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*PS - I also had  
2 cousins in  
the Luftwaffe  
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Dear Sir;

As an associate member of the 306th - I was a member of the 303rd Hell's Angels Bomb Group at Molesworth - I find your item, **Bombs Count, Says Pilot In Rebuttal**, very interesting.

I had the distinct pleasure of being a Lufthansa Airline Captain for 9 years with the post-war Deutsche Lufthansa. During this nine years I met and became close friends with many many of the pilots against whom we flew in WW#2 from England. To this day, many are dear friends of mine.

I am telling you this because anent the item on the **Rebuttal**, all of these former Luftwaffe pilots told me that our daylight bombing was the straw which broke the camel's back. We were the ones who prevented Germany from making any semblance of resistance which could have lengthened the war or bought Germany better surrender terms. And this came from the ranks. Those who fought us and knew the ropes. While it is true, Albert Speer also said the same - Allied bombing, day and night, is what did them in - here it is also from the "horse's mouth."

I wrote a short story titled **No Apologies For Dresden**, and in this story there is a passage describing a true incident experienced by one of Germany's highest ranking Luftwaffe Navigators. He and a few friends were standing near a bridge in the Rhur Valley one horrible foggy day, and this renowned officer (later to head Lufthansa's Navigation Department) said to his friends, "Well, we should have no allied bombing today with this dense fog." And at that very instant, the bridge, which was a scant 1,000 meters away, disappeared! Another great shot by Mickey!

I enjoy receiving your Echoes and though you've no dues, I enclose a small contribution to aid in giving the U. S. Postal system some money...

Sincerely,



Former Squadron Commander, 303rd Bomb Group (not for publ.)