

Manfred von Richthofen

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Fight on and fly on to the last drop of blood and the last drop of fuel, to the last beat of the heart.

~Manfred von Richthofen

The quality of the box matters little. Success depends upon the man who sits in it.

~Manfred von Richthofen

The murder of a man is still murder, even in wartime.

~Manfred von Richthofen

The duty of the fighter pilot is to patrol his area of the sky, and shoot down any enemy fighters in that area. Anything else is rubbish.

~Manfred von Richthofen

Find the enemy and shoot him down. Anything else is nonsense.

~Manfred von Richthofen

As a little boy of eleven I entered the Cadet Corps. I was not particularly eager to become a Cadet, but my father wished it. So my wishes were not consulted.

~Manfred von Richthofen

Success flourishes only in perseverance ceaseless, restless perseverance.

~Manfred von Richthofen

If I should come out of this war alive, I will have more luck than brains.

~Manfred von Richthofen

It is a pity that my collection of trophies contains not a single Russian.

~Manfred von Richthofen

I never was good at learning things. I did just enough work to pass. In

my opinion it would have been wrong to do more than was just sufficient, so I worked as little as possible.

~Manfred von Richthofen

When one has shot down one's first, second or third opponent, then one begins to find out how the trick is done.

~Manfred von Richthofen

I honored the fallen enemy by placing a stone on his beautiful grave.

~Manfred von Richthofen

What's the hurry? Are you afraid I won't come back?

~Manfred von Richthofen

The aggressive spirit, the offensive, is the chief thing everywhere in war, and the air is no exception.

~Manfred von Richthofen

My dear Excellency! I have not gone to war to collect cheese and eggs, but for another purpose.

~Manfred von Richthofen

Whatever Boelcke told us was taken as Gospel!

~Manfred von Richthofen

Everything in the air that is beneath me, especially if it is a one seater . . . is lost, for it cannot shoot to the rear.

~Manfred von Richthofen

English had hit upon a splendid joke. They intended to catch me or to bring me down.

~Manfred von Richthofen

The important thing in aeroplanes is that they shall be speedy.

~Manfred von Richthofen

I have had an experience which might perhaps be described as being shot down. At the same time, I call shot down only when one falls down. Today I got into trouble but I escaped with a whole skin.

~Manfred von Richthofen

Fighter pilots rove in the area allotted to them in any way they like, and when they spot an enemy they attack and shoot them down....
Everything else is rubbish.

~Manfred von Richthofen

Of course, with the increasing number of aeroplanes one gains increased opportunities for shooting down one's enemies, but at the same time, the possibility of being shot down one's self increases.

~Manfred von Richthofen

One can become enthusiastic over anything. For a time I was delighted with bomb throwing. It gave me a tremendous pleasure to bomb those fellows from above.

~Manfred von Richthofen

It is better that one's customers come to one's shop than to have to look for them abroad.

~Manfred von Richthofen

In the heat of the Russian summer a sleeping car is the most horrible instrument of martyrdom imaginable.

~Manfred von Richthofen

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