

## Give and Take, Jug Style

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*In World War II, the P-47 Thunderbolt certainly dished it out to the enemy, but the “Jug” could take it, too. The large photo, snapped by a Twelfth Air Force aircrew member in March 1945, shows how a Jug’s bulls-eye bombing disrupted traffic on a northern Italian railroad line, near Milan, which was being used to resupply German forces. The inset demonstrates that the fighter-bomber could also take a punch. This Jug, of the 364th Fighter Squadron, banged into treetops during low-level strafing of an Italian target. The badly damaged aircraft was flown 120 miles for a safe return to base.*

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