

WEEKLY APPRECIATION
OF
THE GERMAN AIR FORCE ON THE WESTERN FRONT
COMMANDS, GROUPS AND STATIONS.

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January 28th (Dawn) - February 4th (Dawn), 1944.

The following units, arranged by types approximately in order of their scale of effort, have been identified on operations on the Western Front during the week.

LONG RANGE BOMBERS.

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|------------|-----------|------------|------------------|
| V/K.G.2. | II/K.G.6. | III/K.G.2. | I/K.G.76 |
| III/K.G.6. | I/K.G.54. | II/K.G.2. | I/K.G.100 (part) |
| I/K.G.6. | I/K.G.66. | II/K.G.54. | III/K.G.40. |
| I/K.G.2. | I/K.G.40. | | |

LONG RANGE RECCO.

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|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Wosta 1. | Wosta 51. | 1(F) 120. | 1 F.A.Gr.5. |
| Wosta 2. | 1(F) 22. | 3(F) 123 | Special Recco |
| Wosta 5. | | | Schwarm, Bordeaux. |

FIGHTER BOMBERS

I/S.K.G.10.

TWIN-ENGINE FIGHTERS

| | | | |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| N.J.G.3. | N.J.G.1. | N.J.G.5. | I/Z.G.1. |
| N.J.G.2. | N.J.G.4. | | |

TACTICAL RECCO.

N.A.Gr.13.

COASTAL.

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DISPOSITION OF FIGHTERS - WESTERN FRONT

- NOTES: - (1) Where place names are marked with an asterisk, they are thought to be in use as operational bases. In all other cases the place names are only intended as a convenient means of suggesting the area in which fighter aircraft may be expected to operate.
- (2) Single-engined night-fighters are shown with an N, twin-engined day-fighters with a D.

| | Mo. 109/P.W. 190 of Fighter-Bomber, Recon. & Coastal Units | S.E.F. | | T.E.F. | |
|---|---|--|--------|----------|----------------------|
| | | 1st Line | R.T.U. | 1st Line | R.T.U. |
| | | * Nîmes Marseilles/Marignane * Toulouse/Blagnac * Pau | | | 10 10 10 10 |
| <u>FRANCE W. of the Seine.</u> | | | | | |
| Biarritz-Bayonne Anglet | | | 10 | | |
| * Cazaux and Bordeaux | | | 10 | | |
| * Bordeaux/Marignac | | | | 10D | |
| St. Jean d'Angley and La Rochelle | | | | | |
| * Chateauroux | | | 20 | | |
| * Tours | | | 10 | | |
| * Kerlin/Bastard | | | 10 | | |
| * Brest/Guipevas | | 10 | | | |
| * Guel | | 10 | | | |
| * Brest/Lanveoc Poulmic | 5 0 | | | | |
| * Dinard | 10 R | | | | |
| * Lannion and Morlaix | 10 R | | | | |
| Cherbourg/Maupertus Beaumont-le-Roger, Bemay Area | 10 R | | | | |
| * Conches | | 20 | | | |
| Evreux | | 15 | | | |
| * St. Andre de L'Eure | | 30 | | | |
| * Chartres | | 10 D & N | | | |
| Paris Area | | | 10 | | |
| Orleans/Bricy | | | 10 | | |
| <u>FRANCE (East of the Seine) AND BELGIUM</u> | | | | | |
| * St. Dizier | | | | 10 | |
| * Dolc/Tavaux | | | | 10 | |
| * Dijon | | | | 10 | |
| * Juvisincourt | | | | 30 | |
| * Florennes | | | | 10 | |
| * Laon/Athies | | | | 10 | |
| Nancy and Metz Area | | | | 10 | |
| Cornailles-en-Vexin/Creil | | 10 | | 5 | 5 |
| * Rosieres-en-Santerre | 30 F.B. | 20 | | | |
| * Cambrai/Spinoy | | 30 | | | |
| St. Omer/Fort Rouge | | 5 | | | |
| * St. Troind | | | | 30 | |
| <u>HOLLAND</u> | | | | | |
| * Gilze Rijen | | | | 35 | |
| Gilze Rijen Area | | 10 | | 10 | |
| Eindhoven | | 10 | | | |
| * Volkel | | 20 | | | |
| * Venlo and area | | 60 | | 30 | |
| * Deelen | | 30 | | 15 | |
| * Leeuwarden | | | | 20 | |
| * Eelde | | 30 | | | |
| * Twente/Enschede | | | | 30 | |

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|---------------------------------|---|---------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|
| | | 1st Line | R.T.U. | 1st Line | R.T.U. |
| <u>N.W. GERMANY (N. of 49°)</u> | | | | | |
| Duisburg Area | | 35 | | | |
| Cologne Area | | 35N(+35) | | | |
| * Lippspringe | | | | 30D | |
| * Rheine | | 15 | | | |
| Rheine Area | | N11 (-35) | | | |
| Munster | | 10 | | | |
| * Achmer | | 15 | | 15D | |
| * Quakenbruck | | | | 10 | |
| * Hesepe | | | | N11 (-30D) | |
| * Vechta | | | | 15 | |
| * Oldenburg | | 30 | | | |
| * Nordholz | | | | 5 | |
| Borkum | | 5 | | | |
| * Wittmundhafen/Ardorf | | | | 10 | |
| * Jever and Area | | 30 | | | |
| Brusen Area | | 30 | | | |
| * Stade | | | | 20 | |
| * Wunstorf | | 30 | | 35D | |
| Hannover Area | | | | 30D(+30D) | |
| * Brunswick/Waggeln | | | | | 10D |
| * Kassel/Rothwesten | | | | 20 | |
| Hamburg Area | | 35N | | | |
| * Rhusum | | 20 | | | |
| Schleswig Area | | 30N | | | |
| * Schleswig/Jagel | | | | 15 | |
| * Westerland/Sylt | | | | 10 | |
| * Magdeburg and Zerbst | | | 10 | | |
| * Stendal | | | | 10 | |
| * Jutorbog | | | | 10 | |
| * Doberitz | | | | 5 | |
| Berlin Area | | 30N | | 30 | |
| * Ludwigslust | | 30 | | | |
| * Parchim | | | | 30 | |
| * Neuruppin | | | | 10 | |
| * Konigsberg/Neumark | | | | 10 | |
| * Greifswald | | | | 20 | |
| Mains Area | | | | 30 | |
| * Lachen/Speyersdorf | | | 10 | | |
| Mannheim Area | | | | N11 (-15) | |
| * Wiesbaden | | 30 (+30) | | | |
| Frankfurt Area | | (N11 (-30)) | | | |
| | | (30N) | | | |
| * Wertheim | | | | 30D | |
| * Kitzingen | | | | | 10 |
| * Furth | | | 10 | | |
| Unlocated | | | | 30 | |
| <u>DENMARK AND NORWAY</u> | | | | | |
| * Grove | | | | 20 | |
| * Aalborg | | | | 10 | |
| * Aalborg and Fredrikshaven | | 10 | | | |
| * Copenhagen/Kastrup | | | | 10 | |
| * Kristiansand S/Kjevnik | | 10 | | | |
| * Lista | | 10 | | | |
| * Stavanger/Sola | 5 R. | 10 | | | |
| * Herdla | | 10 | | | |
| Bergen Area | | | | 10D(+10D) | |
| Trondhjem and Gossan | | 10 | | | |
| Bofo) | | 5 | | | |
| Elvenes) | | | | | |
| TOTAL I.E. | 5 C. 30 F.B. 35 R. | 655 160(N) | 170 | 585 (-15) 190D(+20D) | 25 |

| | S.E.F. | | T.E.F. | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| | 1st Line | R.T.U. | 1st Line | R.T.U. |
| <u>S.W. GERMANY (S. of 49°N.)</u> | | | | |
| Stuttgart/Munich Area | | | (35 (-15) 95D) | 20 |
| * Bad Woerishofen | 40 | | | 15 |
| * Lechfeld Munich Area | | | | 15 |
| TOTAL I.E. | 40 | | 35 (-15) 95D | 40 |
| <u>S.E. GERMANY (S. of 14°E.)</u> | | | | |
| * Bad Voeslau Vienna Area | | 10 | 30D | |
| * Deutsch-Wagram | 30 | | 10 | |
| * Zeltweg | 30 | | | |
| TOTAL I.E. | 60 | 10 | 30(D) 20(N) | |
| <u>RUSSIAN FRONT</u> | | | | |
| Konigsberg | | | 10 | |

- NOTES:-
- (a) It is considered that one of the S.E. Fighter Staffeln in S.Norway has a strength of about 20 aircraft.
- (b) There are indications that the Ju.88 Fighters based in Western France are carrying out a small number of free-lance night interception patrols over the Bay of Biscay.
- (c) Training Units. The figures shown in the above table under the heading of R.T.U., represent the estimated strength of training aircraft considered likely to operate.

Greater numbers of aircraft are present at the bases indicated, but the remainder are not likely to participate in active operations.

- (d) Fighter Bombers. The fighter bombers shown above may operate from any temporary base from Brest to the Frisians at any time without our obtaining previous knowledge of their movements.

Fighter Bombers and S.E.F. type reconnaissance aircraft may also operate in emergency as defensive fighters.

Aircraft of a Staffel of Single-Engined Fighters in the ST. ANDRE DE L'EURE Area operate as night fighters.

It is considered that a total of up to 20 S.E. and T.E. fighters are liable to operate in defence of industrial targets, training or factory airfields, repair depots and aircraft parts in Germany and occupied territory. These aircraft are only for local defence and do not form part of the establishment of first line operational fighter units.

In addition to the above, fighter units which are re-equipping in Southern Germany and Austria are liable to operate in a defensive capacity when called upon to do so.

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Estimate of Strength and Disposition of Single
Engine and Twin Engine Rocket-Mortar Fighters
in the G.A.F. at 1st February, 1944.

1. The following is a revised estimate of the available strength and disposition of Rocket Mortar fighters in the G.A.F. as at 1st February, 1944.

2. WESTERN FRONT.

| <u>S.W. Types</u> | | <u>S.E. Types</u> | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>Location</u> | <u>Estimated Strength</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Estimated Strength</u> |
| FRANCE (West of the Seine) | 10 | HOLLAND | 30/40 |
| HOLLAND | 20/30 | N.W. GERMANY (N. of 49°N) | 130/150 |
| N.W. GERMANY (N. of 49°N) | 30/40 | DENMARK | 10 |
| <hr/> | | <hr/> | |
| TOTAL WESTERN FRONT | 60/80 Δ/C | * | 170/200 Δ/C |

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| SOUTH WEST GERMANY (S. of 49°N) | 10 | 70/100 |
| SOUTH EAST GERMANY (E. of 13°E) | 15 | NIL |
| MEDITERRANEAN (Italy) | 20 | NIL |
| (Greece) | 10 | NIL |
| <hr/> | | <hr/> |
| TOTAL ESTIMATED STRENGTH ALL AREAS: | 115/135 Δ/C | 240/300 Δ/C |

* An allowance for 70/100 Twin-engine Night Fighters equipped with Rocket Mortars and likely to operate by day, has been made in the above estimates.

ORDER OF BATTLE CHANGES.

| L.R.B. | Operational | Non-Operational | DIVE BOMBERS | Operational | Non-Operational |
|---|---|--|---|---|-------------------------------|
| Previous totals u/i | 978 | 390 | Previous totals u/i | 339 | Nil 11 |
| Gs.Stab KG40 NON-OPERATIONAL 1 and 2 KG40 NW. GERMANY I/KG54 NW. GERMANY I/KG100 Part NW.GERMANY VI/KGLOCS. FRANCE u/i | Nil(- 3) 18 30(+30) 9(+ 9) 30 1014(+36) 361 1375 | Nil Nil(-30) Nil(- 9) 351(-39) 10 361 | II/StKG2 NON-OPERATIONAL II/StKG77 " " " " u/i | Nil(-30) Nil(-30) 279(-50) 11 290 | Nil Nil Nil 11 11 |

| L.R.F. | Operational | Non-Operational | T.E.F. | Operational | Non-Operational |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Previous totals u/i | 1522 | 32 11 | Previous totals u/i | 996 | Nil 39 |
| 7/305 BULGARIA u/i | 30(+30) 1552(+30) 28 1580 | Nil(-18) 14(-18) 14 28 | II/WJG2 KASSEL/ROTH- WENSTEN AND DEELN u/i | 30 996 39 1035 | Nil Nil 39 39 |

| L.R.R. | Operational | Non-Operational | COASTAL | Operational | Non-Operational |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Previous totals u/i | 339 | 15 11 | Previous totals u/i | 153 | 9 8 |
| 1(P)22 SEAVANGER/SOLA AND TRONHEIM/ VAERNES u/i | 9 339 26 365 | 15 11 26 | I/Sea Recce. Gruppe 131 BLACK SEA u/i | 9(+ 9) 162 8 170 | Nil(- 9) Nil 8 8 |

| | Operational | Non-Operational | Total |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|
| L.R. Bombers | 1014(+36) | 361(-36) | 1375 |
| L.R. Reccs. | 339 | 26 | 365 |
| Dive Bombers | 279(-60) | 11 | 290(-60) |
| Fighter Bombers and Anti-Tank | 216 | 64 | 280 |
| S.E. Fighters | 1552(+30) | 28(-15) | 1580(+15) |
| T.E. Fighters | 996 | 39 | 1035 |
| Tactical Recce. | 315 | 10 | 325 |
| Coastal | 162(+ 9) | 8(- 9) | 170 |
| | 4873(+15) | 547(-60) | 5420(-45) |

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