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*An Account of the strategies and
significance of the two-pronged attack by
American bombers on munitions factories*

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*deep inside Germany in August, 1943.
Minute-by-minute chronicle of the U.S.
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intentions collide in the heat of war A New
York Times Book Review Editors' Choice
In The Bomber Mafia, Malcolm Gladwell*

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weaves together the stories of a Dutch genius and his homemade computer, a band of brothers in central Alabama, a British psychopath, and pyromaniacal chemists at Harvard to examine one of the greatest moral challenges in modern American history. Most military thinkers in the years leading up to World War II

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saw the airplane as an afterthought. But a small band of idealistic strategists, the “Bomber Mafia,” asked: What if precision bombing could cripple the enemy and make war far less lethal? In contrast, the bombing of Tokyo on the deadliest night of the war was the brainchild of General Curtis LeMay, whose brutal pragmatism

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and scorched-earth tactics in Japan cost thousands of civilian lives, but may have spared even more by averting a planned US invasion. In The Bomber Mafia, Gladwell asks, “Was it worth it?” Things might have gone differently had LeMay’s predecessor, General Haywood Hansell, remained in charge. Hansell believed in

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precision bombing, but when he and Curtis LeMay squared off for a leadership handover in the jungles of Guam, LeMay emerged victorious, leading to the darkest night of World War II. The Bomber Mafia is a riveting tale of persistence, innovation, and the incalculable wages of war.

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*A Navigator's Death Over Schweinfurt
Fire and Fury*

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*An Application Of The Principles Of War
To The Schweinfurt Raids On 17 August
1943 And 14 October 1943*

This monograph provides a historical look at the use of daylight precision bombing by American bombers against the

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ball-bearing factories at Schweinfurt, Germany, on 17 August 1943 and 14 October 1943. The principles of war from AFM 1-1, Basic Aerospace Doctrine of the United States Air Force, are used to analyze the

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strengths and weaknesses of the American and German efforts during these operations.

Avid readers of WWII air combat will find the Eighth AAF's strategic bombing mission #84 (the Schweinfurt-Regensburg raid on

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August 17th, 1943) and mission #115 (the Schweinfurt raid on October 14th, 1943) to be tremendous setbacks to the daylight strategic bombing campaign of Germany. As a result of the heavy losses the Luftwaffe

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inflicted upon Eighth Bomber Command's heavy bombers, the daylight strategic bombing campaign was halted for over four months. The Eighth AAF could not sustain such heavy losses, in both aircraft and aircrew, and

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remain an effective force. During the halt in the daylight strategic bombing campaign, only targets within fighter escort range were selected so Eighth Bomber Command could receive replacement crews, upgraded

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aircraft, revise its strategic bombing tactics, and review its daylight strategic bombing doctrine. This book examines the daylight strategic bombing doctrine before and after the Schweinfurt raids to answer the

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question “After the costly Schweinfurt raids, the Eighth AAF paused to reset its doctrine; how was this doctrinal change accepted and what were the implications?” Initially, the heavy losses incurred during the August

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Schweinfurt-Regensburg raid were explained away as justified due to the “heavy” damage to both targets, the number of German fighters “shot down,” and the weather which prevented 300 heavy bombers from being sent

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as one force - the number required for self-sustainment on deep penetration missions. This was the same mood immediately after the October Schweinfurt raid but changed drastically once monthly loss statistics were

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released and further examination forced the USAAF leadership into a rude awakening: unescorted bombers took seven times the loss plus two-and-a-half times the damage and the final assessment revealed Eighth Bomber

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Command experienced the loss of one-third of its heavy bombers each month. The upper levels of the USAAF leadership initially had difficulty accepting what the lower level leaders and aircrew knew: unescorted daylight strategic

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bombing was not practical in the face of determined opposition. On the night of 17-18 August 1943, RAF Bomber Command attacked a remote research establishment on the German Baltic coast. The site was

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Peenemunde, where Hitler's scientists were developing both the V-1 flying bomb and the V-2 rocket whose destructive powers could have swung the course of the War. The raid was meticulously planned and hopes

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were high. But the night sky was so cloudless that the British bombers presented an easy target for German night fighters, and over 40 were lost. Martin Middlebrook draws on the memories of over 400 people

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involved in the dramatic events on that night: RAF and Luftwaffe aircrew, German personnel at the research site and foreign labourers who had been forced to work there. The result is a truly compelling account of this

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hazardous attempt to disrupt
Hitler's V-weapons programme.
The breathtaking, never-before-
told, true story of a historic air
force bombing mission in 1943
Germany. On September 6, 1943,
three hundred and thirty-eight

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B-17 "Flying Fortresses" of the American Eighth Air Force took off from England, bound for Stuttgart, Germany, to bomb Nazi weapons factories. Dense clouds obscured the targets, and one commander's critical decision to

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circle three times over the city—and its deadly flak—would prove disastrous. Forty-five planes went down that day, and hundreds of men were lost or missing. Focusing on first-person accounts of six of the B-17

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airmen, award-winning author Robert Mrazek vividly re-creates the fierce air battle—and reveals the astonishing valor of the airmen who survived being shot down, and the tragic fate of those who did not.

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Nuremberg Raid: 30-31 March
1944

Simulating War
Bomber Offensive

**This book describes one twenty-four-
hour period in the Allied Strategic
Bomber Offensive in the greatest**

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possible detail. The author 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

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Command and German night fighter forces. The aim of the Nuremberg raid was not unlike many hundreds of other RAF missions but, due to the difficulties and dangers of the enemy defenses and weather plus bad luck, it went horribly wrong.

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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

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**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. As reviewed in the Wall**

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Street Journal: Using firsthand accounts, Mr. Middlebrook follows the planning, preparation and execution of the operation in meticulous detail, but he does more than that: Employing hundreds of eyewitness accounts, he shows the

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**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. Wall Street Journal,
March 2016**

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Politics In order to defeat Germany in World War II, the Allies needed to destroy the Third Reich's industry and invade its territory, but before they could effectively do either, they had to defeat the Luftwaffe, whose state-of-the-art aircraft and

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experienced pilots protected German industry and would batter any attempted invasion. This difficult task fell largely to the U.S., which, at the outset, lacked the necessary men, materiel, and training. Over the ensuing years, thanks to visionary

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leadership and diligent effort, the U.S. Army Air Force developed strategies and tactics and assembled a well-trained force that convincingly defeated the Luftwaffe. Compared to armies and navies, which have existed as professional

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fighting services for centuries, the technology that makes air forces possible is much newer. As a result, these services have had to quickly develop methods of preparing aviators to operate in conditions ranging from peace or routine

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security to full-scale war. The first book to address the history and scope of air power professionalization through learning programs, Educating Air Forces offers valuable new insight into strategy and tactics worldwide. Here,

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**a group of international experts
examine the philosophies, policies,
and practices of air service
educational efforts in the United
States, France, Italy, Germany,
Australia, Canada, and the UK. The
contributors discuss the founding,**

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successes, and failures of European air force learning programs between the Great War and World War II and explore how the tense Cold War political climate influenced the creation, curriculum, and results of various programs. They also

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consider how educational programs are adapting to soldiers' needs and the demands of modern warfare. Featuring contributions from eminent scholars in the field, this volume surveys the learning approaches globally employed by air

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**forces in the past century and
evaluates their effectiveness.**

**Educating Air Forces reveals how
experiential learning and formal
education are not only inextricably
intertwined, but also necessary to
cope with advances in modern**

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warfare.

**'James Holland is a master' BBC
History It was to be the battle to end
the air war once and for all. During
the third week of February 1944, the
combined Allied air forces launched
their first-ever round-the-clock**

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**bomber offensive against Germany.
The aim was to smash the main
factories and production centres of
the Luftwaffe and at the same time
draw the German fighter force up
into the air and into battle. Big Week
is the knife-edge story of bomber**

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**'Extraordinary' Andrew
Roberts 'Fascinating' Daily
Mail 'Magisterial' James
Holland _____ 6
June 1944, 4 a.m. Hundreds of
boats assemble off the coast
of France. By nightfall,**

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**thousands of the men they
carry will be dead. This was D-
Day, the most important day of
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leading military historians
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Omaha Beach, or parachute**

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year-long preparations that
went into the invasion,
overturning decades-old
assumptions about Allied
strategy. And he pays tribute**

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**to the remarkable individuals
who made D-Day possible –
not just soldiers on the
beaches, but also
paratroopers, sailors,
aircrews, and women on the
Home Front. The result is a**

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account of the greatest battle
of the Second World War. It
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surely go down as the
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of the war.’ James Holland**

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**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**

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bombers on their perilous mission.

“Relates how the American Eighth Air Force bombers helped Britain's Royal Air Force in fighting Germany during World War

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II.”—ProtoView From the beginning of World War II, the RAF’s Bomber Command had been the only means of striking Hitler’s Reich and its war machine. But the entry into the war of the United

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States—and the subsequent arrival in the UK of the Eighth Air Force—would more than double the Allied capability. The Flying Fortress and Liberator heavy bombers were mostly flown across the

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**Atlantic by their young, green
aircrew, and many succumbed
en route and never arrived.
Flying in northern Europe was
a different ball game from
American skies and it took a
considerable time before the**

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crews familiarized themselves with the vagaries of fog, low cloud, rain and snow. The American bombers bristled with defensive armament and elected to fly in close defensive formation during the

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day, leaving the RAF to carry out nighttime raids. With the arrival of long-range protective escort fighters, the task became a little easier. This book is the story, including many firsthand accounts, of

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how the American bomber force helped fight to eventual victory, by decimating German industry and transport systems—and breaking the Nazi war spirit.

To Kingdom Come

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**Mission 250: 6 March 1944
The Daring Airmen Who
Crippled Hitler's War Machine
USAAF 8th Air Force Bombers
Versus the Luftwaffe
1943–1945
The American Raids on 17**

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August 1943

Educating Air Forces

The Battle of Hamburg

*On March 6th, 1944 the
Americans launched their first
large-scale daylight raid on Berlin,
the capital of Hitler's reich. The*

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price they paid for their audacity was high: sixty-nine heavy bombers and eleven escort fighters failed to return, the highest number in any raid mounted by the 8th Air Force. This account of the mission is a compellingly readable, skillfully

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researched, minute-by-minute description. It is also the first book on the subject to look at events from the perspective of both sides, drawing on material from over 160 USAAF personnel, Luftwaffe pilots, civilians and German flak gunners. Target

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Berlin captures the excitement and drama of the operation, bringing to the fore the mounting horror of a mission plagued by misfortune, strong defenses and bad luck. The gripping narrative also sheds light on what it was like to be in Berlin as the bombs

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began to fall.

Avid readers of WWII air combat will find the Eighth AAF's strategic bombing mission #84 (the Schweinfurt-Regensburg raid on Aug. 17th, 1943) and mission #115 (the Schweinfurt raid on Oct. 14th, 1943) to be

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tremendous setbacks to the daylight strategic bombing campaign of Germany. As a result of the heavy losses the Luftwaffe inflicted upon Eighth Bomber Command's heavy bombers, the daylight strategic bombing campaign was halted for over

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as one force - the number*

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awakening: unescorted bombers took seven times the loss plus two-and-a-half times the damage and the final assessment revealed Eighth Bomber Command experienced the loss of one-third of its heavy bombers each month... What were the

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implications? America's daylight strategic bombing campaign came within limits of defeat but the Eighth AAF was able to pause, adjust its strategic bombing doctrine, and obtain its objective of neutralizing the Luftwaffe and destroying German wartime

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industry.

*Includes the Aerial Warfare In
Europe During World War II
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Henry H. "Hap." Arnold, US Army
Air Forces (AAF) Chief of Staff
during World War II, maintained*

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diaries for his several journeys to various meetings and conferences throughout the conflict. Volume 1 introduces Hap Arnold, the setting for five of his journeys, the diaries he kept, and evaluations of those journeys and their consequences. General

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Arnold's travels brought him into strategy meetings and personal conversations with virtually all leaders of Allied forces as well as many AAF troops around the world. He recorded his impressions, feelings, and expectations in his diaries. Maj

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Gen John W. Huston, USAF, retired, has captured the essence of Henry H. Hap Arnold—the man, the officer, the AAF chief, and his mission. Volume 2 encompasses General Arnold's final seven journeys and the diaries he kept therein.

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Most strategies have to be proven in combat. And more often than not, these strategies do not survive the realities of contact with the enemy. How do strategic leaders deal with this? What is their role in implementing the strategy and when do they face

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the inevitable and adapt their original strategy? A vital component of the United States' strategy at the outbreak of World War II was a bombing offensive against Germany. It was assumed that unescorted but heavily armed bombers could find their

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way to specific industrial targets, and could bomb these with great accuracy. However, in 1943 this strategy was proven to be untenable. With rapid adaptations not only to its strategy but also within its operational and tactical domains, the Eighth Air Force

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*overcame the problems,
managed to continue its daylight
campaign and achieved success.
This paper will look at the
leadership displayed at the
strategic level by Brigadier
General Ira C. Eaker during the
vital first eighteen months of*

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combat operations. It will examine the agility and adaptability of Eaker and his organization as they gained experience and will focus on Eaker's prime areas of interest: leadership, public relations and the availability of resources.

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*A Dream, a Temptation, and the
Longest Night of the Second
World War*

*Haywood Hansell and American
Strategic Bombing in World War II
The U.S. Army Air Forces Against
Germany in World War II
Battles That Changed American*

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Forgotten Fifteenth

Double Strike

*The Schweinfurt-Regensburg
Mission*

In 1943, the USAAF and

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***RAF launched the
Combined Bomber
Offensive, designed to
systematically destroy the
industries that the
German war machine
relied on. At the top of***

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***the hit list were aircraft
factories and plants
making ball-bearings - a
component thought to be
a critical vulnerability.
Schweinfurt in southern
Germany was home to***

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much of the ball-bearing industry and, together with the Messerschmitt factory in Regensburg, which built Bf 109 fighters, it was targeted in a huge and innovative

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strike. Precision required that the targets were hit in daylight, but the raid was beyond the range of any existing escort fighter, so the B-17s would go in unprotected.

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The solution was to hit the two targets in a coordinated 'double-strike', with the Regensburg strike hitting first, drawing off the defending Luftwaffe

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***fighters, and leaving the
way clear for the
Schweinfurt bombers.
The Regensburg force
would carry on over the
Alps to North Africa, the
first example of US***

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'shuttle bombing'.

***Although the attack on
Regensburg was
successful, the damage to
Schweinfurt only
temporarily stalled
production, and the***

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Eighth Air Force had suffered heavy losses. It would take a sustained campaign, not just a single raid, to cripple the Schweinfurt works. However, when a follow-

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***up raid was finally
launched two months
later, the losses sustained
were even greater. This
title explains how the
USAAF launched its
daylight bombing***

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***campaign in 1943, the
technology and tactics
available for the
Schweinfurt-Regensburg
missions, and how these
costly failures forced a
change of tack.***

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***Martin Caidin's Black
Thursday: The Story of
the Schweinfurt Raid tells
of the United States Air
Force's massive bombing
raid into Nazi Germany's
industrial heartland on***

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***Thursday, October 14,
1943. On that fateful day
two hundred and ninety
one hulking B-17 Flying
Fortresses - escorted by
squadrons of nimble P-47
Thunderbolts Ⓓ***

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miraculously fought their way through swarms of Messerschmitt Me-109s, Focke-Wulf FW-190s, Heinkel He-113s and more on their way to cripple the enemy's vital

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***ball-bearings plant at
Schweinfurt.***

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termed nothing less than
calamitous. On Black
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***a milestone in the course
of World War II. On
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launched nearly 300
bombers deep into
German territory to***

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***destroy the ball-bearing
plants at Schweinfurt,
hoping this would bring
enemy industry to a halt.
On that clear, sunlit day,
hundreds of German
fighters raced among the***

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***unescorted B-17s, guns
blazing, knocking down
plane after plane, each
with ten men aboard.
Other German aircraft
flew just outside machine-
gun range of the tightly***

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***packed formations,
lobbing rockets that
exploded into thousands
of pieces of shrapnel. U.S.
bombers that split off
from a formation, either
wounded or disoriented,***

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***became prey for the agile
packs of German fighters
who would set upon them
like wolves thirsty for a
kill. By the end of the day,
the flight path of the
Flying Fortresses was***

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***marked across the
breadth of Germany by
towering pillars of smoke
from crashed machines,
fiery tributes to 600 lost
airmen. W. Raymond
Wood was just a child***

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***when his brother was lost
in the Schweinfurt raid,
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this book is the result of
his multi-year effort to
illuminate ÒBlack
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***the German village in
which he fell, was at last
recovered by RAF and
American War Graves
teams, who returned his
corpse to Nebraska,
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strength of the American
heavy bomber forces in
England set out to raid two
major industrial complexes

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deep in southern Germany, the vast Messerschmitt aircraft factory and the vital KGF ballbearing plant. For American commanders it was the culmination of years of planning and hope, the day

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when their self-defending formations of the famous Flying Fortress could at last perform their true role and reach out by daylight to strike at targets in the deepest corners of industrial Germany.

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The day ended in disaster for the Americans. Thanks to the courage of the aircrews the bombers won through to the targets and caused heavy damage, but sixty were shot down and the hopes of the

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American commanders were shattered. Historically, it was probably the most important day for the American air forces during the Second World War. While researching this catastrophic raid the Author

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After an immense but useless bombardment, at 7.30 am. On 1 July 1916 the British Army went over the top and attacked the German trenches. It was the first day of the battle of the Somme, and on that day the

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British suffered nearly 60,000 casualties, two for every yard of their front. With more than fifty times the daily losses at El Alamein and fifteen times the British casualties on D-day, 1 July 1916 was the

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blackest day in the history of the British Army. But, more than that, as Lloyd George recognised, it was a watershed in the history of the First World War. The Army that attacked on that day was the

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volunteer Army that had answered Kitchener's call. It had gone into action confident of a decisive victory. But by sunset on the first day on the Somme, no one could any longer think of a war that

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might be won. Martin
Middlebrook's research has
covered not just official and
regimental histories and tours
of the battlefields, but
interviews with hundreds of
survivors, both British and

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German. As to the action itself, he conveys the overall strategic view and the terrifying reality that it was for front-line soldiers.

During World War II, Allied bombing obliterated every

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major German and Japanese city, killing approximately 400,000 Germans and 330,000 Japanese, the vast majority civilians. Fully 83,000 British, Commonwealth, and American airmen lost their lives, as well.

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A large number of these raids occurred when Allied victory was assured. Fire and Fury asks why. Based on extensive archival sources, interviews with bombing survivors, airmen, and published first-

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the complex personalities of the senior airmen, and explores why bombing campaigns that seem so excessive seventy-five years later seemed reasonable, to many, at the time. Fire and

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endless controversy about the ethics of bombing.

Military strategy is concerned with the translation of armed force into intended political effects. As such, it constitutes one of the most important

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activities of the past two centuries; and yet during this period it has not always been practised very effectively. In this book, John Stone seeks to explain why this has been the case by examining various

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instances of strategic practice drawn from the period between the eighteenth century and the present day. He contends that, to be truly effective, strategy must faithfully reflect the political context in which it is formulated.

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Where strategy has failed, it is frequently because its practitioners have paid undue attention to military-technical matters at the expense of politics.

A steadfast misbelief in precision

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bombing evolved into the leading concept for US Army Air Force during the Second World War. This concept envisioned the destruction of the German industrial and economic system as the swiftest path to victory.

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However, the belief in survivability of bombers through self defense proved incorrect, and the Allies realized that the Luftwaffe had to be defeated first, by attacking the German aircraft industry. On 22 February

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1944, Eighth Air Force conducted a mission as part of this offensive. During this mission, the bombers were recalled because of severe weather. On the return trip, the airmen decided not to abandon

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the mission outright, but to attack targets of opportunity. Because of navigational errors a section of 446 Bombardment Group misidentified the Dutch city Nijmegen as in Germany, and bombed it. Due to aiming errors,

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the greater part of the bombs missed the designated marshalling yards by a kilometer, and hit the city center instead. The bombardment caused chaos on the ground. It surprised the citizens, ignorant by earlier faulty

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alarms, and damage caused great difficulties for the provision of aid relief. As a result, the bombardment killed about 800 citizens and destroyed the historic city center.

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