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Person Interrogated: Cmdr. FUKAMIZU, IJN.

Interrogator: Lt. Cmdr. R. P. Aikin, USNR.

SUMMARY

1. In response to a request, Cmdr. FUKAMIZU prepared the attached charts showing the status of the Japanese Naval Air Force as of 1 December 1941 (ANNEX A) and the total number of Naval Air Force planes on hand as of 1 December 1941, the beginning of each fiscal year, 1 April and at the end of the war (Annex B).

2. On both charts one of the categories is listed as "planes in storage" (Kokusho). Cmdr. FUKAMIZU explained that Kokusho was comparable to our A & R and Fleet Pool, that is 65-75% of aircraft in Kokusho were under repair, 10-15% new aircraft unassigned or awaiting delivery to tactical or training commands and the balance obsolete planes, some of which were disassembled. Generally speaking planes under repair would be available in about six weeks.

3. Cmdr. Fukamizu stated that approximately 25% of total strength as shown in ANNEX B was in kokusho until the spring of 1945 when the percentage declined to 20%. At the end of the war 15% of the total Japanese Naval Air Force strength was in kokusho.



STRENGTH OF JAPANESE NAVAL AIR FORCE 1 DEC. 1941

ANNEX. "A" TO
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PLATE 86-1

ASSIGNED TYPE	AIRCRAFT ALLOCATED TACTICAL AND TRAINING COMMANDS							KOKUSHO	GRAND TOTAL
	ELEVENTH AIR FLEET (FORMOSA)	22 & 24 AIR FLOTS (INDO-CHINA)	3RD. FLEET (CARRIER BASED)	11 & 12TH SEAPLANE TENDER DIV.	COMBINED FLEET	JAPAN	TRAINING		
FIGHTERS	150	60	200			80	100	70	660
DIVE AND TORPEDO BOMBERS	0	0	180			50	70	30	330
MEDIUM BOMBERS	120	100						20	240
LAND BASED RECONNAISSANCE	10								10
FLYING BOATS	20	10				10	10	5	55
SEAPLANES				70	80	40	50	30	270
TRAINERS							450	60	510
TRANSPORTS	20	10				10		5	45
TOTALS	320	180	380	70	80	190	680	220	2120

JAPANESE NAVAL AIR STRENGTH, PRODUCTION AND WASTAGE

ANNEX "B" TO
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T Y P E	1941			1942			1943			1944			1945			GRAND TOTAL		
	ON HAND 1 DEC. 1941	DEC.1941 TO MAR.1942		ON HAND 1 APR. 1942	APR.1942 TO MAR.1943		ON HAND 1 APR. 1943	APR.1943 TO MAR.1944		ON HAND 1 APR. 1944	APR.1944 TO MAR.1945		ON HAND 1 APR. 1945	APR.1945 TO AUG.1945		ON HAND 15 AUG. 1945	PRODUCED	EXPENDED
		PRODUCED	EXPENDED		PRODUCED	EXPENDED		PRODUCED	EXPENDED		PRODUCED	EXPENDED		PRODUCED	EXPENDED			
FIGHTERS	660	316	300	676	1747	1590	833	3864	2843	1854	5074	4150	2778	1343	2420	1701	12344	11303
SHIPBOARD ATTACK & BOMBER	330	123	146	307	465	762	10	1820	1191	639	2415	2150	904	456	936	424	5279	5185
LAND ATTACK & BOMBER	240	219	182	277	674	465	486	774	969	291	1661	1436	516	342	640	218	3670	3692
RECONN. AND PATROL	10			10		1	9	27	12	24	334	181	177	225	150	252	586	344
SPECIAL ATTACK (BAKA PLANES)											750		750		70	680	750	70
TRANSPORT	45	18	20	43	99	57	85	78	64	99	179	178	100	39	92	47	413	411
FLOAT RECONN.	270	64	93	241	500	445	296	1045	492	849	851	870	830	85	610	305	2545	2510
FLYING BOATS	55	29	22	62	96	45	113	87	68	132	57	105	84	2	74	12	271	314
TRAINER	510	212	92	630	862	344	1148	2257	695	2710	2840	1260	4290	348	970	3668	6519	3361
TOTAL	2120	981	855	2246	4443	3709	2980	9952	6334	6598	14161	10330	10429	2840	5962	7307	32377	27190

1. NUMBER OF PLANES ON HAND IS TOTAL OF THOSE IN USE AND THOSE IN STORAGE.
2. NUMBER OF PLANES EXPENDED INCLUDE OPERATIONAL LOSSES. IN THE 1945 COLUMN UNDER PLANES EXPENDED, THOSE IN OUTLYING AREAS (EXCEPTING KOREA AND FORMOSA) ARE NOT INCLUDED.