

## Close-Up



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Rarely has the art of the close-up action shot been demonstrated more vividly than in this remarkable image of a World War II B-26 Marauder medium bomber, Fightin' Cock. Of the seven air crew members, the photograph clearly shows four—including the nose gunner sneaking a smoke. The photo, snapped from a leading aircraft, is part of a personal album of AAF Capt. Joseph J. Merhar Jr., who commanded the 9th Air Division's Photo Laboratory in England. The collection also contains the inset photo, which takes a panoramic view of a Marauder squadron on a mission to Europe.



*Off to war*