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1939	<p>E., E. Central & N.E. Germany</p> <p>-</p> <p>In Polish Campaign, after which extended to cover northern part of German occupied Poland.</p> <p>-</p> <p>A.O.C. in C. Albert KESSELRING (from 30.9.39 Generaloberst)</p>	<p>N.W. & W. Central Germany</p> <p>-</p> <p>A.O.C. in C. Helmuth FELMY (General der Flieger)</p>	<p>South & S.W. Germany</p> <p>-</p> <p>A.O.C. in C. Hugo SPERRLE (General der Flieger)</p>	<p>Austria, Czechoslovakia S.E. Germany</p> <p>-</p> <p>In Polish campaign, after which extended to cover southern part of German occupied Poland.</p> <p>-</p> <p>A.O.C. in C. Alexander LÖHR (General der Flieger)</p>	<p align="center">NOT FORMED</p>
1940	<p>E., E. Central & N.E. Germany and northern German occupied Poland.</p> <p>-</p> <p>A.O.C's in C.</p> <p>-</p> <p>To mid-January 1940 Albert KESSELRING (Generaloberst), Mid-January-May 1940 Hans-Jürgen STUMPF (General der Flieger), May - August 1940, (acting) Wilhelm WIMMER (General der Flieger)</p> <p>From August 1940. Alfred KELLER (Generaloberst)</p>	<p>N.W. & W. Central Germany</p> <p>-</p> <p>In campaign in the West, after which extended to cover Low Countries & N.E. France.</p> <p>-</p> <p>Also in Battle of Britain.</p> <p>-</p> <p>A.O.C's in C.</p> <p>-</p> <p>To Mid-January 1940 Helmuth FELMY (General der Flieger) From mid January 1940 Albert KESSELRING (from 19.7.40 Generalfeldmarschall)</p>	<p>South & S.W. Germany</p> <p>-</p> <p>In campaign in the West, after which extended to cover occupied France (except N.E.)</p> <p>-</p> <p>Also in Battle of Britain.</p> <p>-</p> <p>A.O.C. in C. Hugo SPERRLE (from 19.7.40 Generalfeldmarschall)</p>	<p>Austria, Czechoslovakia, S.E. Germany & southern German occupied Poland.</p> <p>-</p> <p>Towards the end of the years units in Hungary and a Luftwaffe mission with aircraft in Roumania.</p> <p>-</p> <p>A.O.C. in C. Alexander LÖHR (General der Flieger)</p>	<p>Norway</p> <p>-</p> <p>Formed in April 1940</p> <p>-</p> <p>from May 1940 A.O.C. in C. Hans-Jürgen STUMPF (Generaloberst from 19.7.40).</p>

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JANUARY - JUNE 1941	E., E. Central & N.E. Germany & northern German occupied Poland. - A.O.C. in C. Alfred KELLER (Generaloberst)	N.W. & W. Central Germany, N.E. France & Low Countries - A.O.C. in C. Albert KESSELRING (Generalfeldmarschall) - Towards the end of May 1941 started to move to East in preparation for Eastern campaign. Areas in Low Countries and N.E. France taken over by Luftflotte 3.	South & S.W. Germany & occupied France (except N.E.) - A.O.C. in C. Hugo SPERRLE (Generalfeldmarschall) - Towards the end of May 1941 started to take over areas in occupied France & Low Countries vacated by Luftflotte 2.	Austria, Czechoslovakia, S.E. Germany, southern German occupied Poland, Hungary and Roumania. - Extended early in year to Bulgaria and after Balkan campaign, in which partici- pated, to Greece and Jugoslavia. A.O.C. in C. Alexander LÖHR (Generaloberst from 3.5.41).	Norway - A.O.C. in C. Hans-Jürgen STUMPF (Generaloberst)	Reich - Formed in January, 1941 and amounting to a home Luftflotte for administrative supply and defence purposes. It took under command all home Luftgaue and operational units in the home area, e.g. the night fighter division of General KAMMhuber. - A.O.C. in C. Hubert WEISE (Generaloberst)	Transferred to Mediterranean from Norway by January 1941 and covering S. Italy, Sicily and N. Africa. A.O.C. in C. Hans GEISLER (General der Flieger)

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			NORTHERN SECTOR	CENTRAL SECTOR			
JUNE - DECEMBER 1941	LUFTFLOTTE 3. - A.O.C. in C. Hugo SPERRLE (Generalfeldmarschall)	BEFEHLSHABER MITTE - Functions as above. - A.O.C. in C. Hubert WEISE (Generaloberst) - Having under command XII Fliegerkorps (night fighters) of General Kammhuber although K. himself responsible to Air Ministry.	LUFTFLOTTE 1. - A.O.C. in C. Alfred KELLER (Generaloberst) - Aircraft of Luftflotte 5 operating in Finland.	LUFTFLOTTE 2. - A.O.C. in C. Albert KESSELRING (Generalfeldmarschall)	LUFTFLOTTE 4. - A.O.C. in C. Alexander LÖHR (Generaloberst) - Areas in Balkans relinquished. Luftwaffe mission in Roumania directly under Reich Air Ministry.	LUFTFLOTTE 5. - A.O.C. in C. Hans-Jürgen STUMPF (Generaloberst)	X FLIEGERKORPS - From June 1941 covering also Greece, Crete and Aegean. - A.O.C. in C. Hans GEISLER (General der Flieger)

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1942	<p>LUFTFLOTTE 3.</p> <p>-</p> <p>A.O.C. in C. Hugo SPERRLE (Generalfeldmarschall)</p> <p>-</p> <p>Extended to cover remainder of France in November 1942.</p>	<p>BEFEHLSHABER MITTE</p> <p>-</p> <p>A.O.C. in C. Hubert WEISE (Generaloberst)</p> <p>-</p> <p>Functions as previously stated.</p>	<p>LUFTFLOTTE 1.</p> <p>-</p> <p>A.O.C. in C. Alfred KELLER (Generaloberst)</p> <p>-</p> <p>Aircraft of Luftflotte 5 operating in Finland.</p>	<p>VIII FLIEGERKORPS (replacing Luftflotte 2, which transferred early in January to Mediterranean).</p> <p>-</p> <p>A.O.C. in C. Wolfram, Freiherr VON RICHTHOFEN. (from March 1942 Generaloberst)</p> <p>-</p> <p>In early May 1942 transferred to southern sector and replaced by V FLIEGERKORPS from Crimea. Command renamed LUFTWAFFENKOMMANDO OST</p> <p>A.O.C. in C. Robert, Ritter VON GREIM (General der Flieger)</p>	<p>LUFTFLOTTE 4.</p> <p>-</p> <p>A.O.C. in C. Alexander LOHR (Generaloberst) from 12.7.42 Wolfram, Freiherr VON RICHTHOFEN (Generaloberst)</p> <p>-</p> <p>In August 1942 an independent command was formed in the northern part of this sector by I FLIEGERKORPS transferred from LUFTFLOTTE 1. area and designated LUFTWAFFENKOMMANDO DON.</p> <p>A.O.C. in C. Günther KORTEN (Generalleutnant)</p>	<p>LUFTFLOTTE 5.</p> <p>-</p> <p>A.O.C. in C. Hans Jürgen STUMPF (Generaloberst)</p>	<p>LUFTFLOTTE 2.</p> <p>-</p> <p>(transferring in early January 1942 from Eastern front and taking under command X FLIEGERKORPS which thereafter covered Greece, Crete & Aegean).</p> <p>-</p> <p>A.O.C. in C. Albert KESSELRING (Generalfeld- marschall).</p>

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			NORTHERN SECTOR	CENTRAL SECTOR	SOUTHERN SECTOR			
1943	LUFTFLOTTE 3. - A.O.C. in C. Hugo SPERRLE (Generalfeldmarschall)	BEFEHLSHABER MITTE - A.O.C. in C. Hubert WEISE (Generaloberst) Functions as previously stated.	LUFTFLOTTE 1. - A.O.C. in C. Alfred KELLER (Generaloberst) from June 1943 Günther KORTEN (General der Flieger), from Sept. 1943 Kurt PFLUGBEIL (General der Flieger) - Aircraft of Luftflotte 5 operating in Finland.	LUFTWAFFENKOMMANDO OST - A.O.C. in C. Robert, Ritter VON GREIM (Generaloberst from February 1943) - In July, 1943 this command was renamed LUFTFLOTTE 6 under same A.O.C. in C.	LUFTFLOTTE 4 (see below) LUFTWAFFENKOMMANDO DON - A.O.C. in C. Günther Korten, (from 30.1.43 General der Flieger) dissolved February 1943 and I Fliegerkorps came under command of LUFTFLOTTE 4 (which again covered the whole sector), of which A.O.Cs. in C. Wolfram, Freiherr VON RICHTHOFEN (Generalfeld- marschall), from June 1943 Otto DESSLOCH (Generaloberst)	LUFTFLOTTE 5. - A.O.C. in C. Hans-Jürgen STUMPF (Generaloberst)	LUFTFLOTTE 2. - A.O.C.s in C. Albert KESSELRING (Generalfeld- marschall), from June 1943 Wolfram, Freiherr VON RICHTHOFEN (Generalfeld- marschall) - In May 1943 X Fliegerkorps (Greece and Crete) trans- ferred to LUFTWAFFEN- KOMMANDO SÜD-OST	From May 1943 LUFTWAFFEN- KOMMANDO SÜD-OST. A.O.C. in C. Martin FIEBIG (General der Flieger)

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			NORTHERN SECTOR	CENTRAL SECTOR	SOUTHERN SECTOR			
1944- 1945	<p>LUFTFLOTTE 3. - A.O.Cs. in C. Hugo SPERRLE (Generalfeldmarschall), from 22.8.44 Otto DESSLACH (Generaloberst) - On 21.9.44 renamed LUFTWAFFENKOMMANDO WEST A.O.Cs. in C. from 22.9.44 Alexander HOLLE (Generalleutnant), from 23.11.44 Josef SCHMID (Generalleutnant) and subordinated to LUFTFLOTTE REICH. Covering Western approaches to Germany and reinforced for Ardennes offensive.</p>	<p>BEFEHLSHABER MITTE, renamed mid- January 1944 LUFTFLOTTE REICH A.O.C. in C. (from early January 1944) Hans Jürgen STUMPF (Generaloberst) - Also in June 1944 LUFTFLOTTE 10 formed, having command over reserves. A.O.C's. in C. Hans-Georg VON SEIDEL (General der Flieger), from 3.4.45 Stephan FRÖHLICH (General der Flieger).</p>	<p>LUFTFLOTTE 1. - A.O.C. in C. Kurt PFLUGBEIL (General der Flieger) - By December 1944 isolated in Latvia and later becoming LUFTWAFFEN- KOMMANDO KURLAND.</p>	<p>LUFTFLOTTE 6. - A.O.C. in C. Robert, Ritter VON GREIM (Generaloberst) - By December 1944 covering the approaches to Germany from Baltic to Slovakia.</p>	<p>LUFTFLOTTE 4. - A.O.Cs. in C. Otto DESSLACH (Generaloberst) from 22.8.44 Alexander HOLLE (Generaloberst) - By December 1944 covering the approaches to Austria in Hungary and Jugoslavia. - <i>A.O.C. in C. from 22.9.44. OTTO DESSLACH (Generaloberst)</i></p>	<p>LUFTFLOTTE 5. - A.O.C. in C. Josef KAMMHUBER (General der Flieger) (early January to late Sep- tember 1944) - Thereafter Command down- graded to Luftwaffe Commanding General in Norway. A.O.C. in C. (from 15.11.44) Ernst-August ROTH (General- leutnant)</p>	<p>LUFTFLOTTE 2. - A.O.C. in C. Wolfram, Freiherr VON RICHTHOFEN - From Mid- September 1944 Command downgraded to Luftwaffe Commanding General in Italy, A.O.C. in C. Max, Ritter VON POHL (General der Flieger)</p>	<p>LUFTWAFFEN- KOMMANDO SÜD-OST. - A.O.Cs. in C. Martin FIEBIG (General der Flieger), from 15.8.44 Stephan FRÖHLICH (General der Flieger) - From Nov- ember 1944 Command subordinated to Luftflotte 4.</p>

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LUFTWAFFE COMMANDS FROM 25.4.45 TO CAPITULATION

NORTHERN AREA

LUFTFLOTTE REICH

A.O.C. in C. Hans-Jürgen STUMPF (Generaloberst)
Having also under Command Luftwaffenkommando Kurland
(ex Luftlotte 1), Luftwaffe Commanding General in
Norway and II Fliegerkorps from Luftflotte 6, but not
Luftwaffenkommando West.

SOUTHERN AREA

LUFTFLOTTE 6.

A.O.C. in C. Otto DESSLOCH (Generaloberst) (VON GREIM
succeeding GOERING as C. in C. of Luftwaffe on
26.4.45.)
Having under command Luftwaffenkommando West,
VIII Fliegerkorps from Luftflotte 6, Luftwaffenkommando 4
(ex Luftflotte 4) and Luftwaffe Commanding General in
Italy.