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found the following review helpful. Good guide. By Ed the Pilot If you like to look at history, real history this book is fairly descriptive. Worth the purchase. Good table book.

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