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INTRODUCTION

The first requirement in warfare is the ability to distinguish friend from foe. Nowhere is this more difficult than in the air. Owing to the great speeds and heights attained by modern aircraft, recognition is frequently dependent on a momentary glimpse. In the same way instant and accurate recognition of surface craft, mechanized ground equipment, etc., is fraught with great difficulties owing to varying conditions of visibility, distance, and variety of types.

Before the outbreak of this war few realized the grave problems of recognition that the increasing dominance of air power would present. The existence of these problems was soon apparent when, after two months, the casualties of the British Advanced Air Striking Force in France amounted to—Shot down by the Germans, eight; Shot down by the French, nine. In those days the only question asked was, "Is it in range?" Since then mistakes in recognition, on the sea, on land, and in the air have been too numerous to mention. Usually these mistakes are attended by the most serious consequences.

It is now fully realized that the only way to prevent these occurrences is by demanding the highest general level of proficiency in recognition throughout the services. This can only be attained by concentrated study. It is not suggested that practice will make one absolutely perfect, but it will certainly go most of the way toward reducing the chances of a man being a danger not only to himself, but to his comrades-in-arms.

The Navy's problem at sea, whether on warship or merchant ship, is to know as soon as possible whether any aircraft or ship within sight is friendly or hostile, what type it is, and how it is likely to attack, and from that to estimate the best method of defence.

The Army's problems are also varied. Antiaircraft gunners should be able to recognize any airplane within range, or likely to come within range, whether flying directly toward the battery or not. Columns on the move may have to contend with the low-flying attack-bomber or the dive-bomber. Instant recognition saves lives and leads to the destruction of the enemy.

The Air Forces, both of the Army and the Navy, have even more problems to solve because the views from which crews may see the enemy are not confined to those from underneath. The fighter pilot may hope to dive on the enemy from above and behind, but to him the underneath view is important too. The tail gunner needs the head-on view. All must know their aircraft well. In a completely different category are the photographic interpreters who have to recognize the top-plan views of aircraft dispersed on aerodromes or in ports. In the past, too little attention has been paid to this important silhouette. Likewise, the accurate recognition of mechanized ground equipment is of extreme importance.

The Ground Observer Corps has concentrated much attention on recognition. Again any aircraft within view, friendly or hostile, should be recognized quickly—even through a momentary gap in the clouds.

The first thing to be appreciated is that recognition does not begin and end with appearance. Certainly it is essential to distinguish between the appearance of friend and foe; but this is seldom sufficient. It is also essential to recognize the exact type. In the
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case of aircraft, this recognition gives knowledge of the wing span, 
approximate speed, probable armament, and if hostile, a reasonable 
deduction as to future actions. The situation is similar to that of 
surface-craft, where recognition has a tactical value and gives an 
idea of what the enemy can do and how he may be dealt with, once 
recognized.

What enables a person accurately and speedily to recognize tanks, 
ships, planes, etc.? The process is no different from that of recog-
nizing an automobile, a horse, a bird, or a friend. Let one ask 
himself the question, "When I see a friend walking down the street, 
do I look at every feature of him and having gone through a process 
of analysis, decide that it is Bill?" Obviously not. Recognition 
is instinctive. One knows immediately that it is "Bill" because 
one is familiar with his whole appearance and general characteristics, 
such as the way he stands or walks. It is not difficult to translate 
these characteristics into terms of airplanes, ships, etc. The com-
bination of all these characteristics into the over-all effect of an 
object is known scientifically as the "total form" of that object. 
Now one can ask one more question. "Why did you get to 
know the "total form" of a friend or automobile, or horse?" The 
answer is, because you were interested in him or it. Therefore, the 
requirement for efficient recognition is familiarity based on a 
general knowledge of air or surface craft, or tanks, or other 
military equipment, a knowledge which will only be gained by an 
roused interest and enthusiasm for them. If this is borne in 
mind, there will finally be an end to those famous last words, 
"I think they're ours."

NOTE:

"RECOGNITION" means VISUAL recognition.
"IDENTIFICATION" means identification OTHER THAN 
VISUAL.
PICTORIAL MANUAL

The present manual is primarily designed for self-instruction and general use but will also serve as a text in recognition courses. It includes four types of material: black and white silhouettes; wash drawings; photographs; and editorial matter.

Silhouettes are the foundation stone on which all recognition training is based. They may seem dull and uninspiring but the fact remains that the “three-view” silhouette, giving the head-on, plan, and side-view shows every salient recognition feature of a ship or plane just as an architect’s drawing of plan, section, and elevations gives the essentials of a building. They are basic diagrams and their value is evident from the accompanying example which shows how great is the contrast between the halves of two different airplanes and indicates in print the facts which an experienced observer can read directly from a silhouette. The wash drawings pick up where the silhouette diagrams leave off. By adding form and detail, they advance toward reality while still conveying accurate facts like engineering drawings. Both types of drawing should be studied for their over-all effect and not just for details. Photographs give the final step toward a realistic impression and show the aircraft, etc., from various angles. The editorial matter is intended to drive home the plane or ship by lending it interest and appeal; also such data are included as can be released.

The material in this manual has been assembled and edited jointly by Army and Navy aviation training divisions. Much valuable assistance has been contributed by the British, particularly in supplying silhouettes. The bulk of the material came from intelli-
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gence and photographic sources in both Army and Navy. The data and dimensions are the most exact available. The Army and Navy can release only approximate performance figures for their own planes and ships but the dimensions given have been obtained from their respective design sections. For foreign models, the best available figures are given and, where reliable sources of information differ on dimensions, the more probable figure is given and the less probable one follows it in parenthesis. It is suggested that when figures are definitely confirmed, the necessary corrections be made by the individual holding this book. The manual will be constantly enlarged and amended.

MOTION PICTURES

An ideal form of training would naturally be to see actual aircraft, ships, etc., as often as required until one was entirely familiar with them in all positions and under every condition of visibility. This is clearly impracticable; therefore the training medium which reproduces this ideal with the greatest realism is the moving picture. There are, at present, three types of training film available. The first is introductory and is intended for presentation in the primary stages of training. Its object is to serve as a glossary of terms explaining to the beginner the meaning of such words and phrases as “dihedral”, “taper”, “underslung”, etc. The second kind of film is that dealing with the recognition of individual types of aircraft, ships, etc. This class of film is based on the principle that it is of basic importance to have detailed knowledge. Flying or action shots are combined with close-up stills, diagrams, and animated drawings, all joining with the commentary to give the visual directive to the human eye which is so essential. This series may be used effectively, provided detailed analysis is not accepted as a final solution to the problem. An airplane, for example, cannot be learned just by memorizing its wings, engines, fuselage, and tail, separately and without regard to the “total form” effect they join to produce; for in recognition the whole is more than the sum of its parts. The third class of film is well represented by the “Quizcraft” Series. This class comprises actual flying shots of various aircraft and is designed for use at a more advanced stage of training. It is not suggested that these films present a serious recognition problem to a man with any degree of training. The primary object is to give the student the opportunity to see aircraft in conditions as nearly as possible approaching reality. Emphasis, therefore, is placed upon distant shots under all conditions of visibility. The “test” element is secondary and only introduced to maintain interest. Training films and film strips are listed in FM 21-7 and in the Catalog of U. S. Navy Training films.

FILM SLIDES AND FILM STRIPS

Film slides and film strips are another means of presenting silhouettes, wash-drawings, and still photographs. By reducing progressively the time of exposing them, it is possible to develop speed in recognition. Time intervals as short as one-fifth second can be obtained with an improvised shutter consisting of a piece of cardboard with a hole in it which is allowed to drop across the projector lens.
FLASH METER TRAINING

This is a development in the method of projecting film slides perfected for use by the U. S. Navy. It has also been adopted, with certain modifications, by the U. S. Army Air Forces. Equipment is used which consists of a slide projector with a flash meter (like a camera shutter). The slides are flashed on the screen at progressively faster speeds up to 1/100th second. At such speeds, the student is forced to recognize an object from its "total form" because there is no time for the eye to scan its parts. The importance of this approach has already been mentioned. This develops a "skill of seeing" and holds the student's attention like a game of skill. For fullest application, a properly trained instructor is necessary.

MODELS AND POSTERS

Sets of scale models of aircraft and surface craft are obtainable in accordance with existing regulations and policies. These models are highly accurate and carefully constructed to scale. Suspending airplane models in various flying attitudes or setting out ship models in formation is all very well as far as it goes, but even more important is it that they should be available to students for examination. They may satisfy themselves, the models being accurate, that certain features do exist which may well have been missed when seeing representations of the aircraft or ship on former occasions. The scale model is eminently suitable as it can be made to adopt any position, whereas the views presented by slides, photographs, and silhouettes are necessarily limited.

Posters are valuable for teaching classes if no projector is available. Posted conspicuously, they constantly refresh the memory.

TEACHING RECOGNITION

The above training aids can best be utilized for teaching recognition if training progresses as follows. First, the student is taught the important items of nomenclature using the glossary in this manual, supplemented by the introductory training films and film strips. Second, individual planes, ships, etc., are presented, with emphasis on their silhouette, engineering form, photographic appearance, and interest appeal. In addition to this manual, large posters of silhouettes or wash-drawings may be used. Silhouettes, wash-drawings, or photographs can also be projected on screens using delineoscopes or film slides or strips. Third, the student's attention must thereafter be directed to recognizing the "total form" of the object. For this purpose, motion pictures (on individual airplanes, ships, etc.) and models can be utilized to good advantage. Film slides and film strips projected for progressively decreasing periods of time are the best means of presenting "total form" and should be utilized to the maximum extent to which these aids are available. Finally, the aircraft, etc., are observed under the most realistic conditions possible, as in the "Quickraft" series of motion pictures. Where necessary the ingenious recognition instructor should improvise his own aids and equipment. Cases are reported where an opaque projector (i.e. reflectoscope) was concocted from a box, bulbs, old lenses, cardboard tube, etc. In this, as in any other enterprise of war, improvisation will often be the rule and not the exception.

In conclusion, practical results are the final test and a student must try his skill on every actual ship or plane he sees and on every picture of one in a magazine or newspaper.
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The designation of Army aircraft is composed of one or two letters designating the class of aircraft, a number indicating the model, and a letter to designate the modification of the model. For example the designation P-17F means that the aircraft is a bomber (P) that it is the 17th bomber model accepted by the Army, and that it is the 6th modification of the B-17 model. Unlike U. S. Navy aircraft designations, Army designations give no information as to identity of the manufacturer.

OA . Ammunition
F . Army Reconnaissance (Photographic)
A . Bombardment (Light)
B . Bombardment (Medium and Heavy)
P . Fighter
L . Liaison
O . Observation
AT . Training (Advance)
BT . Training (Basic)
PT . Training (Primary)
C . Transport (Cargo and Personnel)
 UC . Utility Transport (Less than 9 places or less than 1,400 lbs. of cargo)
CG . Glider (Troop)
TG . Glider (Training)
CQ . Target (Control)
OQ . Target (Aerial)
PQ . Target (Aerial)

Classifications are prefixed as follows:
R . Restricted Classification (Planes no longer considered as First Line aircraft)
X . Experimental Classification
Y . Service Test Classification
Z . Obsolete Classification

NAVY

The designation of Navy airplanes, airships, and gliders is composed of one or two letters designating the class of aircraft, a number indicating the model; a letter indicating the manufacturer; and a number to designate the modifications of the model. As an example, the first patrol bomb plane to be produced by Consolidated Aircraft would be the PBY-1. The modifications to this aircraft would be the PBY-2, PBY-3, etc. The second patrol bomb plane built by this company would be the PBY-4 and successive modifications to this airplane would be the PBY-5, PBY-6, etc. The prefix letter "X" is used for experimental aircraft and gliders.

H . Ambulance
B . Bombing
F . Fighting
O . Observation
P . Patrol
S . Scouting
T . Torpedo
OS . Observation-Scouting
N . Training
R . Transport (multi-engine)
G . Transport (single-engine)
J . Utility
BT . Bombing-Torpedo
PB . Patrol-Bombing
SB . Scouting-Bombing
JR . Utility-Bombing
L . Glider
ZN . Airship (nonrigid)
SO . Scouting-Observation
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TB . Torpedo-Bombing

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The purpose of inserting a glossary into this manual is to enable all who use it to describe an airplane by the same terms. By no means does it pretend to be an encyclopedia of aeronautical and aerodynamical science but rather a reference page to define those visible features of any airplane by which it is most readily recognized.

AILERON—Hinged, movable portion of wing, usually at trailing edge, whose primary function is to induce a rolling motion on the airplane.

AIRFOIL—Any surface, such as an airplane wing, aileron, or rudder designed to obtain reaction from the air through which it moves.

AIR SCOOP—A scoop or hood designed to catch the air and maintain the air pressure in internal-combustion engines, ventilators, etc.

AMPHIBIAN—An airplane designed to rise from and alight on either land or water.

ANGLE OF INCIDENCE—The acute angle between the plane of the wing chord and the horizontal axis of the airplane. The angle is positive when the leading edge is higher than the trailing edge.

ARRESTER HOOK—The device lowered by a carrier based airplane to facilitate limited-space landings.

ARRESTING GEAR—The mechanism on an airplane and on the landing area used in limited-space landings.

AUTOGIRO—A type of rotor plane whose support in the air is normally derived from airfoils aerodynamically rotated about an approximately vertical axis, and whose forward speed is supplied by engine and propeller.

BALANCED SURFACE—A control surface that extends on both sides of the hinge line, or that has auxiliary extensions to effect a balance on the hinge line. Used frequently on rudders, ailerons, and elevators.

“BELLY”—Colloquial term for ventral portion of fuselage.

BIPLANE—An airplane with two wings placed one over the other.

“BLISTER”—A colloquial term for a streamlined transparent housing protruding from the fuselage, containing movable armament.

BRACING—Struts, guys, or other stiffeners used to brace any part of the structure of an airplane, externally or internally.

CABANE—An arrangement of struts.

CABIN—Compartment for one or more persons built entirely within the profile of the fuselage.

CAMBER—The curvature of an airfoil from the mean line of its chord section.

CANOPY—A hood, covering, or enclosure.

CENTER SECTION—The central panel of a wing.

CHORD—The straight line joining the leading and trailing edges of an airfoil, also called “chord length.”

COCKPIT—An open space in an airplane to accommodate the pilot and/or other persons.

COWLING—A removable covering, as over a cockpit, or around part—or all—of an engine.

DIHEDRAL ANGLE—The acute angle between the longitudinal center line of the wing and an imaginary horizontal line. When a plane has positive dihedral the wings slope “up.”

DIVE BRAKE—A flap or slat which, when opened, reduces the speed of the airplane in a dive.

DORSAL—Pertaining to the back or top portion of the fuselage.

EDGE-LEADING—The entering or forward portion of an airfoil or propeller blade.

TRAILING—The after or rearmost portion of an airfoil or propeller blade.

ELEVATOR—A movable auxiliary airfoil usually hinged to the stabilizer. Its function is to induce a pitching motion on the airplane.

ENGINE—The motive power of an aircraft. “Radial” and “in-line” refer to the placement of cylinders about the propeller shaft. The former type is usually air-cooled; the latter generally liquid-cooled.

FIN—A fixed or adjustable airfoil to afford directional stability, such as a tail fin or ski fin, etc.

FLAP—A hinged or pivoted airfoil forming the rear
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portion of an airfoil, used to vary the effective camber.

FLOAT—A completely enclosed watertight structure attached to an aircraft to give it buoyancy and stability when in contact with water.

FLOAT, inboard stabilizing—A stabilizing float placed relatively close to the main float or hull.

FLOAT, outboard (or wing-tip) stabilizing—A stabilizing float placed relatively far out from the main float or hull, usually at or very near the tip of the wing.

FLOAT, stabilizing (or slide)—A float used in addition to a single float or hull and intended to provide lateral stability while the seaplane or flying boat is at rest on the water.

FLYING BOAT—A form of seaplane whose main body or hull provides flotation.

FUSELAGE—The body, of approximately streamline form, to which the wings and tail unit of an airplane are attached.

GAP—The distance separating two adjacent wings of a multiplane.

"GILL RING"—The adjustable after portion of the cowling of a radial engine used to effect efficient air cooling.

GLIDER—An aircraft heavier than air, similar to an airplane but without a power plant.

PRIMARY-TYPE GLIDER—A ruggedly built glider designed for use in elementary training of student glider pilots.

SECONDARY-TYPE GLIDER—A glider designed to have better aerodynamic performance than the primary type, but rugged enough for the use of pilots with limited training.

PERFORMANCE-TYPE GLIDER—A glider having a high degree of aerodynamic refinement and low minimum sinking speed.

“GREENHOUSE”—Colloquial term for the transparent canopy or hood over the cockpit.

HEIGHT—The vertical measurement of an airplane at rest, taken from the lowest point of contact to the topmost part of the airplane including the rotation arc of the propeller.

HELICOPTER—A type of rotor plane whose support in the air is normally derived from airfoils mechanically rotated about an approximately vertical axis.

HINGE LINE—The joint between a fixed and a moveable surface, such as wing and aileron, stabilizer and elevator, fin and rudder.

HOOD—A covering, canopy, or cowling, usually applied to the fuselage.

HOUSING—A covering over a space used to enclose a movable part such as a retractable wheel gear.

HUB—The center portion of a propeller or wheel about which rotation occurs.

HULL, SEAPLANE—That portion of a flying boat which furnishes buoyancy when in contact with the surface of the water. It contains accommodations for the crew and passengers, usually combining the functions of both float and fuselage.

LANDING GEAR—The gear on the underside of the fuselage which supports an aircraft in take-off or landing.

LANDPLANE—An airplane which flies from and alights on land.

LENGTH (OVER-ALL)—The extreme forward-aft measurement of an airplane.

LOOP—Radio antenna formed of coils of wire.

MAST, RADIO—A fixed spar attached to an aircraft used for supporting a radio antenna.

MONOCOQUE—Term applied to fuselage construction which relies on the strength of the skin or shell for its structural stiffness. The shell is reinforced vertically by structural bulkheads.

MONOPLANE—An aircraft with a single plane or wing. There are four general types:

LOW-WING—A monoplane whose wing is located at—or near—the bottom of the fuselage.

MID-WING—A monoplane whose wing is located at approximately the midpoint between top and bottom of fuselage.

HIGH-WING—A monoplane whose wing is located at the top of the fuselage.

PARASOL-WING—A monoplane whose wing is above the top of the fuselage and is supported by a cantspar or other connection.

MULTIPLANE—An airplane having two or more wings, superimposed.

NACELLE—An enclosed shelter for personnel or for a power plant. A nacelle is usually shorter than a fuselage, and does not carry the tail unit.

NOSE—The foremost part of the fuselage.

OVERHANG—(1) One half the difference in span of any two wings of an airplane. (2) The distance from the outer strut attachment to the wing tip.
GLOSSARY

RETRACTABLE LANDING GEAR—A type of landing gear which may be withdrawn into the body, nacelle, or wings of an airplane during flight in order to reduce parasitic drag.

RIB—A chord-wise structural member of the wing.

RING COWLING—A ring-shaped cowling placed around a radial air-cooled engine to reduce its drag and improve cooling.

ROOT—The “base” of the wing where it is attached to the fuselage.

ROTOR—The complete rotating portion of a rotary wing system.

ROTOR PLANE—A form of aircraft whose support in the air is chiefly derived from the vertical component of the force produced by rotating airfoils.

RUDDER—A hinged, auxiliary vertical airfoil whose function is to induce yaw or side-to-side motion on an aircraft.

SALEPLANE—A performance-type glider.

SEAPLANE—An airplane designed to rise from and alight on the water.

SESQUiplANE—A form of biplane in which the area of one wing is less than half the area of the other.

ADJUSTABLE PROPELLER—A propeller whose blades are so attached to the hub that the pitch may be changed while the propeller is at rest.

AUTOMATIC PROPELLER—A propeller whose blades are attached to a mechanism that automatically sets them at an optimum pitch for various flight conditions.

CONTROLLABLE PROPELLER—A propeller whose blades are so mounted that the pitch may be changed while the propeller is rotating.

GEARED PROPELLER—A propeller driven through gearing, generally at some speed other than the engine speed.

PUSHER PROPELLER—A propeller mounted on the rear end of the engine or propeller shaft.

TRACTOR PROPELLER—A propeller mounted on the forward end of the engine or propeller shaft.
LOCKHEED
U. S. A.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Twin-engine, mid-wing monoplane. Pilot's central nacelle projects well forward to rounded nose. Sharper taper on trailing edge of wings. Full dihedral from the roots. In-line engines mounted in nacelles at forward ends of twin tail booms extending from motors to stabiliser. Air scoops for radiators fitted on sides of booms halfway back. Stabilizer is long and rectangular with rounded tips extending outboard of the booms. Twin fins and rudders are egg-shaped.

LOCKHEED
U. S. A.

INTEREST: In addition to speed, range, and excellent high altitude performance, versatility is an outstanding characteristic of this aircraft. In the Aleutians, in the South Pacific, in Europe and in North Africa, it has been in use both as a low and high altitude fighter and as a photographic reconnaissance aircraft (in latter case, designated as P-4 and F-5). The fact that its propellers rotate in opposite directions, thus balancing torque, enhances maneuverability of the P-38. With its twin tail booms, the Lightning is one of the easiest aircraft to recognize.

SPAN: 52 ft.
LENGTH: 37 ft. 30 in.
APPROX. MAX. SPEED: over 400 m. p. h.

SERVICE CEILING: over 30,000 ft.

WAR DEPARTMENT FM 50-90
NAVY DEPARTMENT NAVAR 2

RESTRICTED
**ARMY: P-39E**

**R. A. F.: AIRACOBRA**

**FIGHTER**

**BELL**

**U. S. A.**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:** Low-wing monoplane with dihedral from wing root. Wing is set midship. Slight taper on leading edge and sharper taper on trailing edge. Long thin nose covering cannon which fires through spinner. Air scoop is directly behind pilot. Long slim fuselage. Small fin and rudder with tapered leading edge and rounded trailing edge. Entire fuselage is curved giving plane a graceful rocker effect.

**INTEREST:** This aircraft, rated among the most graceful airplanes in the air today, often mounts a 37-mm cannon, the heaviest carried by any aircraft of similar type. The P-39 has been used effectively for ground strafing, and as a low altitude fighter. Heavy defensive armor protects the pilot against ground fire when operating at low altitudes. The engine is placed amidship in the fuselage behind the pilot's cockpit, the propeller being driven by a 10-foot shaft.

**P-39 "AIRACOBRA"**

**SPAN:** 34 ft.

**LENGTH:** 30 ft. 2 in.

**APPROX. MAX. SPEED:** over 300 m. p. h.

**SERVICE CEILING:** over 30,000 ft.

**RESTRICTED**
P-40 "WARHAWK"

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:** Single-engine, low-wing monoplane. Wings have full dihedral showing prominent landing gear knuckles close to fuselage on lower surface. Leading edge nearly straight. Trailing edge has pronounced taper. In-line engine with deep radiator under long nose. Large spinner is set flush with cowling. Rounded fin and rudder. Large "cat-out" in elevators.

**INTEREST:** This is one of the best known and most widely used American fighters. Earlier models, called "Tomahawks" and "Kittyhawks" by the British were used in Libya, on the Russian front, and by the "Flying Tigers" in China. The Warhawk is the first American aircraft to be equipped with the famous Merlin engine. This fighter has excellent armor, high diving speed, good maneuverability, and heavy hitting power. Although the P-40 is not as fast in higher altitudes, it is one of the most versatile of aircraft.

**SPAN:** 37 ft. 4 in.
**LENGTH:** 31 ft. 8 in.
**APPROX., MAX. SPEED:** 350 m. p. h.

**SERVICE CEILING:** over 30,000 ft.
Distinguishing Features: Low mid-wing monoplane with single radial engine. Wing has slightly tapered edge and semi-elliptical trailing edge. Wings have full dihedral from roots. Engine cowling is oval-shaped with propeller hub set above center. Fuselage has thick heavy appearance with sharp ridge down sloping back. Single fin and rudder with pronounced taper on leading edge and curved trailing edge.

Interest: The P-47 is one of the largest and fastest single engine fighters yet built. Its weight of over 5 tons, with nearly a ton of guns and ammunition, is greater than that of many commercial transports of a few years ago. Designed in 1941, this was the highest horsepower single engine fighter yet produced for the Army Air Forces. Use of a four-blade propeller reduces the size of the propeller arc, while still coping with the engine's great power output. This aircraft was designed for fighting at high altitudes.

Span: 49 ft. 10 in.
Length: 55 ft. 4 in.
Approx. Max. Speed: Over 390 m. p. h.

Service Ceiling: Over 38,000 ft.

Restricted
P-51 “MUSTANG”

**Distinguishing Features:** Single in-line engine low-wing monoplane with long pointed nose. Wings have full dihedral and are tapered to nearly square tips. Long radiator mounted under fuselage extends aft of cockpit enclosure. Single fin and rudder is raked with a square top.

**Interest:** The Mustang was developed quietly and attracted little public notice until used by the British during the dramatic Commando raid on Dieppe. Although this aircraft has been used on fighter sweeps over Europe, a large part of its job in the war may prove to be that of strafing and reconnaissance. In this capacity it is joining the Tomahawk (P-40) and the Lysander in British Army cooperation squadrons. An outstanding virtue of this aircraft is its speed near the ground. A bomber version fitted with dive brakes, the A-36, is now in service for ground-attack support.

**Service Ceiling:** Over 30,000 ft.

**Span:** 37 ft.

**Length:** 33 ft. 3 in.

**Approx. Max. Speed:** 590 m. p. h.
NAVY: SBD-3, 4, 5
SBD series

ARMY: A-24, A-9

DIVE BOMBER

DOUGLAS
U.S.A.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Low-wing monoplane with single radial engine. Wings with equally tapered leading and trailing edges, rounded tips, and dihedral on outer panels. Trailing edge of wing fairings gracefully into tapering fuselage. High single fin and rudder faired forward into fuselage.

INTEREST: This excellent dive bomber is one of the longest lived of all combat aircraft. It has seen much action from carriers of the U.S. Navy in the Pacific, notably in the Coral Sea Battle and at Midway. Long considered to be the finest carrier-based dive bomber in the world, it is now excelled in some respects by the more recently developed Helldiver. As the A-24, the Dauntless is the first dive bomber to be used in quantity by the U.S. Army in support of ground troops. A 1,200-pound bomb is carried in a cradle under center section. Bomb racks are also fitted under the wing roots.

SPAN: 41 ft. 6 in.
LENGTH: 33 ft.
APPROX. MAX. SPEED: 245 m. p. h.

SERVICE CEILING: 25,000 ft.
ARMY: A-30
B.A.F.: BALTIMORE I, II, III

MARTIN
U.S.A.


INTEREST: Although designed primarily as a light bomber, this aircraft is also well-suited for long-range reconnaissance. Its speed, defensive armament, and maneuverability make it capable of dealing effectively with enemy fighter planes. Developed from the lighter Maryland to meet specific needs of the R.A.F., it ranks as one of the highest climbing, and one of the fastest of its type. Early models do not have a top turret. Thus far, it has been in operational service almost exclusively with the Royal Air Force in the Middle East.

A-30 "BALTIMORE"

SCALE
6-FOOT MAN

SPAN: 61 ft. 4 in.
LENGTH: 48 ft. 6 in.
APPROX. MAX. SPEED: 315 m. p. h.

SERVICE CEILING:
over 22,000 ft.

APRIL 1943
FROM DATA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

WAR DEPARTMENT
NAVY DEPARTMENT

RESTRICTED
**A-35 (A-31) "VENGEANCE"**

**VULTEE**

(A-31 MFG. BY NORTHROP),
U.S.A.

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:** Mid-wing monoplane with single radial engine. Center section of wing has swept-back leading edge and straight trailing edge. Outer sections have straight leading edge and sharply tapered trailing edge with blunt tips. Prominent knuckles show at under-carriage attachment. Cockpit enclosure is long and horizontal. Very high triangular fin and rudder with square top.

**INTEREST:** The British ordered this very maneuverable two-place dive bomber in July 1940, just after the German Ju 87-B (Stuka) had figured so prominently in the defeat of France. However, since that time, it has been shown that in land warfare, dive bombers are extremely vulnerable in face of adequate fighter opposition and well organized anti-aircraft fire. It is therefore more likely that the Vengeance will be used for general reconnaissance purposes except where local conditions favor dive bombing. A modified version is coming into use by the U.S. Navy as the TBV-1.

**SPAN:** 43 ft.
**LENGTH:** 43 ft.
**APPROX. MAX. SPEED:** over 280 m. p. h.

**SERVICE CEILING:** over 20,000 ft.

**ARMY:** A-35 (A-31)
A-30, A-11, A-15 C
U.S.A., U.K., CHINA

**NAVY:** VENGEANCE I

**DIVING BOMBER**

**SCALE**

5-FOOT MAN

**COD WING SLOTS**

**HIGH FIN**

**PROMINENT "KNEES"**

**SHIFT FORWARD APPEARANCE**

APRIL 1944
FROM DATA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

WAR DEPARTMENT FM 60-5
NAVY DEPARTMENT NUMBER 3

RESTRICTED
ARMY: A-20A
A-20 series: P-70
N. A. F.: BOSTON, N. Y., N.
HARVARD, N. Y.
NAVY: BO-2
FRANCE: DB-78

LIGHT BOMBER—FIGHTER

DOUGLAS
U. S. A.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Shoulder wing monoplane with long thin transparent nose. Wing has straight leading edge and pronounced taper to trailing edge. Twin radial engines are underwing with nacelles extending well beyond the trailing edge of wing. Fuselage has a graceful attitude due to the turned up after section. Tall single fin and rudder.

INTEREST: This aircraft is unquestionably one of the best in its class. Designed as a fast day bomber, this plane is also used as a fighter. The night fighter version with solid nose is known as the P-70, while the British know the A-20 as the "Boston" when used as a bomber and as the "Havoc" when used for ground attack. The U. S. Navy designation is BD. The A-20 is much used in large scale daylight fighter and bomber sweeps over France and in North Africa. Because of its high performance, striking power and maneuverability, losses have been relatively small.

A-20 "HAVOC" OR "BOSTON"

SPAN: 61 ft. 4 in.
LENGTH: 49 ft.
APPROX. SPEED: 340 m. p. h.
SERVICE CEILING: over 24,000 ft.
**Distinguishing Features:** Shoulder wing monoplane with long cigar-shaped fuselage. Sharply tapered wings with rounded tips and no dihedral. High single fin and rudder with rounded tip. Tail plane has marked dihedral. Radial engines underwing beneath wings with long nacelles projecting beyond trailing edge. Rear fuselage fairing projects downward and beyond the tail assembly.

**Interest:** No Axis aircraft of the same class matches the B-26 for speed, range, or bomb-carrying capacity. In the Battle of Midway, it was used as a torpedo bomber—the first time that land-based torpedo bombers of the U.S. Army had been in action. One of them came back with over 300 bullet holes in fuselage and wings. The design for this aircraft was completely new and owed little to any previous conception. The early models, the B-26 and B-26A, had a wing span of 45 feet.

**Span:** 71 ft.
**Length:** 58 ft. 3 in.
**Approx. Max. Speed:** over 300 m. p. h.

**Service Ceiling:** over 23,000 ft.

**REstricted**
ARMY: B-17E
B-17 series

U.S. A.

ROEING

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Four-engine, low-wing monoplane. Wings equally tapered with rounded tips and full dihedral. Long, narrow fuselage. Gun turret on top of fuselage just aft of pilot's cockpit enclosure. Large ventral turret aft of wings. Tail has broad single fin and rudder with fin faired far forward into fuselage. Large stabilizer and elevator, similar in shape to the wing.

INTEREST: Designed for high altitude, daytime precision bombing of restricted targets, the B-17 was the first long-range American bomber. Intended primarily for long flights over the Pacific, great fuel capacity rather than tremendous bomb load was emphasized in the individual design. It now does effective work, however, for the Army Air Forces in raids at shorter range in Europe, North Africa, and in the Southwest Pacific. The relative lack of armament characterizing early models is now corrected so it is possible on some missions to operate under the protection of its own guns without lighter escort. The early models, B-17 to B-17D had a much smaller fin with straight leading edge intersecting the fuselage back of the L. E. of the stabilizer.

B-17 "FLYING FORTRESS"

U.S.A.

SPAN: 105 ft. 10 in.
LENGTH: 74 ft. 9 in.
APPROX. MAX. SPEED: 310 m. p. h.

SERVICE CEILING: over 35,000 ft.

RESTRICTED
CONSOLIDATED
U. S. A.


INTEREST: This long-range bomber is used in all theaters by the British and the U. S. Army Air Forces. It has high speed, powerful armament and is extremely maneuverable for its size. All of these factors reduce the number of fighters craft required for its protection. The B-24's high performance results in part from its clean design and use of the thin "Davis" wing which materially reduces drag. The military transport version, designated as the C-87, has a nontransparent nose, and a cabin under the wing in place of the bomb bay. It was this aircraft which carried Mr. Willkie on his round-the-world mission in the autumn of 1942.

APRIL 1943
FROM DATA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

HEAVY BOMBER—TRANSPORT

U. S. A.

B-24 "LIBERATOR"

SPAN: 110 ft.
LENGTH: 66 ft.
APPROX. MAX. SPEED: 310 m. p. h.
SERVICE CEILING: over 30,000 ft.
ARMS: B-25 C
Navy: P-47
N.A.A.: MITCHELL I, II, III

MEDIUM BOMBER

TAIL TURBINE

U.S.A.
U.K.

EXTENDED NACELLES

LONG THIN NOSE

SQUARISH TWIN RUDDER

SCALE
6-FOOT MAN

NORTH AMERICAN
U.S.A.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Two radial engines under wings. Nacelles extend beyond trailing edge of wing. High outboard twin fins and rudders sloped like a lopsided rectangle. Gull wing effect due to positive dihedral on inboard panel only. Wings tapered on both edges with more pronounced taper on trailing edge. Long transparent nose.

INTEREST: The B-25 was named after the late Gen. "Billy" Mitchell. It has gained considerable publicity as the result of its use in the bombing raid on Tokyo in April 1942. It is in use on nearly all of the Allied war fronts and has performed well for the British in their African campaigns.

B-25 "MITCHELL"

SPAN: 67 ft. 6 in.
LENGTH: 54 ft. 1 in.
APPROX. MAZ. SPEED: 300 m. p. h.
SERVICE CEILING: 25,000 ft.

RESTRICTED
C-46 "COMMANDO"

**Distinguishing Features:** Low mid-wing monoplane with two radial engines. Wings tapered on outer panels with most of the taper on leading edges. Engines slightly underslung, projecting well forward of wing. Fuselage is cylindrical in shape with pointed nose unbroken by step for cockpit enclosure. Rounded single fin and rudder sweeping into fuselage.

**Interest:** The largest twin-engined military cargo plane in the world, the Commando is sometimes called the "Flying Whale" or the "Troopship of the Sky." Originally designed as a 36-passenger commercial airliner, it now may carry such materials as trucks, light field artillery or "Jeeps." Adapted for troop carrying in 1941, it may transport a large number of fully-equipped troops. The Commando's engines are larger and more powerful than those in use on commercial airliners, and in size this aircraft dwarfs those in commercial use.

**Span:** 108 ft.
**Length:** 76 ft. 4 in.
**Approx. Max. Speed:** over 260 m. p. h.

**Service Ceiling:** above 27,000 ft.

**Restriction:**

**Information:**

- **Army:** C-45
- **C-46 A**
- **Navy:** C-46 A
- **Raf:** Commando

- **Curtiss**
- **U.S.A.**

- **Large Center Section**
- **High Round Fin**
- **Extended Nacelles**
- **Fat Cigar" Fuselage**
- **Scale 6-Foot Man**

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**Note:** All data currently available.
DOUGLAS
U.S.A.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Twin-engine low-wing monoplane. Center section of wing has no dihedral. Outer section of leading edge has sharp taper. Trailing edge is straight and tips are sharply rounded. The tail fin is fairly rounded for about one-third the length of the fuselage. The tail plane is sharply tapered at the leading edge.

INTEREST: This troop and cargo transport is the military transport version of the DC-3, one of the best-known and most widely used American commercial aircraft. The C-47 is built under license in Russia and designated the PS-84. It is used as a standard transport of the Russian Air Force. This aircraft is designated as either the C-47 or the C-53, depending on the internal arrangement and use of cargo and jumping hatches. The name "Skytrain" comes from use of this transport as a troop carrier and as a glider tug. In England it is known as the Dakota.

ARMS:
C-47
NAVY: BAD-1,1,1,4
COMMERCIAL: DC-3
R.A.F.: DAKOTA, L.H.
RUSSIA: PS-84
N.C.L.: CHINA

TRANSPORT - GLIDER TUG

SWEPT BACK
LEADING EDGE

RECTANGULAR CENTER SECTION

LOW EXTENSION
TO FIN

SCALE
8-FOOT MAN

C-47 "SKYTRAIN"
C-53 "SKYTROOPER"

SPAN: 95 ft.
LENGTH: 64 ft. 6 in.
APPROX. MAX. SPEED: 220 m. p. h.

SERVICE CEILING:
24,000 ft.

APRIL, 1943
FROM DATA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE.
C-54 "SKYMASTER"

DOUGLAS
U. S. A.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Four-engined low-wing monoplane. Narrow, equally tapered wings with small rounded tips. Thick fuselage with long massive nose. Tail fin and rudder faired into fuselage.

INTEREST: This troop and cargo carrier is the largest operational military transport aircraft in the United States today. Its commercial designation was DC-4, the prototype of which was sold to Japan. The current military version differs in many ways, however, from the plane which the Japanese purchased. As a troop transport, the Skymaster can carry more than 40 fully equipped soldiers.

SPAN: 117 ft. 6 in.
LENGTH: 95 ft. 10 in.
APPROX. MAX. SPEED: over 280 m. p. h.

SERVICE CEILING: over 22,000 ft.

RESTRICTED
**LOCKHEED**

**U.S.A.**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:** Two-engine mid-wing monoplane. Wings taper equally to sharp rounded tips and have full dihedral. Fowler flaps guide project beyond trailing edge of wing. Fuselage is short and deep with pointed transparent nose. Large dorsal turret well aft. Oval twin fins and rudders set inboard.

**INTEREST:** The British have called this aircraft the "Old Boomerang" because it "always comes back." It was the first American-built type to be flown across the Atlantic to England by Ferry Command pilots. The prototype which first flew in 1939 was developed from a Lockheed commercial transport. Considered by the British to be one of the air achievements of the war, the Hudson is now sharing service with the newer and larger "Ventura."

**SPAN:** 65 ft. 6 in.

**LENGTH:** 44 ft. 3 in.

**APPROX. MAX. SPEED:** 265 m. p. h.

**SERVICE CEILING:** over 25,000 ft.

**RESTRICTED**
NAVY: PV-1
PP-1, 3
R. A. F.: VENTURA I (I, III)
ARMY: B-34 (B-27)

VEGA
U. S. A.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Mid-wing monoplane. Both edges of wing have marked taper. Fowler flap guides are visible. Radial motors are underslung in long nacelles. The fuselage is heavy with a power turret aft of trailing edge of wings. Bottom line of fuselage is broken to accommodate rear guns. Twin fins and rudders are egg-shaped, mounted high and inboard.

APRIL 1943
FROM DATA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

INTEREST: The “Ventura” was developed from the Hudson (A-29), which it closely resembles in size and appearance. It has much more powerful engines, however. The prototype of the PV-1 first flew in 1941 and operational models were first reported in action during December 1942 in raids over Holland and Germany. The Army version (B-34) of this aircraft is now in use, along with the A-34, by the R. A. F. Coastal Command for general reconnaissance and other duties.

SPAN: 65 ft. 6 in.
LENGTH: 31 ft. 3 in.
APPROX. MAX. SPEED: over 300 m. p. h.
SERVICE CEILING: over 32,000 ft.

WAR DEPARTMENT FM 20-33
NAVY DEPARTMENT 1943

RESTRICTED
ARMY: C-60
C-60, C-60D, C-60E, C-60F
NAVY: SB2D-1, 2, 3, 3A, 4, 5
R.A.F.: LODESTAR
CHINA

LOCKHEED
U.S.A.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Two engined low mid-wing monoplane with full dihedral. Wings have pronounced taper to sharply rounded tips. Fowler flaps guides prominent at trailing edge. Deep fuselage with sharply rounded nose. Egg shaped twin fins and rudders are set inboard.

INTEREST: This aircraft is the military version of the world’s fastest commercial transport. It was first converted to military use in order to convey parachute troops for the Netherlands East Indies government. Alternate designations of the Lodestar are C-56, C-57, C-59, depending on the interior equipment. The Hudson (K-29) was developed from the commercial version of this aircraft.

C-60 "LODESTAR"

SPAN: 65 ft. 8 in.
LENGTH: 49 ft. 10 in.
APPROX. MAX. SPEED: 265 m. p. h.

SERVICE CEILING:
30,000 ft.

WAR DEPARTMENT FM 39-39
NAVY DEPARTMENT NAVAR 3

APRIL 1945
FROM DATA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

RESTRICTED
NAVY: F6F-3
F. A. A. *  GANNET I

GRUMMAN
U. S. A.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Radial engine, low mid-wing monoplane. Large propeller spinner above center of cowling. Inboard panel of wing horizontal; outboard panels are dihedral. Deep egg-shaped fuselage. High narrow cockpit with straight line running down to tail. Fin and rudder have blunted rounded top and steep leading and trailing edges. Wing has equally tapered leading and trailing edges and blunt tips. Stabilizer and elevator are long with tapered leading edge, straight trailing edge, and rounded tips.

INTEREST: This new Navy fighter is a carrier-based airplane designed by the Grumman Co. as a successor to the F4F-4. Its performance is similar in many respects to that of the Navy's F4U "Corsair."

F6F "HELLCAT"

SERVICE CEILING:

SPAN: 47 ft. 10 in.
LENGTH: 33 ft. 6½ in.
APPROX. MAX. SPEED:

RESTRICTED
**F4F “WILDCAT”**

**Distinguishing Features:** Radial engine mid-wing monoplane. Dihedral from wing root. Raised cockpit enclosure with straight line running down to the tail. Wings have medium, equal taper with square tips. Fin and rudder have a square top and rather straight trailing edge. Tail tip has an unfinished appearance due to the arrestor hook it houses.

**Interest:** This fighter, called the “Martlet” by the British, can be based either on carriers or on land. It is an excellent aircraft and was probably the best carrier-based fighter in battle service until the coming of the newer, heavier, and faster Cortair which is now gradually replacing it. The Wildcat has shown altitude performance approaching that of the Zero. This aircraft was used by the Marines on Wake Island. Lt. Commander O’Hare was flying one when he shot down five Jap aircraft during a single operation.

**Specifications:**
- **Span:** 38 ft.
- **Length:** 28 ft. 11 in.
- **Approx. Max. Speed:** Over 310 m. p. h.
- **Service Ceiling:** About 33,000 ft.

*GRUMMAN U.S.A.*

*April 1942*

*Note: Data currently available.*
**F4U “CORSAIR”**

**CHANCE VOUGHT**
U. S. A.

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:** Single radial engine low-wing monoplane, inverted gull wing. Outer section of the wing is slightly tapered with rounded tips. Nose is medium length and blunt. Fuselage is rounded with a small cockpit enclosure. The single fin-and-rudder is equally tapered and is rounded on top and set forward of elevators.

**INTEREST:** This is one of the fastest ship-borne fighters in operation today. The large inverted gull wing was designed to give added clearance for the long propeller blades which are required to absorb the output of the F4U’s 2000 h. p. engine. The lower wing position due to the gull design also increases the air cushion effect between deck and plane during landing.

**SPAN:** 41 ft.
**LENGTH:** 33 ft. 4 in.
**APPROX. MAX. SPEED:** 365 m. p. h.

**SERVICE CEILING:** over 34,000 ft.

**WAR DEPARTMENT P H A 50-59**
**NAVY DEPARTMENT NAVY D**

**APRIL 1546**
**FROM DATA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE**

**RESTRICTED**
DIESE BOMBER

SB2C “HELLDIVER”

SPAN: 49 ft. 9 in.
LENGTH: 56 ft. 6 in.
APPROX. MAX. SPEED: over 300 m. p. h.
SERVICE CEILING: over 25,000 ft.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Single radial engine, low mid-wing monoplane. Wings have full dihedral. The leading edge is straight with a sharply tapered trailing edge facing into fuselage. Large blunt nose with large spinner. Long cockpit enclosure extends aft nearly to high broad fin and rudder. The fin has pronounced taper. Large rounded rudder. The tail plane is mounted high with a V cut-out between the elevators.

INTEREST: One of the largest operational single engine aircraft, the Helldiver was designed to carry torpedoes, depth charges, or large bombs. It can be operated either from carriers or from land bases. It is faster, and probably carries larger bomb loads than the German “Stuka.” Some models of this aircraft will appear with twin floats. From all indications, the SB2C will become one of the world’s deadliest dive bombers.

NAVY: SB2C-1, 2
SEW-1; SBP-1

ARMY: A-71 A

CURTISS
U.S.A.

APRIL 1943
FROM DATA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

WAR DEPARTMENT PAM 50-19
NAVY DEPARTMENT IVER 9

RESTRICTED
NAVY: TBF-1

TORPEDO BOMBER

G. A. L. TARFON

U. S. A.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Mid-wing monoplane with single radial engine. Fuselage is short and heavy with break on underside aft of torpedo housing. Wing has sharp taper in outer panels with square cut tips and dihedral on outer panels. Large cockpit enclosure mounted on top of fuselage with bubble turret aft forming part of it. Stabilizer and elevator are set above fuselage and have taper on both edges with nearly square tips. Fin and rudder are high and angular.

TBF "AVENGER"

INTEREST: The Avenger is probably the best carrier-based torpedo plane so far seen in action. It first gained wide publicity in the Battle of Midway. Probably the most versatile of all torpedo bombers, the TBF has been used as bomber, scout, and for subpatrol from land bases. The deep fuselage permits it to carry a 21" torpedo or approximately 2000 pounds of bombs internally.

SPAN: 54 ft. 2 in.
LENGTH: 41 ft.
APPROX. MAX. SPEED: 270 m. p. h.
SERVICE CEILING: 22,000 ft.

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WAR DEPARTMENT FM 22-30
NAVY DEPARTMENT ORDER 5

RESTRICTED
NAVY: OS2U-3
OS2U-1, 2, 3, 4,5

F.A.I.: KINGFISHER I

RECONNAISSANCE
USA, UK

OS2U "KINGFISHER"

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Low mid-wing monoplane with straight leading edge and tapered trailing edge. Long high cockpit enclosure extending nearly to the tail. Bottom line is broken by a fixed landing gear or floats. Tall triangular fin and rudder.

INTEREST: Known as "The eyes of the Navy", the principal function of the Kingfisher is to spot targets for the fleet. Some versions are equipped with wheels for scouting operations from land bases. Fitted with a single float, the Kingfisher is designed for catapulting from battleships or cruisers.

SPAN: 36 ft.
LENGTH: 13 ft. 10 in. as seaplane
30 ft. 1 in. as landplane
APPROX. MAX. SPEED: 175 m. p. h.

SERVICE CEILING: about 12,000 ft.

RESTRICTED
DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Single-engine mid-wing monoplane. Fixed landing gear or single large float with fixed wing floats. In-line engine and large spinner. Slightly dihedral wings which have straight leading edge and tapered trailing edge. Wing tips square and turned up. Long high cockpit enclosure. Large nose and rudder.

INTEREST: One of the newest battleship and cruiser based airplanes in service, the Seagull is designed for operation as gun spotters for the fleet. It can also be used for anti-submarine patrol on the coast. An interesting feature of the Seagull is that it is powered by an in-line engine which is air-cooled. Equipped for catapult launching, the Seagull can be easily landed in rough waters and is known for its long range. Some versions with fixed landing gear, can be used on carriers. Seagulls now being added to the British Fleet Air Arm are to be known as "Seawings."

SPAN: 95 ft.
LENGTH: 54 ft.
APPROX. MAX. SPEED: 180 m. p. h.
SERVICE CEILING: 18,000 ft.
PBM "MARINER"

**NAVY: PBM-3**  
PBM-1, 2, 4  
U.S.A.: MARINER

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:** High gull-wing monoplane with twin radial engines. Wings tapered on trailing edge with small rounded tips. Twin rudder and rudder are outboard of dihedral tail plane. Hull tapers back toward tail with sharp step on underside.

**INTEREST:** The Mariner is an extremely serviceable long-range flying boat. It has been giving excellent results over rough seas and under otherwise strenuous operating conditions. This aircraft was first designed, built, and flown in miniature. Two torpedoes or equivalent weight in bombs are carried under the wings inboard of the engines. On the PBM-3, fixed wing flaps have replaced the retractable flaps of the two previous models. At present, some Mariners are being used for over-water transport airplanes. These converted airplanes, with armament removed, will be designated as PBM-3R's. The latest model (not here shown) has 3 power-driven turrets and is called the PBM-5C.

**SPAN:** 118 ft.  
**LENGTH:** 80 ft.  
**APPROX. MAX. SPEED:** 205 m. p. h.  
**SERVICE CEILING:** 17,000 ft.

**REMARKS**  
WAR DEPARTMENT FM 50-20  
NAVY DEPARTMENT NAPER 2  
MARCH 1942  
PRINT DATA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE
Distinguishing Features: Two-engine parasol-wing monoplane with nearly rectangular wings having square tips. The wing is mounted above the hull on a streamlined superstructure and braced by struts. Wing tip floats are retractable. Two large blister turrets behind wing on hull. Bottom of hull has two steps and swells upward to high single fin and rudder.

Interest: The "Cat" spotted the German battleship "Bismarck" after the sinking of the British battleship "Hood." Its capacity to stay long hours in the air makes this aircraft ideally suited for its long sub-surfacing and convoy-guarding patrols. In the Aleutians and Solomon, the PBY is reported to have been used as a torpedo bomber, carrying two torpedoes under the wing. Alternatively, it can carry eight 350-lb. depth charges or two 2,000-lb. bombs under the wing. The Catalina is built under license in Russia with some modification in armament and engines. The Russian designation is GST.

April 1943
From data currently available.

War Department FM 27-2
Navy Department Order 3

PBY "Catalina"

Scale 6-Foot Man

Consolidated
U.S.A.
MFG. UNDER LICENSE IN RUSSIA

Patrol Bomber
U.S.A.
U.S.S.R.

Wing Tip Floats

Struts & Center Pylon

Nose Contour

Gun Busters

High Tail

Span: 104 ft.
Length: 63 ft. 11 in.
Approx. Max. Speed: 170 m. p. h.

Service Ceiling: 19,000 ft.

Restricted
PB2Y "CORONADO"

CONSOLIDATED
U. S. A.


INTEREST: The Coronado is a long-range four-engine seaplane of great size, power, and range. It is used mainly as a patrol bomber but in many instances it has been converted for transport purposes in which case it is called the PB2Y-3R. The transport version has gun positions removed and fuselage faired in. The wing tip floats are retractable. The twin fins and rudders are practically identical with those of the B-24 Liberator which is made by the same company.

SPAN: 115 ft.
LENGTH: 79 ft. 5 in.
APPROX. MAX. SPEED: 219 m. p. h.

SERVICE CEILING:
20,000 ft.

NAVY DEPARTMENT FM 31-30
NAVY DEPARTMENT INDEX 3

APRIL 1942
FROM DATA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

REstricted
**R.A.F.: SPITFIRE VII**

**SPITFIRE series**

**U.S. ARMY**

**SUPERMARINE ENGLAND**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:** Low-wing monoplane with full dihedral and characteristic elliptically curved wing outline. Radiator intake off-set on underside of wing. Mark IX has radiator intake under both wings. Single in-line engine with large pointed spinner and long narrow fuselage. Stabilizer and elevator are set high on fuselage, with elliptical curved outline and cut-out in trailing edge. The fin and rudder are small and rounded.

**INTEREST:** The "Spit" played a great part in defeating the Luftwaffe in the Battle of Britain. Its speed, rate of climb, superior maneuverability, and great fire power make it one of the finest single-engine fighters in the world. A carrier-based version, the "Seafire", has been used in the Mediterranean and to protect convoys to Russia. Three latest type "Spits" are reported to have brought down three Ju 88 P pressure cabin aircraft from nearly 50,000 feet in November 1942.

**SPAN:** 36 ft. 10 in.
**LENGTH:** 30 ft. 4 in.
**MAX. SPEED:** 375 m. p. h. at 20,250 ft.

**SERVICE CEILING:**

37,200 ft.

**RESTRICTED**

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**“SPITFIRE”**

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**Distinguishing Features:** Low-wing monoplane with single in-line engine. Wings have slight dihedral and equal taper in outer sections, with rounded tips. Fuselage has hump-back effect and pointed nose, with large air-scoop on underside below cockpit. Very large rounded fin and rudder. Stabilizer and elevators have rounded tips with cut-away in trailing edge.

**Interest:** Hurricanes, along with Spitfires, played an outstanding role in the Battle of Britain. In fact, Hurricanes shot down more aircraft than all other types put together. Although early models were used almost exclusively for interception at high altitudes, more recently this aircraft has been used for low-level bombing, dive bombing, and night fighting. As a carrier-based fighter with the Fleet Air Arm, it has done outstanding work in protecting convoys to Russia. Some versions carry as many as 12 machine guns, while others mount four 20-mm. cannon. For tropical service the Hurricane is equipped with a large scoop under the nose.

**Specifications:**
- **Span:** 40 ft.
- **Length:** 31 ft. 5 in.
- **Approx. Speed:** 335 m. p. h. at 22,000 ft.
- **Service Ceiling:** 36,600 ft.
HAWKER
ENGLAND

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Low-wing monoplane with single in-line engine. Dihedral on outer wing panels only. Short pointed nose. Equally tapered wings with rounded tips. Large radiator intake under nose. Well-curved fin and rudder, extending slightly below fuselage.

INTEREST: The newest member of the famous Hurricane "family" and one of the latest surprises for the enemy. Its designer was drawing plans for this aircraft two years before the outbreak of war. With a speed of over 400 miles per hour, the Typhoon has been built around one of the world's most powerful engines. Its creator showed his vision in that instead of designing his ship and getting an engine, he found his engine and built a ship to fit it. This high-altitude fighter in some respects resembles a Hurricane, but is much larger and from the side views does not have the hump-back appearance of the Hurricane.

SPAN: 41 ft. 7 in.
LENGTH: 31 ft. 8½ in.
MAX. SPEED:

SERVICE CEILING: RESTRICTED
VICKERS-ARMSTRONGS
ENGLAND


INTEREST: The Wellington is one of the most used British bombers. Although heavier and larger aircraft are now being produced, Wellingtons are still constructed in great numbers. Numerous versions, with varying fuselage lengths, have been brought out since the war began. Its geometric construction (metal fuselage and framework) make Wellingtons hard to shoot down. They have often returned safely to their bases with enormous holes in wings or fuselage.
Heavy Bomber

Handley-Page
England

Distinguishing Features: Mid-wing monoplane with four in-line engines underslung. Dihedral on outer wing panels. Equipped on outer wing panels and square tips. Elongated fuselage. Twin fin and rudders, with V-shaped leading edges.

Interest: This seven-place, long-range heavy bomber can carry very large bomb loads for great distances. It was designed for production-line speed rather than air speed, and is not as fast as the Lancaster or American heavy bombers of the same type. It has been in use in the Middle East and extensively over Germany, where its "block boating" bombs have caused considerable damage. This bomber was christened by Lord Halifax, the present British Ambassador to the United States. Pilots call the aircraft the "Halbag." Maximum bomb load is approximately 11,000 lbs. The nose is currently being altered to a simple oval form, largely transparent.

Span: 99 ft.
Length: 71 ft. 7 in.
Max. Speed: 262 m. p. h. at 17,750 ft.

Service Ceiling: 17,900 ft. (overload)

Restricted

INTEREST: The Short "Stirling" was the first of the big British four-engined bombers to go into service, becoming operational early in 1941. It has taken part in many night raids on Germany and many daylight sorties over France. This aircraft can carry over 8 tons of bombs, one of the heaviest loads of any bomber in operation today.

SPAN: 99 ft.
LENGTH: 97 ft. 5 in.
APPROX. MAX. SPEED: 272 m. p. h. at 14,000 ft.
SERVICE CEILING: 18,000 ft. (overload)

WAR DEPARTMENT FM 30-30
NAVY DEPARTMENT NAVGR 1

Restricted
"AVRO" ENGLAND


Interest: The existence of this 30-ton long range heavy bomber was not publicized until it participated in a daring daylight raid in 1942 on the Diesel works which were producing engines for submarines at Augsburg, Germany. Reputed to be one of the easiest of contemporary aircraft to build, it is now in large scale production. It has an outside range of nearly 3,000 miles. It can carry a bomb load of over 6 tons. This bomber carries machine guns in 4 power turret. The Lancaster I is powered by liquid cooled in-lined engines, while the Mark II has air cooled radials.

"LANCASTER"

Span: 102 ft.
Length: 29 ft. 6 in.
Max. Speed: 280 m. p. h.
Service Ceiling: 25,800 ft.
**BRISTOL ENGLAND**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:** Twin engine, mid-wing monoplane. Wing has equal taper in outer sections with wide flat center section and rounded tips. The twin radial engines protrude beyond the very short stubby nose. Fin and rudder are of the broad triangular Bristol type. Tail plane has marked dihedral with slight taper on trailing edge and V-cut-out.

**INTEREST:** The Beaufighter was developed from the Beaufort bomber to fill the need for a heavily armed twin engine long range fighter. Although used principally as a night fighter, it rivals the Hurricane for versatility, being used also as a day fighter, a "tank buster," and with the British Coastal Command. It is well liked as a fighter and ground strafing in the Middle East. To counteract swing during take-offs, all Beaufighters are now fitted with a dihedral tail plane. The Beaufighter II has in-line instead of radial engines.

**"BEAUFIGHTER"**

**SERVICE CEILING:** 36,700 ft.

**SPAN:** 57 ft. 0 in.

**LENGTH:** 40 ft. 11 in.

**MAX. SPEED:** 323 m. p. h. at 14,400 ft.

**REstricted**
R.A.F.: BEAUFORT I, II

LIGHT BOMBER

"BEAUFORT"

BRISTOL ENGLAND

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Mid-wing monoplane with twin radial engines underlying. Bell shaped fuselage section. Dihedral on outer wing panels. Equi-splayed wings with rounded tips. Tapered trailing edge to elevator with V cut-out. Mid-fuselage faired into cabin. Fin and rudder are of the broad Bristol type.

INTEREST: The Beaufort is one of the principal reconnaissance aircraft of the R.A.F. Coastal Command. It is used for torpedo attacks on coastal shipping, for mine laying and for low level bombing of German occupied ports. The success of this aircraft led to the use of its basic design for development of the Beaufighter. For torpedo attacks, the Beaufort is faster than the Albacore torpedo bombers of the British Fleet Air Arm. Not being equipped with dive brakes, it usually used a low flat approach to keep its speed low enough to launch the torpedo successfully. The newer models do not have the rounded plates projecting beyond the trailing edge of the wing.

SPAN: 57 ft. 10 in.
LENGTH: 44 ft. 2 in.
MAX. SPEED: 273 m. p. h. at 6,500 ft.

SERVICE CEILING: 19,000 ft. (overload)

REstricted
BRISTOL, ENGLAND

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Mid-wing monoplane with twin radial engines. Dihedral on outer wing panels. Equally tapered wing with elliptically curved tips. Cutaway in trailing edge of typical Bristol stabilizer and elevator. Partly retractable dorsal turret and high pointed fin and rudder.

INTEREST: The Blenheim was a standby of the R. A. F. in the early part of the war when it performed admirably as a bomber and as a long-range fighter over France and Norway. After the Norwegian campaign, not much was heard of the Blenheim until it was used in the North African campaigns and in the Middle East. The most recent version, the Mark V, is chiefly adapted for close support work with ground troops. One interesting feature of some Blenheims is the offset blisters under the nose containing a rear firing gun which the navigator, who faces forward, controls by a system of mirrors. The Blenheim I has a much shorter nose, the fuselage length being 39 ft. 9 in.

SPAN: 96 ft.
LENGTH: 43 ft. 7 in.
MAX. SPEED: 260 m. p. h. at 12,000 ft.
SERVICE CEILING: 26,500 ft.

RESTRICTED
F.A.A.: ALBACORE


INTEREST: Nicknamed by the British "The Albatross," this three-place aircraft was designed for operation from carriers or, on floats, from cruisers. Relatively slow and maneuverable, it is well adapted to the diving approach used by the British Fleet Air Arm in daylight torpedo attacks. Developed from the "Swordfish" it is being used to replace that torpedo bomber until modern torpedo carrying aircraft, now being developed, come into use. Compared to most present-day torpedo bombers, the Albacore is an obsolete aircraft.

Span: 50 ft.
Length: 46 ft.
Max. Speed: 172 m. p. h. at 4,800 ft.

Service Ceiling: 18,000 ft.

FAIREY
ENGLAND

APRIL 1940

WAR DEPARTMENT PR 84-39
NAVY DEPARTMENT BUREAU 1

RESTRICTED
R.A.F.: MOSQUITO IV
MOSQUITO series

LIGHT BOMBER - FIGHTER

Distinguishing Features: Twin engine, high mid-wing monoplane. Leading edge of wing inboard of engines is farther forward than outer section. Trailing edge of wing has pronounced taper with rounded tips. In-line engines are underslung and protrude forward nearly as far as the short nose. Fuselage is long and narrow with wide raised cockpit forward of wings. Extremely tall single fin and rudder set forward. In certain models the engine nacelles protrude beyond the trailing edge.

Interest: This reconnaissance bomber, one of the fastest aircraft of its type, became operational during the latter part of 1942. In raids over Europe it has outdistanced the F.W. 190's sent up to intercept it. It attracted considerable attention when it was used to bomb Berlin on the first daylight raid on that city. A particularly clean aircraft in appearance, the Mosquito is constructed for the most part of plywood. There is also a multi-seat fighter version with nontransparent dome.

Scale: 6-foot man

Service Ceiling: 54,000 ft.
Length: 40 ft, 9½ in.
Max. Speed: Restricted
**R. A. F.: Sunderland I, II**

**Patrol Bomber**

**Short England**

**Distinguishing Features:** High-wing four-engined monoplane. Very slight dihedral to a thick tapered wing. Deep hull with V bottom and rounded top. Two steps lead up to narrow tail, housing a gun position. Four radial engines have small nacelles. Stabilizer and elevator similar in shape to wing. Tall fin and rudder with leading edge tapered.

**Interest:** This large aircraft has performed many and varied duties. One of its tasks is to patrol the ice far North of the Arctic Circle, reporting movement of the icebergs. It was used in the evacuation of Greece and Crete. These flying boats have cruised far out over the Atlantic protecting convoys to Britain. The Sunderland has shown qualities of reliability and endurance equal to the importance of its duties. A Sunderland forced down in the South Atlantic was towed hundreds of miles by a naval corvette through very stormy weather.

**Sunderland**

**Scale 1-Foot Man**

**Service Ceiling:** 14,100 ft.

**Span:** 112 ft. 9½ in.

**Length:** 85 ft. 4 in.

**Max. Speed:** 204 m. p. h. at 5,000 ft.
ARMSTRONG WHITWORTH ENGLAND

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Mid-wing monoplane with twin in-line engines close to fuselage. Wings have marked taper on trailing edge with rounded, blunt tips. Fuselage is long and narrow, tapering upward in a straight line from nose to tail. Dihedral in outboard panels only. Blunt nose with under-slung appearance. Engines underslung. Nearly rectangular stabilizer and elevator set very low with twin fins and rudders set atop and well inboard. Large tail gun position.

INTEREST: The first British bombs of the present war to fall on the soil of the German mainland were dropped on the night of May 11, 1940, when a force of 18 Whitley bombers attacked railroad communications behind the lines of the German advance across the low countries. The latest Whitleys, the Mark V's, are still in operation with the British Coastal Command doing anti-submarine duty and minelaying. The Whitley I, II, and III, now obsolete, have radial engines and wider fins with curved leading edge.

SPAN: 84 ft.
LENGTH: 72 ft. 6 in.
MAX. SPEED: 221 m. p. h. at 17,750 ft.
SERVICE CEILING: 20,000 ft. (overload)

RESTRICTED
**R. A. F.: HAMPDEN**

**HANLEY-PAGE ENGLAND**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:** Mid-wing monoplane with two radial engines. Wing has marked taper on trailing edge with small raked tips. Fuselage is extremely long and narrow in plan. In side elevation, the fuselage is deep to trailing edge of wing where there is a sharp step on both top and bottom. Anf of the wing, the fuselage is very small, tapering back to the stabilizer. Twin fins and rudders are set slightly inboard on stabilizer. Stabilizer has slight taper on leading edge. Straight trailing edge and round tips.

**INTEREST:** A veteran among twin-engined bombers, the Hampden, although retiring in favor of improved Beauforts and Blenheims, is still doing good work as a mine layer. The Hampden carries a crew of four.

**SERVICE CEILING:** 19,000 ft. (max. load)

**SPAN:** 69 ft. 4 in.

**LENGTH:** 53 ft. 7 in.

**MAX. SPEED:** 247 m. p. h. at 13,800 ft.

**RESTRICTED**
**F. A. A.: BARRACUDA**

**FAIREY ENGLAND**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:** Single in-line engine, high-wing monoplane. Wings have slight dihedral and taper with large rounded tips. Prominent flaps project beyond trailing edge of wings. Narrow diamond-shaped stabilizer and elevator with rounded tips is set high, being mounted on upper part of fin and rudder. Stabilizer is externally braced. Large radiator directly under medium-sized spinner. Fuselage tapers back gradually and has a long sloping cockpit enclosure continuing at leading edge and extending aft of trailing edge of wing. High fin and rudder with rounded top.

**INTEREST:** This new aircraft is powered with a Rolls Royce Merlin engine. One modification of this plane is in service with fixed landing gear.

**SPAN:** 49 ft. 2 in.

**LENGTH:** 40 ft. 7 in.

**MAX. SPEED:**

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**“BARRACUDA”**

**SERVICE CEILING:**

**RESTRICTED**
MESSERSCHMITT "ME. 109"

GERMANY

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Low-wing monoplane with single in-line engine and thick nose. Air scoops under each wing and under nose. Wings tapered with rounded tips and dihedral from roots. Stabilizer set high on small fin and rudder. Long fuselage with low cockpit.

INTEREST: The Messerschmitts dominated over England during the Battle of Britain and they have been in the thick of action on every front where the Luftwaffe has operated. This fighter has maneuverability, climbing ability, and its ceiling is higher than some of the Allied fighters sent against it. This aircraft is also used as a fighter-bomber in support of ground troops and, in the Southwest Pacific where this aircraft is used by the Japs, it is known as "Mike." A high altitude version, the Me. 109G is now coming into use. It is very similar in appearance to the Me. 109F. An earlier model, the Me. 109E, has square wing tips with a span of 32 ft. 6 in. and stabilizer struts. The 109E is now obsolete and is going out of service.

SPAN: 32 ft. 9 in.
LENGTH: 29 ft. 10 in.
MAX. SPEED: 370 m. p. h. at 22,000 ft.

SERVICE CEILING: 38,000 ft.
(with normal load, 37,000 ft.)

APRIL, 1942
FROM DATA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

GERMANY: Me. 109F
Me. 109 series
"NICK"
GERMANY: F.W. 190A-3  
F.W. 190 series
JAPAN: "FRED"

FOCKE-WULF "F.W. 190"

Distinguishing Features: Short blunt nose with large spinner. Short thin tapered wings with blunt tips. Fuselage narrow aft of wings. Rectangular stabilizer and tail plane. Tall fin and rudder. Small low cockpit tapering into fuselage.

Interest: This is the only single-engine German fighter with a radial engine. The use of an air-cooled engine represents a radical change in German fighter philosophy. The "190" looks more like an American plane than any previous German design. First used over Europe in the summer of 1941, the "190" is now also said to be in use by the Japanese Air Force in the Southwest Pacific where it is known as "Fred."

Scale 6-foot man

Span: 34 feet 6 in.
Length: 29 ft. 1 in.
Max. Speed: 395 m. p. h. at 17,000 ft.
Service Ceiling: 37,000 ft. (non loaded)
36,000 ft. (normal load)

RESTRICTED
MESSERSCHMITT "ME. 110"

GERMANY: Me. 110
JAPAN: "DOG"

FIGHTER—LIGHT BOMBER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Twin-engine, low-wing monoplane. Tapered wings have full dihedral and square tips. Twin in-line engines are underslung. Fuselage is slim with long cockpit enclosure. Twin fins and rudders, oval in shape with flatterned bottoms, are set outward of stabilizer and elevator.

INTEREST: The Me 110 first flew in 1938. Although it is a fast aircraft, its inferior maneuverability make it somewhat more vulnerable than the Me 109, and it is now infrequently used as a fighter on the European front. It has been used extensively, however, as a day and night fighter on the Russian front and in Libya. The Me 110 is also being used for bombing and for ground attacks. Certain reconnaissance squadrons are now equipped with them. Some long-range fighter versions are equipped with a special blister tank under the fuselage in addition to two jettisonable wing tanks.

SPAN: 53 ft. 11 in.
LENGTH: 40 ft. 4 in.
APPROX. SPEED: 350 m. p. h. at 22,000 ft.

SERVICE CEILING: 34,000 ft. (not loaded)
13,000 ft. (normal load)

Restricted
GERMANY: Ju 87B
Ju 87 series
ITALY: Breda 201
JAPAN: "Irene"

DIVE BOMBER

NARROW SAIL PLANE WITH END FINS
JUNKERS "DOUBLE WING" ALTERNATE & FLAPS
EXTENDED SAIL WHEEL
SCALE 6-FOOT MAN

JUNKERS "JU. 87" "STUKA"

Distinguishing features: Low inverted gull-wing monoplane, with in-line engine. Long nose and large spinner. Big rounded radiator below nose. Fixed landing gear with wheel fairings. Prominent square-cut single fin and rudder with taper to leading edge of fin. Braided rectangular stabilizer and elevator.

Interest: One of the most widely used German planes, the "Stuka" has proved to be extremely vulnerable. Hundreds of these planes have been shot down by Allied air pilots and by A.A. fire. During the fighting in Poland and the Low Countries, this dive bomber earned a reputation as ugly as its appearance. A later model, the Ju 87D is now in use (Photos B). It has a modified cockpit cover and a less conspicuous radiator. The plane is also manufactured by Breda in Italy and is then known as the BR 201. A captured report indicates that one modification, the Ju 87G-1, has jettisonable undercarriage that can be dropped to get increased speed in an emergency.

Span: 45 ft. 4 in.
Length: 36 ft. 6 in.

Service ceiling: 30,000 ft. (not loaded)
23,000 ft. (normal load)
Max. Speed: 225 m.p.h. at 15,000 (with load)
245 m.p.h. at 15,000 (bombs unloaded)

Restricted
JUNKERS "JU. 88"

GERMANY: Ju. 88A-5
Ju. 88 series

JAPAN: "SANTEE"

ENGINE NACELLES PROJECT WILL FORWARD

WING EDGES "BREAK" BOTH FRONT AND REAR

OFF CENTER GUN CUPOLA

"RUGGED" GREENHOUSE FORWARD

SCALE 6-FOOT MAN

JUNKERS GERMANY


INTEREST: The Ju-88 is one of the chief offensive weapons of the Nazis. In service on all fronts, it is used as a day and night fighter and for dive and level bombing of both land and sea targets. Its liquid-cooled engines resemble radials because of the circular radiators. The bomber version of this aircraft can be fitted with jettisonable rocket devices under the wings to assist in take-off. Because of the many uses to which the Ju-88 is put, there are a number of different arrangements in armament and some structural variations.

SPAN: 66 ft.
LENGTH: 47 ft.
30,000 lb. (no load)
19,000 lb. (normal load)
MAX. SPEED: 287 m. p. h. at 14,000 ft. (no load)
269 m. p. h. at 14,000 ft. (loaded)

SERVICE CEILING:

REstricted
HEINKEL "HE. 111"

**GERMANY: He. 111K**

**He. 111 series**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:** Twin-engine low-wing monoplane with pronounced taper on leading edge of wing. Slightly tapered trailing edge, with "bite" at wing roots. Twin in-line engines underslung and protruding forward nearly as far as nose. Fuselage broken by ventral gun position just aft of wings, and dorsal gun position above wings. Large transparent nose is off center to allow pilot vision past nose gunner. Large curved fin and rudder with cut-out to allow free elevator movement. Large elliptical stabilizer and elevator.

**INTEREST:** This bomber has undergone continuous improvement since it first appeared in 1935. The latest version, He 111 H-6 carries bombs or 2 torpedoes and has been used against Russian-bound convoys and in the Mediterranean. The aircraft is sometimes provided with rocket or some other type of "assisted take-off" equipment.

**SPAN:** 73 ft. 11 in.

**LENGTH:** 53 feet 8 in.

**MAX. SPEED:** 255 m. p. h. at 16,000 ft.

**SERVICE CEILING:**

- 31,500 feet (not loaded)
- 26,500 feet (normal load)

**RESTRICTED**
HEINKEL "HE. 177"

Distinguishing features: Mid-wing monoplane with two radial-type engine nacelles. Wings tapered on outer panels. Long fuselage with rounded nose projecting far beyond engine nacelles. Single fin and rudder, large and angular as also are the stabilizer and elevators.

Interest: This aircraft became operational late in 1941. Designed primarily as a long-range "anti-blockade" aircraft, the He 177 may be employed also for short and medium range bombing, dive bombing, mine laying, torpedo dropping, and reconnaissance. A unique feature of this bomber is that each of its two engine nacelles contains really two engines geared to drive a single four blade propeller. The landing gear under each nacelle consists of 2 wheels which apparently retract spanwise and in opposite directions into the wings. Reports refer to a special high altitude version with pressure cabin.

Span: approx. 103 ft.
Length: approx. 65 ft.
Max. Speed: 300 m. p. h. at 18,000 ft. (est.)

Service ceiling: 23,500 ft.

War Department FM 30-20
Navy Department Record 2
GERMANY: Do. 217 E-2
Do. 217 E-0

HEAVY BOMBER

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DORNIER "DO. 217"


INTEREST: This aircraft was introduced during the first part of 1941. It is used for level precision bombing and has also been in action as a torpedo bomber against convoys. In addition, this Dornier operates as a dive bomber and for this purpose may carry a novel "umbrella"-type jettisonable diving brake in its tail, used to slow its speed. The Do 217's are very formidable airplanes and it takes the most modern of fighters to deal with them. They are the current Dornier bomber, the older Do 17Z being obsolete. Several modifications differing somewhat in detail are in use.

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FROM DATA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

MAX DEPARTMENT FM 20-12
NAVY DEPARTMENT, NAVY

DORNIER "DO. 217"

SCALE 6-FOOT MAN

SPAN: 62 ft. 3 in.
LENGTH: 56 ft. 6 in.
(Approx. approx. 22,500 ft.)

SERVICE CEILING: 20,000 ft.

APPROX. SPEED: 325 m. p. h. at 17,000 ft.

RESTRICTED
GERMANY: Hs.115K

TORPEDO BOMBER—RECONNAISSANCE

HEINKEL
GERMANY

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Twin-engined, mid-wing monoplane with twin floats. Wings have pronounced taper on leading edge and rounded tips. Twin radial engines in wings above floats. Long slim fuselage with long cockpit enclosure and transparent nose. Tall angular single fin and rudder. Stabilizer has tapered leading edge, curved tips; elevators have "V" cut-out.

INTEREST: The Hs 115 has undergone many revisions since it first flew as a mail plane in 1937. The Hs 115 K-2, which appeared in 1939, is used for torpedo dropping, mine laying, and long range overseas reconnaissance. It was the first plane to lay the widely publicized German magnetic mine, and can be equipped also for laying smoke screens and spraying gas. By reinforcing the floats, this aircraft has been operated from snow-covered airfields, and floats can be equipped with "skates" for landing on ice. One interesting feature of the Hs 115 is the installation of the fixed machine guns, one in the rear of each engine nacelle, firing aft.

SPAN: 72 ft. 10 in.
LENGTH: 56 ft. 8 in.
MAX. SPEED: 206 m. p. h. at 11,500 ft.

SERVICE CEILING:
27,000 ft. (one load)
18,500 ft. (with load)

RESTRICTED
DORNIER“DO. 26”

DORNIER
GERMANY

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Four in-line engines in tandem pairs, propellers fore and aft. Engines are mounted on top of wings. High gull wing with tapered leading edge, straight trailing edge and blunted tips. Para-circular fuselage. High triangular fin and rudder. Stabilizer and elevator set high.

INTEREST: The DO-26 is the only four-engined liquid-cooled flying boat which is ranked as a first-line plane. For recognition purposes, this aircraft is to be considered as a two-engined airplane since it has only two nacelles, the four Diesel engines being mounted in tandem. It is a militarized version of an aircraft which was originally designed for Trans-Atlantic Mail Service, but completed too late for use. Its estimated range is approximately 3,470 miles. In spite of its weight (44,000 lbs.), the German launch the DO-26 from catapults. Its wing floats retract inward into the wings.

SPAN: 98 ft. 6 in.
LENGTH: 80 ft. 6 in.
MAX. SPEED: 200 m. p. h.
SERVICE CEILING: 6,000 ft.
JUNKERS “JU. 52”

GERMANY: Ju. 52

TRANSPORT—GLIDER TUG

JUNKERS ‘DOUBLE WING’ ALLENS AND FLAPS STAGGERED UNDER

ELEVATORS STAGGERED UNDER

ELEVATORS AND ALLENS WITH BALANCED TIPS

“SQUARISH” FIN AND Rudder

FUSELAGE “TRUNK SHAPED” (Round Top, Flat Sides and Bottom)

THREE ENGINES

FIXED LANDING GEARS

SCALE 6-FOOT MAN

JUNKERS

GERMANY


INTEREST: The most widely used German transport plane, the Ju 52, although old-fashioned in design, is one of the most efficient troop and cargo carriers in operation. The Germans used it for carrying paratroops in their invasion of Holland, Norway, and Crete. More recently it has played a prominent part in carrying reinforcements to the German garrisons in Tunisia. It also serves as a glider tug. In troop transport work these planes carry from 14 to 20 men, with equipment; as a paratroop transport, it can accommodate from 10 to 14 men. A seaplane version is identical apart from having twin pontoons.

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FROM DATA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

SPAN: 96 ft.
LENGTH: 62 ft.
MAX. SPEED: 165 m. p. h. at sea level

SERVICE CEILING: 21,000 ft. (without load)
16,000 ft. (max. load)

WAR DEPARTMENT FM 30-30
NAVY DEPARTMENT NAVY 2

RESTRICTED
FOCKE-WULF "F.W. 200"

GERMANY: F. W. 200X

HEAVY BOMBER—TRANSPORT

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Low-wing monoplane with four radial engines. Tapered wing has wide span and small round tips. Fuselage is long and tapering with long offset bomb compartment on under side. Large fin and rudder with blunt top. Tapered stabilizers and elevators have rounded tips.

INTEREST: Used extensively over the North Atlantic, this 6-place bomber carries out long-range reconnaissance, mine-laying, and convoy attacks. Against Russian-bound convoys, it has been used as a torpedo plane. Known as the "Kurier," this aircraft is a military adaptation of the "Grendor," a civil transport, and this accounts for the addition of the long off-center bomb compartment under the fuselage. German submarine "Wolf Packs" are frequently in radio communication with the "Kuriers," which inform them of the courses and location of Allied convoys.

SPAN: 128 ft.
LENGTH: 78 ft.

MAX. SPEED: 355 m. p. h. at 15,000 ft. (loaded)
250 m. p. h. at 13,000 ft. (bombs unloaded)

SERVICE CEILING: 30,000 ft. (not loaded)
21,500 ft. (fully loaded)

WAR DEPARTMENT
NAVY DEPARTMENT

RESTRICTED
ARADO 196

GERMANY

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Single radial engine, low-wing monoplane with twin floats. There is also a single-float model with small wing-tip floats (Photo B). Wing has full dihedral, with slight taper on trailing edge and rounded tips. Stabilizer is tapered on leading edge with rounded tips.

INTEREST: The Arado first attracted attention by its association with the Graf Spee action in December 1939. One was carried on the German battleship but failed to take off at any time during the battle against the British cruisers. The Bismark carried several Arados, which took off to attack the Catalinas after these American-made flying boats had spotted the German warship. Operating from bases along the French coast, AR 196's have been used to harass anti-sub patrols of the British Coastal Command, and against light naval vessels.

SPAN: 41 ft.
LENGTH: 35 ft., 1 in.
MAX. SPEED: 195 m. p. h. at 3,000 ft.

SERVICE CEILING: 31,500 ft.

RESTRICTED
BLOHM & VOGS "HA. 138"

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: High-wing monoplane with three in-line engines. Hull has single step and projects well in front of wings. Wings are tapered slightly on outer sections with raking tips. Fixed wing floats. Engines mounted on top of wing, the center one being noticeably higher. Nacelles of outboard engines extend to form twin tail booms ending in twin fins and rudders, with marked taper on leading edges. Rectangular stabilizers set between booms.

INTEREST: Used for general reconnaissance work and bombing. This flying boat carries a crew of five or six. A slow ship, common fault of all flying boats, this plane cruises at 135 m.p.h. with a 1,000 pound bomb load, and has a range of 1,425 miles. One of the older type German flying boats, the BV 138 is used primarily for observation reconnaissance over sea areas. An unusual feature is that some sub-types are fitted with a 13 mm gun.

SPAN: 80 ft. 7 in.
LENGTH: 65 ft. 9 in.
MAX. SPEED: 170 m.p.h. at sea level

SERVICE CEILING: 18,000 ft. (normal load)

RESTRICTED

BLOHM AND VOSSE GERMANY

APRIL 1943
FROM DATA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

NAVY DEPARTMENT NAVY 7-19
TRANSPORT—HEAVY BOMBER

JUNKERS "JU. 90"

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Low-wing monoplane with four engines (radial or in-line). Wings are broad and decidedly swept-back with raked tips and fitted with typical Junkers "double wing" ailerons and flaps. Engine nacelles are staggered. Fuselage is broad and long with ventral line swept up to tail. Stabilizer set forward and high with equal taper on both edges. Twin fins and rudders set outboard of stabilizer.

INTEREST: Formerly Germany's largest land plane. This transport carries a crew of five and accommodates forty soldiers. A larger type of Junkers transport, known as the Ju. 290, is coming into limited use. The maximum range of this aircraft is 1,580 miles at 200 miles per hour. In addition to troop carrying and glider towing, the Ju. 90 can be pressed into service as a bomber, provision being made for stowage of a maximum bomb load of 7,700 pounds. The model having in-line engines is referred to as the "New Ju. 90." Having in-line engines is referred to as the "New Ju. 90."

SPAN: 115 ft. 6 in.
LENGTH: 85 ft.
SERVICE CEILING: radial engines, 15,000 ft.
radial engines, 24,000 ft.
in-line engines, 24,000 ft.
in-line engines, 15,000 ft.
MAX. SPEED: radial engines, 218 m. p. h. at 3,500 ft.
in-line engines, 280 m. p. h. at 15,000 ft.

APRIL, 1943
FROM DATA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

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NAVY DEPARTMENT NUMBER 3

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**JUNKERS “JU. 290”**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:** Low-wing monoplane with four sharply projecting radial engines. Wing has rectangular center section with equally tapered outer section and raking tips. Wing is nearly amidsips of heavy fuselage which has horizontal dorsal and curving ventral line and a cross section which is flat underneath and rounded above. Twin fins and rudders are an oval in form and are set outboard of rectangular stabilizers which is set high and forward and has pronounced dihedral.

**INTEREST:** The Junkers Ju. 290 is a modified version of the Ju. 90, with redesigned wings and tail. It has a range of about 1,700 miles at 200 miles per hour and has been reported to have a gross weight of over 90,000 pounds and to carry about 22,000 pounds of cargo. This enormous airplane is now coming into limited service.

**SPAN:** 137 ft. 6 in.  
**LENGTH:** 90 ft.  
**APPROX. MAX. SPEED:** 270 m. p. h. at 17,000 ft.

**SERVICE CEILING:** about 22,000 ft.  
**WAR DEPARTMENT FIW 20-33**

**NOTE:** FROM DATA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE
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GERMANY


INTEREST: This glider is normally towed by one Junkers Ju 52 transport. The glider flies about 15 feet above the tug in order to keep clear of the slip-stream and to avoid stalling the tug by pulling its tail down. It carries 2 pilots and 21 soldiers or freight (maximum freight capacity is 5,000 pounds). It lands on three spring skids, the forward one retracting during flight. There are two powered versions of this glider, one apparently with radial engines and the other with int line engines. Reports from the Russian front state that these gliders can transport field artillery, moving as many as 20 batteries in one morning.

SPAN: 79 ft.
LENGTH: 52 ft. 6 in.
MAXIMUM TOWING SPEED: 149 m. p. h.
MESSERSCHMITT "ME. 210"

Distinguishing Features: Twin-in-line engine, low-wing monoplane. Wing has dihedral from the roots and equal taper to small round tips. The engines extend slightly beyond the short nose. Slim tapering fuselage with high and long streamlined cockpit enclosure. Side gun blisters. Tall prominent single fin and rudder.

Interest: The first aircraft of this type was examined in September 1942. Some call it the German answer to the Mosquito. A maximum of 3,500 lbs. in bombs can be carried. The sides of the fuselage contain movable guns in revolving blisters. They are remotely controlled by the radio operator. The guns have a wide cone of fire. Sighting is done by means of a reflector sight.

Service Ceiling: 29,500 ft. (no bombs)
Max. Speed: 368 m. p. h. at 20,000 ft. (as fighter)
FOCKE-WULF “F.W. 189”

**Distinguishing Features:** Low-wing monoplane with two in-line engines. Engines extend forward of fuselage nose. Fuselage is well glazed, and extends to a point aft of trailing edge of wing. Wing is tapered on leading edge in outer panels with sharply rounded tips and has straight trailing edge. Engine nacelles extend aft as twin booms ending in twin fins and rudders.

**Interest:** Called the “Flying Eye,” these aircraft are used for army cooperation, ground attack, communications, advanced training, and as supply transport and ambulances. The normal crew is three. Take-off and landing runs are short and the landing gear is sufficiently robust for front-line flying fields of poor surface quality. It has proved extremely useful on the Russian front.

**Specifications:**
- **Span:** 60 ft. 5 in.
- **Length:** 39 ft. 5 in.
- **Max. Speed:** 210 m. p. h. at 8,330 ft.
- **Service Ceiling:** 27,550 ft. (normal load)

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From data currently available.

INTEREST: This single seat Japanese fighter has a high rate of climb and good maneuverability. Aircraft has nonretractable landing gear. As is the case with ‘Zeke,’ fuel tanks are not self-sealing. ‘Nate’ has no armor protection for the pilot. Its armament consists of four 7.7-mm machine guns. The type 1 33F ‘Oscar’ is probably a development of ‘Nate.’

SPAN: 33 ft. 10 in.
LENGTH: 24 ft. 4 in.
APPROX. SPEED: 280 m. p. h. at 13,000 ft.
SERVICE CEILING: 33,000 ft.
**MITSUBISHI**  
**JAPAN**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:** Radial engine, low-wing monoplane. Wings have dihedral from the roots with nearly equal taper and rounded tips. Round nose with medium large spinner. Air scoops for oil cooler and carburetor show below cowling. Fuselage tapers back nearly to a point in rear of tail assembly. Cockpit canopy sits on top of fuselage. Rather large fin and rudder has pronounced taper on leading edge and slight taper on trailing edge.

**INTEREST:** This famous Japanese fighter, popularly known as the Zero and much respected by U.S. fliers, is the one most frequently shot down. Although "Zeke" is well built, its speed and maneuverability were obtained by light wing loading, largely through the omission of armor. Our fliers quickly found "Zeke's" weakness: no armor protection for pilots or fuel tanks. It has a steep angle of climb, and favors climbing tactics, but above 300 m. p. h., the aircraft is very difficult to roll.

**"ZEKE" (ZERO) TYPE 0 MK. 1 F**

**SPAN:** 39 ft. 5 in.  
**LENGTH:** 30 ft. 3 in.  
**APPROX. SPEED:** 326 m. p. h. at 36,000 ft.

**SERVICE CEILING:** 38,500 ft.

**RESTRICTED**

APRIL 1944  
FROM DATA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE
**FIGHTER-RECONNAISSANCE**

**JAPAN**

**MITSUBISHI**

**JAPAN**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:** Same as Type "O" SSK "Zeke" except for large central pontoon and wing-tip floats. Radial engine low-wing monoplane. Wings have dihedral from the roots with nearly equal taper and rounded tips. Round nose with medium large spinner. Oil cooler scoop and carburetor air scoop show below cowling. Fuselage tapers nearly back to a point in the rear of tail assembly. Cockpit canopy sits on top of fuselage. Rather large fin and rudder with pronounced taper to leading edge and slight taper to trailing edge.

**INTEREST:** The float plane version of the Zero, "Rufe" is also manufactured by Mitsubishi. The additional drag and weight of the floats are responsible for a decrease in speed of approximately 50 miles an hour. In other respects the float plane approximates the well-known "Zeke," although less maneuverable.

**"RUFU" TYPE 0 MK.1 F-F/P**

- **SPAN:** 39 ft. 5 in.
- **LENGTH:** 34 ft. 10 in.
- **APPROX. SPEED:** 277 m. p. h. at 15,700 ft.

**SERVICE CEILING:**

- **about 36,500 ft.**

**RESTRICTED**

[Image: Diagram of Mitsubishi Type 0 MK.1 F-F/P aircraft with specifications and distinguishing features.]
FIGHTER

MITSUBISHI
JAPAN

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Single radial engine low-wing monoplane. Similar to “Zekes” but with square wing tips and air scoop inside and at top of cowlings.

INTEREST: This fighter appears to be more maneuverable than “Zeke.” Its rate of climb is estimated to be 2,800 ft. per minute. The aircraft carries two 7.7-mm. machine guns, synchronized to fire through the propeller and two 30-mm. cannon, fixed, are in each wing. “Hap” is apparently a Mark II of “Zeke,” with the folding wing tips removed and replaced by a blunt trailing edge. The position of the air scoop has also been changed, it now being in the top forward edge of the cowlings instead of on the outside of the bottom of the cowlings. The engine is a Nakajima “Sakae 21” instead of the Nakajima “Sakae 12” in “Zeke,” and may develop more horsepower than the “Sakae 12.”

“HAP” TYPE O MK.2 F

SPAN: 36 ft.
LENGTH: 26 ft.
APPROX. SPEED: 338 m. p. h. at 17,200 ft.
SERVICE CEILING: 38,600 ft.

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NAKAJIMA (ALSO MFD. BY MITSUBISHI) JAPAN


INTEREST: This navy torpedo bomber, originally manufactured by Nakajima and now also made by Mitsubishi, carries a crew of two, when used as a torpedo bomber, and a crew of three when used on other bombing operations. It lacks self-sealing gas tanks, and it has no armor. At a cruising speed of 190 miles per hour, it has a normal range of 495 miles. For armament it has two 7.7 mm. fixed machine guns above the engine cowling, and one 7.7 mm. flexible machine gun in the rear cockpit.

SPAN: 52 ft.
LENGTH: 44 ft.
APPROX. SPEED: 225 m. p. h. at 8,000 ft.

SERVICE CEILING: 17,300 ft.

RESTRICTED
AICHI
JAPAN

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Radial engine low-wing monoplane. Fixed landing gear and Junkers dive brakes. Wings have medium taper and rounded tips. Slim tapering fuselage with protruding cockpit enclosure. Fin faired well forward on fuselage. Sharp taper to leading edge of stabilizer.

DIVE Bomber
JAPAN

INTEREST: These Aichi-made planes were among those which struck so suddenly at Pearl Harbor defenses. It is the standard Jap Navy dive bomber, with two 7.7 mm. machine guns in the top forward cowling and one 7.7 mm. flexible gun in the rear cockpit. It has no armor nor does it have self-sealing gas tanks. Later models may possibly have retractable undercarriages.

"VAL" TYPE 99 DB

SPAN: 47 ft. 7 in.
LENGTH: 48 ft. 13 in.
APPROX. SPEED: 220 m. p. h. at 7,500 ft.
SERVICE CEILING: 27,000 ft.

APRIL 32
FROM DATA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

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**MEDIUM BOMBER**

**“NELL” TYPE 96 MK.4 MB**

**MITSUBISHI JAPAN**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:** Two engine mid-wing monoplane. Tapered wings with squared tips. Full-length Junkers type ailerons. Underslung engines. Twin fins and rudders set inboard.

**INTEREST:** The high level bombing and torpedo attacks made on H. M. S. Prince of Wales and H. M. S. Repulse were made by these planes. Though the resemblance is rather remote, they are said to have been developed from the Junkers 86 and are used largely for bombing, torpedo dropping, and reconnaissance. Ordinarily the crew was made up of four, but more recently it has been increased to seven. Normal armament is reported to be five 7.7 mm. machine guns. May carry one 20 mm. cannon in dorsal turret.

**SPAN:** 82 ft.
**LENGTH:** 54 ft.
**APPROX. SPEED:** 225 m. p. h. at 7,000 ft.

**SERVICE CEILING:** 28,000 ft.

**SCALE 6-FOOT MAN**

**WHEELS PARTLY EXTENDED**

**FUSELAGE STUDDED WITH TURRETS AND BUSTERS**

**BUSTERS STAGGERED**

**TWIN RUDDERS**

**FORWARD-SWEEP TAPER WITH JUNKERS AILERONS**

**DIMENSION BEGINS AT ROOT**

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MEDIUM BOMBER

JAPAN

SALLY" TYPE 97 MB

MITSUBISHI JAPAN


INTEREST: Latest reports indicate little, if any, action protection for the crew of from five to seven men. Its armament is made up of seven 7.7 mm. fixed machine guns, and sometimes includes a fixed tail gun. In bombing operations the maximum load carried is 4,400 lbs., or normal load of 2,200 lbs. for 620 miles. A development of this aircraft, called "Gwen," and believed to be the "Army Type 0 twin-engine bomber," has recently been reported.

SPAN: 72 ft.
LENGTH: 47 ft. (approx.)
APPROX. MAX. SPEED: 245 m. p. h. at 8,000 ft.

SERVICE CEILING, about 23,500 ft

WAR DEPARTMENT FM 50-10
NAVY DEPARTMENT NAACR 5

RESTRICTED
MITSUBISHI
JAPAN


INTEREST: One of the latest of Japan's bombers, this plane has a high performance and carries a heavy load of bombs or torpedoes. It is in use by both the Japanese Army and Navy and carries a crew of from five to seven. One 7.7 mm. machine gun is mounted in the nose, one in the top turret, and one in each side blister. In addition, it has a 20 mm. cannon in the tail. Although a modified form of self-sealing material has been found on the fuel tanks in the wings, the aircraft is extremely vulnerable to fire.

SPAN: 79 ft. 8 in.
LENGTH: 64 ft. (approx.)
APPROX. SPEED: 288 m. p. h. at 13,500 ft.

SERVICE CEILING: 30,000 ft.

RESTRICTED
**DAVE** TYPE 95 O-F /P

NAKAJIMA
JAPAN

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:** Single radial engine bi-plane equipped with single pontoon and fixed wing tip floats. Upper wing swept back, lower wing square to fuselage. Rounded tips. Wings have N-shaped struts. Engine has prominent ring cowling. Fuselage tapers smoothly with two open cockpits. Oval fin and rudder. Elliptical stabilizer and elevator with V cut-out on trailing edge.

**INTEREST:** Australian reports have indicated that steep dive bombing has been done by this Nakajima product, now manufactured by both Nakajima and Mitsubishi. It carries a crew of two, a bomb load up to 500 lbs., and has two 7.7 mm. machine guns. The forward gun is fixed and the rear gun, firing from the rear cockpit, is flexible. It carries no armor and the fuel tanks lack the self-sealing feature.

**SPAN:** 36 ft.
**LENGTH:** 28 ft. 4 in.
**APPROX. SPEED:** 155 m. p. h. at 12,000 ft.

**SERVICE CEILING:** 23,000 ft.

APRIL 1943
FROM DATA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

WAR DEPARTMENT FM 5715
NAVY DEPARTMENT NAVAR B

RESTRICTED
Kawanishi Japan

**Distinguishing Features:** Four-engine parasol monoplane flying boat. Slight dihedral with outer sections tapered. Rounded tips. Engines centered on leading edge; small nacelles. Hull curves up to twin fins and rudders are inboard on stabilizer. Tail turret.

**Interest:** "Mavis" was among the first Japanese aircraft used in bombings over Australia and New Guinea. When carrying their maximum bomb load of 3,200 pounds, they have a range of 2,100 miles, and a crew complement of eight. Armament consists of four 7.7 mm. machine guns, one in the dorsal position, one in the nose, two on the sides, and one 20 mm. cannon in the tail turret.

**Patrol Bomber**

**"Mavis" Type 97 F/B**

**Span:** 131 ft.
**Length:** 83 ft.
**Approx. Speed:** 205 m. p. h. at 8,000 ft.

**Service Ceiling:** 25,000 ft. (normal load)

**Restricted**
**Pete** Type O O-F/P

**Sasebo, Japan**

**Distinguishing Features:** Radial engine biplane equipped with large central pontoon and fixed wing floats. Wings have tapered leading edges, giving a swept back appearance, and large round tips. Fuselage has normal cowling for a radial engine, well streamlined. Tapering fin. Trailing edge of rudder nearly vertical.

**Interest:** This two-place float plane of the Japanese Navy is a product of the Sasebo naval arsenal. It may carry a bomb load up to 500 lbs. in two small bomb racks located under the lower wings. For armament, it mounts two 7.7 mm. fixed machine guns, which fire through the propeller and one 7.7 mm. flexible machine gun, operating from the rear cockpit. Self-sealing gas tanks are not a part of "Pete's" equipment.

**Span:** 37 ft.
**Length:** 34 ft. 6 in.
**Approx. Speed:** 198 m. p. h. at 5,000 ft.

**Service Ceiling:** 29,000 ft.

**War Department Map 36-36**

**Naval Department, Bureau 1**

**Restricted**
FIGHTER
ITALY

"FIAT G-50"

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Single radial engine low-wing monoplane. Center section of the wing tapers more sharply than outer sections. Outer sections have moderate taper to rounded tips. Scoop shows below cowling. Narrow fin and rudder with rounded top.

INTEREST: The G-50 has been known as the "Falcon."

It was considered one of the best Italian fighters during the early months after the Battle of France. At the present time its use is much restricted. It has been reported to be difficult to maneuver and unstable. It is of all-metal construction, and the armament consists of two 12.7 mm. machine guns with provision for two 7.7 mm. fixed wing guns.

SPAN: 35 ft. 9 in.
LENGTH: 25 ft. 6 in.
MAX. SPEED: 300 m. p. h. at 14,000 ft.
SERVICE CEILING: 32,500 ft.

RESTRICTED

APRIL 1943
FROM DATA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

WAR DEPARTMENT FM 59-75
NAVY DEPARTMENT BMER 3

SCALE
6-FOOT MAN

BREAK IN LEADING EDGE

"HUMPED UP" FUSELAGE

FIAT ITALY
MACCHI "MC-202"


INTEREST: A number of these planes have been used in combat over Egypt, Libya, and Malta. To date, they have had only a little better success than the MC 200, and an earlier version of this plane which has a radial engine. Apparently they are not as fast as they should be, nor are they adequately armed, although they are capable, in some instances, of keeping pace with Allied medium and light bombers. Unlike the MC-200, the cockpit cover of this plane is not transparent all around, and with its lengthened nose, it is questionable whether the pilots of the MC-202 have sufficient visibility.

SPAN: 54 ft. 8 in.
LENGTH: 29 ft. 1 in.
MAX. SPEED: 340 m. p. h. at 20,000 ft.

SERVICE CEILING: 36,000 ft. (max.)

MAP DEPARTMENT PUB. 2131
NAVY DEPARTMENT BUREAU 3

RESTRICTED
ITALY: Re-2001
Re-2000 (RADIAL ENGINE)
Re-2002 (RADIAL ENGINE)

REGGIANE "RE-2001"


INTEREST: Except for its in-line engine, this plane is similar to the Re. 2000 and Re. 2002, which have radial engines. It is one of Italy's best fighters and has frequently been active over Malta. Its armament consists of two synchronized 12.7 mm. guns over the engine and two 7.7 mm. guns in the wings. As with the Re. 2000, the air frame is thought to have been developed from the American Republic Lancer (P-43). Adapted as a fighter bomber, the Re. 2001 may carry an 1,000-lb. bomb under the fuselage. Bomb carriers suitable for dive release may be fitted under the wings. It is nicknamed "Falco II" (the "Falcon II").

SPAN: 56 ft.
LENGTH: 27 ft. 4 in.
MAX. EMERGENCY SPEED: 350 m. p. h. at 20,000 ft.

SERVICE CEILING: 34,000 ft. (normal load)

WAR DEPARTMENT FM 30-35
NAVY DEPARTMENT NAVR 3

APRIL 1943
FROM DATA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

RESTRICTED
SAVOIA-MARCHETTI "SM-79"

Distinguishing Features: Three-engine, low-wing monoplane. Tapered wings with more pronounced taper on trailing edge. Fuselage is humped at cockpit and tapers backward toward a low fin. Large radial motors. Ventral gondola visible. Rudders have straight trailing edge.

Interest: This is Italy's standard long-range bomber and Mussolini has more squadrons of this type than of any other bomber. It has served in Spain, and has been very extensively used in Africa, Albania, and over the Mediterranean. It has been used for torpedo attacks and it is interesting to note that the Allies consider Italian Torpedo Squadrons to be the most efficient in the Italian Air Force. Their torpedo units are believed to be superior to those of the Germans.

Span: 69 ft. 6 in.
Length: 54 ft. 6 in.
Service Ceiling: 23,000 ft. (normal load)
Max. Emergency Speed: 255 m. p. h. at 12,500 ft.

April 1943
From Data Currently Available

War Department FM 31-3
Navy Department Manual 3

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ITALY: CANT. Z-1007 ts
(Cant Z.1007 NS)
(MODIFIED)

CANTIERE ITALY

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Low-wing monoplane with three (3) radial engines. Wings have moderate taper and dihedral. Deep fuselage with raised cabin and bulging bomb aimer’s position, bomb bay, and rear ventral gun position. Large curved fin and rudder. Slots beaded, elliptical stabilizer and elevator. Later modified versions have unbraced twin fins and rudders placed outboard (Photo C).

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ITALY

MEDIUM BOMBER

DOSSAL GUNNER

SCALE 6-FOOT MAN

INTEREST: The “Alcione” (“Kingfisher”), as this airplane is called, is one of Italy’s best bombers and has been used in every theater of operations in which Italian planes appear. It is constructed of nonstrategic materials such as wood and plywood skin. Its wings are made of plywood, covered with fabric. It is said, however, replace the older SM 79. It is believed that it may carry a torpedo stowed internally.

SPAN: 81 ft. 10 in.
LENGTH: 61 ft. 3 in.
MAX. EMERGENCY SPEED: 280 m. p. h. at 15,000 ft.

SERVICE CEILING: 26,500 ft. (normal load)

RESTRICTED
ITALY: FIAT BR-20
JAPAN: "BUSH"

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:** Twin radial engine, midwing monoplane. Wings have moderate dihedral and extreme taper on trailing edge. Tapered fuselage houses dorsal turret and semi-tractorable ventral gun mounting. Elliptical strut-braced twin fins and rudders set inboard. Stabilizer and elevator have tapered leading edge and straight trailing edge.

**INTEREST:** The Br-20 is of all-metal construction. The fuselage aft of the wings is built of welded steel tubing with fabric covering. The forward part of the fuselage is of light metal construction. In November 1940, a flight of these bombers made one disastrous sortie against England from Belgian bases. It was never tried again. Its normal crew is five and it carries a maximum load of 3,500 lbs. of bombs for a range of 1,500 miles. In Italy, it is known as the "Cigogne," which means "Stork." The Japanese bought a number of these bombers before the war, some of which have recently been reported in operational use.

**SPAN:** 70 ft. 6 in.
**LENGTH:** 52 ft. 10 in.
**MAX. SPEED:** 255 m. p. h. at 13,500 ft.

**SERVICE CEILING:** 25,000 ft. (normal load)

**RESTRICTED**

**MEDIUM BOMBER-TRANSPORT**

**FIAT "BR-20"**
RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT