# **Eagles Over Britain: The After Dunkirk**

In the wake of the Dunkirk evacuation, the Battle of Britain raged in the skies over Britain. The Royal Air Force (RAF) faced off against the Luftwaffe in a desperate struggle for air superiority. The outcome of the battle would determine the fate of Britain and the course of World War II.



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### Origins of the Battle of Britain

The Battle of Britain began on July 10, 1940, when the Luftwaffe launched a series of air raids on British shipping and coastal targets. The raids were intended to prepare the way for a German invasion of Britain, code-named Operation Sea Lion.

The RAF responded to the Luftwaffe raids with its own fighter patrols and bombing raids on German airfields. The battle quickly escalated, as both sides committed more and more aircraft and resources to the fight.

## **Strategies and Tactics**

The RAF's strategy in the Battle of Britain was to use its fighter aircraft to intercept and destroy German bombers before they could reach their targets. The RAF also used its bombers to attack German airfields and other targets in order to disrupt the Luftwaffe's operations.

The Luftwaffe's strategy was to use its bombers to destroy British airfields and other targets in order to weaken the RAF and prepare the way for an invasion. The Luftwaffe also used its fighters to escort its bombers and to engage RAF fighters in dogfights.

# **Key Events**

The Battle of Britain was a series of intense air battles that took place over the skies of Britain. Some of the key events of the battle include:

- The Battle of Bardia (June 11-12, 1940): The first major air battle of the Battle of Britain. The RAF shot down 20 German aircraft, while the Germans lost only 6.
- The Battle of Calais (July 24-25, 1940): A major air battle that took place over the English Channel. The RAF shot down 56 German aircraft, while the Germans lost 29.
- The Battle of Dunkirk (May 26-June 4, 1940): A series of air battles that took place during the evacuation of British troops from Dunkirk. The RAF shot down 179 German aircraft, while the Germans lost 135.
- The Battle of Britain Day (September 15, 1940): The day on which the RAF achieved its greatest victory in the Battle of Britain. The RAF shot down 56 German aircraft, while the Germans lost 26.

# Impact of the Battle of Britain

The Battle of Britain was a major victory for the RAF and the British people. The victory prevented a German invasion of Britain and helped to turn the tide of the war in favor of the Allies.

The Battle of Britain also had a significant impact on the development of air warfare. The RAF's use of radar and fighter aircraft to intercept and destroy German bombers was a major innovation that would be adopted by other air forces around the world.

The Battle of Britain was one of the most important battles in the history of World War II. The victory of the RAF prevented a German invasion of Britain and helped to turn the tide of the war in favor of the Allies. The battle also had a significant impact on the development of air warfare and is still studied today by military historians.

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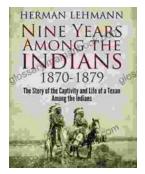
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