

Check Your Oil?



The flight crew of Hitler's Headache was barely on the ground in 1945 when the redeployment maintenance crew at Bradley Field, Conn., swarmed in. The B-17 was being refueled even before personal bags were unloaded. The various line crews on Bradley's repair strip would each cover one aircraft from nose to tail in about an hour. Minor repairs were done on the spot—

enough to ensure the bomber could be flown to its new home or, if needed, to a major repair depot.