Table 86 — COMBAT AND TRANSPORT AIRPLANES ON HAND IN CONTINENTAL U S, BY TYPE OF AIRPLANE AND BY AIR FORCE OR COMMAND: OCT 1942 TO AUG 1945

(The sum of the data below does not equal that for the total Continental US published elsewhere in this volume since a final audit is made only on the total figures and not on those for individual air forces and commands. Prior to Dec 1943 data for very heavy bombers are included with heavy bombers. Figures are as of end of month.)

Air Force or Command and Type of Airplane	1942			1943								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
First Air Force												
Total	391	395	410	410	485	450	500	447	450	657	679	758
Combat Airplanes	360	367	383	383	456	412	460	404	405	610	631	701
Heavy Bombers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	49
Medium Bombers	20	17	15	12	13	19	18	20	20	20	18	41
Light Bombers	17	14	17	12	9	3	16	15	11	21	27	34
Fighters	321	331	341	345	420	377	412	355	361	552	574	569
Reconnaissance	2	5	10	14	14	13	14	14	13	13	8	8
Transports	31	28	27	27	29	38	40	43	45	47	48	57
Second Air Force												
Total	389	469	561	633	796	842	797	778	783	1,000	1,192	1,429
Combat Airplanes	354	429	526	604	768	804	761	742	748	966	1,153	1,389
Heavy Bombers	185	279	378	594	745	801	760	741	747	966	1,152	1,320
Medium Bombers	29	26	23	7	4	2	1	-	-	-	1	1
Light Bombers	71	48	52	3	4	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
Fighters	15	20	19	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	67
Reconnaissance	54	56	54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Transports	35	40	35	29	28	38	36	36	35	34	39	40
Third Air Force												
Total	849	1,010	1,057	1,155	1,237	1,530	1,799	2,000	2,130	2,091	2,262	2,086
Combat Airplanes	804	963	1,021	1,091	1,175	1,447	1,721	1,920	2,045	2,020	2,180	2,009
Heavy Bombers	1	1	2	1	1	18	36	39	35	43	50	23
Medium Bombers	330	418	430	474	477	742	796	735	713	599	615	640
Light Bombers	219	313	337	266	306	256	313	368	439	455	508	491
Fighters	224	198	223	255	291	321	471	671	753	839	929	806
Reconnaissance	30	33	29	95	100	110	105	107	105	84	78	49
Transports	45	47	36	64	62	83	78	80	85	71	82	77
Fourth Air Force												
Total	360	346	334	323	374	351	391	423	530	613	595	535
Combat Airplanes	340	329	315	294	343	319	355	378	487	570	552	497
Heavy Bombers	6	3	2	3	4	7	9	11	11	31	32	29
Medium Bombers	43	46	44	38	42	61	69	71	79	87	77	81
Light Bombers	48	46	45	37	29	8	8	11	9	10	10	6
Fighters	242	233	223	211	263	239	265	282	385	439	430	378
Reconnaissance	1	1	1	5	5	4	4	3	3	3	3	3
Transports	20	17	19	29	31	32	36	45	43	43	43	38

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Air Force or Command and Type of Airplane	1943			1944								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
First Air Force												
Total	862	1,117	1,103	1,249	1,271	1,252	1,531	1,589	1,619	1,655	1,479	1,371
Combat Airplanes	809	1,047	1,027	1,160	1,176	1,154	1,423	1,475	1,499	1,539	1,356	1,251
Heavy Bombers	113	211	253	304	323	251	357	368	439	500	359	344
Medium Bombers	29	75	79	84	111	119	143	143	166	161	172	135
Light Bombers	58	147	154	180	177	167	226	214	208	183	142	117
Fighters	603	596	524	570	544	596	676	729	674	682	668	645
Reconnaissance	6	18	17	22	21	21	21	21	12	13	15	10
Transports	53	70	76	89	95	98	108	114	120	116	123	120
Second Air Force												
Total	1,694	1,578	1,476	2,045	2,213	2,559	2,070	2,332	2,620	2,466	2,471	2,481
Combat Airplanes	1,643	1,522	1,408	1,954	2,106	2,434	1,948	2,202	2,489	2,336	2,340	2,331
Very Heavy Bombers	-	-	34	35	43	157	22	93	158	218	235	328
Heavy Bombers	1,509	1,315	1,158	1,533	1,672	1,759	1,387	1,422	1,599	1,420	1,260	1,120
Medium Bombers	21	31	12	45	76	41	26	20	14	16	110	108
Light Bombers	1	45	42	101	71	82	84	91	91	86	82	89
Fighters	111	130	161	238	242	393	427	574	620	593	648	682
Reconnaissance	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	7	3	5	4
Transports	51	56	68	91	107	125	122	130	131	130	131	150
Third Air Force												
Total	2,236	2,360	2,620	3,263	3,259	3,121	3,306	2,979	2,960	2,886	2,933	3,016
Combat Airplanes	2,152	2,298	2,554	3,166	3,156	2,977	3,163	2,847	2,808	2,736	2,790	2,872
Heavy Bombers	10	127	186	268	281	243	350	340	323	327	399	360
Medium Bombers	641	666	706	819	667	765	713	632	690	613	605	653
Light Bombers	520	392	339	433	495	420	499	486	482	502	495	468
Fighters	935	1,042	1,246	1,527	1,610	1,467	1,495	1,272	1,179	1,166	1,158	1,210
Reconnaissance	46	71	77	119	103	82	106	117	134	128	133	181
Transports	84	62	66	97	103	144	143	132	152	150	143	144
Fourth Air Force												
Total	511	701	684	812	912	1,113	1,219	1,492	1,558	1,589	1,685	1,700
Combat Airplanes	469	663	627	747	836	1,032	1,137	1,411	1,464	1,496	1,592	1,607
Heavy Bombers	70	148	153	156	184	222	214	276	337	296	303	300
Medium Bombers	47	61	58	61	61	57	66	69	68	64	75	97
Light Bombers	22	40	37	81	91	104	101	148	148	141	125	113
Fighters	327	414	379	437	492	644	755	917	911	995	1,089	1,097
Reconnaissance	3	-	-	12	8	5	1	1	-	-	-	-
Transports	42	38	57	65	76	81	82	81	94	93	93	93

Table 86 — COMBAT AND TRANSPORT AIRPLANES ON HAND IN CONTINENTAL U S, BY TYPE OF AIRPLANE AND BY AIR FORCE OR COMMAND: OCT 1942 TO AUG 1945 — Continued

Air Force or Command and Type of Airplane	1944			1945							
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Continental Air Forces											
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,639	8,390	7,920	7,568
Combat Airplanes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,533	7,335	6,782	6,236
Very Heavy Bombers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	772	734	860	907
Heavy Bombers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,388	1,131	995	772
Medium Bombers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	716	677	644	678
Light Bombers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	569	526	659	583
Fighters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,864	4,018	3,357	3,045
Reconnaissance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	224	249	267	251
Transports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,106	1,055	1,138	1,332
First Air Force											
Total	1,283	1,320	1,298	1,369	1,868	2,149	2,053				
Combat Airplanes	1,180	1,223	1,194	1,268	1,756	2,044	1,956				
Very Heavy Bombers	-	-	-	-	-	1	14				
Heavy Bombers	221	216	202	248	238	283	235				
Medium Bombers	127	125	135	124	328	802	370				
Light Bombers	106	100	71	62	236	93	536				
Fighters	725	781	785	834	923	864	801				
Reconnaissance	1	1	1	-	31	1	-				
Transports	103	97	104	101	112	105	97				
Second Air Force											
Total	2,356	2,426	2,365	2,345	2,255	2,079	2,309				
Combat Airplanes	2,201	2,289	2,214	2,200	2,126	1,951	2,170				
Very Heavy Bombers	317	282	280	327	341	448	574				
Heavy Bombers	989	1,075	985	1,025	815	597	602				
Medium Bombers	102	109	110	93	96	97	91				
Light Bombers	82	81	57	42	35	8	8				
Fighters	696	728	763	689	722	773	888				
Reconnaissance	15	14	19	24	117	28	7				
Transports	155	137	151	145	129	128	139				
Third Air Force											
Total	2,966	2,923	2,839	2,837	2,479	2,111	2,239				
Combat Airplanes	2,827	2,796	2,727	2,732	2,368	2,021	2,145				
Very Heavy Bombers	-	-	3	7	16	46	144				
Heavy Bombers	360	367	343	325	312	463	428				
Medium Bombers	634	593	575	573	215	200	135				
Light Bombers	451	419	425	459	195	21	113				
Fighters	1,209	1,261	1,221	1,226	1,149	1,118	1,170				
Reconnaissance	173	156	160	142	481	173	155				
Transports	139	127	112	105	111	90	94				
Fourth Air Force											
Total	1,699	1,617	1,497	1,481	1,565	1,592	1,334				
Combat Airplanes	1,625	1,541	1,423	1,404	1,489	1,515	1,254				
Very Heavy Bombers	-	-	-	-	-	4	10				
Heavy Bombers	316	293	268	282	404	544	412				
Medium Bombers	113	107	98	100	115	135	141				
Light Bombers	90	90	83	71	38	31	24				
Fighters	1,088	1,047	972	949	900	801	665				
Reconnaissance	18	4	2	2	32	-	2				
Transports	74	76	74	77	76	77	80				

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Air Force or Command and Type of Airplane	1942			1943								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
I Troop Carrier Command												
Total	284	310	222	295	304	454	365	338	333	437	484	470
Combat Airplanes	1	65	2	1	-	2	2	2	2	2	3	6
Heavy Bombers	-	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Medium Bombers	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	2	3
Light Bombers	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Fighters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Transports	283	245	220	294	304	452	363	336	331	435	481	464
Training Command												
Total	390	466	511	613	755	988	1,525	1,853	2,116	2,407	2,658	3,235
Combat Airplanes	386	450	477	550	688	897	992	1,089	1,255	1,344	1,459	1,749
Heavy Bombers	90	101	108	119	143	190	280	324	408	438	530	621
Medium Bombers	100	170	190	261	312	356	362	368	447	493	492	642
Light Bombers	51	36	26	28	45	40	44	40	46	33	38	59
Fighters	97	103	115	109	152	266	261	310	309	337	354	380
Reconnaissance	48	40	38	33	36	45	45	47	45	43	45	47
Transports	4	16	34	63	67	91	533	764	861	1,063	1,199	1,486
Air Technical Service Command												
Total	2,754	2,863	3,121	3,393	3,638	3,435	3,581	3,904	4,017	4,227	4,549	4,855
Combat Airplanes	2,448	2,463	2,617	2,938	3,095	2,901	2,934	3,178	3,202	3,498	3,838	4,134
Heavy Bombers	446	436	528	532	707	628	645	806	1,014	1,060	1,250	1,205
Medium Bombers	626	680	754	913	941	775	790	781	664	766	864	940
Light Bombers	328	383	448	537	668	616	416	303	324	361	444	509
Fighters	953	894	808	839	683	759	953	1,194	1,136	1,239	1,218	1,319
Reconnaissance	95	70	79	117	96	123	130	94	64	72	62	161
Transports	306	400	504	455	543	534	647	726	815	729	711	721
Air Transport Command												
Total	506	576	618	738	694	668	955	998	832	671	704	1,094
Combat Airplanes	332	305	430	518	480	451	651	656	493	317	353	685
Heavy Bombers	69	57	89	124	76	121	154	144	81	99	105	253
Medium Bombers	99	102	84	96	134	122	251	232	181	89	63	85
Light Bombers	20	38	72	85	107	59	41	19	46	23	22	67
Fighters	144	108	152	183	155	116	198	238	160	101	158	241
Reconnaissance	-	-	33	30	8	33	7	23	25	5	5	39
Transports	174	271	188	220	214	217	304	342	339	354	351	409
Miscellaneous a/												
Total	637	530	593	763	819	776	770	810	914	941	1,126	864
Combat Airplanes	559	468	516	643	695	660	651	691	780	808	986	752
Heavy Bombers	33	30	42	50	66	75	68	99	129	158	211	158
Medium Bombers	233	169	200	284	282	241	250	200	258	262	337	123
Light Bombers	79	69	68	107	110	153	127	142	131	124	150	102
Fighters	95	88	100	122	143	152	165	215	237	237	259	345
Reconnaissance	119	112	106	80	94	39	41	35	25	27	29	24
Transports	78	62	77	120	124	116	119	119	134	133	140	112

a/ Includes Commanding General, AAF; AAF Center; Personnel Distribution Command; Technical Training Command prior to Sep 1943 (subsequently in Training Command); Anti-Submarine Command prior to Sep 1943 (subsequently in First Air Force); and transient airplanes undergoing base maintenance beginning with Jan 1944 (previously in the air force or command in which the maintenance was being accomplished).

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Air Force or Command and Type of Airplane	1943			1944								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
I Troop Carrier Command Total	461	514	528	732	732	690	694	768	933	936	905	926
Combat Airplanes	4	3	5	11	11	14	13	18	15	11	12	11
Heavy Bombers	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	2	2	1	1
Medium Bombers	3	1	2	2	2	4	3	4	4	3	5	5
Light Bombers	1	2	3	9	9	9	8	10	8	6	6	5
Reconnaissance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Transports	457	511	523	721	721	676	681	750	918	925	893	915
Training Command Total	3,342	3,623	3,782	4,486	4,462	4,666	4,716	4,889	5,196	5,336	5,883	6,283
Combat Airplanes	1,804	1,826	1,913	2,311	2,320	2,516	2,603	2,819	3,115	3,233	3,709	4,147
Very Heavy Bombers	-	-	2	1	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	12
Heavy Bombers	626	729	845	1,011	1,030	998	1,095	1,283	1,403	1,510	1,521	1,578
Medium Bombers	652	590	543	585	570	656	666	697	817	858	1,197	1,509
Light Bombers	84	93	108	176	168	166	145	112	95	76	50	31
Fighters	395	367	359	469	472	605	614	681	744	747	900	968
Reconnaissance	47	47	56	69	78	89	81	43	54	39	39	49
Transports	1,538	1,797	1,869	2,175	2,142	2,150	2,113	2,070	2,081	2,103	2,174	2,136
Air Technical Service Command Total	5,496	5,694	6,190	4,006	4,064	4,279	3,698	3,931	3,986	4,471	4,606	4,953
Combat Airplanes	4,592	4,860	5,343	3,531	3,519	3,665	3,122	3,239	3,237	3,715	3,950	4,322
Very Heavy Bombers	-	-	53	103	148	83	113	137	117	91	125	119
Heavy Bombers	1,313	1,487	1,565	1,081	1,033	1,261	958	1,082	1,054	1,083	1,356	1,551
Medium Bombers	833	627	630	259	337	302	258	346	343	438	390	341
Light Bombers	656	752	793	535	512	517	422	440	472	672	824	848
Fighters	1,590	1,855	2,106	1,425	1,391	1,419	1,274	1,088	1,143	1,279	1,117	1,307
Reconnaissance	200	139	196	128	98	83	97	146	108	152	138	156
Transports	904	834	847	475	545	614	576	692	749	756	656	631
Air Transport Command Total	1,117	1,236	1,753	1,879	2,384	1,810	1,714	1,708	1,811	1,805	1,777	1,862
Combat Airplanes	711	822	1,281	1,357	1,787	1,159	1,102	1,016	1,060	995	1,057	983
Very Heavy Bombers	-	-	-	-	-	4	23	11	14	12	19	21
Heavy Bombers	289	262	413	326	525	473	456	306	376	358	339	290
Medium Bombers	72	183	257	273	299	183	204	184	229	203	145	150
Light Bombers	105	84	83	112	153	108	119	147	153	121	151	123
Fighters	241	277	490	614	767	340	264	323	266	282	315	349
Reconnaissance	4	16	38	32	43	51	36	45	22	19	88	50
Transports	406	414	472	522	597	651	612	692	751	810	720	879
Miscellaneous a/ Total	763	743	624	887	893	849	859	881	863	904	957	1,000
Combat Airplanes	646	625	507	735	758	674	672	682	663	687	728	777
Very Heavy Bombers	-	-	2	3	3	-	2	4	2	5	16	7
Heavy Bombers	91	80	64	129	119	94	158	91	107	134	137	135
Medium Bombers	86	98	82	134	157	149	107	121	148	137	144	150
Light Bombers	127	135	128	167	144	150	156	171	142	139	174	213
Fighters	314	282	199	265	278	205	167	211	188	192	171	186
Reconnaissance	28	30	32	37	57	76	82	84	76	80	86	86
Transports	117	118	117	152	135	175	187	199	200	217	229	223

a/ Includes Commanding General, AAF; AAF Center; Personnel Distribution Command; Technical Training Command prior to Sep 1943 (subsequently in Training Command); Anti-Submarine Command prior to Sep 1943 (subsequently in First Air Force); and transient airplanes undergoing base maintenance beginning with Jan 1944 (previously in the air force or command in which the maintenance was being accomplished).

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Air Force or Command and Type of Airplane	1944			1945							
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
I Troop Carrier Command											
Total	930	781	786	848	910	788	699				
Combat Airplanes	20	15	16	10	54	9	11				
Heavy Bombers	4	3	3	2	1	3	4				
Medium Bombers	7	4	4	4	4	4	5		Included in Continental Air Forces		
Light Bombers	8	8	8	2	2	-	-				
Fighters	-	-	1	2	1	2	1				
Reconnaissance	1	-	-	-	46	-	1				
Transports	910	766	770	838	856	779	688				
Training Command											
Total	6,132	5,911	5,932	5,629	5,694	5,566	5,277	4,904	4,812	4,234	4,425
Combat Airplanes	4,229	4,257	4,304	4,333	4,633	4,747	4,832	4,650	4,565	3,959	4,185
Very Heavy Bombers	18	26	25	48	71	105	127	141	208	242	252
Heavy Bombers	1,644	1,642	1,678	1,747	1,760	1,808	1,830	1,831	1,741	1,525	1,508
Medium Bombers	1,527	1,663	1,676	1,697	1,815	1,866	1,838	1,675	1,600	1,479	1,334
Light Bombers	30	19	16	14	18	11	15	6	51	22	79
Fighters	958	841	842	813	849	910	1,006	954	922	676	967
Reconnaissance	52	66	67	14	120	47	16	43	43	15	45
Transports	1,903	1,654	1,628	1,296	1,061	819	445	254	247	275	240
Air Technical Service Command											
Total	5,135	5,364	5,757	6,384	6,680	5,930	5,763	6,101	8,872	11,663	12,592
Combat Airplanes	4,562	4,774	5,121	5,738	5,983	5,262	5,153	5,540	8,349	10,705	11,556
Very Heavy Bombers	150	180	192	244	329	340	278	323	394	403	357
Heavy Bombers	1,716	1,830	1,891	1,809	1,828	1,724	2,030	2,535	4,845	5,695	5,748
Medium Bombers	339	282	293	493	502	572	566	602	701	1,091	1,192
Light Bombers	720	692	662	623	572	491	377	519	734	991	1,046
Fighters	1,447	1,654	1,944	2,463	2,368	2,006	1,770	1,420	1,529	2,340	3,076
Reconnaissance	190	136	139	106	384	129	132	141	146	185	137
Transports	573	590	636	646	697	668	610	561	523	958	1,036
Air Transport Command											
Total	1,608	1,830	2,312	1,941	1,954	1,600	1,414	1,516	1,632	1,338	1,388
Combat Airplanes	848	964	1,469	1,182	1,221	864	676	844	843	509	496
Very Heavy Bombers	22	44	73	47	52	62	36	67	79	63	62
Heavy Bombers	244	228	379	467	352	201	197	345	303	128	102
Medium Bombers	123	170	184	153	107	209	118	107	102	31	86
Light Bombers	108	98	135	103	142	13	53	80	101	98	39
Fighters	304	394	631	369	487	329	266	215	245	166	176
Reconnaissance	47	30	67	43	81	50	6	30	13	23	31
Transports	760	866	843	759	733	736	738	672	789	829	892
Miscellaneous a/											
Total	1,001	946	884	792	664	863	790	1,003	1,091	1,007	1,240
Combat Airplanes	778	695	631	569	489	602	531	708	761	686	883
Very Heavy Bombers	8	11	5	5	8	13	13	18	33	28	92
Heavy Bombers	137	143	114	108	82	106	106	215	201	152	157
Medium Bombers	157	147	149	140	106	170	132	154	170	154	157
Light Bombers	242	134	110	95	78	63	40	60	88	63	65
Fighters	171	180	169	148	125	175	165	202	216	247	343
Reconnaissance	63	80	84	73	90	75	75	59	53	42	69
Transports	223	251	253	223	175	261	259	295	330	321	357

a/ Includes Commanding General, AAF; AAF Center; Personnel Distribution Command; Technical Training Command prior to Sep 1943 (subsequently in Training Command); Anti-Submarine Command prior to Sep 1943 (subsequently in First Air Force); and transient airplanes undergoing base maintenance beginning with Jan 1944 (previously in the air force or command in which the maintenance was being accomplished).