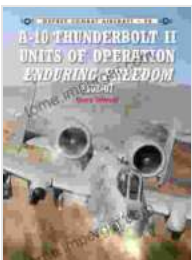


10 Thunderbolt II Units of Operation Enduring Freedom 2002-07: A Comprehensive Account of Combat Aircraft 98

The A-10 Thunderbolt II is a single-seat, twin-engine, jet-powered attack aircraft designed by Fairchild Republic for the United States Air Force. The A-10 was designed specifically for close air support (CAS) of ground forces, and it has been used in a variety of conflicts, including the Gulf War, the Balkans, and Afghanistan.



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In 2002, the A-10 was deployed to Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). The A-10s were used to provide CAS for ground forces, and they quickly proved to be a valuable asset. The A-10s were able to fly in close to the ground and provide accurate fire support, even in difficult terrain.

This book provides a detailed account of the 10 Thunderbolt II units that participated in OEF from 2002 to 2007. The book includes firsthand accounts from pilots and maintainers, as well as a comprehensive analysis of the aircraft's performance in combat.

The A-10 Thunderbolt II

The A-10 Thunderbolt II is a remarkable aircraft that was specifically designed for close air support. The A-10 is a rugged and durable aircraft, and it is capable of operating in a variety of environments. The A-10 is also heavily armed, and it can carry a variety of weapons, including bombs, missiles, and rockets.

The A-10's most distinctive feature is its 30 mm GAU-8 Avenger cannon. The GAU-8 is a powerful cannon that is capable of firing 3,900 rounds per minute. The GAU-8 is mounted in the nose of the A-10, and it can be used to destroy enemy ground targets, such as tanks, armored vehicles, and bunkers.

The A-10 also has a variety of other weapons, including bombs, missiles, and rockets. The A-10 can carry up to 16,000 pounds of weapons, and it can be used to attack a variety of targets, including enemy troops, vehicles, and buildings.

The A-10 is a highly effective close air support aircraft. The A-10 is able to fly in close to the ground and provide accurate fire support, even in difficult terrain. The A-10 is also heavily armed, and it can carry a variety of weapons, including bombs, missiles, and rockets.

The 10 Thunderbolt II Units of Operation Enduring Freedom 2002-07

The 10 Thunderbolt II units that participated in OEF from 2002 to 2007 were:

* 75th Fighter Squadron, 23rd Wing * 76th Fighter Squadron, 23rd Wing * 81st Fighter Squadron, 52nd Fighter Wing * 91st Fighter Squadron, 8th Fighter Wing * 92nd Fighter Squadron, 8th Fighter Wing * 103rd Fighter Squadron, 442nd Fighter Wing * 104th Fighter Squadron, 442nd Fighter Wing * 163rd Fighter Squadron, 122nd Fighter Wing * 175th Fighter Squadron, 116th Fighter Wing * 176th Fighter Squadron, 116th Fighter Wing

These units were deployed to a variety of locations in Afghanistan, including Bagram Air Base, Kandahar Air Base, and Shindand Air Base. The units flew a variety of missions, including close air support, air interdiction, and counterinsurgency operations.

Firsthand Accounts from Pilots and Maintainers

This book includes firsthand accounts from pilots and maintainers who served in the 10 Thunderbolt II units that participated in OEF from 2002 to 2007. These accounts provide a unique perspective on the conflict, and they offer a valuable insight into the experiences of the men and women who served in Afghanistan.

The pilots and maintainers who served in Afghanistan faced a variety of challenges, including the threat of enemy fire, the harsh terrain, and the long deployments. However, they also experienced a great sense of pride and accomplishment, as they played a vital role in supporting the war effort.

The firsthand accounts in this book are a valuable resource for anyone who is interested in the history of the A-10 Thunderbolt II or the conflict in Afghanistan. These accounts provide a unique perspective on the war, and they offer a valuable insight into the experiences of the men and women who served in Afghanistan.

A Comprehensive Analysis of the Aircraft's Performance in Combat

This book also includes a comprehensive analysis of the A-10 Thunderbolt II's performance in combat. The analysis draws on data from a variety of sources, including official reports, after-action reports, and interviews with pilots and maintainers.

The analysis shows that the A-10 Thunderbolt II was a highly effective close air support aircraft in Afghanistan. The A-10 was able to fly in close to the ground and provide accurate fire support, even in difficult terrain. The A-10 was also heavily armed, and it could carry a variety of weapons, including bombs, missiles, and rockets.

The analysis also shows that the A-10 Thunderbolt II was a relatively survivable aircraft. The A-10 was able to withstand a significant amount of damage, and it was able to return to base even after being hit by enemy fire.

The A-10 Thunderbolt II was a valuable asset to the United States Air Force in Afghanistan. The A-10 was able to provide close air support, air interdiction, and counterinsurgency operations, and it played a vital role in supporting the war effort.

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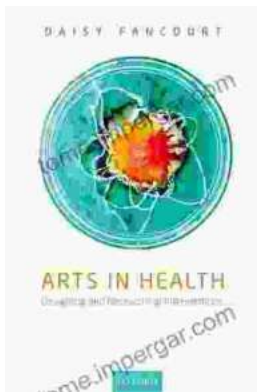
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