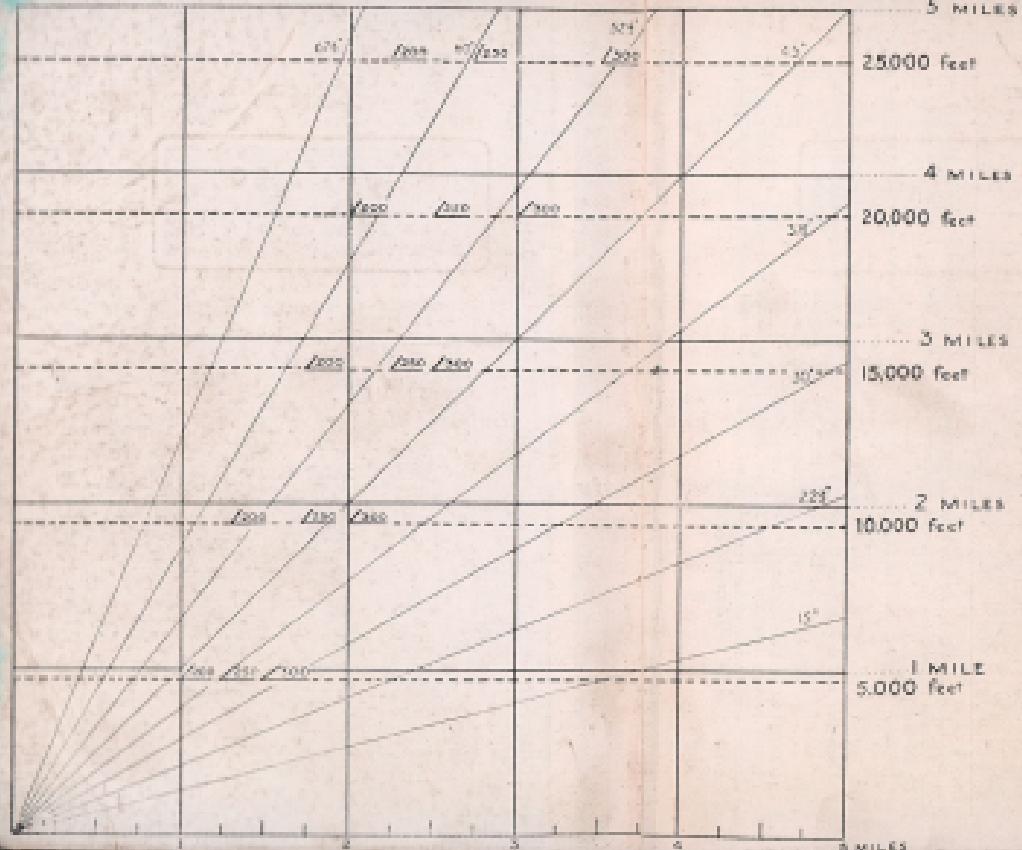


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## ANGLE GRAPH

Scale

1" = 1 mile = 5280 ft.

*Use of Graph, see p. 47*

TABLES AND USE OF  
TABLES,  
*see Overleaf*

## 1200

shows Direction, Speed  
and Position of Bomber,  
*see pp. 51 and 52*

**TABLE FOR USE WITH GRAPH, see previous page**  
**Table giving Lateral Distances (Miles) when HEIGHT is estimated**

Angle at Elevation	Vertical Height (feet).										
	2,000	3,000	5,000	7,500	10,000	12,500	15,000	17,500	20,000	22,500	25,000
15°	1.07	3.54	5.3	7.07	8.82	10.6	12.4	14.1	15.9	17.7	19.4
22½°	1.14	3.39	5.2	6.97	8.71	10.46	12.1	13.7	15.3	17.0	18.7
30°	0.92	2.64	4.25	4.87	5.71	6.36	6.9	7.5	8.1	8.7	9.3
37½°	0.82	2.34	3.5	4.25	5.05	5.71	6.36	6.9	7.5	8.1	8.7
45°	0.62	1.64	2.5	3.25	4.05	4.82	5.5	6.1	6.7	7.3	7.9
52½°	0.52	1.34	2.18	2.85	3.67	4.39	5.05	5.7	6.3	6.9	7.5
60°	0.47	0.95	1.42	1.89	2.37	2.84	3.32	3.8	4.3	4.8	5.3
67½°	0.38	0.72	1.1	1.45	1.82	2.18	2.54	2.9	3.27	3.64	4.01
75°	0.27	0.54	0.82	1.09	1.37	1.64	1.92	2.18	2.46	2.74	3.02
82½°	0.19	0.39	0.58	0.78	0.98	1.18	1.37	1.56	1.72	1.91	2.09

This table can also be used to find the corresponding height when the angle of elevation is known and the distance is estimated; e.g., angle of elevation 60°, lateral distance 1 mile : the height is then shown as 10,000 feet (approx.).

It should be noted that for any given angle the height and distance increase in constant proportion : e.g., at 15°, 1.07 miles per 2,500 feet, etc.

e.g., at 15° height error 2,500 feet, distance error 1½ miles

e.g., at 45° height error 2,500 feet, distance error 1½ miles, and vice versa.

Note.—Too high = too far; too low = too near.

It will be seen from the Tables and the Graph that at high angles errors in height may be great but errors in height at low angles a small error in height will cause a big error in distance, while at

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- 223 DUNST & DUR. S.C. (No. 3) —  
224 DUNST. S.C. (No. 2) —  
225 1304 Spacious (Hilston) A.T.C. (No. 7)  
226 FARNHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE S.C. (No. 12) —  
227 DUNSTON & DUR. R.S.C. (No. 16) —  
228 DUNST & DUR. (No. 10) —  
229 LANCASHIRE AND MANCHESTER R.A.C. (No. 10) —  
230 "Lancs." (No. 11) —  
231 DUNSTON (No. 9) —  
232 CLEATORMORE GRAMMAR SCHOOL (No. 7) —  
233 700 SQUADRONS A.T.C. (11) —  
234 CROWN S.C. (No. 9) —  
235 FORTINERSON & DUR. (2) —  
236 CROWN TROOPERS (22) —  
237 2 PIONEERS (No. 10) —  
238 TOWER CROWN SCHOOL, GLENBRAE (No. 10) —  
239 HORNBY AND FROST S.C. (No. 8) —  
240 1303 SQUADRONS A.T.C. (No. 8) —  
241 WINDSOR A.T.C. (No. 7) —  
242 WREXHAM GRAMMAR (No. 9) —  
243 HOSPITAL A.T.C. (No. 6) —  
244 1416 HOSPITAL SQUADRON A.T.C. (No. 11) —  
245 FAIRFORD S.C. AND SQUADRONS A.T.C. (No. 7) —  
246 SOUTHPORT & DUR. (18) —  
247 3000 (1st Worcester) SQUADRONS (No. 9) —  
248 444 (Worcester) SQUADRONS A.T.C. (No. 5) —  
249 FREDERIC COUNTY SCHOOL S.C. (No. 8) —  
250 807 (St. Mary's) SQUADS A.T.C. (No. 5) —  
251 BIRMINGHAM MODEL FLIGHTS CLUB (No. 1) —  
252 INCHES SECRETARY S.C. (No. 4) —  
253 FARNHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL S.C. (No. 9) —  
254 WATKINSON & DUR. S.C. (No. 13) —  
255 MONTGOMERY R.S.C. (No. 10) —  
256 COLES GRAMMAR SCHOOL R.S.C. (No. 10) — —
- A. R. DUR. 22 Wilson Rd., Shapwick Lane, Littleover, Derbyshire, Dale View, Tadpole Ln., Cambridge, Lancs.  
J. T. CLARKS, The Vicarage, Porthkerry, Weston-super-Mare, Cornwall  
ROBERT COOK, 41 Court Street, Faversham  
L. WARBLER, 21 Stamford Avenue, Bolton  
ACTION HOWARD, 4 Leekstone Avenue, Bury  
C. FOSS, 26 Palatine Avenue, Lancaster  
W. E. LOWTHER, 24 Broughton Rd., London, SW.3  
R. M. BAKERSON, Dunby, Duxhill, Heywood, Lancashire  
D. G. PATERSON-SMITH, 108 Old Bath Rd., Cheltenham  
J. B. PARTRIDGE, 120 Squadron A.T.C., High School Row, Worcester  
A. COOPER, 19 Almshouse Terrace, Crook, Co. Durham  
P. W. HARRISON, 10 Belford Road, Northgate  
L. GOULDING, 16 Finsbury Avenue, Bishopsgate, London  
P. W. HARRISON, MA, The Blue Coat School, Oldham  
F. BROWNE, BREWER & PROPS, 144, Worcester  
CLIFF P. H. HUXLEY, Greyfriars, Broadmead Road, Colwyn Bay  
B. W. KENNEDY, 8 Abingdon Rd., Weston-super-Mare  
G. H. GRIFFIN, "School House," Wyndle College, Langport, Bridgwater  
See H. FRASER, 9 Cole Street, Hastings  
PAUL DOUGLAS MACDONALD, Torpoint, Kilmarock Road, Newlyn, Mounts Bay, Penzance  
CLIFF T. HARRISON, "Tiverton," Shambles Road, Dartington, Devon  
M. C. MOORE, "The Rock," 9 Albert Road, Southport  
PAULINE, V. L. CHARLES, 8 Howick Rd., Worcester  
J. D. CROFTON, 55 Linzee Road, Hornsey, N.3  
N. PARKER, Finchley County School, 451 High Road, Finchley, N.11  
R. T. WELSH, 3 Scott Hill, Cheadle, N.W.8  
D. E. WYMAN, 53 Polwicks Rd., Seaford, Co. Durham  
K. H. GUNNAR, 185 South Street, Andover, Hants  
G. TURNER, Jenkins For Head, Farnham, Surrey  
D. J. PAGE, Inverary, High Street, Wednesbury  
W. DAVIS, SMALL & PARKS, Ltd., Nathan Vale Works, Walsall, 9  
ROBERT BISHOPSON I.P.T., —  
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- R. G. LISTER, 8 Dale Street, Colne, Lancs.

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- 257 LANGE & DUR. (No. 10) —  
258 BELSTAFF (St. Helens) S.C. (No. 10) —  
259 721 REINHOLDSTEAD AND STANLEY SQUADS A.T.C. (10) —  
260 NEWCASTLE UNIV. (No. 4) —  
261 SWANSEA GRAMMAR SCHOOL A.T.C. (No. 8) —  
262 HAMPTONWOOD (No. 8) —  
263 HOVE GRAMMAR SCHOOL (No. 11) —  
264 NEWBERRY & DUR. (10) —  
265 CITY OF LIVERPOOL A.T.C. (No. 10) —  
266 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE DUR. (2) —  
267 475 SQUADS A.T.C. (No. 11) —  
268 GLOUCESTERSHIRE DUR. (No. 10) —  
269 SWANSEA SQUADS S.C. (10) —  
270 FENNER & DUR. (No. 10) —  
271 700 (Newcastle-upon-Tyne Municipal Coll. of Comm.) SQUADS A.T.C. (No. 11) —  
272 BIRMINGHAM SQUADS (No. 12) —  
273 150-SQUAD SQUADS A.T.C. (No. 13) —  
274 ST. PAUL'S S.C. (No. 9) —  
275 450 SQUADRONS A.T.C. (No. 10) —  
276 LESTER'S R.S.C. (No. 10) —  
277 CLEANTON WEST A.T.C. (No. 10) —  
278 WORCESTER S.C. (No. 10) —  
279 KENT GRAM. SCHOOL (No. 10) —  
280 SOUTHWELL BRIDGE S.C. (No. 10) —
- KENILWORTH, 265 Portland Road, Hereford, S. Wales.  
CLIFF R. H. FOWLER, "Sperry Bank," Bockey Way,  
LAWRENCE, 100 High Street, St. Albans  
D. R. E. LILLY, 204 Arundel Road, Worcester  
COL. G. GUNNAR, 104 Chapel Rd., Erdington, Birmingham  
H. WATKINS, Fox Moat Farm, Eccleshall, nr. Cheshire  
CAROL W. SOUTHERN, 19 Tudor Street, Oldham  
P. HARRIS, 8 Beaconsfield Road, S.13  
D. S. MCCLAREN, 41 Crofton Road, Reigate, Surrey  
T. R. ALLEN, 30 Abbey Walk, Ilfracombe

## PROFICIENCY TESTS (Revised Nov., 1941).

### THE THIRD CLASS LIST.

1. ALBRIGHT OXFORD I. 16. CONSOLIDATED LIBERTY I.  
2. ARIZONIAN WHITWORTH. 16. CONSOLIDATED LIBERTY II.  
3. ARUNDELING WHITWORTH. 16. CONSOLIDATED LIBERTY III.  
4. AVRO ANSON I. 21. CANTERBURY WHITWORTH I.  
5. AVRO MANCHESTER I. 22. CANTERBURY WHITWORTH II.  
6. BOEING AVROLANE I. 23. DE HAVILLAND ALFRETON.  
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88. Miles Master II.	81. Victoria-Armstrong
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90. Short Sparrow I.	83. Wellington-Lycoming
91. Short Standard I.	84. Wellington II.
92. Victoria-Armstrong	

#### THE SECOND CLASS LIST.

201. Alcock Copter	151. de Havilland
202. Alcock Harrow III	152. Gipsy Marque
203. Alcock Av. 9/9s	153. de Havilland Hornet
204. Alcock Av. 9/9s	154. Alcock Av. 9/9s
205. Alcock Av. 9/9s	155. de Havilland Leopard
206. Alcock Turret I	156. de Havilland Moth
207. Alcock Potez I	157. de Havilland Moth
208. Alcock Hornet I	158. de Havilland Moth
209. Alcock Hornet II	159. de Havilland Moth
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233. Alcock Hornet XXVI	183. de Havilland Moth
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235. Alcock Hornet XXVIII	185. de Havilland Moth
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249. Alcock Hornet XXXXI	199. de Havilland Moth
250. Alcock Hornet XXXXII	200. de Havilland Moth

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## INTRODUCTION

The revised edition of this pocket book aims to cover all air-borne objects of interest to Raid Spotters, whether aeroplanes, their occupants or contents; once landed, these objects become the concern of others, e.g. R.A.F. personnel, Home Guard, the Military, or A.R.P. workers. Great strides have recently been made in the technique of recognition and its application; consequently the scope of types included and of subjects introduced has been considerably amplified.

It is hoped that the contents will help individuals in any capacity to give accurate reports and make correct decisions under active conditions. The objects of the Raid Spotting System remain the same.

**Military.**—To protect troops and vital areas from high or low-level attacks by hostile aircraft and to destroy the raiders.

**Civil.**—(1) To reduce interruption of production and national work of all kinds to a minimum vital to the winning of the War.

(2) To maintain the confidence of the workers while carrying on production during the public alert.

(3) To keep up morale.

Civil Spotting will not protect the factory itself; this is a matter for the A.A. Defence, which works independently.

The Civil Spotter's duties are to warn the workers should imminent danger threaten, and signal the return to work when the danger has passed.

To fulfil these duties you must gain the confidence of both the management and your fellow-workers by having a sound knowledge of recognition, knowing the position of all the factory shelters and the minimum time required to get everyone under cover, as this will determine the moment you give the alarm.

Let the Raid Spotter's motto be: "The Bell before the Bomb."

It must not be thought that Civil Raid Spotters should sound the danger-warning only when aircraft have been recognised as hostile.

Discretion and judgment are the Spotter's main armament. For this reason other subjects of immediate interest to the Spotter are included, the knowledge and practice of which will help towards the efficient exercise of these two important factors.

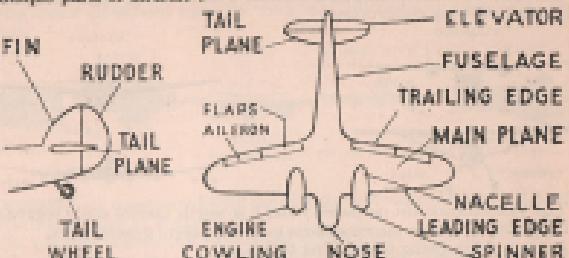
Recognition itself at long range is the hall-mark of the civil expert, but for members of the Forces and the Royal Observer Corps it is a necessity. Under certain conditions recognition at close range, however, may be of the utmost importance.

Treated systematically, as described in the following pages, it is easier than the uninitiated may believe. Know one type—others will follow. How many makes of motor car can you identify? A large number, no doubt. Then why not aircraft?

The Editor will be pleased to receive comments and suggestions likely to increase the usefulness of this Pocket Book.

## POINTS OF RECOGNITION

Simple parts of aircraft:—



Recognition should be studied in a regular sequence. The official method includes the following features in the following order:

WINGS Number	SILHOUETTE Number	FUSELAGE Shape	TAIL UNIT Ratio (Height to Length)	UNDERCARRIAGE Fixed or Recovable
High	1	Shape	Ratio	Fixed
Mid	2	Type { Radial Position}	Height Length	
Low	3	Position	Length Guns position	Reversible
Dihedral Shape				

It is not wise to attempt recognition of an aeroplane by one silent feature alone. For instance, the high single fin and rudder of the Wellington is also a feature of the Boston, Havoc, Sunderland, Stirling and Lerwick.

The outline produced by all features from nose to tail should be considered the one silent feature. It should be noted here that the general outline does not alter with distance.

It is dangerous to generalise on differences between British and German construction, such as British bombers are mid-wing—German low or high-wing—British head-on view rectangular—German circular, etc., etc.; there are certainly exceptions, but there are also exceptions, and their number may well increase.

Recognition of silhouettes should be carried out in the following order: (1) Head-on view; (2) Plan or underneath view; (3) Side view; the reason being that low-level attacks are the most dangerous and can occur at the shortest notice, when the head-on view would be presented, followed by the plan view as the aeroplane passed overhead, and, finally, for distant recognition, a side view would be presented.

The following simple formula, W.E.F.T. (Wings, Engine, Fuselage, Tail) is used throughout the descriptions in this book.

## Recognition—continued.

**WINGS.**—If Monoplane, note whether Parasol-wing, High-wing, Mid-wing, or Low-wing construction.



The Classification list on pages 7 and 8 is worth careful study regarding Wing position. Note the exceptions to any apparent general rules.

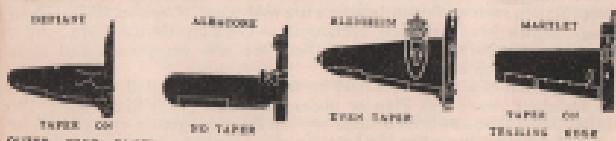
Average Span (wing tip to wing tip) :—

Fighters (single engine)	... ...	33 - 46 feet
Multi-engined Fighters	... ...	50 - 60 "
Medium Bombers	... ...	55 - 90 "
Heavy Bombers	... ...	90 - 180 "

If Biplane, note :—the span of upper and lower planes ; if staggered ; the number of bays (Allison, single bay ; Swordfish, two bay).

**Dihedral** is the upward tilt of the wing from the horizontal, as seen in the head-on view ; also occurs in tail planes, e.g., Boston, Marauder. It is designed to prevent rolling, and is therefore more pronounced in low-wing than high-wing construction. It is an important factor in recognition. Note particularly the degree and also the point along the wing at which it starts.

**Cranked Wing** is the downward tilt, and starts from the fuselage and combines with Dihedral to form a Cranked Wing.



**Taper** (the diminishing Chord (width) of the wing) is another important factor, as it varies considerably between different types. It may occur on both edges, one edge, or neither edge. It may start from the fuselage or at a point along the wing.

## Recognition—continued.

**Wing Tip** may be squared, rounded or pointed.

**Wing Section (Head-on)** may be thick, e.g., Whitley, or thin, e.g., Pw. Ester.



**ENGINES** are constructed with the cylinders set either In-line or Radial.

Note the number of engines.

Note whether engines are underwing or built into the wing section.

Note cases where the nacelle extends behind the trailing edge, e.g., Harrow, Oxford.

**Inline Engines** have the cylinders arranged one behind the other, are narrower and longer in appearance and project farther in front of the wing. They are often liquid-cooled and require radiators, which show below the engine, or, in some cases, the wing (Spitfire and Me 109).

Note the JU 88 has inline engines of radial appearance.

**Radial Engines**.—Cylinders arranged as spokes of a wheel, being air-cooled, require no radiators. Large circular front view ; side view short.



**FUSELAGE**.—Points to look for :—

**Front Fins**.—In multi-engined machines, whether circular or rectangular. In single in-line engined types the cockpit, nose and radiator combine to produce an oblong of varying depth and width.

If radial engine the nose appears circular.

**Side Fins**.—Note shape of the nose—whether short or long, blunt or pointed ; position of pilot's cockpit ; also the gun positions. The latter may be above, below, or in the sides of the fuselage, as well as in the tail and nose.

## Recognition—continued.

Note whether the fuselage is rounded and tapers to a point (e.g., Heinkel), or is slab-sided with blunt tail (e.g., Wellington). A blunt tail end denotes tail gun position common in British types (e.g., Wellington, Whitley, Sterling). A German example is the Ju 88.

**Undercarriage.**—Note whether this is fixed or retractable. If fixed, whether cantilever or braced, and if wheels are spatted or uncovered.



**TAIL** unit consists of the vertical part Fin(s) (fixed) and Rudder(s) (movable), and the horizontal part Tail Plate and Elevators.

Note whether single fin and rudder or twin fins and rudders and their positions.

**Single Fin and Rudder** are worth very careful study, as they form perhaps the most distinctive single feature between one type and another.

**Tail Plate and Elevators.**—Note whether in high, low or mid-wing position. If set in the high-wing position they are apparent in the true head-on view. Shapes vary considerably. They may be rectangular, oval, diamond, etc. Note whether there is a catarway portion in the trailing edge.

**Twin Fin and Rudders.**—Note whether outrigger or inset on tail plate. Shapes again vary—some round, some rectangular, etc.

**GENERAL.**—The foregoing details can easily be distinguished in photographs and silhouettes and should therefore be memorised until they are assimilated. Only thus will you recognise aircraft in flight, which is the sole reason for the study of this subject.

Having recognised an aeroplane, watch it until out of sight, studying its features at every angle. You will then recognise its individual "air" or the way it "rides" the air. Only by this feature can you recognise aircraft at long range. Examples of "air": (1) Nose-down Whitley; (2) nose-up Sterling; (3) level-level Wellington. Examples of outline: Straight-topped Spitfires, humped-back Hurricanes, barrel-shaped Buffaloes, egg-shaped Hudsons, cigar-shaped Heinkels; Flying Pencil Dorniers, etc.

## MONOPLANES CLASSIFIED

*Note: Nos. have only been inserted where a change in category is indicated.*

(U/C=Undercarriage. B=British. A=American. G=German.)

SINGLE MOTOR      SINGLE FIN AND RUDDER      U/C RETRACTS

INLINE MOTORS		RADIAL MOTORS	
B. Battle,	Low-wing.	B. Master II,	Low-wing.
B. Defiant,	"	B. Roc,	"
B. Fulmar,	"	B. Skua,	"
B. Hurricane,	"	A. Chesapeake,	"
B. Master I,	"	A. Harvard,	"
B. Spitfire,	"	A. Lancair,	"
B. Tornado,	"	A. Mohawk,	"
B. Typhoon,	"	A. Northrop AT-1A,	"
A. Aracobra,	"	A. Thunderbolt,	"
A. Kirbyhawk,	"	A. Vanguard,	"
A. Mustang,	"	B. Wellscraft,	Mid-wing.
A. Tomahawk,	"	A. Bermuda,	"
G. Heinkel He 111,	"	A. Buffalo,	"
G. Heinkel He 111,	"	A. Martlet,	"
G. Monoplane & F.,	"	A. Vengeance,	"
B. Henley,	Mid-wing.		

SINGLE MOTOR      SINGLE FIN AND RUDDER      U/C FIXED

INLINE MOTORS		RADIAL MOTORS	
B. Magister,	Low-wing.	B. Courier,*	Low-wing.
B. Mentor,	"	B. Lysander,	High-wing.
B. Proctor,	"	A. Reliant,	"
G. Junkers Ju 88,	"	G. Henschel Hansa,	Forest-wing.
B. Leopard Moth,	High-wing.		
B. Puss Moth,	"		
B. Taylorcraft,	"		
B. Waco,	"		
G. Storch,	"		

\* Also with Retractable U/C.

SINGLE MOTOR      TWIN FINS AND RUDDERS      U/C FIXED  
(Triplane).

INLINE MOTOR	
B. Cygnet,	Low-wing.
B. Owl,	"

**Classification—continued.**

TWO MOTORS	SINGLE FIN AND RUDDER	U/C RETRACTS	
INLINE MOTORS	RADIAL MOTORS	RADIAL MOTORS	
B. Comet,	Low-wing.	B. Avro,	Low-wing.
*B. Percival Q6,	"	B. Envoy,	"
B. Whirlwind,	"	B. Oxford,	"
G. Fw187,	"	A. Douglas D.C.2,	"
G. Heinkel He111K,	"	A. Douglas D.C.3,	"
G. Junkers Ju88,	"	B. Beaufighter I,	Mid-wing.
(Note see p. 5.)		B. Beaufort,	"
B. Beaufighter II,	Mid-wing.	B. Blenheim,	"
B. Wellington II,	"	B. Wellington I & III,	"
		A. Baltimore,	"
* Also with Fixed U/C.		A. Boston,	"
		A. Digby,	"
		A. Harrow,	"
		A. Marauder,	"
		A. Maryland,	"
		B. Botha,	High-wing.

TWO MOTORS	TWIN FINS AND RUDDERS	U/C RETRACTS	
INLINE MOTORS	RADIAL MOTORS	RADIAL MOTORS	
G. McJaguar,	Low-wing.	G. Junkers Ju88K,	Low-wing.
G. Junkers 86K,	"	B. Hampden,	Mid-wing.
G. Merlin,	"	B. Manchester,	"
B. Hornet,	Mid-wing.	B. Whitley III,	"
B. Whitley V,	"	A. Hudson,	"
G. Dornier Do17,	High-wing.	A. Lockheed 14,	"
		A. Lodestar,	"
		A. Ventura,	"
		B. Flamingo,	High-wing.
		G. Dornier Do17s,	"
		G. Dornier Do17z,	"

TWO MOTORS	TWIN FINS AND RUDDERS	U/C FIXED	
RADIAL MOTORS	RADIAL MOTORS	RADIAL MOTORS	
B. Bomber,		B. Harrow,	High-wing.
B. Hartow,			"

TWO MOTORS	TWIN FINS AND RUDDERS	TWIN TAIL RUDDERS	
INLINE MOTORS	RADIAL MOTORS	RADIAL MOTORS	
G. Fw187	Low-wing.	B. Canfield-Owen	High-wing.
A. Lightning	Mid-wing.	(O.A.1 & 2) Mid-wing.	
TRIMOTOR	SINGLE FIN AND RUDDER	U/C FIXED	
RADIAL MOTORS	RADIAL MOTORS	RADIAL MOTORS	
		G. Junkers Ju52/3m,	Low-wing.
		A. Ford,	High-wing.

**Classification—continued.**

FOUR MOTORS	SINGLE FIN AND RUDDER	U/C RETRACTS
INLINE MOTORS	RADIAL MOTORS	LOW-WING
B. Fortress,		
G. Condor,		"
G. Kurier,		"
G. Heinkel He116,		"
B. Seafire,		Mid-wing.
G. Heinkel He177,		"
B. Ensign,		High-wing.

FOUR MOTORS	TWIN FINS AND RUDDERS	U/C RETRACTS
INLINE MOTORS	RADIAL MOTORS	LOW-WING
B. Albatross,		G. Blohm & Voss BV143, Low-wing.
G. Junkers Ju50,		G. Junkers Ju50,
B. Halifax,	Mid-wing.	A. Liberator,

**GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

**AEROFOIL.**—A surface such as a wing, tail plane, fin, etc.

**AILERONS.**—Banking controls. Flaps on the trailing edge of each wing near the wing tip. They move in opposite, one up to depress the wing, the other down to raise that wing.

**ANHEDRAL.**—Downward tilt of the wing from the fuselage.

**ASPECT RATIO.**—Ratio of total wing span to mean chord. Determined by the formula

$$\frac{\text{Span} \times \text{span}}{\text{Total wing area}}$$

Example: *Consolidated Liberator*.

$$\frac{\text{Span } 110 \times \text{span } 110}{\text{Total wing area } 1,070} = \frac{12,100 \text{ sq. ft.}}{1,070 \text{ sq. ft.}} = 11.5.$$

Varies between 12 high and 4 low.

Examples of High ... *Liberator, Wellington, Fokker*.

" Moderate ... *Blenheim, Jr. 88*.

" Low ... *Buffalo, Martin, Spitfire*.

**BAY.**—The subdivision(s) between the wings produced by the inter-plane struts on one side of a biplane, e.g., Albatross single bay, Sopwith two bay.

**BRACED.**—Indicates presence of struts or wires connecting two surfaces. Wings to fuselage, etc.

**CANTILEVER.**—Unbraced wing, tail plane, etc.

**CHORD.**—Width between leading edge and trailing edge of wing or tail plane or fin, may be measured at any point, and is therefore not a standard dimension in tapered or "shaped" wings, etc.

## Glossary—continued.

**COWLING.**—The forward metal covering of the power unit of an aero motor.

**DIHEDRAL.**—The upward tilt of the wing from the horizontal.

**ELEVATOR.**—The hinged trailing edge of the tail plane. Controls upward or downward direction.

**FIN.**—The fixed leading edge of the vertical portion of the tail unit. Gives directional stability.

**FLAPS.**—Hinged portion of the trailing edge of the wing. Placed between fuselage and ailerons. When lowered, act as brakes and steepen the angle of glide.

**FUSELAGE.**—The body part of an aeroplane.

**GULL WING.**—Wings with anhedral and dihedral.

**INLINE MOTORS.**—Motors with cylinders arranged one behind the other in one or more blocks. Cylinder blocks may be arranged in V, X, H, etc., shapes, may be air cooled or liquid cooled requiring radiators.

**LEADING EDGE.**—The forward edge of a wing, tail plane or fin.

**NACELLE.**—The motor housing behind the cowling of multi-engined aircraft.

**PART.**—A nautical and aeronautical term denoting the left-hand side.

**RADIAL MOTOR.**—A motor with the cylinders arranged outward from the crankshaft as spokes of a wheel. The cylinders remain stationary, as opposed to the rotary type, now extinct. Usual number of cylinders, 7 or 9 single row, 14 or 18 double row. Air-cooled.

**RUDDER.**—The after section of the vertical portion of the tail unit. It is set behind the fin and acts like a ship's rudder.

**SLOTS.**—Hinged portion of the leading edge of the wing. They increase the lift and so reduce the stalling speed.

**SPAN.**—Overall measurement from wing tip to wing tip.

**SPINNER.**—A cone-shaped fairing covering the air-screw hub.

**STAGGER.**—In biplane, when the lower plane is set either forward or backward of the upper plane.

**STARBOARD.**—A nautical and aeronautical term denoting the right-hand side.

**SPONSON.**—Miniature wings built low into the hull of flying-boats. They act as stabilisers when afloat.

**STRUTS.**—Separate two surfaces.

**UNDERCARRIAGE.**—Landing wheels and their supporting legs. Usually two wheels, but some types (e.g., *Hawke*, *Gipsy*) have three, one being forward under the nose, to assist night landing and training. Undercarriages may be fully or partially retractable, or fixed.

**TANDEM.**—Two aero motors and their screws arranged one behind the other (e.g., *Dorrie* 10 and 20).

**TAPER.**—The angle of the wing edge towards the wing tip which tends to reduce the wing area, applies also to fins, rudders, etc.

## SOME AERO MOTORS

**AMERICAN**

**Allison (Inline).**—*Astroke*, *Kirkland*, *Lightning*, *Martini*, *Tombstone*.

**Pratt & Whitney Twin Wasp (Radial).**—*Buster I*, *Catfish*, *Hornet I*, *Lancer*, *Liberator*, *Longbow*, *Vanguard*, *Vulture*.

**Pratt & Whitney Twin Wasp Junior (Radial).**—*Chippewa*.

**Pratt & Whitney Double Wasp (Radial).**—*Baltimore*, *Mercurio*.

**Wright Cyclone (Radial).**—*Bogart*, *Cleveland*, *Fortress I*, *Hudson I and III*, *Martin*, *Memphis*.

**Wright Double-Row Cyclone (Radial).**—*Barton III*, *Fortress II*, *Hornet II*, *Vengeance*.

**Lycoming (Radial).**—*Reliant*.

**BRITISH**

**Armstrong Siddeley Cheetah (Radial).**—*Aster*, *Oxford*.

**DH Gipsy Major (Inline).**—*Magister*, *Tiger Moth II*.

**DH Gipsy III (Inline).**—*Tiger Moth I*.

**DH Gipsy Six (Inline).**—*Bonnie*, *Private Q.B.*

**DH Gipsy Twelve (Inline).**—*Albatross*.

**Bristol Mercury (Radial).**—*Blenheim I & IV*, *Gladiator*, *Lyander I*, *Master II*.

**Bristol Pegasus (Radial).**—*Hawker*, *Sandringham*, *Swordfish*, *Wellington I*, *Widowmaker*.

**Bristol Perseus (Radial).**—*Bolton*, *Flamingo*, *Lyander II*, *Rox*, *Shae*.

**Bristol Taurus (Radial).**—*Albion*, *Bisquit I*.

**Bristol Hercules (Radial).**—*Broadsheet I*, *Lervick*, *Stirling I*.

**Napier Dagger (Inline).**—*Hurford I*.

**Napier Sabre (Inline).**—*Typhoon I*.

**Rolls-Royce Kestrel (Inline).**—*Mistral I*, *Singapore III*.

**Rolls-Royce Merlin (Inline).**—*Battle*, *Defiant*, *Palmer*, *Halifax*, *Hurricane*, *Spitfire*, *Wellington II*, *Whisky IV* and *V*.

**Rolls-Royce Peregrine (Inline).**—*Whirlwind*.

**Rolls-Royce Vulture (Inline).**—*Manchester I*, *Tornado*.

**GERMAN**

**Argus (Inline).**—*F 13g*, *Flander Storch*.

**BMW (Radial).**—*Bücker 120 and 125*, *Fw Condor*, *Fw Käfer*, *Ba 17*, *Ba 20*, *Ba 217*, *Henschel 123*, *Henschel 126*, *Henschel 114*, *Henschel 115*, *Junkers 52/53*, *Junkers 86A*, *Junkers 88*, *Junkers 90*.

**BMW VI (Inline).**—*Henschel 50*, *Henschel 60*.

**Bramo Fa 118 (Radial).**—*Anab 106*, *Dornier 172*, *z*.

**Junkers Jumo (Diesel).**—*Bismarck*, *Fw 190*, *Dornier Do 18E*, *Dornier Do 215*.

**Junkers Jumo 21B (Inline, Radial appearance).**—*Junkers Ju 88D*.

**Junkers Jumo 21D (Inline).**—*Ju 87*, *Ju 89*, *Hawker III K*, *z*.

**Mercedes-Benz DB (Inline).**—*Dornier 175*, *Fiesler*, *Henschel HF K*, *z*, *Henschel III Ejs*, *Henschel 113 and 118*, *Meissnerhütte 109F*, *109F*, *110*, *Jupiter*.

## KEY TO AMERICAN TYPE DESIGNATIONS

The letters and figures allotted to different types of American aircraft conform to a definite code. This code differs for the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army. The prefix X is common to both and denotes Experimental, or is omitted. For U.S. Navy, aircraft symbols and figures take the following order: (1) Purpose, (2) Maker's design number, (3) Maker's symbol, (4) The modification number of that type.

Example:—X SB 2 C 1.

X	SB	2	C	1
Experi- mental.	Scout Bomber.	Maker's Design Number.	Maker's Symbol (Curtiss).	Modifica- tion Number.

### U.S. NAVY SYMBOLS

Purpose Symbols	Maker's Symbols
B = Bomber	A = Brewster
BF = Bomber Fighter	B = Beech
F = Fighter	B = Boeing
G = Transport (Single Motor)	C = Curtiss
J = Utility (General Purpose)	D = Douglas
JR = Utility Transport	E = Bellanca
M = Miscellaneous	F = Grumman
N = Training	G = Great Lakes
O = Observation	H = Hall Aluminium
OS = Observation Scout	I = Stearman Hammond
P = Patrol plane	J = North American
PB = Patrol Bomber	K = Kinner
PT = Patrol Torpedo plane	K = Keystone
R = Transport (Multi-Motor)	Fairchild
S = Scout	M = Glenn Martin
SB = Scout Bomber	N = Naval Aircraft Factory
SO = Scout Observation	O = Lockheed
T = Torpedo plane	P = Pitcairn
TB = Torpedo Bomber	Q = Sinton
	R = Ford
	S = Stearman
	T = Northrop
	U = Vought-Sikorsky
	W = Waco
	X = Experimental
	Y = Consolidated

Where the purpose is indicated by more than one letter, the first letter denotes its primary purpose, e.g., SO, Scout Observation; OS, Observation Scout.

### Symbols—continued.

For the U.S. Army Air Corps the maker's name is given first and in full, followed by (1) X if experimental or omitted, (2) the purpose according to the Army Code, (3) a number indicating the Army specification number, (4) the modification letter. Thus the Boeing B 17 E is

Purpose (Bomber).	Army Specification Number	Modification Letter
(17th Bomber Specification). (9th Revision).		

### U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS SYMBOLS

A = Attack	G = Autogiro
AT = Advanced Trainer	O = Observation
B = Bomber	OA = Observation Amphibian
BC = Basic Combat (Advanced Fighting Training)	P = Pursuit Fighter
BT = Basic Trainer (Intermediate Training)	PT = Pursuit Two-seat Fighter
C = Cargo (Transport)	R = Primary Trainer
F = Photographic	X = Rotary Wing Aircraft
FM = Fighter (Multi-seat)	E = Experimental
	V = Service Trial Model
	Z = Obsolete

The constructors also have their own system of numbers and names for export, and, finally, the R.A.F. choose their own name when a type is taken over. E.g., Curtis Hawk 75A, Manufacturer's designation, Curtis P-40A, U.S. Army Air Corps, Mohawk, R.A.F.

### BRITISH SYMBOLS

Each new type of Service aircraft, when named, automatically becomes the Mark I, which therefore does not necessarily indicate the existence of a Mark II version. The installation of a new motor or a major alteration of structure involves a new Mark No., but alteration to equipment or armament is denoted by a suffix letter.

E.g., Wallabies with Pegasus motors = Mk. I.

Wallabies with Pegasus motors and altered armament, etc. = Mk. II (b or c).

Wallabies with Merlin motors = Mk. III.

### GERMAN SYMBOLS

The following is a key to the German symbols.

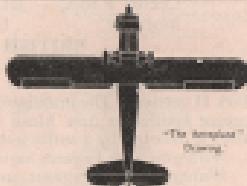
He, He, Ju, etc., are abbreviations of the makers' names, Heinkel, Henschel, Junkers, etc. The letter K stands for Krieg (War) and is added where a civil design is adapted for war purposes; W for Wasser (water)-gm, indicates tri-motor. The numbers following the name represent the makers' type number and the subsidiary numbers and letters follow the principle of the British marks and modification letters.

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**W. Wings. E. Engine. F. Fuselage. T. Tail.**



### ALBACORE I (FAIREY)

British Torpedo-Carrier (Fleet Air Arm)

- W.** Biplane, one staggered, equal span, rounded wing tips. No taper. Span 50 feet.
- E.** Single radial (Taurus).
- F.** Three-seat. *Enclosed cockpit extending in front and behind the wing.* Fixed Canaveral undercarriage.
- T.** Large single fin and rudder. Tail plane curved and rounded tips. Cut away trailing edge.

*Compare with Sopwith.*

**W. Wings. E. Engine. F. Fuselage. T. Tail.**

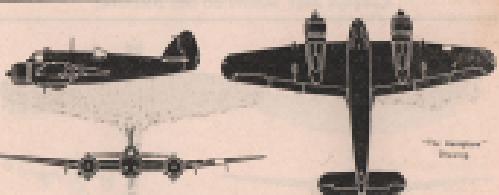


*"The Anson"*  
Drawing

### ANSON I (AVRO)—British Reconnaissance and Training

- W.** Low wing. Slight dihedral. Even taper to rounded wing tips.
- E.** Twin radial. (Cheetah).
- F.** Head-on view squat, rectangular. Side view distinctive large glass-house with gun turret behind it. Wheels retract partially into engine nacelles. Glass panel under the nose.
- T.** Single fin and rudder with rounded top. Tail plane in low-wing position, diamond shaped.

*Compare with Oxford.*



*"The Beaufighter"*  
Drawing

### BEAUFIGHTER I (BRISTOL)

British Long-Range and Night Fighter

- W.** Mid-wing. Straight centre wing section, dihedral on outer section. Tapered to rounded tips. Span 58 feet.
- E.** Twin radial (Hercules). Projects beyond the nose.
- F.** Two-seat. Head-on solid square with glass cockpit above. Side view similar to Blenheim I.F. but high cockpit and shorter nose.
- T.** Single fin and rudder. Fin slopes sharply back to pointed rudder tip. Tail plane in high position. Rounded tips.

*Compare with Blenheim, Bf 109F.*

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E. Engine.

F. Fuselage.

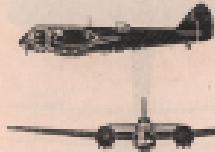
T. Tail.



**BEAUFORT I (BRISTOL)**—British Torpedo Bomber

- W. Mid-wing monoplane. Dihedral starting from engines. Rounded wing tips. Slight taper. A modified version has bulge on trailing edge in line with nacelles. Span 58 feet.  
E. Twin radial (Taurus).  
F. Head-on view rectangular. Cockpit, stepped up above glass nose, runs back without glass to gun position midway along top of fuselage. Oil coolers on the leading edge outside each engine.  
T. Single fin and rudder similar to Blenheim. Tail plane, straight leading edge, narrow chord.

*Compare with Junker 88 and Bismarck.*



**BLENNHEIM IF (BRISTOL)**—British Long-Range Fighter

- W. Mid-wing. Dihedral from straight centre wing section. Even-tapered wings to pointed tips. Span 56 feet.  
E. Twin radial (Mercury). Centred on wing section. Large appearance.  
F. Three-seat. Head-on rectangular. Side view short, transparent nose sloping sharply down. Top gun turret midway. Trough of 4 guns below and forward.  
T. Single fin and rudder, high pointed tip. Fin with sharp slope back. Tail plane curved and rounded.

*Compare with Ju 88, Bismarck IVF, Beaufort, Beaufighter.*

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W. Wings.

E. Engine.

F. Fuselage.

T. Tail.



**BLENNHEIM IVF (BRISTOL)**—British Bomber

- W. Mid-wing. Dihedral from straight centre wing section. Even taper to pointed tips. Span 56 feet.  
E. Twin radial (Mercury). Centred on wing section. Large appearance.  
F. Three-seat. Head-on rectangular with gun mounting below to starboard. Side view long nose. Top gun turret midway.  
T. Single fin and rudder, high-pointed tip, fin with sharp slope back. Tail plane curved and rounded.

*Compare with Ju 88, Bismarck IV, Beaufort, Beaufighter.*



**BOTHA I (BLACKBURN)**—British Reconnaissance and Training

- W. Highwing. Dihedral from motors. Sharp taper on trailing edge on outer wing panel. Pointed tips. Span 59 feet.  
E. Twin radial (Pegasus), underslung.  
F. Head-on view rectangular, with glass panel set to starboard. Box-eyed appearance. Side view tapers to a fine point. Gun turret central on top.  
T. Tall single fin and rudder, set rather forward. Tail plane with taper on leading edge to rounded tips.

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W. Wings.

E. Engine.

F. Fuselage.

T. Tail.

"The Aeroplane"  
Drawing.**DOMINIE I or DRAGON RAPIDE (DE HAVILLAND)**

British Transport

- W. Biplane of equal span tapered to pointed tips. Slight dihedral both planes. 2 bay. Span 48 feet.  
 E. Twin inline (Gipsy Six). Projecting from lower plane above landing wheels.  
 F. Head-on view rectangular. Side view deep with pointed nose sloping sharply down. Landing wheels built into engine nacelles.  
 T. Single fin and rudder of distinctive De Havilland design. Tail plane set on high-wing position, tapered to pointed wing tip.

Compare with Spiteful, Hawker, Me 109.

"The Aeroplane"  
Drawing.**DEFIANT I (BOULTON AND PAUL)**—British Fighter

- W. Low-wing monoplane. Slight dihedral commencing halfway along the wings. Trailing edge appears to have been cut with scissors. Span 39 feet.  
 E. Single inline (Merlin).  
 F. Two-seat with pointed nose. High cockpit with gun turret adjoining aft. Oil cooler below nose, placed just forward of leading edge of main planes. Radiator below and central.  
 T. Single fin and rudder in shape of triangle. Tail plane leading edge swept back.

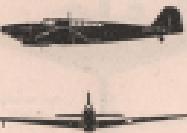
Compare with Spitfire, Hurricane, Me 109.

W. Wings.

E. Engine.

F. Fuselage.

T. Tail.

"The Aeroplane"  
Drawing.**FULMAR I (FAIREY)**—British Fighter (Fleet Air Arm)

- W. Low-wing monoplane. Noticeable dihedral. Thick wing section, also with chord, tapered with rounded tips. Span 46 feet.  
 E. Single inline (Merlin).  
 F. Two-seat. Front view rectangular. Side view stream-lined, with deep radiator placed well forward. Opaque panel between pilot's cockpit and observer. Long pointed nose.  
 T. Single fin and rudder. Rudder, with straight trailing edge, extends well beyond tail plane.

Compare with Hurricane, Defiant, Martlet, Bristol Beaufighter.

"The Aeroplane"  
Drawing.**HALIFAX I (HANDLEY-PAGE)**—British Heavy Bomber

- W. Mid-wing. Dihedral from inboard motors. Tapered from inboard motors to square-cut wing tips. Span 99 feet.  
 E. Four inline (Merlin). Partly underslung.  
 F. Head-on view rectangular. Side view slab-sided with double glazed nose. Rear gun turret. Underside with sweep to tail end.  
 T. Twin fins and rudders, outrigger. Tail plane rectangular.

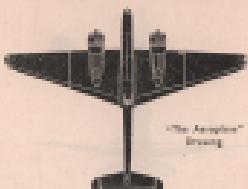
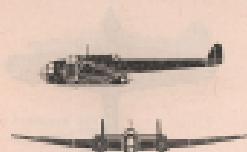
Compare with Ju 88 and 89.

W. Wings.

E. Engine.

F. Fuselage.

T. Tail.



"The Aeroplane"  
Drawing

**HAMPDEN I and HEREFORD I (HANDLEY-PAGE)—British Bomber**

- W. Midwing monoplane. Dihedral starting from engines. Bat-shaped wings. Trailing edge; marked sweep forward. Span 69 feet.  
E. HAMPDEN—Twin radial (Pegasus).  
HEREFORD—Twin inline (Dagger).  
F. Rectangular head-on view. Side view "frying-pan" appearance. Gun positions in nose and behind cockpit, also below in line with trailing edge of main plane.  
T. Twin fins and rudders, inset along tail plane. Tail plane rounded up, straight trailing edge.

*Compare with the Hambden.*



"The Aeroplane"  
Drawing

**HURRICANE I (HAWKER)—British Fighter**

- W. Low-wing monoplane. Slight dihedral. Straight tapered wings, rounded wing tips. Span 40 feet.  
E. Single inline (Merlin). Radiator in central position below cockpit.  
F. Single-seat. Rectangular front view. Very pointed nose. Cockpit set above main planes. Hunched-back appearance.  
T. Rounded single fin and rudder. Tail planes have rounded outer edge.

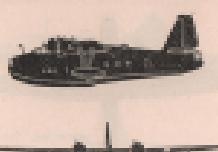
*Compare with Spitfire, Defiant, Mosog, Heinkel He 111.*

W. Wings.

E. Engine.

F. Fuselage.

T. Tail.



"The Aeroplane"  
Drawing

**LERWICK I (SAUNDERS & ROE)—British Flying-Boat**

- W. High-wing. Slight dihedral from engines. Marked taper from centre section to pointed tips. Floats with vertical struts. Span 81 feet.  
E. Twin radial (Hercules).  
F. Head-on deep, but narrowing at the top. Side view tubby, gun turret on top and step below. Tail gun turret cut in below rudder.  
T. High single fin and rudder, flat-topped. Tail plane in high position, taper on leading edge to rounded tips.

*Compare with Sandringham.*



"The Aeroplane"  
Drawing

**LYSANDEER II (WESTLAND)—British Army Co-operation**

- W. High-wing strutted. Note cut-away of leading edge at the root. Trailing edge tapers sharply forwards. Span 50 feet.  
E. Single radial (Perseus).  
F. Two-seat. Short and squat. Marked slope down to fin. Enclosed cockpit below the wing extending in front and behind. Fixed undercarriage, spatted wheels. Bomb racks (if fitted) visible outside each seat.  
T. Large single fin and rudder. Tail plane in low position.

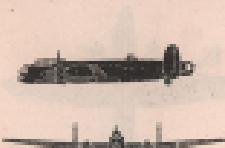
*Compare with Mosog, Heinkel He 111.*

W. Wings.

E. Engine.

F. Fuselage.

T. Tail.

**MANCHESTER I (AVRO)—British Bomber**

- W. Mid-wing. Dihedral from straight centre wing section. Most of taper on leading edge from centre section to rounded wing tips. Span, 90 feet.  
 E. Twin in line (Vulture).  
 F. Head-on rectangular. Side view slab sided with gun turret mid-way on top and tail gun position.  
 T. High oval twin fin and rudders, set forward. An early version has an additional central fin.

**MASTER I and II (PHILLIPS & POWIS)—British Trainer**

- W. Low-wing. Anhedral and dihedral, tapered to rounded wing tips. Span 39 feet.  
 E. Master I—Single inline (Kestrel). Master II—Radial (Mercury).  
 F. Two-seat. Master I—Head-on view deep, due to large radiator below the fuselage. Side view, the radiator is again apparent in line with the main plane. Deep glass-covered cockpit.  
 Master II. Head on view circular. Side view flat nose. No radiator. Large single fin and rudder, rounded top and base. Tail plane in high-wing position set forward of rudder. Straight edges.

*Illustrations are of the Master I.*

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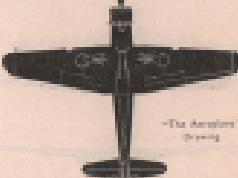
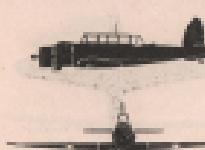
E. W. Engine.

F. Fuselage.

T. Tail.

*"The Aeroplane" Drawing***OXFORD I (AIRSPEED)—British Trainer**

- W. Low wing. Distinct dihedral. Tapered to rounded wing tips. Engine nacelles extend beyond the trailing edge.  
 E. Twin radial (Cheetah). Mounted rather high on the wings.  
 F. Head-on view rectangular. Side view deep with glasshouse well forward. Blended-out nose curves sharply down. Gun turret (if fitted) above midway along fuselage. Wheels retract partially into engine nacelles.  
 T. High pointed single fin and rudder. Tail plane in low-wing position, leading edge curved, trailing edge marked taper to rounded wing tips cut away at rudder. *Compare with Avro.*

**SKUA II (BLACKBURN) Dive-Bomber (Fleet Air Arm)  
ROC I British Fighter (n. n. n.)**

- W. Low-wing monoplane. SKUA has marked dihedral at wing tips. ROC has dihedral starting near fuselage. Span 46 feet.  
 E. Single radial (Peregrine).  
 F. Two-seat. Circular front view. Long nose. SKUA has long glasshouse. ROC has short glasshouse without turret behind adjoining. Single high fin and rudder, inverted U shape in front of tail plane. Tail plane tapered.

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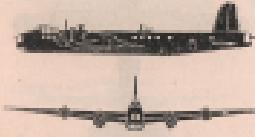


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Drawing

**SPITFIRE I (SUPERMARINE)—British Fighter**

- W. Low-wing monoplane. Marked dihedral. Wings elliptical in shape with pointed tips. Radiator under starboard wing. Span 37 feet.  
E. Single inline (Merlin).  
F. Single-seat. Rectangular front view. Cockpit set above trailing edge of main plane. Appearance in flight, straight topped and nose up. Top curves up to fin.  
T. Single fin and rudder with curved trailing edge. Tail plane leading edge shaped as trailing edge of main plane.

*Compare with Hurricane, Defiant, Me 109, Bf 109, Bf 110.*



"The Aeroplane"  
Drawing

**STIRLING I (SHORT)—British Heavy Bomber**

- W. Mid-wing. Dihedral from fuselage. Tapered to pointed tips. Span 98 feet.  
E. Four radial (Hercules or Cyclone). Outboard engines set wide.  
F. Head-on view deep rectangular. High cockpit in the nose sloping sharply down to forward gun turret. Slab-sided, sloping up to tail gun turret. Plan form as Short G-boat.  
T. Tall single fin and rudder set forward of tail gun turret. Tail plane low, tapered to rounded tips.

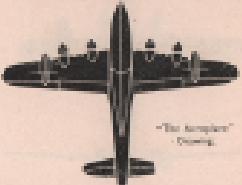
*Compare with Whitley, Wellington, Fairey, Kestrel,*

W. Wings.

E. Engine.

F. Fuselage.

T. Tail.

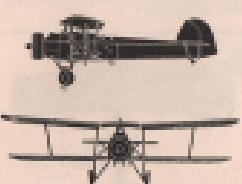


"The Aeroplane"  
Drawing

**SUNDERLAND I (SHORT)—British Reconnaissance Flying-Boat**

- W. High-wing. No dihedral. Tapered finely rounded wing tips. Plans strutted to wings outboard of motors. Span 113 feet.  
E. Four radial (Pegasus).  
F. Head-on view deep and narrow. Side view deep. Two steps, one below the wing and another further aft. Blunt rear end for tail gunner.  
T. High tapering single fin and rudder. Tail plane in high-wing position set forward. Tapers to rounded wing tip.

*Military version of Short G-boat flying-boat.*



"The Aeroplane"  
Drawing

**SWORDFISH I (FAIREY)**

- British Torpedo-Carrier (Fleet Air Arm)**
- W. Biplane, staggered. Upper plane swept back. Noticeable dihedral. Considerably larger area than lower plane. Cut away above cockpit. Lower plane straight. No dihedral. Span 45 feet.  
E. Single radial (Pegasus).  
F. Three-seat. Long. Slopes sharply down to the nose. Open cockpit behind the upper plane. Fixed undercarriage.  
T. Large single fin and rudder. Elevates overlap on the tail plane.

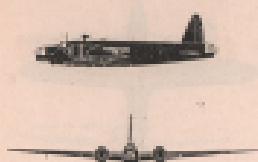
*Compare with Albacore.*

W. Wings.

E. Engine.

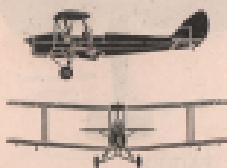
F. Fuselage.

T. Tail.

*The Aeroplane*  
Drawing**WELLINGTON I and II (VICKERS-ARMSTRONG)**  
**British Bomber**

- W. Mid-wing monoplane. Slender well-tapered wings, with trailing-edge swept forward. Span 86 feet.  
 E. Mk. I : Twin radial (Pegasus). Nacelles humped-back appearance.  
 Mk. II : Twin inline (Merlin).  
 F. Head-on view rectangular. Side view deep hull-shaped. Blunt tail end denoting rear gun turret.  
 T. Very high single fin and rudder. Tail plane leading edge swept back. Straight trailing edge.

Illustrations are of the Wellington I.

*The Aeroplane*  
Drawing**TIGER MOTH II (DE HAVILLAND)**—British Trainer

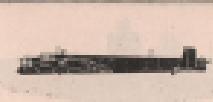
- W. Biplane, marked back stagger, equal span, swept back, single bay. Slight dihedral upper plane marked dihedral lower plane. Span 39 feet.  
 E. Single, inline. (D. H. Gipsy Major).  
 F. Two seat. Open cockpit. Deep nose.  
 T. Single fin and rudder. Characteristic D.H. slope to fin and curved rudder. Tail plane with D.H. style curve.

W. Wings.

E. Engine.

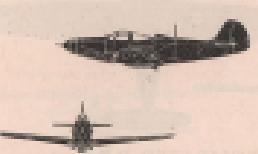
F. Fuselage.

T. Tail.

*The Aeroplane*  
Drawing**WHITLEY V (ARMSTRONG-WHITWORTH)**—British Bomber  
W. Mid-wing monoplane. Dihedral starting from engines. Thick wing section. Wide chord, slightly tapered. Span 84 feet.

- E. Mark I, twin radial (Tiger). Mark IV and V, twin inline (Merlin).  
 F. Head-on view rectangular. Side view "coffin-shaped." Fin and rudder jointing obscured. Thick tail end denoting rear gun turret. Gun turret in nose. Pointed glass nose for bomb aimer.  
 T. Twin fins and rudders, set on top and halfway along tail plane. Tail plane no taper, rounded tips.

*Note.*—Illustrations show the cross bracing of fin to fuselage in the head-on view. The tail plane is not apparent.

*The Aeroplane*  
Drawing**AIRACOBRA I (BELL P-39)**—Fighter, American Built  
Lowwing monoplane. Dihedral. Most of the taper on the trailing edge to rounded wing tip. "Shoulder" at fuselage.

- E. Single inline (Allison). Engine hidden behind pilot's cockpit.  
 F. Head-on view narrow, with high glazed cockpit. Side view distinctive close four. Long pointed nose. Sloping cockpit with air intake for radiator behind. Retractable tricycle undercarriage.  
 T. Large single fin and rudder. Tail plane in highwing position. Compare with Hurricane, Spitfire and Tempest.

W. Wings.

E. Engine.

F. Fuselage.

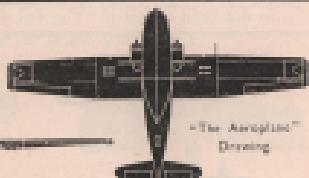
T. Tail.



"The Aeroplane" Drawing

**BUFFALO I (BREWSTER F2A)***Fleet Air Arm Fighter, American Built*

- W.** Low-wing monoplane. Slight dihedral. Straight leading edge. Slight taper on trailing edge to rounded wing tips. Span 33 feet. Single radial (Cyclone).
- E.** Head-on view circular. Side view short and tatty. Long cockpit enclosure.
- F.** Low rounded single fin and rudder. Symmetrical tail plane.
- T.** Compare with *Mosca*.



"The Aeroplane" Drawing

**CATALINA I (CONSOLIDATED P.B.Y.5)***Flying-Boat, American Built*

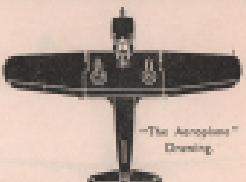
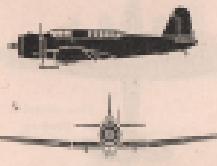
- W.** High-wing. No dihedral. Rectangular appearance. Supported above the hull and braced by parallel struts. Wing tip floats retractable. Span 104 feet.
- E.** Twin radial (Wasp). Set close together above the hull.
- F.** Head-on squat appearance. Side view shallow, with blister gun turrets either side behind the wings. Knife-edge step below the turrets.
- T.** Single fin and rudder. Fin curves into hull. Tail plane set high. Straight trailing edge. Tips rounded.

W. Wings.

E. Engine.

F. Fuselage.

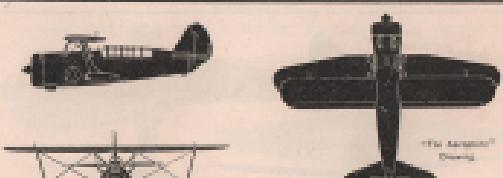
T. Tail.



"The Aeroplane" Drawing

**CHESAPEAKE I (VOUGHT-SIKORSKY S.B.2 U-2)***Attack Bomber, American Built*

- W.** Low-wing. Dihedral starting part-way along the wing. Trailing edge with taper starting part-way along the wing. Span 42 feet.
- E.** Single radial (Wasp).
- F.** Two-seat. Head-on view circular. Side view long glasshouse with blacked-out panel behind pilot's cockpit. Pointed end.
- T.** High single fin and rudder with rounded top. Tail plane in high-wing position, marked taper.



"The Aeroplane" Drawing

**CLEVELAND I (CURTISS S.B.C.4)**—*Dive-Bomber, American Built*

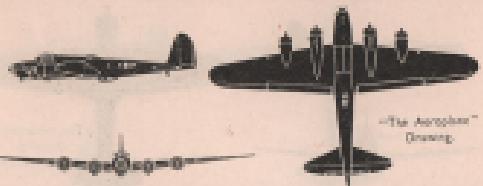
- W.** Biplane. Staggered. Upper plane no dihedral, lower plane slight dihedral. 1½ bay, nearly equal span. Upper plane leading edge straight centre section tapering to rounded wing tip. Lower plane no taper.
- E.** Single radial (Cyclone).
- F.** Two-seat. Head-on view circular. Glasshouse behind upper plane. Retractable undercarriage.
- T.** High rounded single fin and rudder. Tail plane in high-wing position with tapered leading edge, rounded wing tips.

W. Wings.

E. Engine.

F. Fuselage.

T. Tail.

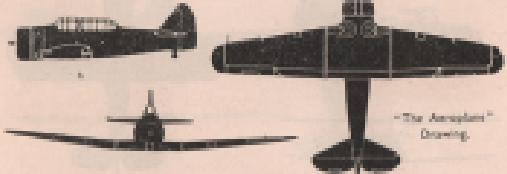


*"The Aeroplane"*  
Drawing

**FORTRESS I (BOEING B-17C)**—Bomber, American Built

- W. Low-wing. Marked dihedral from fuselage. Tapered to rounded wing tip. Span 103 feet.
- E. Four radial (Cyclone).
- F. Front view circular. A distinctive feature is the number of "blisters," one either side of the fuselage, one below, and a long one on top. Short between main and tail planes, finely tapered.
- T. Single fin and rudder of slender sloping appearance. Tail planes with swept-back leading edge and finely rounded wing tips.

*Compare with F.W. Karter.*



*"The Aeroplane"*  
Drawing

**HARVARD I and II (NORTH AMERICAN B.C.s)**

Trainer, American Built

- W. Low-wing. Dihedral starting a short way from the fuselage. Marked taper, starting from the same position on the leading edge. Trailing edge no taper. Rounded wing tip for Model I, almost square cut for Model II. Span 43 ft. I | 42 ft. II.
- E. Single radial (Wasp).
- F. Two-seat. Head-on circular. Side view deep with large glass-house.
- T. Single fin and rudder. Model I curved rudder, Model II triangular with curved tip. Tail plane, leading edge swept back, trailing edge curved. Illustration see of the Hornet I.

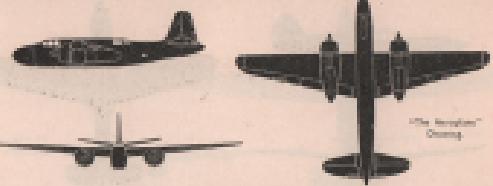
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F. Fuselage.

T. Tail.



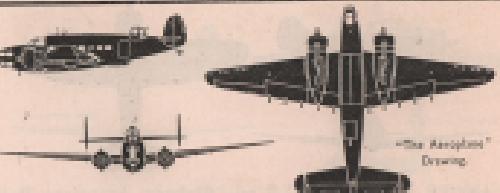
*"The Aeroplane"*  
Drawing

**HAVOC I (DOUGLAS)**—Night Fighter, American Built

- W. High-wing monoplane. Dihedral. Straight leading edge, swept forward trailing edge. Rounded wing tips. Span 61 feet.
- E. Twin radial (Wasp), underslung. *Noeller* fitted forward trailing edge.
- F. Front view, like side of a shoe, point upwards. Protruding opaque nose stepped up to pilot's glass-covered cockpit, extending with opaque panel to glass-covered gun position. Pointed end, general appearance half-shape. Tricycle undercarriage retractable.
- T. Very high pointed single fin and rudder. Tail plane elliptical and with marked dihedral.

**BOSTON**

The original Bomber version is similar in appearance except for glass panel in the nose.



*"The Aeroplane"*  
Drawing

**HUDSON III (LOCKHEED)**—Reconnaissance-Bomber,  
American Built

- W. ½ low-wing monoplane. Marked dihedral. Symmetrical wings tapered to a point. Flap gear fitted on trailing edge. Span 63 feet.
- E. Twin radial (Cyclone or Wasp).
- F. Oval-shaped front view. Side view deep and short like a "Flying Egg." Gun turret on top near tail unit. Windows in side.
- T. Twin fins and rudders, inset. Tail plane tapers to rounded tip.

*Compare with Mr 116.*

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	W. Wings.	E. Engine.	F. Fuselage.	T. Tail.
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**KITTYHAWK I (CURTISS P-40B)**—Fighter, American Built

- W. Low-wing. Dihedral. Leading edge straight, trailing edge tapered to curved wing tips. Undercarriage housing shows on leading edge. A Curtiss characteristic. Span 34½ feet.
- E. Single inline (Allison).
- F. Head-on view elong. Side view deep, radiator well forward and sharp-pointed spinner. Cockpit well back over wings. Long bulge below.
- T. Small single fin and rudder. Tapered tail plane to rounded tips. High-wing position.

*Compare with Tomahawk.*

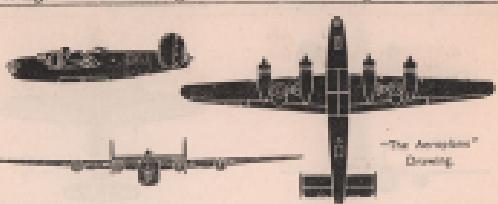


**LANCER I (REPUBLIC P-43)**—Fighter, American Built

- W. Low-wing. Marked dihedral. Leading edge straight, trailing edge straight, centre wing section curved taper to pointed tip. Span 38 feet.
- E. Single radial (Waspi).
- F. Single-seat. Head-on view oval, side view tubby.
- T. Single fin and rudder. Pointed with rounded trailing edge. Tail plane with sharp taper on leading edge. Clover-leaf trailing edge.

*Compare with Buffalo and Martin.*

	W. Wings.	E. Engine.	F. Fuselage.	T. Tail.
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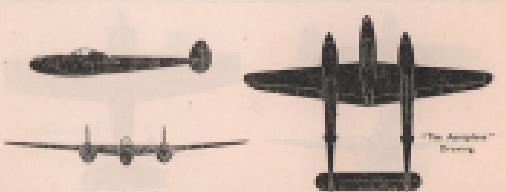


*"The American" Drawing.*

**LIBERATOR II (CONSOLIDATED B-24)**—Bomber, American Built

- W. High-wing. Very slight dihedral. Long narrow wing tapering to rounded wing tips. Span 110 feet.
- E. Four radial (Waspi).
- F. Head-on view oval. Side view short and deep with protruding nose. Note sharp slope up to tail.
- T. Large twin fins and rudders outrigger, rounded appearance. Tail plane rectangular.

*Compare with Halifax.*



*"The American" Drawing.*

**LIGHTNING I (LOCKHEED)**—Fighter, American Built

- W. Mid-wing. Dihedral from fuselage. Tapered to pointed wing tips. Span 32 feet.
- E. Twin inline (Allison). Housed in tail booms.
- F. Single-seat. Head-on view oval. Side view tapered. Plan view twin tail booms with central nacelle extending beyond engines.
- T. Twin fin, rudder shield-shaped, inset. Narrow tail plane with rounded wing tips.

*Compare with No. 119.*

W. Wings.

E. Engine.

F. Fuselage.

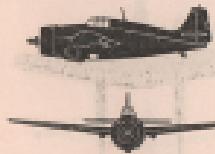
T. Tail.



**MARAUDER I (MARTIN B-26)**—Attack Bomber, American Built

- W. Shoulder-wing. No dihedral. Tapered to rounded tips. Nacelles extend beyond trailing edge. Span 63 feet.  
 E. Twin radial (Wasp). Underwing.  
 F. Head-on circular. Side view streamlined with protruding glass nose. Gun turrets on top well aft. Rear gun turret in pointed tail end.  
 T. High single fin and rudder, rounded top. Tail planes with marked dihedral in high position. Slight taper to rounded tips.

*Compare with Atlas.*



**MARTLET I (GRUMMAN F-4, F-3)**—Fleet Air Arm Fighter, American Built

- W. Mid-wing monoplane. Marked dihedral. Straight, slightly tapered wings. Square wing tips. Span 38 feet.  
 E. Single radial. (Cyclone).  
 F. Head-on view circular. Side view nibby. Small glass-covered cockpit over the wings. Two windows below.  
 T. Square cut single fin and rudder. Tail plane with taper on leading edge, square tips.

*Compare with Buffalo.*

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E. Engine.

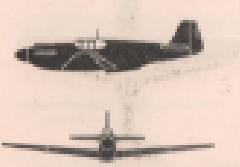
F. Fuselage.

T. Tail.



**MARYLAND I (MARTIN)**—Bomber, American Built

- W. Midwing. Dihedral. Tapered to rounded wing tips. Span 64 feet.  
 E. Twin radial (Wasp).  
 F. Head-on oval. Side view protruding glass nose and step up to pilot's cockpit. Note also the gun position behind the wings. Gun turrets on top.  
 T. Large single fin and rudder. Curved top and rudder. Tail planes set forward of the rudder in high-wing position. Slight taper to rounded wing tips.



**MUSTANG I (NORTH AMERICAN P-40)**—Fighter, American Built

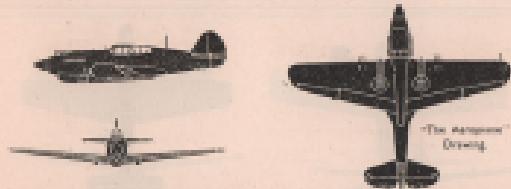
- W. Lowwing. Marked dihedral. Marked taper on trailing edge. Square wing tips. Span 37 feet.  
 E. Single inline (Allison).  
 F. Single-seat. Rectangular front view. Side view low set cockpit over wings. Radiator below behind the wings.  
 T. Single fin and rudder square cut. Tail plane set forward of rudder, rectangular.

*Compare with Mitog E, H-113.*

W. Wings. E. Engine. F. Fuselage. T. Tail.

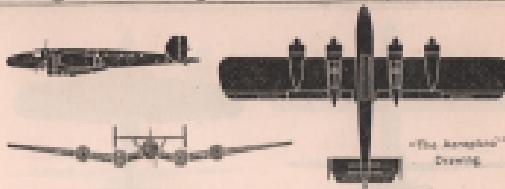


- RELIANT I (STINSON)**—Light Transport, American Built  
 W. High-wing, braced. No dihedral. Leading edge straight, trailing edge sharp taper to pointed wing tip. Span 42 feet.  
 E. Single radial (Lycoming).  
 F. Multi-seat. Wide and deep. Glass-covered cabin below the wings. Fixed undercarriage with single strut. The single wing strut and undercarriage leg join at the bottom of the fuselage.  
 T. Large rounded single fin and rudder. Tail plane mid to high position. Taper on leading and trailing edge, rounded tips.  
*Compare with Lycoming, Stinson 108.*

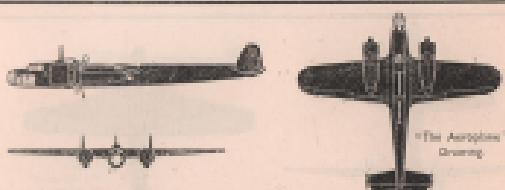


- TOMAHAWK I (CURTISS P-40)**—Fighter, American Built  
 W. Low-wing monoplane. Dihedral. Straight leading edge. Trailing edge tapered to rounded tips. Shoulder by fuselage. Span 37 feet.  
 E. Single inline (Allison).  
 F. Head-on view deep due to prominent radiator well forward under the nose. Two gun ports above. Side view prominent spinner with radiator below. Pilot's cockpit well back above trailing edge of wings. Hunged-back appearance.  
 T. Large single fin and rudder. Tail plane in high-wing position. Rounded and cut out by rudder.  
*Compare with Hurricane, Spitfire, Mirabell and Meikle 113.*

W. Wings. E. Engine. F. Fuselage. T. Tail.



- BLOHM & VÖSS Bv 143**—German Troop Carrier  
 W. Low-wing. Marked ashed from wing root, dihedral from inboard engines. Untapered rectangular wing with curved back tips. Span 38 feet.  
 E. Four radial (B.M.W.). Inboard engine nacelles project beyond trailing edge.  
 F. Head-on view circular. Side view streamlined, with pointed nose and tail end.  
 T. Twin fins and rudders, outrigger. Note pointed leading edge of fin. Rectangular tail plane with shortened elevators.



- DORNIER DO 17**—German Reconnaissance Bomber  
 W. High-wing monoplane. Very slight dihedral. Slight taper to rounded wing tips. Span 59 feet.  
 E. Twin radial (B.M.W.) underwing, or twin inline (D.B.601).  
 F. Three seat. Head-on view circular. Side view slender. Flying Pencil. Plan view robust. Glazed nose extending well beyond engines, with cockpit above and gun position over wings. Gun position also below.  
 T. Angular twin fins and rudders outrigger. Tail plane rectangular taper on leading edge.

*Illustrations show radial engine.*

**W.** Wings.

**E.** Engine.

**F.** Fuselage.

**T.** Tail.

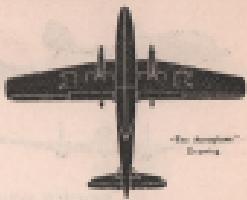


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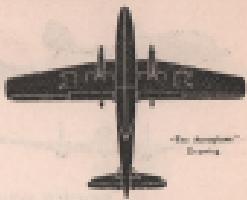
#### DORNIER Do 38K—German Reconnaissance Flying-Boat

- W.** High-wing on narrow superstructure. Braced to sponsons. No dihedral. Slight taper to rounded wing tips. Double wing flaps on trailing edge. Span 78 feet.
- E.** Twin in tandem inline (Junkers Jumo 210 G Diesel).
- F.** Slim streamlined hull. Sponsons attached. Gun position in nose and behind wings.
- T.** Single fin and rudder. Braced tail plane in high-wing position. Elevators overlap square-cut tail plane.



#### DORNIER Do 38—German Reconnaissance Flying-Boat

- W.** High parabolic wing. Slight dihedral starting half-way along the wing. Sweep-back leading edge. Stub wings or sponsons fitted from fuselage in place of floats. Span 63 feet.
- E.** Three radial (B.M.W.).
- F.** Step midway below fuselage with sweep up to tail end. Three gun turrets—nose, midway on top of fuselage, and tail.
- T.** Twin fin and rudders (Dornier style), outriggered. Tail plane in high-wing position.



#### DORNIER Do 17Z—German Flying-Boat

- W.** High gull-wing. Taper on leading edge, straight trailing edge, square tips. Span 91 feet 6 inches.
- E.** Four in two tandem pairs over wing-inline (Jumo 213, Diesel).
- F.** Tapered hull with pointed nose. Gun turrets on nose and two behind wings on the sides. Double step below the hull.
- T.** High pointed single fin and rudder. Straight trailing edge. Tail plane in high position, taper on leading edge. Elevators overlap on the tail plane.



#### DORNIER Do 17Z—German Bomber

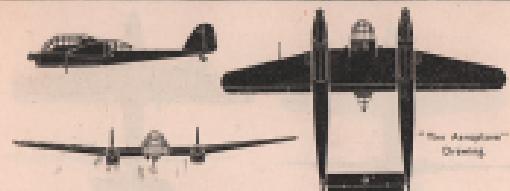
- W.** High-wing. Very slight dihedral, slightly tapered to rounded tips. Span 59 feet.
  - E.** Twin inline (DB 601A).
  - F.** Head-on circular, glazed nose. Side view slim, with enclosed cockpit in front of the wings. The nose projects well forward of the engines.
  - T.** Twin fins and rudders, outriggered. Tail plane rectangular with taper on leading edge.
- N.B.—A later version—Do 17Z Mf. II—for radial Bramo Fafnir engine; appearance otherwise is the same.*

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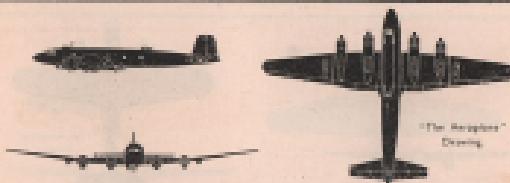
E. Engine.

F. Fuselage.

T. Tail.

**FOCKE-WULF Fw 190****German Army Co-operation and Ground Attack**

- W.** Low-wing. Dihedral from centre section. Taper on leading edge from rectangular cross section. Rounded wing tips. Span 60 ft.  
**E.** Twin inline (Argus).  
**F.** Two/three seat. Head on view, large transparent dome. Side view, finely tapered tail boom. Plan view, twin tail booms with cockpit nacelle. Short nosed. Also extending aft.  
**T.** Twin fins and radiators rounded top. Rectangular tail plane. Compare with Lightning.

**Fw 200 Kuriér—German Bomber****Fw 200 Condor—Troop Carrier**

- W.** Low-wing. Marked dihedral from outboard engines. Tapered to rounded wing tips. Slight bulge in trailing edge. Span 70 feet.  
**E.** Four radial (B.M.W.). Project well beyond main planes. The inboard engines appear underslung.  
**F.** Head-on view squat. Side view streamlined, except for long narrow blister under the wings. Pointed nose slopes up to pilot's cockpit.  
**T.** Large square-cut single fin and rudder. Tail plane tapered to rounded wing tips.  
 The Condor is similar, except for the absence of the blister and more rounded fin and rudder. Illustrations are of the Kuriér.

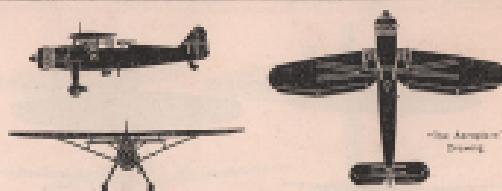
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W. Wings.

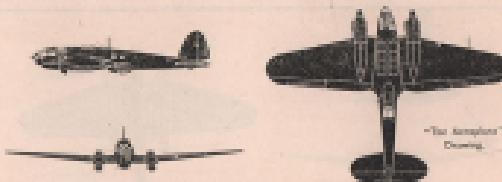
E. Engine.

F. Fuselage.

T. Tail.

**HENSCHEL Hs 126—German Army Co-operation**

- W.** High-wing. Parallel. No dihedral. Leading edge with marked sweep back. Trailing edge cut away at root, swept back, tapered, rounded wing tips. Span 47 feet.  
**E.** Single radial (B.M.W.).  
**F.** Two-seat. Head-on view circular. Side view slim, partially enclosed cockpit.  
**T.** Small single fin and rudder. Tail plane in high-wing position. No taper. Rounded wing tips.  
 Compare with Lynxster.

**HEINKEL He 111 H-5A—German Bomber**

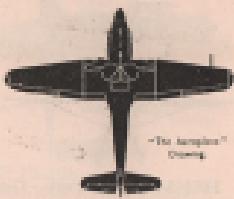
- W.** Low-wing monoplane. Dihedral. Leading edge sweep back to rounded wing tip. Wide chord. Trailing edge with "bite" at root. Span 74 feet.  
**E.** Twin inline (Junkers Jumo 211D) (or D.B. 605).  
**F.** Head-on view circular. Side view cigar shaped. Transparent nose offset to starboard. Gun position on top and below.  
**T.** Large single fin and rudder inverted U shape. Cut away notch between rudder and fuselage. Elliptical tail plane.

W. Wings.

E. Engine.

F. Fuselage.

T. Tail.

**HEINKEL He 113—German Fighter**

- W. Low-wing. Long and narrow. Slight anhedral. Marked dihedral starting quarter-way along wing. Span 50 feet.  
 E. Single inline (D.B.601). Radiator central below fuselage.  
 F. Circular front view. Pointed nose. Low cockpit, set well back.  
 T. Single fin and rudder with vertical trailing edge. Flat top. Tail plane narrow.

*Compare with Dylest, Hurricane, and Spitfire.***HEINKEL He 115—Reconnaissance Twin-Float Seaplane**

- W. Mid-wing. Dihedral from engines. Pronounced taper on leading edge. Straight trailing edge. Span 73 feet.  
 E. Twin radial (B.M.W.).  
 F. Head-on view oval. Side view slender with transparent nose and long glass-covered cockpit. Twin floats braced to engine nacelles.  
 T. Single fin and rudder, square-cut. Tail plane in high-wing position; braced.

W. Wings.

E. Engine.

F. Fuselage.

T. Tail.

**JUNKERS Ju 52/3m—German Troop-Carrier**

- W. Low-wing monoplane. Dihedral. Tapered to square edge. Jukers double-wing appearance. Span 96 feet.  
 E. Three radial (B.M.W.).  
 F. Head-on view rectangular. Side view nose engine is prominent. Stepped up to pilot's cockpit. Fixed undercarriage. May accommodate 20 soldiers.  
 T. Single fin and rudder. Sloped leading edge, straight rudder edge. Tail plane double-wing appearance, shorter overlap tail plane.

**JUNKERS Ju 88A—German Bomber**

- W. Low-wing monoplane. Dihedral from fuselage. Angular in appearance, leading edge swept back. Span 59 feet.  
 E. Twin inline, but radial appearance, extend almost in line with the nose. Underwing. (Junkers Juno 211.)  
 F. Squat glass-faced nose. Short glasshouse well forward, with gun position at the rear. Gun position below set to starboard.  
 T. High single fin and rudder. Rudder projects prominently beyond tail plane. Tail plane rounded and tapered.

*Compare with Bf 109.*

W. Wings.

E. Engine.

F. Fuselage.

T. Tail.



"The Aeroplane"  
Drawing

**JUNKERS Ju 86K and 86—German Bomber and Troop-Carrier**

- W. Low-wing monoplane. Dihedral from fuselage. Tapered, with straight wing tip. Junkers double-wing apparent. Span 74 feet.  
 E. Twin radial (B.M.W.) or twin inline (Junkers Jumo 213).  
 F. Ju 86K Bomber.—Head-on view narrow. Side view long projecting glass nose, stepped up to pilot's cockpit. Gun position on top behind trailing edge of wing. Retractable gun position below.  
 Ju 86 Troop-Carrier.—Similar, but no glass panel in the nose and no gun positions visible. Five windows in cabin for 12 soldiers.  
 T. Twin fins and rudders outriggered. Tail plane rectangular.

Illustration are of the Ju 86K.



"The Aeroplane"  
Drawing

**JUNKERS Ju 87—German Dive-Bomber**

- W. Low-wing, with pronounced W-shaped anhedral and dihedral—tapered. Junkers double wing flaps on trailing edge. Dive brake on under surface of wing. Span 42 feet.  
 E. Single inline (Junkers Jumo 211D). Prominent radiator under nose.  
 F. Two-seat. Long glasshouse. Fixed undercarriage with large spats. Fuselage runs away to a finely pointed tail in the plan view.  
 T. Large single fin and rudder, with straight trailing edge. Rectangular tail plane.

W. Wings.

E. Engine.

F. Fuselage.

T. Tail.



"The Aeroplane"  
Drawing

**JUNKERS Ju 90—German Troop-Carrier**

- W. Low-wing monoplane. Slight dihedral. Junkers double-wing apparent. Pronounced sweep back of leading edge. Span 115 feet.  
 E. Four radial (B.M.W.).  
 F. Head-on view square, but rounded at the top. Side view long clean lines to pointed tail and extending well beyond tail plane. Cabin windows apparent. Accommodates about 40 soldiers.  
 T. Twin fins and rudders outriggered. Tail plane rectangular.  
 Ju 89 Bomber is similar, but with inline Ju 211D engines. Gun nose is over and tail.



"The Aeroplane"  
Drawing

**MESSERSCHMITT Me 109E—German Fighter**

- W. Low-wing monoplane. Slight dihedral. Taper to squared-ended wing tips. Span 32 feet.  
 E. Single inline (D.B.601).3 radiators—one under each wing, one axial forward under the nose.  
 F. Single-seat. Noticeable length between main and tail planes. In the plan view looks like a cross. Cockpit well back over main plane.  
 T. Low small single fin and curved rudder. Low and broad appearance. Tail plane single strutted, rounded tips.

Coupled with Hurricane and Spitfire, Me 109F.

W. Wings.

E. Engine.

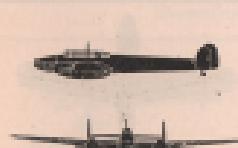
F. Fuselage.

T. Tail.



MESSERSCHMITT Me 90F—German Fighter

- W. Low-wing. Moderate dihedral. Straight taper to rounded wing tips. Span 33 feet.  
 E. Single inline (D.B.60). Supercharger air intake on port side. Radiator under each wing and under the nose.  
 F. Single-seat. Noticeable length between main and tail planes. Cockpit set low and well back over the main plane.  
 T. Single fin and flat-topped rudder. Tail plane is cantilever and set in high position. *Coupons with Marston.*

MESSERSCHMITT Me 109—German Fighter  
Mc JAGUAR—Reconnaissance Bomber

- W. Low-wing monoplane. Marked dihedral from fuselage. Well-tapered wings with square tips. Span 22 feet.  
 E. Twin inline. Underslung. (D.B.60a). Radiators under each wing.  
 F. Two- or three-seat. Long glashouse above main plane. Circular front view. Side view straight appearance.  
 T. Twin fins and rudders set on outer edge of tail plane. Long narrow tail plane set on top of fuselage.  
 Mc JAGUAR is similar, except for retractable tall wheel, glass panel under the nose for the bomb aimer, and shorter glashouse.

*Coupons with Marston.*

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## RAID-SPOTTING

Observation by eye and ear alone cannot be made an exact science, but training and practice can produce worth-while results. The following articles are intended only as an aid to the practice of locating aircraft and are therefore set out in general and approximate terms.

### VISUAL SPOTTING

#### Sky Charting

##### A simple exercise in height and distance judging

To determine the actual position of an object in the sky (cloud, balloon, aeroplane or A.A. burst), two out of the following three factors are required : Angle of vision, height, lateral distance.

Of these three, angle of vision is most easily obtained. Having gauged or measured the angle of vision, the graph shown on the front endpaper will show the corresponding heights and distances at which the object could be at that particular angle—either height or distance must now be estimated to determine its actual position.

*Example I.*—Aeroplane seen at 45°, estimated height 10,000 feet, then lateral distance would be approximately 1½ miles.

*Example II.*—Cloud base seen at 30°, estimated distance 1 mile, height would then be 3,000 feet.

*Example III.*—Aeroplane seen at 60°, estimated height 20,000 feet, estimated distance 3 miles. Reference to the graph will show this to be an impossibility.

Further scrutiny of the object will suggest an obvious error in judgment of either height or lateral distance, or both. Refer again to the graph and readjust your estimate. Practice will work wonders.

Friendly competition with two or more individuals pooling their estimates of height and distance on a given object at the determined angle gives added interest and accuracy.

#### Adds to Estimating Angle—Distance—Height

**Angle.**—The following are rough-and-ready means of gauging the angle of sight. The average closed fist with the knuckles held vertical at arm's length covers an angle of approximately 30°; with the thumb extended, 15°; with fingers and thumb outstretched, 10°.

A makeshift protractor can be made by taking any piece of paper, one corner being a right angle (a corner of a newspaper will do) and folding over and over three times, edge upon edge—the creases resulting from the corner will each cover an angle of 11½°. A square of wood with suitable angles clearly marked will prove more effective. When sighting upon an object, hold the corner close to the eye, making sure that the base is horizontal.

It is worth noting that the angle at which you see the Pole Star is the same number of degrees as the latitude of your position, and is, of course, constant, e.g., John o' Groats 59°, London 51°, Gibraltar 36°.

### **Visual Spotting—continued.**

**Distance—Land Marks.**—Learn the distance from your point of observation of outstanding landmarks—spire, hilltop, wood, etc. The objects selected should, where possible, be at different points of the compass.

By travelling the eye from an object in the sky to its nearest landmark below, a guide to its lateral distance will be obtained.

**Height—Cloud Formations and Heights.**—Besides providing a most interesting study, cloud forms can give a very valuable guide to the height at which aircraft are flying. With careful scrutiny it will be found that shape, texture and height vary considerably.

There are three main types of clouds:—

High clouds—**CIRRUS** (Latin), meaning curl or wisp.

Medium clouds—**CUMULUS** (Latin), meaning heap.

Low clouds—**STRATUS** (Latin), meaning layer or covering.

These types merge and combine into an infinite variety of forms, but under an international code have been classified into 10 forms; illustrations and descriptions of which appear on the back endpaper.

Make a habit of estimating the heights of clouds. Here the graph described on the previous page and shown on the front endpaper will help. Speaking generally, heights are greater in summer than in winter, but familiarity and practice will soon enable an observer to judge height from the "texture" of the cloud as well as from its type.

**Alto Cumulus and Alto Stratus.**—The wide range of heights at which these clouds occur is a major difficulty, but a good plan is to assume 10,000 or 12,000 feet as a standard and decide, in the light of other available information, whether the cloud layer is higher or lower. In the case of alto cumulus the larger the *cavum* waves or globular units, the lower its height. In the case of alto stratus a good rule is that when the sun is fully visible it is at about 15,000 feet, but when the sun becomes invisible it is 10,000 feet or less. It thickens as it descends.

**Clouds-Nimbus.**—Generally speaking, the more widely the individual cloud extends, the higher the summit is likely to go.

**How Far Away Can Aircraft be Seen?**—The answer to this question must necessarily depend upon many factors—size and height of aircraft, sky and light conditions, and, not least, upon the observer himself.

It is estimated that high-flying aircraft in good visibility will not be seen until at an angle of 45°-50°. One interpretation can be 20,000 feet at a lateral distance of 4 miles, direct distance 5-6 miles (see graph).

This is a significant fact to Raid-spotters when the question of bombing angles is considered (see page 52).

Low-flying aircraft of the larger types, say, at 2,000 feet, with visibility very good, may be watched out of sight up to 10-14 miles away.

### **Visual Spotting—continued.**

**Identification.**—With the naked eye, given average sight, and visibility no worse than moderate (objects visible 6½ miles away), it should be possible to identify single-engined types at a distance of 1 mile to 1½ miles, with an extra ½ mile added for the larger multi-engined machines, provided, of course, the details of construction of that particular type are known to the observer. Beyond that, the "sit" of the aeroplane in the air must be your guide.

**What Do Aircraft Look Like at a Distance?**—A useful method of training personnel is to use the 1/72nd scale models, obtainable from most stores. These models, when viewed at a distance of 10 feet through the exit end of a pair of binoculars, represent the actual appearance of the aeroplane as seen by the naked eye at 11,800 feet or approximately 4 miles direct distance.

### **SEARCHLIGHTS**

Searchlights, when in use, by their beam groups give a valuable guide as to the number and course of hostile aircraft.

In clear weather hostile aircraft will approach well-defended areas at high altitudes, say, 18,000 feet and upwards. A rough-and-ready estimate of distance may be obtained by considering the angle of vision and the meeting point of a group of searchlight beams (see angle graph).

### **TRAILS OR VORTICES**

Owing to the great height and speed at which modern aircraft can fly, the moisture content of the atmosphere is made visible by the sudden fall in temperature caused by the vacuum behind the wing tips and air screw blades.

Trails are, therefore, condensation, which, in continuous form, usually first occurs at, say, 20,000 feet; they are, in fact, cirrus clouds.

### **SOUND SPOTTING**

Not only at night, but on many occasions in the daytime, the first indication of the presence of aircraft will be given by sound. It is therefore of some importance to spotters that attention be given to this subject.

**Identification by Sound.**—Identification, as the word implies, must be positive; otherwise it is valueless and may even be harmful.

Practised Spotters can often name correctly an aeroplane heard and subsequently seen; this, however, can only apply to types which have frequently been heard by an individual, whereas by visual means types not previously seen in the air can be identified from the study of silhouettes, etc.

American types of engines approach the sound of hostile engines more nearly than our own; an added consideration is the fact that many types are now fitted with a variety of engines.

As an additional aid to visual spotting the study of recognition by sound is valuable.

### Sound Spouting—continued.

**A Few Facts About Sound.**—Sound from aircraft is produced by (1) the air-screw, (2) passage of the machine through the air, (3) the engine. The manœuvre of the machine will vary each and all of these. The resulting sound is therefore not constant.

Experience will help to distinguish (1) the heavy beat of the loaded bomber, (2) the constant drone of the fighter, (3) the "popping" of a light trainer, but not between hostile and friendly aircraft. All twin-engined aircraft, hostile or friendly, produce an intermittent drone. Note, also, two single-engined aircraft flying together often produce the same effect.

At ground level sound travels at approximately 750 m.p.h., or 1 mile in 5 seconds. Aircraft at 900 m.p.h. travel 1 mile in 2 seconds.

"	300	"	1	"	12	"
"	250	"	1	"	14	"

Velocity of sound for our purpose can be taken as constant, regardless of weather condition or its volume.

The direction from which sounds emanate can be best judged by "balancing" the sound evenly upon both ears.

The apparent effect of an aeroplane leaving its sound behind is produced by the fact that the rays of light which enable you to see the aeroplane reach your eye instantaneously, whereas its sound takes 5 seconds for each mile of distance to reach your ear.

The angle for aim-off being  $15^\circ$  at 300 m.p.h.,  $20^\circ$  at 350 m.p.h.,  $25^\circ$  at 300 m.p.h.,  $30^\circ$  at 350 m.p.h. It should be noted that these are maximum angles and that any deviation in course either towards you or away from you will cause a decrease. See page 47 for gauging angles.

Practise your estimate of speed and angle. Compare sounds at different heights, and for different manœuvres.

A reasonably accurate method of counting seconds is to say aloud and with deliberation, "One and two and three and," etc. Practise this with a watch.

The range of sound is affected by wind. A favorable wind has the effect of throwing the sound waves downwards, thus increasing its range. An adverse wind throws the sound waves upwards, decreasing its range.

The direction and strength of wind should therefore be noted while on duty.

**Wind Force 0-10 m.p.h.** Gentle Breeze. Light flag extended, leaves and twigs in motion.

" 10-20 " Mod. Breeze. Dust raised—loose paper blows about.

" 20-30 " Strong Breeze. Telegraph wires whistle, branches sway.

" 30+ " High Wind. Walking difficult, whole trees in motion.

### Sound Spouting—continued.

On a night of hard frost it has been known for high-flying aircraft to be heard 20 miles away.

From observations made at night, the average distance at which high-flying aircraft will be first or last heard is:

Wind 0-10 m.p.h.—8-10 miles in all directions.

Wind 10-20 m.p.h.—10-12 miles up wind, 7-8 miles side wind, 3-6 miles down wind.

Wind 20-30 m.p.h.—12-14 miles up wind, 5-6 miles side wind, 4-5 miles down wind.

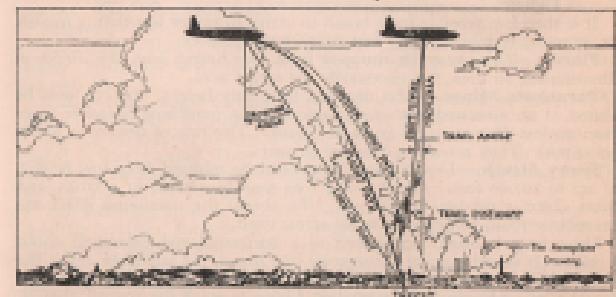
Wind 30 m.p.h. and over, the sound becomes confused and even the direction is difficult to determine, but down-wind aircraft may pass within 1-2 miles undetected.

Clouds can both reduce range and alter direction by refraction of sound waves. Ground noises must also be allowed for.

The sound of very low-lying aircraft, say, 1,000 feet or less, will only be detected at very close range.

The direct distance in miles of A.A. bursts can be determined (as in the case of lightning and thunder) by counting 5-second intervals between the view of the burst and the arrival of the sound.

### BOMBING ANGLES, ETC.



The distance from its target at which a bomb is released depends upon the height and speed of the plane and the time of fall of the bomb.

The time of fall of an H.E. bomb is only slightly affected by the speed of the plane or the weight of the bomb.

The time of fall is roughly 10,000 feet 16 seconds, 15,000 feet 24 seconds, 20,000 feet 28 seconds, 25,000 feet 31 seconds. A bomb dropped from a great height, after falling 20,000 feet, may reach a velocity approaching

### Bombing—continued.

that of sound (1,200 feet per second), but the pressure of the air at ground level prevents this velocity being finally attained.

The following table gives the approximate angle of vision and distance in miles from their target at which bombs will be released from aircraft travelling at different speeds and heights.

Height in feet	Speed 200 m.p.h.	Angle of vision	Speed 250 m.p.h.	Angle of vision	Speed 300 m.p.h.	Angle of vision
10,000	1½ miles	53°	1¾ miles	47°	2 miles	43°
15,000	1½ " "	50°	2½ " "	30°	2½ " "	45°
20,000	2 " "	62°	2½ " "	25°	3 " "	50°
25,000	2½ " "	63°	2½ " "	20°	3½ " "	33°

High-flying aircraft can, therefore, be immediately dangerous when seen at an angle between 45° and 63°.

Providing the aeroplane continues on its course, it will be over the target as the bomb lands, irrespective of its height and speed.

Heavy bombers' speed ... ... approx. 200 m.p.h.

Medium " " " " " 250 "

Fighter " " " " " 300 "

It is therefore possible for a bomb to arrive in rather less than 1 minute or, at most, 1½ minutes after first sighting the bomber.

**Flares.**—These may be dropped from any height with the object of illuminating an area, not necessarily the target area.

**Parachute Mines.**—Also dropped from any height, but can only be aimed at an area and not single targets. The parachute is rather more than 20 feet diameter and green in colour. The rate of descent is about 40 m.p.h. They are often dropped in pairs.

**Spray Attacks.**—Liquid mustard gas can be released from low height, or up to 10,000 feet. About 1—1½ tons may be carried in 2 tanks, and takes about 1 minute to flow out. To obtain the maximum effect the aeroplane would be expected to fly across wind.

On release it might be likened to a horizontal rod extending about 3 miles. It would quickly disintegrate into drops, the largest to reach the ground being 5 mm., the smallest 0.3 mm., from 10,000 feet; the largest would take 5 minutes and the smallest 1 hour to reach the ground, that is, with wind about 10 m.p.h. It is estimated that the maximum number of drops likely to fall on any one person would be a large and 10-2 mm. drops, whereas to cause a casualty it requires 250-3 mm. drops. Hence its value is chiefly surprise, nuisance and danger of liquid in the eyes. Mica eye-shields should therefore be kept handy. Outer clothing should be quickly removed and allowed to air for 1½ hours.

### AIR-BORNE TROOPS

These consist of parachute troops and air-landing troops. The former make a parachute jump while their transport aeroplane is air-borne; the latter tumble out the moment their transport has landed.

The types of aeroplane which it is expected may be used for the transport of troops and/or towing of gliders are Junkers Ju52, Junkers Ju87, Junkers Ju88, Junkers Ju52, Focke-Wulf Fw Condor, Focke-Wulf Fw Kurier and the Blohm & Voss Bv141, with a fighter escort drawn from the following types: MesserG, MesserF, Me110, and Pw165.

### TROOP-CARRYING GLIDERS



The following are distinctive features of gliders:—

**Wings.**—High wing, braced or cantilever, wide span nearly double the length of the fuselage. Slender wing sections. May be semi-transparent. May have hook-shaped skids towards outer edge of each wing.

**Engines.**—None.

**Fuselage.**—Short; circular in section. Cabin and portholes under the wing. Main skid under the belly. Note wheels on either side. Tail skid set well back.

**Tail.**—High, single fin and rudder. Rudder extends well beyond tail plane. Tail plane elliptical and may be single-strutted.

Having no engine, gliders are slow and silent, except for a swish only heard at short range. They may be towed as many as five in line ahead, but would be loosed before reaching the coast-line to avoid being detected by the noise of the towing aircraft.

The following types of aircraft, themselves carrying troops, have been used for towing: Junkers Ju52/3m, Junkers Ju87 and 90, also Fw. Condor. The towing speed is something over 200 m.p.h.

Gliders can carry 10-12 equipped men each and would therefore be expected to land several near together.

They make a flat landing with a run of only 10 yards at about 40 m.p.h.

They would mainly be used at night, and even then, when derailed, would make a wonderful target to A.A. guns or our night-fighters.

The equipment of the smaller types may include 6 sommy guns, 6 Schmeisser sub-machine guns, 1 heavy machine gun, 1 light machine gun and their ammunition, also 2 portable radio sets.

## PARACHUTE TROOPS



The Junkers Ju52 is the type of aeroplane chiefly used for the transport of parachute troops. Each aeroplane can carry 10-12 equipped men. The troops are dropped from an altitude of 200 feet or less while the flying speed is 80-100 m.p.h. While the troops are actually descending observers are apt to overestimate their number. Coloured parachutes may be used by leaders and for the containers of equipment.

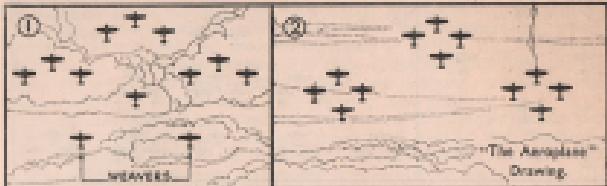
- Uniform.**—(1) High boots laced at the side, with heavy rubber soles.  
 (2) Loose grey trousers fastened like plus-fours.  
 (3) Tunic same colour with brown or yellow piping and white metal eagle on the collar. Shoulder straps piped; pockets have buttoned flaps.  
 (4) Over tunic and trousers overalls of grey-green gabardine are worn, loose in the body with short legs and long full sleeves; loose collar. On the right breast is an embroidered badge (white) of a flying eagle holding a swastika. For the descent the overalls are worn over the equipment to prevent it from fouling the parachute. On landing, the parachute harness is discarded and belt with equipment taken from underneath and put on outside the overalls.  
 (5) Gauntlet gloves drawn in at the wrist.  
 (6) Steel helmet, without a flat rim, is secured by two straps, one in front and one behind the ears.

**Weapons.**—These are dropped separately in cylindrical or six-sided containers. Three or four in each aeroplane, one to about five men, are dropped singly by parachute nearly ready for instant use, with loaded rifle, stick grenades, anti-tank rifle, light and heavy machine-guns.

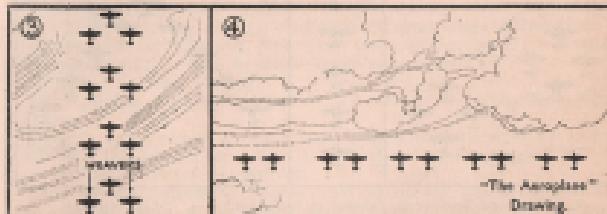
Each man carries a revolver, two grenades, a spring knife, revolver and rifle ammunition, about 100 rounds for each, and machine-gun ammunition.

One man in five has a machine-pistol with folding stock. Fired from the shoulder or hip, effective range about 75 yards.

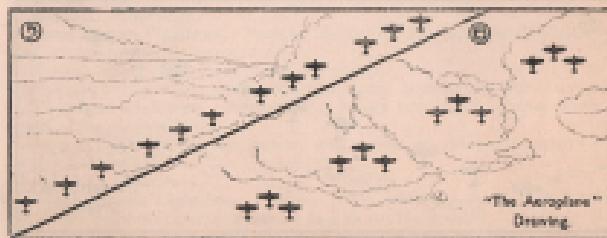
## SOME FIGHTER FORMATIONS USED BY R.A.F. & LUFTWAFFE



1. "Section in Vic." Forward Flying Fighters require protection from rear attack. The bombers do this, making 3 turns at high speed.  
 2. "Section in Line."



3. "Section in Line Aster." 4. "Line Aster," often used by the Luftwaffe.

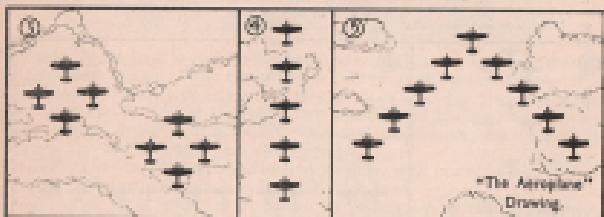


5. "Squadron Extension to Port." 6. "Section in Echelon to Port." Sub formations or units do not always fly at the same level, often at increasing heights from front to rear.

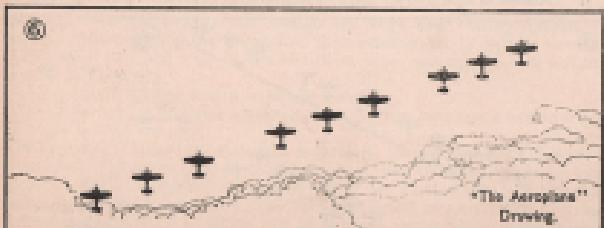
## SOME BOMBER FORMATIONS USED BY R.A.F. & LUFTWAFFE



"The Aeroplane" Drawing.



"The Aeroplane" Drawing.



"The Aeroplane" Drawing.

6. "Echelon to Port." In both Fighter and Bomber formations the leader flies in front in full view of his command. More open formation is kept on active service flights than on drill flights.

## PURPOSE AND DESIGN

As air warfare develops more and more specialised work is required of aeroplanes and the men who fly in them. Specialisation being still in the stage of development, aircraft in service to-day are called upon to perform many duties and are well equipped to do so; e.g., Spitfires not only act as interceptor fighters, but they escort day bombers and also carry out ground strafing sweeps on their own account. Similarly, Heinkels, Stirlings, etc., bomb both by day and night.

In general outline, purpose and design can be grouped under three headings:—Spotting and Ground Observation, Pursuit and High-wing, Weight-carrying, Mid-wing, Fighting Vic and Manoeuvring, Low-wing.

The following summary is intended to add interest and understanding to the work of ground observers and not to suggest that the types mentioned are necessarily used for that specified purpose only.

### FIGHTERS

**Interceptor Fighters.** *Purpose:* To intercept and attack day raiders, which implies working within a comparatively short range of their base.

*Design:* For fast climbing, high speed and high fire power, endurance and weight-carrying must to some extent be sacrificed.

*Example:* Spitfire, Messer.

**High Flying Fighters.** *Purpose:* To counter the very high flying bomber.

*Design:* Extra power to attain great heights and the need for longer endurance involve heavier weight at the expense of sheer speed.

*Example:* Hurricane II, Me 109G.

**Low Attack Fighters.** *Purpose:* To defend our low flying aircraft, e.g., reconnaissance or low attack bombers and to attack enemy troops and low flying aircraft.

*Design:* High speed, high fire power and heavy armour.

*Example:* Arado 96.

**Long Range Fighters.** *Purpose:* Escort for day bombers and convoys and attack on enemy aerodromes.

*Design:* Long range, speed and fire power.

*Example:* Hurricane with extra fuel tanks, Bf 109F, Me 110.

**Two-Seat Fighters.** *Purpose:* For escort and night fighting when a team of two is required.

*Design:* Endurance, fire power, and power-operated gun turret for accurate shooting.

*Example:* Dornier.

**Night Attack Fighters.** *Purpose:* Night attack on enemy aerodromes to harass bombers returning from a raid or on the ground.

*Design:* Long range, crew of two, blacked-in cockpit, powerful armament, as well as accommodation for a few bombs.

*Example:* Hawker.

### Fighters—continued.

**Night Interceptor.** *Purpose:* Night patrol, tracking and destroying enemy raiders.

*Design:* Long endurance, speed, reliability and weight carrying, also heavy armament for a quick kill, as the enemy once found may be quickly lost. Again a team of two is required. The cockpit blacked in from below to counter the glare from searchlights.

*Example:* Beaufighter.

**Fighter Bombers.** *Purpose:* Low level precision bombing.  
*Design:* Power for weight carrying, speed and manoeuvrability.

*Example:* Hurricane (Harry-Bomber).

**Fleet Fighters.** *Purpose:* To intercept enemy raiders, bombers or torpedo-bombers. To escort our bombers and torpedo-bombers.

*Design:* Long range for reaching shore or locating their aircraft-carrier. Quick take-off and slow landing speed for operating from aircraft-carrier. Folding wings or small dimensions for compact storage.

*Example:* Fulmar, Martlet, Buffalo.

### BOMBERS

**Dive Bombers.** *Purpose:* To dive on its objective aiming machine and bomb at the target.

*Design:* Great strength of wing with marked dihedral and dive brakes, for steadiness in a power dive.

*Example:* Bermuda, Venetian, Judy.

**Attack Bombers.** *Purpose:* Low attack on enemy positions with machine gun, canon and light bombs.

*Design:* Compact, sturdy build for control and weight-carrying.

*Example:* Northrop, Boston.

**Reconnaissance Bombers.** *Purpose:* Long distance, high speed flights by day over enemy territory for locating and photographing objectives.

*Design:* Speed, endurance and defensive armament.

*Example:* Maryland, Hudson, Jaguar.

**Torpedo Bombers.** *Purpose:* To deliver low attacks with air-borne torpedoes on enemy ships.

*Design:* Multi-seat with steady flying qualities to ensure accurate launching of the torpedo.

*Example:* Barracuda, Albatross, Swordfish, Heinkel He111.

**Day Bombers and Night Bombers.** *Purpose:* To reach their objective and deliver the goods at the right address.

*Design:* Varies from Medium Bomber to Heavy Bomber to Super-Heavy Bomber. Provision in each case has to be made for the combined qualities of speed, endurance, defensive power, weight-carrying and high flying.

*Example:* Medium Bomber—Blenheim; Heavy Bomber—Whitley; Super-Heavy Bomber—Stirling; Stratosphere Bomber—Porter.

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### PRISMATIC BINOCULARS (Eyespace Focussing)

**Use.**—Complete comfort and absence of strain is of great importance. Brain and eye cannot act in harmony when neck and arms are strained. A.A. crews have armchairs, but Roof-spotters will probably have to be content with a leaning post or parapet. The eyepieces should be held gently but firmly to the eyes. **NEVER LOOK AT THE SUN.**

Keep your eyes on the object and raise the binoculars to the eyes.

**Focussing.**—The bar is marked in millimetres to register the distance between your eyes. The markings on the eyepieces have no special denotation.

First see that the eyepieces are adjusted on the zero mark, then open out the binoculars to their full extent. Sight on a distant object by using first one eyepiece then the other, both eyes being kept normal, thus focussing each in turn. Note the marking on each eyepiece. Then, using both eyes, close the binoculars until one clear vision is comfortably obtained. Note the degrees (millimetres) marked on the bar. The use of these adjustments will enable you to obtain a quick focus with any standard type.

**Care of.**—Rings and joints affect the alignment, also disturb the bakalum which cements together the object lenses. To clean, use soft material free of dust or grit. Moisture, especially dust, forms a film on the inner surface of the lens. Examine through the reverse way; if a film is seen professional treatment will be required.

### MOONLIGHT (Midnight is in Greenwich Mean Time)

- (i) When the Moon is Full there is moonlight all night.
- (ii) Thereafter the Moon rises and sets progressively later each night, but sets after daylight.
- (iii) At Last Quarter it rises at near midnight.
- (iv) It continues to rise later until, at New Moon, there is no moonlight.
- (v) Thereafter, until First Quarter, when the Moon sets around midnight, there is progressively more moonlight for the first part of darkness.
- (vi) Until Full Moon, when the position described in (i) above is again reached, the Moon sets later each night after midnight.

The Moon rises and sets on an average about fifty minutes later each day.

### VISIBILITY TABLE

Fog (dense to moderate) . . . . .	Objects not visible 1,100 yards.
Haze or mist . . . . .	" " " 1½ miles.
Poor visibility . . . . .	" " " 2½ " "
Moderate visibility . . . . .	" " " 6½ " "
Good visibility . . . . .	" " " 12½ " "
Very good visibility . . . . .	" " " 32 " "
Excellent visibility . . . . .	visible over 32 " "

**Stratosphere.**—The upper portion of the atmosphere in which the temperature remains constant with height 33,000 feet to 66,000 feet and up.

## GENERAL HINTS

Day signs of danger: Sounds of aerial combat, gunfire, or bombing.

Night signs of danger: Gunfire, searchlight concentrations, flares, sounds of aerial combat, aircraft circling or hovering and bombing.

Local tactics: Note the tactics employed: (a) Aircraft passing in ranks for a distant target; (b) spasmodic attack; (c) continuous attack, even then a quiet period may intervene, when, with shelter accommodation close at hand, work may be resumed.

During a Public "Alert" at least two should be on duty.

Sun glasses are very useful. Small formations attack from out of the sun. Large formations rely on their strength to take the shortest route.

Tactics change, but hostile aircraft in large formations fly very close together, to make a small target. Small formations may fly in line ahead. Our fighters fly in more open formation—often in three v's with two as scouts weaving in and out.

If aircraft are spotted in one direction, do not ignore the rest of the sky.

If friendly aircraft are recognised, keep in touch with their movements; they will not later take you by surprise.

If there are two layers of cloud, hostile craft may fly between to obtain cover from above and to seek an opening below.

During an air raid hostile aircraft may appear to be shot down, but in reality be making a dive attack.

If in doubt, sound the alarm. Having sounded the alarm and found the aircraft to be friendly, remember it takes 10 minutes to smoke a cigarette. An attempt to recall to work in two or three minutes will not inspire confidence.

So that your warning may be given in good time, it is essential you know the time taken by the personnel in the building to reach their shelter. See Notes on Bombing Alerts, page 50.

Remember the Raid Spotter's motto: "The Bell before the Bomb."

## BRIEF DETAILS OF ROOF POST

Good view in all directions is essential. If necessary site the post away from the building. This would also be desirable for a noisy factory.

Alarm bell in handy position.

Protection, sides and overhead, should be provided.

Protection from the wind has more than comfort importance.

Sheltering below a wall of brick, sandbag, etc., not only reduces the noise and disturbance of the wind, but improves sound detection.

Steel helmets, respirators, eye shields, first-aid kit, waterproof coats, hats and boots should be provided; light and heat where possible.

Binoculars more than double the efficiency of recognition.

Silhouettes, recognition and log books should be kept.

Compass points marked on the walls and a map are useful and interesting.

## FIRE FIGHTING HINTS

1. Watch as well as listen for incendiary bombs and fires.

2. Speed, caution and a cool head are essential in fire fighting. Incendiary bombs should be considered explosive. Carry dustbin lid, door mat or heavy overcoat with a stick through the arms.

3. Deal with bombs on buildings first; on the ground after.

4. Always use sand or earth in the open; water in buildings. Bombs continue to burn under sand or earth. Sand bags should be half full and are easily carried by gripping both ends in one hand.

5. A stirrup pump is really effective. Use spray on bomb, jet on fire. Tackle the surrounding fires first. Direct it at the heart of the fire, not only flames. Avoid electric fires or cables, water conducts electricity.

6. The pump operator should keep in clear, cool air. Pump steadily, go to the minute on jet, 35 on spray. Coal gas is poisonous and explosive. Your gas mask is not effective in this case.

7. Carbon tetrachloride extinguishers give off phosgene gas. Take care in a confined space.

8. Foam extinguishers are necessary for burning oils or fats.

9. Keep a reserve supply of water. Clear your loft of all articles.

10. Inform somebody before entering a burning building.

11. Don't let fire get behind you. Search from the top downwards to safety. Fire may travel under floors or behind panels.

12. Open doors with care, keeping your foot within a few inches to act as a stopper.

13. When smoke is present, crawl with a damp cloth over mouth and nose; it's cooler and clearer on the floor. Keep close to the walls on stairs or floors; it's safer.

14. If your clothes catch fire, roll on the floor, clasping your hands over your mouth and nose. If someone else, then force them down with burning pants uppermost and roll in a rug or coat; don't let them run away.

15. Doors and windows, if open, cause a draught which feeds fire.

16. Avoid unnecessary damage by smashing or flooding. Move unshouldering pillows, etc., outside.

17. To move an unconscious person, kneel across him and tie his wrists together over your head, and crawl. Apply artificial respiration as soon as possible.

18. To move him downstairs, grasp him beneath the armpits with his head in the crook of your arm and drag him down on his back.

19. Don't jump from a window, but hold on to the sill and lower to arm's length; then fall with the knees bent.

20. A good first-aid remedy for burns is lint soaked in strong tea and allowed to dry, or in a solution of bicarbonate of soda, a teaspoon to 1 pint of water, when it must be kept wet. If a small child has been badly burnt about the body, immerse the whole body in a bath of warm water until medical aid arrives.



## First Aid—continued

### BLEEDING FROM THE TRUNK

These wounds are usually grave. Cover them with several layers of dressing. Keep up gently firm pressure over the pads.

### SHOCK OR COLLAPSE

All wounded are liable to collapse. Control bleeding at once. Keep the patient lying down. Loosen clothing at neck and waist, but do not expose the patient to chill. Prop the head comfortably. Wrap blankets or coats round the patient, not forgetting gently to slip some under him. Put hot bottles, if available, outside the blankets. Let him smoke if he will. Give him plenty to drink, warm drinks preferably (not alcohol), and the best of all is warm very sweet tea. By your presence and helpfulness encourage him.

Follow this routine even in apparently slight cases. It will save lives.

### WARNING

**DO NOT GIVE FLUID TO CASES OF WOUNDING OF BELLY**  
Patients who have injuries to the belly must not be given anything by mouth; not even sips of water should be swallowed, but the mouth may be rinsed out.

### SUFFOCATION

Pressure of fallen debris may compress the chest and cause suffocation. To release a person so buried is a matter of the utmost urgency. Do not waste a second.

### CLOTHES ON FIRE

Take a rug or heavy coat. Wrap it round the victim. Prevent him running about. Lay him on the ground, using force if necessary. Smother the flames by pressure or beating through the rug.

### TREATMENT OF BURNS

Treat first for shock as described above. Treat the burn later. DO NOT APPLY OIL OF ANY KIND. The best thing to use is a series of layers of dressing moistened with cold tea. If this is not at hand, cover the burn with dry clean dressings several layers thick.

**IF YOU EXCEED THESE INSTRUCTIONS YOU MAY DO GREAT HARM. LEAVE ALL OTHER TREATMENT TO TRAINED MEN. LIVES ARE AT STAKE—PLAY FOR SAFETY.**

## Aircraft Models

Junker J 57B (Stuka)

Westland Whirlwind

Westland Whirlwind S.55 (Helicopter)

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Beling Stalafortress

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Typhoon

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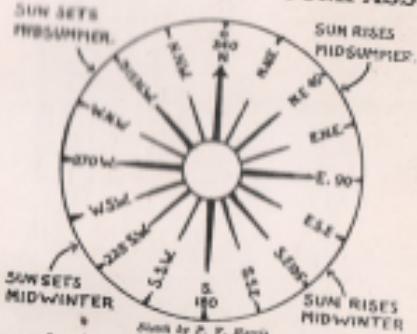
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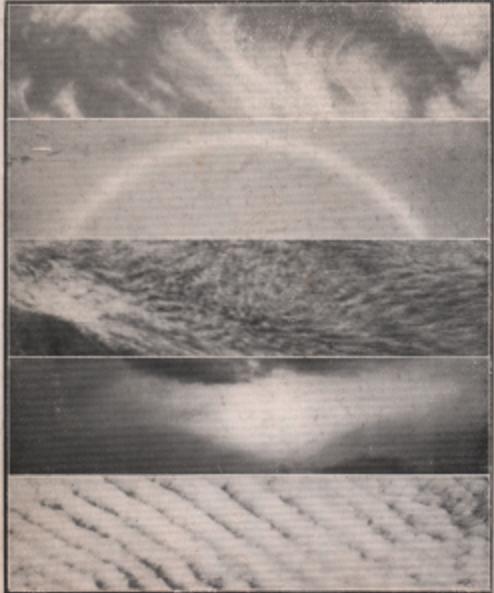
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## POINTS OF THE COMPASS.



Compass showing principal points, degrees, and sunrise and sunset in the latitude of London.



#### HIGH CLOUDS. Height 20,000—40,000 ft.

**Cirrus** (Mare's Tails). Detached clouds of delicate threadlike or wispy or feathery form, silvery white in colour.

**Cirro-Stratus.** A translucent milky or white cloud-sheet, sometimes covering the whole sky, and frequently recognisable by the presence of "halos"—wide circles—round sun or moon. These are produced by the ice crystals of which the cloud is composed.

**Cirro-Cumulus.** Very small wavelets or flakes without shadows, and usually accompanied by threads of cirrus.

#### MEDIUM CLOUDS.

Medium clouds may occur anywhere between 7,090 and 20,000 ft.

**Alto-Stratus.** A uniform or fibrous sheet of light or darkish grey colour according to its thickness; when thin the sun or moon can be dimly seen through the cloud.

**Alto-Cumulus** (Mackerel Sky). Waves or globular patches of moderate to small size, usually showing slight shadows, and often grouped in flotillas.



#### LOW CLOUDS.

**Cumulus** (Clouds of Various Kinds). Clouds of various sizes, occurring in groups, generally having a series of hollow indentations, called "holes" or "combs" at their summit. Height of base 2,000—5,000 ft.; the summits may reach up to 10,000 ft. from the base.

**Cumulus-Wiscloud** (Cloud). Cloud whose summit is somewhat flat, and shows protuberances, and whose base is flat and generally horizontal. They often develop into Cumulus-Nimbus. Height of base 2,000—5,000 ft.

**Nimbus.** Dark rugged "wool" clouds found usually below a higher sheet of Alto-Stratus. The combined mass usually gives rise to steady rain or snow. Height 500—2,000 ft.

**Stratus.** A uniform layer of cloud resembling fog but not lying on the ground. Height 500—2,000 ft.