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In May 1942, five months after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the first aircraft and crews of the newly-formed Eighth US Army Air Force arrived in England. Over the next two years their numbers swelled to a massive and powerful force of bombers and fighters described by one USAAF General as 'the greatest striking force the world has ever known'. They occupied no less than 67 airfields in East Anglia, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire, Oxfordshire and Hertfordshire, and added a huge offensive capability to the RAF's Bomber Command. A close working relationship soon formed between the Eighth's Brigadier General Ira C. Eaker and his British opposite number Air Chief Marshall Arthur T. Harris. The Americans were dedicated to high-altitude precision bombing in close formation and in daylight. The RAF, who had been bombing Germany at night since 1940, were joined by the Eighth in July 1943 to provide a round-the-clock bombardment. This book tells the story of the Mighty Eighth ...Author: Smith, Graham Publisher: Countryside Books Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: The Mighty Eighth in World War II Pages: 00376 (Encrypted EPUB) / 00376 (Encrypted PDF) On Sale: 2011-09-27 SKU-13/ISBN: 9781853067099 Category: History : Military - World War II

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