighter Squadron, flying from makeshift bases at Espiritu Santo and Henderson Field, began grueling attacks on Japanese shipping between Rabaul, New Britain and the Solomon Islands. After several months of bitter fighting, American forces gained control of Guadalcanal, positioning them to swing forward beyond Rabaul to New Guinea.