

C-54 – PLM Revisited 1364th AAF Base Unit CBI

This book was originally issued as a limited production photo scrapbook in 1945. It has been resurrected to make this unusual and often untold story available to new generations. PLM (Production Line Maintenance) was conceived by Army Air Corps leadership to maximize the availability of the limited resources in far off theaters of war. PLM allowed timely delivery of essential fuel and supplies to distant and isolated airfields and hastening ultimate victory in WWII. PLM was also credited with much of the success of the Berlin Airlift in 1948.

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