

## Tail Gunner Takes Over The Sequel To Tail Gunner

"Yesterday's Voices" gives older "hi-lo" readers manageable, yet highly sophisticated, thought-provoking historical fiction. Each story includes a spread that gives the reader the factual background to the historical theme or event explored in the story. Think about how much safer and relaxed you would feel if you knew what to expect from a relationship-before you got into one. In this book I lay open my experiences from what I feel God revealed to me about falling in love. A thriving growing relationship which enters into marriage waits within these pages. Where hands are still held within the revealed depths of love long after courtship, the stability in behavior which promotes consistent growth. "As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so does the Lord rejoice in you." At last a pattern to behold and live for a full life.

Many private photographs from their own albums illustrate these stories, which reflect the world wide aspect World War II from the Indian Ocean to the North Atlantic, from Poland to the Middle East, and the varied activities and duties of these young men and women.

The Leonard E. Thompson Story  
I Wanted Wings

98 Raids in World War II  
Heavy Date Over Germany

Tail Gunner, Etc. [An Account of the Author's Experiences with the Royal Air Force. With Plates, Including Portraits.]

**A tail gunner tries to keep his crew and his plane safe as Britain's Bomber Command Force carries out a bombing raid over Germany during World War II.**

**First published in 1943, this is the gripping story of one man's involvement in RAF Bomber Command's fledgling offensive between August 1940 and December 1941. Dick Rivaz was tail gunner to Leonard Cheshire, one of the most famous RAF pilots of the Second World War, flying in Whiteleys with 102 Squadron and latterly in Halifaxes with 35 Squadron. Unique among wartime memoirs, Tail Gunner was written within months of the events described, with all the immediacy of being at the very heart of the action. Rivaz graphically describes his experiences on night bombing attacks against heavily defended enemy targets like Duisberg, Dusseldorf and Essen, and relates a dramatic shoot-out with German fighters over La Rochelle in broad daylight during July 1941. Rivaz reveals the fine spirit of comradeship which developed in RAF bomber crews during the Second World War. Having survived the war, including two rescues from the North Sea, he was killed in October 1945, aged just thirty-seven.**

**There have been several books published about the wartime experiences of individual air gunners but there is no general history of Air Gunners, their equipment, training or service in the various RAF Commands in which they served. This book explains in great detail how and why the trade of air gunner was developed at the outset of World War II. Chapters include the history of the guns and turrets, the famous gunners, outstanding bravery during major raids, flying with Coastal Command, Bomber Command and overseas operations. It also includes the history of Air Gunners who became prisoners of war, outstanding bravery awards and American air gunners such as Clark Gable, John Huston and Charlton Heston. It includes many first-hand accounts of wartime combat as seen from the gun turret in the heat of battle. Air Gunners, tail-end Charleys in particular, have always been popular wartime heroes as they flew in their isolated positions protecting their aircraft from enemy fighter attack in the skies over war torn Europe.**

**Memoirs of a Tail-gunner, World War II Combat Autobiography of Bob Slockett, B-17 Tail Gunner, in the Air Over Nazis Germany**

**The Sequel to Tail Gunner**

**Backwards Into Battle**

**A Tail Gunner's View of WWII**

**Tail Gunner Takes Over [Illustrated Edition]**

Frank Broome was a 15 year old schoolboy when he experienced the three major blitzes in his home city of Coventry and at the age of 17 volunteered for the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve in 1942 for pilot training. This autobiography, based on his copious diary entries and log books traces his pilot training in the UK, Canada and the USA where he flew single and twin-engined aircraft. Despite his almost perfect training record he, like many of his fellow trainees at this time, was not to gain his R.A.F. wings. There was a shortage of air crew, other than pilots, and Frank eventually transferred to an air-gunnery course. On his return to the UK he undertook operational crew training on Wellington as a tail gunner and made operational training sorties over enemy territory shortly after the D-Day landings. His crew then converted to four-engined heavy bombers first the Halifax and then the Lancaster. He gives first-hand detailed accounts of the many missions during his tour with No. 626 Squadron during the height of Bomber Commands massed raids over Germany and occupied Europe. Excitement abounds with narrow squeaks from enemy night-fighters, radar directed anti-aircraft fire and other hazards of this most dangerous task. He eventually flew with two Wing Commanders and a Squadron Leader with crews who gained several gallantry awards. His book is written with a skill that portrays the dangers inherent in his task, the humor of service life and the sound reasons why his generation were proud to fly with Bomber Command.

This story began in your home, my home, your friends home, your relatives home, my friends and relatives homes as well. It talks about the things all or most women have talked about at one time or another. All of the information gathered for this book comes from you as the reader but most importantly as an individual. The chapters in this book are not of advice, they are of knowledge passed on to me from all of the women I've met in my life. This book is my way of saying thanks to all of those who gave me the light at the end of the tunnel. Those individuals that I speak of are all of the women out there. If it wasn't for all of their words of wisdom I could not have made it through some of the things I have experienced in my own life. I hope you get as much from me as I have from all of you. My wish for this book is to let people know that they are never alone.

Includes the Aerial Warfare In Europe During World War II illustrations pack with over 200 maps, plans, and photos. The follow-up to the successful " Tail Gunner, " Rivaz ' firsthand account of the part he played in RAF Bomber Command ' s fledgling bomber offensive between August 1940 and December 1941. After his heroic exploits as a tail gunner he moved on to flight training in Canada. This book was published just prior to his untimely death on October 13th, 1945, having survived the Second World War.

Tail Gunner to Tail Spinner

Tail Gunner Takes Over, Etc. [With Plates, Including Portraits.]

Plane Talk

The Men who Manned the Turrets

A Tail Gunner's Journey in World War II

"Pure gold," "enduring literature," "spell binding," "deeply moving," "insightful," "heartfelt," "riveting," & "one of the most interesting stories to come out of World War II" are some of the reader responses to this poignant memoir. It traces the transformation of a typical small-town boy into a seasoned B-29 tail gunner flying 21 bombing missions over Japan -- one of which ended in the death of three crewmates. This book is more than a war story: it is rich in boyhood & wartime humor & nostalgia, recounts the amazing innocence, patriotism & values of the author's generation, & comments on revisionist historians & the need to use the atomic bomb. It asks

-- & answers -- the question of why men risk their lives time & again in the face of great danger. Dedicated to the lost crewmen, this gem of a book is a timely, perceptive & inspirational account of a 19-year-old's experiences in the most costly & destructive war in history. To order contact: Tall Tree Press, 4072 Scripps Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94306 or phone (415) 494-3897.

An 18-year-old tail gunner on a B17 watches as flak bursts all around him, German fighter planes buzz by, machine guns blasting as wounded bombers turn and head for home and others in tailspins crash into the green fields below. His Flying Fortress heads back to base safely after surviving its bombing mission. The young tail gunner gives a sigh of relief, but deep down inside, he knows - IT ONLY TAKES ONE!

This book is about my experiences as a Tailgunner on a B-29 in Korea, during the Korean war. I am hoping that it will give an insite to what this war was about. Although people call it a conflict, we as veterans of this conflict think otherwise, we believe it was a war. Come ride along with me on some 27 combat missions over North Korea. Venture into the night life on a B-29 at 29,000 ft. over the mountains of Korea, see the snow covered barron lands, hoping that we don't end up there..It also covers a little about my growing up and how I became a tailgunner, the extensive training it takes to become a crew member. Enjoy the book, I am sure you will

A Memoir of Seattle and World War II

Dead Before Dawn

Killed in Action: The Story of B-24 Tail Gunner Robert Holly

The Life and Times of B-17 Tail Gunner Ray Perry

Tail Gunner ... 40th Thousand

By the close of World War II, Flight Lieutenant Chan Chandler had flown a remarkable 98 missions, 65 of them with No 49 Squadron and 28 with the famous Dambuster Squadron, No 617. In addition he flew five trips with No 1 Photo FU.

Night after night they stifled their fears and flew through flak and packs of enemy fighters to drop the bombs that would demolish the Third Reich. The airmen of the United States 8th Army Air ForceAmerican and British Bomber Command were among the greatest heroes of the Second World War, defying Hitler in the darkest early days of the war and taking the battle to the German homeland when no one else would. Toward the end of the conflict, too, they continued to sacrifice their lives to shatter an enemy sworn never to surrender. Blasted out of the sky in an instant or bailing out from burning aircraft to drop helplessly into hostile hands, they would die in their tens of thousands to ensure the enemy's defeat. Especially vulnerable were the "tail-end Charlies"--for the Americans, which meant two things: the gunners who flew countless missions in a plexiglass bubble at the back of the bomber, and the last bomber in the formation who ended up flying through the most hell, and for the British, the rear-gunners who flew operations in a Plexiglas bubble at the back of the bomber. Following their groundbreaking revelations about the ordeals suffered by Allied prisoners of war in their bestselling book, The Last Escape, John Nichol and Tony Rennell tell the astonishing and deeply moving story of the controversial last battles in the skies of Germany through the eyes of the forgotten heroes who fought them. "This is the best account that has been written of the heroic American and British bomber crews . . . the best of its kind." ---George McGovern "Rivaling the best of Stephen Ambrose's work, Tail-End Charlies gives a breathtakingly intimate look at the lives, loves, and deaths of the brave airmen of the greatest generation. This fascinating book is as valuable for its stories of joyous life on the ground as it is for its sobering tales of death in the air. You see the whole picture of the war here from the eyes of the strong young men who fought it." ---Walter J. Boyne, bestselling author of Beyond the Wild Blue "Adds new dimensions to the saga of the air war in Europe. The eyewitness accounts, reported within the context of the battle against Nazi Germany, provide a sense of the ordeals, the terror, the gore, and the heroism of ordinary men thrust into the savagery of aerial combat." ---Gerald Astor, author of The Mighty Eighth

Includes the Aerial Warfare In Europe During World War II illustrations pack with over 200 maps, plans, and photos. Originally published in 1943, this is one man's first-hand account of the part he played in RAF Bomber Command's fledgling bomber offensive between August 1940 and December 1941. Richard Rivaz flew as tail gunner to Leonard Cheshire, one of the most famous RAF pilots of World War II. His modest but vivid narrative reveals what it was like to be part of a heavy bomber crew flying first Whiteleys and then Halifaxes with No.s 102 and 35 squadrons.—Print Ed.

By Flight-Lieutenant R.C. Rivaz, D.F.C.

Tail Gunner Takes Command

Looking Back

Tail Gunner's Tale

Tail-Gunner 2

Now Sergeant Brady stationed in Colorado training as a Turret Tail Gunner- will finish training in May and then will be ready for overseas service

A Merriam Press World War II Biography. Like millions of young men, Robert Holly went away to war and was lost, never to be found. This is the story of a young American airman whose life was tragically ended on June 20, 1944 when the B-24 Liberator of which he was a crew member, collided with another and crashed into the sea near Kiel, Germany. Staff Sgt. Holly was a tail gunner serving with the 389th Bomb Group, Eighth Air Force, based at Hethel, Norfolk, during World War II. Only the pilot and co-pilot survived the crash. All the remaining 8 crew members, including Robert, were killed in the crash, and are commemorated on the Wall of the Missing at the Cambridge American Cemetery, Madingley. This is the compelling story of his short life and tragic death as seen through his own eyes, and the eyes of others close to him, told through their letters, and detailed in numerous documents. This book is a memorial, not only to Holly, but to the millions of others who were killed and disappeared without a trace. 22 photos.

The sequel to the bestselling memoir Tail Gunner. Tail Gunner Takes Over is a powerfully personal memoir of one man's war in the air.

Diary of a Tailgunner

Tail Gunner

Tale of a Tail Gunner

Mission Accomplished

Tail Gunner Takes Over

**A short history of Leonard Thompson's service as a B-17 Tail Gunner with the 401st Bombardment Group in Europe during World War II .**

**This is no run-of-the-mill WWII book. It is the exciting story of a cook in the Army Air Corps. It tells of his unauthorized move from the kitchen to life as an aerial gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress in the unfriendly skies of Europe in 1943 to 1945. You will laugh cry and share in his life as he fights for his country while snatching moments of relief and love between missions. For those who were there it will bring back memories. For others, it will tell what it was like for grandfathers, fathers and uncles .**

**Memoir of a tail gunner in World War II**

**The World War II Story of Pee Wee Schooley**

**Stories from Survivors of World War II**

**The Last Battles of the Bomber War, 1944--45**

**Tail Gunner [Illustrated Edition]**

**From Tail-gunner to Pilot**

**Ray Perry was a farm boy from rural West Texas when America entered World War II. He always had a fascination with planes, so he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps with the intention of becoming a pilot. The Army Air Corps needed tail gunners, however, so Ray served his country at the back end of a B-17, completing thirty-five combat missions before the war's end. This is the story of his World War II adventure, wrought with tragedy and excitement and every emotion in between. This is also the story of how a young man from a small West Texas town handled the upheaval that comes with war. Based off numerous primary source materials, Ray's story unfolds through his letters, photos, and mementos. The book's foreword is written by his son, and former Texas governor, Rick Perry. "I never was rattled. . . . I could never remember really being scared. I know I was. Had to be. But I had control of it." "The pilot sent the radio operator back there to see if they got me . . . and he climbed, crawled, right there beside the side of that tail wheel, and he never did get back all the way where I was at, but he . . . saw me sitting up and he saw me move a little. So, he went back and told the pilot, 'I guess he's alright. I think he's still alive.'" ---Ray Perry, from the book**

**Please note: This is a companion version & not the original book. Sample Book Insights: #1 I was sent to see the squadron gunnery leader, known as Steve, who was the oldest and toughest gunner I had seen so far. He was about forty-five and looked as hard as nails, but had two of the kindest eyes imaginable. #2 I was sitting in the anteroom after lunch writing a letter when the air-raid siren sounded. I looked out of the window and saw people running to the shelters. I was scared, but thought it was great fun. #3 I went to see what damage had been done at the hangars. The roof and wall of the room above where I had been lying had collapsed, and I saw a bed standing by itself and clothes strewn all over the debris. #4 I was excited about being in Leonard's crew, and I stayed awake thinking about my new fortune the night before I was to fly. I was going to fly operationally, which was what I had been dreaming about since I started flying.**

**Summary of R. C. Rivaz's Tail Gunner**

**A Heavy Bomber Tail-gunner in World War II**

**Tail-End Charlies**

**Tales of a Tail Gunner**

**Now Sergeant Brady Stationed in Colorado Training as a Turret Tail Gunner**