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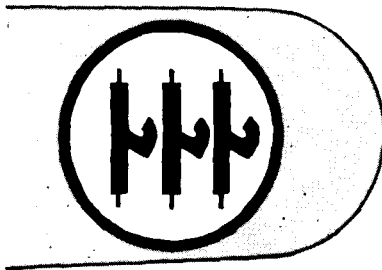
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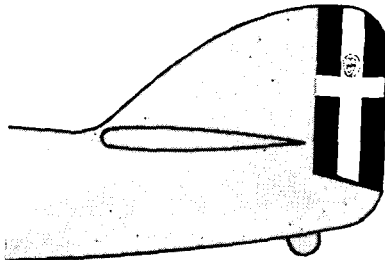
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Tail

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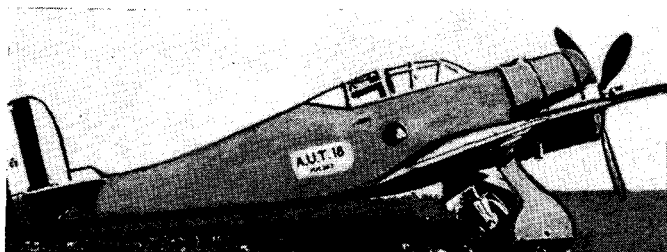
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# **IDENTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT**

## **LAND PLANES**

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### ROYAL ITALIAN AIR FORCE



A. U. T. 18 (UMBRA)

Description: Round tip, tapered, slightly dihedral, low-wing monoplane. All metal, single motor, enclosed cockpit, blunt nose, retractable landing gear.

Crew: 1.

Armament: 2 medium caliber machine guns in fuselage.

Ammunition:

Bomb load:

Radio:

Aarmor:

Motors: 1 Fiat A 80 RC. 41, 1,000 horsepower.

Maximum speed: 304 miles per hour.

Rate of climb:

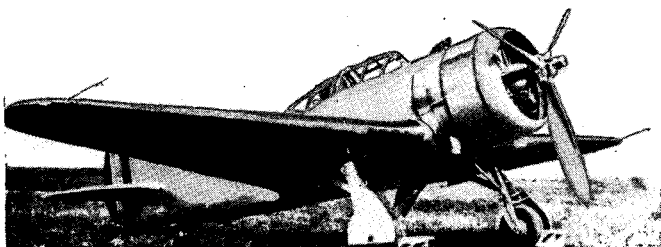
Service ceiling:

Maximum range:

Wing span: 38 feet.

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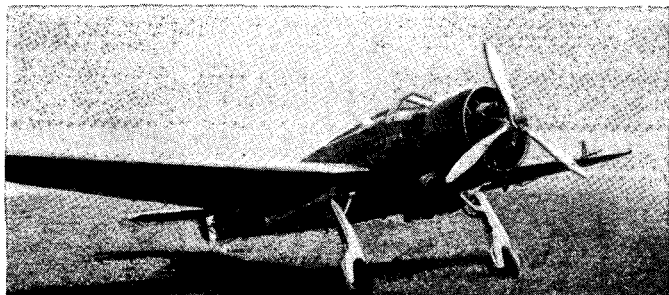
Fighter  
A. U. T. 18 (UMBRA)





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AIR FORCE**



**BREDA 64 FIGHTER**

**Description:** Round tip, tapered, slightly dihedral, low-wing monoplane. All metal, single motor, enclosed cockpit, blunt nose, retractable landing gear.

**Crew:** 2.

**Armament:**

**Ammunition:**

**Bomb load:**

**Radio:**

**Aarmor:**

**Motors:**

**Maximum**

**speed:**

**Rate of**

**climb:**

**Service**

**ceiling:**

**Maximum**

**range:**

**Wing span:**

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Fighter  
BRED A 64

## MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

### ROYAL ITALIAN AIR FORCE

#### CAPRONI CA 165

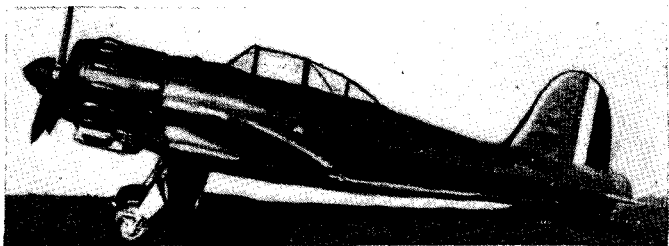
Description:  
Crew:  
Armament:  
Ammunition:  
Bomb load:  
Radio:  
Armor:  
Motors: One 900 horsepower.  
Maximum  
speed: 280 miles per hour.  
Rate of  
climb: 23,000 in 8.2 minutes.  
Service  
ceiling: 32,800 feet.  
Maximum  
range:  
Wing span:

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**Fighter  
CAPRONI CA 165**

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AIR FORCE



CAPRONI VIZZOLA S. A. F. 5

Description: Low-wing monoplane. All metal fuselage, wood wings, enclosed cockpit, single motor, fairly long blunt nose, retractable landing gear.

Crew: 1.

Armament: 2 medium caliber machine guns in sides of fuselage firing through propeller.

Ammunition:

Bomb load:

Radio:

Armor:

Motors: 1 Fiat A. 74 RC. 38, 840 horsepower.

Maximum speed:

Rate of climb: 19,680 feet in 6.3 minutes.

Service ceiling: 31,160 feet.

Range: 373-620 miles.

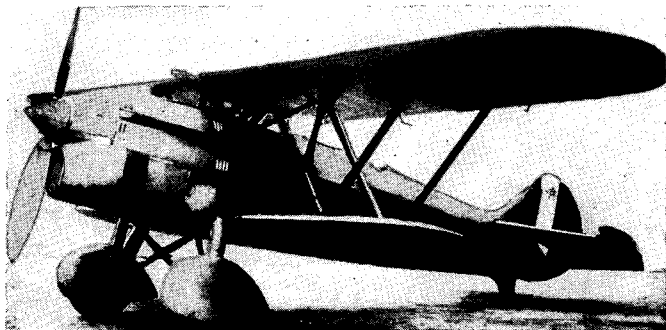
Wing span: 37 feet.

**IDENTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT**

**Fighter**  
**CAPRONI VIZZOLA S. A. F. 5**

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**ROYAL ITALIAN  
AIR FORCE**



**FIAT CR 32**

**Description:** Round tip, staggered, straight-wing biplane of unequal span. Pointed nose with cooling radiator beneath single motor. Fixed landing gear, open cockpit, fabric covered.

**Crew:** 1.

**Armament:** 2 Vickers machine guns in top cowling firing through propeller.

**Ammunition:**

**Bomb load:**

**Radio:**

**Armor:**

**Motors:** 1 Fiat A. 30 R.A., 550 horsepower.

**Maximum speed:** 242 miles per hour.

**Rate of climb:** 19,680 feet in 11 minutes.

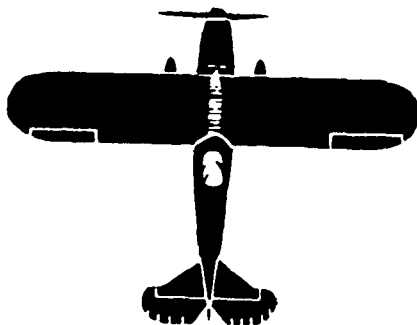
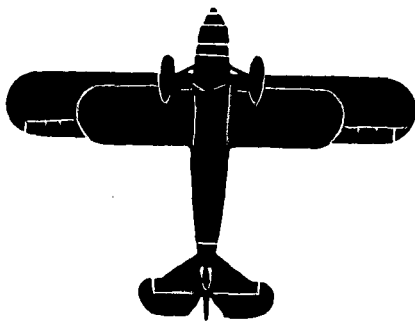
**Service ceiling:** 26,240 feet.

**Range:** 525 miles.

**Wing span:** 29 feet.

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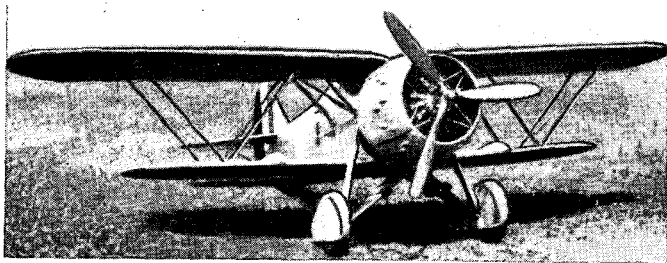
Fighter  
FIAT CR 32





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AIR FORCE



FIAT CR 41

Description: Round tip, staggered-wing biplane of unequal span. Upper wing slightly gull wing. Single motor, blunt nose, open cockpit, fixed landing gear.

Crew: 1.

Armament:

Ammunition:

Bomb load:

Radio:

Aarmor:

Motors: 1.

Maximum

speed:

Rate of

climb:

Service

ceiling:

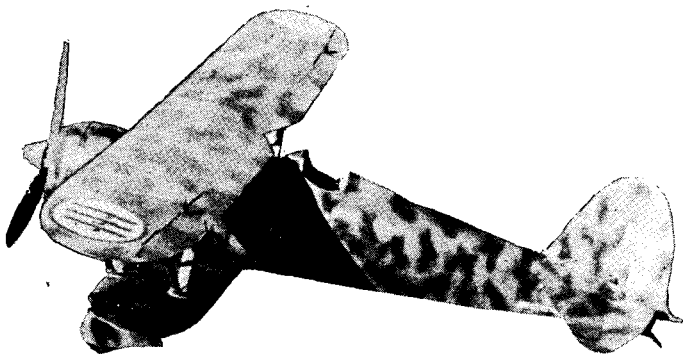
Range:

Wing span:

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**Fighter  
FIAT CR 41**

ROYAL ITALIAN  
AIR FORCE



FIAT CR 42

**Description:** Round tip, straight-wing biplane of unequal span. Fuselage metaled forward, fabric aft. Fabric wings, single motor. Fairly long blunt nose, open cockpit, fixed landing gear.

**Crew:** 1.

**Armament:** 2 machine guns in fuselage firing through propeller.

**Ammunition:**

**Bomb load:**

**Radio:**

**Aarmor:**

**Motors:** 1 Fiat A. 74 R1C 38, 840 horsepower.

**Maximum**

**speed:** 279 miles per hour.

**Rate of**

**climb:** 19,680 feet in 7 minutes.

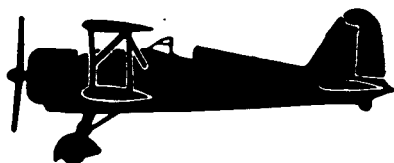
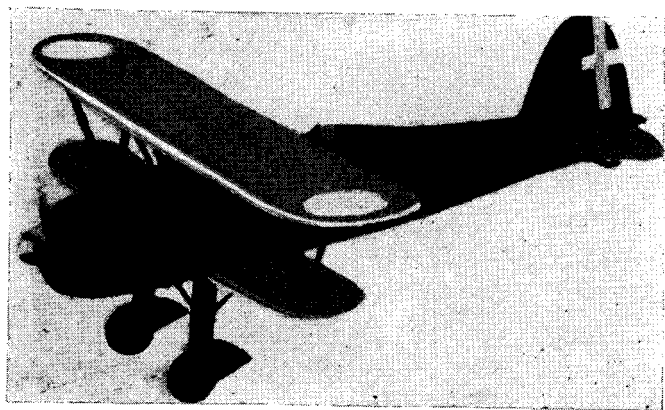
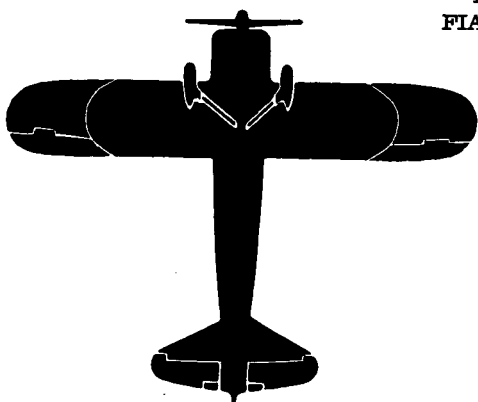
**Service**

**ceiling:** 31,300 feet.

**Range:**

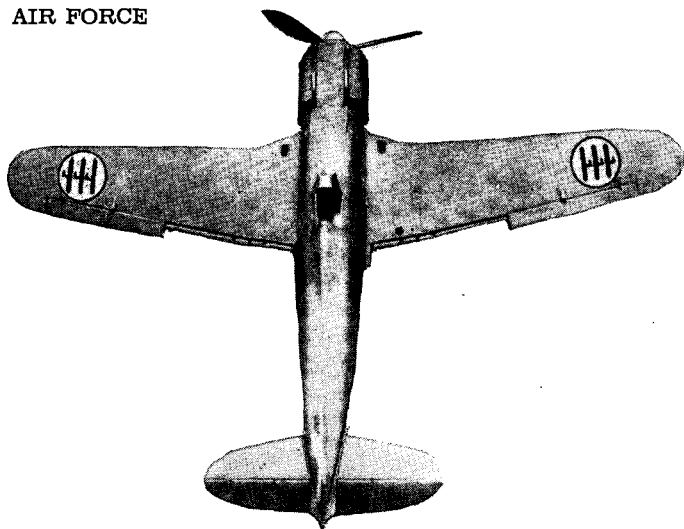
**Wing span:** 31.9 feet.

Fighter  
FIAT CR 42



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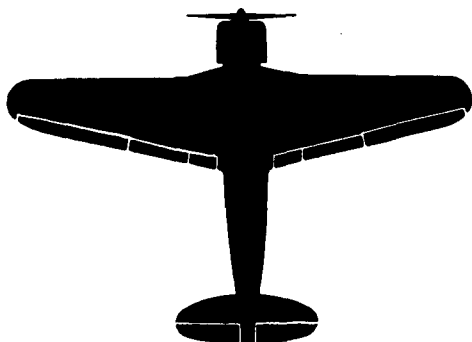
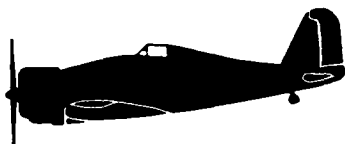
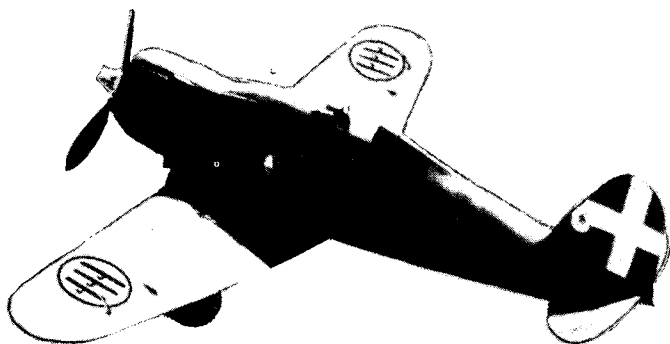


FIAT G 50

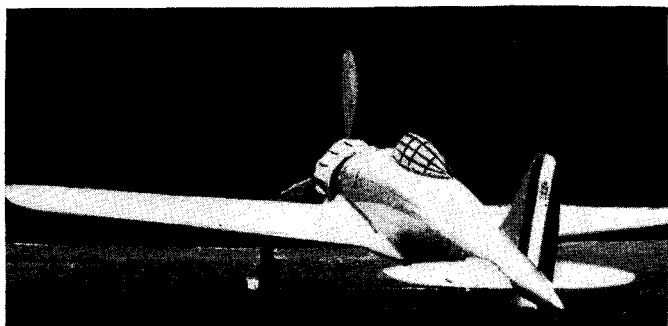
- Description:** Round tip, very slight forward sweep, slightly dihedral, long-wing monoplane. All metal, single motor, enclosed cockpit, blunt nose, retractable landing gear.
- Crew:** 1.
- Armament:** 2 fixed machine guns in top of fuselage firing through propeller; 2 fixed in wings firing outside of propeller.
- Ammunition:**
- Bomb load:** 36 3-kg or 144 1-kg bombs.
- Radio:**
- Armor:**
- Motors:** 1 Fiat A. 74 RC. 38, 840 horsepower.
- Maximum speed:** 299 miles per hour.
- Rate of climb:** 16,400 feet in 5.2 minutes.
- Service ceiling:** 35,430 feet.
- Range:** 435 miles.
- Wing span:** 35½ feet.

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Fighter  
FIAT G 50



ROYAL ITALIAN  
AIR FORCE



MACCHI C 200

**Description:** Round tip, slightly swept-back, slightly dihedral, low-wing monoplane. All metal, single motor, enclosed cockpit, blunt nose, retractable landing gear.

**Crew:** 1.

**Armament:** 2 fixed machine guns in cowlings firing through propeller.

**Ammunition:**

**Bomb load:**

**Radio:**

**Armor:**

**Motors:** 1 Fiat A. 74 RC. 38, 840 horsepower.

**Maximum speed:** 313 miles per hour.

**Rate of climb:** 19,680 feet in 6.5 minutes.

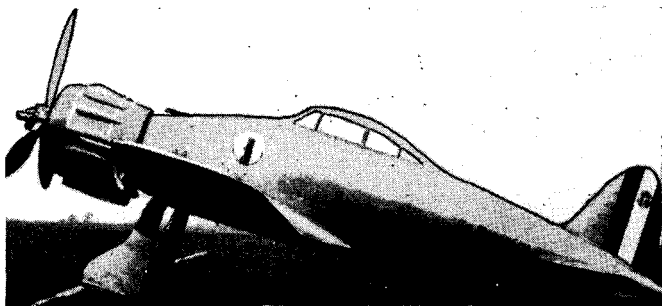
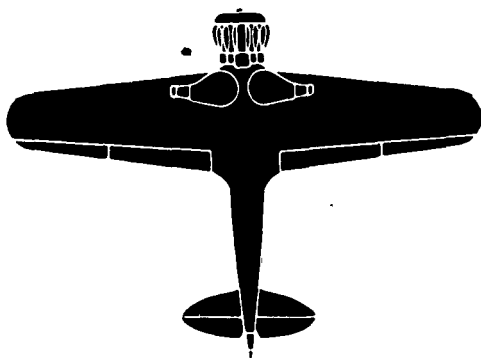
**Service ceiling:** 32,470 feet.

**Range:** 435 miles.

**Wing span:** 34 $\frac{2}{3}$  feet.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT

Fighter  
MACCHI C 200





## MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

### ROYAL ITALIAN AIR FORCE



MERIDIONALI RO 41

Description: Round tip biplane of unequal span. Upper wing slightly gull wing. Single motor. Blunt nose, open cockpit, fixed landing gear.

Crew: 1.

Armament: 2 Breda-Safat machine guns firing through propeller.

Ammunition:

Bomb load:

Radio:

A armor:

Motors: 1 Piaggio P. VII C. 45, 390 horsepower.

Maximum speed: 211 miles per hour.

Rate of climb: 19,800 feet in 8.5 minutes.

Service ceiling: 24,500 feet.

Range:

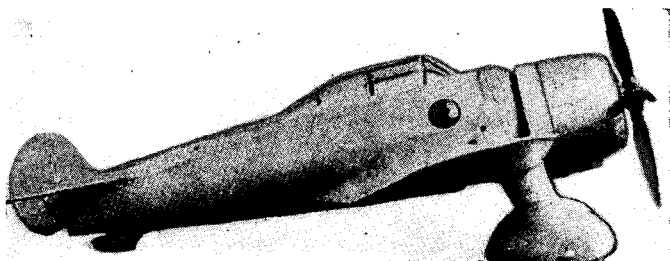
Wing span: 29 feet.

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Fighter  
MERIDIONALI RO 41

## MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

### ROYAL ITALIAN AIR FORCE



MERIDIONALI RO 51

**Description:** Round tip, tapered, slightly dihedral, low-wing monoplane. Metal clad fuselage, single motor, fairly long blunt nose, enclosed cockpit, retractable landing gear.

**Crew:** 1.

**Armament:** 2 Breda-Safat heavy machine guns firing through propeller.

**Ammunition:**

**Bomb load:**

**Radio:**

**Armor:**

**Motors:** 1 Fiat A. 74 RC. 38, 840 horsepower.

**Maximum speed:** 317 miles per hour.

**Rate of climb:** 19,680 feet in 7 minutes.

**Service ceiling:**

**Range:**

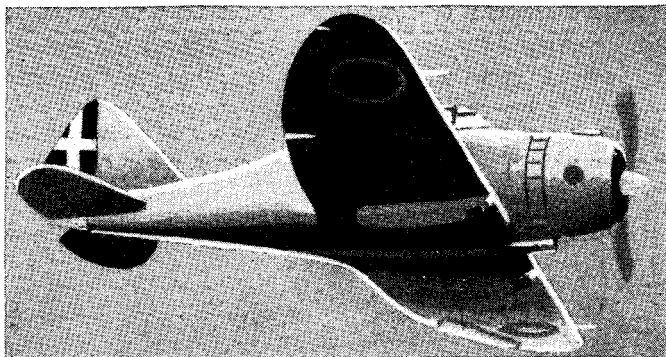
**Wing span:** 32¼ feet.

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**Fighter  
MERIDIONALI RO 51**

## MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

### ROYAL ITALIAN AIR FORCE



REGGIANE RE 2000 "FALCHO I"

**Description:** Round tip, tapered, slightly dihedral, low-wing monoplane. All metal, single motor, blunt nose, enclosed cockpit, retractable landing gear.

**Crew:** 1.

**Armament:** 2 heavy machine guns mounted on the wings clear of the propeller.

**Ammunition:**

**Bomb load:**

**Radio:**

**Aarmor:**

**Motors:** 1 Fiat A. 80 RC. 41, 1,000 horsepower.

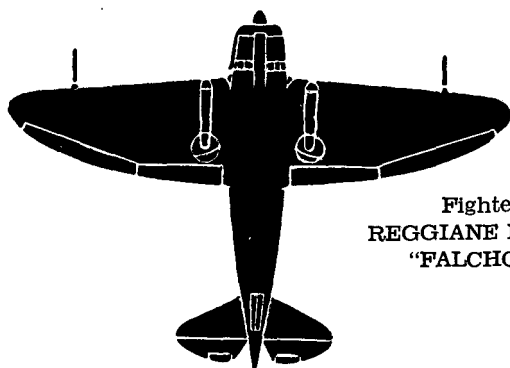
**Maximum speed:** 350 miles per hour (approximate).

**Rate of climb:** 19,680 feet in 6.3 minutes.

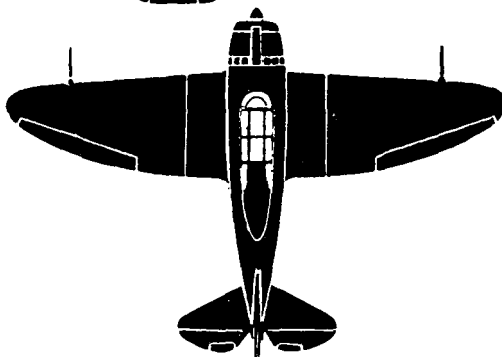
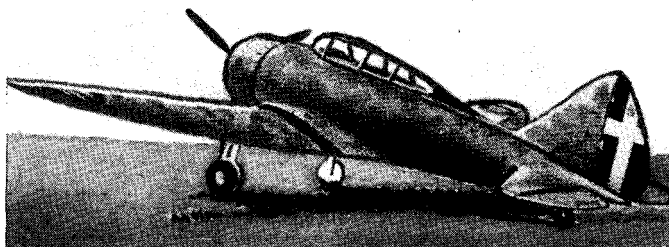
**Service ceiling:** 36,900 feet.

**Range:** 3 hours.

**Wing span:** 36¼ feet.

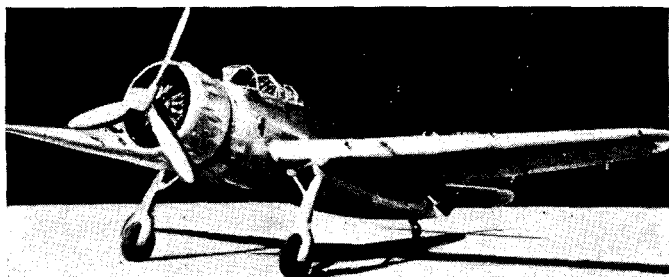


Fighter  
REGGIANE RE 2000  
"FALCHO I"



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AIR FORCE



BREDA 65

**Description:** Round tip, tapered, slightly dihedral, low-wing monoplane. All metal, single motor, enclosed cockpit, blunt nose, retractable landing gear.

**Crew:** 1 or 2.

**Armament:** 5 machine guns; 2 12-mm and 2 7.7-mm fixed on wings; 1 flexible in observer cockpit.

**Ammunition:**

**Bomb load:** 160 light or 12 medium or 4 heavy.

**Radio:**

**Armor:**

**Motors:** 1 Piaggio P. XI RC. 40, 1,000 horsepower.

**Maximum speed:** 255 miles per hour.

**Rate of climb:** 1,380 feet per minute.

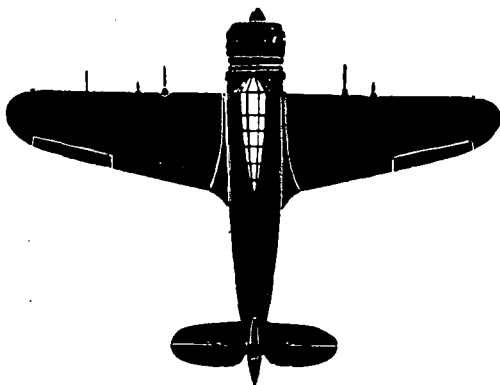
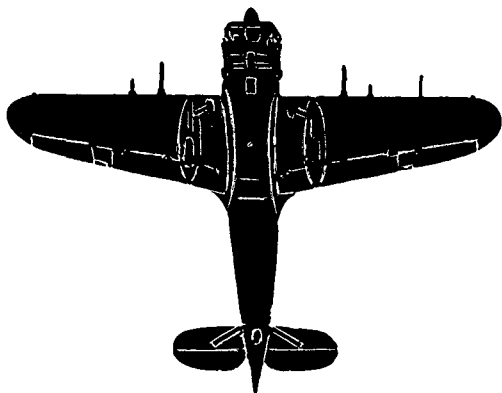
**Service ceiling:** 27,225 feet.

**Range:** 682 miles.

**Wing span:** 40 feet.

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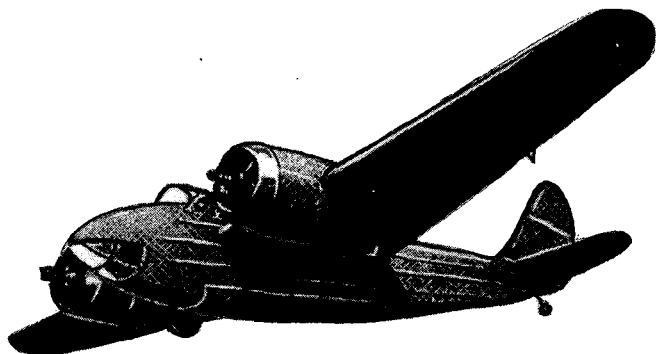
Fighter-Bomber  
BRED A 65





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SAVOIA-MARCHETTI SM 85

Description: Round tip, slightly tapered, midwing monoplane. All metal, twin motor, enclosed cockpit, long blunt engine nacelles under the wings, retractable landing gear.

Crew: 1.

Armament: 1 Breda-Safat machine gun in floor of cockpit.

Ammunition:

Bomb load: Bombs carried under fuselage.

Radio:

Armor:

Motors: 2 1,000 horsepower Piaggio air-cooled.

Maximum speed: 317 miles per hour.

Rate of climb:

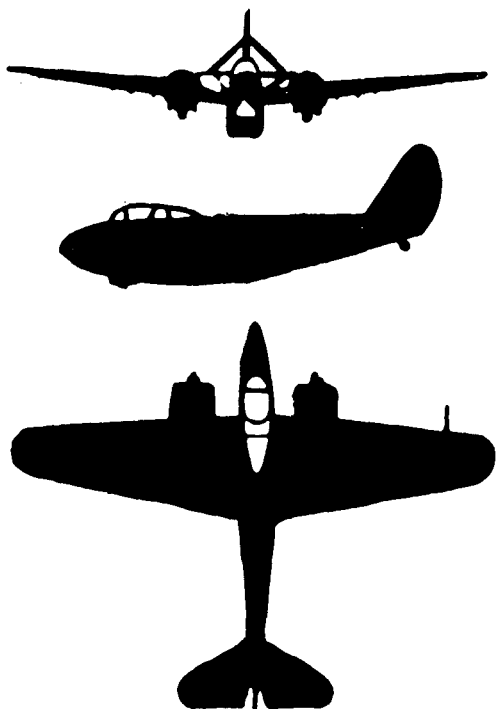
Service ceiling:

Range:

Wing span:

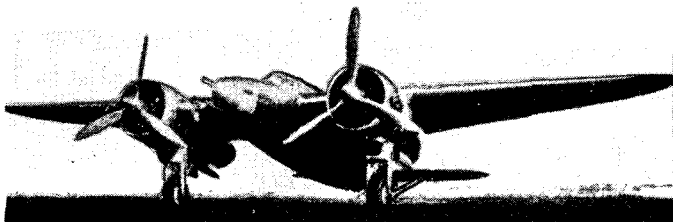
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Dive Bomber-Ground Attack  
SAVOIA-MARCHETTI SM 85



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BREDA 88

Description: Round tip, slightly swept-back, tapered, high-wing monoplane. All metal, twin motor, long blunt-nosed engine nacelles under wings, enclosed cockpit, retractable landing gear.

Crew: 2.

Armament: 2 fixed cannon, MA; 1 flexible gun in turret above wing.

Ammunition:

Bomb load: 2,200 pounds.

Radio:

Aarmor:

Motors: 2 Piaggio XI. RC 40, 1,000 horsepower each.

Maximum speed: 352 miles per hour.

Rate of climb: 16,400 feet in 11 minutes.

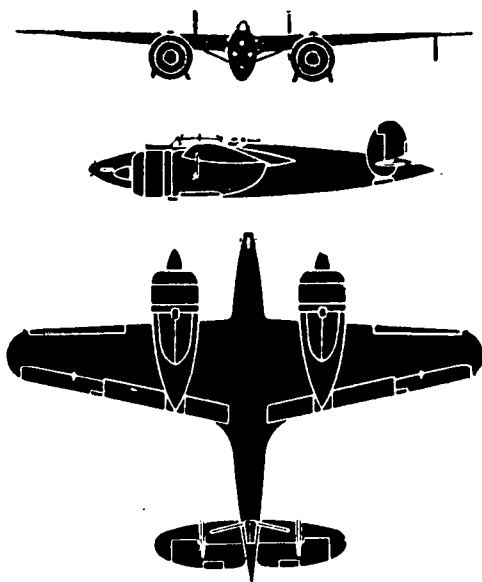
Service ceiling: 26,000 feet.

Range: 1,120 miles.

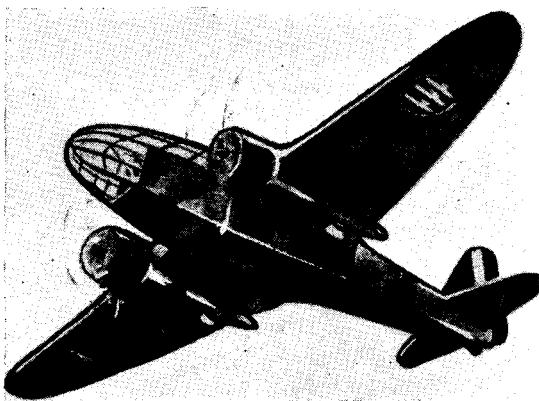
Wing span: 51 feet.

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Light Bomber  
BRED A 88



ROYAL ITALIAN  
AIR FORCE



CAPRONI CA 311

**Description:** Round tip, slightly swept-back, tapered, low-wing monoplane. Fabric covered, twin motor, blunt-nosed engine nacelles under wings, enclosed cockpit, retractable landing gear.

**Crew:** 3 or 4.

**Armament:** 1 fixed machine gun in left wing; 1 flexible in gun turret on top of fuselage.

**Ammunition:**

**Bomb load:**

**Radio:** Two-way.

**Armor:**

**Motors:** 2 Piaggio P. XVI, 700 horsepower each.

**Maximum speed:** 270 miles per hour.

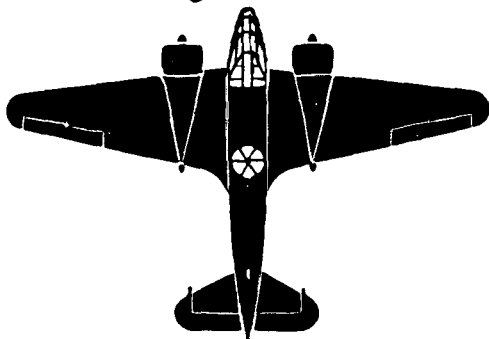
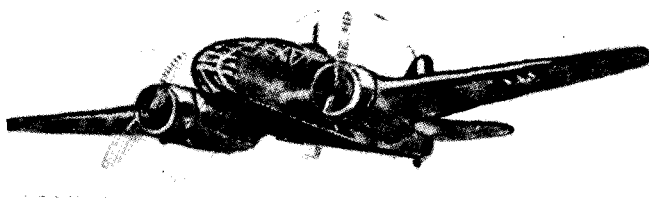
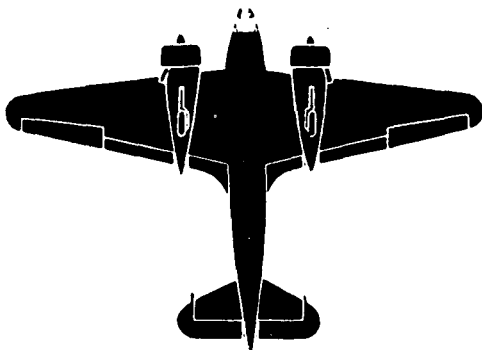
**Rate of climb:**

**Service ceiling:**

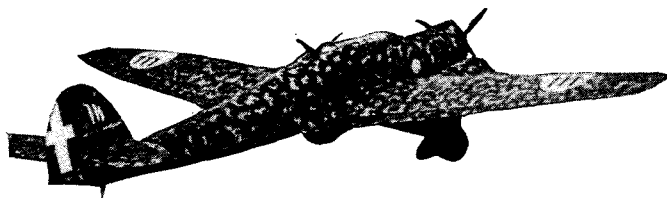
**Range:**

**Wing span:** 53½ feet.

Light Bomber-Reconnaissance  
CAPRONI CA 311



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AIR FORCE



CANT Z 1007 BIS

Description: Round tip, tapered, dihedral, low-wing mono-plane. Plywood fuselage, fabric wings, trimotor, long blunt nose, long blunt-nosed engine nacelles under wings, enclosed cockpit, retractable landing gear.

Crew: 5.

Armament: 4 machine guns; 3 above, 1 below fuselage.

Ammunition:

Bomb load: 2,200 pounds.

Radio:

A armor:

Motors: 3 Piaggio P. XI RC. 40, 1,000 horsepower each.

Maximum speed: 280 miles per hour.

Rate of climb: 1,550 feet per minute.

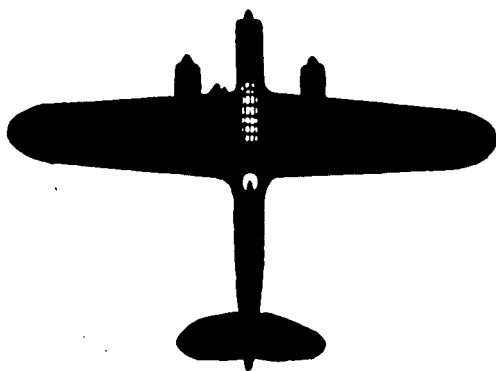
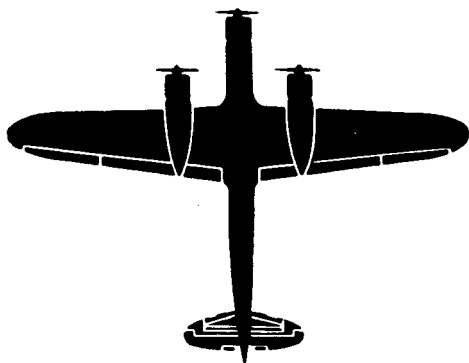
Service ceiling: 26,200 feet.

Range: 1,372 miles.

Wing span: 81.3 feet.

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Bomber  
CANT Z 1007 BIS





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### ROYAL ITALIAN AIR FORCE



CANT Z 1011

**Description:** Round tip; slightly dihedral, low-wing monoplane. Plywood construction, twin motor, long elliptical fuselage, engine nacelles above wing, enclosed, retractable landing gear. Twin rudders.

**Crew:** 5.

**Armament:** 4 machine guns in twin mountings, aft of wing, above and below fuselage.

**Ammunition:**

**Bomb load:**

**Radio:**

**Aarmor:**

**Motors:** 2 Isotta-Fraschini "Asso-XI R.C.," 840 horsepower each.

**Maximum speed:** 230 miles per hour.

**Rate of climb:** 16,400 feet in 19 minutes.

**Service ceiling:** 26,240 feet.

**Range:** 1,240 miles.

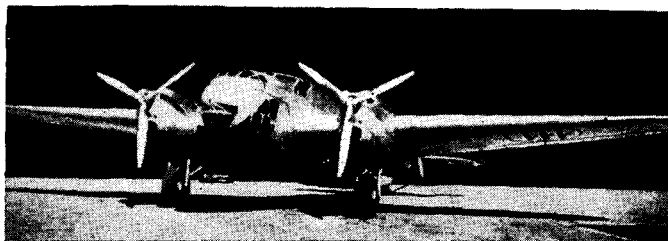
**Wing span:** 82 feet.

**IDENTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT**

**Bomber  
CANT Z 1011**

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

ROYAL ITALIAN  
AIR FORCE



CAPRONI CA 135 BIS

**Description:** Round tip, slightly swept-back, tapered, mid-wing monoplane. Plywood wings, fabric fuselage, twin motor, long elliptical fuselage, long blunt-nosed engine nacelles set into wings, enclosed, transparent section near tail, retractable landing gear, twin fins and rudders.

**Crew:** 5.

**Armament:** 1 machine gun in nose with lateral traverse; 1 machine gun in retractable turret on top of fuselage; 1 machine gun under fuselage behind wings.

**Ammunition:**

**Bomb load:** 1,760 pounds.

**Radio:**

**Armor:**

**Motors:** 2 Piaggio P. XI RC. 40, 1,000 horsepower each.

**Maximum**

**speed:** 273 miles per hour.

**Rate of**

**climb:** Initially 1,435 feet per minute.

**Service**

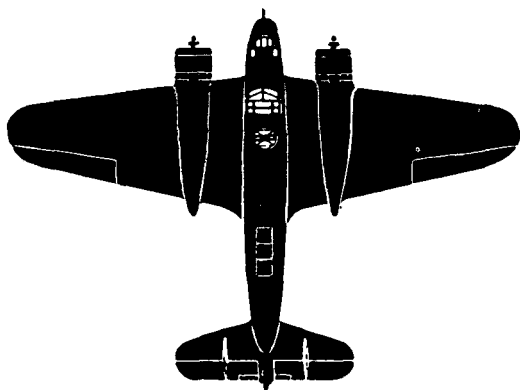
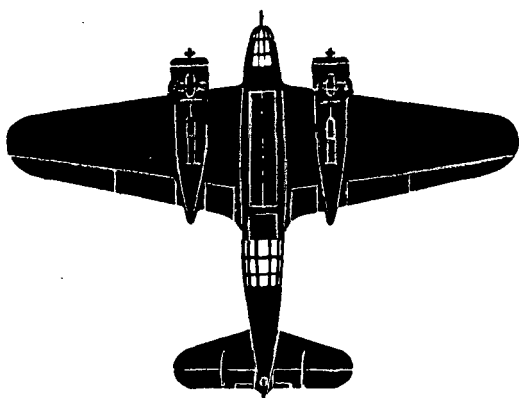
**ceiling:** 22,960 feet.

**Range:** 1,240 miles.

**Wing span:** 61 $\frac{2}{3}$  feet.

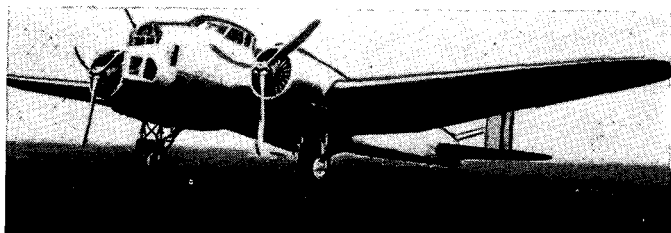
IDENTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT

Bomber  
CAPRONI CA 135 BIS



## MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

### ROYAL ITALIAN AIR FORCE



FIAT BR 20

**Description:** Round tip, slightly swept-back, tapered, low-wing monoplane. Fabric, twin motor, long elliptical fuselage, blunt-nosed engine nacelles built into wings, enclosed, retractable landing gear, twin fins and rudders.

**Crew:** 4.

**Armament:** 1 machine gun in nose, 1 machine gun in retractable turret on top of fuselage; 1 machine gun at bottom at slight break in bottom line of fuselage.

**Ammunition:**

**Bomb load:** 2,200 pounds.

**Radio:**

**Armor:**

**Motors:** 2 Fiat A 80 RC. 41, 1,000 horsepower each.

**Maximum**

**speed:** 268 miles per hour.

**Rate of**

**climb:** 19,680 feet in 22.5 minutes.

**Service**

**ceiling:** 29,520 feet.

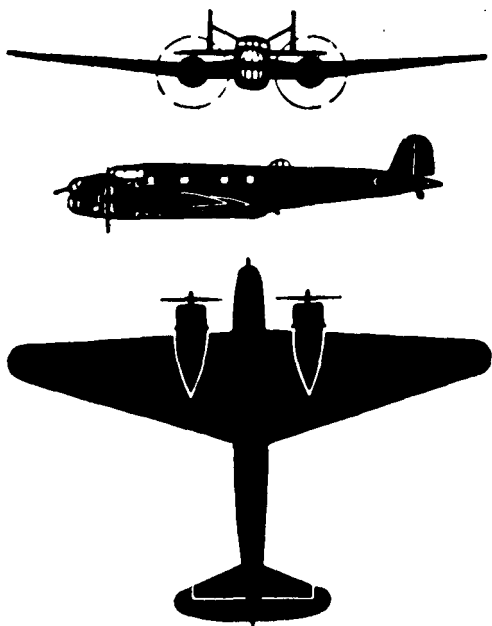
**Maximum**

**range:** 1,863 miles.

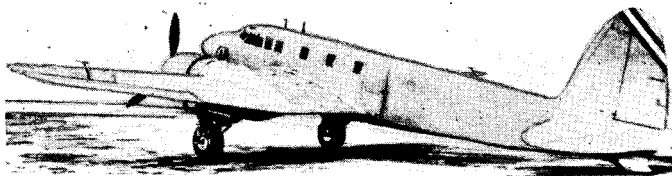
**Wing span:** 70½ feet.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT

Bomber  
FIAT BR 20



ROYAL ITALIAN  
AIR FORCE



FIAT CR 25

Description: Round tip, slightly swept-back, tapered, slightly negative dihedral low-wing mono-plane. All metal, twin motor, long pointed nose, long blunt-nosed engine nacelles, set into wings, enclosed, retractable landing gear.

Crew: 3.

Armament: 2 fixed machine guns firing forward in nose; 1 machine gun in retractable turret on top of fuselage.

Ammunition:

Bomb load:

Radio:

A armor:

Motors: 2 Fiat A. 74 RC. 38, 840 horsepower each.

Maximum

speed: 286 miles per hour.

Rate of

climb: 19,680 feet in 12 minutes.

Service

ceiling: 32,140 feet.

Range: 1,180 miles.

Wing span: 52 feet.

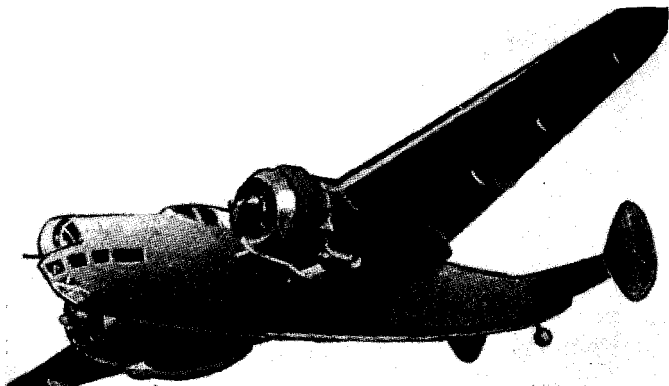
**IDENTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT**

**Bomber  
FIAT CR 25**



## MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

### ROYAL ITALIAN AIR FORCE



PIAGGIO P 32 MK II

**Description:** Round tip, tapered, dihedral, midwing monoplane. Plywood structure, long elliptical nose, twin motor, blunt-nosed engine nacelles below wings, enclosed, retractable landing gear, twin fins and rudders.

**Crew:** 3.

**Armament:** 5 machine guns in turrets above and below fuselage.

**Ammunition:**

**Bomb load:** 3,520 pounds.

**Radio:**

**Aarmor:**

**Motors:** 2 Piaggio P. XI RC. 40, 1,020 horsepower each.

**Maximum speed:** 264 miles per hour.

**Rate of climb:** 13,120 feet in 15 minutes.

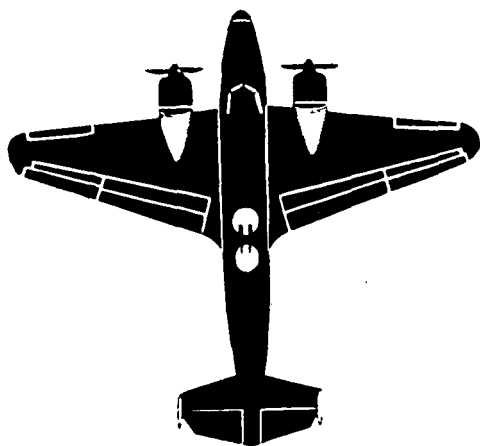
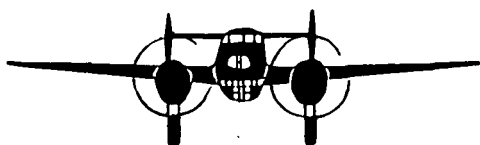
**Service ceiling:** 26,240 feet.

**Range:** 1,875 miles.

**Wing span:** 59 feet.

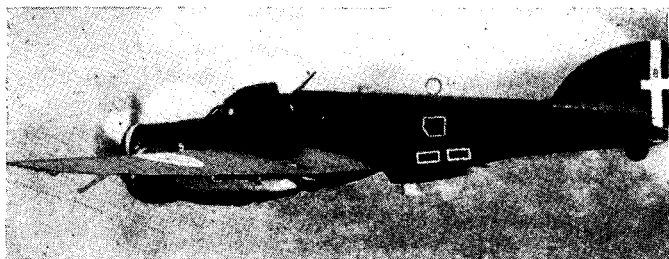
IDENTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT

Bomber  
PIAGGIO P 32 MK II



## MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

### ROYAL ITALIAN AIR FORCE



SAVOIA MARCHETTI SM 79

**Description:** Round tip, slightly swept-back, tapered, straight, low-wing monoplane. Front part of fuselage only metaled, rest plywood and fabric construction, enclosed, trimotor, long blunt-nosed fuselage, engine nacelles below wings, retractable landing gear.

**Crew:** 4.

**Armament:** 1 machine gun firing forward; 2 machine guns on movable mounts, 1 above and 1 below fuselage behind wings; 1 machine gun on sliding mount inside rear portion fuselage.

**Ammunition:**

**Bomb load:** 2,200 pounds.

**Radio:**

**Aarmor:**

**Motors:** 3 Piaggio P. XI RC. 40, 1,000 horsepower each.

**Maximum speed:** 295 miles per hour.

**Rate of climb:** 16,400 feet in 19.75 minutes.

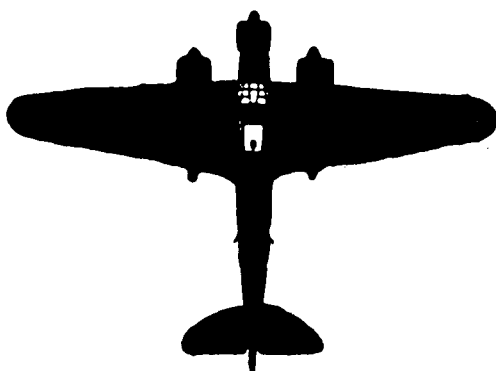
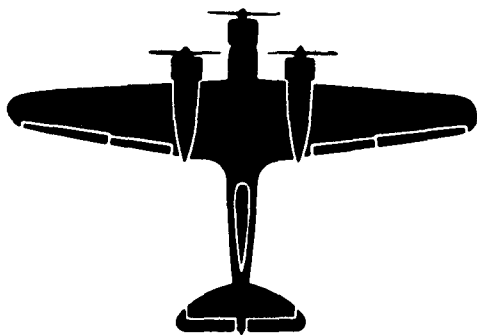
**Service ceiling:** 27,880 feet.

**Range:** 1,240 miles.

**Wing span:** 66 $\frac{1}{4}$  feet.

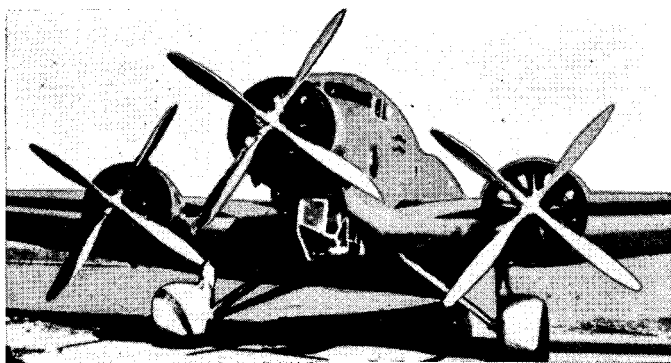
IDENTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT

Bomber-Reconnaissance  
SAVOIA MARCHETTI SM 79



MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

ROYAL ITALIAN  
AIR FORCE



SAVOIA MARCHETTI SM 81

**Description:** Round tip swept-back, dihedral, low-wing monoplane. Trimotor, long blunt nose, engine nacelles set into wing, enclosed, fixed landing gear.

**Crew:**

**Armament:** 4 7.7-mm machine guns on flexible mounts.

**Ammunition:**

**Bomb load:** 2,200 pounds.

**Radio:**

**Aarmor:**

**Motors:** 3 Piaggio P. XI RC. 40, 1,000 horsepower each.

**Maximum speed:** 202 miles per hour.

**Rate of climb:**

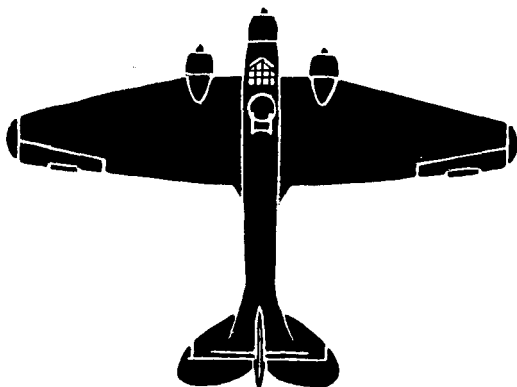
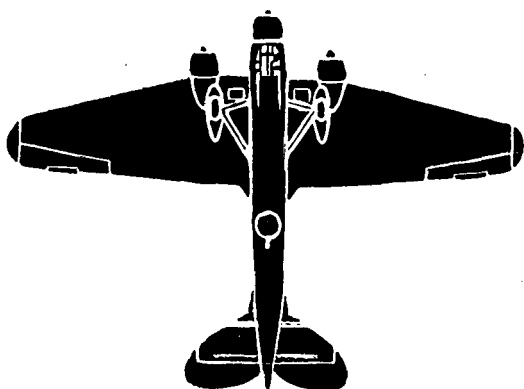
**Service ceiling:** 24,600 feet.

**Range:** 1,240 miles.

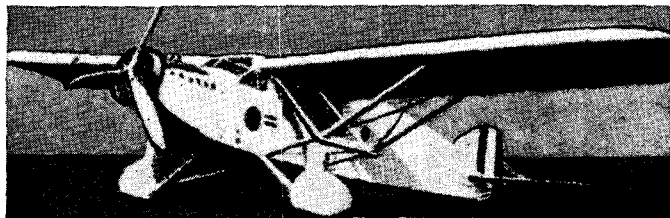
**Wing span:** 78 $\frac{2}{3}$  feet.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT

Bomber-Reconnaissance  
SAVOIA MARCHETTI SM 81



ROYAL ITALIAN  
AIR FORCE



CAPRONI CA 111

**Description:** Slightly raked tip, straight, slightly dihedral, high-wing monoplane. Fabric covering, single motor, rounded nose, fixed undercarriage; can be converted to seaplane.

**Crew:**

**Armament:** 4 7.7-mm machine guns.

**Ammunition:**

**Bomb load:** 1,100 pounds.

**Radio:**

**Armor:**

**Motors:** 1 Isotta-Fraschini Asso, 750 horsepower.

**Maximum** 180 miles per hour.

**speed:**

**Rate of**

**climb:** 9,800 feet in 14.5 minutes.

**Service**

**ceiling:** 21,300 feet.

**Range:** 620 miles.

**Wing span:** 75½ feet.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT

Reconnaissance  
CAPRONI CA 111





## MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

### ROYAL ITALIAN AIR FORCE



CAPRONI CA 310 LIBECCIO

**Description:** Round tip, slightly swept-back, tapered, slightly dihedral, low-wing monoplane. Wooden wings, fabric fuselage, twin motor, long pointed nose, transparent panels underneath, engine nacelles set into wings, retractable landing gear.

**Crew:** 3.

**Armament:** 2 fixed machine guns in wing roots; 1 flexible in retractable turret on top of fuselage.

**Ammunition:**

**Bomb load:** 880 pounds.

**Radio:**

**Armor:**

**Motors:** 2 Piaggio P. VII C. 35, 470 horsepower each.

**Maximum speed:** 230 miles per hour.

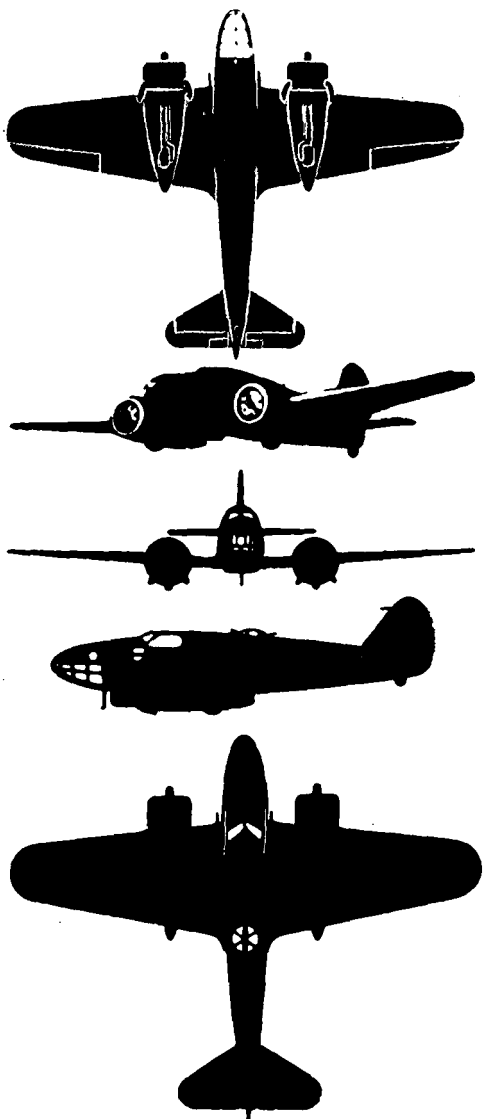
**Rate of climb:** Initially 1,000 feet per minute.

**Service ceiling:** 23,000 feet.

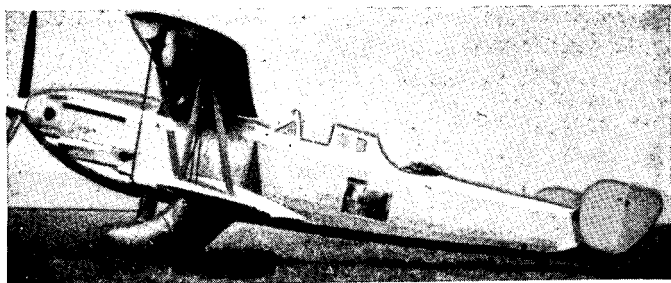
**Range:** 750 miles.

**Wing span:** 53 $\frac{1}{6}$  feet.

Reconnaissance-Bomber  
CAPRONI CA 310 LIBECCIO



ROYAL ITALIAN  
AIR FORCE



CAPRONI CA 134

Description: Round tip, staggered, straight-wing biplane.  
Single motor, long pointed nose, twin fins  
and rudders, fixed landing gear.

Crew: 2.

Armament:

Ammunition:

Bomb load:

Radio:

Armor:

Motors: 1 Isotta-Fraschini, 900 horsepower.

Maximum

speed: 242 miles per hour.

Rate of  
climb:

Service  
ceiling: 26,240 feet.

Range:

Wing span: 31¼ feet.

**IDENTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT**

**Army Cooperation  
CAPRONI CA 134**

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

ROYAL ITALIAN  
AIR FORCE



CAPRONI CA 164

Description: Round tip, straight-wing, slightly dihedral, biplane of unequal span. Single motor, long pointed nose, fixed landing gear, open cockpit.

Crew: 1.

Armament:

Ammunition:

Bomb load:

Radio:

Armor:

Motors: 1.

Maximum

speed:

Rate of

climb:

Service

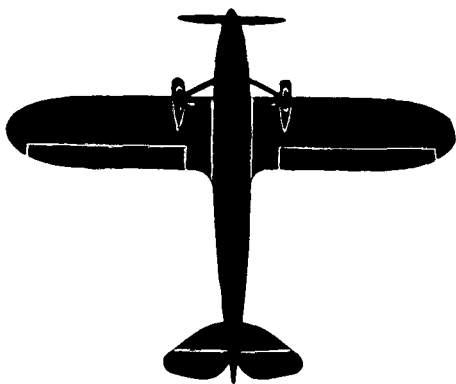
ceiling:

Range:

Wing span:

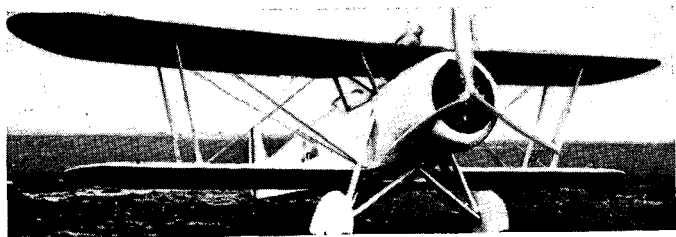
IDENTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT

Army Cooperation  
CAPRONI CA 164



## MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

### ROYAL ITALIAN AIR FORCE

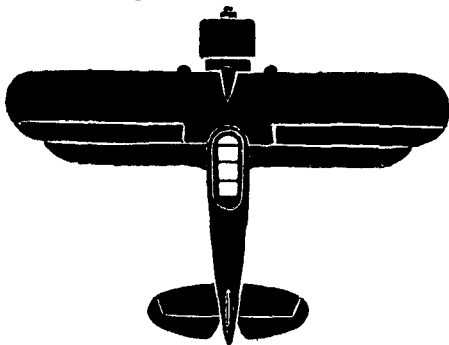
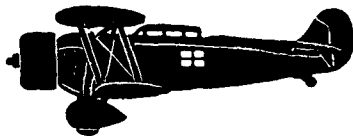
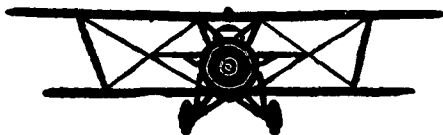
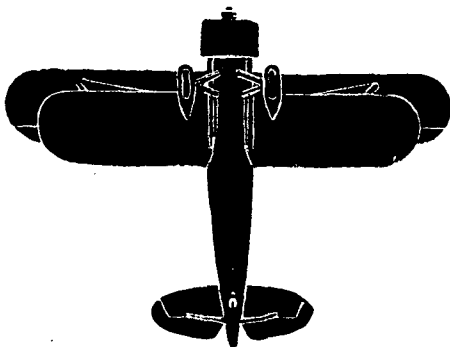


MERIDIONALI RO 37 BIS

- Description:** Round tip, straight-wing, cut-out, staggered biplane of unequal span. Fuselage partially metal, remaining structure fabric, single motor, blunt nose, enclosed cockpit, fixed landing gear.
- Crew:** 2.
- Armament:** 2 Breda-Safat machine guns fixed firing through propeller; 1 Breda-Safat on flexible mount over rear cockpit.
- Ammunition:**
- Bomb load:** 12 33-pound bombs.
- Radio:**
- Armor:**
- Motors:** 1 Piaggio P. XR, 700 horsepower, or 1 Piaggio P. IXr. C., 560 horsepower.
- Maximum speed:** 205 miles per hour.
- Rate of climb:** 19,680 feet in 16 minutes.
- Service ceiling:** 24,930 feet.
- Range:** 1,090 miles.
- Wing span:** 36 $\frac{1}{3}$  feet.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT

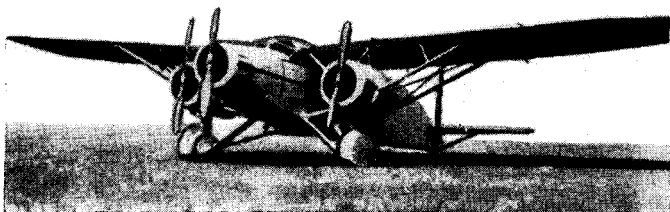
Army Cooperation  
MERIDIONALI RO 37 BIS





MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

ROYAL ITALIAN  
AIR FORCE



CAPRONI CA 133

**Description:** Raked tip, straight-wing, slightly dihedral, braced high-wing monoplane. Front part of fuselage metaled, remaining structure fabric, trimotor, long tapered nose, engine nacelles below wings, enclosed; fixed landing gear.

**Crew:** 2; 16 passengers.

**Armament:** 4 flexible 7.7-mm machine guns.

**Ammunition:**

**Bomb load:**

**Radio:**

**Aarmor:**

**Motors:** 3 Piaggio "Stella" VI RC., 370 horsepower each.

**Maximum**

**speed:** 174 miles per hour.

**Rate of**

**climb:** 16,400 feet in 21 minutes.

**Service**

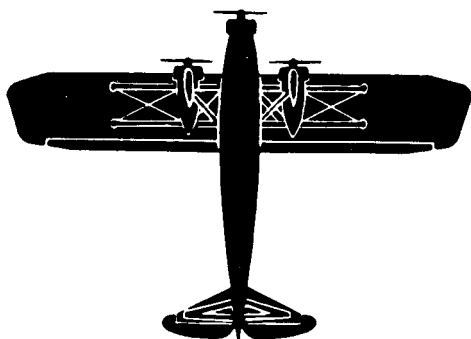
**ceiling:** 21,320 feet.

**Range:** 838 miles.

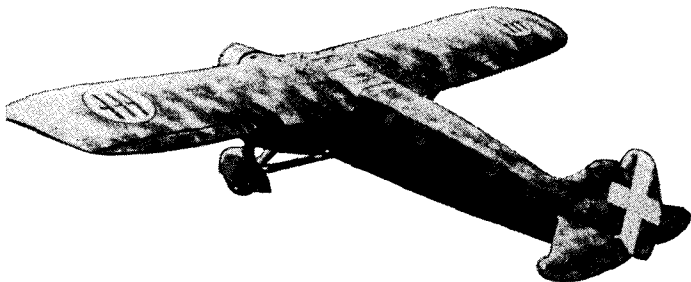
**Wing span:** 69 $\frac{2}{3}$  feet.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT

Transport  
CAPRONI CA 133



ROYAL ITALIAN  
AIR FORCE



FIAT G 18

**Description:** Round tip, slightly swept-back, tapered, dihedral low-wing monoplane. Long pointed nose, twin motor, engine nacelles set into wings, enclosed, fixed landing gear.

**Crew:** 3; 18 passengers.

**Armament:**

**Ammunition:**

**Bomb load:**

**Radio:**

**Armor:**

**Motors:** 2 Fiat, 1,000 horsepower each.

**Maximum speed:** 250 miles per hour.

**Rate of climb:**

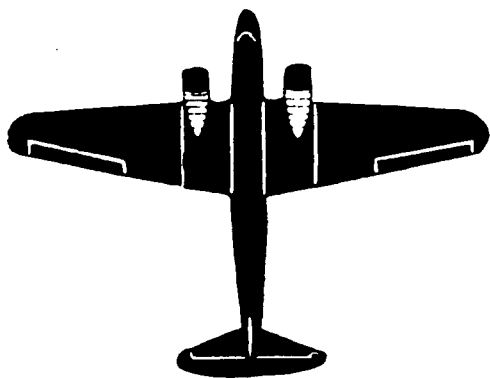
**Service ceiling:** 28,680 feet.

**Range:** 930 miles.

**Wing span:** 82 feet.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT

Transport  
FIAT G 18



MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

ROYAL ITALIAN  
AIR FORCE

SAVOIA MARCHETTI SM 73

Description: Round tip, swept-back, slightly tapered, low-wing monoplane. Long blunt nose, engine nacelles set into wings, fixed landing gear, trimotor.

Crew: 4; 18 passengers.

Armament:

Ammunition:

Bomb load:

Radio:

Armor:

Motors: 3 Alfa-Romeo, 750 horsepower each.

Maximum  
speed: 200 miles per hour.

Rate of  
climb:

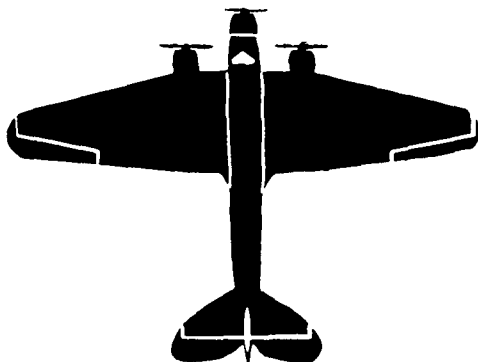
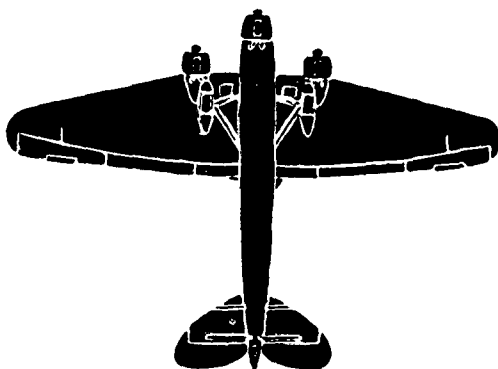
Service  
ceiling: 20,000 feet.

Range: 625-1,250 miles.

Wing span: 79 feet.

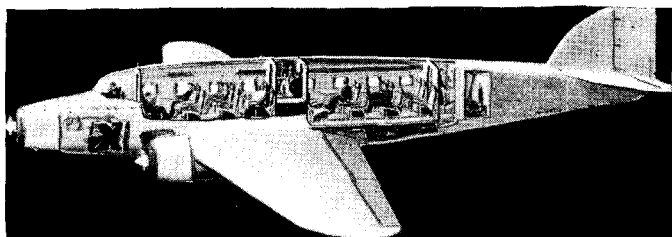
IDENTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT

Transport  
SAVOIA MARCHETTI SM 73



## MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

### ROYAL ITALIAN AIR FORCE



SAVOIA MARCHETTI SM 75

**Description:** Round tip, swept-back, tapered, low-wing monoplane. Front part of fuselage metal, remaining structure plywood and fabric, trimotor, long tapered nose, enclosed, retractable landing gear.

**Crew:** 3; 24 passengers.

**Armament:**

**Ammunition:**

**Bomb load:**

**Radio:**

**Armor:**

**Motors:** 3 Alfa-Romeo, 750 horsepower each.

**Maximum**

**speed:** 230 miles per hour.

**Rate of climb:**

**Service**

**ceiling:** 25,570 feet.

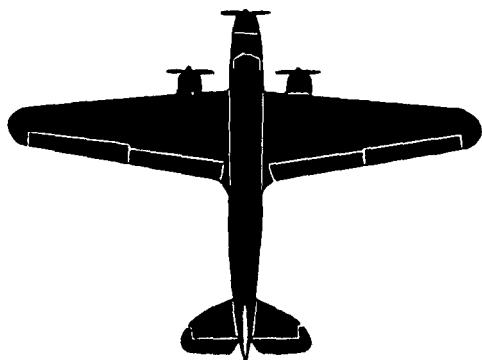
**Maximum**

**range:** 875 miles.

**Wing span:** 97½ feet.

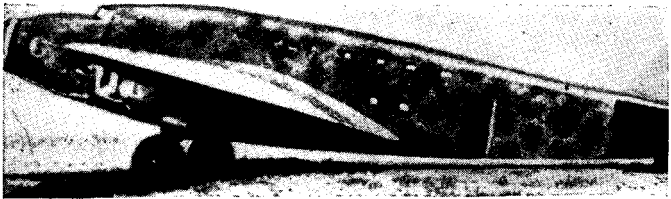
IDENTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT

Transport  
SAVOIA MARCHETTI SM 75





ROYAL ITALIAN  
AIR FORCE



SAVOIA MARCHETTI SM 82  
"MARSUPIALE"

Description: Round tip, swept-back, tapered, slightly dihedral, midwing monoplane. Trimotor, long blunt nose, engine nacelles below wing, enclosed, retractable landing gear.

Crew:

Armament:

Ammunition:

Bomb load:

Radio:

Armor:

Motors: 3, 950 horsepower each.

Maximum

speed: 230 miles per hour.

Rate of

climb:

Service

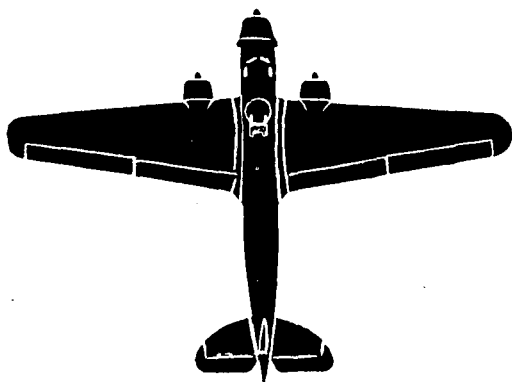
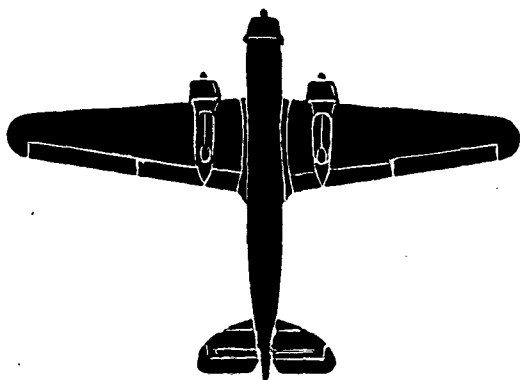
ceiling:

Range: 2,480 miles (has flown 8,040 miles in 57 hours).

Wing span: 97½ feet.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT

Transport  
SAVOIA MARCHETTI SM 82 "MARSUPIALE"



## MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

### ROYAL ITALIAN AIR FORCE

#### SAVOIA MARCHETTI SM 83

Description: Round tip, slightly swept-back, tapered, low-wing monoplane. Front part of fuselage metaled, remaining structure wood and fabric, trimotor, long blunt nose, engine nacelles below wings, enclosed, retractable landing gear.

Crew: 4; 10 passengers.

Armament:

Ammunition:

Bomb load:

Radio:

Armor:

Motors: 3 Alfa-Romeo 126 RC. 34, 750 horsepower each.

Maximum speed: 276 miles per hour.

Rate of climb: 13,120 feet in 13.5 minutes.

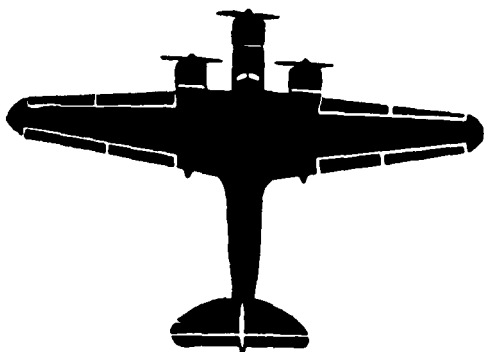
Service ceiling: 27,600 feet.

Range: 930 miles.

Wing span: 69¾ feet.

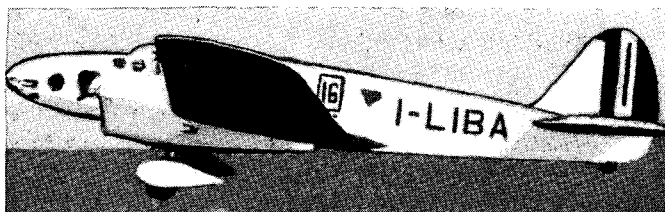
IDENTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT

Transport  
SAVOIA MARCHETTI SM 83



## MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

### ROYAL ITALIAN AIR FORCE



#### CAPRONI GHIBLI

Description: Round tip, tapered, slightly negative dihedral, low-wing monoplane. Long pointed nose, twin motor, engine nacelles below wings, enclosed, fixed landing gear.

Crew: 3.

Armament:

Ammunition:

Bomb load: 750 pounds.

Radio:

A armor:

Motors: 2 Alfa-Romeo, 200 horsepower each.

Maximum speed: 160 miles per hour.

Rate of climb:

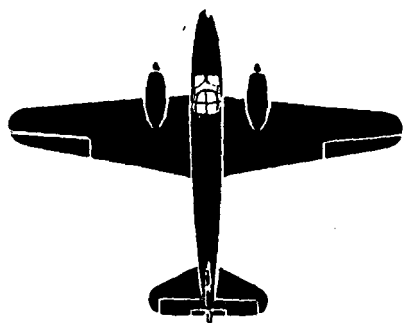
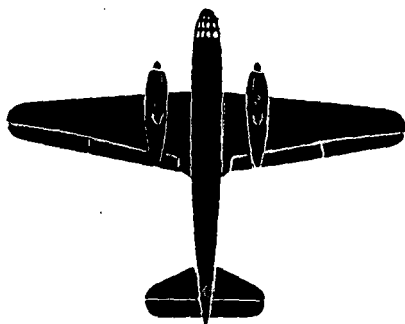
Service ceiling: 14,760 feet.

Range: 962 miles.

Wing span: 53¼ feet.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT

General Purpose  
CAPRONI GHIBLI



## MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

### ROYAL ITALIAN AIR FORCE

#### NARDI F. N. 315

Description: Round tip, distinctly swept-back and tapered,  
low-wing monoplane. Long blunt nose, single motor, enclosed, retractable landing gear.

Crew: 2.

Armament: 2 machine guns.

Ammunition:

Bomb load:

Radio:

Armor:

Motors: 1 Hirth, 260 horsepower.

Maximum speed: 240 miles per hour.

Rate of climb:

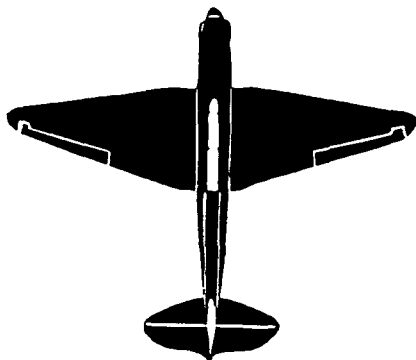
Service ceiling:

Range: 600 miles.

Wing span: 27¾ feet.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT

General Purpose  
NARDI F. N. 315





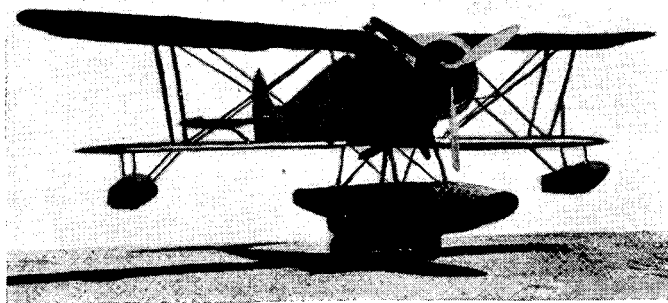


## **IDENTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT**

### **SEAPLANES**

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

ROYAL ITALIAN  
AIR FORCE



MERIDIONALI RO 44

**Description:** Round tip, gull wing, staggered biplane of unequal span with single float for catapult launching. Fuselage partially metal, remaining construction fabric, blunt-nosed, enclosed.

**Crew:** 1.

**Armament:** 2 12.7-mm Breda-Safat machine guns fixed firing through propeller.

**Ammunition:**

**Bomb load:**

**Radio:**

**Armor:**

**Motors:** 1 Piaggio P. X. R., 700 horsepower.

**Maximum**

**speed:** 190 miles per hour.

**Rate of**

**climb:** 16,400 feet in 12.5 minutes.

**Service**

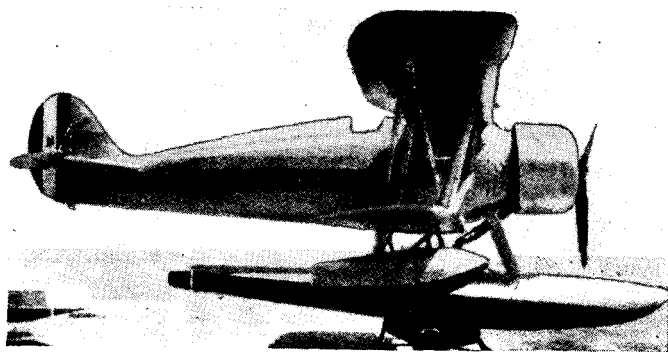
**ceiling:** 23,000 feet.

**Range:** 300 miles.

**Wing span:** 38 feet.

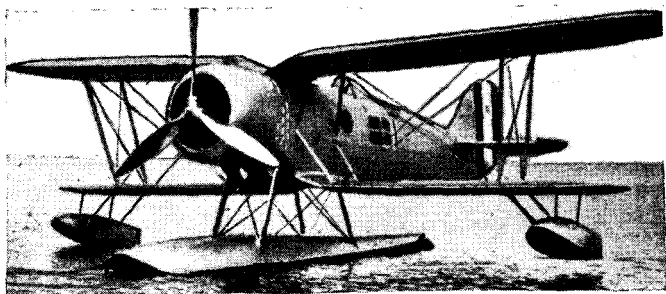
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Fighter Seaplane  
MERIDIONALI RO 44



## MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

### ROYAL ITALIAN AIR FORCE



MERIDIONALI RO 43

**Description:** Elliptical tip, straight wing, cut-out, gull-wing biplane of unequal span fitted with single float fixed for catapult launching. Fuselage partially metaled, remaining structure fabric, single motor, blunt nose, enclosed cockpit.

**Crew:** 2.

**Armament:** 2 fixed Breda-Safat machine guns firing through propeller; 1 Breda-Safat flexible over rear cockpit.

**Ammunition:**

**Bomb load:**

**Radio:**

**Aarmor:**

**Motors:** 1 Piaggio P. X. R., 700 horsepower.

**Maximum**

**speed:** 196 miles per hour.

**Rate of**

**climb:** 16,400 feet in 12.8 minutes.

**Service**

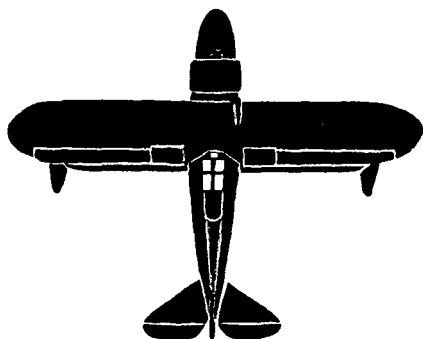
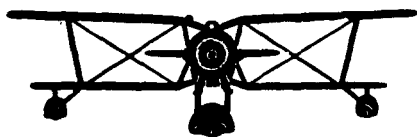
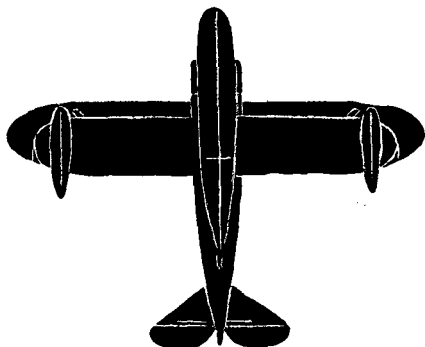
**ceiling:** 21,650 feet.

**Range:** 930 miles.

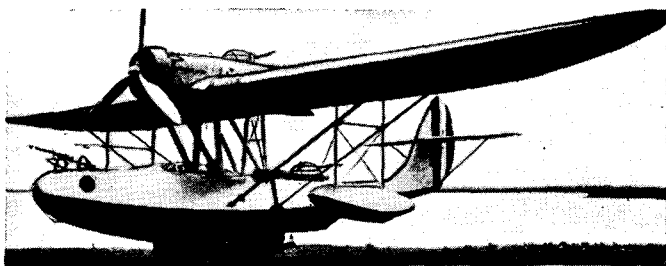
**Wing span:** 38 feet.

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Fighter Reconnaissance Seaplane  
MERIDIONALI RO 43



ROYAL ITALIAN  
AIR FORCE



CANT Z 501

**Description:** Elliptical, straight, high-wing monoplane flying boat. Semicircular two step hull of wood, fabric wings, enclosed, single motor, engine nacelle above hull set into and above wing.

**Crew:** 4.

**Armament:** 1 machine gun in nose cockpit; 2 in engine nacelle position; 1 in rear cockpit.

**Ammunition:**

**Bomb load:** 1,100 pounds.

**Radio:**

**Armor:**

**Motors:** 1 Isotta-Fraschini Asso-XI RC. 15, 840 horsepower.

**Maximum speed:** 170 miles per hour.

**Rate of climb:** 13,120 feet in 16 minutes.

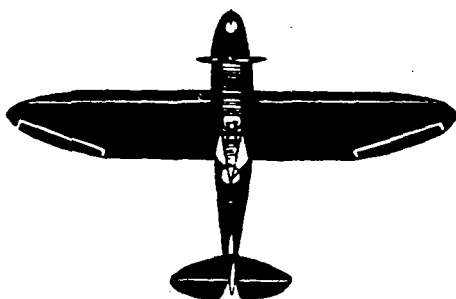
**Service ceiling:**

**Range:** 620 miles.

**Wing span:** 74 feet.

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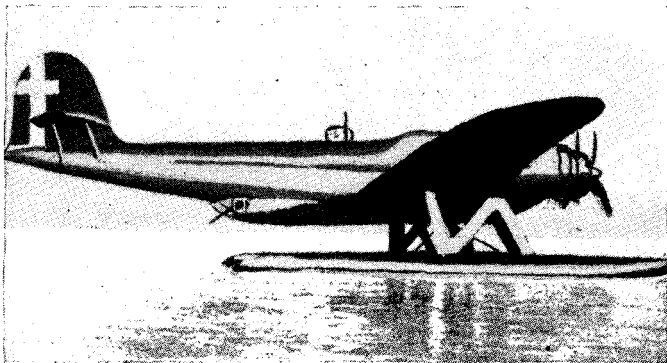
Reconnaissance-Bomber Flying Boat  
CANT Z 501





MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

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AIR FORCE



CANT Z 506B

**Description:** Elliptical tip, tapered, dihedral midwing monoplane fitted with twin single-step metal floats. Wooden construction, trimotor, short blunt nose, long bulge under fuselage, engine nacelles set into wing.

**Crew:** 6.

**Armament:** 4 Breda-Safat 12.7-mm machine guns.

**Ammunition:** 350 rounds per gun.

**Bomb load:**

**Radio:**

**Armor:**

**Motors:** 3 Alfa-Romeo 126 RC. 34, 750 horsepower each.

**Maximum speed:** 236 miles per hour.

**Rate of climb:** Initially 820 feet per minute.

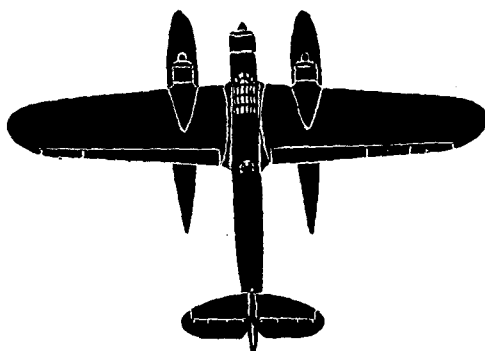
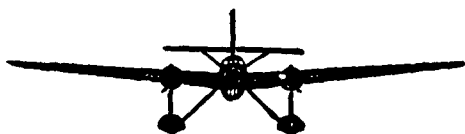
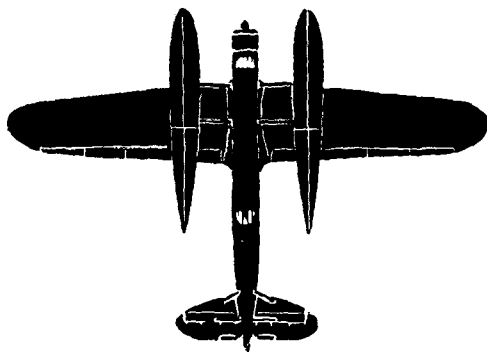
**Service ceiling:** 24,500 feet.

**Range:** 1,240 miles.

**Wing span:** 87 feet.

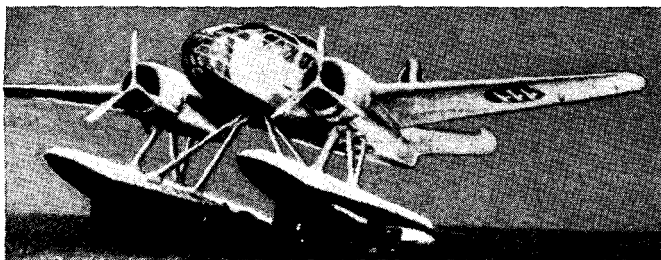
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Reconnaissance-Bomber Seaplane  
CANT Z 506B



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AIR FORCE



CAPRONI CA 312 BIS

**Description:** Round tip, tapered, dihedral, low-wing monoplane fitted with two long single-step metal floats. Fabric fuselage, wood wings, twin motor, rounded fuselage with transparent nose, enclosed, engine nacelles set into wings. May be used to drop torpedoes.

**Crew:** 3.

**Armament:** 1 fixed 7.7-mm machine gun mounted on left wing; 1 flexible 7.7-mm machine gun in revolving turret on top of fuselage.

**Ammunition:**

**Bomb load:**

**Radio:** Two-way.

**Armor:**

**Motors:** 2 Piaggio P XVI, 630 horsepower each.

**Maximum speed:** 248 miles per hour.

**Rate of climb:** 13,120 feet in 13 minutes.

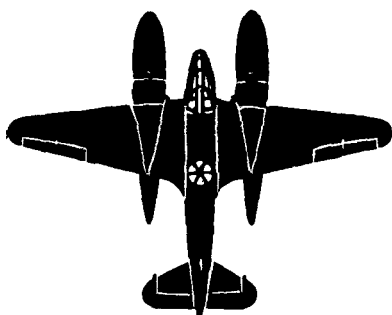
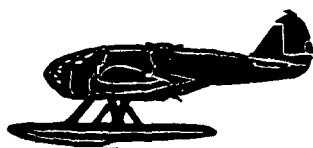
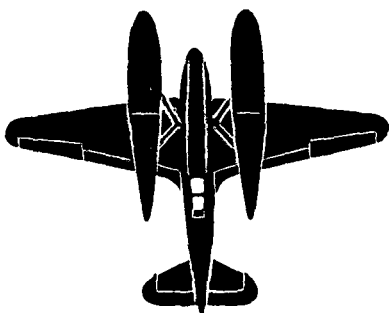
**Service ceiling:** 19,680 feet.

**Range:** 560 miles.

**Wing span:** 54 feet.

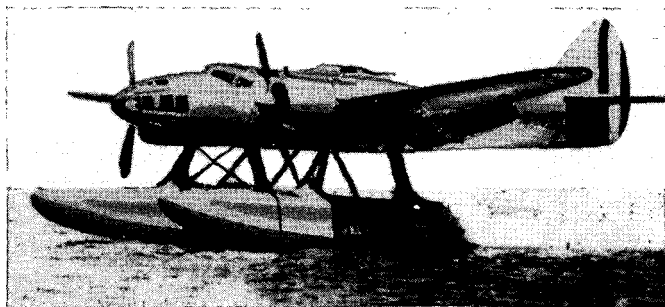
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CAPRONI CA 312 BIS



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FIAT R. S. 14

Description: Round tip, tapered, dihedral, midwing monoplane fitted with twin metal floats. All metal, twin motor, long pointed nose with transparent section, enclosed, engine nacelles set into wings.

Crew:

Armament:

Ammunition:

Bomb load:

Radio:

A armor:

Motors: 2.

Maximum

speed:

Rate of

climb:

Service

ceiling:

Range:

Wing span:

**IDENTIFICATION OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT**

**Reconnaissance-Bomber Seaplane  
FIAT R. S. 14**

