

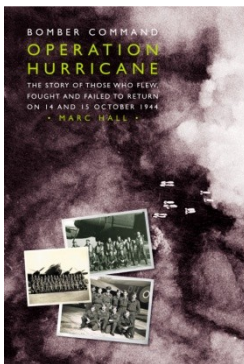
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**A New Book Tells the Dramatic Story of One of the Most
Devastating Bombing Raids of the Second World War**

Bomber Command – Operation Hurricane by Marc Hall



On the 14 and 15 October 1944 RAF Bomber Command unleashed one of the Second World War's most devastating bombardments, targeting the German industrial city of Duisburg. Known as Operation Hurricane, Bomber Command's maximum effort involved approximately one thousand four-engine heavy bombers on each attack, delivering a whirlwind assault on the enemy's war machine as the Allied armies edged eastwards towards the Nazi homeland. Never before had the city faced such a massive onslaught – the resulting devastation was unprecedented.

On 15 May 2013 Fighting High publishes Marc Hall's dramatic account of Operation Hurricane. Utilising first hand accounts, the book focuses on the experiences of the men who flew, fought, and failed to return. Each of the aircraft lost has been investigated in depth; the lives of the crews, the circumstances of their loss, and the identification of the airmen and their respective crash sites – including the details of an investigation into the brutal murder of one particular airman. In addition Marc Hall describes the appalling effects of the raid on the residents of Duisburg.

The diary of mid-upper gunner Ernest Bone:

14 October 1944: **'Flak fairly heavy. Shells burst everywhere. Saw one kite go down. Felt scared. Flight Commander's kite is missing.'**

15 October 1944: **'Whole place lit up by flashes and flares. Bags of flak and searchlights effective but few. Down below Duisburg was an inferno.'**



Steve Darlow from Fighting High Publishing: 'Marc Hall, a relative of one of those lost on the raid, has pieced together a comprehensive account of this historic attack. Through his comprehensive and diligent research, he has provided us with a fascinating, yet sobering account of the harsh realities of the bomber war.'

Marc Hall's Bomber Command Operation Hurricane, utilising a wealth of eyewitness accounts and veteran and prisoners-of-war recollections, accompanied by numerous previously unpublished photographs, is now on general release.

Direct book orders can be made through www.fightinghigh.com, e-mailing fightinghighbooks@btinternet.com, or calling 01763 802018.

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Bomber Command Operation Hurricane will be launched at the IWM Duxford Spring Air Show on Sunday 26th May, with the author and Bomber Command veterans in attendance.

Royal Air Force Bomber Command fought a relentless campaign against Germany during the Second World War, operating throughout the entire conflict. Approximately 125,000 aircrew served with Bomber Command squadrons during the war and almost 60 per cent would become casualties – 55,573 aircrew lost their lives.

Despite the appalling number of losses no Campaign Medal was awarded to those who served with Bomber Command and their bravery and self-sacrifice went largely unrecognized. Recently, however, on 28 June 2012, there was considerable international media coverage of the dedication and unveiling by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of The Bomber Command Memorial in The Green Park, London. (Further details about the memorial can be found on www.bombercommand.com)

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