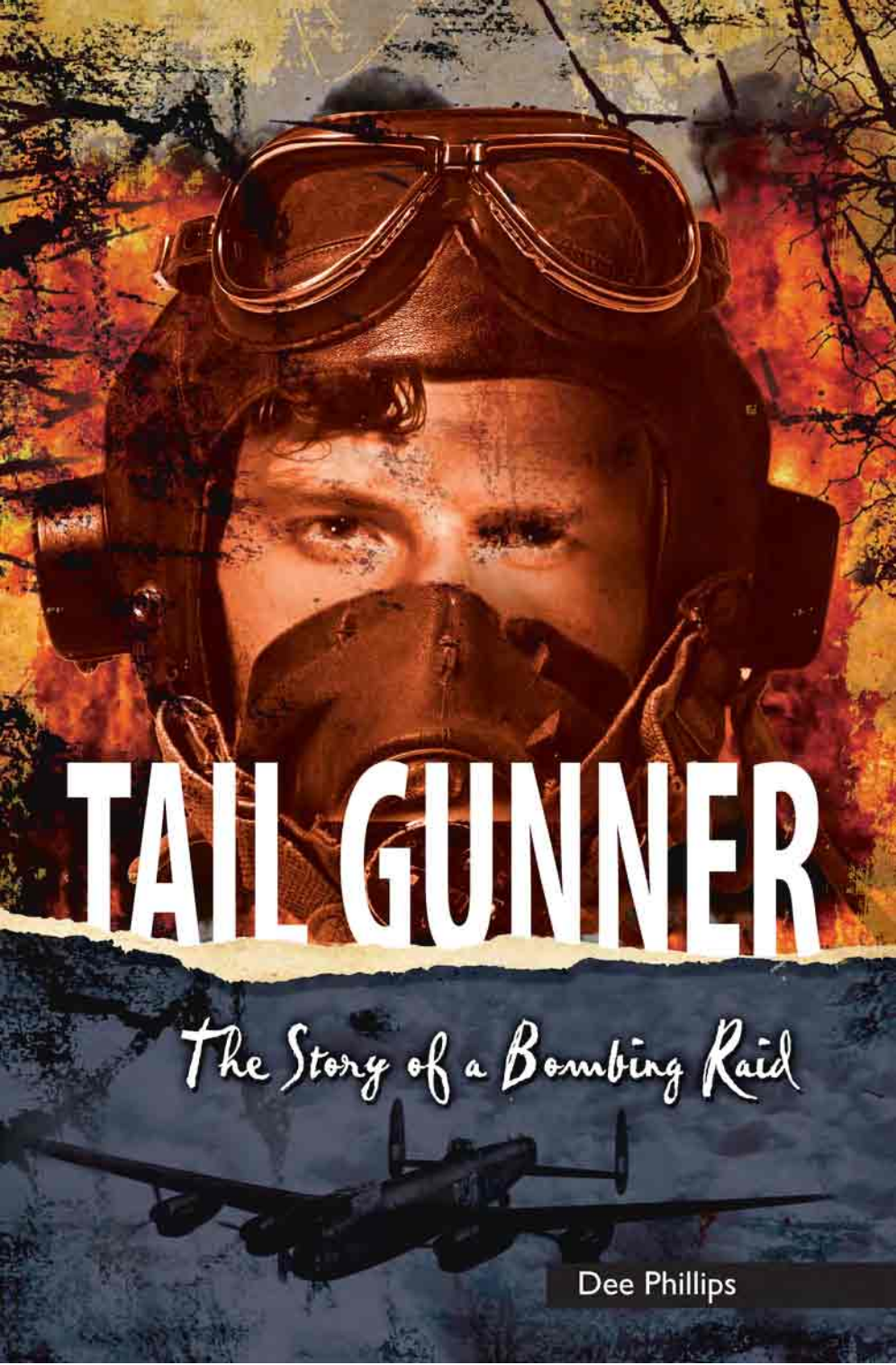
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The drone of the engines fills my ears.
The same thought goes around
and around in my head.

Will I die tonight?

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During World War II, Britain's Bomber Command Force flew bombing raids over Germany.

Night after night, they bombed German factories where weapons and aircraft were being made.

German antiaircraft guns on the ground shot at the bombers.

Enemy fighter planes, known as night fighters, tried to blow them out of the skies.

About 125,000 men joined Bomber Command.

More than **55,000** lost **their lives.**

The drone of the engines
fills my ears.

We fly on through the dark night.

Please, God.
Let us make it back.

Please don't let it be us tonight.

The drone of the engines fills my ears.
I peer out into the darkness.
I watch for night fighters.
I have to keep us safe.
Jim, Archie, Will, Gibby,
Frankie, CJ, and me.

Please, God.
Don't let it be us tonight.

I was 18 when I joined up.
I wanted to be on a bomber crew.
Taking the fight to the Germans.

I wanted to be a tail gunner.
Keeping the plane safe.
Keeping my mates safe.