

# Free read Enemy coast ahead bomber crews Copy

bomber crew was self published by the author jack e thompson in 1989 this second edition has been re published to acknowledge the 60th anniversary of ve day to commemorate 2005 as the year of the veteran and to help celebrate the life of jack e thompson 1923 2003 some additional material including photographs not available for the original version have been added by the author s son stephen thompson bomber crew is the record of a tour of duty of the crew of the lancaster bomber g george of bomber command 12 squadron based at raf base wickenby lincolnshire this is a story of the bonds formed among seven men five canadian with the rcac and two english with the raf bonds that lasted their lifetimes this is the story of the happenstance and chaos of crewing up of endless practice practice practice sessions and the excitement and terror of late night bombing runs over occupied europe and deep into germany the author and his crew would suggest that their tour was very ordinary and unremarkable from data declassified post war they learned otherwise that it was remarkable that these seven crew members survived the war and returned to civilian life only 40 of bomber command aircrew survived the war and not all of those without physical or psychological injury a moving tribute to the sacrifice and bravery of the fliers of raf bomber command the crew based on interviews with ken cook the crew s sole surviving member recounts the wartime exploits of the members of an avro lancaster crew between 1942 and the war s end gloucestershire born bomb aimer ken cook hard bitten australian pilot jim comans navigator don bowes upper gunner george widdis tail gunner jock bolland flight engineer ken randle and radio operator roy woollford were seven ordinary young men living in extraordinary times risking their lives in freedom s cause in the dark skies above hitler s reich from their earliest beginnings in places as far apart as a cotswold village and the suburbs of sydney through the adventure of training in north america and the dread and danger of the forty five bombing raids they flew with 97 squadron david price describes the crew s wartime experiences with human sympathy allied to a secure technical understanding of one of the raf s most iconic aircraft the drama and anxiety of individual missions to kassel munich and augsburg as well as berlin is evoked with thrilling immediacy while the military events and strategic decisions that drove the raf s area bombing campaign against nazi germany are interwoven deftly with the narrative of the crew s operational careers reviews a sensitive account of the bomber s life price has given the bomber offensive a human face this book has a heart and soul the times a fascinating and fast paced account of the exploits of an avro lancaster bomber crew from 97

squadron raf the herald a remarkable insight into the bravery determination and skill of british bomber command crews during wwii waterstones presents information from a wealth of training manuals and tactical documents including diagrams and illustrations during world war ii the us army air forces usaaf projected american military might across distances and with destructive force unimaginable just a decade previously the b 17s and b 24s of the us eighth air force for example turned much of germany s infrastructure to twisted steel and burnt rubble between 1943 and 1945 b 29 superfortresses unleashed conventional raids on japan of even greater area destruction than that created by the atomic bomb attacks also delivered by usaaf crews beyond heavy strategic bombing us bombers performed a multitude of other tactical roles including hunting axis submarines bombing enemy shipping low level runs against precision targets and providing heavy air support to advancing infantry and armor while the us bombers dealt out violence however they were also prey to a terrifying spectrum of antiaircraft threats and by the end of the war 88 119 us airmen had died in service bomber crews were a world unto themselves composed of pilots co pilots engineers navigators wireless operators gunners and bombardiers and each aircraft type had its own unique characteristics and capabilities from twin engine b 25 mitchells designed for strafing and skip bombing to the four engine workhorses of the strategic bombing campaign the b 17 flying fortress b 24 liberator and b 29 superfortress fighting from the heavens tactics and training of usaaf bomber crews 1941 45 presents an invaluable collection of material from us wartime manuals including doctrinal training technical aircraft specific and position specific publications through these manuals the reader gains an insider s insight into the demands of us bomber warfare including long distance navigation gun turret operation formation flying bomber start up procedures and bomb aiming a bomber command classic depicting the deep feelings associated with the human cost of the air war in world war ii this is the breathtaking story of a wartime lancaster bomber crew facing the hazards of bombing strongly defended targets in germany an raaf navigator with 103 squadron based at raf elsham wolds england 1942 he crewed up with a pilot from western australia and british airmen to fly the iconic lancaster bomber charwood writes sympathetically and understandingly of the hopes and fears of the crews as squadron losses mounted the story of the legendary bouncing bomb attack on germany s dams born in 1918 guy gibson joined the royal air force when he was 18 for his gallantry and inspiring leadership on the dambusters raid he was awarded the vc but insisted upon returning to an operational bomber squadron and was shot down whilst flying as master bomber in a mosquito of the pathfinder force long after the battle of britain the aircrews of raf bomber command risked their lives night after night during the second world war over 55 000 of the airmen never returned from these missions a further 10 000 became prisoners of war and yet bomber command has been mired in controversy and its veterans all volunteers have never been awarded a campaign medal their crucial

contribution to the outcome of the war has all too often been overlooked bomber crew exposes the bravery of these men using gripping first person testimony from the surviving pilots and crew for them this was a time of incredible hardship and adrenaline courage and friendship and their stories bear witness to the strength of the human spirit in times of incredible danger never before has their story been so vividly told this is also a revealing look at the history of bomber command itself from the early days through to eventual victory in 1945 from the terrifying action of the bombing raids to the intimate personal accounts of heroism tragedy and triumph this is the ultimate account of these brave men and their contribution to the allied victory round the clock is about the combined anglo american day night bombing offensive against nazi germany in world war ii it is about the men who made up the aircrews that flew the bombers of the royal air force and the u s army air forces in that epic campaign raf bomber command under air chief marshal arthur bomber harris was deeply involved in the concept and practice of wide pattern attacks on principal german targets attacks carried out in the dark of night raf bomber command had tried the more accurate daylight precision bombing method and had found the losses in men and aircraft unacceptably high the americans of the fledgling eighth air force arrived in england early in 1942 they were determined to do by day what the british had deemed impossible and the policy battlelines were drawn between these allies in time the americans won the chance to prove ultimately with success the case for daylight bombing though at enormous cost in equipment and lives those who flew the bombing missions of the raf and usaaf from british airfields in world war ii lived through an utterly unique time and experience incomparable to any before or since that experience both in and out of combat is the essence of round the clock an antique trophy inspires a quest to uncover the history of an outstanding crew of wwii airmen who first flew into combat on d day after discovering a discarded trophy in an edinburgh antique shop author david price endeavored to tell the stories of the men whose names had been engraved upon it praised as outstanding crew of the month the members of 388th bombardment group set out on their very first mission on june 6 1944 d day this baptism of fire heralded the start of an illustrious career in battle during august and september of 1944 they took part in over thirty perilous missions and yet the details of their endeavors have largely been forgotten here the history of 388th bombardment group s service is told in great detail from interviews with each surviving member of the group together with family members in an effort to glean more information about their wartime deeds and to reunite them with the trophy that they won in the midst of it a bomber crew mystery serves as a poignant and evocative tribute to the 388th bombardment group as well as all those who fought in the skies of the second world war mischa kowalski is just another new york teenager and boy scout hoping to help the war effort in the midst of wwii but when he joins a top secret army project he is cast out of his familiar brooklyn childhood life and into the life of a

guerrilla and spy in the middle of nazi occupied europe now this boy finds himself in a dangerous world where secrecy is the key to survival and any mistake can spell his death while performing his duty though young kowalski musters all of his wit and boy scout experience to last him through the fight as he faces many harrowing adventures from the black forest to auschwitz warsaw to berlin in middle of fighting the germans mischa kowalski must also fight his own conscience as he struggles to cope with the horrors of war as well as the cold nature of one ss officer whom he has vowed to kill in vengeance for his war crimes prepared for war a harrowing story of one boy's fight with the enemy and his own inner self as he is cast into the jaws of war and must put his childhood behind or face his own death the second volume in the wwii history written with simplicity lucidity and gusto by the legendary leader and nobel prize winner the new york times in their finest hour winston churchill describes the invasion of france and a growing sense of dismay in britain should britain meet france's desperate pleas for reinforcements or conserve their resources in preparation for the inevitable german assault in the book's second half entitled simply alone churchill discusses great britain's position as the last stronghold against german conquest the battle for control of the skies over britain diplomatic efforts to draw the united states into the war and the spreading global conflict their finest hour is part of the epic six volume account of world war ii told from the viewpoint of a man who led in the fight against tyranny and enriched with extensive primary sources including memos letters orders speeches and telegrams day by day accounts of reactions as the drama intensifies throughout these volumes we listen as strategies and counterstrategies unfold in response to hitler's conquest of europe planned invasion of england and assault on russia in a mesmerizing account of the crucial decisions made as the fate of the world hangs in the balance this meticulously edited collection is formatted for your ereader with a functional and detailed table of contents introduction winston spencer churchill by richard harding davis the influenza novel savrola biographies lord randolph churchill marlborough his life and times historical works the story of the malakand field force the river war london to ladysmith via pretoria ian hamilton's march my african journey the world crisis 1911 1914 the second world war the gathering storm their finest hour a history of the english speaking peoples the birth of britain the new world essays articles painting as a pastime zionism versus bolshevism fifty years hence east london general buller's headquarters mr winston churchill's capture speeches liberalism and the social problem the conduct of the war by sea speech in the london opera house speech in the tournament hall liverpool first radio address as prime minister blood toil tears and sweat be ye men of valour we shall fight on the beaches their finest hour the few never was so much owed by so many to so few broadcast on the soviet german war never give in never never never winston churchill's address to the united states congress the price of greatness is responsibility announcement of the surrender of germany sinews of peace the iron curtain speech letters of winston

churchill my early life a roving commission an autobiography musaicum books presents to you this meticulously edited winston churchill collection introduction winston spencer churchill by richard harding davis the influenza novel savrola biographies lord randolph churchill marlborough his life and times historical works the story of the malakand field force the river war london to ladysmith via pretoria ian hamilton s march my african journey the world crisis 1911 1914 the second world war the gathering storm their finest hour a history of the english speaking peoples the birth of britain the new world essays articles painting as a pastime zionism versus bolshevism fifty years hence east london general bullar s headquarters mr winston churchill s capture speeches liberalism and the social problem the conduct of the war by sea speech in the london opera house speech in the tournament hall liverpool first radio address as prime minister blood toil tears and sweat be ye men of valour we shall fight on the beaches their finest hour the few never was so much owed by so many to so few broadcast on the soviet german war never give in never never never winston churchill s address to the united states congress the price of greatness is responsibility announcement of the surrender of germany sinews of peace the iron curtain speech letters of winston churchill my early life a roving commission an autobiography during 1942 and 1943 the striking power of raf bomber command was transformed by the arrival of heavy bombers advanced navigation and blind bombing systems and new tactics to concentrate the bombers over the target and swamp the german defences by october 1944 most of germany s cities were in ruins yet the bombing continued to intensify reaching unprecedented levels in the final seven months of the air campaign the value of further area raids was questioned during the opening months of 1945 yet the allies destroyed the remaining cities in a bid to hasten the end of the war the handful of german cities still largely unscathed in early february 1945 included dresden which was obliterated on 13 february ten days later the south german city of pforzheim was destined to suffer the same fate this book commemorates the efforts of the aircrew members who risked their lives consolidating a host of intriguing first hand accounts it also considers pforzheim as a representative community under national socialist rule the city s survivors remember the horror of the raid and its aftermath including eventual occupation by french colonial troops and subsequently american forces tony does an admirable job of presenting historical context when considering actions in times of extreme trauma and his narrative offers an intriguing engaging and poignant evocation of the closing months of bomber command s war this is the story of an air campaign in which each bomb could dramatically influence the course of the war in january 1942 the powerful german battleship tirpitz sailed into her new base in a norwegian fjord within easy reach of the arctic convoys her destruction suddenly became a top allied priority but sinking a modern and formidably armed battleship was no easy task especially when she lay secure in a remote mountainous fjord protected by anti torpedo nets radar flak guns and smoke generators this book charts the full

complex story of the air war against Tirpitz from the Fleet Air Arm's failed torpedo attack at sea the RAF's early Halifax raids and the carrier-borne Barracuda airstrikes of operations Mascot, Tungsten and Goodwood to the three Tallboy attacks that finally crippled and sank her with detailed maps and diagrams it explains the aircraft and ordnance the British had to work with the evolving strategic situation and why the task was so difficult historically rich in detail with previously unpublished photographs from private archives researched and written by an aviation and military historian renowned author essential for military historians modellers flight sim enthusiasts war thunder Il 2 Sturmovik great battles and DCS and those interested in the complexities of aircraft design and production during the Second World War they sowed the wind and now they are going to reap the whirlwind Arthur Bomber Harris the concept of an aerial campaign on a nation's industrial and military might was advocated by Britain before the start of the First World War however a stringent post-war economy ensured that the creation of Bomber Command in 1936 witnessed a daunting disparity between the aim of striking at an adversary's ability to sustain itself and the means to do so from 1939 to 1942 Bomber Command was very weak in terms of human and material losses the navigational means with which to accurately guide bombers to targets was almost completely lacking while the enemy defensive network inflicted serious casualties consequently the punishment handed out was minimal the resurgence of Bomber Command's fortunes coincided with the appointment of Sir Arthur Harris the advent of four-engine designs such as the Avro Lancaster and Handley Page Halifax ensured that a greatly increased bomb tonnage could be delivered also electronic aids such as Gee, Oboe and H2S simplified the task in finding targets therefore by 1944-1945 the RAF's bombers pulverised Hitler's Third Reich although flak and night fighters took a heavy toll on the bombers the RAF's nocturnal offensive in conjunction with the USAF's daylight assaults crippled Germany's ability to fight back what could induce a young pilot to walk out onto the wing of his burning aircraft at 13,000 feet why would a plucky young woman descend into the bowels of a sinking ship knowing that she would almost certainly die there why did a family remain on their farm tending crops while suffering four long years of deadly artillery shelling how did a former fishing trawler sink one of Hitler's deadliest U-boats and who were the two Australian nurses who protected wounded patients with their own bodies while experiencing a savage machine gun attack why did a young naval apprentice keep rowing when his hands had been so badly burned they were literally glued to his oar and who were the two selfless Dad's Army soldiers who miraculously saved the lives of hundreds of their comrades even when it meant sacrificing their own these and many other fascinating questions are answered in one of the most remarkable books of gallantry fortitude and self-sacrifice you will ever read *Quiet Courage: Forgotten Heroes of World War Two* is a book about thoughtful intelligent actions and above all an enviable capacity for bravery this is the story and details of Peenemünde the German military rocket

development and test sites during world war ii it was one of the most modern technological facilities in the world in the years between 1936 and 1945 the first launch of a missile into space took place here in october 1942 in the nearby air force testing area rocket engineers tested numerous flight objects equipped with revolutionary technology from the start this research was directed toward one goal only achieving military superiority through advanced technology slave laborers concentration camp inmates and prisoners of war provided the work that enabled the construction of the test sites and the later serial production of the rockets which the nazi propaganda referred to as vergeltungswaffe 2 or vengeance weapon 2 in so short a period of time both the inhumane labor conditions and the attacks on belgian british and french cities using the supposed wonder weapon claimed thousands of lives flying at 25 000 feet loaded with 6000 pounds of bombs bristling with thirteen 50 caliber machine guns and with a highly trained and motivated flight crew the b 17 flying fortress became the physical symbol of america s mighty eighth air force arrayed against the eighth air force was nazi germany s veteran battle tested air armada the luftwaffe but the b 17 didn t go to war alone the eighth air force also deployed some of the most famous aircraft the rugged b 24 liberator the nimble p 38 lightning the p 47 thunderbolt with its four pairs of deadly wing mounted 50 caliber machine guns and the quick and high flying p 51 mustang flight of the forgotten is the true story of one of the most closely guarded american military secrets of all time it is intriguing controversial and thought provoking it traverses 50 years two generations and the realities of our physical world flight of the forgotten represents a 50 year old aviation mystery officially forgotten by the united states government the turtle and the dreamboat is the first detailed account of the race for long distance flight records between the u s army and u s navy less than fourteen months after world war ii the flights were risky and unprecedented each service intended to demonstrate its offensive capabilities during the dawning nuclear age a time when america was realigning its military structure and preparing to create a new armed service the united states air force the first week of october 1946 saw the conclusion of both record breaking nonstop flights by the military fliers the first aircraft a two engine u s navy p2v neptune patrol plane nicknamed the truculent turtle flew more than eleven thousand miles from perth western australia to columbus ohio the turtle carried four war honed pilots and a young kangaroo as a passenger the second plane a four engine u s army b 29 superfortress bomber dubbed the pacusan dreamboat flew nearly ten thousand miles from honolulu to cairo via the arctic although presented as a friendly rivalry the two flights were anything but collegial these military missions were meant to capture public opinion and establish aviation leadership within the coming department of defense both audacious flights above oceans deserts mountains and icecaps helped to shape the future of worldwide commercial aviation greatly reducing the length and costs of international routes jim leeke provides an account of the remarkable and record breaking flights that forever

changed aviation steel fortress is a story of survival about a flyboy aboard a B-17 bomber who is catapulted into the extraordinary experience of flying the heavies in the never to be replicated arena of World War II air combat. He flies the gauntlet of Germany's defensive network in 1944, battling the demons of war in the European theater and also in his mind, it is a commentary on the totality of the human experience of war, from the brutal realities of combat to the internal battle that goes on within each individual survivor. On a cold February morning in 1944, Harold Gatty leaves his new bride at an Iowa train platform and embarks on a stark and riveting journey where camaraderie is the key to survival and loss is the lesson learned. Heroism combined with humanism drives this compelling saga of the human spirit at its most triumphant and most vulnerable. Steel Fortress joins ranks with the most poignant of commentaries on war; it is a story for the ages and evidence of the universal spirit of man. The night of May 16th, 1943, nineteen specially adapted Lancaster bombers take off from RAF Scampton in Lincolnshire, each with a huge 9,000lb cylindrical bomb strapped underneath. It is their mission to destroy three dams deep within the German heartland, which provide the lifeblood to the industries supplying the Third Reich's war machine. From the outset, it was an almost impossible task, a suicide mission to fly low and at night in formation over many miles of enemy-occupied territory at the very limit of the Lancasters' capacity and drop a new weapon that had never been tried operationally before from a precise height of just sixty feet from the water at some of the most heavily defended targets in Germany. More than that, the entire operation had to be put together in less than ten weeks when visionary aviation engineer Barnes Wallis's concept of the bouncing bomb was green-lighted. He hadn't even drawn up his plans for the weapon that was to smash the dams. What followed was an incredible race against time which, despite numerous setbacks and against huge odds, became one of the most successful and game-changing bombing raids of all time. Sir John Slessor was one of the twentieth century's most distinguished wartime commanders and incisive military thinkers, and William Pyke's comprehensive new biography reveals how he earned this remarkable reputation. Slessor, a polio victim who always walked with a stick, became a First World War pilot in the Sudan and on the Western Front and a squadron and wing commander in India. Between the wars, when aerial warfare was still a new concept, he was one of the first to develop practical tactics and strategies in its application. In the Second World War, as the commander in chief of Coastal Command during the Battle of the Atlantic and the RAF in the Mediterranean during the Italian and Balkan campaigns, he made a remarkable contribution to the success of Allied air power. Then, after the war, as a senior commander, he established himself as one of the foremost experts on strategic bombing and nuclear deterrence. That is why this insightful biography of a great British airman and his achievements is so timely and important as we enter a new era of strategic doubts and deterrence at the beginning of the twenty-first century. William Pyke follows each stage of Slessor's brilliant career as a pilot and



commander in vivid detail in particular he concentrates on slessor s writings from his treatise on the application of air power in support of land armies to his thinking on nuclear deterrence and western strategy from hell hawks author bob dorr mission to berlin takes the reader on a world war ii strategic bombing mission from an airfield in east anglia england to berlin and back told largely in the veterans own words mission to berlin covers all aspects of a long range bombing mission including pilots and other aircrew groundcrew and escort fighters that accompanied the heavy bombers on their perilous mission a tribute to the heroism shown by military pilots and aircrew from rural california towns who risked their lives and made their mark on american history during world war ii thousands of volunteer combat aviators trained at places like cal poly in san luis obispo and hancock field in santa maria some air cadets and wasps young women pilots lost their lives in training accidents the graduates would go on to fight in both the pacific and european theaters they faced flak bursts and collisions that resulted in horrifying explosions and were sent on strafing runs that made them targets in a lethal shooting gallery downed airmen encountered both unexpected kindness and cruel deprivation as prisoners of war through interviews and official records jim gregory tells the stories of heroic central coast veterans who fought a war that stretched from new guinea to north africa a thorough history of the raf bomber command attack on the german city during world war ii by the author of the first day on the somme this book describes one twenty four hour period in the allied strategic bomber offensive in the greatest possible detail author martin middlebrook sets the scene by outlining the course of the bombing war from 1939 to the night of the nuremberg raid the characters and aims of the british bombing leaders and the composition of the opposing bomber command and german night fighter forces the aim of the nuremberg raid was not unlike many hundreds of other royal air force missions but due to the difficulties and dangers of the enemy defenses and weather plus bad luck it went horribly wrong the result was so notorious that it became a turning point in the campaign the target the symbolic nazi rally city of nuremberg was only lightly damaged and 96 out of 779 bombers went missing middlebrook recreates the events of the fateful night in astonishing detail the result is a meticulous dramatic and often controversial account it is also a moving tribute to the bravery of the raf bomber crews and their adversaries praise for the nuremberg raid employing hundreds of eyewitness accounts he shows the raid from the point of view of the german defenses and the civilians on the ground factual and analytical this is a portrait of mechanized warfare at the level of personal experience simon mawer wall street journal after the japanese attack on pearl harbor america s fast carrier task forces with their aircraft squadrons and powerful support warships went on the offensive under orders from fleet admiral ernest j king the newly appointed admiral chester w nimitz as the commander in chief of the pacific fleet took the fight to the japanese using island raids to slow their advance in the pacific beginning in february 1942 a series of task

force raids led by the carriers uss enterprise uss yorktown uss lexington and uss hornet were launched beginning in the marshall islands and gilbert islands an attempted raid on rabaul was followed by successful attacks on wake island and marcus island the lae salamaua raid countered japanese invasions on new guinea the most dramatic was the unorthodox tokyo doolittle raid where 16 carrier launched b 25 medium bombers demonstrated that the japanese mainland was open to u s air attacks the raids had a limited effect on halting the japanese advance but kept the enemy away from hawaii the u s west coast and the panama canal and kept open lines of communications to australia this title first appeared in 2001 to universal acclaim quickly went out of print and has remained so since the author meantime has continued his research and the result is this updated edition over half as long as the first with stacks of new photographs absolutely essential reference for all those interested in military aviation eyewitness accounts of heavy bombers on d day rarely told story of what happened above the beaches detailed descriptions of various bombing runs in this vivid and dramatic look at world war ii in the air eight different aircrews three american and five british tell eye opening and heart racing stories of operations before during and after d day these bombing missions helped pave the way for the success of the allies invasion of normandy disrupting german transportation destroying various installations and spreading fear and panic esteemed pacific war historian jeffrey cox has produced a fast paced and absorbing read of the crucial new georgia phase of the Guadalcanal Solomons Campaign during the Pacific War thousands of miles from friendly ports the US Navy had finally managed to complete the capture of Guadalcanal from the Japanese in early 1943 now the allies sought to keep the offensive momentum won at such a high cost this is the central plotline running through this page turning history beginning with the Japanese operation I-Go and the American ambush of Admiral Yamamoto and continuing on to the Allied invasion of New Georgia northwest of Guadalcanal in the middle of the Solomon Islands and the location of a major Japanese base determined not to repeat their mistakes at Guadalcanal the allies nonetheless faltered in their continuing efforts to roll back the Japanese land air and naval forces using first hand accounts from both sides this book vividly recreates all the terror and drama of the nighttime naval battles during this phase of the Solomons Campaign and the ferocious firestorm many Marines faced as they disembarked from their landing craft the reader is transported to the bridge to stand alongside Admiral Walden Ainsworth as he sails to stop another Japanese reinforcement convoy for New Georgia and vividly feels the fear of an 18 year old Marine as he fights for survival against a weakened but still determined enemy Dark Waters Starry Skies is an engrossing history which weaves together strategy and tactics with a blow by blow account of every battle at a vital point in the Pacific War that has not been analyzed in this level of detail before the Korean conflict was a pivotal event in China's modern military history the fighting in Korea constituted an important experience for the newly

formed people's liberation army air force plaaf not only as a test case for this fledgling service but also in the later development of chinese air power xiaoming zhang fills the gaps in the history of this conflict by basing his research in recently declassified chinese and russian archival materials he also relies on interviews with chinese participants in the air war over korea zhang's findings challenge conventional wisdom as he compares kill ratios and performance by all sides involved in the war zhang also addresses the broader issues of the korean war such as how air power affected beijing's decision to intervene he touches on ground operations and truce negotiations during the conflict chinese leaders placed great emphasis on the supremacy of human will over modern weaponry but they were far from oblivious to the advantages of the latter and to china's technological limitations developments in china's own air power were critical during this era zhang offers considerable materials on the training of chinese aviators and the soviet role in that training on soviet and chinese air operations in korea and on diplomatic exchanges over soviet military assistance to china he probes the impact of the war on china's conception of the role of air power arguing that it was not until the gulf war of the early 1990s that chinese leaders engaged in a broad reassessment of the strategy they adopted during the korean war military historians and scholars interested in aviation and foreign affairs will find this volume of special interest as a unique work that presents the chinese point of view it stands as both a complement and a corrective to previous accounts of the conflict xiaoming zhang earned his ph d in history at the university of iowa in 1994 he has had works published in various journals including the journal of military history which has twice selected him to receive the moncado prize for excellence in the writing of military history zhang currently resides in montgomery alabama where he teaches at the air war college zhang's study is masterful in placing the chinese air war in korea in the context of china's development in the twentieth century in addition to providing important new evidence on china's role in the korean war zhang offers a particularly noteworthy analysis of sino soviet relations during the early 1950s william stueck distinguished research professor of history university of georgia author of the korean war an international history 1995 and rethinking the korean war a new diplomatic and strategic history 2002 this award winning classic of wwii military history chronicles the royal air force's bombing campaign against germany raf bomber command's air offensive against the cities of nazi germany was one of the most epic campaigns of world war ii the struggle began meekly in 1939 with only a few aircraft whitleys hampdens and wellingtons flying blindly through the night on their ill conceived bombing runs it ended six years later with 1 600 lancasters halifaxes and mosquitoes equipped with the best of british wartime technology blazing whole german cities in a single night in bomber command originally published to critical acclaim in the uk famed british military historian sir max hastings offers a captivating analysis of the strategy and decision making behind one of world war ii's most violent episodes

with firsthand descriptions of the experiences of aircrew from 1939 to 1945 based on one hundred interviews with veterans and a harrowing narrative of the experiences of germans on the ground during the september 1944 bombing of darmstadt bomber command is widely recognized as a classic account of one of the bloodiest campaigns in world war ii history winner of the somerset maugham prize the bottom line a highly engaging world war ii mystery with a remarkable amateur sleuth at the helm bestthrillers com set during world war ii d for daisy begins as the eponymously named british bomber returns to base the landing is a harrowing one as the plane s pilot ralph prendergast is dead on arrival it s up to the flight engineer to take the controls while the rest of the crew hangs on for dear life ralph s 21 year old wife daisy has seemingly been prepared for each of her husband s missions to be his last as such she s remarkably composed when told of ralph s passing initially she assumes he s been killed by a stray bullet or piece of flak but in the emotional scene where daisy who is blind feels his corpse she discovers that her husband has no external wounds daisy s demand for an autopsy is denied but after collecting ralph s suitcase she discovers the flask he had taken with him on his last mission and takes it to a pharmacist for analysis arsenic is discovered in the sample which is all the evidence daisy needs to set about attempting to solve her husband s murder in daisy author nick aaron has created a remarkable amateur sleuth at times her formidable powers of deduction seem to be enhanced by her blindness and she is somehow more observant than her peers when it comes to her insight into human psychology and motive daisy s own telling of her experience throughout do you realise that i have no way of picturing how gold or crystal glitters make her all the more sympathetic in a moment of meta awareness shortly after inspecting her husband s body she declares let s see what would you have to do as an amateur sleuth as sleuths go she s also remarkably patient once she determines who has murdered her husband she s content to wait until just the right moment to attempt to pounce even if justice will be years in the making the novel s strengths lie in how well aaron draws daisy s character the tantalizing mystery of ralph s death and an unsettling romantic suspense that carries the plot forward aaron s prose is primarily driven by dialogue and exposition rather than evocative description which makes this first entry in aaron s blind sleuth series a quick read that can easily be devoured over a weekend fans of world war ii period fiction will relish the unconventional chess match between daisy and her husband s killer which simmers throughout the narrative until its satisfying conclusion bestthrillers review this is the first time that sir arthur bomber harris s own papers covering his three and a half years at bomber command have been published and made available to the general public the book also contains an introduction by sebastian cox an air staff memorandum written immediately after the war and a revisionist german viewpoint by horst boog it stands as a landmark in the controversy that still rages over the man who led bomber command s campaign in the second world war this is the fifth release

in a series that provides a comprehensive insight into all aspects of raf bomber command in world war two it begins in late september 1944 when the allied bomber offensive was at its height and takes us through to the end of the conflict the crews personal narrative puts you at the centre of each intense isolated and harrowing episode of aerial combat as the pilots of bomber command attempted to stave off fears of tragic injury and death from fighters flak and incessant operational pressure during raids on german cities waterways ports and oil installations this continued until the luftwaffe and the nachtjagd effectively ceased to exist their fuel supplies exhausted their losses in airmen reaching an unsustainable level and their aircraft and airfields decimated as a result of 24 hour allied bombing often it was the most exciting feats of bravery determination and daring that were marked by the most catastrophic losses approximately 62 per cent of the 125 000 men who served as aircrew in bomber command during the war became casualties of these 52 per cent were sustained while flying operations and a further ten per cent while on non operational flights in britain it should never be forgotten that raf bomber command played a hugely significant role in securing victory for the allies carrying out mass raids by day and night that eventually culminated in them beating the life out of germany yet its crews were denied the campaign medal that they so richly deserved until very recently here martin bowman attempts to provide an adequate tribute to the men of bomber command using first hand accounts to capture an authentic commentary of the times at hand in a release that is sure to capture the imaginations of all aviation enthusiasts

*Bomber Crew* 2006-07-21 bomber crew was self published by the author jack e thompson in 1989 this second edition has been re published to acknowledge the 60th anniversary of ve day to commemorate 2005 as the year of the veteran and to help celebrate the life of jack e thompson 1923 2003 some additional material including photographs not available for the original version have been added by the author s son stephen thompson bomber crew is the record of a tour of duty of the crew of the lancaster bomber g george of bomber command 12 squadron based at raf base wickenby lincolnshire this is a story of the bonds formed among seven men five canadian with the rcaf and two english with the raf bonds that lasted their lifetimes this is the story of the happenstance and chaos of crewing up of endless practice practice sessions and the excitement and terror of late night bombing runs over occupied europe and deep into germany the author and his crew would suggest that their tour was very ordinary and unremarkable from data declassified post war they learned otherwise that it was remarkable that these seven crew members survived the war and returned to civilian life only 40 of bomber command aircrew survived the war and not all of those without physical or psychological injury

The Crew 2020-01-09 a moving tribute to the sacrifice and bravery of the fliers of raf bomber command the crew based on interviews with ken cook the crew s sole surviving member recounts the wartime exploits of the members of an avro lancaster crew between 1942 and the war s end gloucestershire born bomb aimer ken cook hard bitten australian pilot jim comans navigator don bowes upper gunner george widdis tail gunner jock bolland flight engineer ken randle and radio operator roy woollford were seven ordinary young men living in extraordinary times risking their lives in freedom s cause in the dark skies above hitler s reich from their earliest beginnings in places as far apart as a cotswold village and the suburbs of sydney through the adventure of training in north america and the dread and danger of the forty five bombing raids they flew with 97 squadron david price describes the crew s wartime experiences with human sympathy allied to a secure technical understanding of one of the raf s most iconic aircraft the drama and anxiety of individual missions to kassel munich and augsburg as well as berlin is evoked with thrilling immediacy while the military events and strategic decisions that drove the raf s area bombing campaign against nazi germany are interwoven deftly with the narrative of the crew s operational careers reviews a sensitive account of the bomber s life price has given the bomber offensive a human face this book has a heart and soul the times a fascinating and fast paced account of the exploits of an avro lancaster bomber crew from 97 squadron raf the herald a remarkable insight into the bravery determination and skill of british bomber command crews during wwii waterstones

Fighting from the Heavens 2023-12-15 presents information from a wealth of training manuals and tactical documents including diagrams and illustrations during world war

ii the us army air forces usaaf projected american military might across distances and with destructive force unimaginable just a decade previously the b 17s and b 24s of the us eighth air force for example turned much of germany s infrastructure to twisted steel and burnt rubble between 1943 and 1945 b 29 superfortresses unleashed conventional raids on japan of even greater area destruction than that created by the atomic bomb attacks also delivered by usaaf crews beyond heavy strategic bombing us bombers performed a multitude of other tactical roles including hunting axis submarines bombing enemy shipping low level runs against precision targets and providing heavy air support to advancing infantry and armor while the us bombers dealt out violence however they were also prey to a terrifying spectrum of anti-aircraft threats and by the end of the war 88 119 us airmen had died in service bomber crews were a world unto themselves composed of pilots co pilots engineers navigators wireless operators gunners and bombardiers and each aircraft type had its own unique characteristics and capabilities from twin engine b 25 mitchells designed for strafing and skip bombing to the four engine workhorses of the strategic bombing campaign the b 17 flying fortress b 24 liberator and b 29 superfortress fighting from the heavens tactics and training of usaaf bomber crews 1941 45 presents an invaluable collection of material from us wartime manuals including doctrinal training technical aircraft specific and position specific publications through these manuals the reader gains an insider s insight into the demands of us bomber warfare including long distance navigation gun turret operation formation flying bomber start up procedures and bomb aiming

**No Moon Tonight** 2022-01-04 a bomber command classic depicting the deep feelings associated with the human cost of the air war in world war ii this is the breathtaking story of a wartime lancaster bomber crew facing the hazards of bombing strongly defended targets in germany an raaf navigator with 103 squadron based at raf elsham wolds england 1942 he crewed up with a pilot from western australia and british airmen to fly the iconic lancaster bomber charlwood writes sympathetically and understandingly of the hopes and fears of the crews as squadron losses mounted

*The Dam Busters* 2011-10-15 the story of the legendary bouncing bomb attack on germany s dams

*Enemy Coast Ahead* 1986 born in 1918 guy gibson joined the royal air force when he was 18 for his gallantry and inspiring leadership on the dambusters raid he was awarded the vc but insisted upon returning to an operational bomber squadron and was shot down whilst flying as master bomber in a mosquito of the pathfinder force

*Bomber Crew* 2012-03-01 long after the battle of britain the aircrews of raf bomber command risked their lives night after night during the second world war over 55 000 of the airmen never returned from these missions a further 10 000 became prisoners of war and yet bomber command has been mired in controversy and its veterans all

volunteers have never been awarded a campaign medal their crucial contribution to the outcome of the war has all too often been overlooked bomber crew exposes the bravery of these men using gripping first person testimony from the surviving pilots and crew for them this was a time of incredible hardship and adrenaline courage and friendship and their stories bear witness to the strength of the human spirit in times of incredible danger never before has their story been so vividly told this is also a revealing look at the history of bomber command itself from the early days through to eventual victory in 1945 from the terrifying action of the bombing raids to the intimate personal accounts of heroism tragedy and triumph this is the ultimate account of these brave men and their contribution to the allied victory

Round the Clock 2001 round the clock is about the combined anglo american day night bombing offensive against nazi germany in world war ii it is about the men who made up the aircrews that flew the bombers of the royal air force and the u s army air forces in that epic campaign raf bomber command under air chief marshal arthur bomber harris was deeply involved in the concept and practice of wide pattern attacks on principal german targets attacks carried out in the dark of night raf bomber command had tried the more accurate daylight precision bombing method and had found the losses in men and aircraft unacceptably high the americans of the fledgling eighth air force arrived in england early in 1942 they were determined to do by day what the british had deemed impossible and the policy battlelines were drawn between these allies in time the americans won the chance to prove ultimately with success the case for daylight bombing though at enormous cost in equipment and lives those who flew the bombing missions of the raf and usaaf from british airfields in world war ii lived through an utterly unique time and experience incomparable to any before or since that experience both in and out of combat is the essence of round the clock

**A Bomber Crew Mystery** 2016-08-18 an antique trophy inspires a quest to uncover the history of an outstanding crew of wwii airmen who first flew into combat on d day after discovering a discarded trophy in an edinburgh antique shop author david price endeavored to tell the stories of the men whose names had been engraved upon it praised as outstanding crew of the month the members of 388th bombardment group set out on their very first mission on june 6 1944 d day this baptism of fire heralded the start of an illustrious career in battle during august and september of 1944 they took part in over thirty perilous missions and yet the details of their endeavors have largely been forgotten here the history of 388th bombardment group s service is told in great detail from interviews with each surviving member of the group together with family members in an effort to glean more information about their wartime deeds and to reunite them with the trophy that they won in the midst of it a bomber crew mystery serves as a poignant and evocative tribute to the 388th bombardment group as well as all those who fought in the skies of the second world war



**Air Force Magazine 2013** mischa kowalski is just another new york teenager and boy scout hoping to help the war effort in the midst of wwii but when he joins a top secret army project he is cast out of his familiar brooklyn childhood life and into the life of a guerrilla and spy in the middle of nazi occupied europe now this boy finds himself in a dangerous world where secrecy is the key to survival and any mistake can spell his death while performing his duty though young kowalski musters all of his wit and boy scout experience to last him through the fight as he faces many harrowing adventures from the black forest to auschwitz warsaw to berlin in middle of fighting the germans mischa kowalski must also fight his own conscience as he struggles to cope with the horrors of war as well as the cold nature of one ss officer whom he has vowed to kill in vengeance for his war crimes prepared for war a harrowing story of one boy s fight with the enemy and his own inner self as he is cast into the jaws of war and must put his childhood behind or face his own death

**Be Prepared.For War 2006-10** the second volume in the wwii history written with simplicity lucidity and gusto by the legendary leader and nobel prize winner the new york times in their finest hour winston churchill describes the invasion of france and a growing sense of dismay in britain should britain meet france s desperate pleas for reinforcements or conserve their resources in preparation for the inevitable german assault in the book s second half entitled simply alone churchill discusses great britain s position as the last stronghold against german conquest the battle for control of the skies over britain diplomatic efforts to draw the united states into the war and the spreading global conflict their finest hour is part of the epic six volume account of world war ii told from the viewpoint of a man who led in the fight against tyranny and enriched with extensive primary sources including memos letters orders speeches and telegrams day by day accounts of reactions as the drama intensifies throughout these volumes we listen as strategies and counterstrategies unfold in response to hitler s conquest of europe planned invasion of england and assault on russia in a mesmerizing account of the crucial decisions made as the fate of the world hangs in the balance

**Their Finest Hour 2010-06-30** this meticulously edited collection is formatted for your ereader with a functional and detailed table of contents introduction winston spencer churchill by richard harding davis the influenza novel savrola biographies lord randolph churchill marlborough his life and times historical works the story of the malakand field force the river war london to ladysmith via pretoria ian hamilton s march my african journey the world crisis 1911 1914 the second world war the gathering storm their finest hour a history of the english speaking peoples the birth of britain the new world essays articles painting as a pastime zionism versus bolshevism fifty years hence east london general bullar s headquarters mr winston churchill s capture speeches liberalism and the social problem the conduct of the war by sea speech in the london

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**The Collected Works of Winston Churchill** 2018-03-05 musaicum books presents to you this meticulously edited winston churchill collection introduction winston spencer churchill by richard harding davis the influenza novel savrola biographies lord randolph churchill marlborough his life and times historical works the story of the malakand field force the river war london to ladysmith via pretoria ian hamilton s march my african journey the world crisis 1911 1914 the second world war the gathering storm their finest hour a history of the english speaking peoples the birth of britain the new world essays articles painting as a pastime zionism versus bolshevism fifty years hence east london general bullar s headquarters mr winston churchill s capture speeches liberalism and the social problem the conduct of the war by sea speech in the london opera house speech in the tournament hall liverpool first radio address as prime minister blood toil tears and sweat be ye men of valour we shall fight on the beaches their finest hour the few never was so much owed by so many to so few broadcast on the soviet german war never give in never never never winston churchill s address to the united states congress the price of greatness is responsibility announcement of the surrender of germany sinews of peace the iron curtain speech letters of winston churchill my early life a roving commission an autobiography

*The Greatest Works of Winston Churchill* 2018-03-21 during 1942 and 1943 the striking power of raf bomber command was transformed by the arrival of heavy bombers advanced navigation and blind bombing systems and new tactics to concentrate the bombers over the target and swamp the german defences by october 1944 most of germany s cities were in ruins yet the bombing continued to intensify reaching unprecedented levels in the final seven months of the air campaign the value of further area raids was questioned during the opening months of 1945 yet the allies destroyed the remaining cities in a bid to hasten the end of the war the handful of german cities still largely unscathed in early february 1945 included dresden which was obliterated on 13 february ten days later the south german city of pforzheim was destined to suffer the same fate this book commemorates the efforts of the aircrew members who risked their lives consolidating a host of intriguing first hand accounts it also considers pforzheim as a representative community under national socialist rule the city s survivors remember the horror of the raid and its aftermath including eventual occupation

by french colonial troops and subsequently american forces tony does an admirable job of presenting historical context when considering actions in times of extreme trauma and his narrative offers an intriguing engaging and poignant evocation of the closing months of bomber command s war

**Bombing Germany: The Final Phase** 2015-02-28 this is the story of an air campaign in which each bomb could dramatically influence the course of the war in january 1942 the powerful german battleship tirpitz sailed into her new base in a norwegian fjord within easy reach of the arctic convoys her destruction suddenly became a top allied priority but sinking a modern and formidably armed battleship was no easy task especially when she lay secure in a remote mountainous fjord protected by anti torpedo nets radar flak guns and smoke generators this book charts the full complex story of the air war against tirpitz from the fleet air arm s failed torpedo attack at sea the raf s early halifax raids and the carrier borne barracuda airstrikes of operations mascot tungsten and goodwood to the three tallboy attacks that finally crippled and sank her with detailed maps and diagrams it explains the aircraft and ordnance the british had to work with the evolving strategic situation and why the task was so difficult

**Sink the Tirpitz 1942-44** 2018-10-18 historically rich in detail with previously unpublished photographs from private archives researched and written by an aviation and military historian renowned author essential for military historians modellers flight sim enthusiasts war thunder il 2 sturmovik great battles and dcs and those interested in the complexities of aircraft design and production during the second world war they sowed the wind and now they are going to reap the whirlwind arthur bomber harris the concept of an aerial campaign on a nation s industrial and military might was advocated by britain before the start of the first world war however a stringent post war economy ensured that the creation of bomber command in 1936 witnessed a daunting disparity between the aim of striking at an adversary s ability to sustain itself and the means to do so from 1939 to 1942 bomber command was very weak in terms of human and material losses the navigational means with which to accurately guide bombers to targets was almost completely lacking while the enemy defensive network inflicted serious casualties consequently the punishment handed out was minimal the resurgence of bomber command s fortunes coincided with the appointment of sir arthur harris the advent of four engine designs such as the avro lancaster and handley page halifax ensured that a greatly increased bomb tonnage could be delivered also electronic aids such as gee oboe and h2s simplified the task in finding targets therefore by 1944 1945 the raf s bombers pulverised hitler s third reich although flak and night fighters took a heavy toll on the bombers the raf s nocturnal offensive in conjunction with the usaaf s daylight assaults crippled germany s ability to fight back

**Aeroplane and Commercial Aviation News** 1961-04 what could induce a young pilot to walk out onto the wing of his burning aircraft at 13 000 feet why would a plucky

young woman descend into the bowels of a sinking ship knowing that she would almost certainly die there why did a family remain on their farm tending crops while suffering four long years of deadly artillery shelling how did a former fishing trawler sink one of hitler s deadliest u boats and who were the two australian nurses who protected wounded patients with their own bodies while experiencing a savage machine gun attack why did a young naval apprentice keep rowing when his hands had been so badly burned they were literally glued to his oar and who were the two selfless dad s army soldiers who miraculously saved the lives of hundreds of their comrades even when it meant sacrificing their own these and many other fascinating questions are answered in one of the most remarkable books of gallantry fortitude and selfsacrifice you will ever read quiet courage forgotten heroes of world war two is a book about thoughtful intelligent actions and above all an enviable capacity for bravery

**Combat Crew** 1980 this is the story and details of peenemünde the german military rocket developement and test siteduring world war ii it was one of the most modern technological facilities in the world in the years between 1936 and 1945 the first launch of a missile into space took place here in october 1942 in the nearby air force testing area rocket engineers tested numerous flight objects equipped with revolutionary technology from the start this research was directed toward one goal only achieving military superiority through advanced technology slave laborers concentration camp inmates and prisoners of war provided the work that enabled the construction of the test sites and the later serial production of the rockets which the nazi propaganda referred to as vergeltungswaffe 2 or vengeance weapon 2 in so short a period of time both the inhumane labor conditions and the attacks on belgian british and french cities using the supposed wonder weapon claimed thousands of lives

**RAF Bomber Command: 'Strike Hard, Strike Sure' 1936-1945** 2022-03-31 flying at 25 000 feet loaded with 6000 pounds of bombs bristling with thirteen 50 caliber machine guns and with a highly trained and motivated flight crew the b 17 flying fortress became the physical symbol of america s mighty eighth air force arrayed against the eighth air force was nazi germany s veteran battle tested air armada the luftwaffa but the b 17 didn t go to war alone the eighth air force also deployed some of the most famous aircraft the rugged b 24 liberator the nimble p 38 lightning the p 47 thunderbolt with its four pairs of deadly wing mounted 50 caliber machine guns and the quick and high flying p 51 mustang

**Quiet Courage** 2021-01-06 flight of the forgotten is the true story of one of the most closely guarded american military secrets of all time it is intriguing controversial and thought provoking it traverses 50 years two generations and the realities of our physical world flight of the forgotten represents a 50 year old aviation mystery officially

forgotten by the united states government

**Peenemunde: The German Experimental Rocket Center-Introduction** 2013-09-28 the turtle and the dreamboat is the first detailed account of the race for long distance flight records between the u s army and u s navy less than fourteen months after world war ii the flights were risky and unprecedented each service intended to demonstrate its offensive capabilities during the dawning nuclear age a time when america was realigning its military structure and preparing to create a new armed service the united states air force the first week of october 1946 saw the conclusion of both record breaking nonstop flights by the military fliers the first aircraft a two engine u s navy p2v neptune patrol plane nicknamed the truculent turtle flew more than eleven thousand miles from perth western australia to columbus ohio the turtle carried four war honed pilots and a young kangaroo as a passenger the second plane a four engine u s army b 29 superfortress bomber dubbed the pacusan dreamboat flew nearly ten thousand miles from honolulu to cairo via the arctic although presented as a friendly rivalry the two flights were anything but collegial these military missions were meant to capture public opinion and establish aviation leadership within the coming department of defense both audacious flights above oceans deserts mountains and icecaps helped to shape the future of worldwide commercial aviation greatly reducing the length and costs of international routes jim leeke provides an account of the remarkable and record breaking flights that forever changed aviation

**Weapons of the Eighth Air Force** 2019-02-18 steel fortress is a story of survival about a flyboy aboard a b 17 bomber who is catapulted into the extraordinary experience of flying the heavies in the never to be replicated arena of world war ii air combat he flies the gauntlet of germany s defensive network in 1944 battling the demons of war in the european theater and also in his mind it is a commentary on the totality of the human experience of war from the brutal realities of combat to the internal battle that goes on within each individual survivor on a cold february morning in 1944 harold leaves his new bride at an iowa train platform and embarks on a stark and riveting journey where camaraderie is the key to survival and loss is the lesson learned heroism combined with humanism drives this compelling saga of the human spirit at its most triumphant and most vulnerable steel fortress joins ranks with the most poignant of commentaries on war it is a story for the ages and evidence of the universal spirit of man

**Flight of the Forgotten** 2022-06 the night of may 16th 1943 nineteen specially adapted lancaster bombers take off from raf scampton in lincolnshire each with a huge 9 000lb cylindrical bomb strapped underneath it their mission to destroy three dams deep within the german heartland which provide the lifeblood to the industries supplying

the third reich's war machine from the outset it was an almost impossible task a suicide mission to fly low and at night in formation over many miles of enemy occupied territory at the very limit of the lancasters capacity and drop a new weapon that had never been tried operationally before from a precise height of just sixty feet from the water at some of the most heavily defended targets in germany more than that the entire operation had to be put together in less than ten weeks when visionary aviation engineer barnes wallis's concept of the bouncing bomb was green lighted he hadn't even drawn up his plans for the weapon that was to smash the dams what followed was an incredible race against time which despite numerous setbacks and against huge odds became one of the most successful and game changing bombing raids of all time

*The Turtle and the Dreamboat* 2014-01-31 sir john slessor was one of the twentieth century's most distinguished wartime commanders and incisive military thinkers and william pyke's comprehensive new biography reveals how he earned this remarkable reputation slessor a polio victim who always walked with a stick became a first world war pilot in the sudan and on the western front and a squadron and wing commander in india between the wars when aerial warfare was still a new concept he was one of the first to develop practical tactics and strategies in its application in the second world war as the commander in chief of coastal command during the battle of the atlantic and the raf in the mediterranean during the italian and balkan campaigns he made a remarkable contribution to the success of allied air power then after the war as a senior commander he established himself as one of the foremost experts on strategic bombing and nuclear deterrence that is why this insightful biography of a great british airman and his achievements is so timely and important as we enter a new era of strategic doubts and deterrence at the beginning of the twenty first century william pyke follows each stage of slessor's brilliant career as a pilot and commander in vivid detail in particular he concentrates on slessor's writings from his treatise on the application of air power in support of land armies to his thinking on nuclear deterrence and western strategy

*Steel Fortress* 2012-05-10 from hell hawks author bob dorr mission to berlin takes the reader on a world war ii strategic bombing mission from an airfield in east anglia england to berlin and back told largely in the veterans own words mission to berlin covers all aspects of a long range bombing mission including pilots and other aircrew groundcrew and escort fighters that accompanied the heavy bombers on their perilous mission

*Dam Busters* 2022-04-13 a tribute to the heroism shown by military pilots and aircrew from rural california towns who risked their lives and made their mark on american history during world war ii thousands of volunteer combat aviators trained at places like cal poly in san luis obispo and hancock field in santa maria some air cadets and

wasps young women pilots lost their lives in training accidents the graduates would go on to fight in both the pacific and european theaters they faced flak bursts and collisions that resulted in horrifying explosions and were sent on strafing runs that made them targets in a lethal shooting gallery downed airmen encountered both unexpected kindness and cruel deprivation as prisoners of war through interviews and official records jim gregory tells the stories of heroic central coast veterans who fought a war that stretched from new guinea to north africa

**Air Power Supremo** 2011-05-15 a thorough history of the raf bomber command attack on the german city during world war ii by the author of the first day on the somme this book describes one twenty four hour period in the allied strategic bomber offensive in the greatest possible detail author martin middlebrook sets the scene by outlining the course of the bombing war from 1939 to the night of the nuremberg raid the characters and aims of the british bombing leaders and the composition of the opposing bomber command and german night fighter forces the aim of the nuremberg raid was not unlike many hundreds of other royal air force missions but due to the difficulties and dangers of the enemy defenses and weather plus bad luck it went horribly wrong the result was so notorious that it became a turning point in the campaign the target the symbolic nazi rally city of nuremberg was only lightly damaged and 96 out of 779 bombers went missing middlebrook recreates the events of the fateful night in astonishing detail the result is a meticulous dramatic and often controversial account it is also a moving tribute to the bravery of the raf bomber crews and their adversaries praise for the nuremberg raid employing hundreds of eyewitness accounts he shows the raid from the point of view of the german defenses and the civilians on the ground factual and analytical this is a portrait of mechanized warfare at the level of personal experience simon mawer wall street journal

Mission to Berlin 2014-10-21 after the japanese attack on pearl harbor america s fast carrier task forces with their aircraft squadrons and powerful support warships went on the offensive under orders from fleet admiral ernest j king the newly appointed admiral chester w nimitz as the commander in chief of the pacific fleet took the fight to the japanese using island raids to slow their advance in the pacific beginning in february 1942 a series of task force raids led by the carriers uss enterprise uss yorktown uss lexington and uss hornet were launched beginning in the marshall islands and gilbert islands an attempted raid on rabaul was followed by successful attacks on wake island and marcus island the lae salamaua raid countered japanese invasions on new guinea the most dramatic was the unorthodox tokyo doolittle raid where 16 carrier launched b 25 medium bombers demonstrated that the japanese mainland was open to u s air attacks the raids had a limited effect on halting the japanese advance but kept the enemy away from hawaii the u s west coast and the panama canal and kept open lines of communications to australia

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*Central Coast Aviators in World War II* 2009-06-25 this title first appeared in 2001 to universal acclaim quickly went out of print and has remained so since the author meantime has continued his research and the result is this updated edition over half as long as the first with stacks of new photographs absolutely essential reference for all those interested in military aviation

**The Nuremberg Raid** 2019-10-16 eyewitness accounts of heavy bombers on d day rarely told story of what happened above the beaches detailed descriptions of various bombing runs in this vivid and dramatic look at world war ii in the air eight different aircrews three american and five british tell eye opening and heart racing stories of operations before during and after d day these bombing missions helped pave the way for the success of the allies invasion of normandy disrupting german transportation destroying various installations and spreading fear and panic

**Early U.S. Navy Carrier Raids, February–April 1942** 2014-05-19 esteemed pacific war historian jeffrey cox has produced a fast paced and absorbing read of the crucial new georgia phase of the Guadalcanal Solomons Campaign during the Pacific War thousands of miles from friendly ports the US Navy had finally managed to complete the capture of Guadalcanal from the Japanese in early 1943 now the allies sought to keep the offensive momentum won at such a high cost this is the central plotline running through this page turning history beginning with the Japanese Operation I-Go and the American ambush of Admiral Yamamoto and continuing on to the Allied invasion of New Georgia northwest of Guadalcanal in the middle of the Solomon Islands and the location of a major Japanese base determined not to repeat their mistakes at Guadalcanal the allies nonetheless faltered in their continuing efforts to roll back the Japanese land air and naval forces using first hand accounts from both sides this book vividly recreates all the terror and drama of the nighttime naval battles during this phase of the Solomons Campaign and the ferocious firestorm many marines faced as they disembarked from their landing craft the reader is transported to the bridge to stand alongside Admiral Walden Ainsworth as he sails to stop another Japanese reinforcement convoy for New Georgia and vividly feels the fear of an 18 year old marine as he fights for survival against a weakened but still determined enemy dark waters starry skies is an engrossing history which weaves together strategy and tactics with a blow by blow account of every battle at a vital point in the Pacific War that has not been analyzed in this level of detail before

*Observers and Navigators* 2010-03-11 the Korean conflict was a pivotal event in China's modern military history the fighting in Korea constituted an important experience for the newly formed People's Liberation Army Air Force PLAAF not only as a test case for this fledgling service but also in the later development of Chinese air power



xiaoming zhang fills the gaps in the history of this conflict by basing his research in recently declassified chinese and russian archival materials he also relies on interviews with chinese participants in the air war over korea zhang s findings challenge conventional wisdom as he compares kill ratios and performance by all sides involved in the war zhang also addresses the broader issues of the korean war such as how air power affected beijing s decision to intervene he touches on ground operations and truce negotiations during the conflict chinese leaders placed great emphasis on the supremacy of human will over modern weaponry but they were far from oblivious to the advantages of the latter and to china s technological limitations developments in china s own air power were critical during this era zhang offers considerable materials on the training of chinese aviators and the soviet role in that training on soviet and chinese air operations in korea and on diplomatic exchanges over soviet military assistance to china he probes the impact of the war on china s conception of the role of air power arguing that it was not until the gulf war of the early 1990s that chinese leaders engaged in a broad reassessment of the strategy they adopted during the korean war military historians and scholars interested in aviation and foreign affairs will find this volume of special interest as a unique work that presents the chinese point of view it stands as both a complement and a corrective to previous accounts of the conflict xiaoming zhang earned his ph d in history at the university of iowa in 1994 he has had works published in various journals including the journal of military history which has twice selected him to receive the moncado prize for excellence in the writing of military history zhang currently resides in montgomery alabama where he teaches at the air war college zhang s study is masterful in placing the chinese air war in korea in the context of china s development in the twentieth century in addition to providing important new evidence on china s role in the korean war zhang offers a particularly noteworthy analysis of sino soviet relations during the early 1950s william stueck distinguished research professor of history university of georgia author of the korean war an international history 1995 and rethinking the korean war a new diplomatic and strategic history 2002

*D-Day Bombers* 2023-03-02 this award winning classic of wwii military history chronicles the royal air force s bombing campaign against germany raf bomber command s air offensive against the cities of nazi germany was one of the most epic campaigns of world war ii the struggle began meekly in 1939 with only a few aircraft whitleys hampdens and wellingtons flying blindly through the night on their ill conceived bombing runs it ended six years later with 1 600 lancasters halifaxes and mosquitoes equipped with the best of british wartime technology blazing whole german cities in a single night in bomber command originally published to critical acclaim in the uk famed british military historian sir max hastings offers a captivating analysis of the strategy and decision making behind one of world war ii s most violent episodes with

firsthand descriptions of the experiences of aircrew from 1939 to 1945 based on one hundred interviews with veterans and a harrowing narrative of the experiences of germans on the ground during the september 1944 bombing of darmstadt bomber command is widely recognized as a classic account of one of the bloodiest campaigns in world war ii history winner of the somerset maugham prize

Dark Waters, Starry Skies 2002 the bottom line a highly engaging world war ii mystery with a remarkable amateur sleuth at the helm bestthrillers com set during world war ii d for daisy begins as the eponymously named british bomber returns to base the landing is a harrowing one as the plane s pilot ralph prendergast is dead on arrival it s up to the flight engineer to take the controls while the rest of the crew hangs on for dear life ralph s 21 year old wife daisy has seemingly been prepared for each of her husband s missions to be his last as such she s remarkably composed when told of ralph s passing initially she assumes he s been killed by a stray bullet or piece of flak but in the emotional scene where daisy who is blind feels his corpse she discovers that her husband has no external wounds daisy s demand for an autopsy is denied but after collecting ralph s suitcase she discovers the flask he had taken with him on his last mission and takes it to a pharmacist for analysis arsenic is discovered in the sample which is all the evidence daisy needs to set about attempting to solve her husband s murder in daisy author nick aaron has created a remarkable amateur sleuth at times her formidable powers of deduction seem to be enhanced by her blindness and she is somehow more observant than her peers when it comes to her insight into human psychology and motive daisy s own telling of her experience throughout do you realise that i have no way of picturing how gold or crystal glitters make her all the more sympathetic in a moment of meta awareness shortly after inspecting her husband s body she declares let s see what would you have to do as an amateur sleuth as sleuths go she s also remarkably patient once she determines who has murdered her husband she s content to wait until just the right moment to attempt to pounce even if justice will be years in the making the novel s strengths lie in how well aaron draws daisy s character the tantalizing mystery of ralph s death and an unsettling romantic suspense that carries the plot forward aaron s prose is primarily driven by dialogue and exposition rather than evocative description which makes this first entry in aaron s blind sleuth series a quick read that can easily be devoured over a weekend fans of world war ii period fiction will relish the unconventional chess match between daisy and her husband s killer which simmers throughout the narrative until its satisfying conclusion bestthrillers review

*Red Wings Over the Yalu* 2013-09-15 this is the first time that sir arthur bomber harris s own papers covering his three and a half years at bomber command have been published and made available to the general public the book also contains an introduction by sebastian cox an air staff memorandum written immediately after the war and

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a revisionist german viewpoint by horst boog it stands as a landmark in the controversy that still rages over the man who led bomber command s campaign in the second world war

*Bomber Command* 2018-05-25 this is the fifth release in a series that provides a comprehensive insight into all aspects of raf bomber command in world war two it begins in late september 1944 when the allied bomber offensive was at its height and takes us through to the end of the conflict the crews personal narrative puts you at the centre of each intense isolated and harrowing episode of aerial combat as the pilots of bomber command attempted to stave off fears of tragic injury and death from fighters flak and incessant operational pressure during raids on german cities waterways ports and oil installations this continued until the luftwaffe and the nachtjagd effectively ceased to exist their fuel supplies exhausted their losses in airmen reaching an unsustainable level and their aircraft and airfields decimated as a result of 24 hour allied bombing often it was the most exciting feats of bravery determination and daring that were marked by the most catastrophic losses approximately 62 per cent of the 125 000 men who served as aircrew in bomber command during the war became casualties of these 52 per cent were sustained while flying operations and a further ten per cent while on non operational flights in britain it should never be forgotten that raf bomber command played a hugely significant role in securing victory for the allies carrying out mass raids by day and night that eventually culminated in them beating the life out of germany yet its crews were denied the campaign medal that they so richly deserved until very recently here martin bowman attempts to provide an adequate tribute to the men of bomber command using first hand accounts to capture an authentic commentary of the times at hand in a release that is sure to capture the imaginations of all aviation enthusiasts

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