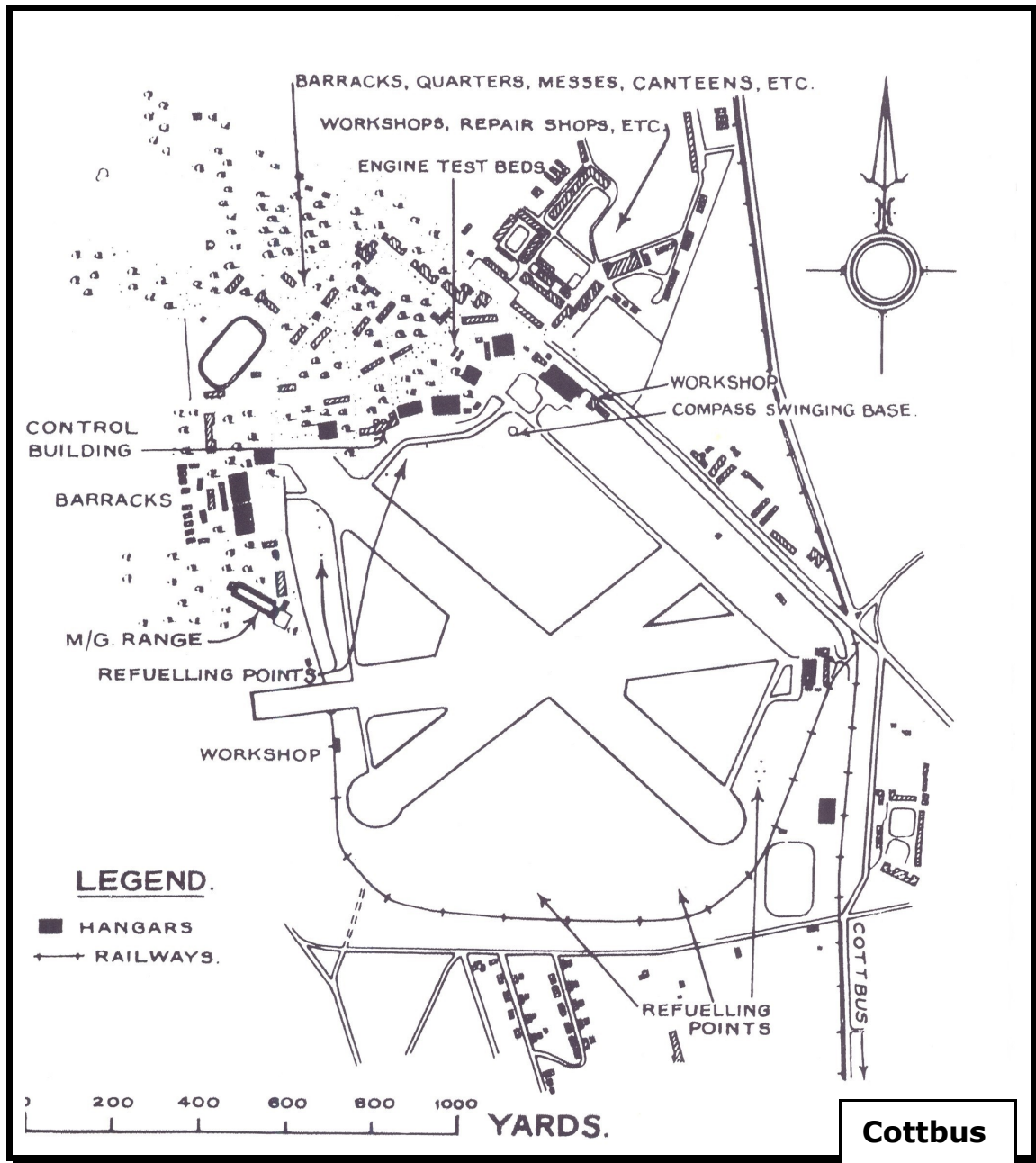


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# General Introduction

### Preface

This reference compendium is about those airfields in Europe, Russia and North Africa during the period they were used by the German Air Force (Luftwaffe) in World War II and is intended to fill a gap in what is currently available on the subject. The scope of the work is intended to cover Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Libya, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russia, Sardinia, Sicily, Tunisia and Yugoslavia, but in the order each country is completed rather than alphabetical order. The information provided for each airfield is mostly confined to that objective with little being said about the history or physical description of each airfield prior to the arrival of the Luftwaffe or after the end of World War II. Those interested in earlier or later time periods can probably find additional information for many of the airfields on the internet, in libraries and/or archives.

The information for each airfield comes almost entirely from contemporary archival sources, particularly the classified Airfield Sheets produced during the war by the A.I.2.(b) section of the Air Intelligence Directorate of the British Air Ministry. Thousands upon thousands of these were created using information from aerial reconnaissance photographs, prisoner and refugee statements, reports from resistance networks and other more general sources. As fresh information became available, updated editions of the sheets were prepared and issued to the intelligence sections of the many Allied commands and staffs that used them for planning attacks, determining German air capabilities and limitations as well as other purposes. Details on the Luftwaffe units that were stationed at a particular airfield at a given time come from surviving documents at the Bundesarchiv-Militärarchiv at Freiburg im Breisgau, most of which were microfilmed after the war and are available at the U.S. National Archives in College Park, Maryland. This website (ww2.dk) was also heavily relied on for the base locations of flying units. Equally important were the many thousands of intercepted and deciphered German radio messages that currently comprise the DEFE 3 and HW 5 ULTRA collections at the British National Archives in London.

Naturally, there are limitations regarding completeness and accuracy in a work of this size. It is hoped that researchers using this material who are interested in the full history of a particular airfield will consider it but a single building block upon which further blocks of information can be added. Since most other sources on individual airfield histories during the World War II years that are available in books and on the internet provide few details, or seem to skirt around the 1935-45 years entirely and focus on the postwar era, they do not generally conflict with what is offered here.

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## Format and Definitions

1. Borders - Generally, country borders are those that existed in 1937, the last year before the face of Europe began to radically change as a result of German annexations of neighboring territory. More specific information is given in a brief preface for each individual country.
2. Place Names - Each airfield is listed by the name the Luftwaffe used for it during the war, although there may be a few exceptions. The name is the spelling as given in original documents such as Führungsstab Ic/Ob.d.L. Nr, 6189/43 (IV), "Übersichtsliste der Flugplätze SU" and similar lists for Poland, Romania, Hungary and Czechoslovakian found in NARA microfilm T-321 roll 92 (folders OKL/125, 261 and 710) and roll 239 (OKL/903). Other lists prepared by A.I.2(b) British Air Ministry were also used, as well as airfields identified in the OKL Loss reports, other wartime documents and German language published sources.
3. Spelling of Place Names - Not everyone using this material will know the name the Germans used for a particular airfield, so all alternate names and spellings found have been provided parenthetically following the German name.
4. Distances and Measurements - Kilometers and meters are used throughout.
5. Format - The basic format used by A.I.2.(b) has been retained but somewhat modified. For example, the A.I.2.(b) airfield sheets often include location and obstruction details that would only be of interest to a pilot so these have been excluded. All of the information concerning Luftwaffe units stationed at the airfield, Luftwaffe improvement and use of the airfield and selected particulars regarding Allied attacks on the airfield have been added from other sources.
6. Types of Airfields as Defined by the Luftwaffe - Unfortunately, few documents have survived that identify specific airfields by type except, perhaps, for the first year or two of the war. Additionally, those that did have a documented type identification often changed during the war due to improvements or a shift in their tactical significance. It was thus necessary to frequently employ the far less specific Allied terminology taken from the airfield sheets which generally use "Airfield" or "Landing Ground". In those cases where the more specific German term was known or suspected, it has also been used. The airfield types list is complete as far as is known:

**Abholplatz:** airfield used for the collection and delivery of aircraft.

**Absprunghafen:** advanced landing ground.

**Abstellplatz:** parking area (for aircraft not it use).

**Arbeitsplatz:** practice airfield (almost always associated with flight school training).

**Aussenliegeplatz:** remote dispersal or outlying parking area.

**Ausweichflugplatz:** satellite airfield or dispersal airfield (minor – usually no services).

**Behelfsflugplatz:** auxiliary airfield.

**Einsatzhafen:** operational airfield (minor – limited services; used mainly for fighters, dive-bombers and ground attack aircraft). Ranked I for 1st Class and II for 2d Class.

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- Feldflugplatz:** field airstrip, advanced airfield or satellite airfield (minor – limited services; used mainly by single-engine aircraft). The Allies called this an advanced landing ground (ALG).
- Fliegerhorst:** air station, aerodrome, airdrome or air base (major – full services).
- Flughafen:** airport (major – full services).
- Flughafen (See):** seaplane station (major – full services).
- Flugplatz:** airfield (major – full services).
- Gefechtslandeplatz:** tactical landing ground (minor – limited services or no services).
- Industriehafen:** factory airfield.
- Landepplatz:** landing field or landing ground (minor – limited services or no services).
- Leithorst:** controlling air base (major – full services).
- Nebenplatz:** satellite airfield or landing ground (minor – limited services or no services).
- Notlandeplatz:** emergency landing field or emergency landing ground (minor – no services).
- Schattenplatz:** satellite airfield or landing ground (minor – limited services or no services).
- Scheinflugplatz:** dummy airfield used to deceive the enemy.
- Seefliegerhorst:** seaplane station.
- Seeflugstützpunkt:** seaplane base.
- Seeflugstützpunktkommando:** seaplane base detachment.
- Sportplatz:** sports field for civil aircraft, sports ground/playing field.
- Teilkommandantur:** branch component of a Fliegerhorstkommandantur.
- Übungsflugplatz:** practice or training airfield (minor – limited services or no services).
- Verkehrsflughafen:** civil airfield (ranked I for 1<sup>st</sup> Class and II for 2d Class).
- Verkehrslandeplatz:** civil landing ground.
- Zivilflughafen:** civil airport.
- Zwischenlandeplatz:** transit airfield.

7. Airfield Commands - Each airfield was run or managed by an airfield command (Fliegerhorstkommandantur - Fl.H.Kdtr.) or an airfield detachment (Flugplatzkommando - Fl.PI.Kdo.). The former generally came in two types, A and E. The Fl.H.Kdtr. A with 200 – 400 personnel was the largest and more stationary, while the Fl.H.Kdtr. E with 150 – 224 personnel was smaller, more mobile and designed for operational airfields near the front that moved frequently. The latter generally came in four versions, A, B, C, D, each having a slightly different structure, size and purpose. Except for Germany, where major airfields were designated as numbered Flugplatzkommandos from roughly January 1943 through March 1944, the Flugplatzkommandos were normally used at lesser airfields where only a small detachment of 12 to 150 officers and men were needed. This is a very simplified overview of a relatively complex and detailed subject that was in a state of constant change during the war.

[Note: on 1 April 1944, the Fl.H.Kdtr. designations A and E and the Fl.PI.Kdo. designations A, B and C were terminated and ordered replaced with A(o) and E(v).]

8. Station Units - The wide variety of units that appear under this heading can never be a complete listing because of the mass destruction of Luftwaffe records, mainly between August 1944 and May 1945. Further, units or parts of them arrived and left the larger airfields almost daily so it is possible that even the resident airfield command did not have a complete list of them. Some of these units resided on the

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airfield while others resided in surrounding villages, towns and cities. Each of those listed in this work is followed by a date indicating when it was known to be there, but it also could have been there before than date and/or after it. The information comes mainly from the thousands of microfilmed German military records held by the U.S. National Archives and from other sources listed in the bibliography.

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### Terminology and Abbreviations

- A./Flieger-Rgt.** – Ausb./Fliegerregiment - [basic training component of a basic training regiment].
- AA** - [anti-aircraft unit or gunfire].
- Abschleppzug** – [(vehicle) towing/tow-truck platoon].
- Abt.** - Abteilung - [detachment].
- Abwicklungsstelle** - [winding-up center - collecting points for unassigned personnel].
- a.k.a.** – [also known as].
- ALB** – [Albania].
- Annahmestelle** - [collection point].
- AOK** - Armeeoberkommando (an Army).
- APC** – [Aviazione Presidio Coloniale (Colonial Garrison Aviation, e.g., in the Italian North African colonies)].
- Artillerie-Schule** - [artillery school].
- AS** – [Aerosilurante (aerial torpedo – referring to Italian torpedo bombers)].
- Assalto** – [assault – close air support units and aircraft].
- Auffanglager** - [processing center for unassigned personnel].
- Auffangsstab** - [collection staff].
- Aufkl.Gr.** - Aufklärungsgruppe - [reconnaissance group].
- AUS** – [Austria].
- Ausb.** - Ausbildung - [training].
- Ausbaustab** - [development staff].
- Aussenstelle** – [branch office or station].
- Auswertezug** – [plotting and analysis platoon].
- AW** - Ausbildungswesens - [training matters].
- Azetylen-Erzeugungslager** – [acetylene production depot].
  
- BAF** – [Bulgarian Air Force].
- BaT** - [Bombardamento a Tuffo (dive-bomber units)].

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- Battr.** - Batterie - [battery].  
**Bau** - [Luftwaffe construction units or personnel].  
**Bau-Gerätezug** - [construction equipment platoon].  
**Bauhof** - [major construction hardware and supplies depot].  
**Bauleitung** - [base engineering/construction superintendent's office].  
**Beamte** - [official].  
**Begleit** - [escort].  
**Bekleidungsamt** - [clothing office].  
**BELG** - [Belgium].  
**Beratungsstelle** - [advisory center - generally used in connection with weather advisories].  
**Bergungstrupp** - [salvage squad or party].  
**Beschaffungsgruppe** - [procurement or purchasing group].  
**Beständelager** - [supply depot for equipment and parts].  
**Betr.** - Betriebs - [servicing].  
**Beute** - [booty as in captured enemy equipment].  
**BFS** - Blindflugschule - [blind-flying school].  
**BGR** - [Bombardamento a Grande Reggio (long-range bomber unit)].  
**bis** - [second formation of an Italian AF unit, or second model of a particular aircraft type].  
**BM** - [Bombardamento Marittima (naval bomber unit)].  
**Boden** - [non-flying, station command ground personnel].  
**Bodengerät** - [airfield ground equipment, generally that used to service and repair aircraft].  
**Bordfl.** - Bordflieger - [ship borne aircraft or flyers].  
**Bordfl.Gr.** - [ship borne flying group].  
**Bordfunkgeräte** - [airborne radio equipment].  
**Brig.** - Brigade.  
**BT** - [Bombardamento Terrestre (Italian AF land-based bomber unit)].  
**Btl.** - Bataillon - [battalion].  
**Bttr.** - Batterie - [battery].  
**BULG** - [Bulgaria].
- c.** - circa - [about/approximately].  
**CB** - [Caccia Bombardamento (fighter-bomber unit)].  
**CM** - [Caccia Marittima (naval fighter unit)].  
**CN** - [Caccia Notturna (night fighter unit)].  
**Comb** - [Combattimento (combat unit)].  
**CT** - Caccia Terrestre (Italian AF land-based fighter unit)].  
**CZECH** - [Czechoslovakia].
- d.** -der - ["the" or "of the"].  
**DFS** - Deutsches Forschungsinstitut für Segelflugwesens - [German Research Institute for Glide-flight].  
**Dienstältester Offizier** - [most senior local officer of a particular service branch].  
**Div.** - Division - [division].  
**DK** - [Denmark].  
**DLH** - Deutsche Lufthansa - [the German national airline].  
**DLV** - Deutscher Luftsportverband - [German aviation sports Association]].  
**Dt** - Deutsche - [German].  
**Dulag** - Durchgangslager - [transient camp for processing prisoners]  
**DVL** - Deutsche Versuchsanstalt für Luftfahrt - [German Experimental Establishment for Aviation].

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**DVS** - Deutschen Verkehrsfliegerschule GmbH - [German pilot's school (late 1920s, early 1930s)].

**Eh.** - Einsatzhafen - [operational airfield with limited services].

**Einsatzvermessungstrupp** - [operational survey squad].

**Eis.** - Eisenbahn - [railway].

**Erdkampfschule** - [ground combat school].

**Erfassungsstab** - [registration staff].

**Erg.** - Ergänzung - [reserve/replacement/final training].

**Erg.Gruppe S** - [replacement glider group].

**Erg.JG** - Ergänzungsjagdgeschwader - [replacement fighter training wing].

**Erg.JGr.** - Ergänzungsjagdgruppe - [replacement fighter training group].

**Erg.KGr.** - Ergänzungskampfgeschwader - [replacement bomber group].

**Erp.** - Erprobungs - [testing or trials].

**Erprobungskdo.** - Erprobungskommando - [a testing/trials unit] .

**Erprobungsstelle** - [testing/trials station].

**Ers.** - Ersatz - [replacement].

**EST** - [Estonia].

**E-Stelle** - Erprobungsstelle - [experimenting and testing station].

**E.Tr.** - Eisenbahn-Transport - [railway transport].

**(F)** - (Fern) - [long range recon].

**Fährenbau** - [ferry construction, i.e., the Luftwaffe's Siebel ferries].

**F.H.K.** - Fliegerhorstkommandantur - [airfield command office].

**FAG** - Fernaufklärungsgeschwader - [long range reconnaissance wing].

**FAGr.** - Fernaufklärungsgruppe - [long range reconnaissance group].

**Fallschirmkampfbeobachter** - [parachutist observer].

**Fallschirmkorps** - [parachute corps].

**FAS** - Flakartillerieschule - [anti-aircraft artillery school].

**Feldausb.Btl.d.Lw.** - [field training battalion of the Air Force].

**Feldbauamt** - [field engineering/construction office].

**Feld-FAS** - [field anti-aircraft artillery school].

**Feldgericht** - [field court].

**Feldlaboratorium** - [field laboratory - a medical unit].

**Feldluftmunitionslager** - [ammunition depot].

**Feldlufttanklager** - [field fuel depot].

**Feldluftzeuggruppe** - [field air equipment group].

**Feldwerftverband** - [field workshop unit]

**Fernaufklärerschule** - [long range reconnaissance school].

**Fernschr.** - Fernschreiber - [teletype].

**Fernspr.** - Fernsprecher - [telephone].

**Fernverb.** (Kp.) - Fernverbindungs - [signals trunk line (company)].

**Feuerschutzstaffel** - [base firefighting or fire department].

**FFAS** - Feldflakartillerieschule - [field anti-aircraft artillery school].

**FFNN** - [Forze Navali (naval unit)].

**FFS** - Flugzeugführerschule - [pilot school].

**FIN** - [Finland].

**Fl.** - Flieger - [flying/aviation/flyer].

**Flak** - Flugabwehrkanonen - [anti-aircraft guns].

**Flakauswerte-Zug (mot.Z.)** - [anti-aircraft artillery plotting platoon (motorized with semi-tracked tractors)].

**Flaketat z.b.V.** - [Flak (personnel) establishment for special purposes].

**Flakgeräte** - [anti-aircraft equipment].



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**Flakkorps** - [anti-aircraft corps].  
**Flak-Rgt.** - [anti-aircraft regiment].  
**Flakscheinwerfer** - [anti-aircraft searchlights].  
**Flak-Sturm-Rgt.** - [anti-aircraft assault regiment].  
**Fl.Ausb.Rgt.** - Fliegerausbildungsregiment - [basic training regiment].  
**Fl.Betr.St.Kol.** - Flieger-Betriebsstoffkolonne - [aviation fuel column].  
**Fl.Ers.Btl.** - Fliegerersatzbataillon - [replacement battalion].  
**Fl.H. - Fliegerhorst** - [airfield].  
**Fl.H.Kdtr.** - Fliegerhorst kommandantur - [airbase command (the unit, not the commander)].  
**Fl.Üb.G.** - Flugzeugüberführungsgeschwader - [aircraft ferrying wing].  
**Fliegerführer** - [an air staff controlling a small regional grouping of units].  
**Fliegerkorps** - [an air staff controlling a medium sized grouping of units].  
**Flieger-Rgt.** - Flieger-Regiment - [air force regiment].  
**Fliegerschule** - [air force school].  
**Flieger-Übungsstelle** - [NSFK flight exercise stations - not of the Luftwaffe].  
**Fliegerwaffenschule** - [aviation weapons school for installation and maintenance].  
**Flieger-Waffentechn.Schule** - [aviation weapons technical school].  
**Fliegerzielgeschwader** - [target towing wing].  
**Fl.Pl.Kdo.** - Flugplatzkommando - [airfield detachment].  
**Flugbereitschaft** - [duty flight/liaison unit attached to larger commands and staffs].  
**Flugbetriebsstoff-Kol.** - [aircraft fuel column].  
**Flugh.** - Flughafen - [airfield].  
**Flughafenbereichskommando** - [regional airfield command].  
**Flughafenschütz-Rgt.** - [airfield defense regiment].  
**Flugh.Betr.Kp.** - Flughafenbetriebskompanie - [airfield servicing company].  
**Flugleitung** - [flight control, i.e., control tower].  
**Flugm.** - Flugmelde - [aircraft reporting].  
**Flugm.-Mess-Abt. z.b.V.** - Flugmeldemess-Abteilung - [aircraft-reporting radar detachment for special purposes].  
**Flugmelde-Einsatz** - [aircraft reporting operations].  
**Flugmessstellung** - [radar aircraft tracking site].  
**Flugzeug** - [aircraft].  
**Flugzeug-Funkwartkompanie** - [aircraft radio servicing company].  
**Flugzeugüberführungsgeschwader** - [aircraft ferrying wing].  
**Flugzeugwartungs-Kp.** - [aircraft servicing company].  
**Flum.** - Flugmeldedienst - [aircraft reporting/plotting service].  
**Flum.Mess-Kp.** - Flugmeldemesskompanie - [radar aircraft reporting/plotting company].  
**Flus.-Kp.** - Flugsicherungs-Kompanie - [flight safety company, e.g., flight control, beacons, etc.].  
**Fp.** - Flugplatz - [airfield].  
**FR** - France].  
**Frontaufklärungstrupp** - [military intelligence/special forces squad].  
**Frontflieger-Sammelgruppe** - [regional pool for unassigned flying officers].  
**Frontleitstelle** - [forward directing center for personnel in transit].  
**Frontreparaturbetrieb GL** - [front repair workshop - these were provided and run by aircraft manufacturing firms and came under the Director General of Luftwaffe Equipment in Berlin].  
**Fsch.** - Fallschirm - [paratroop].  
**Fsch.Jg.Rgt.** - [parachute regiment].  
**Fsch.Pz.Gren.Div.** - [paratroop armored infantry division].  
**Fspr.** - Fernsprecher - [telephone].

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**Funk** - [radio].

**Funkh.** - Funkhorch - [radio intercept].

**Funküberwachungs** - [radio monitoring].

**Fürsorgungs** - [troop welfare].

**G** - Geschwader - [Wing, a unit of approximately 100 aircraft].

**Gast** - Geräteausgabestelle - [equipment issuing station or center].

**GB** - [Great Britain/United Kingdom].

**Gefechtsverband** - [combat or battle formation].

**gem.** -gemischt - [mixed equipment].

**Gen.Lt.** - Generalleutnant - [Lieutenant General].

**Gen.Maj.** - Generalmajor - [Major General].

**Genst.** - Generalstab - [General Staff].

**GER** - Germany].

**Geräteausgabestelle** - [equipment issuing station].

**GmbH** - Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung - [company of limited liability].

**GR** - Greece].

**Gr.** - Gruppe - [i.e. a unit of approximately 30 a/c].

**Gruppenleiter** - [chief or head of a department].

**GS** - Grossraum-Segler - [high capacity glider].

**(H)** - (Heer) - [tactical recon].

**Hallenbauzug** - [hangar construction platoon].

**H.Gr.** - Heeresgruppe - [army group].

**Hauptregistratur** - [main registry or record-office].

**Hiwi** - Hilfswilliger - [volunteer helper].

**Höh.** - Höherer - [higher].

**Horchgeräte** - [listening or intercept equipment or devices].

**Hptm.** - Hauptmann - [captain].

**HUN** - Hungary].

**i.G.** - im Generalstab - [officer with general staff rating].

**In.** - Inspektion - [inspection].

**Ins.** - Inspektor or Inspizient - [inspector or inspectorate].

**Inspizient** - [Inspectorate].

**Instandsetzungs** - [repair].

**Instandsetzungswerkstatt** - [repair workshop].

**Int** - [Intercettori (fighter interceptor unit)].

**ITAL** - [Italy].

**Jafü** - Jagdfliegerführer - [regional fighter commander].

**Jagdabschnittsführer** - [fighter sector commander].

**Jagddivision** - [Fighter Division].

**Jagdfliegervorschule** - [advanced fighter school].

**Jäger-Rgt.** - Jäger-Regiment - [light infantry regiment].

**JFS** - Jagdfliegerschule - [advanced fighter school].

**JG** - Jagdgeschwader - [fighter wing].

**JGr.** - Jagdgruppe - [fighter group].

**JV** - Jagdverband - [fighter formation and a special fighter unit of "aces"].

**KAA** - Kraftfahrausbildungs-Abt - [vehicle training detachment]

**Kartenlager** - [map depot].

**Kavallerie** - [cavalry].

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**Kdo.** - Kommando - [HQ and command, and also detachment].  
**Kdr.** - Kommandeur - [commander].  
**Kdt.** - Kommandant - [commandant].  
**KFS** - Kampffliegerschule - [bomber school].  
**Kfz.** - Kraftfahrzeug - [a ground motor vehicle].  
**Kfz.** Beständelager - [motor vehicle park or pool].  
**KG** - Kampfgeschwader - [bomber wing].  
**KG.z.b.V.** - Kampfgeschwader zur besonderen Verwendung - [transport wing].  
**kgl.** - königliche - [royal].  
**KGr.** - Kampfgruppe - [bomber group].  
**KGr.z.b.V.** - Kampfgruppe zur besonderen Verwendung - [transport group].  
**Koflug** - Kommando Flughafenbereich - [airfield regional command].  
**Kolonnen-Abt.** - [columns detachment - detachment consisting of more than one supply column].  
**Koluft** - Kommandeur der Luftwaffe - [officer in charge of the Luftwaffe component attached to a German field army].  
**Komm.** - Kommandierende - [commanding].  
**Kraftfahrausbildungs-Abt.** - [motor vehicle driver training detachment].  
**Kraftfahrkdo.** - [motor transport detachment].  
**Kraftfahrtechnischen** - [motor vehicle technical - used as an adjective].  
**Kraftfahrverfügungskdo.** - [motor vehicle reserve detachment].  
**Kriegsberichter** - [war correspondent].  
**Kriegsgefangene** - [prisoner of war].  
**Kriegsmarine** - [German navy during the Third Reich era].  
**Kü.Fl.Gr.** - Küstenfliegergruppe - [a maritime aviation patrol and attack group].  
**Kurieraussenstelle** - [branch courier station].  
**Kurierstaffel** - [courier squadron].  
**Küstenjagdstaffel** - [naval fighter squadron].

**LAT** - [Latvia].  
**L.S.** - Luftschutz - [air defense].  
**Lazarett** - [hospital].  
**Ldssch.** - Landeschützen - [territorial defense].  
**LE** - [refers to the Nachschubamt/RLM in Berlin and repair units subordinated to it].  
**le.** - leichte - [light].  
**Legion Condor** - [the Luftwaffe contingent in the Spanish Civil War].  
**Lehrgang** - [class for instruction].  
**Lehrgeschwader** - [a mixed function tactics test unit].  
**LG** - Lehrgeschwader - [a mixed function tactics test unit].  
**Lg.** - Luftgau - [air district].  
**Lg.Kdo.** - Luftgaukommando - [air district command].  
**Lg.Nachr.Rgt.** - Luftgaunachrichtenregiment - [air district signals regiment].  
**LIB** - [Libya].  
**LITH** - [Lithuania].  
**LK** - Luftkreis - [prewar air district].  
**LKS** - Luftkriegsschule - [air war college].  
**LLG** - Luftlandegeschwader - [airborne wing (parachute and glider)].  
**Ln.** - Luftnachrichten - [air force signals units or personnel].  
**Ln.-Abt.** - Luftnachrichten-Abteilung - [air force communications detachment].  
**Ln.-Ausb.Rgt.** - Luftnachrichten-Ausbildungsregiment - [signals/communications training regiment].  
**Ln.-Ausw.u.Betr.Kp.** - [signals evaluation/interpretation and operations company].

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- Ln.-Betr.Abt.** - Luftnachrichten-Betriebsabteilung - [signals operations/servicing detachment].
- Ln.-Betr.Kp.** - Luftnachrichten-Betriebskompanie - [signals operations/servicing company].
- Ln.-Ers.Kp.** - Luftnachrichtenersatzkompanie - [signals replacement company].
- Ln.Ers.Rgt.** - Luftnachrichtenersatzregiment - [air force signals replacement regiment].
- Ln.-Flugmelde-Rgt.** - Luftnachrichten-Flugmelde-Regiment - [flight reporting and/or plotting signals regiment].
- Ln.-Flugsicherungs-Rgt.** - Luftnachrichten-Flugsicherungs-Regiment - [flight safety signals regiment].
- Ln.-Geräte-Inspizient** - [air force signals equipment inspectorate].
- Ln.-Rgt.** - Luftnachrichten-Regiment - [air force signals regiment].
- Ln.-Techn.Arbeitsstab** - [signals technical work and planning staff].
- LS** - Lastensegler - [cargo glider].
- LS-Abt. d.Lw.** - [civil air defense detachment of the Air Force].
- LS-Warn-Abt.** - Luftschutz-Warn-Abteilung - [civil air defense (air raid) warning detachment].
- LT** - Lufttransport or Lufttorpedo - [air transport or aerial torpedo].
- Lt.** - Leutnant - [second lieutenant].
- Luftdienst** - [target-towing service - a component of the Luftwaffe].
- Luftdienst-Abt.** - [air service (target-towing) detachment].
- Luftdienstkdo.** - Luftdienstkommando - [air service detachment].
- Luftflotte** - [Air Fleet].
- Luftflottenkdo.** - [Air Fleet command].
- Luftgaubefehlsstelle** - [air district command post].
- Luftgaukdo.** - [air district command].
- Luftgaustab z.b.V.** - [air district staff for special employment - advanced with troops during offensive campaigns].
- Lufthauptmunitionsanstalt** - [main ammunition establishment for air munitions].
- Luftkriegsakademie** - [air war academy - the Luftwaffe's Air Force Academy].
- Luftmuna** - Luftmunitionsanstalt - [air munitions establishment].
- Luftpark** - [air park - used for storage and modification of aircraft before they were sent on to destination unit].
- Luftsperr** - [barrage balloon].
- Luftverteidigungszone** - [air defense zone].
- Luftwaffenbefehlshaber** - [air force commander]
- Luftzeugamt** - [air force main equipment depot].
- Luftzeuggruppe** - [air or aviation equipment group].
- Luftzeugstab** - [equipment staff - supervised the salvaging of aircraft and equipment].
- LV** - Luftverteidigung - [air defense].
- LV-Kdo.** - Luftverteidigungskommando - [air defense command].
- Lw.** - Luftwaffe or Luftwaffen - [pertaining to the air force].
- Lw.-Bau-Btl.** - [air force construction battalion].
- Lw.-Feld-Div.** - [air force field division].
- Lw.-Festungs-Btl.** - [air force fortification battalion].
- Lw.-Führungsstab** - [air force command staff].
- Lw.-Übungsplatz** - [air force exercise field or area].
- Maj.** - Major - [Major].
- Meldekopf** - [reporting center].
- Meldestelle** - [reporting station or center].

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**mittl.** - mittlerer - [medium].  
**mittl.Flugm.Leit-Kp.** - mittlerer Flugmeldeleit-Kompanie - [medium aircraft plotting control company].  
**(mot)** - motorisierte - [motorized].  
**MSGr.** - Minensuchgruppe - [aerial mine sweeping group].

**(N)** - (Nacht) - [implicitly night fighter].  
**NAAF** - [Northwest African Air Forces].  
**Nachrichtentruppe** - [a generic term for signals and communications personnel].  
**Nachrichten-Verbindungswesen** - [communications liaison matters].  
**Nachschub** - [supply].  
**Nachschubbezirk** - [supply district].  
**Nachschubkolonnen-Abt.** - [supply column detachment].  
**Nachschubleitstelle** - [main supply station for requisitioning and distributing supplies].  
**Nachschubschule** - [logistics or supply school].  
**Nachtjagd** - [night fighting or night fighter].  
**Nahaufkl.** - Nahaufklärungs - [tactical recon].  
**Nahkampfführer** - [close air support commander].  
**NASAF** - [Northwest African Strategic Air Force].  
**n.d.** - [no date (ohne Datum)].  
**Nebel** - [smoke, i.e., smoke-generator unit].  
**Nebenplatz** - [satellite field].  
**NETH** - [The Netherlands].  
**NJG** - Nachtjagdgeschwader - [night fighter wing].  
**NNJ Schw.** - Nahnachtjagdschwarm - [provisional close night fighting section of 4 or 5 aircraft].  
**NOR** - [Norway].  
**Nr.** - Nummer - [number].  
**NSDAP** - Nationalsozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei - [National Socialist Workers Party (i.e: Nazi Party)].  
**NSFK** - National Sozialistische Fliegerkorps - [the flying elements of the Sturm-Abteilung].  
**NSKK** - National Sozialistische Kraftfahrkorps - [National Socialist Motor Corps].  
**NVW** - Nachrichtenverbindungswezens - [refers to military signals/communications].

**(o)** - ortsfest - [stationary]  
**OA** - [Osservazione Aerea (air reconnaissance or observation unit of the Italian AF)].  
**OB** - Oberbefehlshaber - [Supreme Commander].  
**Ob.d.H.** - Oberbefehlshaber der Heeres - [Supreme Commander of the Army].  
**Ob.d.L.** - Oberbefehlshaber der Luftwaffe - [Supreme Commander of the Air Force].  
**O.B.S.** - Oberbefehlshaber Süd. - [Supreme Commander South].  
**Oberst** - [Colonel].  
**Oberst i.G.** - Oberst im Generalstab - [Colonel of the General Staff].  
**Oblt.** - Oberleutnant - [first lieutenant].  
**Obstlt.** - Oberstleutnant - [Lt.Col.].  
**OKH** - Oberkommando der Heer - [High Command of the Army].  
**OKL** - Oberkommando der Luftwaffe - [High Command of the Air Force].  
**OKM** - Oberkommando der Marine - [High Command of the Navy].  
**OKW** - Oberkommando der Wehrmacht - [High Command of the Armed Forces].  
**Österreiches** - [Austrian].

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**OT** - Organisation Todt - [the German quasi-military strategic construction organization dedicated to high profile civil engineering projects such as fortifications, roads, airfields, etc.].

**OT-Einsatzgruppe** - [a unit of the OT].

**Peilsonderkdo.d.Lw.** - [Air Force special direction finding detachment].

**Personal** - [personnel].

**Pioniertruppe** - [pioneer troops, i.e.: field engineer troops].

**PK** - Propaganda Kompanie - [a company of journalists attached to military units to gather material for propaganda use].

**POL** - [Poland].

**Prüfstelle** - [testing or examination station].

**Pz** - Panzer - [refers to armored formations or attachment to armored formations].

**Qu.** - Quartiermeister- [quartermaster].

**RA** - [Regia Aeronautica (Italian Royal Air Force)].

**Radiosondenzug** - [weather radio probe platoon].

**R.d.L.** - Reichsminister der Luftfahrt - [a pre-Third Reich government cabinet position].

**RAD** - Reichsarbeitsdienst - [German labor corps].

**RAF** - [Royal Air Force].

**Reifeninstandsetzungszug** - [tire repair platoon].

**Reklamestaffel** - [publicity squadron].

**Relais** - [relay].

**RLM** - Reichsluftministerium - [the Air Ministry].

**RM** - [Regia Marina (Italian Royal Navy or a unit belonging to it)].

**RM** - Ricognizione Marittima (naval reconnaissance unit)].

**Rohstoff** - [raw material].

**ROM** - [Romania].

**RS** - [Ricognizione Strategica (strategic reconnaissance unit)].

**RSM** - [Ricognizione Strategica Marittima (naval strategic reconnaissance unit)].

**RST** - [Ricognizione Strategica Terrestre (land-based strategic reconnaissance)].

**RT** - [Ricognizione Terrestre (tactical land reconnaissance)].

**Rückführlager** - [repatriation depot or camp, i.e., of equipment to the rear for re-issue, repair or reconditioning].

**RUSS** - [Russia].

**RV** - Richtverbindungs - [line-of-sight communications, i.e. microwave].

**SA** - Sturm-Abteilung - [the Nazi brownshirts].

**SAGr.** - Seeaufklärungsgruppe - [Maritime Reconnaissance Group].

**Sammel-u.Inst.St.** - Sammel- und Instandsetzungsstelle - [collection and repair center].

**San.** - Sanität - [medical].

**San.Bereitschaft** - Sanitätsbereitschaft - [medical clearing station and ambulance unit].

**San.Flugbereitschaft** - Sanitätsflugbereitschaft - [medical air evac unit].

**Sanitätsstaffel** - [medical evacuation squadron].

**Sauerstoffgerät** - [oxygen equipment].

**Scheinwerfer** - [searchlight].

**Schiessplatz** - [a practice gunnery range for artillery and Flak] .

**Schleppgruppe** - [glider transport group].

**Schleppschule** - [glider tug school].

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- schw.** - schwere - [heavy or main].  
**schw.Flak-Abt.** - schwere Flak-Abteilung - [heavy anti-aircraft detachment].  
**schw.Flak-Ers.Abt.** - schwere Flak-Ersatz Abteilung - [heavy anti-aircraft replacement detachment].  
**schw.Flugm.Leit-Kp.** - schwere Flugmeldeleit-Kompanie - [heavy aircraft reporting/plotting control company].  
**Seenotbezirk** - [sea rescue district].  
**Seenotgruppe** - [sea rescue group].  
**Seenotstaffel** - [sea rescue squadron].  
**Seenotzentrale** - [sea rescue command center].  
**(Sf.)** - Selbstfahrlafette - [self-propelled gun motor carriage].  
**SG** - Schlachtgeschwader - [fighter-bomber wing].  
**Sicherungs** - [security].  
**Sil** - [Aerosilurante (aerial torpedo unit)].  
**SKG** - Schnellkampfgeschwader - [fast bomber wing].  
**Skl.** - Seekriegsleitung - [operations division of the general staff of the Navy].  
**SLO** - [Slovakia].  
**Soccorso** - [Italian air-sea rescue unit].  
**Sonderaufgaben** - [special tasks].  
**Sondergerätwerkstatt** - [special equipment workshop].  
**(Span)** - (Spanien) - [the Spanish contingent within a unit].  
**St.** - Staffel - [a unit of about 9 - 12 aircraft (approx. a squadron)].  
**Standortältester** - [garrison commander].  
**Startbahnbauszug** - [runway construction platoon].  
**St.G.** - Stukageschwader - [dive bomber wing].  
**stellv.** - Stellvertreter - [deputy].  
**Sonderkommando** - [special detachment].  
**Störkampfgruppe** - [night harassment group].  
**Strafvollstreckungszug** - [penal platoon].  
**Stuka** - Sturzkampf - [dive bomber].
- T** - [Transport unit (Italian Regia Aeronautica)].  
**Tel.Bau-Kp.** - Telegrafbau-Kompanie - [telegraph construction company].  
**TG** - Transportgeschwader - [transport wing].  
**Transportfliegerführer** - [air transport commander].  
**Tr.Gr.** - Trägergruppe - [Gruppe sized unit originally intended for use on an aircraft carrier].  
**Tropenvermessungszug** - [tropical survey platoon].  
**Trsp.Kol.** - Transportkolonne - [motor transport column].  
**Trsp.St.** - Transportstaffel - [a transport squadron].  
**Tuff** - [Tuffo or Tuffatori - abbreviation for an Italian AF dive-bomber or dive-bomber unit].  
**TUN** - [Tunisia].
- u.** - und - [and].  
**Überprüfungsschule ELF** - Überprüfungsschule (für) Erweiterter Luftwaffen-Führerschein - [examination school for Air Force advanced flying certificate].  
**UKR** - [Ukraine].  
**Ungarischen** - [Hungarian].  
**Untersuchungsstelle** - [examination or testing station or center].
- (v)** - verlegfähig - [transferable]  
**Verb.** - Verbindungs - [liaison].

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- Verbandsführerschule** - [formation/unit leader's school].  
**Verbindungs** - [liaison].  
**Verpflegungsausgabestelle** - [rations issuing station].  
**Verladekommando** - [loading detachment].  
**Versandkdo.** - [dispatch or forwarding detachment].  
**Versuchsverband** - [experimental aircraft, equipment and tactics unit].  
**Verteidigungsbezirkkommando** - [(air) district defense command].  
**Verwaltungslager** - [administrative depot].  
**Vet.-** Veterinär - [veterinarian].  
**vic** - [vicinity].  
**Vo.Messtrupp** - Velozitäts-Messtrupp - [velocity instrument computing section].  
**Vorkommando** - [advance detachment].
- Wach** - [guard].  
**W.B.K.** - Wehrbezirkskommando - [recruiting district command - subordinate to a W.E.I.].  
**W.B.O.** - Wehrbezirksoffizier - [chief recruiting officer of a recruiting district command].  
**W.E.I.** - Wehrersatzinspektion - [recruiting area headquarters].  
**Weflugst.** - Wetterflugstelle - [a weather recon flying unit smaller than a staffel].  
**Wehrbezirkskdo.** - Wehrbezirkskommando - [military district command].  
**Wehr-Ers.Insp.** - Wehrersatzinspektion.  
**Wehrersatzinspektion** - [recruiting area headquarters].  
**Wehrm.** - Wehrmacht - [the armed forces].  
**Wehrmachtgefangenen-Abt.** - [military prisoner detachment].  
**Wehrmachtgefängnis** - [military prison].  
**Wehrmachtgefolge** - [armed forces auxiliary personnel (Org. Todt, NSKK, RAD, etc.)].  
**Wehrmachttransportleitstelle** - [armed forces transport or transportation control center].  
**Wehrwirtschaftsstelle** - [military industrial and economic office].  
**Wekusta** - Wettererkundungsstaffel - [weather recon squadron].  
**Werftstaffel** - [workshops squadron].  
**Werkstatt-Kp.** - [workshop company].  
**Wetterflugstelle** - [weather recon base].  
**Wettermeldestelle** - [weather reporting station].  
**Wetternebenstelle** - [branch meteorological station].  
**Wetterwarte** - [meteorological station].  
**WWI** - [World War I].
- YUGO** - [Yugoslavia].
- Zahnstation** - [dental clinic].  
**Zahnstelle** - [dental clinic].  
**z.b.V.** - zur besonderen Verwendung - [for special tasks or employment - provisional, not part of the normal establishment or organization].  
**Zerlegestelle** - [dismantling center].  
**Zugführer** - [section leader or leader of a platoon-size unit].  
**Zweigpark** - [branch park or depot].



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