

# Operation of the German Air Force, "Luftwaffe," in World War Two



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### **Editors Note**

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The following statement has been secured from a senior and experienced German Air Force (GAF) flying officer captured recently on the Western Front.

The purpose of my statement is to show the development of air warfare during the last two years and all its possibilities as well

as its actual course, which I experienced as Pilot, as "Gruppenkommandeur" and as "Geschwaderkommodore". I should like to stress right away that I am not taking the "Flak" into account as my knowledge of that subject is too slight and I had little to do with it.

Before coming to my main subject, it is first necessary to give a short survey of the development and especially the preliminary steps of air warfare up to that period in order to facilitate the understanding of the subject. We all witnessed the triumphal march through Poland, Norway and then in the Spring of 1940 in the West with great admiration and enthusiasm. It made clear to us the importance for successful modern warfare of motorized troops, and especially tanks, on the ground and of the GAF in the air. I don't think it is an exaggeration to say that the main factor which enabled us to crush and defeat France in so short a time and drive the British Expeditionary Force from the continent was the German Air Force (GAF).

After the French campaign was over we airmen often won-