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AXIS AIR FORCE REQUIREMENTS
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I. SUMMARY

1. Total Axis Air Force Requirements of Petroleum

In 1942 the air forces of Germany, Italy, and the Axis satellite countries consumed an estimated 1,143,000 tons of aviation gasoline and 57,000 tons of aviation lubricants for operational flying, air transportation, ferrying, and training. Ground services and AA establishments needed an additional 600,000 tons of motor fuel (light motor fuel and Diesel oil) and 30,000 tons of lubricants. Total Axis air force petroleum requirements were therefore 1,830,000 tons.

TABLE 1

Axis Air Force Requirements of Petroleum by
Products, 1943
(thousand metric tons)

	Aviation Gasoline	Motor fuel a/	Lubri- cants b/	Total c/
German Air Force	912.2	480.0	69.6	1,461.8
Italian Air Force	105.0	60.0	8.2	173.2
Axis Satellite	<u>126.4</u>	<u>60.0</u>	<u>9.4</u>	<u>195.8</u>
Total	1,143.6	600.0	87.2	1,830.8

a/ An estimated 75 percent or 450,000 tons consisted of light motor fuel and 25 percent or 150,000 tons of Diesel oil.

b/ Five percent of aviation gasoline and motor fuel requirements.

c/ Includes an allowance of 20 percent for wastage and losses.

2. Comparison with British Estimates

United States estimates of Axis air force requirements of aviation gasoline, motor fuel, and lubricants in 1942 correspond closely to British estimates. The latter put total petroleum consumption of Axis air forces in 1942 at 1,840,000 tons, of which 1,125,000 tons were aviation gasoline and 715,000 tons motor fuel and lubricants.

3. Geographical Breakdown of Consumption

An exact breakdown of air force requirements by countries is not possible. Sortie statistics for operational flying are given only for broad geographical areas. No such breakdown is available for air transportation and training. It was, therefore, assumed that the demand for petroleum for air transportation originates in those areas where the transport planes are stationed. Training is assumed to take place at home bases, except in the case of Reserve Training Units. The petroleum consumption of Reserve Training Units was allocated to the three main areas of operation in proportion to their aviation gasoline requirements.

TABLE 2

Axis Air Force Requirements of Petroleum by Geographic Areas, 1942

(thousand metric tons)

	Aviation Gasoline	Motor Fuel	Lubri- cants	Total
Western and Central Europe	303.5	160.0	23.3	486.8
Eastern Europe	572.0	300.0	43.5	915.5
Mediterranean	<u>268.1</u>	<u>140.0</u>	<u>20.4</u>	<u>428.5</u>
Total	1,143.6	600.0	87.2	1,830.8

4. Methods of Estimation for the GAF and IAF

The estimates for the aviation gasoline consumption of the German and Italian air forces are based on the number of airplane sorties during 1942, as provided by the Military Supplies Section of the Research and Analysis Branch of the Office of Strategic Services. Sortie figures were broken down by the type of plane, i.e. long range bombers, dive bombers, single-engine fighters, twin-engine fighters, army cooperation planes, coastal planes and transport planes. The tankage

capacity of the various Axis models belonging to each of these types was established. An average tankage capacity per type was then calculated by weighting the tankage of the different models according to their relative contribution to enemy first line strength. Aviation gasoline consumption for each sortie per plane of each type was assumed to be three-fourths of the average tankage capacity of this type as established above.

To allow for models which are occasionally provided with excess tankage capacity (belly tanks, for instance), it was assumed that the gasoline consumption of three-fourths of the total number of sorties amounted to three-fourths of the normal tankage capacity. The requirements of the remaining quarter of the sorties was estimated at three-fourths of the maximum tankage capacity. In the case of long range reconnaissance bombers, however, it was assumed that three-fourths of the normal tankage was used in one-fourth of the number of sorties, and three-fourths of the maximum tankage in the rest.

Consumption estimates for the ferrying services were based on an estimate of the number and length of flights necessary to maintain the required strength in the various theatres of operation.

The estimate of requirements for training purposes was based on the number of planes available for training and upon information concerning the Axis pilot training program.

In the case of Italy, as no other information was available, the rate of sorties per transport and per training plane was estimated to be only 50 percent of the corresponding rate for German planes. This percentage reflects the difference in the relative activity of German and Italian operational planes.

5. Method of Estimation for the Air Forces of Axis Satellites

The number of sorties per plane for most of the Axis satellite countries during 1942 (Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, and Finland) was also estimated at 50 percent of the corresponding German rate of activity. For reconnaissance and army cooperation planes, a higher rate was chosen to allow for the operational flights of the large number of Axis satellite troops on the Eastern Front. The number of sorties per plane for the Vichy French and Croatian airfleets was put at 25 percent of the German rate.

The petroleum consumption per plane per sortie for all satellite countries was estimated at about 70 percent of the corresponding German rate. Petroleum requirements for training and transport planes of the Axis satellites were computed at 20 percent and 15 percent of their operational requirements respectively. This rate is considerably below that applicable to Germany and Italy.

6. Petroleum Requirements of Ground and Supply Services

The motor fuel (light motor fuel and Diesel oil) requirements for servicing and supply units and for anti-aircraft establishments were calculated on the basis of preliminary data on the number of motor driven units available to the Axis airforce and their estimated rate of consumption.

7. Lubricating Oil Requirements and Wastage and Losses

Lubricating oil requirements were put at five percent of the aviation gasoline and motor fuel demand.

It was estimated that wastage and losses including those quantities lost in planes which failed to return absorbed an additional 20 percent of the above total.

TABLE 3

Axis Air Force Requirements of Petroleum, 1942
(thousand metric tons)

	WESTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPE			EASTERN EUROPE			MEDITERRANEAN			
	Av.Gas.	Mot.Fuel	Lubes	Av.Gas.	Mot.Fuel	Lubes	Av.Gas.	Mot.Fuel	Lubes	Av.Gas.
I. FLYING										
a) G.A.F.										
Operational	79.4	-----	4.0	350.9	-----	17.5	119.0	-----	6.0	549.3
Transport	49.4	-----	2.5	84.8	-----	4.2	35.5	-----	1.8	169.7
Ferrying	1.2	-----	0.1	5.8	-----	0.3	2.5	-----	0.1	9.5
Training	162.3	-----	8.1	15.3	-----	0.7	6.1	-----	0.3	183.7
Total G.A.F.	292.3	-----	14.7	456.8	-----	22.7	163.1	-----	8.2	912.2
b) I.A.F.										
Operational	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	64.4	-----	3.2	64.4
Transport	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	21.8	-----	1.1	21.8
Training	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	18.8	-----	0.9	18.8
Total I.A.F.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	105.0	-----	5.2	105.0
c) Axis Satellites										
Operational	8.3	-----	0.4	85.3	-----	4.3	-----	-----	---	93.6
Transport	1.2	-----	0.1	12.8	-----	0.6	-----	-----	---	14.0
Training	1.7	-----	0.1	17.1	-----	0.9	-----	-----	---	18.8
Total Satellites	11.2	-----	0.6	115.2	-----	5.8	-----	-----	---	126.4
Total Flying	303.5	-----	15.3	572.0	-----	28.5	268.1	-----	13.4	1,143.6
II. SUPPLY AND GROUND SERVICES										
G.A.F.	-----	160.0	8.0	-----	240.0	12.0	-----	80.0	4.0	-----
I.A.F.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	60.0	3.0	-----
Satellites	-----	-----	-----	-----	60.0	3.0	-----	-----	---	-----
Total Supply and Ground Services	-----	160.0	8.0	-----	300.0	15.0	-----	140.0	7.0	-----
GRAND TOTAL	303.5	160.0	23.3	572.0	300.0	43.5	268.1	140.0	20.4	1,143.6

TABLE 3

Axis Air Force Requirements of Petroleum, 1942
(thousand metric tons)

WESTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPE			EASTERN EUROPE			MEDITERRANEAN			T O T A L			Grand Total
Mot.Fuel	Lubes	Av.Gas.	Mot.Fuel	Lubes	Av.Gas.	Mot.Fuel	Lubes	Av.Gas.	Mot.Fuel	Lubes	Av.Gas.	
-----	4.0	350.9	-----	17.5	119.0	-----	6.0	549.3	-----	27.5	576.8	
-----	2.5	84.8	-----	4.2	35.5	-----	1.8	169.7	-----	8.5	178.2	
-----	0.1	5.8	-----	0.3	2.5	-----	0.1	9.5	-----	0.5	10.0	
-----	8.1	15.3	-----	0.7	6.1	-----	0.3	183.7	-----	9.1	192.8	
-----	14.7	456.8	-----	22.7	163.1	-----	8.2	912.2	-----	45.6	957.8	
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	64.4	-----	3.2	64.4	-----	3.2	67.6	
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	21.8	-----	1.1	21.8	-----	1.1	22.9	
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	18.8	-----	0.9	18.8	-----	0.9	19.7	
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	105.0	-----	5.2	105.0	-----	5.2	110.2	
-----	0.4	35.3	-----	4.3	-----	-----	-----	93.6	-----	4.7	98.3	
-----	0.1	12.8	-----	0.6	-----	-----	-----	14.0	-----	0.7	14.7	
-----	0.1	17.1	-----	0.9	-----	-----	-----	18.8	-----	1.0	19.8	
-----	0.6	115.2	-----	5.8	-----	-----	-----	126.4	-----	6.4	132.8	
-----	15.3	572.0	-----	28.5	268.1	-----	13.4	1,143.6	-----	57.2	1,200.8	
160.0	8.0	-----	240.0	12.0	-----	80.0	4.0	-----	480.0	24.0	504.0	
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	60.0	3.0	-----	60.0	3.0	63.0	
-----	-----	-----	60.0	3.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	60.0	3.0	63.0	
160.0	8.0	-----	300.0	15.0	-----	140.0	7.0	-----	600.0	30.0	630.0	
160.0	23.3	572.0	300.0	43.5	268.1	140.0	20.4	1,143.6	600.0	87.2	1,830.8	

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8. Operational Flying

Sortie estimates are available for long range bombers, reconnaissance bombers, dive bombers, single-engine fighters, twin-engine fighters, and army cooperation and coastal planes. Tables four to nine show the most important models of each type of plane, their estimated percentage share in Germany's first line strength, and their normal and maximum fuel tankage.

TABLE 4

Tankage Capacity of German Long Range and Reconnaissance Bombers a/

Model	Percent of 1942 first line strength	Tankage (metric tons)	
		Normal	Maximum
Junkers 88	56	2.157	3.336
Heinkel 111	30	2.561	3.181
Dornier 217	8	2.191	4.634
Focke-Wulf 200	5	1.854	5.931
Heinkel 177	1	6.531	11.795

a/ All data (in this and subsequent tables) on tankage capacity are from Performance Tables of Foreign Service Aircraft, published by the British Air Ministry.

TABLE 5

Tankage Capacity of German Dive Bombers

Model	Percent of 1942 first line strength	Tankage (metric tons)	
		Normal	Maximum
Junkers 87	100	0.354	0.802

TABLE 6

Tankage Capacity of German Single Engine Fighters

Model	Percent of 1942 first line strength	Tankage (metric tons)	
		Normal	Maximum
Messerschmitt 109	75	0.297	0.519
Focke-Wulf 190	25	0.388	0.607

TABLE 7

Tankage Capacity of German Twin Engine Fighters

Model	Percent of 1942 first line strength	Tankage (metric tons)	
		Normal	Maximum
Messerschmitt 110	45	0.944	2.568
Junkers 88	40	1.247	2.662
Dornier 217	7	2.191	4.634
Messerschmitt 210	4	1.854	2.258
Unidentified	4	-----	-----

TABLE 8

Tankage Capacity of German Army
Cooperation Planes

Model	Percent of 1942 first line strength	Tankage (metric tons)	
		Normal	Maximum
Henschel 126	40	0.381	-----
Focke-Wulf 189	25	0.500	-----
Messerschmitt 110	15	0.944	2.568
Fieseler 156	15	0.118	0.202
Blohm and Voss 141	3	0.391	-----
Unidentified	2	-----	-----

TABLE 9

Tankage Capacity of German Coastal Planes

Model	Percent of 1942 first line strength	Tankage (metric tons)	
		Normal	Maximum
Arago 196	55	0.593	-----
Blohm and Voss 138	15	1.685	3.876
Heinkel 115	15	2.056	2.494
Unidentified	15	-----	-----

On the basis of the formula given under "4" the average gasoline consumption per sortie for each type of plane was calculated and is presented in Table 10.

TABLE 10

Average Aviation Gasoline Consumption
Per Sortie

(metric tons)

Plane	Consumption
Long range bomber	1.97
Bomber reconnaissance	2.45
Dive bombers	0.35
Single engine fighter	0.28
Twin engine fighter	1.18
Army Cooperation Plane	0.39
Coastal Plane	0.87

The estimated number of sorties in 1942 is given in Table 11.

TABLE 11

German Airplane Sorties, 1942

Plane	Western and Central Europe	Eastern Europe	Medi- terranean	Total
Long range bombers <u>a/</u>	10,329	78,850	25,061	114,240
Bomber Reconnaissance <u>b/</u>	4,400	17,620	6,304	28,324
Dive bombers	1,065	55,065	10,370	66,500
Single engine fighters	33,960	113,600	47,005	194,565
Twin engine fighters	15,136	20,183	9,759	45,078
Army cooperation planes	----	36,005	3,208	39,213
Coastal planes	<u>7,779</u>	<u>2,649</u>	<u>5,409</u>	<u>15,837</u>
Total Sorties	72,169	323,972	107,116	503,257

a/ Includes reconnaissance sorties for November and December 1942.

b/ January to October 1942 only.

Total operational consumption of petroleum by the German Air Force, including aviation lubricants (calculated as 5 percent of aviation gasoline demand) and a 20 percent allowance for wastage and losses is presented in Table 12.

TABLE 12

Operational Aviation Gasoline and Lubricating Oil
Consumption of the German Airforce, 1942
(thousand metric tons)

	Aviation Gasoline	Aviation Lubricants	Total
Long range bombers and bombers reconnaissance	357.3	17.9	375.2
Dive bombers	27.9	1.4	29.3
Single engine fighters	65.7	3.3	69.0
Twin engine fighters	64.0	3.2	67.2
Army cooperation planes	18.4	0.9	19.3
Coastal planes	<u>16.0</u>	<u>0.8</u>	<u>16.8</u>
Total	549.1	27.5	576.8

9. Air Transport

The models of transport planes used by the German airforce, their estimated percentage share in total transport strength and their tankage are given in Table 13.

TABLE 13

Tankage Capacity of German Transport Planes

Model	Percent of 1942 first line strength	Tankage (metric tons)	
		Normal	Maximum
Junkers 52	75.0	1,803	-----
Heinkel 111	16.5	2,561	3,181
Focke Wulf 200	4.2	1,854	5,931
Junkers 90	2.5	2,528	5,460
Junkers 86	1.7	1,121	-----

The average consumption per transport flight, calculated as described under "4", amounts to 1,520 tons per sortie. The number of transport sorties in 1942 was estimated as follows: The rate of loss of transport planes per sortie was assumed to be one in 75, as compared with a ratio of one in 50 for reconnaissance bombers. The estimated number of transport planes lost in 1942 was 1,240. The number of transport sorties would, therefore, amount to 93,000.

The breakdown of sorties by geographical areas was established in accordance with the estimated strength of transport planes in the three main areas. Twenty-nine percent were stationed in Western and Central Europe, 50 percent in Eastern Europe, and 21 percent in the Mediterranean.

Lubricating oil requirements were again put at 5 percent of total fuel demand. An allowance of 20 percent was made for wastage and losses. Total petroleum consumption for transport planes is presented in Table 14.

TABLE 14

Aviation Gasoline and Lubricating Oil Consumption
of German Transport Planes, 1942

(thousand metric tons)

Area	Aviation Gasoline	Aviation Lubricants	Total
Western and Central Europe	49.4	2.5	51.9
Eastern Europe	84.8	4.2	89.0
Mediterranean	35.5	1.8	37.3
Total	169.7	8.5	178.2

10. German Ferrying Activity

Estimates of aviation gasoline consumption in the ferry service from German production centers to the various fronts are based on the number of replacements effected during the year. It is estimated that 11,970 German planes were sent to the various theatres during the year: 2,005 to the Mediterranean area, 3,165 to Western and Central Europe, and 6,000 to the Eastern Front. Thirty percent of the total number of planes were assumed to be bombers, 50 percent fighters, and 20 percent army cooperation planes, dive bombers, etc. The average distance of the German factories from the Mediterranean area was estimated at 900 miles, that from the Eastern Front at 1,000 miles, and that from the Western Europe at 400 miles. The consumption rate of a Junkers 88 was taken as representative for bombers, that of a Messerschmitt 109 (plus a 20 percent addition to account for twin-engine fighters) for fighters, and that of a Junkers 87 for dive bombers and army cooperation planes. On this basis petroleum consumption per hundred miles was calculated at 0.148 tons for bombers, 0.045 tons for fighters, and 0.070 tons for dive bombers. Total ferrying requirements, including a 5 percent addition for lubricants and 20 percent allowance for wastage and losses, were estimated at 10,000 tons.

Although part of the fuel needed for the ferrying service was obviously tanked at or near the plane producing centers in Germany, the total quantities needed were allocated to the various fronts in proportion to the above replacement rates.

TABLE 15

Aviation Gasoline and Lubricating Oil Consumption
of the German Ferrying Service, 1942

(thousand metric tons)

Area	Aviation Gasoline	Aviation Lubricants	Total
Western and Central Europe	1.2	0.1	1.3
Eastern Europe	5.8	0.3	6.1
Mediterranean	<u>2.5</u>	<u>0.1</u>	<u>2.6</u>
Total	9.5	0.5	10.0

11. Training of the German Air Force

Pilots receive their basic training in A/B schools. The number of airplanes available for basic training was estimated at 2,500. The models used are the Focke-Wulf 44, the Focke-Wulf 58, the Bucher 131, and the Heinkel 72. On the average one and a quarter engines was assumed for each plane with a horsepower per engine of 200. Fuel consumption was estimated at 0.3 pounds of aviation gasoline per horsepower per hour. Assuming that each plane flew 30 hours per month during 1942, aviation gasoline consumption for basic training, including an allowance of 20 percent for wastage and losses, would amount to 37,000 tons. Lubricating oil requirements, put at 5 percent of the total fuel demand would amount to an additional 1,800 tons.

The number of planes available in 1942 for advanced operational training was estimated at 1,500, half of which were bombers and half fighters. The average consumption per hour of flying at cruising speed was estimated at 0.4 tons for a bomber and at about one-third to one-quarter of this quantity for a fighter.

III. PETROLEUM REQUIREMENTS OF THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE

12. Operational Flying

The total number of sorties of the Italian airforce in 1942 was estimated at 100,000. With a first-line strength of 1,500 planes, the average number of sorties per plane comes to 66 per year, or about 50 percent of the corresponding German figure. An estimated 20 percent of the total number of sorties were fighter sorties and 80 percent bomber sorties. The average petroleum consumption per sortie was again calculated as described under "4". Normal and maximum tankage capacity of Italian fighter and bomber models and their percentage share in the enemy's first line strength are shown in Table 17.

TABLE 17

Tankage Capacity of Italian Airplanes

Model	Percent of 1942 first line strength	Tankage (metric tons)	
		Normal	Maximum
<u>Bombers</u>			
Savoia-Marchetti S.M. 79 and 84	51	2.022	3.774
Cantieri Riuniti Cant. Z1007	29	1.955	3.134
Fiat BR 20	20	1.786	2.689
<u>Fighters</u>			
Macchi M.C. 202	45	0.297	-----
Caproni-Reggiane Re 2001	16	0.489	-----
Fiat C.R. 42	16	0.259	-----
Fiat G.50	16	0.192	0.233
Caproni-Reggiane 2000	7	0.268	1.072

Average aviation gasoline consumption per bomber sortie was accordingly calculated at 1.733 tons and that per fighter sortie 0.238 tons. Operational aviation gasoline and lubricating oil consumption, including a 20 percent allowance for wastage and losses, is shown in Table 18.

TABLE 18

Aviation Gasoline and Lubricating Oil Consumption
of the Italian Airforce, 1942
(thousand metric tons)

Type	Aviation Gasoline	Aviation Lubricants	Total
<u>Operational</u>			
Bombers	41.6	2.1	43.7
Fighters	22.8	1.1	23.9
Total Operational	64.4	3.2	67.6
Air Transportation	21.8	1.1	22.9
Training	18.8	0.9	19.7
Total	105.0	5.2	110.2

13. Italian Air Transport

Two hundred and twenty-five air transport planes were believed available in 1942. The sortie rate per plane was estimated at a little over 50 percent of the corresponding rate for German transport planes. Italian transport sorties were therefore computed as 8,000.

The model commonly used for air transportation is the Savoia 82, with a normal tankage capacity of 2.595 tons and a maximum tankage capacity of 4.381 tons. The average gasoline consumption per sortie, calculated according to the formula given under "4", amounts to 2.281 tons. Aviation gasoline and lubricating oil requirements, including an allowance of 20 percent for wastage and losses, are shown in Table 18.

14. Training of the Italian Air Force

The number of airplanes available for training purposes in 1942 was estimated at 900 to 950. An estimated 600 of these planes were trainers and 300 to 350 operational planes. Aviation gasoline consumption for training purposes was again estimated on the basis of the assumption that the sortie rate of Italian training planes is about half that of German trainers, while their consumption per sortie is the same.

The consumption of aviation gasoline and lubricating oil for training purposes, including a 20 percent allowance for wastage and losses, is shown in Table 18.

IV. PETROLEUM REQUIREMENTS OF THE AIR FORCES OF AXIS SATELLITE COUNTRIES

15. Estimates of Petroleum Consumption

The estimated average air strength of Axis satellite countries in 1942 is shown in Table 19.

TABLE 19

Air Strength of Axis Satellite Countries, 1942

	Bombers	Fighters	Reconnaissance Army Coop. Planes, etc.	Total Number of Planes
Hungary	66	100	240	306
Rumania	115	188	82	385
Bulgaria	98	146	106	350
Finland	100	185	45	330
Croatia	30	80	40	150
Metropolitan France	110	200	40	350

As already explained under "5", the number of annual sorties per bomber and per fighter was put at about 50 percent of the German rate and that of reconnaissance and army cooperation planes at 30 percent. The average consumption per sortie was assumed to be about 70 percent of that of corresponding German planes. The petroleum consumption for training and transport planes was estimated at 20 percent and 15 percent of the operational requirements, respectively. Aviation gasoline and lubricating oil consumption including a 20 percent allowance for wastage and losses, for the various Axis satellite countries is shown in Table 20.

TABLE 20

Aviation Gasoline and Lubricating Oil
Consumption of the Air Force of
Axis Satellite Countries, 1942
(thousand metric tons)

	Aviation Gasoline	Lubricants	Total
Hungary	35.5	1.8	37.3
Rumania	27.0	1.4	28.4
Bulgaria	26.3	1.3	27.6
Finland	21.4	1.1	22.5
Croatia	5.0	0.2	5.2
France	<u>11.2</u>	<u>0.6</u>	<u>11.8</u>
Total	126.4	6.4	132.8

IV. PETROLEUM REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPPLY AND GROUND SERVICES

16. German Air Force

Motor transportation for servicing airplanes and airfields is allocated to the various "Gruppen" comprising 3 "Staffeln" (usually a group of 9 airplanes), and to the Operational Air Force Command, (OAFK). The OAFK is in charge of the various air fields under the Airdrome Regional Command (ARC). The number of motor vehicles per Gruppe vary for Gruppen of long range bombers, single-engine fighters, twin-fighters and other planes.

Supply services are organized for the most part under the Luftgau, and the Airdrome Regional Command. Supplies are carried in transport Kolonnen and fuel Kolonnen, ordinarily comprising 12 trucks. The total motor fleet of the G.A.F. as presented in Table 21, was estimated largely on the basis of a British study of "The Organization of the German Air Force."

The total number of motor vehicles attached to the German Air Force can thus be estimated at 61,000 units. Including trucks for the supply of anti-aircraft establishments and self-propelled guns used by the air force, the total number of motor vehicles under the control of the German Air Force may well amount to 75,000. If a daily petroleum consumption of 5-6 U.S. gallons per vehicle per day is assumed, (allowing an average of 50-60 miles daily per vehicle) total motor fuel consumption amounts to 420,000 tons a year. A 15 percent addition for wastage and losses, raises motor fuel requirements of the German Air Force to 480,000 tons. Lubricating oil consumption has again been put at 5 percent of the motor fuel demand or at 24,000 tons.

In accordance with the geographical breakdown of aviation gasoline consumption, half of the total ground and supply service requirements or 252,000 tons were more or less arbitrarily allocated to Eastern Europe, one-third or 168,000 tons to Western and Central Europe, and one-sixth or 84,000 tons to the Mediterranean area.

MOTOR FLEET OF THE GERMAN AIR FORCE

I. Motor Fleet Attached to the "Gruppen"

	<u>Number of "Gruppen" a/</u>	<u>Average Motor Transport per "Gruppe"</u>	<u>Total Motor Transport</u>
Long Range Bombers	60	50	3,000
Single Engine Fighters	60	120	7,200
Twin Engine Fighters and Dive Bombers	30	150	4,500
Others	5	30	150
			<u>14,850</u>

II. Motor Fleet Attached to the "Operational Airfield Command" (O.A.C.)

<u>Number of O.A.C. b/</u>	<u>Average Motor Transport per O.A.C.</u>	<u>Total Motor Transport</u>
450	75	33,750

III. Motor Fleet Attached to the "Luftgau" and "Airfield Regional Command" (A.R.C.)

	<u>Number in G.A.F.</u>	<u>Average Number of "Transport" and Fuel Kolonnen"</u>	<u>Average Number of motor vehicles per "Kolonne"</u>	<u>Total Modern Transport</u>
Luftgau	18	25	12	5,400
A.R.C.	90	6-7	12	<u>7,020</u>
Total				12,420
Grand Total (I II III)				<u>61,420</u>

a/ On a full strength basis

b/ Five O.A.C. assumed to be available per A.R.C. and 5 A.R.C. per Luftgau.

The number of O.A.C.'s of 450 corresponds actually to the estimated number of airfields in use.

17. The Air Forces of Italy and of Axis
Satellite Countries

The requirements of the Italian Air Force, of Axis Satellites, and of their ground and supply services were estimated at one-eighth of the German requirements, or at 63,000 tons each. This rate corresponds to the relationship between the aviation gasoline consumption of Germany, Italy, and Axis Satellite countries, respectively. Such consumption would be more than sufficient to support some 10,000 motor vehicles for the Italian Air Force and the same number for that of Axis satellite countries.

Total Axis consumption of petroleum for ground and supply services was thus estimated at 600,000 tons of motor fuel and 30,000 tons of lubricants. One-quarter of the total motor fuel consumption, or 150,000 tons probably consists of Diesel oil, and 450,000 tons of light motor fuel.