

**Named Luftwaffe Formations  
Organized in WWII**

Luftwaffen Kommando Don Formed on 8/26/42 in southern Russia from the Generalkommando I. Fliegerkorps. On 1/31/43 it contained:

2.(F)/Aufklärungs Gruppe 22  
3.(F)/Aufklärungs Gruppe 100  
Kampfgeschwader 1(I), 3 (I, III)  
Sturzkampfgeschwader 2 (III)  
Jagdgeschwader 52 (I)

It was redesignated the Generalkommando I. Fliegerkorps on 4/1/43.

Luftwaffen-Kommando Kurland: Formed on 4/17/45 from the remains of Luftflotte 1. It contained:

Nahaufklärungsgruppe 5  
Schlachtgeschwader 3 (III)  
Nachtschlachtgruppe 3  
Jagdgeschwader 54 (I, III)  
6th Flak Division

Luftwaffen-Kommando Nordost: Formed on 4/12/45 after the Russian thrust over the Oder from the Generalkommando II Fliegerkorps to work with the Army group Vistula. IT contained:

Fliegerführer 6  
II Flak Corps

Luftwaffen-Kommando Ost: Formed on 4/1/42 from the Generalkommando V Fliegerkorps. It contained:

1st Flieger Division (January 1944)  
Farnaufklärungsstaffel 4/11, 4/14, 1/100/ 4/121  
Nahaufklärungsgruppen 3, 5, 15 and 10th as of Feb 44  
Kampfgeschwader 4(II)  
Sturzkampfgeschwader 1 (III)  
Jagdgeschwader 51 (I)  
Feldluftgau XXV (in Smolensk)  
II Flak Corps  
    12th Flak Division  
    18th Flak Division

On 6/5/43 it was expanded into Luftflotte 6.

Luftwaffen-Kommando Ostpreussen: Formed on 1/24/45 after the disbanding of Luftgau-Kommandos I Königsberg when East and West Prussia were separated from the Reich by the Russian passage over the Vistula. It contained:

4th Flieger Division (later assigned to the II Flieger corps)  
6th Fliegerführer (later to Luftflotte 6 by Ahlbeck)  
Jagdfliegerführer Ostpreussen  
18th Flak Division

In April 1945 it had:

Jagdgeschwader 51, (I, III)  
Schlachtgeschwader 3 (I)

Luftwaffen-Kommando Südost: Formed on 1/1/43 in Greece by the X Fliegerkorps. It was assigned to the 2nd Luftflotte until 3/10/43, at which time it became independent. It contained.

X Fliegerkorps  
Feldluftgau XXIX Athens  
Feldluftgau XXX Belgrade  
Fliegerführer Albania  
Fliegerführer Croatia  
Jagdfliegerführer Greece  
Jagdfliegerführer Rumania  
Jagdfliegerführer Balkans (after 3/7/44)  
5th Flak Division Ploesti  
19th Flak Division Athens, later Salonika  
20th Flak Division Nova Panzova

On 10 /22/44 it was disbanded and incorporated into Luftflotte 4.

Luftwaffen-Kommando West: Formed on 9/28/44 in Limburg/Lahn from the remains of Luftflotte for the defense of the western frontier of Germany. It contained:

November 1944

II Jagdkorps Flammersfeld  
3rd Flieger Division Bad Essen  
5th Jagddivision Durlach (became 16th Flieger Division)  
III and IV Flak Corps

End of January 1945 it was reorganized and assigned to work with Army Group H Netherlands/Northern Rhine. It had:

Lower Rhine

14th Flieger Division  
VI Flak Corps (from 16th Flak Division on 2/22/45)  
Army Group B Middle Rhine  
15th Flieger Division  
III Flak Corps  
Army Group G Upper Rhine  
16th Flak Corps  
Luftgau Münster

After the allies crossed the Rhine it took over command of the Luftwaffen-Kommando West and contained:

16th Flieger Division  
IV Flak Corps  
7th Jagddivision  
Luftgau V  
Luftgau VIII

Kommando-General der Deutschen Luftwaffe in Italian: Formed in Italy to command German aircraft in the region. It controlled, from the transfer of the X Flieger Corps to Greece until the arrival of Kesselring's Oberkommandos Luftflotte 2, the direction of the Luftwaffe in Italy.

1941 (as ITALUFT)

XXII (22nd) Flak Brigade in Sicily

1943 (February) (as ITALUFT)

5th Flak Division in upper Italy

Lufttransportführer Mediterranean

1944 (as Kommando General Middle Italy)

2nd (F) Aufklärungsgruppe 122

Nahaufklärungsgruppe 11

Jagdabschnittsführer Italien (South) with:

Jagdgeschwader 4 (I)

Jagdgeschwader 53 (III)

1944 May (as Kommando General Middle Italy)

1.(F) Aufklärungsgruppe 122

Nahaufklärungsgruppe 11

Jagdabschnittsführer Italien (Süd) (Fighter detachment command Italy (South))

Jagdgruppe I/4

Jagdgruppe III/53

Jagdgruppe I/77

Schlachtgeschwader 4 (I, II)

Nachtschlachtgruppe 9

3rd Flak Brigade

22nd Flak Brigade

End of 1944

122nd Fernaufklärungsgruppe

11th Nahaufklärungsgruppe

Jagdfliegerführer Upper Italy with 2 Italian fighter groups

9th Nachtschlachtgruppe

25th Flak Division

3rd Flak Brigade

22nd Flak Brigade

Kommando-General der Deutschen Luftwaffe Nordbalkan (North Balkans):

(II Fliegerkorps) Formed on 8/29/44 in Nisch from the Generalkommando II Fliegerkorps and the Feldfluggaukommando XXX (Belgrade) under Luftwaffenkommando Südost, October, Belgrade, November, Agram (under Luftflotte 4), December Fünfkirchen. At the end of November 1944 it contained:

Fliegerführer Nordbalkan

Nahaufklärungsgruppe 12

Schlachtgeschwader 10 (I, II)

Nachtschlachtgruppe 10

20th Flak Division

On 2/3/45 it joined Luftflotte 6 as II Fliegerkorps. On 2/1/45 the Fliegerführer Nordbalkan became the 17th Flieger Division. The 20th Flak division was detached in November to the V Flak Corps.

Kommando-General der Deutschen Luftwaffe in Norwegen (Norway): Formed on 9/15/44 in Oslo from the staff of the 4 disbanded Luftflotte 5 and the Feldluftgau Norwegen, it contained:

5th Flieger Division (with 4th Fliegerführer)  
Jagdfliegerführer Norwegen  
13th Flak Brigade Oslo (29th Flak Division after March 1945)

Kommando-General der Deutschen Luftwaffe in Rumänien (Rumania): Formed sometime in 1944 from the Luftwaffe Mission in Bucharest, Rumania. On 9/4/44 it had:

Jagdfliegerführer Rumania  
5th Flak Division Ploesti

Fliegerkorps Tunis: Formed in February 1943 as the "Nahkampf-fliegerkorps" (near combat aviation corps) of the Fliegerführer Afrika with the 1st Fliegerführer (north), 2nd Fliegerführer (south), 3rd Fliegerführer (South) and Gabes Fliegerführer. The 1st Fliegerführer served with the 5th Panzer Army and the 3rd with the German-Italian Panzer army. It contained:

Jagdgeschwader 51 (II)  
Jagdgeschwader 53 (I, II, III)  
Jagdgeschwader 77 (I, II, III)  
Nachtjagdgeschwader 2 (I,II)  
Zerstörergeschwader 26 (III)  
Sturzkampfgeschwader 3 (I, III)  
Schlachtgeschwader 1 (III)  
Schlachtgeschwader 4 (III)

With the capitulation of Tunis in May 1943 the Corps was converted to a Generalkommando z.b.V, then it was disbanded.

Flieger-Zieldivision: Formed in 1943 to coordinate the flak training operations, it was renamed in 1945 as the Fliegerschuldivision (Aviator School Division). It contained:

Fliegerzeilgeschwader 1 (Strasberg/Mark)  
Fliegerzeilgeschwader 2 (Charleville)  
Fliegerzeilgeschwader 3 (Schongau/Lech)

On 6/1/44 three squadrons (11 Groups) were reduced to four groups and they were placed under the Fliegerzeildivision, which belonged to Luftflotte 10.

Fliegerzeilgruppe I (Dievenow)  
Fliegerzeilgruppe II (Kiel)  
Fliegerzeilgruppe III (Cologne)  
Fliegerzeilgruppe IV (Bad Vöslau)

On 12/12/44 the II Gruppe was disbanded. III and IV were disbanded on 2/13/45.

Fliegerführer Atlantik: Formed in March 1941 from part of the IV Fliegerkorps in Western France. It had:

1./Kampfgeschwader 40  
Küstenfliegergruppe 406  
Küstenfliegergruppe 606  
Küstenfliegergruppe 806  
1.(F)/Aufklärungsgruppe 125

In 1942/3 it operated against sea targets in the Atlantic (Luftflotte 3). In 1944, while in Angers, western France, it continued:

Fernaufklärungsgruppe 5  
Staff,I/Zerstörergeschwader 1  
Staff,II,III/Kampfgeschwader 40  
III/Kampfgeschwader 1

On 4/1/44 it became X Fliegerkorps.

Fliegerführer Lofoten: formed in 1942. At the end of the year, in Bodo, Norway, it contained:

II/Kampfgeschwader 25  
Küstenfliegergruppe 706

In June 1944 it became Fliegerführer 5.

Fliegerführer Nord: formed in March 1941 in Norway from the staff Kampfgeschwader 26 by Luftflotte 5. It contained:

I/Kampfgeschwader 26  
IV (Sturzkampf)/Lehrgeschwader 1  
Staff, III/Zerstörergeschwader 76  
Staff,I/Jagdgeschwader 77  
1.(F)/Aufklärungsgruppe 124.

During the summer of 1942 it was broken into Fliegerführer Nord (Ost), Fliegerführer Nord (West), and Lofoten.

Fliegerführer Nord (Ost): formed in the summer of 1942 from Fliegerführer Nord. It served in Finland against the Murmansk railroad and ship traffic to Murmansk. It contained:

Kampfgeschwader 30 in Kemi & Bansk  
Kampfgeschwader 26 (III) in Petsamo  
IV (Stuka)/Lehrgeschwader 1 in Rovaniemi  
I/Sturzkampfgeschwader 5 in Kirkenes  
II/Jagdgeschwader 5 I & II in Alkurtti & III in Petsamo  
II/Jagdgeschwader 55 in Kirkenes

The staff was in Rovaniemi and Kirkenes. At the end of 1942 it contained:

I/Kampfgeschwader 30 in Kemi  
I/Sturzkampfgeschwader 5 in Alkurtti  
II/Jagdgeschwader 5 I & II in Alkurtti, III in Petsamo  
Küstenfliegergruppe 405 in Billefjord  
1.(F)/Aufklärungsgruppe 124 in Kremi

During 1943/44 it continued to operate in Finland and Northern Norway. In the summer 1944 it became Fliegerführer Eismeer (Arctic Sea).

Fliegerführer Nord (West): Formed in the summer of 1942 with the breakup of Fliegerführer Nord in Drontheim under Luftflotte 5. In December 1942 it continued:

Staff, I/Kampfgeschwader 26  
II/Kampfgeschwader 40

In June 1944 it became Fliegerführer 4.

Fliegerführer Ostsee (Baltic): Formed in June 1941 for the attack on Russia, it contained:

Küstenfliegergruppe 806  
Aufklärungsgruppe 125.

In September 1941 it was on the Baltic islands and had:

I/Kampfgeschwader 77  
II/Zerstörerergeschwader 26

In December 1941 it was became Fliegerführer Süd.

Fliegerführer Süd: Formed from Fliegerführer Ostsee on 12/1/41 on the Black Sea. In July 1942 it operated from the Crimean peninsula against Sebastopol and Kersch. In the Winter 1942/43 it became Seefliegerführer Black Sea.

Lufttransportführer Mittelmeer (Mediterranean): Formed during the winter 1942/43 with its staff in Rome. It had on 2/25/43:

Kampfgeschwader z.b.V. "N" (Naples)  
    Kampfgruppe z.b.V. Wittstock  
    Kampfgruppe z.b.V. 323  
    Kampfgruppe z.b.V. 800  
Kampfgeschwader z.b.V "S" (Sicily)  
    Kampfgruppe z.b.V. V  
    Kampfgruppe z.b.V. IV/1  
    Kampfgruppe z.b.V. 600

Jagdfliegerführer Oberitalien (Upper Italy): formed in July 1943, it contained:

Jagdabschnittsführer Ost (in Tricesimo)  
Jagdabschnittsführer Middle (in Pontechio)  
Jagdabschnittsführer West (9 Pinerolo)  
Jagdabschnittsführer Süd (In Torre Gaia)

In October 1944 only the I/,II/Italian Jagdgruppe remained. It was disbanded during the winter of 1944/45.

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