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Daylight Precision Bombing: Dangerous Doctrine of the Eighth Air Force

With a fighter-escort advocate at the helm of the Eighth Air Force, the doctrine of air superiority took on greater importance. In the second week of that month four full strength missions to , Marienburg, and Schweinfurt had cost the Eighth Air Force 148 heavy bombers, fifty percent of its daily operational strength.

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The critical period of the battle was the fortnight from 24th August to 6th September, when the enemy's main objective was the airfields of the south-east, and in particular the sector stations of No.

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General Ira Eaker is removed from his command with the 8th Air Force and transferred to command air operations in the Mediterranean theater.

1943

Explains how the Archbishop of Canterbury justified strategic bombing. A twin-engine Messerschmitt Bf 110 banks sharply to avoid a collision with a B-17 above Germany, June 21, 1944.

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The spare aircraft from two of the four Typhoon squadrons had joined in, making 42 Typhoons, eight of which flew without rocket armament, as fighters. Of what followed, Hudspeth had an excellent view, since the Blenheims were not more than ten yards apart. July 4, 1942 USAAF pilots collaborate with the RAF on a bombing mission targeting German airfields in Holland.

How Allied Air Attacks Evolved During World War II

Losses in personnel were also high and irreplaceable with 3,231 killed, 2,028 missing and 8,453 wounded. The Peenemünde Raid: The Night of 17—18 August 1943.

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While much of this seems reasonable, the board then came to the extremely dubious conclusion that the escort fighter apparently would be larger than the bomber it would be protecting and would require three engines rather than the two generally installed on bombers during this period.

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