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FOREWORD

he United States Strategic Bombing Survey established by the Secretary of War on 3 Wember 1944, pursuant to a directive from the President Roosevelt. Its mission was to conit an impartial and expert study of the effects bur aerial attack on Germany, to be used in mection with air attacks on Japan and to ablish a basis for evaluating the importance 1 potentialities of air power as an instrument fuilitary strategy, for planning the future deopment of the United States armed forces, and determining future economic policies with reget to the national defense. A summary report some 200 supporting reports containing the lings of the Survey in Germany have been plished.

In 15 August 1945, President Truman rested that the Survey conduct a similar study the effects of all types of air attack in the war inst Japan, submitting reports in duplicate to Secretary of War and to the Secretary of the wy. The officers of the Survey during the Japrse phase were:

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The Survey's complement provided for 300 illians, 350 officers, and 500 enlisted men. The military segment of the organization was drawn from the Army to the extent of 60 percent, and from the Navy to the e tent of 40 percent. Both the Army and the Navy gave the Survey all possible assistance in furnishing men, supplies, transport, and information. The Survey operated from headquarters established in Tokyo early in September 1945, with subheadquarters in Nagoya, Osaka, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and with mobile teams operating in other parts of Japan, the islands of the Pacific, and the Asiatic mainland.

It was possible to reconstruct much of wartime Japanese military planning and execution, engagement by engagement, and campaign by campaign, and to secure reasonably accurate statistics on Japan's economy and war-production, plant by plant, and industry by industry. In addition, studies were conducted on Japan's over-all strategic plans and the background of her entry into the war, the internal discussions and negotiations leading to her acceptance of unconditional surrender, the course of health and morale among the civilian population, the effectiveness of the Japanese civilian defense organization, and the effects of the atomic bombs. Separate reports will be issued covering each phase of the study.

The Survey interrogated more than 700 Japanese military, government, and industrial officials. It also recovered and translated many documents which not only have been useful to the Survey, but also will furnish data valuable for other studies. Arrangements have been made to turn over the Survey's files to the Central Intelligence Group, through which they will be available for further examination and distribution.

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KAWASAKI CORPORATION

(Corporation Report No. IV)

THE CORPORATION AND ITS IMPORTANCE IN THE AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY

FRODUCTION

This company occupied the number three place Japan's aircraft industry. In over-all produc-1 it accounted for 17 percent of the combat frames and 12 percent of combat engines nufactured in 1944, the industry's peak year. operated 3,217,814 square feet of productive frame floor area and 2,155,680 square feet of ine floor area before the air raids. By the end he war, air frame floor area in production was uced to 100,000 square feet and engine floor a to 1,202,300 square feet.

Il production went to the Anmy. Kawasaki's ncipal airplanes were Tony (Ki-61 and Ki-100), mall fighter in liquid-cooled and radial-engine dels resembling the Me-109; Lily (Ki-48), a it bomber with two radial engines; and Nick, p-place, twin-engine fighter (Ki-45) in convennal and night-fighter versions. Randy (Ki-102), production toward the end of the war, was a gle-place, improved Nick.

The company's own engine in various models a liquid-cooled Daimler-Benz design, manutured under German license (Ha-60, Model 22 Ha-60, Model 33). At Army request late in war, the company manufactured Ha-35, del 21, a Mitsubishi radial developing 1970 sepower at take-off. Both radials were shipped Nakajima's Koizumi plants for use in Oscar I Frank fighters, respectively. The Ha-115 s later destined for Ki-115, the Nakajima cial attack plane.

The corporation was a completely owned sidiary of Kawasaki Heavy Industries Comiy, Ltd. The aircraft division of the parent ipany was organized in 1918, and for the first years of its existence conducted its manufacturactivities in the facilities of Kawasaki Heavy lustries Co., Ltd., at Kobe.

n 1937 air frame manufacturing activitics were loved from the parent corporation and a plant cted at Kagamigahara, north of Nagoya. In carly 1939, engine manufacturing also was separated from the Kawasaki Heavy Industry facilities and a plant was started at Akashi just west of Kobe on the Inland Sea. A subsidiary unit of the air frame division, operated under the Kagamigahara management, was set up at Akashi in the same plant area as the engine facilities.

The main office of the corporation, which exercised supervision over all air frame and engine activities, was at Akashi. Kawasaki, because of its relatively compact organization, managed to retain financial and management control of its plants. With production centralized in two large permanent plants, and later dispersion chiefly into defunct spinning null facilities, the company's relative wartime expansion was small compared to Nakajima and Mitsubishi.

There was considerable evidence of foreign influence on design of products throughout the history of the company. In 1919 the company purchased the license to manufacture the French Salmson airplane and engine. In 1926 Kawasaki purchased the license from Germany to manufacture BMW engines, and in 1927 designed and built the type 87 heavy bomber around two of these engines. There were 25 of these built in the Kobe facilities.

However, outside of licensing agreements entered into prior to the war, there was no evidence the company had direct liaison with German business contacts after hostilities started. Foreign equipment at Kawasaki plants for study was received from the Army.

In plant investigations, the Akashi plant site was studied as an entity. From an operational standpoint, however, the Akashi facilities were sharply divided, with one geographically grouped section of buildings within the plant enclosure devoted to air-frame manufacture and reporting to the management of the air-frame division at Kagamigahara. In addition to the main plants at Akashi and Kagamigahara, the company had smaller air frame assembly plants at Miyakonojo in southeast Kyushu and at Ichinomiya between Nagoya and Gifu.

In addition to Akashi, other plants producing complete engines were at Takatsuki, halfway between Osaka and Kyoto, and at Futami about 20 miles west of Kobe. The Kobe casting and forging and the Sakai casting and forging subsidiaries also operated under the engine division.

Through the late 20's and early 30's the company received sizeable Army orders, prompted by the impending Chinese war, which built up to a 1,000-unit order for type 98 light bombers in 1935. Kawasaki was apparently strong in Army favor, even in those days (Appendix A). However, there was a tendency, almost a well-defined policy on the part of the company, to keep the government's influence as small as possible. In fact Kawasaki at first was in a position to refuse certain types of work from the government, as in 1943 when the company turned down an Army invitation to undertake experiments on jet and rocket planes. Toward the end of the war, however, because of failure of its own liquid-cooled engine, Kawasaki was being forced by the Army to manufacture successful Nakajima and Mitsubishi designs.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION

Managing director of the company was Masayuki Nemoto, a forceful executive who, in addition to his management duties, directly supervised the company's engine-manufacturing activities. His immediate subordinate was Hisashi Tojo, brother of Hideki Tojo, Japan's wartime premier. Tojo was manager of the company's air frame manufacturing plants.

Tokyo representative of the company and government liaison man was Sei Yamasaki. This man spent 5 years in Germany during which time he negotiated a licensed agreement for Kawasaki on the Daimler-Benz engine. These three men were the dominating factors in the company's operations (Appendix B). All were cooperative in furnishing requested information.

Examination of the heavily damaged plants revealed very little of mass-production technique in either engine or air-frame manufacture. Kawasaki methods in air-frame manufacture appeared to be those of the prewar, small order, aircraft industry of the United States.

As previously indicated, Kawasaki's production

was largely concentrated in large, self-sufficunits, rather than being a series of "feeder" she Akashi, Futami and Takatsuki all producomplete engines. Their only feeder units vthe Hokuben gear plant and the Kobe and Sacasting and forging plants.

Complete air frames were produced at Kaga gahara, Akashi, Ichinomiya, and Miyakon Only Miyakonojo depended on other plants parts (Appendix C).

The company hoped to go on a mass-produce basis with Ki-61 Tony, but about the time were tooling up toward 500 per month produce the "bugs" in their liquid-cooled engine for suspension of the contract. In the end division orders were not of a quantity to did mass production on their liquid-cooled engine Toward the end of the war, when the comm was switching to Nakajima and Mitsubishi rach they might have developed semimass produce techniques.

The Kawasaki aircraft industries reaches a employment peak of 87,121 persons in July 4 (Fig. 1). Of these, 64,494 were employed in a air frame plants and 22,627 in the engine facil ϵ At this time approximately 19 percent of a employees in the air-frame plant and 7 per in the engine plant were students. Twenty we percent of the labor force in air frames and ϵ or cent in engines were women. Just as the corr in reached this employment peak a heavy to a Army inductions caused a drop in employee that resulted in a scrious production probler

During the latter half of 1944 and during n 1945, 50 percent of the air-frame employees @ nonproductive. Throughout the middle and a years of the war 50 percent of the labor for both engine and air-frame facilities were scripted from other occupations under the Gom ment labor program. Even though the con in could fill the draft quotas with its least slie workers, the draft seriously drained both the engine and air-frame plants of skilled persone Turn-over in both divisions of the company wa about 1 percent per month. Absenteeism dim late 1944 and 1945 ran as high as 8 to 10 pe 👊 illustrating the basic weakness of the conservition program. Thus a combination of factors in u ing the Army draft, unskilled conscripted wo er absenteeism and a serious typhoid fever epicm in early 1944, dropped the company's price



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tivity far below what its total employment figures should indicate (appendix D).

Until May 1943 the company was on a single, 8-hour shift basis. In the second half of 1943 the company put on a determined drive to get all departments on two 10-hour shifts. By the middle of 1944 they had succeeded in doing this for about 66 percent of the engine facilities and 45 percent of the total air-frame plants.

BRIEF DISCUSSION OF APPENDED PLANT REPORTS

Detailed plant reports have been written on Kagamigahara (USSBS Aircraft Division Report IV-1) air-frame works and the Akashi (USSBS Aircraft Division Report IV-2) engine and airframe works. These reports are appended. (For notes on the Miyakonojo works see reference item No. 1.)

Kagamigahara and Akashi were inspected by Field Team No. 3 of the Aircraft Division, United States Strategic Bombing Survey, and comprehensive interrogations of plant executives down through the level of department heads were held.

Supplemental to the information in this report, the plant reports contain plant lay-outs, bomb plots, dispersal charts, plant flow sheets, and photographs of air raid damage.

THE DISPERSAL PROGRAM

The company had recognized by the middle of 1944, to some extent the need for dispersal, and tooling had been increased at large parts plants so that they might produce complete air frames and engines. This was their first dispersal program. The engine division's plants at Futami and Takatsuki, both converted spinning mills, were in this category and the air-frame division's facilities at Miyakonojo and Ichinomiya were of this type. Early in 1945 these four plants were able to produce complete units in limited quantity. These plants, except Miyakonojo, were self-sufficient. Another dispersal unit consisted of a series of workshops in the Gifu area feeding components to Kagamigahara. This first dispersal program was carried out almost without production loss as it really consisted of increased emphasis on existing facilities.

As a result of the November and December B-29 bombings as well as those that followed, the government, on 4 April 1945, promulgated its dispersion order which specified a general mannent underground if possible.

As a result, the divisions of the com planned a second dispersal program. The endivision's liquid-cooled facilities in the Takat's spinning mill were to move back into a ne series of mountain tunnels partially complete the war's end. The Futami radial engine facil were to disperse to a group of 25 small spir mills and reverted buildings in the forest Ishihara (Fig. 5, USSBS Aircraft Division Re-IV-2). The Akashi air-frame facilities we move into a like installation at Miki. Kagamigahara air-frame facilities were to b up in a series of three assembly lines strete through the mountains and forests with underground installations at Mino, Watchi, Misunami (Fig. 3, USSBS Aircraft Division R IV-1). The production loss to dispersal ir second program would have occurred in the summer and early fall of 1945 when movel into forest and underground locations would been at their peak.

Transportation was, of course, a terrifie h cap to dispersion. Railroads were overtaxed loads which normally would have been carrisea, and improvised transportation such as t had to be used over narrow and bad roa remote sites. As dispersion got under way to e underground installations, an effort was in made to improve the roads with hard surfact move which might have revealed such sit aerial reconnaissance.

Food was scarce at dispersal sites and n of the workers, who were installed in bar without their families, was bad.

THE AIR ATTACKS

AIR ATTACKS ON PLANTS

Air attacks against the company's two a sites at Akashi and Kagamigahara were a o models of success considering their effector production. The first strikes erippled bo badly that they never played an important pt war production again. Due to economic par a and a deteriorating materials situation, it w have been a long uphill struggle for them so, even if the war had continued.

On 19 January 1945, the Akashi enginem air-frame works of the company were bombed it

6-pound high-explosive bombs and every imporat building was blanketed with explosives GSBS Aircraft Division Report IV–2, Appendix

Production was cut to a driblet in both iframe and engine branches. Machines, howyr, were only slightly damaged and if their ibersal program had been successful they would thave been "in the war." This plant was hit gin on 22 and 26 June with 4,000-pound bombs, for its machines had been dispersed, but some tectural damage was inflicted.

The Kagamigahara air-frame facilities also were aled on 22 and 26 June. Hits were scored on limportant buildings (USSBS Aircraft Division bort IV-1, Appendix F) including several whose cipment, such as the heat-treating facilities, the .)0-ton hydraulic press, and the acetylene gas y em, could not be replaced. About 17 percent the machine tools were seriously damaged. . nost all of the buildings were burned out, but poort serious structural damage.

he Miyakonojo plant of Kawasaki in Kyushu hit three times by planes raiding the three crby airfields. Task Force 58 fighters did a small bunt of damage on 18 July 1945. On 6 August 55, Army fighters devoted more effort to buildis and burned 95 percent of them. Major inhinery was destroyed by this raid. On 12 cjust, Army fighters burned out the coastal brazaki components branch 50 miles to the cast.

R ATTACKS ON URBAN AREAS

rea attacks came too late in the Akashi area plave any effect on that plant. The plant had on completely smashed as a productive unit ore the heaviest Kobe area raids of July were aried out. Also, the company had carried out its rial dispersion program for the engine section of h Akashi plant prior to these raids. The area als may have retarded the secondary dispersion agram for engines and the primary dispersion of h Akashi air-frame branch to Miki.

a July, prior to the 22 and 26 June raids which r pled the Kagamigahara air-frame plant of the opany, the Ichinomiya factory had been conced to construction of complete airplanes and h company had built a series of Gifu workshops si dispersion measure. These were expanded f,r the raids. The area raids on the cities of chomiya and Gifu burned out these facilities, opletely nullifying the division's dispersion program. The division started the second dispersion program previously mentioned, but transportation and food difficulties made it an almost inevitable failure. Previously the 16 March area raid against the city of Kobe burned out 80 percent of the Kobe and Sakai casting and forging companies, which supplied both engine and air-frame branches.

PRODUCTION STATISTICS

From January 1941 through August 1945, Kawasaki produced a grand total of 8,269 air frames under plans calling for 11,662. Over the same period the corporation produced a total of 10,274 engines compared with a planned production of 15,402.

The company's high month in engine production was November 1944, with a total of 496 engines (Appendix E). By this time the company had shifted the major part of its engine production from liquid-cooled to air-cooled and 257 of this total were Nakajima-designed Ha-115 (Fig. 2).

The 19 January 1945 raid smashed the Akashi engine plant when it was in high gear (USSBS, Aircraft Division Report IV-2, Fig. 3). The Futami facilities, producing air-cooled engines, were well into production by 19 January 1945, and by May were producing 285 units—the engine division's entire production for the month.

The peak month of air-frame production was July 1944, in which 407 air frames were produced, 330 of which were Tonys, liquid-cooled engine fighters (Appendix E).

After July, air frame production began to slump and continued downward throughout the remainder of 1944 and 1945 (Figs. 3a and 3b). This was caused chiefly by a shortage of liquid-cooled engines from Akashi, and design modifications dietated by combat failures in Tony. A secondary factor was the sharp inroads into the skilled labor supply by the Army draft. Damages caused by the 19 January 1945 attack on the Akashi facilities accentuated this air frame production slump.

Growth of the company's production eapacity in both air frames and engines was a steady development fed by military orders since 1927 when the company designed the type 87 heavy bomber. Even before the war the company was executing 1,000-plane orders and in 1941 had a monthly production rate of about 80 airplanes and engines. In 1942 this had been upped to approximately







air frames per month and 125 engines. Dur-1943 production averaged 225 air frames per anth and 325 engines.

lovernment orders ran about 10 percent below maximum machine tool capacity of the plant. Iwever, with a severe shortage of skilled labor it varying shortages of both engine components maximum production cential is a very theoretical figure. This is mught out by the fact that the percentage of cupletion on Government air frame contracts ϵ 84 percent in 1939, 45 percent in 1943, 66 acent in 1944, and about 25 percent in 1945.

The company's record was no better on engines. Fring the first half of 1944 the company comted production schedules for liquid-cooled gines; but during the latter half of the year they by met 50 percent of schedules. By January 15 there were 364 Tonys complete except for 1 iid-cooled engines. The Tonys eventually we converted to air-cooled radial installations. Fring the spring of 1945 the Futami facilities we able to meet 75 percent of the Government acdule for air-cooled engines.

Both direct attacks against the Kawasaki airft facilities and area raids knocked out 66 perpt of the engine production, or an estimated 93 engines lost to combat use, and 53 percent othe air frame production, or an estimated 2,040 anbat air frames lost, during the first 7 months 1945. The effects of the 22 and 26 June air ds on the large Kagamigahara air frame plant which came close at the end of the war would have agmented this loss had the war continued.

INTELLIGENCE EVALUATION

War Department Military Intelligence Service (-2 production estimates for fighters at the Kawaski facilities were very accurate (Fig. 4). Estiutes of production trends lagged only about a both behind the actual trends. Estimates on lmber (Lily) production were not, however, as ose. Intelligence estimates were 46 percent low f*1942 production, a miscalculation of 200 planes. l 1943 bomber estimates were very good (Fig. 5). In November 1944 Lily was taken out of production but intelligence estimates showed continuation of production on planes at the rate of 60 per month until the end of the war.

Estimates on engine production were excellent (Figs. 6a and 6b).

No intelligence seems to be available that Peggys (Ki-67) were being assembled at the Kagamigahara plant beginning in December 1944 or that the existence here of the radiocontrolled Baka "I-GO-B" was known. Production averaged about 15 to 20 per month. Another intelligence oversight was in evaluating the Miyakomojo factory of the company as an engine parts plant. This was entirely devoted to Tony manufacture, the first one coming off the assembly line in May 1945.

The evaluation of a plant's productive capacity was made only on a basis of roof damage sustained. For this reason, the Akashi plant was bombed, although almost all of its machinery had been removed to dispersal sites.

Kawasaki's experimental planes were of incidental intelligence interest. Bob (Ki-64), the tandem-in-line engine fighter, was test-flown in early 1944. It did not go into production because the type of engines around which it was built were found to be unsatisfactory. The mockup had been built for a four-engine bomber (Ki-91) which had a 5,000-mile range with a 4-ton load. The Ki-108 was a single-place fighter with pressurized cabin unit. High performance was claimed for this plane. About to go into production was the Baka I-GO-B, which carried a 660-pound war head. Frances was to be the mother plane for this projectile. All experimental air-frame work was done at Kagamigahara.

REFERENCE ITEM

REFERENCE ITEM 1. Miyakomojo plant report, Kawasaki Corporation.

Reference item is filed with the USSES records, Aircraft Division, Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D. C.









APPENDIX A

1930-39 Air-Frame and Engine Production

	1928- 1929	1930 - 1931	1932, 1933– 1934	$\begin{array}{c} 1935 - \\ 1936 \end{array}$	1937, 1!
Type 88 Recco (BMW engines) Type 92 fighter (BMW engines) Type 93 fight howber (BMW engines)	300	300	250		
Type 95 fighter (IIA 9 engines) Type 98 light bomber (HA-9 engines)				800	

APPENDIX B

ORGANIZATION CHART

KAWASAKI AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIES COMPANY, LTD.

(Masayoki Nemoto, Managing Director)

Head office-Chief, Masayoki Nemoto.

Engine division-Masayoki Nemoto.

Akashi plant—(Masayoki Nemoto, *Supt.* Hokuban plant. Takatsuki plant—(T. Tominaga, *Chief*) Kobe, casting and forging plant.

Futami plant.

Sakai casting and lead-bronze plant.

Air-frame division-Hisashi Tojo.

Akashi airplane plant—Toshikuni Tateyama, Manager. Gifu plant (Kagamigahara)—Hisashi Tojo, Manager.

Miyakonojo plant-Toshikuni Tateyama, Manager.

Mr. Ishii, Asst. Manager.

Ichinomiya plant—Kinzo Tanaka, Manager. Tokyo agency—Sei Yamasake, Chief.



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APPENDIX D

EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

AIRCRAFT DIVISION

Employment Manufacturer, Kawasaki; Plaut, Corporation

Year	Total	Air frames	Engines	Year	Total	Air frames	E
1020				1049			
1000 -				January	20.006	10.733	
1000				February	21, 429	11.288	
1802				March	22, 271	11.966	
1900				Atril	25, 780	19 599	
1309				May	26,034	17 145	
1960				Luno .	26,004	17 947	
1940				Tarfas'	27,606	18 280	
1954				Ammet	28,000	18,645	
19.55				September	25 501	10,145	
1939:				Outobut	30,702	10, 240	
January.			3.156	Namerakaw	20 545	20, 240	
February			3, 215	Disamples	22, 245	20, 702	
March			3, 251	December	00, 900	21, 300	
April			3, 587	1943:	05 400	00.141	
May	11, 195	7,628	3, 567	January	35, 408	23, 141	
June	11,661	8,065	3, 596	February	31,812	24,752	
July	11, 545	7, 971	3, 574	Maren	39, 726	26, 310	
August	11, 263	7,716	3, 547	April	44, 488	29, 258	
September	11, 310	7.738	3,572	May.	47,467	31, 518	
October	11.347	7, 745	3, 602	June	47,486	30, 996	
November	11, 909	8, 269	3, 640	July.	47,694	31,081	
Dacember	12 184	8,435	3, 749	August.	50, 538	33, 398	
A COMMON				September	52, 557	34, 741	
1940;	11 057	v 914	0 =12	October	55, 179	37,298	
January	11, 951	8,244	3, 113	November	56,775	38, 226	
February	12,052	8, 202	5,800	December	62,741	43, 244	
Mareh	12, 133	8, 248	3, 880	1944:			
April	12, 161	1,881	4,280	January	67,951	48, 425	
May.	12, 578	8, 341	4, 234	February	69, 546	47,272	
June	12, 543	8, 330	4, 213	Mareh .	71,640	50, 041	
July	12, 458	8, 203	4, 255	April.	76, 187	54, 231	
August	12, 496	8, 277	4, 219	May.	79,151	56,658	
September	12, 732	8, 522	4, 210	June	\$1,900	59,690	
October	13,012	8, 572	4, +40	July	87, 121	64, 494	
November	13, 255	8,419	4, 836	August	86, 956	63, 841	
December	13,667	8, 571	5, 096	September	86,720	64.511	
1941:				Oetober	86, 700	64.312	
January.	14.075	5, 739	5, 336	November	87, 143	64, 142	
February	14 572	9.007	5.565	December	85, 380	62, 447	
March	14 678	\$ 943	5 735	1945			
April	15 999	9 195	6 731	Ionuary	83 243	60.622	
May	16, 820	9 635	7 185	February	80, 549	59, 207	
Inno	18 064	10 340	7 794	March	78 403	58, 555	
July	15 151	10, 549	7 642	April	77.540	59 023	
Anonet	17 720	10,042	7 724	Mor	75 221	58 350	1
Santombar	17,700	0 524	6 903	Tuno	74 285	57 955	
October	15 083	0 695	5 455	Tuly	71 848	55 330	
Navember	15,000	10,000	8 595	Anguet	10 802	55 190	
Describer	20, 154	10,009	0,000	August	05, 895	00, 120	
December	20, 100	10, 010	0,000				-

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APPENDIX E

KAWASAKI AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIES CO., LTD.-TOTAL AIR FRAME PRODUCTION

				1939								194	D								1041									1942									1943	3									1944									1945					Grand
	4	5 0	7	8 9	10	21	2 Tota	1 1	2 3	4	5 6	5 7	8 9	10	11 1	2 Tot	al 1	2 3	4	5 0	7 8	6	10 11	1 12	Total	1 2	3 4	5	6 7	в	•	10 11	1 12	Tota	4 1	2 3	4	5 6	7	6 9	10	11 1	12 Tol	tai I	2	3	4 8	0	7 8	3 0	10	11 12	Total	2	2 3	•	5 6	7	8	10	11	12 Tot	total
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For total Corporation engine production, see Aircraft Division Report IV-2 (Akashi plant).



KAWASAKI KAGAMIGAHARA

(Plant Report No. IV-1)

THE PLANT AND ITS FUNCTION IN THE AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY

FRODUCTION

he Kagamigahara works (Kagamigahara Seissho), sometimes referred to as the Gifu work's, Kawasaki Aireraft Industries Co., Ltd., was acent to and slightly north of the Kagamigaa military airport and about five miles east of town of Gifu. This area is 18 miles north of goya. The works consisted of 24 large, embly-type buildings and hangars with numersmaller office and service-function structures. al floor area was 2,152,09 square feet (Appen-A).

'he Kagamigahara works was the largest plant headquarters for the air-frame division. The rks was also the center for a dispersal network plants and workshops scattered throughout the gamigahara (Gifu) area. A few elements of s network were located over 100 miles distant the northeast coast of Honshu. As headarters for the air-frame division, Kagamigahara ected units at Akashi, Miyakonojo on Kyushu, I Ichinomiya which produced complete aircraft. The Kagamigahara management, in turn, reted to the general manager or managing ector for all the corporation's aviation activities o was headquartered at Akashi. This man was ponsible to topside management of Kawasaki avy Industries Co., Ltd., holding company for th aviation and shipbuilding interests, located Kobe.

Until 1937 the aviation activities of Kawasaki re housed with its shipbuilding activities at be. At this time the airframes organization wed to Kagamigahara and started construction ich was to be augmented many times over the xt eight years.

The works was entirely financed with corporan money derived from private capital. roughout its history Kagamigahara was an my contractor. Relationships between manageent and government agencies were harmonious. isashi Tojo, superintendent of the air-frame vision and head of the Kagamigahara plant, was a brother of Hideki Tojo, prime minister in the "Pearl Harbor cabinet".

The Army Ki-61 Tony single-engine fighter was the organization's chief product. Through 1943 and 1944 this plane was powered with a liquidcooled engine. In 1945 it was converted to a radial installation and its designation changed to Ki-100. In its liquid-cooled version this plane was an almost exact duplicate of the German Me 109. Its engine was of a Daimler-Benz design.

Six months before the end of the war the works' production was shifted to Mitsubishi's twin-engine bomber Peggy, Ki-67. By the end of the war, however, the company had completed only a few of these planes.

During the middle war years Kagamigahara produced the twin-engine bomber Lily Ki-48, and the twin-engine fighter Nick Ki-45.

Prior to the war and during early 1942 the organization had been producing trainers and transports including Ki-56 Thalia, a version of the Lockheed 18; the Ro transport, also a twinengine transport; the Ki-36 Ida; the Ki-55 reconnaissance plane; and Ki-32 Mary, light bomber. The latter two were single-engine aircraft.

PLANT ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION

As previously mentioned, managing director of this works and of the air-frame division was Hisashi Tojo. His assistant was Masayoshi Yako and the factory manager was Kanabei Tanaka. To this top level of authority nine major department heads reported. Managers at 13 branch plants and workshops, which formed the expanded and dispersed Kagamigahara organization, also reported to these three men. During plant visits and interrogations they furnished the major part of the information on the organization.

The departmental organization of the works was extremely detailed with many fine shadings of authority which at times may have produced some friction. However, a well-integrated top management may have been able to keep the



es of authority from snarling. The specializan of departments as illustrated by the works canization chart (Appendix B) is almost an tet duplicate of the average large American nt chart.

As shown in the list of building additions over beriod of eight years (Appendix A), Kagamigaa was the victim of a mushroom growth which gated any attempts at mass-production lay-out ong the buildings. This problem was actuated by two railroad systems, one a main Σ , and the other a heavily traveled road which ected the plant area.

ndividually the buildings were of modern steel l glass construction with spacious assembly is which were adaptable to some degree of protion line arrangement. Frequent Army-diced modifications and perpetual anxiety over eatened cancellation of Tony contracts because engine shortages, prevented the organization in making progress toward assembly-line techue (Appendix C).

Peak of employment was reached in July 1944 h approximately 40,000 workers (Fig. 1). wever, only one-half of this group was enged in, productive work. Until June 1944 gamigahara was on a single ten-hour shift. In he employment had increased to the point ere about 50 percent of the organization was le to go on two shifts. This work schedule s continued until the bombing of 22 and 26 he 1945. Labor shortage defeated attempts to a higher percentage of the workers into two fts.

The employment of student workers started in uch 1943 and by the end of the war they counted for 19 percent of the labor force. is group worked 6 days a week, 9 to 4, alterting classroom technical and academic instrucn with apprentice work in the factory.

Kagamigahara was highly dependent on the vernment's conscription program. It had 10 cent conscripted labor in 1942, 40 percent in 43, and 50 percent in 1944 and 1945. The my draft caused some trouble all through the r but in late 1944 its inroads into the labor pply, especially of skilled workers, brought out a critical situation.

Soldiers did not come into the plant until the ry late days of the war. By August 1945 ere were only 1,100 of them employed at Kagamigahara. Women consituted 22 percent of labor force at peak employment.

MATERIALS AND COMPONENTS

Direct allocation of materials to the works was made by the Army section of the ministry of munitions. This was an annual program. However, there were quarterly meetings for adjustments. The materials committee of the Aircraft Manufactures Control Association functioned during 1944 but its efforts were highly ineffectual and it was abolished after t year.

Materials for the plant came from the following major sources:

A4 alloy: Sumitomo Kinzoku K K, Osaka and Nagoya; Furnkawa Denki K K, Nikko and Osaka; Tokushu Keigokin K K, Shimonoseki, Nagoya and Kobe.

Special steel: Kawasaki Seihan plant, Nagoya; Daido Seiko K K, Nagoya and Yasuki; Nihon Kokan K K, Kawasaki; Sumitomo Pipe plant, Amagasaki; Nihon Seitatau K K, Yawata.

Copper Alloy: Furukawa Denki KK, Kobe; Kobe Seiko KK, Moji.

As illustrated from the experience of this works, the Japanese were forced to make many substitutions in metals. A threatened shortage of light metals caused the company to begin experimentation in wood fabrication in the fall of 1943. The metals shortage did not develop so seriously as predicted because of bombed-out plants throughout the industry. However, the company was successful in fabricating a complete empennage structure from plywood which earned Army acceptance and would have put this into production in early 1945 if dispersion measures had not interfered. (Photos 1 and 2.)

Selection of the empennage as the structure for this experimentation may have been influenced by the German success in adapting Tony's counterpart, the Me 109, to a plywood tail assembly.

Plywood storage battery racks and ammunition boxes also passed Government tests. However, a model of the company's pilot seat failed. Plant inspection showed that a large part of Kagamigahara's sizeable research facilities were devoted to plywood experimentation. (Appendix D.)

PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Peak production month at Kagamigahara was July 1944 when 296 planes, mostly Tony fighters,



e manufactured (Fig. 2). Production had averd about 230 planes per month throughout 1944 if the big drop in November started the downd curve. This was caused by Army-dictated lifications in Tony. (Photos 3 and 4.)

rom 588 planes in 1939, and 326 in 1940, camigahara's production built up to 718 planes 941, 757 in 1942, 1,518 in 1943, 2,688 in 1944 637 during the last eight months of the war, otal of 7,232 aircraft. Amount of completion lovernment contracts was 84 percent in 1939, percent in 1940, 77 percent in 1941, 52 percent 942, 74 percent in 1943, 66 percent in 1944, about 25 percent during the months of 1945 pendix E).

buring the latter part of 1944 deliveries of id-cooled engines from Akashi fell below schedbecause of mechanical troubles, and in Janu-1945 there were 364 Tony air frames awaiting nes at Kagamigahara. Of these 265 were verted to radial-engine installation. Liquided engines finally arrived for the remainder.

SUILDING AND REPAIR OF AIRPLANES

o rebuilding or repair was done in the Kagaahara works proper; however, skilled workt were dispatched next door to the Kagamigat military air depot where extensive work was e. Most of this work was done by Army hanics, although company technicians were ed in for extensive and specialized jobs.

ERSION TO EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT

here was a well-developed experimental dement at Kagamigahara and 12 percent of the ding facilities were devoted to this work. In ition to one new and very large building used an experimental shop, there was a modern d tunnel devoted to flutter research.

The research division reporting directly to the laging director, included the wind tunnel dement, the flutter research and the material carch departments. The design and experiital division, which also reported to the laging director, included the customary group engineering departments and in addition a lingth and construction department (static ling) and the experimental manufacturing eartment.

mong the important projects was Rob (Ki-64), uge fighter with two liquid-cooled, Ha-60,

Model 22 engines, rated at 1,020 horsepower for take-off. The engines were in tandem, one mounted fore and one aft of the pilot. The plane was test flown in early 1944 but troubles with the liquid cooled engines caused a delay in putting the plane into production.

The Ki-91, a four-engine bomber about the size of the B-29 but of much less load-carrying ability was in the mockup stage of development.

Kagamigahara had developed and put into quantity production a radio-controlled "Baka" carrying a 660-lb. war head. This was known as "1-GO-B". Frances or Peggy was intended as the mother plane.

The Ki-108 was an experimental twin-engine fighter with pressurized cabin, a development of Randy—production twin-engine fighter in the Akashi works. They were also experimenting on Randy with an exhaust turbine.

A large amount of German and American equipment in their shops for study indicated that Kagamigahara received good cooperation from Army research agencies (Photo 5).

EFFECTS OF BOMBING

DIRECT ATTACKS

The Kagamigahara works were first hit on 22 June 1945 in a daylight precision raid from 0926 to 0945. Visibility was good and a mixed load of 4,000-lb and 2,000-lb bombs were used with instantaneous fusing. The Peggy final assembly shop, subassembly building, parts-assembly shops, and the administration building were hit.

The raid of 26 June 1945, from 0910 to 1049, using 500-pound high-explosive bombs hit the Tony final-assembly shop, the experimental building, the engineering offices, subassembly shops, workers' dormitories, the school building, and the press shops. This later group of buildings suffered by far the most irreparable damage. This second raid was by far the more damaging (Photos 6 and 7).

All public utilities were knocked out by the raids and company officials reported repair parties were greatly disorganized.

The two raids knocked out every important building in the works. Manufacturing activities were permanently halted (Appendix F).

Most of the buildings were blasted and burnt out, but structural damage was small. Stocks of raw materials were lost, but many half-finished planes could have been completed through cannibalization.

By the time of the raids, a high percentage of Kagamigahara's machine tools had been dispersed to small workshops and branch plants, most of which were in the nearby area. Only 112 of Kagamigahara's 1,508 machine tools were in the works at the time of the raid. Of this 112 only 4 percent were badly damaged. Subsequent area raids badly damaged 15 percent of the 1,508 machine tools.

If undamaged by air raids, Kagamigahara production would have probably leveled off at about 200 air frames per month through late 1945 and early 1946. Production would have been about equally divided between Tony and Peggy.

The war ended before the company could do more than repair a few of the damaged public utilities and clean out the buildings. However, the following priorities for repair had been set up: flight engineering, assembly buildings, heat-treating facilities, press buildings and experimental shops.

The management planned to resume production at Kagamigahara by utilizing many of the jigs and tools which were not damaged, as well as repairing the main assembly buildings and converting them to a variety of processes.

The complete plant would not have been repaired. Even after repairs, total production would have been small because of the disjointed efforts which Kagamigahara's dispersion had caused.

Probably the most destructive blows at Kagamigahara's production were hits on the heattreating facilities and near misses which jarred the 2,000-ton hydraulic press sufficiently to cause irreparable damage to the installation.

They also had no hope of re-establishing interior communications and had to depend on messenger service.

After the bombing, despite a previous Army priority on Peggy, the emphasis was shifted to Tony on which there was a better chance of regaining production.

With the 2,000-ton hydraulic press damaged, an attempt was made to use hand molding. Pipe bending was attempted over hand gas burners as a result of cutting off the supply of gas from the main source. Electric welding was also planned as a result of damage to acetylene, generators.

In the 22 June 1945 raid 61 people were k, and 58 seriously injured. There were no casual in the 26 June 1945 raid.

INTERRUPTIONS DUE TO ARFA ATTACA

On 28 July 1945 an incendiary attack age the city of Ichinomiya completely destroyed 470,000-square-foot Ichinomiya Branch fac which was producing Tonys at the rate of 22 a month on a rising production curve. The 1945 incendiary raid on the city of Gifu destr the workshops in that city which had been acqua as key units in the Kagamigahara dispeplans. These were the last remaining function units of the once large Kagamigahara networ

Prior to the actual burning out of Ichino and Gifu in July 1945 the population of this had suffered very little inconvenience from raids. Because the Kagamigahara works been bombed out by the time these raids occutheir effects on production were not measure

INTERRUPTIONS DUE TO SUPPLIES

Air attacks had not as yet affected receimaterials and supplies. From 1942 on, it types of electrical and hydraulie equipments behind delivery schedule because the manturers of this intricate and specialized equipcould not expand at the same rate as the air-tplants. The Tokaido district earthquake in a also retarded deliveries of these parts and it ponents (Appendix D). The effects were about to be felt when the war ended.

DISPERSAL ·

Fear of air raids had started dispersion of Kagamigahara works in November and Dece of 1944 to the Ichinomiya plant. On 4 April 4 the Government ordered the company to bega official dispersion program. This program scheduled for completion in August 1945 w Kagamigahara officials estimated it would w have been ready for production before Dece of 1945.

The first phase of this plan was the acquist of a group of schools and small mills in the U of Gifu for conversion to workshops and hour units for 500 to 1,000 employees each. Shue neighborhood yards, and parks in the force
around the Kagaunigahara works were made sly to store parts and assemblies.

he second phase of this first dispersal plan was zation of the forests and rough terrain of ntry for large assembly shops and underground allations. Underground facilities in this netck were located at Mizunami, Nakatsugawa, imi and Wachi. Forest installations were at o, Katabira, and Akutami. All these locas with the exception of the small shops on the pheast coast of Honshu previously mentioned, o within a 25-mile radius of the main Kagathara works.

the first dispersion program 1,900,000 square of facilities had been ordered by the Governt. At the end of the war 1,200,000 square had been completed and machinery had been sferred or was in transit.

f the 1,200,000 square feet of completed discal area approximately 25 percent was in undercal installations which represented half the emplated area. The largest underground allation was at Mizunami with 250,000 square excavated but largely without lighting or thinery installations. Tunnels were from 12 0 feet in width and from 15 to 21 feet high, he area raids on the eities of Ichinomiya and t, which burned out the company's buildings te, necessitated a second dispersion program. was an expansion of the first plant through addition of many more forest workshops which b formed into three production lines anchored lino, Kagamigahara and Mizunami (Fig. 3).

ransportation difficulties were a tremendous licap, despite relatively short hauls, in Kagathara's dispersion program. The nearby railis could not be used and roads were narrow overerowded.

ver a six months' period from March through lust 1945, company officials estimated that sersal activities were directly responsible for a fluction loss of 54 Tony aircraft. Considering dow point to which production had fallen due ther causes, this represented a large part of tworks' total possible production during this pd. (Photos 8–10.)

INTELLIGENCE CHECK

Is a whole, intelligence information on this act, mostly complied by Military Intelligence Service (G-2) was very good. Production estimates were about right. The only omission in this regard was failure to assess any Peggy production at this plant. Proximity of the target to the Kagamigahara military air depot at which all types of planes were serviced and tested may have served to confuse photographic interpretation on this point.

Apparently movement by night of a major proportion of the works' machine tools to dispersed locations also went undetected by photographic intelligence.

The war did not last long enough to prove or disprove the diagnosis that Kagamigahara's productivity had been destroyed by the raids of 22 and 26 June. There is some evidence that after a two- or three-month period of recuperation the works could have resumed about 25 percent of its former assembly functions.

VULNERABILITY

Kagamigahara's most vulnerable facilities as listed by company officials in order of priority were: (1) heat-treating facilities, (2) the 2,000ton and 1,000-ton hydraulic presses, and (3) its acetylene gas supply. All three were hit in the 22 and 26 June raids.

Most vulnerable factor in the dispersed and branch factory facilities proved to be their inflammability in the area raids on the cities of Gifu and Ichinomiya.

Apparently, from the comments of Kagamigahara officials, the threat of air raids had a disastrous effect on workers' morale. This was a decisive factor in the extensiveness of the dispersal plans.

GENERAL IMPRESSIONS OF PLANT IN. SPECTION AND INTERROGATION

This was a well-organized plant but the production was disappointing. This was due to the persistence in using the inferior Ha-60, Model 22, liquid-cooled engine supplied by their sister Kawasaki organization at Akashi. This cranky product was never available in sufficient quantities. Even the engines supplied were high in failures. The resulting design changes ordered by the Army because of this, caused innumerable production stoppages. The sense of frustration



I resentment toward their Kawasaki sister ant which this caused among the Kagamigahara magement officials was apparent. They were verless to secure early redress, however, beuse their managing director was subordinate to a managing director of all Kawasaki aviation ivities who served also as manager of the ashi engine plant.

When a complete production stoppage in liquidcled engines finally forced the Army to dictate a switch to radial installation in Tony, it was too late in the war to have any effect.

REFERENCE ITEM

Reference item for this report is filed with the records of the United States Strategic Bombing Survey, War Department, Washington, D. C., eare of the Adjutant General.

REFERENCE ITEM 1. Machine tool damage charts.



Рното No. 1.- Outer wing panel assembly jigs, Kagamigahara plant. As can be seen, jigs were light in construe but adequate.



Photo No. 2.—Wood mockups in experimental building at Kagamigahara. Many types of American, German d British equipment was found in this building. Interesting was mockup of Japanese power driven turret earry four cannon.



bro No. 3.—Tony, in new radial engine version shown in final assembly building at Kagamigahara. Large arched-roof hangar-type buildings constituted about one-half of the plant's structures.



Риото No. 4.—Final assembly line for Peggy (Ki-67) at Kagamigahara. Mitsubishi furnished fuselage assen Kawasaki manufactured wings and did final assembly.



TO NO. 5. German engine from Focke-Wolfe 190 fighter found in experimental building at Kagamigahara. This was studied as model in adaptation of Tony from liquid-cooled to radial-engine installation.



Рното No. 6.—Saw-tooth roof-type buildings at Kagamigahara showing light structural damage. The 500-pound explosives of second raid (26 June 1945) did majority of damage on works, including these buildings.



ното No. 7.—Randy (Ki-102) fighter in experimental building at Kagamigahara. This plane was manufactured at Akashi and was brought to the experimental center at Kagamigahara. This picture shows in detail typical building damage.



Photo No. 8.—Tony fighter assemblies hidden under the trees about one half mile from Kagamigahara works. I was part of dispersion plan which intended to use main works only as assembly shop for part of output after J raids.



Рното No. 9.—Assemblies in yard of shrine one-half mile from Kagamigahara plant.



Poro No. 10.-Assemblies have crowded objects of worship out from under the roof of this shrine at Kagamigahara.

KAWASAKI (GIFU), APPENDIX A

PLANT EXPANSIONS KAWASAKI AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIES, KAGAMIGAHARA WORKS

June 1937-March 1945

Name of component plant	Date of expansion	Building or shop	Building are (square feet
Main factory at	June 1937	Construction of first building	45, 8(
Do	September 1937–March 1938	Office building, final assembly shop, boiler room, forging shop, heat-treatment shop, etc.	101, 8,
Do	April 1938–March 1939	Drafting room, fuselage wing components shop, foundry and press work shop, etc.	140, 0:
Do	April 1939-March 1940	Northern press work shop, etc.	154, 68
Do	April 1940–March 1941	First ground engineering shop, high pressure of units work shop, etc.	172, 7:
Do	April 1941–March 1942	Covering shop, second ground engineering shop	182, 41
Do	April 1942-March 1943	Third ground engineering shop, cover units work shop, second final assembly shop, etc.	264, 19
Do	April 1943 - March 1944	Fourth and fifth ground engineering shops, etc	-419, 9'
Do	April 1944–March 1945	Third final assembly shop, experimental workshop, etc.	670, 2ª
Total			2, 152, 0

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APPENDIX B

ORGANIZATION CHART

g-frame Division, Ilisashi Tojo, Superintendent.

hi airplane plant—Toshikuni Tateyama, Superintend-

Department of general affairs, personnel department, production department, factory manager, technical Department.

migahara (Gifu) plant—Hisashi Tojo, Superintendent; Isayoshi Yako, Assistant; Kanbei Tanaka, Factory Imager.

val board division:

General affairs, estate, document, finance, vigilance, commodities, health and sanitation, medical treatment.

division:

Office labor, factory labor, student labor, dormitories, welfare, health insurance.

frials division:

Materials preparation, parts preparation, materials management, payment inspection, transportation.

plishment division:

Materials, machinery, construction, utilization.

Research division:

Wind-tunnel, flutter research, material research.

Designing and experimental division:

Planning and design, fuselage, wing unit, power plant, armament, drawing, strength and construction, experimental manufacturing.

Planning division:

Plauning, industrial affairs, factory power, technical assembling, parts engineering, process management.

Production division:

Construction, Misato plant, Sakahogi plant, Nakatsugawa plant, Kiyosu plant,

Inspection division:

- Materials inspection, function inspection, production inspection, experimental inspection, flight adjustments, and preparations.
- City of Gifu workshops, Kisogawa branch factory, Sakahogi branch factory, Nakatsugawa branch factory, Sabaye branch factory (NW Honshu), Fukui branch factory (NW Honshu), Kawasaki hospital, Young men's school, Ichinomiya factory.

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KAWASAKI (GIFU), APPENDIX D CRITICAL SHORTAGES IN ACCESSORIES

(Actual statistics lost in bombing, information supplied from memory of plant officials)

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	Ki-45, Ki-48, Oleo	80	Kayaba Mannfaetnring Co.	Do.
	do	85	do	Do.
	do	60 60	do	Do.
	Ki 61, Ki-48, ball bearing	70	Toyo Bearing Manufacturing Co	Aza-Tsuehijima Oaza-Higashi-kata, Ku-
			1	wana.
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21	Ki-61, Ki-48, ball bearing	60	do	Do.
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	Ki-61, Type 9F, full gauge	50	Itanu Factory, Mitsubishi Denki Co	Sonoda-mura Kawabe-gun, Hyogo-pref.
	KI-61, electric controlled oil system	65		pref. Nagane-mura, Hamana-guu, Shizuoka-
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	Ki-61, fuel pressure control valve	65	Chukyo Machinery Manufacturing	Komaki-cho, Kasugai-gun, Aichi-pref.
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	Ki-61, fuel flexible tube	70	Toyo Aosei-Kako Co	Masaki-eho Naka-ku Nagoya.
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REMARKS

Engines for "Ki-61" always were in short supply from August 1942, till the end of war, and it became a great difficulty to perform the program of airplane tection. (Supplier was Akashi Engine Factory, Kawasaki Airplane Mig. Co.) Inertia starters for "Ki-67" were in short supply from December 1944, till the end of war, and it was never flown. (Supplier was Tokyo Instrument Co.) For general electrical equipment for "Ki-61" some troubles in each month from February 1944 till the end of war.

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KAWASAKI AKASHI

(Plant Report No. IV-2)

THE PLANT AND ITS FUNCTION IN THE AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY

TRODUCTION

The Akashi works (Akashi Seisukusho) of iwasaki Aircraft Industries Co. Etd., was located out two miles northwest of the town of Akashi, was on the shores of Akashi Strait of the Inland a and 12 miles to the west of Kobe.

The facilities, which combined an air-frame and ceraft engine works, contained a floor area of ghtly over 3,300,000 square feet. This inided 8 assembly buildings, 4 machine shops and buildings devoted to fabrication. Ten addional buildings were used for inspection and search and the remaining structures were used warehouses, welfare and service buildings. ost buildings were of modern light-steel frame id glass construction (Appendix A).

The engine facilities of Akashi constituted 287,700 square feet of productive floor area and we air-frame organization occupied 1,047,700 (uare feet of productive floor area.

The Akashi works, general headquarters for all le Kawasaki aviation activities, constituted one the two large units of Kawasaki Aircraft Indusies Co. Ltd. The other was located at Kagaigahara (USSBS Aircraft Division Airframes lant Report IV-1). Akashi was the corporaon's largest works and headquarters for the igine division.

An air-frame works had been added to the large igine facilities at Akashi early in 1941 to produce implete aircraft. This works was under the ganizational structure of the Kagamigahara airame management. However, in such matters is employment, air-raid defense, etc. it operated inder the over-all Akashi organization.

The plants at Futami and Takatsuki, conceived s parts plants for Akashi, but later converted into idependent units producing complete engines by it dispersal program, operated under the Akashi igine-division management.

Other offshoots of the Akashi engine division ere the Sakai casting and forging plant, the Kobe casting and forging plant, and the Hokuban plant which produced gears.

The Akashi facilities were a wholly-owned unit of Kawasaki Aircraft Industries Co. Ltd., which in turn was a subsidiary of Kawasaki Heavy Industries Co. Ltd. The aviation branch had been organized in 1918 and the company had been able to retain complete financial control of all its facilities. Construction of the Akashi works was started in 1937 when the aircraft activities left Kobe. Akashi was entirely an Army contractor.

The history of Kawasaki's production was one of steady growth, fed by military orders from the end of World War I into World War II.

The company began building the French Salmson airplane and engine under license in 1919. In 1926 it purchased the license to manufacture the Bavarian motor works (Bayerische Moternwerke) engine, and in 1927 designed the Type 87 heavy bomber which was powered with two BMWs. In 1928 the company received an order for 300 Type 88 reconnaissance planes, also powered with Kawasaki manufactured BMWs. An order for 300 Type 92 fighters was given the company in 1930. The power plant was an improved BMW. During 1933 the company executed an order for 250 Type 93 light bombers powered by the BMW, Model 9. In 1935 it started manufacturing the Type 95 fighter of the China campaigns on an order for S00. This fighter was powered by the Ha-9, a liquid-cooled engine manufactured by the company. In 1938 an order for 1,000 Type 98 light bombers powered with Ha-9 model was received.

Most important products of Akashi's engine facilities were its line of liquid-cooled engines. These were Ha-60 Model 22, rated at 1,150 horsepower for takeoff, and Ha-60 Model 33, rated at 1,350 horsepower for take-off, both outgrowths of the Daimler-Benz design purchased from Germany in 1937. They were used in Tony fighters. The Akashi facilities also produced the Ha-35 Model 22, and the Ha-35 Model 32—Nakajimadesigned radials, rated at 1,100 horsepower and 1,150 horsepower for take-off, respectively. The**y** were used in Oscar fighters and Ki-115, the Nakajima suicide plane. A late product was the Ha-45 Model 21, Nakajima 1,970 horsepower radial, used primarily in Frank fighters.

Primary products of the air-frame facilities were Nick, Ki-45, a twin-engine fighter in conventional and night-fighter versions and Randy, Ki-102, also a twin-engine fighter but of single-place design and higher performance.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION .

A key figure in the Akashi works was Masayoki Nemoto who was (1) managing director of all Kawasaki aviation activities, (2) managing director of the Kawasaki engine division and (3) managing director of the Akashi works itself. Toshikuni Tateyama was superintendent of the air-frames division reporting to the air-frame management of Kagamigahara and, through them, to Nemoto (Appendix B).

All department heads of both engine and airframe facilities attended interrogations at the Akashi works. The Sakai and Kobe casting and forging plants were also represented at these meetings. Nemoto's presence also assured complete cooperation in securing information for this report.

The plant was organized on fairly well-estabtished flow-line principles (Appendix A): but, with destruction of the buildings almost complete, and all machinery removed, it was impossible to reconstruct the details of fabrication and assembly. Frequent design changes and production stoppages, however, probably discouraged any attempt at real mass production in the engine factory. The air-frame facilities were never anything other than a small-order plant operating under job-shop practices. As previously mentioned, the individual buildings were spacious and modern.

Top employment in the engine plant was in November 1944 with 23,001 workers. At no time was the employment of women above a level of 5 percent. Students constituted about 7 percent of the labor force in November 1944. Conscripted labor never was more than 10 percent of the workers. Only after production had halted in 19 were soldiers brought into the plant. The total was 717 at the high point.

The engine-plant employment increased stead through many difficulties, such as the Ari draft, until bombing knocked out the plant January 1945 (Fig. 1). Average monthly we at Akashi was 150 yen.

In June 1943 the engine plant went on two hour shifts. Through 1944 and 1945 about percent of the plant's departments were on double shift. A shortage of skilled work prevented the entire personnel from going on t basis. Labor turn-over was from 1 to 2 perc per month.

Air-frame employment at Akashi reached peak in August 1944 with 23,798 workers (Fig. Students constituted 25 percent of this gre and women about 5 percent. It succeeded putting only about 30 percent of the organizat on this basis by mid-1944. There were no soldi in the air-frame departments.

The engine and air-frame branches function under a common personnel department and is possible, because of the labor shortage, t most skilled workers were of uccessity channeinto the engine organization. This left the frame organization extremely short.

MATERIALS AND COMPONENTS.

Allocation of materials for engine manut turers was made by the Army section of ministry of munitions on the customary ann basis with readjustments made quarterly. Cl material sources were as follows:

Materials	Suppliers	Location
A1 and Mg castings.	Kobe Kinzoku plant of Kawasaki.	Kobe.
Ū	Tojo Koku Kinzuoku K K Sumitomo Kinzoku K K	Nishinomiy Nagoya.
A1 forgings	Sumitomo Kinzoku K K_ Kobe plant of Kawasaki	Katada, Kobe,
Special steel	Daido Seiko K K. Nippon Tokushuko K K.	Nagoya. Tokyo,
Steel forgings.	Kobe Kinzoku K K. Sumitomo Kinzoku K K. Kobe Seiko K K. Kawasaki Seihan plant	Kobe, Osaka. Kobe, Nishinomiy

The material department for air frames Akashi was in reality a branch of the cent material department for the entire air-frame



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ization which was at Kagamigahara (USSBS craft Division Airframes Plant Report V-1). Akashi's material sources and shortages be identical to those enumerated in the Kagacahara plant report.

ODUCTION STATISTICS

kashi's engine division produced a total of 359 units against 15,772 ordered and 13,840 acity during the period April 1939–August 1945 spendix C).

Planned production for the air-frame division ulled 2,714 units from September 1941 through tember 1945, while actual production, which ed in August 1945, was 1,945 completed air nes (Appendix D).

lighest monthly engine production for Akashi 450 units during November 1944. Average 164 the transformer and transformer and the transformer and transformer a

shortages of materials and mechanical failures bughout the war thus prevented the type of se production scheduling which means mass duction and an efficient shop. Splitting the at between the manufacture of liquid-cooled l radial engines was probably another factor venting mass production.

Production of Nick fighters in the Akashi air ne division reached its peak in August 1944 h 119 units produced (Fig. 4). At this time version was begun to the Randy fighter and duction slumped. The shortage of electrical ipment, pet cocks and plungers resulting from

Tokaido district earthquake was another tor in the slump which occurred during this iod. It was primarily a disruption of the nsportation system resulting from the earthike rather than damage to the equipment plants ich produced the shortages. During 1944 the nt met 80 percent of its government schedules. During the spring of 1944 the plant had been delayed in reaching its production peak due to a typhoid-fever epidemic.

REBUILDING AND REPAIR

According to company officials, inferior materials accounted for 53 percent of all engines returned to Akashi for factory rework and overhaul during 1944 and 1945.

Engines were sent from Kagamigahara, Taebikawa, Osaka and Tachiarai Army air depots. Kagamigahara furnished by far the largest number of these overhaul jobs. Of the 867 engines repaired and overhauled, 457 contained poor quality materials, 229 were damaged through rough service treatment, 145 were routine service overhauls, 29 suffered battle damage and seven were training engines.

After the erippling raid of 19 January 1945, the engine division was able to produce 292 engines in May 1945. Two hundred of these came from the undamaged Futanii plant and 92 from Akashi, however, representing cannibalizations and the assembly of parts produced before the bombing.

At Akashi there had been no conversion to substitute wooden assemblies and parts which had been developed at Kagamigahara.

DIVERSION TO EXPERIMENTAL ENGINES

Very little of Akashi's engine facilities was devoted to experimental work beyond some exhaust thrust utilization on the engines used in the fighter Randy. The company preferred to buy foreign designs or produce other Japanese models. Two engines of Ha-240 designation, liquid-cooled and rated at 1,800 horsepower takeoff, had been built but failed in tests.

At the end of the war the primary experimental effort of the company was devoted to supercharging the Ha-60, Model 33 liquid-cooled engine of 1,350 horsepower at take-off. No jet or rocket work was done by the company. The Army requested the company to undertake some of this work in 1943 but the company was permitted to refuse the undertaking.

All planes from this works were delivered to the Osaka military air depot. There was no rebuilding or repair of aircraft at Akashi.





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Attack data

Intelligence data	First attack	Second attack	Third attack
Date and hour of attack	{Jan. 19, 1945 (1450	}June 22, 1945.	June 26, 1945.
Attacking unit Altitude Number of aircraft over	1450-1524. 20th A.F. 25,100-27,400 62.	20th AF. 18,000-19,600 25.	20th A.F. 16,000-26,200, 31.
IIE-Number, weight and type.	620 X, 500-lb.	72 X, 4,000-Hb	93 X, 4,000-lb.
On-the-ground findings	delay tail.	delay tail.	delay fail.
HE-Number in plant	275	40	14.
HE-Number of build-	111	10	7.
HE - Number of UNB	30	0	0

EFFECTS OF BOMBING

DIRECT ATTACKS

Although production in engines and air frames had started into decline a short time before the B-29s struck, the three smashing raids of 19 January, 22 June and 26 June 1945 achieved the result of preventing any possible recovery. These raids accounted for 485 tons of high explosives in the plant area and severely damaged 3,156,000 square feet of the works' 3,300,000 square feet of factory area.

Parenthetically, it might be noted that a fourth raid on the plant on 8 June 1945, bombing through nine-tenths cloud-cover, which hit only the village of Akashi, killed 104 workers, and seriously injured 83 in their homes.

Heaviest casualties occurred in the 19 January 1945 raid when 268 workers were killed and 99 injured at their machines. Damage to machine tools was light.

The first attack on Akashi, on 19 January 1945 between 1450 and 1524 hours, was in large force. One hundred and fifty-five tons of 500-pound high-explosive bombs were used for blanket disruptive effect. Every important building in the engine and air-frame branches was hit and production in both was cut 90 percent (Appendix E t). The bombs caused great damage to roofs and disruption to the works; however, machinetool damage was small; only 3 percent were seriously damaged and 7 percent slightly damaged (Photos 1-3).

In the air-frame division the acetylene tank had been blown off and the plant was forced to adopt electric welding. The heat-treating furnace also was damaged, preventing further heat ment of steel parts after welding was stopped

Coincidentally with the attack the Armydd creased orders on the liquid-cooled engine in increased demand for the radial Ha-35 Mode 3 of Nakajima design which was to be used in the Nakajima suicide plane, Ki 115.

From the 25 airplanes badly damaged by h 19 January 1945 raid, enough parts were a nibalized to produce 12 complete planes.

Following this disastrous attack, the comparator moved 94 percent of all machine tools to dispete locations. Therefore, when the 20th Air Fere again bombed Akashi in small force on 22 an 1945 (Appendix E 2) and again on 26 June 4 (Appendix E-3) it was attacking what amounte t almost an empty plant, intended only for line assembly operations. These raids were 40 4,000-pound high explosives, fuzed instantance sh for maximum roof damage and blast effects in d the buildings. These attacks completed despetion of the buildings and ended any hope in company had for using the Akashi works on limited assembly work (Photos 4-9).

The series of raids on the Akashi plant probably knocked out a potential engine production of 5t liquid-cooled engines per month during 1.55 Under the plan to convert Kawasaki complexy to radial engines of the Ha=35 Model 32 of t,150-horsepower take-off rating, and H 45 Model 21, rated at 1,970-horsepower at take ff, a potential of 200 engines per month during 45 might have been realized. The estimate excluse consideration of the material shortage factor with might have curtailed production seriously in to 1945.

In addition the raids knocked out a poteral production of about 100 twin-engine fighters er month during 1945.

All utilities at Akashi had been damaged by le 19 January 1945 raid (Appendix 4). It was 8 February before these, including the stan facilities, had been repaired. In the engine pat it was 5 March before the planned partial build repairs had been accomplished. In the air-frace plant temporary repairs were completed b 7 April.

In the engine branch, after repair of the ulties section, the following repair priorities we placed on buildings: First group —jig and fixter shop, heat treating and plating shop, assemy



Рвото No. 1. Engine plant machine shops damaged by light (500-lb.) HEs of 19 January 1945 raid. Limited structural damage was caused by 22 and 26 June 1945 raids.



Риото No. 2.—Detail of engine machi shops damaged by 500-lb. HEs in January 1945 attack. Only 7 percent machinery was damaged. Machinery w removed to disposal sites following tl attack.

Рното No. 3. — Looking south toward engineparts assembly shops, Most damage occurred in 19 January 1945 attack by 500-lb, 11 Es.



pp; second group—machine shop, trial shop, Irts-assembly office, shipping shop, hospital, thing room; third group—production office and prehouses.

In the air-frame branch the first priority was seen the flight-engineering shop. Here planes ere cannibalized and about a dozen were detered in this manner in the ensuing months, cond and third priorities were given to the nin assembly shop and parts assembly shop.

All repairs were of a temporary nature; yet 146,790 yen were expended in repairs after the tack of 19 January. Critical building materials the amount of 226 tons were utilized.

DUNTERMEASURES

Air-raid alarms were received by phone from e Akashi post office or through the Osaka oadcasting station. At times alarms would me by phone from the Himeji Army divisional adquarters.

Students and women would be sent from the ildings into the shelters 20 to 30 minutes before e raid was expected to reach the area. Anticraft personnel would also leave their jobs at e same time. Regular personnel would leave eir work 10 minutes before the attack began. he remaining supervisory staff went to the elters 5 minutes before the appearance of the umbers, while key air-raid wardens stayed at eir posts until the bombs practically were lling.

The evacuation of personnel from the works as escribed above was directed by public address rstem and signal flags of different colors. These ellow, black, red, and white flags in the order uned would correspond to our condition red, andition green, etc.

After the 19 January raid some attempt was ade to redesign parts of the engine so that manucturing man-hours would be decreased. Test mning time also was reduced; the acceptance andards of materials were lowered and some decrances were lowered in the machining of parts.

NTERRUTPIONS DUE TO ALERT'S AND AREA ATTACKS.

Since the 19 January attack which stopped roduction at Akashi was also the first raid in the rea, no measureable production loss due to air erts was experienced. After 19 January, however, area raids retarded recovery and dispersion. Destroyed homes, lack of sleep, transportation disruption, etc., brought about an absentee rate of 8 to 10 percent during this period. The disruption to transportation also slowed the dispersal of tools to new plant sites.

Production never was hampered because of area-power loss. The company had taken the initiative in providing itself with an alternate power source to augment its regular supplier, the Kobe Electric Company. The alternate source of equal output was the Shikima Steam Engine Power Company. The Akashi works also had a stand-by alternating current generator of 35 kilowatts which in emergency could be used for illumination and the public address system.

INTERRUPTIONS DUE TO SUPPLIES

Most of Akashi's suppliers were located in such cities as Osaka, Kobe, Nagoya, and Tokyo, and their destruction would have slowed the Akashi plant in due time. However, Akashi's activities had been so curtailed by the early 19 January 1945 attack that later area raids on the big cities had no measurable effect on its production. However, there were critical shortages in ferrode plate, nitrized steel, intake chambers, crankcases and crankshafts, injection pumps, and flexible pipe, most of which were in short supply all during the war.

In April, May, and June 1944, a local shortage in acetylene gas developed, in addition to shortages in lubricating oils and radiators in the same period.

DISPERSAL

The Akashi engine facilities were dispersed into two locations under the first plan beginning in November 1944. Liquid-cooled engines were to be produced in a spinning mill at Takatsuki and one-radials in a spinning mill at Futami. These facilities totalled about one-half the area of the Akashi plant. The Takatsuki plant had produced 13 engines up to the end of the war and Futami about 1,200 engines.

In the spring of 1945 the Government felt that even more complete dispersion was necessary. As a result, the liquid-cooled engine facilities were in the process of dispersion to a system of tunnels in two forested hills north of Takatsuki (Photos 10-12), and the Futami facilities were moved to a



Риотов 4-9.—Views of Akashi plant buildings damaged and destroyed by June 1945 attacks in which 4,000-lb. H fused instantaneously were used.



Рното No. 5.



Рното No. 7.



Рното No. 8.



twork of small spinning mills and forest huts ound Ishihara, far back in the hills north of itami. The Takatsuki branch was scheduled r a production of 200 engines per month and the itami branch for 250. Both were scheduled to ich full production under their second dispersion ogram late in 1945 (Fig. 5).

The air-frame division was scheduled to move to a dispersed location at Miki but never was le to carry out the program.

Morale of the workers, who were living in rracks at the dispersed sites without their nilies, was low. Transportation for material d machinery was very difficult. Food was aree at dispersed locations and communications tween plants were frequently cut.

INTELLIGENCE CHECK

War Department Military Intelligence Service -2) monthly production estimates were phenomilly close throughout 1944; however, estimates radial-engine production during 1944 were 80 cent low. Kawasaki had been in production radials throughout 1943 without any estimate MIS during this period.

Monthly estimates on Nick twin-engine fighters re excellent and were within a few percent of ual production.

Photographic intelligence was fairly accurate. wever, the movement of almost all machine Is from the works after the 19 January 1945 d escaped notice. The result was an overimate of the amount of productivity still naining in the works, and the raids of 22 and June with 4,000-pound high-explosives were nost wasted.

VULNERABILITY

Most vulnerable feature of the engine plant loubtedly was its precision machinery in the chine-shop buildings. Failure to damage serily any appreciable percentage of this machinery might eventually have negated the effect of the 19 January raid which put Akashi out of business. The 4,000-pound bombs in quantity, fused for a slight delay, would have been necessary to do this job.

It was mentioned by officials at this plant that the destruction of their heat-treating process and acetylene gas facilities was one of the most effective results of the raids.

GENERAL IMPRESSIONS OF PLANT IN-SPECTION AND INTERROGATION

Akashi personnel, following the orders of managing director Nemoto, were very cooperative and provided all the requested information as well as certain voluntary material which was not necessary for this report. The interrogations gave the impression of a well-organized but rather inflexible organization dominated by the above-mentioned Nemoto.

The inferior quality of its liquid-cooled engine was the chief factor in the company's failure to account for a larger percentage of the country's total engine and aircraft production. With a good power-plant design staff, and the product which might have resulted therefrom, the company might have accounted for about 25 to 30 percent of the country's engine production rather than 15 percent. There would have been a similar increase in air frame production if Tony had been equipped originally with an air-cooeds engine. This was the result of the companly' policy of depending on engines of foreign design.

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REFERENCE ITEM 1.—Machine tool damage tables.



Рпото No. 10.—Tunnel mouths at Takatsuki underground engine-dispersal plant. Note netting over entrances с erude hoists for handling machinery. Only rough steep trails led to this remote location.



Phoro No. 11. – Close-up showing crude construction of Takatsuki tunnels. Most of tunnels were not faced and had be constructed early in war by Korean slave labor as an ammunition dump.


Рното 12.—Trellis at Takatsuki for hauling machinery to tunnels.





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APPENDIX B

ORGANIZATION CHART

AKASHI PLANT

Masayoki Nemoto, Manager

orporation head office—Masayoki Nemoto Chief. Deputy of general affairs, finance, headquarters of technical director. Head office engine division:

Akashi—Planning, equipment, production, technical, inspection, Takatsuki plant, Futami plant, Hokuban plant, Kobe casting and forging plant, Saka easting and lead-bronze plant.

NOTE: For organization chart of Akashi division see Kagamigahara plant report.

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APPENDIX C



ENGINE PRODUCTION-PLANNED, CAPACITY, AND ACTUAL-APRIL 1940-AUGUST 1945

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APPENDIX D

KAWASAKI AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIES CO., LTD.-AKASHI AIRPLANE PLANT-AIRFRAME PRODUCTION-PLANNED AND ACTUAL-SEPTEMBER 1941-SEPTEMBER 1945

	1941		1942	1943	1944	1945
	Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Total	l Jan. Feb. Mar.	r. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Total	Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Tota	i Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Tota	Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug Sept. Total Gran
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