

LUFTWAFFE BOMBER ACES MEN, MACHINES, METHODS

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The Luftwaffe excelled at ground attack and revolutionised modern warfare. Whether flying in support of the panzer columns in the invasion of Poland and destruction of France, deployed against British airfields and cities, sent in against Soviet tank armies, or thrown into the defence of the Reich, Germany's bomber and dive-bomber pilots wrought havoc across the face of World War II Europe.

Mike Spick, author of a number of acclaimed books on fighter pilots, now turns his attention to outstanding ground-attack pilots. He outlines the Luftwaffe's revolutionary tactics, first tested during the Spanish Civil War, and highlights individual techniques and methods used against specific types of target. Biographical entries on the leading bombers – many of whom were awarded the Knight's Cross – give an insight into the diverse careers and backgrounds of Luftwaffe personnel and outline just what it took to be a successful bomber pilot.

First-hand accounts add gripping drama to the narrative, and give an unsurpassed appreciation of just what it was like to dive-bomb, come under attack by fighters or brave a barrage of anti-aircraft guns.

Mike Spick is an acknowledged expert on the history of aviation and

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