

2. Table of Organization requirements of the German Army.

At the Combined Conference held at Washington in December, it was agreed the T/O requirements of the German Army were 7,648,000. However, a revision in this estimate was considered necessary since additional information relating to the October estimate was received. The 1 October T/O requirements after this revision are placed at 7,520,000, a reduction of 128,000 men. The greatest reduction in the T/O requirements was of the GHQ troops. The October estimate of these troops was recalculated in accordance with information furnished in MIRS Apprec 45/44 16 Feb. 1944, which is an amendment to the MIRS Appreciation of October. The foreign divisions were estimated at 17,000, and it is thought the T/O requirements of this type division should not exceed 13,000. The above mentioned decreases are partly offset by the increase of the T/O requirements of an SS division from 16,000 to 20,000.

By 1 April, at least one-third of the 3-regiment infantry divisions have been reorganized on a 6-battalion basis, resulting in a T/O strength of 13,000 men per division, as compared to 17,000 in October. This reorganization is, no doubt one of the steps to be taken by Germany due to the shortage of "combat age fully -fit" Germans.

The number of combat divisions on 1 April is the same (327) as on 1 October. However, there has been a slight shift toward the defensive types. The 1 April estimate of over-all T/O requirements are assessed at 7,459,000 as compared to 7,520,000 on 1 October. The T/O requirements of "combat age fully-fit" men are assessed at 5,176,000 on 1 April as compared to 5,360,000 on 1 October 1943.

3. Actual strength of the German Army. The actual strength of the German Army is estimated to be 7,185,000, as of 1 April, as compared with 6,929,000 on 1 October 1943, an increase of 256,000 men. This actual strength is 96.3 per cent of the April T/O requirements, while the October strength was only 92.1 per cent of the revised October T/O requirements.

4. Strength of the German Air Force and Flak. The strength of the German Air Force and Flak as of 1 April 1944 is estimated at 1,666,000 or 40,000 less than on 1 October 1943. The battle and non-battle losses suffered for the past six months are considered to have been replaced, but intelligence indicates that a transfer of men to the German ground troops has continued; we estimate this transfer at about 40,000 men.

5. Strength of German Navy. As of 1 April 1944 we estimate this strength to be 340,000 men, representing a decline of 25,000 men to the German ground forces. The battle and non-battle losses suffered for the 6-month period are believed to have been replaced.

6. German Manpower 1 April 1944. The over-all picture of the German manpower position of 1 April 1944, shows 12,652,000 Germans not in the Armed Forces. Of these 464,000 are in the "fit for combat" age group (17-38), 2,202,000 are "physically fit" but overage, 4,384,000 are "limited service" all age groups, and 5,602,000 are "unfit for any service."