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Courage is doing what you are afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you are scared.

~Eddie Rickenbacker

I can give you a six-word formula for success: "Think things through - then follow through."

~Eddie Rickenbacker

Aviation is proof that given, the will, we have the capacity to achieve the impossible.

~Eddie Rickenbacker

Think positively and masterfully, with confidence and faith, and life become more secure, more fraught with action, richer in experience and achievement.

~Eddie Rickenbacker

The biggest lesson I've learned . . . was that if you have all the fresh water you want to drink and all the food you want to eat, you ought never to complain about anything.

~Eddie Rickenbacker

The four cornerstones of character on which the structure of this nation was built are: Initiative, Imagination, Individuality and Independence.

~Eddie Rickenbacker

I don't care what you cover the seats with as long as you cover them with assholes.

~Eddie Rickenbacker

Courage is about doing what you're afraid to do.

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I can see that aerial warfare is actually scientific murder.

~Eddie Rickenbacker

I would rather have a million friends than a million dollars.

~Eddie Rickenbacker

I've cheated the Grim Reaper more times than anyone I know, and I'll fight like a wildcat until they nail the lid of my pine box down on me.

~Eddie Rickenbacker

The better I shoot, the less I have to maneuver.

~Eddie Rickenbacker

The sensation of dying is sweet, sensuous, placid. It is the easiest thing in the world to die. The hardest is to live.

~Eddie Rickenbacker

I pay those guys to fly, so let them fly. I'll be damned if I'll pay them to just sit there.

~Eddie Rickenbacker

Let the moment come when nothing is left but life, and you will find that you do not hesitate over the fate of material possessions.

~Eddie Rickenbacker

The experienced fighting pilot does not take unnecessary risks. His business is to shoot down enemy planes, not to get shot down.

~Eddie Rickenbacker

I am not such an egotist as to believe that God has spared me because I am I. I believe there is work for me to do and that I am spared to do it, just as you are.

~Eddie Rickenbacker

Flying saucers are real. Too many good men have seen them, that

don't have hallucinations.

~Eddie Rickenbacker

Within the next few decades, autos will have folding wings that can be spread when on a straight stretch of road so that the machine can take to the air.

~Eddie Rickenbacker

There is a peculiar gratification in receiving congratulations from one's squadron for a victory in the air. It is worth more to a pilot than the applause of the whole outside world.

~Eddie Rickenbacker

In this business, you find the enemy, then go after and destroy him. Everything else is rubbish!

~Eddie Rickenbacker

The smallest amount of vanity is fatal in aeroplane fighting. Selfdistrust rather is the quality to which many a pilot owes his protracted existence.

~Eddie Rickenbacker

Fighting in the air is not sport. It is scientific murder.

~Eddie Rickenbacker

The key to success, is to think things through and then follow through.

~Eddie Rickenbacker

If a thing is old, it is a sign that it was fit to live. The guarantee of continuity is quality.

~Eddie Rickenbacker

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