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## Bombing of Dresden

These openings exacerbated the effects of the Dresden firestorm by channeling smoke and fumes from one basement to the next and sucking out the oxygen from a network of interconnected cellars. The bombs also set in motion waves of high-pressure air. Here I will only say that the attack on Dresden was at the time considered a military necessity by much more important people than myself, and that if their judgment was right the same arguments must apply that I have set out in an earlier chapter in which I said what I think about the ethics of bombing as a whole.

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## Bombing of Dresden

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## Firebombing of Dresden

Casualty figures of 135,000 or even 250,000 dead were widely accepted.

## Apocalypse in Dresden, February 1945

The workmen found the skeletons of a dozen young women who had been recruited from the countryside to come into Dresden and help run the trams during the war. Historian Richard Evans asks: And how was it imaginable that 200,000 bodies could have been recovered from out of the ruins in less than a month? The image of a destroyed Dresden that once housed one of the greatest art collections in the world and was truly one of the renowned musical and architectural centers can still cause entirely different reactions, ranging from those who say that the bombing was necessary for military and political reasons, to those who claim that the bombing was a senseless and unnecessary act, aimed only at destroying German neighborhoods where strategic installations did not even exist.

## **Bombing of Dresden**

I know only one thing: that I must not burn. I personally have no idea how many lives it may have saved. By Dresden Death Toll Estimates Introduction The bombing of Dresden remains one of the deadliest and ethically most problematic raids of World War II.

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