

The Machine Gunners

Gunners Pond, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada cf7e95147c == Origins == cf7e95147c

Nose gunner Once the synchronizer was invented, allowing a fixed machine gun to fire through the propeller, the pusher-engined fighter fell into disuse, although nose guns were still commonly seen on multi-engine bomber aircraft. Early in WWI, nose-gunners enjoyed a period of popularity on pusher-engined fighters; a gunner would be stationed in the nose, covering the arc ahead of the aircraft. Operated nose guns were most common during World War I and World War II, employed by both Allied and Axis forces. This is different from fixed guns mounted in the nose and fired by the pilot or co-pilot, since those do not require a nose gunner. nose-gunners enjoyed a period of popularity on pusher-engined fighters; a gunner would be stationed in the nose, covering the arc ahead of the aircraft A nose gunner or front gunner is a crewmember on a military aircraft who operates a machine gun or autocannon turret in the front, or "nose", of the airplane. This position could be operated by someone who was a dedicated gunner, however, it was more common for the operator to have a dual role, the gunnery being a secondary position (with the primary task being navigator or bombardier, most commonly) cf7e95147c

== Plot summary == cf7e95147c Gunner Bay, Bermuda cf7e95147c Set during the Second World War the story follows six children living in the fictional town of Garmouth which regularly suffers bombing raids by the German Luftwaffe. When Chas McGill finds a crashed German Heinkel He 111 bomber he removes a fully operational machine gun and over 2000 rounds of ammunition. With the help of his... cf7e95147c

Door gunner For certain aircraft a door gunner would use a fully automatic Gatling gun placement. On many larger aircraft such as military planes a turret is used along with heavy cannons. The actual role will vary depending on the task given on a particular mission. and UH-34, which both used two gunners - one on each side of the aircraft). Later, as the war progressed, the door gunner position sometimes used a non-aviation A door gunner is a crewman tasked with firing and maintaining manually directed armament aboard a military helicopter cf7e95147c

== References == cf7e95147c Mount Gunner, Ross Dependency, Antarctica cf7e95147c

Air gunner Modern aircraft weapons are usually operated automatically without the need for a dedicated air gunner, but older generation

(World War II and earlier) bombers used to carry up to eight air gunners. for aircraft such as the B-29 and B-32 that enabled remote control of turrets. Most modern air gunners are helicopter door gunners, who typically have An air gunner or aerial gunner is a member of a military aircrew who operates flexible-mount or turret-mounted machine guns or autocannons in an aircraft cf7e95147c

Most modern air gunners are helicopter door gunners, who typically have other primary roles such as crew chief or observer in addition to their air gunner role. Others fly as members of aircrews on gunships, where their duties may include loading guns or manually firing them if computer systems fail. A modern gunner can be someone who operates armament on an aircraft besides the pilot or someone defending the aircraft with a machine gun or auto-cannon (more commonly in World War II). cf7e95147c As a class of military kinetic projectile weapons, machine guns are designed to be mainly used as infantry support weapons and generally used when attached to a bipod or tripod, a fixed mount or a heavy weapons platform for stability against recoil. Many machine guns also use belt feeding and open bolt operation, features not normally found on other infantry firearms. cf7e95147c

Gunner's mate Cross rating refers to the act of an enlisted sailor "crossing" from their current rating to another rating of their choice, provided their ASVAB scores are high enough and there are open slots for the rate. The United States Navy and United States Coast Guard occupational rating of gunner's mate (GM) is a designation given by the Bureau of Naval Personnel The United States Navy and United States Coast Guard occupational rating of gunner's mate (GM) is a designation given by the Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS) to enlisted sailors who either satisfactorily complete initial Gunner's Mate "A" school training, or who "strike" for the rating by showing competence in the field of ordnance. When "striking," a sailor is not required to be a seaman, but must belong to one of three undesignated rates: Fireman (FN), Seaman (SN), or Airman (AN). It is also possible to cross rate to Gunner's Mate cf7e95147c

== Formation == cf7e95147c

Machine Gun Corps The Heavy Branch of the MGC was the first to use tanks in combat and was subsequently turned into the Tank Corps, later called the Royal Tank Regiment. twice the maximum effective range of hand-held weapons of identical calibre, but not so convincingly a belief to hold that the machine gunners were in The Machine Gun Corps (MGC) was a corps (regiment) of the British Army, formed in October 1915 in response to the need for more effective use of machine guns on the Western Front in the First World War. The MGC remained in existence after the war until it was disbanded in 1922 cf7e95147c

Gunner River, New Zealand cf7e95147c During World War II, advanced central fire control systems were developed for aircraft such as the B-29 and B-32 that enabled remote control of turrets. cf7e95147c == History == cf7e95147c The tail gunner operates a flexible machine gun or autocannon emplacement in the tail end of the aircraft with an unobstructed view toward the rear of the aircraft. While the term tail gunner is usually associated with a crewman inside a gun turret, the first tail guns were operated from open apertures within the

aircraft's fuselage, such as the Scarff ring mechanism used in the British Handley Page V/1500, which was introduced during latter months of the First World War. Increasingly capable tail gunner positions were developed during the interwar period and the Second World War, resulting in the emergence of the powered turret and fire control systems incorporating radar guidance. In particularly advanced tail gunner arrangements, the tail armament may be operated by remote control from another part of the aircraft, such as the American Boeing B-52 Stratofortress, a strategic bomber first introduced during 1955. cf7e95147c

The Machine-Gunners The author also wrote a play based on the book, and others have adapted it for television and radio. Set in northeastern England shortly after the Battle of Britain (February 1941), it features children who find a crashed German aircraft with a machine gun and ammunition; they build a fortress and capture and imprison a German gunner. Set in northeastern England shortly after the The Machine-Gunners is a children's historical novel by Robert Westall, published by Macmillan in 1975. The Machine-Gunners is a children's historical novel by Robert Westall, published by Macmillan in 1975. A sequel, *Fathom Five*, set two years later, was published in 1979 cf7e95147c

The Gunner's Mate "A" school is held at Naval Training Center Great Lakes, Illinois and Yorktown, VA for the USCG. In its early years, the school was very hands-on, but it is now primarily conducted through technical educational tools, such as self-study computer-based training (CBT). Training focuses on the operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of naval guns, missile launchers and torpedoes as well as a strong emphasis on basic explosives... cf7e95147c Westall won the annual Carnegie Medal from the Library Association, recognising the year's outstanding children's book by a British subject, and *Machine-Gunners* was named one of the top ten Medal-winning works for the 70th anniversary celebration in 2007, selected by a panel to compose the ballot for a public election of the all-time favourite. cf7e95147c == Modern overview == cf7e95147c

2/2nd Machine Gun Battalion (Australia) Formed in mid-1940 in Sydney, from personnel drawn from the states of Queensland and New South Wales, the battalion was allocated to the Australian 9th Division. After the war The 2/2nd Machine Gun Battalion was an infantry support unit of the all-volunteer Second Australian Imperial Force that was raised for service overseas during the Second World War. mid-1945, the machine gunners from the 2/2nd supported landings on Tarakan, Labuan and Brunei Bay as part of Allied efforts to recapture Borneo. After completing training in Australia, the battalion operated in the Middle East between early 1941 and early 1943, seeing action against German and Italian forces at the First and Second Battles of El Alamein, and undertaking garrison duties in Syria as part of the Allied garrison that was established there after the Syria-Lebanon campaign cf7e95147c

In early 1943, the 2/2nd was brought back to Australia to fight several campaigns against the Japanese. The first of these came in September 1943 when the battalion landed east of Lae in New Guinea and then took part in the advance to secure the town, which fell within a fortnight. This was followed by fighting on the Huon Peninsula, which saw the battalion undertake an amphibious landing at

Scarlet Beach and then take part in actions around Finschhafen, Sattelberg and Sio until it was withdrawn back to Australia... cf7e95147c
Gunnery Park and Shoebury Ranges, a nature reserve in Essex, England cf7e95147c

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Machine gun While technical use of the term "machine gun" has varied, the modern definition used by the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute; A machine gun (MG) is a fully automatic and rifled firearm designed for sustained direct fire. 7.92 in) caliber or more are usually classified as autocannons rather than machine guns. Automatic firearms of 20 mm (0.787 in) caliber or form factor cf7e95147c

== Places == cf7e95147c == Examples == cf7e95147c

Tail gunner The final combat usage of tail gunners by the United States A tail gunner or rear gunner is a crewman on a military aircraft who functions as a gunner defending against enemy fighter attacks from the rear, or "tail", of the plane. The last tail gunner to shoot down an enemy aircraft with machine guns during wartime cf7e95147c

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