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**Von Alan W Cooper : Air Battle of the Ruhr: RAF Offensive March - July 1943** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Air Battle of the Ruhr: RAF Offensive March - July 1943:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An exhaustive account of one aspect of WW2.Von Ned MiddletonMy review for this product relates to the updated version of the book - published in March 2013.As a young soldier, I was posted to Dortmund in 1969 and clearly

recall the many occasions when we crossed the Ruhr and enjoyed the local hospitality when we were both on and off duty. Some years later I was posted to Soest and occupied a married quarter which looked over the Mhnsee with its famous Dam with the twin towers. Whereas, it would be wrong for me to claim to have any detailed knowledge of this heartland of Germanys industrial might, I am familiar with the region. It was, of course, that very industry which became the target of so many bombing attacks during WW2 as the RAF continued to disrupt and destroy the German war machine. In this exhaustive account of one five-month period (March-July 1943) we find the most incredible detail which I view as a complete triumph of research for which I congratulate the author. In order to put those 5 months into perspective, however, we are also treated to a complete overview of all relevant events. To this end, the book is divided into 15 chapters (mostly self-explanatory) as follows; Bomber Command, War is declared, The Waiting game, The Ruhr and Rhineland, Bomber offensive, 24 hours on a bomber station, The Battle begins, The Battle intensifies, A Bloody battle, The Dams are breached, The Battle continues, The End of the battle, Non-Ruhr targets, Mining operations and The Summing up. Also included is the story of such very young men who, as pilots, were either shot down or grew up very fast. We learn of the various roles they were expected to master alongside a description of the landscape in which they were to operate - under fire! In being so fully described, we gain an understanding of the importance of the overall target area and an appreciation of the difficulties involved. Statistics include; The number of aircraft which departed on these missions, the number which arrived and, of course, those that did not with everything so expertly set into the wider context of what was happening elsewhere. In concluding, Appendix 1 shows the make-up of the 6 Groups which formed Bomber Command as at 4 March 1943. Appendix 2, however, runs to 80 pages in which are listed the Missing Aircraft and their crews from the Battle of the Ruhr 5 March- 31 July 1943. Every single aircraft and crew member is named and the losses makes very sombre reading indeed. Altogether, this is an excellent addition to our understanding of the events of WW2. NM

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