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Reich Marshal Hermann William Göring (1893–1946)

Introduction

Hermann Göring transferred from the infantry to the air force after being commissioned in the German Army in 1912. A successful fighter pilot and squadron commander, by 1918 he was commanding the Richthofen Wing with distinction. After World War One, he was elected into the Reichstag and created the Gestapo after Hitler became Chancellor. He also supervised the building of the first concentration camps for political dissidents. In 1934 Göring was Reich Minister for Air and Commander of Germany's air force, the Luftwaffe. He secretly began to build and organize industry and manpower for a modern air arm.

He lost credibility with Hitler after the Luftwaffe failed to cripple the Royal Air Force during the Battle of Britain and, despite officially being Hitler's Deputy, he played a decreasingly important role during the remainder of the Second World War. In May 1945 he surrendered to US forces. Sentenced to be hanged at the Nuremberg War Trials, he committed suicide in his cell in October 1946.

This bibliography has been designed to provide a guide as to where to find information on Göring. Please note that the list of references below is a selection of the more relevant titles and information on the subject. The list is not intended to be exhaustive or definitive but is an introductory guide to some of the resources available.

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