

the missions when the top brass and other officers would fly to get credit with the least risk. The first Noball mission had taken 5 hours. The second mission to the Buzz Bomb site was 4 hours. The last mission was 2 hours 15 minutes.

On the last Noball mission, the squadron had to make multiple bombing runs to insure accuracy. The result of repeated bombing runs was giving the German anti aircraft gunners the exact heading and speed for their lead calculations on their guns. Because of this, the anti aircraft fire knocked 3 out of 6 planes out of Bill and Denny's squadron and Bill watched his good friend Mac McCain die in the explosion that destroyed his plane, with only 2 or 3 survivors out of the 10 man crew.

Modern warfare had seen the first aerial attack from one country to another by self guided missiles. As the Allies drove the Germans back in the latter part of 1944 the Buzz Bombs were used as tactical weapons, but on June 4th, their purpose was to terrorize the citizens of London, even though the German Air Force was not capable of any effective attacks, this late in the war.

This was the V1. The next evolution was the V2 a real ballistic missile that traveled at 3000 MPH and was untouchable by any defenses. Without even a sound for warning the first indication of an attack was the explosion of the warhead.

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