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return from the target and affects the signal return from background i.e., the vegetation and terrain surface and subsurface materials.

Temperature data given include mean temperatures and diurnal temperature variations. Precipitation data include monthly mean precipitation, precipitation rates, rainfall frequency and duration. Data are given on cloud types, fractional sky cover, and various types of statistics on cloud obscuration. Data on fog frequency and visibility provide further information affecting target obscuration. Representative weather sequences are also tabulated for use in scenarios.



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## INTRODUCTION

The objective of the minefield detection project is to determine the effectiveness of various methods of detecting and identifying mines, minefields, minelaying equipment, or minelaying operations, and to recommend continuing effort on the most promising methods.

Work under the project concerned with each of the concepts to be investigated is being performed in a sequence of four major tasks: (1) identification and screening of promising techniques; (2) preliminary systems analysis and definition of experimental or other data acquisition systems; (3) acquisition of critical data through experiment, literature survey, or access to SCI; and (4) evaluation of conceptual systems for technical and military usefulness.

The performance of mine detection sensor/carrier-vehicle combinations and the tactics which will be employed in scenarios representative of anticipated combat situations are heavily influenced by the climate and terrain in which the systems are to be employed. This report has been prepared to provide a unified and consistent documentation of those climatic characteristics which are needed for the analysis and evaluation of candidate mine detection systems.

The generic types of sensors which are being studied in the project as well as specific sensors representing these generic types have been selected through an identification and screening task which is discussed in Ref. 18. The identification and screening task has been conducted with reference to four scenarios which have been defined by BDM Corp. These scenarios are typical examples of doctrine, tactics, and methods of Soviet use, together with typical equipments, time frames and areas involved.

The technical implications of these scenarios which impact on the use of climate and terrain data may be summarized as follows:

1. Weather and terrain to be considered in technical screening and analysis are those typical of the North German Plain, the Fulda Gap and Hof Corridor.
2. There is a predominance of surface mines and minefields in the scenarios, but buried mines and minefields must also be considered.
3. Since the Soviet forces have a 24-hour fighting capability and the in-place times for the offensive minefields is relatively short, the sensors should ideally have a capability to operate both day and night.
4. An all-weather sensor capability is highly desirable in view of the short in-place times of the offensive minefields.

In the process of analyzing and evaluating minefield detection systems, both climate and terrain characteristics have a significant influence on system performance. These characteristics influence both the sensor/carrier-vehicle performance and the combat tactics. This report is particularly concerned with those aspects of climate which affect the sensor performance.

Figure 1-1 illustrates the general procedure used in the analysis of candidate minefield detection systems. The statistics of mine and minefield detection refer only to those areas actually observed by the sensor. It is necessary to account for areas not covered by the sensor because of obscuration by the terrain, vegetation, weather, etc. This characteristic is referred to here as target accessibility. A preliminary definition of target accessibility will be used for purposes of generic screening. After specific sensors have been selected for analysis, target accessibility will be defined separately for each candidate.

Climate and terrain affect sensor performance in two major ways:

1. They affect the accessibility of the target, that is, the ability of the sensor to obtain a useful signal return from the target. Weather primarily affects the transmission of radiation through the atmosphere, while topography and vegetative cover also affect target accessibility by interfering with the line-of-sight between target and sensor. (Accessibility of the target will also be affected by the extent of area coverage provided by the sensor, but this effect is not discussed in this report.)

2. They affect the signal return from the background, i.e., the vegetation and terrain surface and subsurface materials. Vegetation cover and topography affect the signal return of both optical and microwave sensors. Temperature and precipitation affect the background return in the visible and infrared wavelengths, and precipitation affects the soil moisture content which in turn affects the signal return in the microwave regions. Conditions which reduce the contrast between target and background or which increase background clutter will have the effect of degrading sensor performance.

The types of information on climate needed for sensor performance analysis include much of the information normally documented and used in climatic studies. Certain additional types of information are of special interest for sensor analysis.

The tabular and graphic data contained in this report can be adapted for use in analytical modeling of sensor performance to support the technical and operational evaluation of a variety of sensor/carrier vehicle combinations. Although prepared primarily for use in evaluating minefield detection sensor systems, the data are sufficiently general that they can be used for any other sensor applications. In addition, the effects of weather on combat tactics in West Germany can also be modeled using the weather data base contained herein.

Table 1-1 lists the major categories of weather data presented in the following sections of this report. Some of these categories are presented in more than one table, showing its relation to various other parameters, such as altitude, or using various methods of expressing probability. In all cases, the tables and figures show the variation of the parameters with respect to month or season in order to indicate seasonal effects. Also included in the Table 1-1 for most of the parameters listed are indications of the application of the data to technical and operational analysis of sensor performance and utility.

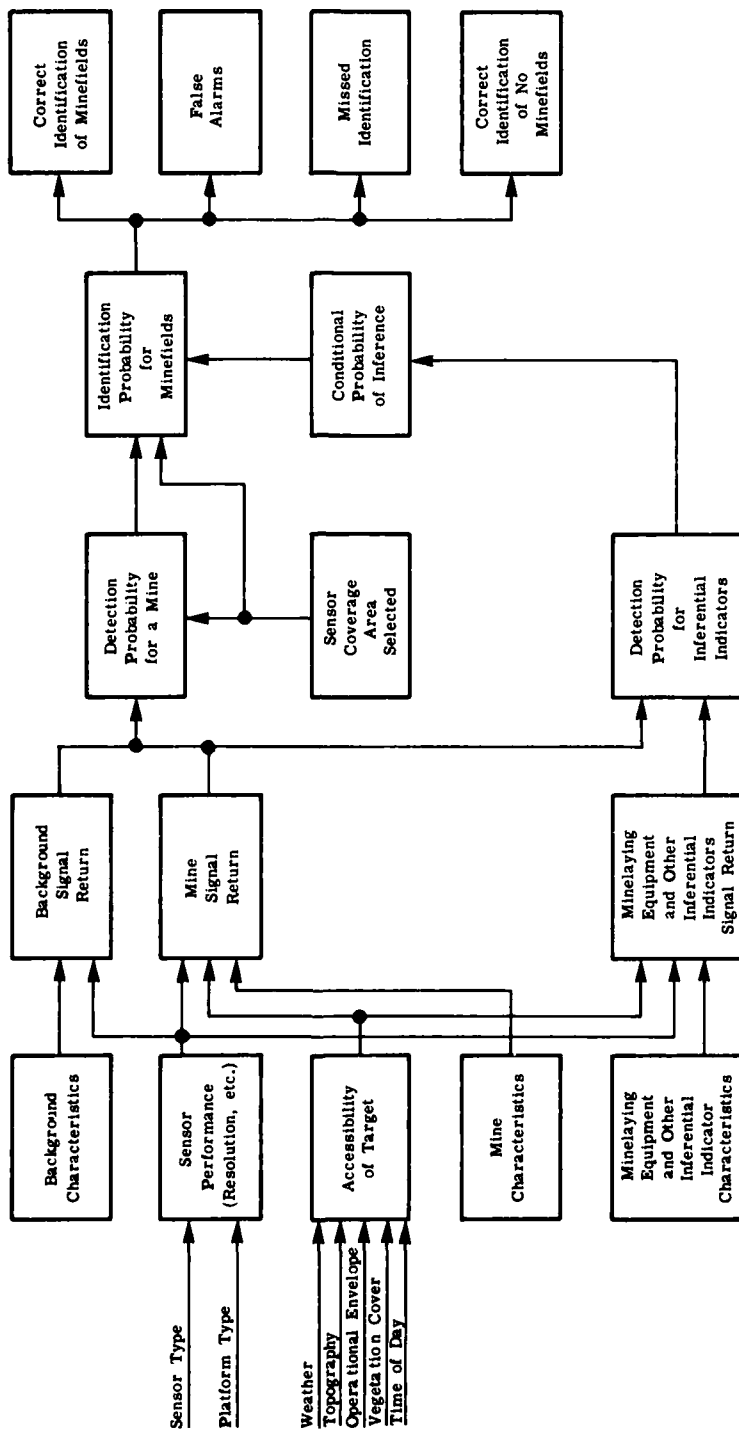


FIGURE 1-1. MINEFIELD DETECTION PROCESS





TABLE 1-1. TYPES OF DATA PRESENTED

<u>PARAMETER</u>	<u>APPLICATION</u>
<u>Temperature</u>	
Monthly mean temperature	
Daily minimum temperature	Thermal IR sensor analysis
Diurnal and day-to-day temperature variations	Thermal IR sensor analysis
<u>Precipitation</u>	
Monthly mean precipitation	
Rain	Soil moisture content
Snow	Terrain background
Days precipitation per month	Mission availability
Thunderstorm frequency	Mission availability
Precipitation rate	Target obscuration (microwave)
Water concentrations within precipitation region at various altitudes	Target obscuration (microwave)
Rainfall duration	Mission delay
<u>Sky Cover</u>	
Fractional sky cover	Target obscuration (optical)
Vertical distribution of cloud cover	Aircraft altitude selection
Clear/partly cloudy/cloudy days	Target obscuration (optical)
Cloud types	
Cloud obscuration vs. depression angle	Flight path selection
Water content of clouds	Target obscuration (microwave)
Sky cover duration	Mission delay
<u>Fog</u>	
Frequency of fog, by month	Target obscuration (optical)
Frequency of fog (day/night)	Target obscuration (optical)
Effect of fog type on ceiling and visibility	Target obscuration (optical)

TABLE 1-1. TYPES OF DATA PRESENTED (Cont.)

<u>PARAMETER</u>	<u>APPLICATION</u>
<u>Visibility</u>	
Frequency of Visibility, by month	Target obscuration (optical)
Ceiling/visibility duration	Mission delay
<u>Other</u>	
Monthly precipitation-temperature relations	
Air mass incidence and statistics	Weather modelling
Height of 500 mB atmospheric pressure surface	Weather modelling
Representative weather sequences	Scenario for operational analysis

## GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF GERMAN CLIMATE

## 2.1 Significant Climate Characteristics

Atmospheric effects can degrade or deny remote electromagnetic sensing from airborne platforms. Man contributes to some in the form of smoke or smog but most are natural in origin consisting generally of water in the liquid or solid phase.\* These are represented by some form of cloud or fog and by falling or fallen precipitation. Meteorological phenomena may be severe enough to deny operation of the vehicle as well as degrading the performance of its sensors. Airborne vehicle operation can be hampered by high winds and turbulence as well as the phenomena already mentioned.

Several characteristics of a region and its climate impact the incidence of these weather phenomena. The "continentality" of a region influences the amount of water to be expected in the atmosphere. The temperature influences the amount and form of condensation and precipitation of that water. Temperature inversions influence cloud levels and smoke and haze build up. Air stability impacts atmospheric clarity and cloud forms. The topography influences cloud forms, precipitation, and turbulence. Proximity to the mean position of the polar front helps determine the frequency of its exposure to frontal weather patterns and cyclonic storm activity.

Regrettably, most climatological references concentrate on the data which are less applicable or presented in less useful forms. The three most-reported climatological parameters are mean monthly pressure, mean monthly temperature, and mean monthly precipitation. To the temperature data we would wish to have added the mean daily

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\*One notable exception is the dust storm. Dust storms are not a significant problem in middle Europe however.

minimum and maximum for each month. We would also add the frequency of encountering days in which a significant amount of precipitation occurred and the statistics of duration and intensity of the rain for the rainy days. Distinctions should also be drawn between the shower activity associated with cumuliform clouds and the extended rain associated with the stratiform clouds.

Cloud cover is normally reported as a mean value of dawn-to-dusk percent sky cover. Cloudiness appears to be bimodally distributed, however, and we often find fewer days with percent cloudiness near the monthly average than clear days and heavily overcast days. For example with 50% mean cloudiness in January we would expect to find 12 clear days, 10 cloudy days, and only 9 partly cloudy days.

For many airborne sensors the height of cloud layers is of critical importance since if reasonably high, they may be under-flown. But clouds often form in decks and we define "ceiling" as the height above ground level of the base of the lowest cloud deck which, combined with all lower clouds, obscures more than 50% of the sky. An unlimited ceiling means only that at least 50% of the sky is unobscured. Thus a ceiling reported as being above the desired operational altitude of a given platform (or even reported unlimited) may be an accurate description of a situation in which 40% of the terrain is denied by a partial low-altitude cloud deck.

The usual reports of visibility present similar problems. Horizontal visibility near the surface is routinely reported and recorded. For airborne sensor applications we would prefer visibility as a function of elevation angle or horizontal visibility as a function of altitude. Some measure other than visibility might also be preferable for describing the scattering/attenuation phenomena involved.

## 2.2 West German Climatology

Germany's topography along with that of its neighbors and its geographic placement dictate its particular climatic patterns. Its high latitude is considerably compensated by its proximity to large bodies of water to the north and west, especially to the Atlantic Ocean with its warming currents. There are no intervening highlands to block the flow of maritime air masses from these bodies of water. The mountain ranges (Alps, Pyrenees, etc.) partially isolate it from Saharan or Mediterranean influences. Thus its weather is primarily associated with those maritime influences and only occasionally (but dramatically) with the dry continental air masses from the great Russo-Siberian land mass.

Mean annual range of mean monthly temperatures is a reasonable index of continentality.\* Figures 2-1 and 2-2 show the general temperature pattern to be expected in Central Europe in January and July. These show the impact of the maritime air masses. The effect of the west-to-east increasing continentality may be seen even more dramatically in Figure 2-3.

The general topography of Germany modifies the pattern shown in Figures 2-1 through 2-3. Figure 2-4 outlines these German regions of topographic significance. Figures 2-5 through 2-7 indicate the nature of that modification on temperature and precipitation. Table 2-1 gives temperature data for specific locations in Europe and the maxima and minima are mapped in Figure 2-8.

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\*This is not a primary index of continentality. Any standard reference on general climatology will provide good measures for this purpose (e.g. Ref. 1 or 3).

### 2.3 Selection of Climatic Zones for Systems Analysis

Various studies have used different divisions of Germany to try to better describe its climatic variations. Some U.S. Air Force documents\* use the following climatic regions:

- 1.) Northern Lowland
- 2.) Rhine Valley
- 3.) Central Mountain Chain
- 4.) Eifel Mountain Range
- 5.) Southern Plateau
- 6.) Bavarian Alps

These regions are shown in Figure 2-9a. The report cited notes, however, that there is no one station that can be considered representative of any one area. Figure 2-9b shows another set of zones which is sometimes used but it is even less satisfactory than the first.

There is an E. German Climatic Atlas [ref. 5] that provides a sufficiently fine-grained analysis for our purpose. This is shown in Figure 2-10. Note that it conforms very well to the German topography as shown in Figure 2-11. The climatology of each of these regions can be fairly typified by a single weather station. The three regions for our study are suggested by the length and breadth of the arrows in Figure 2-10. These advances and the climatic regions are shown in more detail in Figures 2-12, 2-13, and 2-14.

For each of these study regions, Table 2-2 lists the primary climatic zones which are certain to be penetrated and nearby secondary zones which might be penetrated. Table 2-3 lists some of the stations which can be used to characterize each of these zones.

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\*e.g. "Meteorological Aspects of All-Weather Interdiction in the Latter 80's", office of the Staff Meteorological, U.S.A.F.A.D.T.C., Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. Nov. 1978

Note that 7c is the one primary climatic zone present in all three regions. For some purposes we can reasonably use 7c to typify our climate. On the other hand, we see that 5a is really the predominant zone in the North German Plain attack region, 9b in the Hof region and that 7c is predominant only in the Fulda advance region and then, not overwhelmingly so.

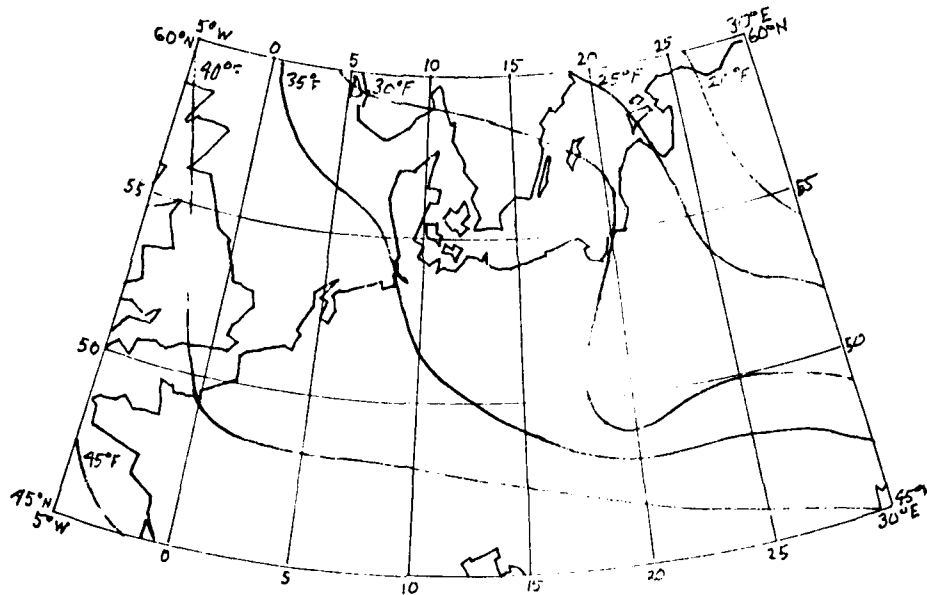


FIGURE 2-1. JANUARY MEAN SEA LEVEL ISOTHERMS (Detroit = 28° F.) (Ref. 1)

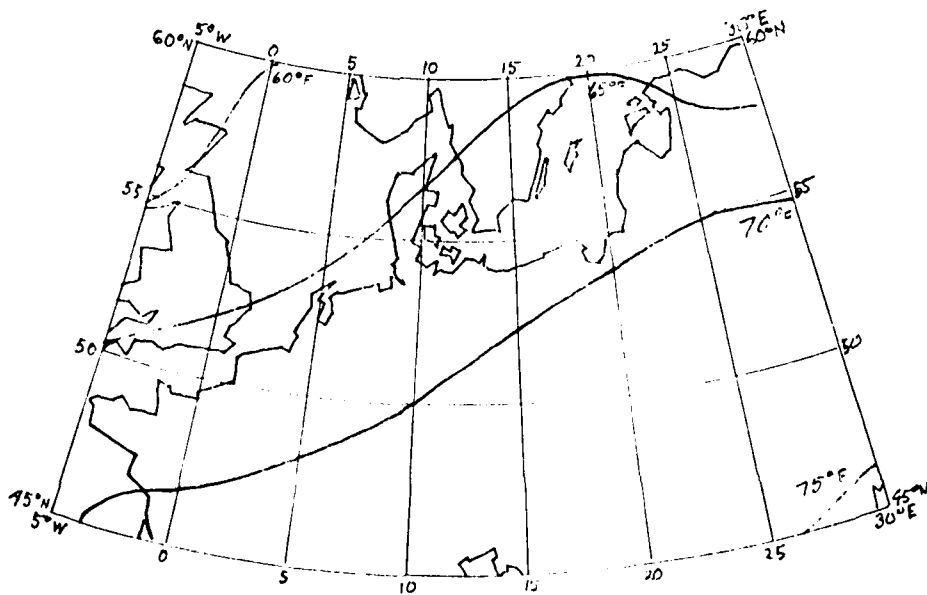


FIGURE 2-2. JULY MEAN SEA LEVEL ISOTHERMS (Detroit = 73° F.) (Ref. 1)



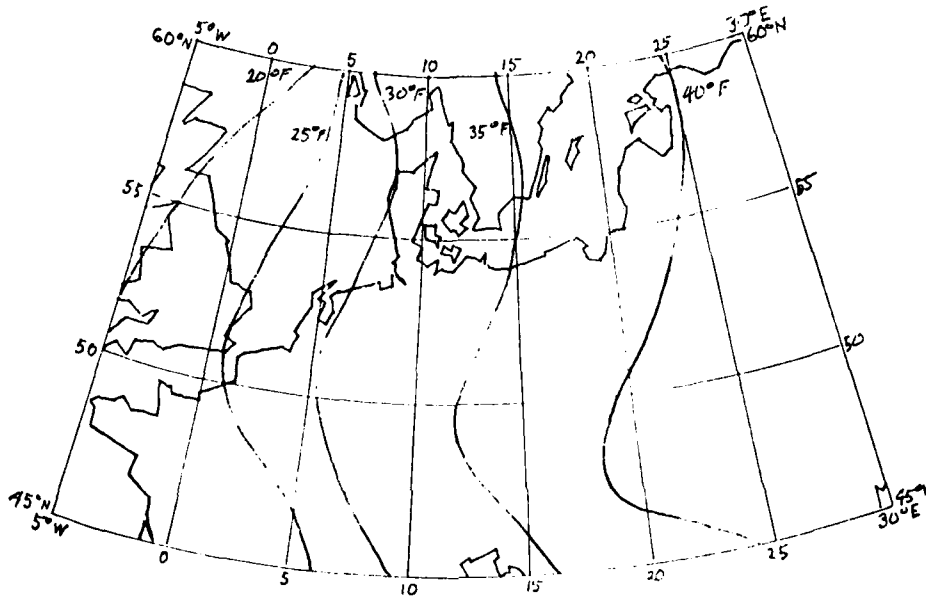


FIGURE 2-3. MEAN ANNUAL RANGE OF MEAN MONTHLY TEMPERATURE  
(Detroit = 45° F.) (Ref. 1)

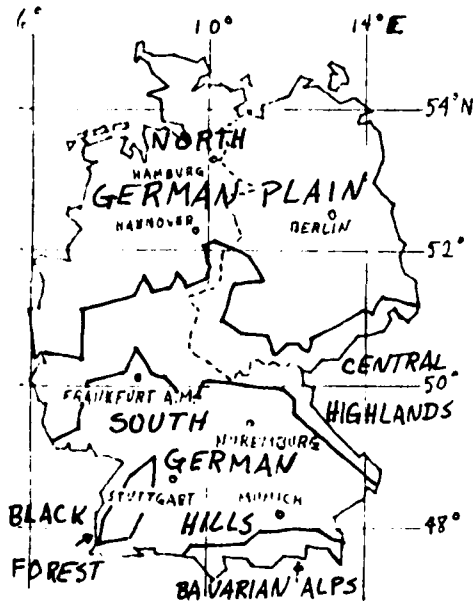


FIGURE 2-4. TOPOGRAPHIC REGIONS OF GERMANY (Ref. 2)

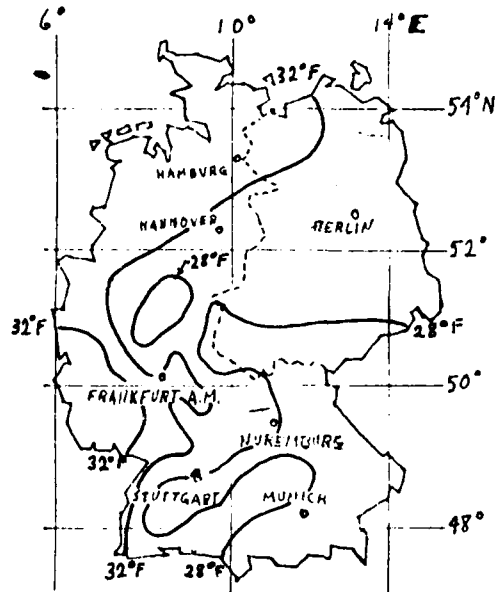


FIGURE 2-5. MEAN GERMAN TEMPERATURES, JANUARY (°F.) (Ref. 2)

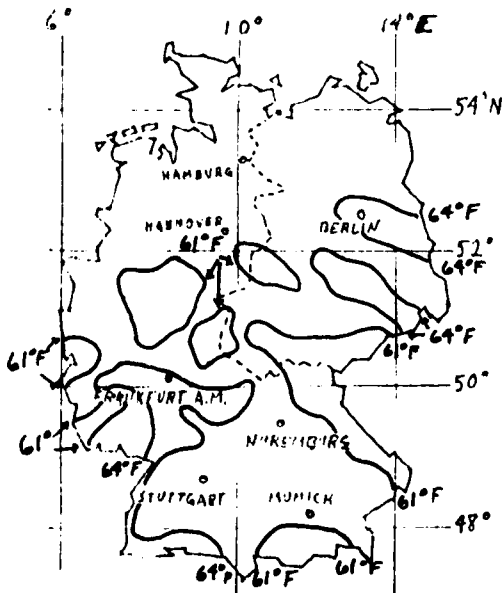


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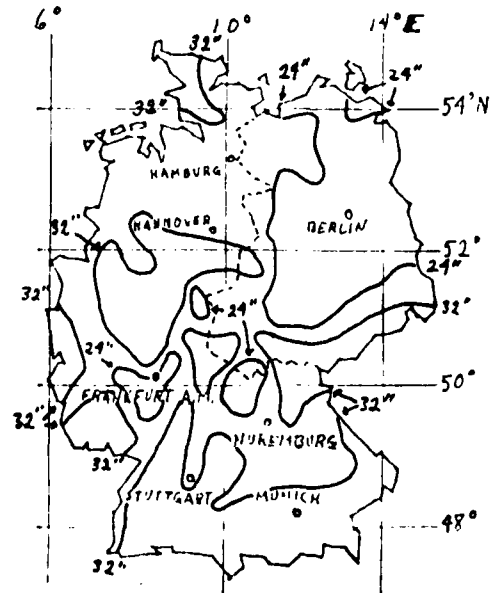
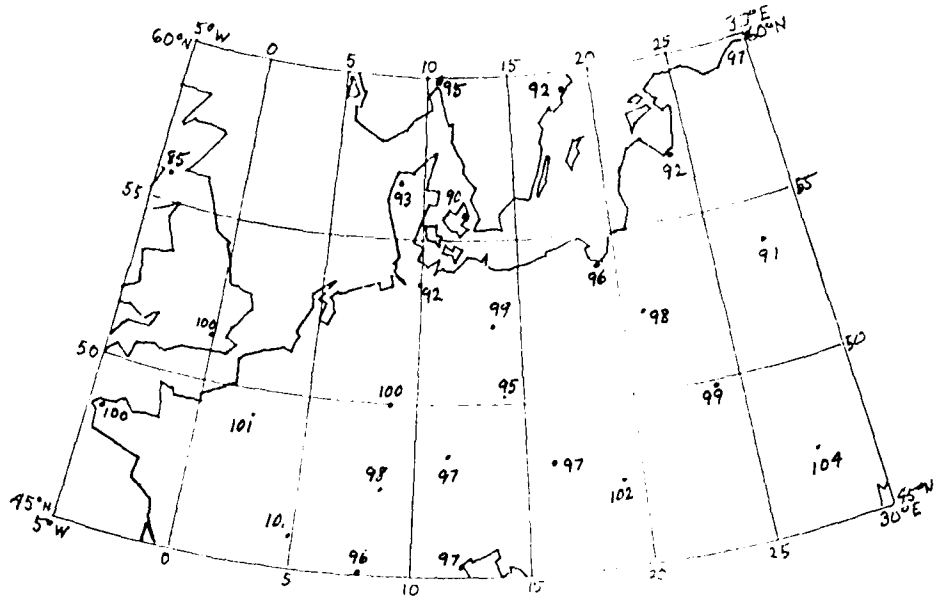
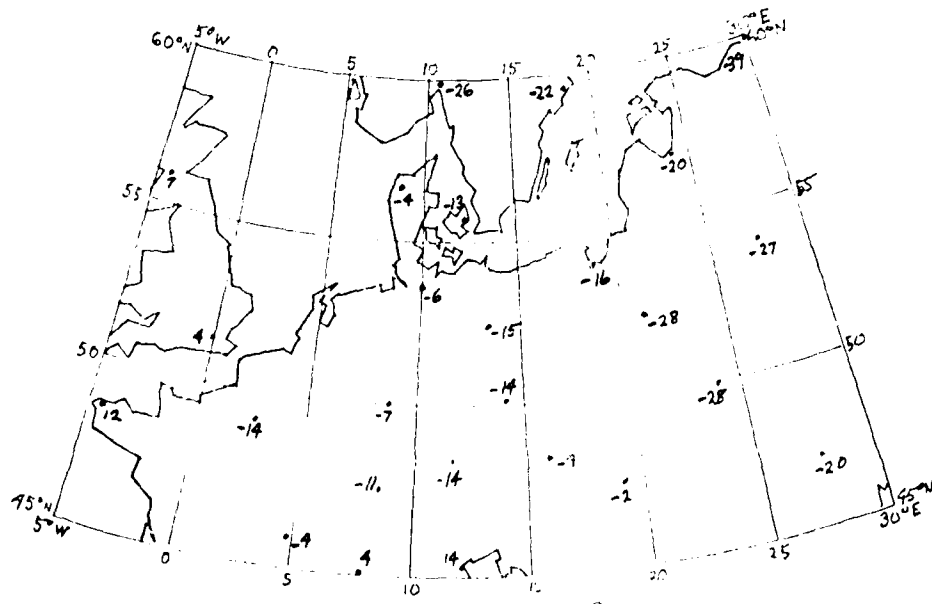


FIGURE 2-7. MEAN GERMAN PRECIPITATION, ANNUAL (inches) (Ref. 2)



a) (MAX) (Detroit = 105°F.)



b) (MIN) (Detroit = -24°F.)

FIGURE 2-8. TEMPERATURE EXTREMES (°F.)

TABLE 2-1. SELECTED EUROPEAN TEMPERATURES [ $^{\circ}$ F] (Ref. 4)  
( $5^{\circ}$ W- $30^{\circ}$ E) x ( $45^{\circ}$ N- $60^{\circ}$ N)

	Jan. Mean	Absolute Minimum	Difference	July Mean	Absolute Maximum	Difference	July-Jan.	Max.-Min.
Austria Vienna	31.9	-4.0	35.9	65.8	97.0	31.2	33.9	101.0
Britain Glasgow	38.6	7.0	31.6	58.0	85.0	27.0	19.4	78.0
London	38.5	4.0	34.5	63.5	100.0	36.5	25.0	96.0
Bulgaria Sofia	28.4	-24.0	52.4	69.1	102.0	32.9	40.7	126.0
Czechoslovakia Prague	30.0	-14.0	44.0	66.6	95.0	28.4	36.6	109.0
Denmark Copenhagen	30.5	-13.0	43.5	61.8	90.0	28.2	31.3	103.0
Vestervig	34.0	-4.0	38.0	60.2	93.0	32.8	26.2	97.0
France Brest	44.9	12.0	32.9	64.2	100.0	35.8	19.3	88.0
Lyon	35.4	-4.0	39.4	69.4	101.0	31.6	34.0	105.0
Paris	37.8	-14.0	51.8	65.6	101.0	35.4	27.8	115.0
Germany Berlin	30.2	-15.0	45.2	64.4	99.0	34.6	34.2	114.0
Danzig	28.8	-16.0	44.8	63.6	96.0	32.4	34.8	112.0
Frankfurt AM	32.4	-7.0	39.4	66.4	100.0	33.6	34.0	107.0
Hamburg	31.7	-6.0	37.7	62.6	92.0	29.4	30.9	98.0
Munich	28.2	-14.0	42.2	64.2	97.0	32.8	36.0	111.0
Hungary Budapest	31.6	-2.0	33.6	70.4	102.0	31.6	38.8	104.0
Italy Turin	33.2	4.0	29.2	72.8	96.0	23.2	39.6	92.0
Venice	35.8	14.0	21.8	75.3	97.0	21.7	39.5	83.0

TABLE 2-1. SELECTED EUROPEAN TEMPERATURES [ $^{\circ}$ F] (Ref. 4) (Cont.)  
( $5^{\circ}$ W- $30^{\circ}$ E) x ( $45^{\circ}$ N- $60^{\circ}$ N)

	<u>Jan. Mean</u>	<u>Absolute Minimum</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>July Mean</u>	<u>Absolute Maximum</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>July-Jan.</u>	<u>Max.-Min.</u>
Latvia								
Riga	24.3	-20.0	44.3	64.8	92.0	27.2	40.0	112.0
Netherlands								
Amsterdam	37.5	4.0	33.5	63.0	91.0	27.0	25.5	87.0
Norway								
Oslo	24.1	-26.0	50.1	62.6	95.0	32.4	38.5	121.0
Poland								
Lemburg	25.2	-28.0	53.2	66.2	99.0	32.8	41.0	127.0
Warsaw	25.7	-28.0	53.7	65.4	98.0	32.6	39.7	126.0
Rumania								
Jassy	25.8	-20.0	45.8	70.4	104.0	35.6	44.6	124.0
Sweden								
Stockholm	26.6	-22.0	48.6	62.6	92.0	29.4	36.0	114.0
Switzerland								
Zurich	31.5	-11.0	42.5	64.8	98.0	33.2	33.3	109.0
USSR								
Leningrad	18.3	-39.0	57.3	63.5	97.0	33.5	45.2	136.0
Minsk	19.8	-27.0	46.8	63.5	91.0	27.5	43.7	118.0
Range								
Maximum	44.9	14.0	57.3	75.3	104.0	36.5	45.2	136.0
Minimum	18.3	-39.0	21.8	58.0	85.0	21.7	19.3	78.0
Mean	30.8	-11.2	41.9	65.4	96.4	31.1	34.6	107.6

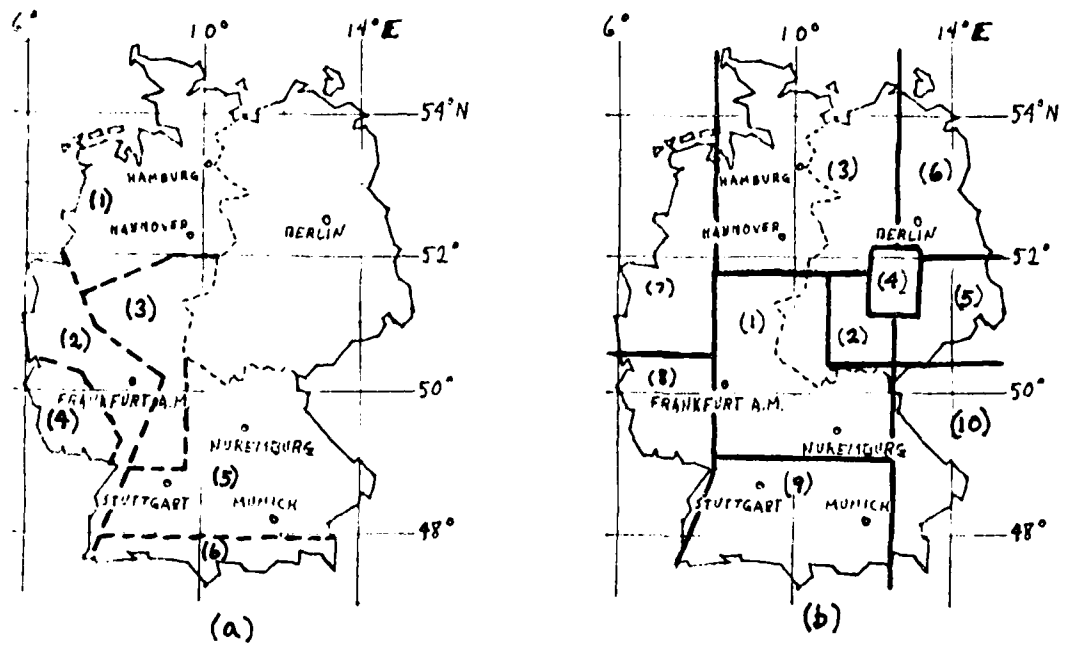


FIGURE 2-9. COARSE CLIMATIC DIVISIONS OF W. GERMANY

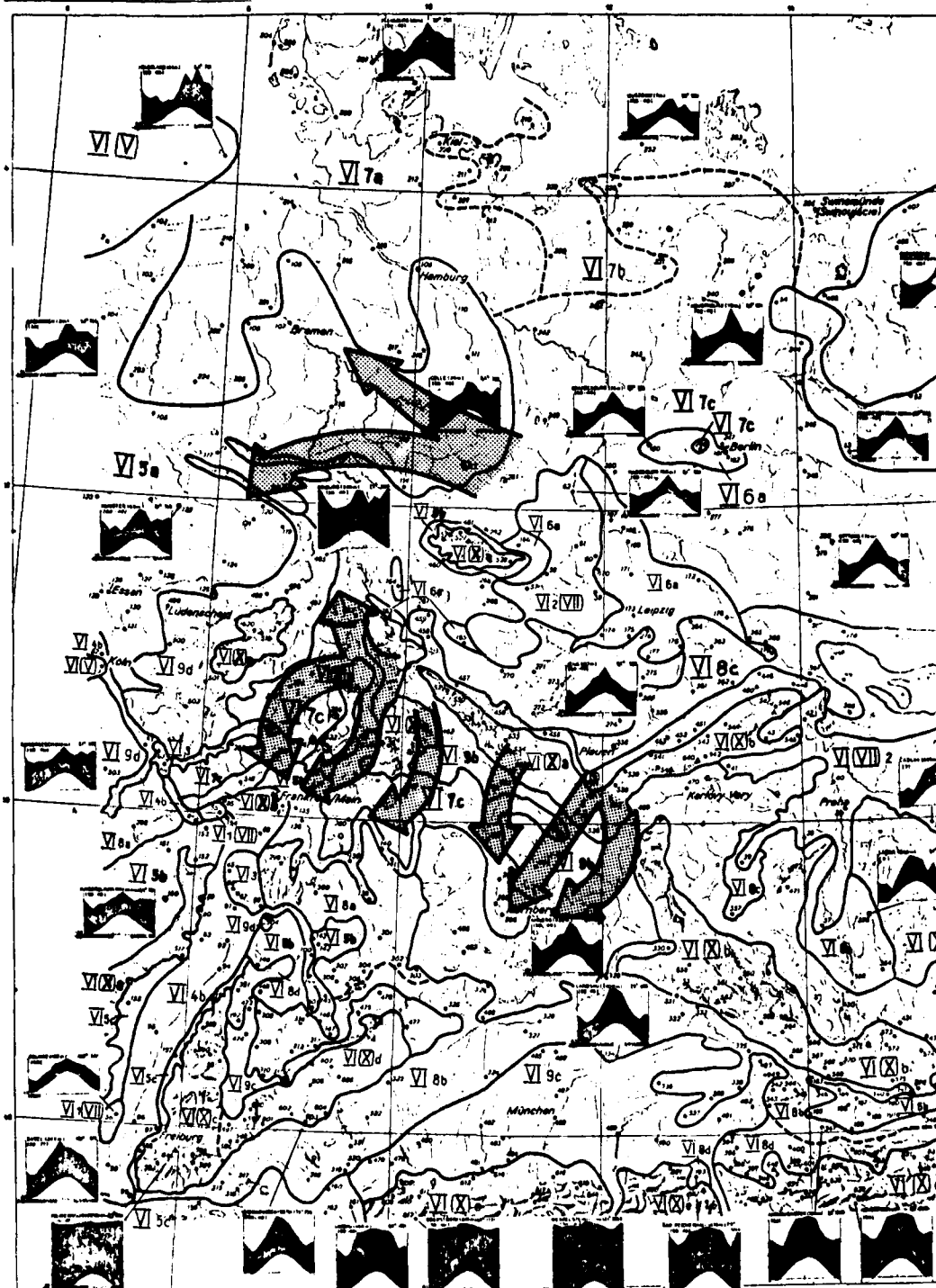


FIGURE 2-10. DETAILED CLIMATIC REGIONS OF GERMANY (Ref. 5)

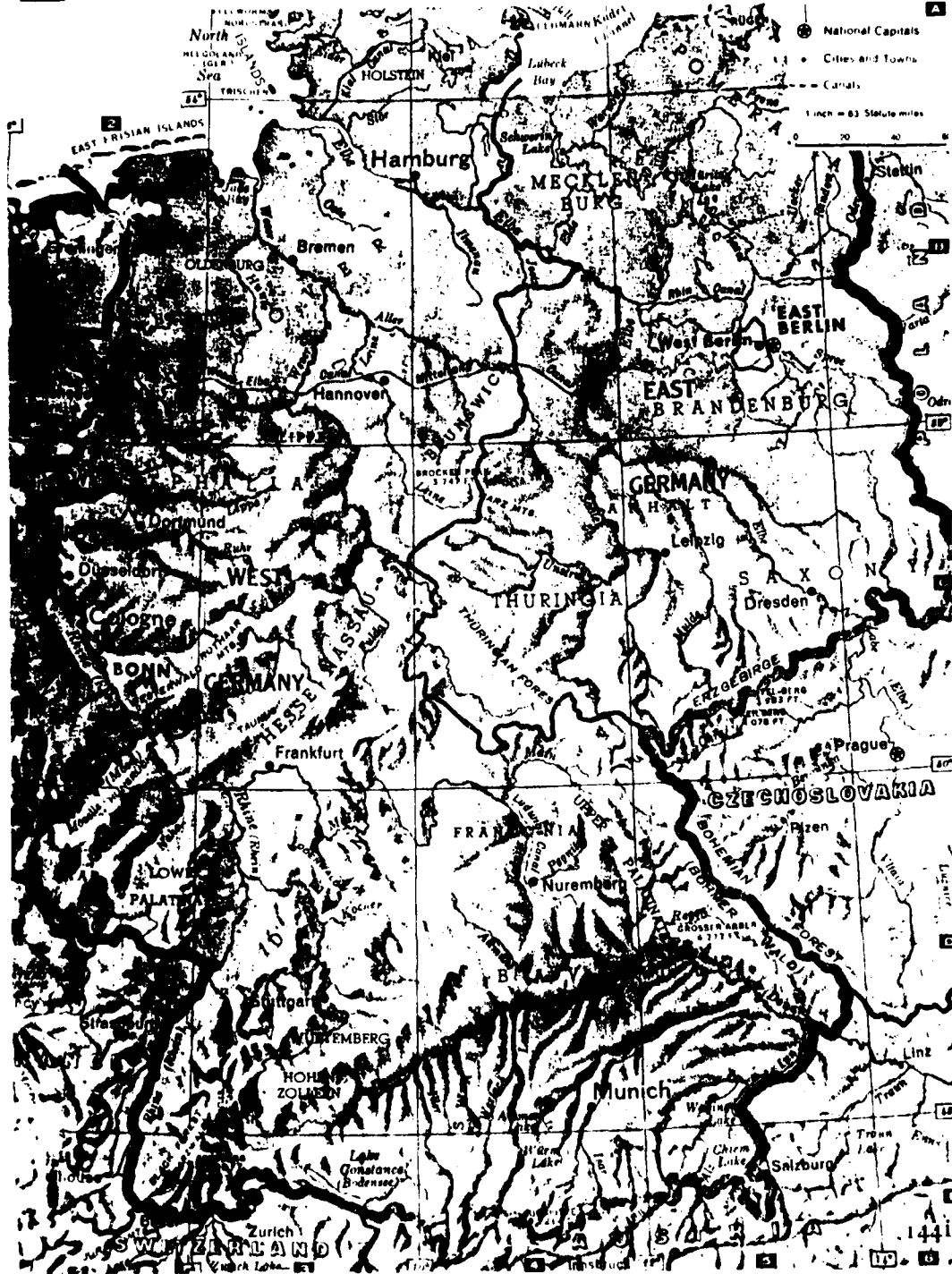


FIGURE 2-11. GERMANY PHYSICAL MAP (Ref. 2)





FIGURE 2-12. MAP - HELMSTEDT-MINDEN AREA

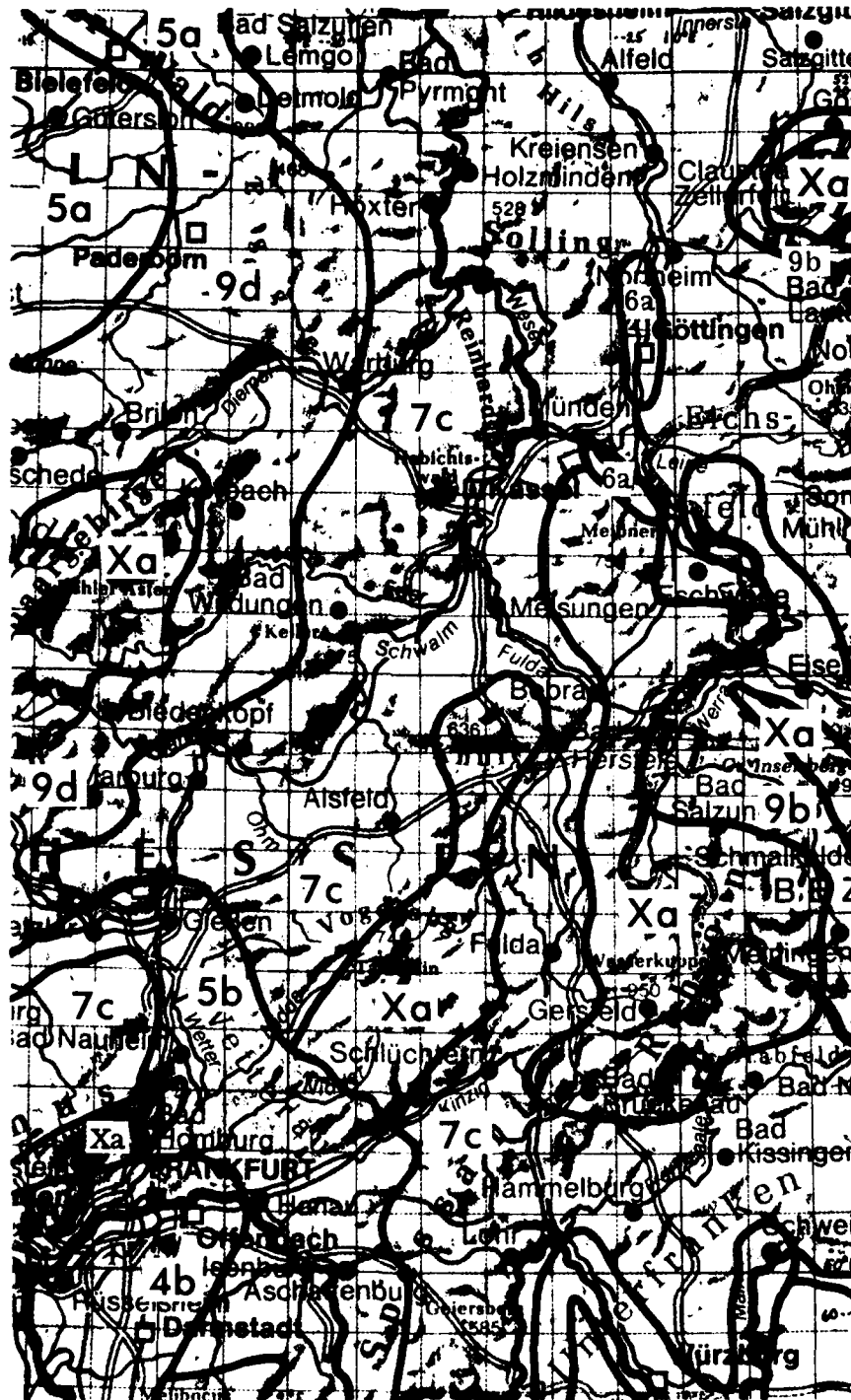


FIGURE 2-13. MAP - FULDA-FRANKFURT AREA

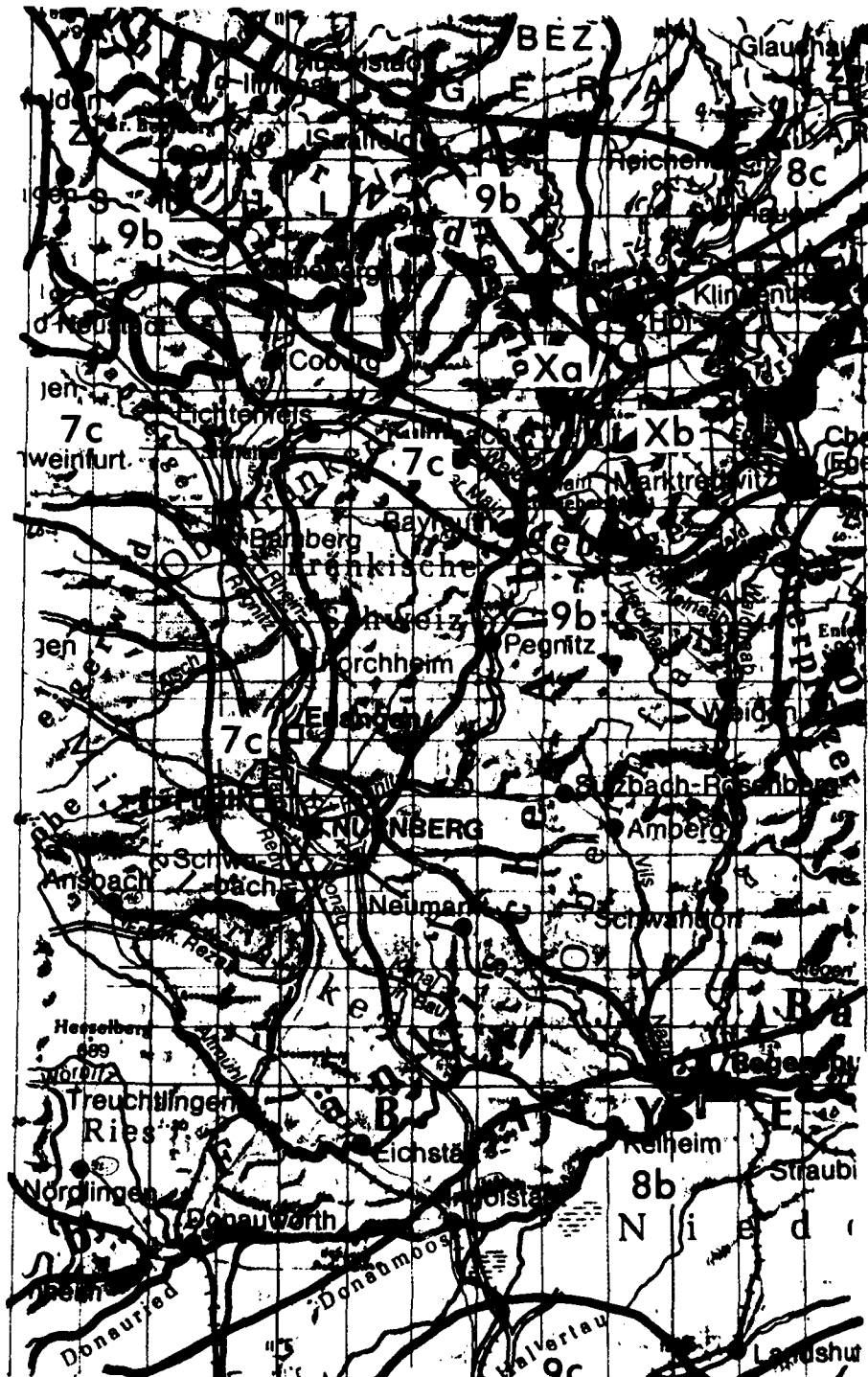


FIGURE 2-14. MAP - HOF-NURNBERG AREA

TABLE 2-2. CLIMATIC ZONES FOR THE STUDY REGIONS

	<u>N. German Plain</u>	<u>Fulda</u>	<u>Hof</u>
Primary Zones	5a	4b	7c
	7c	5b	8c
		7c	9b
		9b	Xa
		Xa	Xb
Secondary Zones	7a	3	8a
	9b	5a	8b
	9d	6a	9c
		8a	Xd
		9d	

TABLE 2-3. STATIONS TYPIFYING THE CLIMATIC ZONES

Primary Zones	4b	Frankfurt AM, Freiburg 1B, Neuwied, Stuttgart, Wiesbaden	
	5a	Arnsberg, Bremen, Bremerhaven, Dusseldorf, Essen, Hamburg, Hannover, Kleve, Munster, Oldenburg	
	5b	Giessen	
	7c	Bayreuth, Fulda, Helmstedt, Kassel, Marburg ADL, Nürnberg	
	8c	Plauen	
	9b	Amberg, Coburg, Grafenwöhr, Hof, Kitzingen, Weiden	
	Xa	Clausthal-Zellerfeld, Wasserkuppe	
	Xb	Grosser Falkenstein	
	Secondary Zones	3	Heidelberg, Mannheim
		6a	Berlin-Templehof
7a		Flensburg, Lübeck, Schleswig, Wyk	
8a		Gerrabronn, Hahn AFB, Idar-Oberstein	
8b		Augsburg, Eggenfelden, Passau, Regensburg, Ulm	
9c		München	
9d		Bitburg, Trier, Spangdahlem	
Xd		Donaueschingen	

3  
TEMPERATURE

A closer look at German temperatures shows the details of the variation from zone to zone, within zones, within the month, and from year to year.

Table 3-1 shows the monthly mean variations to be expected in the primary and secondary climatic zones. Six representatives of zone 7c are included because of the importance of this zone, but also to show the magnitude of the variation to be expected within a zone. Note that while variation is observed in each month it never exceeds 1° C.

Table 3-2 shows how much variation has been found in monthly means from year to year. The 4 representative zones all show a greater winter than summer variation. That large winter variation is concentrated on the low side of the mean. This rather clearly indicates the impact of the polar continental air mass from the USSR which occasionally flows from east to west across the land. Table 3-3 provides some additional temperature variation data from another source. Here the temperatures are in degrees Fahrenheit and a different time period has been covered. The shorter time span tends to reduce the max-to-min excursion.

These three last temperature tables suppressed the day-to-day variation within a month and the diurnal variation as well. Table 3-4 shows two types of minimum temperatures for each of our primary and secondary climatic zones. First the mean daily low to be expected in January. These are typically about 3°C below the monthly means. This table also shows the typical absolute minima; the lowest temperature which had been recorded. The last column records the lowest minimum recorded anywhere within the zone: an absolute absolute minimum, if you will.

Table 3-5 attempts to show the magnitude of both diurnal and day-to-day temperature variations. For three representative regions, the table shows, on a monthly basis, the frequency with which the temperature may be expected below a given level.

Cold air coupled with sufficient moisture may create the secondary problem of icing conditions at altitudes which might be used for sensor platforms. The probability of encountering icing conditions at the 850 mB level (~5000 ft.) over Germany exceeds 5% from December through March. It exceeds 5% at the 700mB level (~10,000 ft) from November through May.

TABLE 3-1. MONTHLY MEAN TEMPERATURES [°C] (Ref. 5)

Station	Zone	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Annual
Frankfurt AM	4b	0	2	5	9	14	18	19	18	15	10	5	1	9.9
Hannover	5a	1	2	5	8	13	16	17	16	14	9	5	2	9.0
Giessen	5b	1	2	5	8	14	16	17	16	13	8	4	1	8.8
Helmstedt	7c	-1	0	4	7	13	16	17	16	12	7	3	1	8.4
Kassel	7c	-1	1	4	7	12	15	16	15	13	8	4	1	8.4
Marburg ADL	7c	-2	0	4	8	13	15	17	16	13	8	4	0	8.0
Fulda	7c	-1	0	4	7	12	15	16	15	12	7	3	1	8.0
Bayreuth	7c	-2	0	3	7	12	15	17	16	12	7	3	0	7.8
Nurnberg	7c	-1	0	4	8	13	16	18	16	13	8	4	1	8.7
Plauen	8c	-2	-1	3	6	11	15	16	15	12	8	3	0	7.8
Hof	9b	-3	-2	2	6	11	14	15	14	11	5	1	-1	6.3
Wasserkuppe	Xa	-3	-3	0	3	7	11	13	12	9	5	0	-2	4.4
Alexandersbad	Xb	-3	-3	0	5	10	13	15	14	11	5	1	-2	5.7
Heidelberg	3	1	3	6	10	14	17	18	17	14	10	5	2	10.2
Witzenhausen	6a	1	2	5	8	12	15	16	15	13	8	4	2	8.6
Vechta	7a	0	1	4	7	12	14	16	15	13	8	4	2	8.2
Gerrabronn	8a	-2	0	4	7	12	15	16	15	12	7	3	0	7.6
Regensburg	8b	-2	0	4	8	12	15	17	16	12	6	2	-1	7.7
Munchen	9c	-3	-1	2	6	12	15	16	15	12	6	2	-1	7.4
Trier	9d	0	2	6	10	14	17	19	18	15	10	5	2	9.9
Donaueschingen	Xd	-3	-2	2	5	10	14	15	14	11	6	1	-2	6.3



TABLE 3-2. MINIMUM, MEAN AND MAXIMUM MONTHLY TEMPERATURE MEANS [°C]

(Ref. 6 and 7)

Month	7c(Potsdam)			4b(Frankfurt)			6a(Berlin)			9d(Trier)*		
	Min.	Mean	Max.	Min.	Mean	Max.	Min.	Mean	Max.	Min.	Mean	Max.
January	-10.0	-0.7	3.5	-8.0	0.1	5.5	-11.9	-1.1	6.5	-6.6	0.1	5.5
February	-8.4	0.6	4.1	-5.6	1.9	6.8	-8.1	0.6	5.4	-3.5	2.1	6.1
March	-0.8	3.6	7.0	-2.7	4.9	9.3	-4.3	3.3	8.0	3.1	5.9	7.9
April	5.3	7.8	11.3	5.5	9.4	13.1	3.9	8.6	14.4	6.6	10.4	12.0
May	9.6	12.9	15.8	10.6	14.1	19.2	10.0	13.8	19.2	10.4	14.0	15.9
June	13.8	16.3	20.2	14.2	17.5	22.2	13.7	17.3	21.7	15.1	16.8	18.9
July	14.4	17.6	20.1	15.8	18.9	23.8	15.5	18.9	23.6	17.0	18.9	20.3
August	14.4	16.6	21.3	15.3	18.2	22.0	14.0	18.2	23.3	16.0	18.1	20.8
September	9.6	13.1	18.0	10.8	14.7	18.6	10.9	14.6	18.0	13.6	15.1	17.8
October	4.8	8.4	12.1	6.0	9.6	12.9	4.7	9.2	13.5	8.3	10.2	13.0
November	-0.8	3.3	7.2	-1.0	4.5	8.5	-2.5	3.7	8.0	4.3	5.1	8.6
December	-3.7	0.8	3.9	-7.9	1.3	6.1	-11.2	0.6	4.7	-1.1	2.0	4.0

\* Trier data represents only 13 years. Others 42 to 165 years.

TABLE 3-3. TEMPERATURE [°F] STATISTICS (Ref. 8)

Zone	Station	Parameter	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Range/ Average
6a	Berlin	Maximum	36 <sub>L</sub>	36	46	55	65	71	74 <sub>H</sub>	73	66	56	44	40	38/55
		Minimum	29	27 <sub>L</sub>	33	40	48	55	59 <sub>H</sub>	58	51	45	37	33	32/43
		Mean	32	31 <sub>L</sub>	38	47	56	63	66 <sub>H</sub>	65	58	50	40	36	35/49
		Range	7 <sub>L</sub>	9	13	51	17 <sub>H</sub>	16	15	15	15	11	7 <sub>L</sub>	7	-/12
5a	Hamburg	Maximum	36 <sub>L</sub>	38	44	52	61	66	69 <sub>H</sub>	68	63	53	44	38	33/53
		Minimum	29 <sub>L</sub>	30	34	39	47	53	56 <sub>H</sub>	55	51	44	36	32	27/42
		Mean	33 <sub>L</sub>	34	39	45	54	59	62 <sub>H</sub>	61	57	49	40	35	29/47
		Range	7	8	10	13	14 <sub>H</sub>	13	13	13	12	9	8	6 <sub>L</sub>	-/11
5a	Hannover	Maximum	38 <sub>L</sub>	40	46	55	65	70	72 <sub>H</sub>	71	66	54	45	40	34/55
		Minimum	28 <sub>L</sub>	29	33	37	44	50	53 <sub>H</sub>	53	48	42	35	31	25/40
		Mean	33 <sub>L</sub>	34	39	46	54	60	62 <sub>H</sub>	62	57	48	40	35	29/48
		Range	10	11	13	18	21 <sub>H</sub>	20	19	18	18	12	10	9 <sub>L</sub>	-/15
4b	Frankfurt AM	Maximum	37 <sub>L</sub>	42	49	58	67	72	75 <sub>H</sub>	74	67	56	45	39	38/57
		Minimum	29 <sub>L</sub>	31	35	41	48	53	56 <sub>H</sub>	55	51	43	36	31	27/42
		Mean	33 <sub>L</sub>	36	41	50	57	62	65 <sub>H</sub>	65	56	50	40	35	32/49
		Range	8 <sub>L</sub>	11	14	17	19	19 <sub>H</sub>	19	19	16	13	9	8 <sub>L</sub>	-/14

TABLE 3-4. TYPICAL TEMPERATURE MINIMA [°C] FOR A ZONE (Ref. 5)

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Mean Daily Minimum - Jan.</u>	<u>Typical Absolute Minimum</u>	<u>Absolute Minimum in Zone</u>
3	-1.3°C	-22.2°C	-22.9°C
4b	-1.7	-21.9	-28.4
5a	-1.7	-25.0	-28.0
5b	-2.5	-28.8	-30.3
6a	-2.4	-26.1	-31.0
7a	-2.4	-22.0	-30.3
7c	-3.5	-28.0	-35.1
8a	-4.1	-26.6	-30.0
8b	-5.1	-28.8	-35.4
8c	-4.4	-29.7	-35.8
9b	-6.0	-32.3	-37.2
9c	-5.0	-25.4	-31.8
9d	-3.6	-24.4	-36.4
Xa	-6.0	-25.5	-29.0
Xb	-6.9	-23.1	-37.0
Xd	-6.9	-33.6	-33.6

TABLE 3-5. FREQUENCY (%) OF TEMPERATURES BELOW A SPECIFIED LEVEL (Ref. 9)

Region Centered on	Month	0°F	15°F	32°F	50°F	70°F	85°F	100°F
Hannover	Jan	<1%	2%	42%	98%	>99%		
	Feb	<1	5	35	97	>99		
	Mar		<1	20	86	>99		
	Apr		<1	2	61	99	>99%	
	May			<1	30	92	>99	
	Jun			<1	5	81	>99	
	Jul			<1	1	74	98	>99%
	Aug			<1	1	78	99	>99
	Sep			<1	10	90	>99	
	Oct		<1	2	50	>99		
	Nov		<1	9	90	>99		
	Dec	<1	2	32	96	>99		
Fulda	Jan	<1	4	45	97	>99		
	Feb	<1	3	38	96	>99		
	Mar		<1	11	80	>99		
	Apr		<1	1	58	98	>99%	
	May			<1	26	90	>99	
	Jun			<1	3	78	99	>99%
	Jul			<1	1	75	97	>99
	Aug				<1	74	97	>99
	Sep			<1	10	86	>99	
	Oct		<1	2	50	>99		
	Nov		<1	10	90	>99		
	Dec	<1	3	33	95	>99		



TABLE 3-5. FREQUENCY (%) OF TEMPERATURES BELOW A SPECIFIED LEVEL (Ref. 9) (Cont'd)

<u>Region</u> <u>Centered on</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>9°F</u>	<u>15°F</u>	<u>32°F</u>	<u>50°F</u>	<u>70°F</u>	<u>85°F</u>	<u>100°F</u>
Bayreuth	Jan	<1%	8%	49%	97%	>99%		
	Feb	<1	5	43	97	>99		
	Mar		<1	16	82	>99		
	Apr		<1	3	57	98	>99%	
	May			<1	22	89	>99	
	Jun			<1	3	74	98	>99%
	Jul			<1	1	60	97	>99
	Aug				<1	75	98	>99
	Sep				<1	10	86	>99
	Oct			<1	3	55	>99	
	Nov			<1	15	91	>99	
	Dec		<1	3	39	97	>99	

4  
PRECIPITATION

The month-to-month variation of precipitation in Germany is comparable in relative magnitude to the variation in temperature and both exhibit a distinctive pattern. Figure 4-1 shows the month-to-month variations to be expected in both for three representative North German Plain stations. Note a marked summer precipitation peak in July followed closely by a slightly lower peak in August. Two minima occur in November and February, with a small winter peak in January which exceeds December only slightly.

Table 4-1 shows the mean total precipitation to be expected in any month for all of our climatic zones. Note, again, that station-to-station variations within a zone are modest in magnitude.

Table 4-2 shows the variation in total monthly precipitation that has been recorded for four representative sites. These absolute variations are very large indeed. Examination of the original data also showed that a very dry month can occur immediately between two very wet months or between two years in which the corresponding months were very wet. Table 4-3 provides additional precipitation data which adds new stations and statistics on snow and thunderstorms (TSTM's) as well. A difference in time period covered explains the difference in Berlin & Frankfurt data between tables 4-2 and 4-3.

In Table 4-4, for two stations, we show the expectation for a given rainfall rate. It shows, for example, that the probability of an hour in Munich in which more than 0.18 inches of water falls is 0.3%. Similarly the probability of an instantaneous rate exceeding 0.06 inches per hour in Berlin, is 0.76%.

The greatest precipitation rates occur from thunderstorms. Instantaneous rates in excess of 12 inches per hour have been recorded. Fortunately the peak rate is not maintained long and the total period of precipitation from a single thunderstorm cell is typically about 25 minutes although this may vary from a few minutes to just under an hour.

Thunderstorms also provide strong, gusty surface winds, strong winds within and about the cloud, turbulence, great vertical development and electrical disturbance all in amounts sufficient to handicap most sensors and most platforms.

European thunderstorms tend to develop to lesser altitudes than those in the U.S. midwest. Most importantly, less development occurs above the freezing level which tends to inhibit their development and make the European thunderstorm somewhat less formidable. Winter thunderstorms in Europe are especially inhibited. They seldom develop to a height greater than 13,000 feet. They are infrequent, but, especially if a High sits over the British Isles and a Low sits in Russia with a cold front stretching between them, the moist maritime air is "pumped" over Scandinavia and down into Germany and thus frontal and prefrontal thunderstorms are generated.

Table 4-3 had provided the days of thunderstorms per month for four stations. Table 4-5 shows the probability of encountering a thunderstorm day at several additional stations by month. At all stations, the activity peaks in either June or July with a considerable concentration generally between May and August inclusive.

Many remote sensors are specifically handicapped by the amount of falling liquid water that is volumetrically distributed in a propagation path. Figure 4-2 shows as a function of altitude, the concentration of water expected within rain falls of different types and rates. Note that these do not include the stored water within the cloud itself.

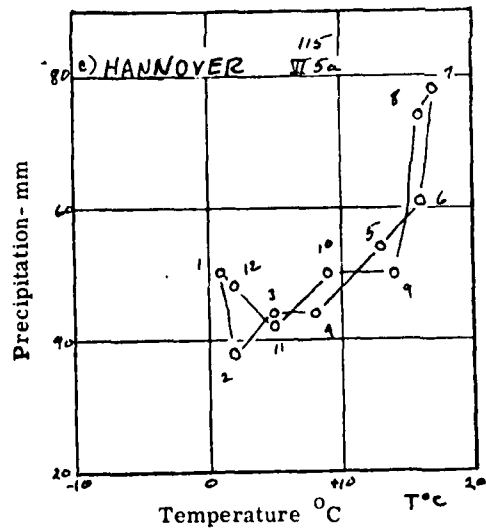
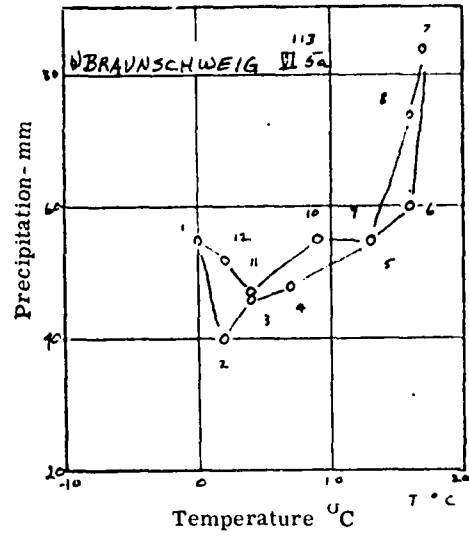
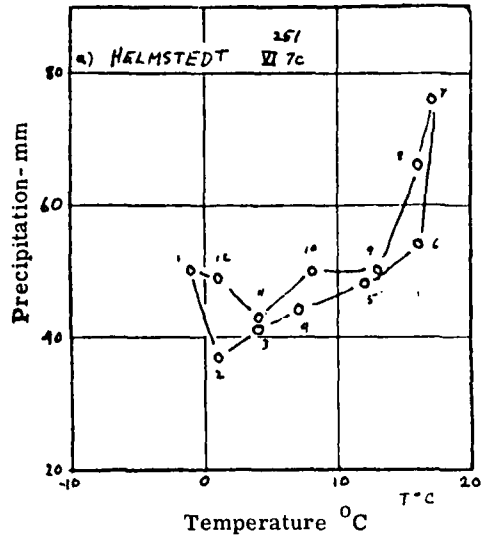


FIGURE 4-1. TEMPERATURE -PRECIPITATION DIAGRAMS (Ref. 5)



TABLE 4-1. MONTHLY TOTAL PRECIPITATION [mm] (Ref. 5, 6, & 7)

Station	Zone	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Annual
Frankfurt	4b	45	35	41	37	52	63	71	67	50	55	50	52	616
Hannover	5a	50	38	45	44	54	61	78	73	49	50	42	49	644
Giessen	5b	45	36	38	37	50	69	76	61	48	56	50	53	619
Helmstedt	7c	50	38	42	44	50	55	76	66	51	51	44	49	613
Kassel	7c	40	35	37	41	50	58	74	65	46	48	44	46	591
Marburg A.D.L.	7c	51	41	43	43	51	60	69	64	50	60	51	56	637
Fulda	7c	46	36	40	47	61	65	76	71	57	55	46	49	640
Bayreuth	7c	47	35	37	44	55	60	70	69	47	46	45	49	595
Nürnberg	7c	40	31	35	43	56	64	77	80	54	55	49	44	623
Plauen	8c	38	37	44	51	76	82	87	77	57	44	40	40	665
Hof	9b	51	40	47	49	59	73	81	75	54	49	49	55	679
Wasserkuppe	Xa	90	82	77	82	76	85	120	105	96	91	71	86	1076
Alexandersbad	Xb	67	51	58	70	80	81	90	100	70	70	66	81	882
Heidelberg	3	50	44	45	51	56	70	82	76	68	60	53	55	718
Witzenhausen	6a	43	37	37	47	51	60	74	64	52	56	41	46	606
Vechta	7a	55	45	50	48	55	69	79	71	58	59	51	60	695
Gerrabronn	8a	63	52	56	62	70	76	84	80	70	61	63	77	818
Regensburg	8b	40	32	33	43	59	68	82	71	51	40	36	42	591
München	9c	44	36	51	71	81	120	125	110	80	58	48	49	866
Trier	9d	49	43	48	44	58	67	71	68	57	62	57	62	684
Donaueschingen	Xd	50	38	47	56	70	81	81	76	67	58	51	56	732



TABLE 4-2. MINIMUM, MEAN, & MAXIMUM MONTHLY PRECIPITATION TOTALS\* [mm, LIQUID] ( Ref. 6 & 7 )

Month	7c. (Potsdam)			4b. (Frankfurt)			6a. (Berlin)			9d. (Trier)		
	Min	Mean	Max	Min	Mean	Max	Min	Mean	Max	Min	Mean	Max
Jan	14	43	97	5	45	123	6	42	100	1	49	127
Feb	13	41	99	1	35	102	7	36	124	3	43	123
Mar	10	34	69	5	41	110	4	41	134	7	48	125
Apr	13	43	77	0	37	146	1	39	106	0	44	129
May	17	48	73	2	52	156	7	48	145	2	58	142
Jun	25	60	124	12	63	196	8	59	142	13	67	138
Jul	28	66	118	1	71	208	20	76	230	6	71	168
Aug	17	69	152	6	67	214	8	58	202	13	68	166
Sep	7	42	72	1	50	126	7	43	97	1	57	239
Oct	6	46	108	2	55	147	1	44	134	1	62	153
Nov	15	48	116	11	50	153	1	42	118	3	57	181
Dec	10	35	86	1	52	130	3	49	117	2	62	154
ANNUAL	444	575	722	359	616	936	389	577	763	383	684	998

\* Potsdam data represents only 12 yrs and is very unstable. Others represent 87-114 yrs.

TABLE 4-3. PRECIPITATION STATISTICS [INCHES & DAYS/MONTH] (Ref. 8)

Zone	Station	Parameter	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Tot.	Avg.	
6a	Berlin	Rain, Total	1.8	1.2	1.0L	1.5	1.6	2.9H	2.8	2.4	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.8	22.4	1.9	
		Precip., Days	17H	13	13	14	13L	14	14	14	13L	14	15	17H	171	14	
		Snow, Total	5.6	5.8H	1.7	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.5	2.0	15.8	-
		TSTM's	-	-	1	1	4	5	5H	4	4	1	-	-	-	21	-
5a	Hamburg	Rain, Total	2.3	1.9L	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.8	3.3	3.4H	2.4	2.6	2.1	2.4	29.0	2.4	
		Precip., Days	18H	15	16	16	14L	15	17	18H	15	17	17	18H	196	16	
		Snow, Total	4H	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	TR.	1	3	12	-
		TSTM's	-	-	1	2	3	4	5H	5	5	2	1	-	-	23	-
5a	Hannover	Rain, Total	1.7	1.4L	1.6	1.5	2.0	2.7	3.0H	2.7	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.9	24.0	2.0	
		Precip., Days	17H	14L	15	15	14L	14	16	16	16	14L	14	14	16	175	15
		Snow, Total	5.9	6.8H	2.0	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	TR.	1.0	2.9	18.9	-
		TSTM's	-	-	1	1	4	4	5H	4	4	2	-	-	-	21	-
4b	Frankfurt A.M.	Rain, Total	1.7	1.4L	1.6	1.5	1.9	2.2	2.5	2.7H	2.0	2.2	1.9	2.1	23.7	2.0	
		Precip., Days	15	13	13	14	13	13	14	14	14	12L	14	14	17H	166	14
		Snow, Total	5H	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	TR.	1	3	14.5	-
		TSTM's	-	-	1	1	4	5H	5	4	4	2	-	-	-	22	-

TABLE 4-4. PRECIPITATION RATES [INCHES/HOUR], FREQUENCY [%]  
AT WHICH THEY ARE EXCEEDED (Ref. 10)

Station	Zone	Average Precip. [in.]	No. of Days With Measurable Precip.	Clock Hourly Rates			Instantaneous Rates		
				0.06	0.12	0.18	0.06	0.12	0.18
a) Annual Data Based on Long-Term Statistics [Ref. 10 & 2]									
Berlin	6a	22.88	169	0.84	0.16	0.03	0.76	0.15	0.03
München	9c	34.09	137	1.35	0.55	0.30	1.22	0.52	0.30
b) Annual Data Based on Recent Short-Term Statistics [Ref. 8]									
Berlin	6a	22.4	171	0.81	0.13	0.01	0.73	0.12	0.01
Hamburg	5a	29.0	196	0.89	0.19	0.05	0.80	0.18	0.05
Hannover	5a	24.0	175	0.84	0.15	0.02	0.75	0.14	0.02
Frankfurt	4b	23.7	166	0.87	0.17	0.04	0.78	0.16	0.04
c) June, July, & August Data Based on Recent Short-Term Statistics [Ref. 8]									
Berlin	6a	8.1	41	1.15	0.37	0.17	1.03	0.35	0.17
Hamburg	5a	9.5	50	1.11	0.34	0.16	1.00	0.32	0.16
Hannover	5a	8.4	46	1.07	0.31	0.14	0.96	0.29	0.14
Frankfurt	4b	7.4	41	1.06	0.31	0.13	0.95	0.29	0.13

TABLE 4-5. FREQUENCY [%]\* OF DAYS WITH THUNDERSTORMS (Ref. 11)

Zone	Station	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Annual
3	Mannheim	1	1	3	3	10	17	16	13	7	1	1	1	6
4b	Frankfurt	1	1	3	3	13	17	16	13	7	1	1	1	6
4b	Wiesbaden	1	1	3	3	10	13	13	10	3	1	1	1	5
5a	Bremen	1	1	1	3	13	17	19	13	7	3	1	1	8
5a	Hannover	1	1	3	3	13	13	16	13	7	1	1	1	6
5b	Giessen	1	1	3	3	16	20	16	13	3	1	0	1	8
7a	Lübeck	1	1	1	3	10	10	16	13	3	1	1	1	5
7c	Bayreuth	1	3	3	7	19	20	23	19	7	3	1	1	9
7c	Fulda	1	1	3	3	13	13	16	13	3	1	1	1	5
7c	Helmstedt	1	1	3	3	13	17	16	13	3	3	1	1	6
7c	Kassel	1	1	3	3	13	17	16	16	3	1	1	1	6
7c	Marburg A.D.L.	1	1	3	3	13	20	19	13	7	3	1	1	7
7c	Nürnberg	1	1	3	10	19	23	23	23	10	1	1	1	9
8a	Gerabronn	1	1	3	3	13	17	16	13	7	1	1	1	6
8b	Regensburg	1	1	1	3	16	17	16	13	7	1	1	1	6
9b	Hof	1	1	1	3	13	13	16	13	3	3	1	1	5
9c	München	1	1	3	7	19	27	23	19	7	1	1	1	9
9d	Trier	0	1	3	3	13	17	16	13	3	3	1	1	6
Xa	Clausthal-													
	Zellerfeld	1	1	3	3	13	17	16	13	3	1	1	1	6
Xd	Donaueschingen	1	0	1	3	13	17	16	13	7	1	1	1	6

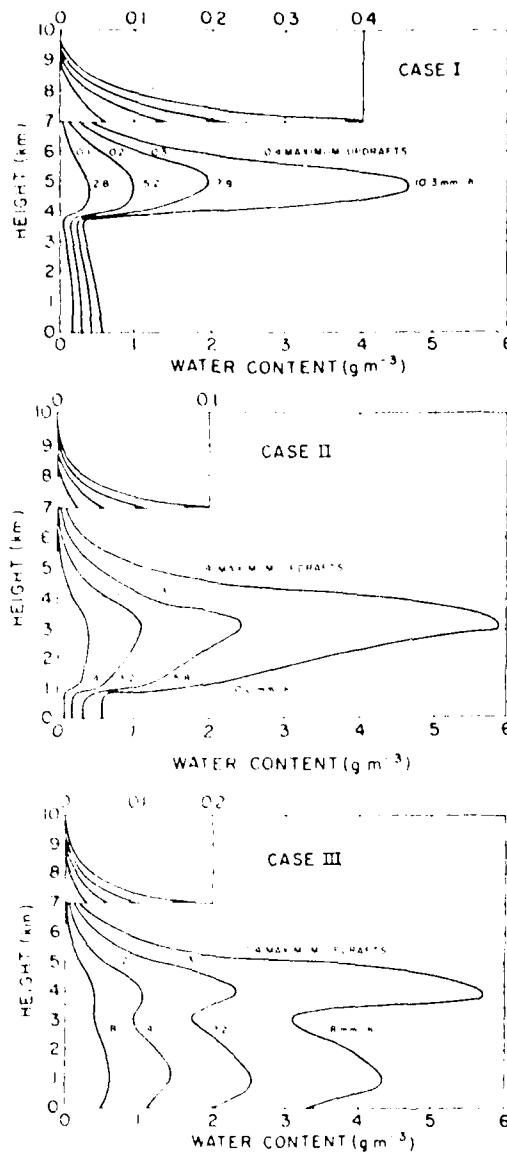


FIGURE 4-2. WATER CONCENTRATIONS EXPECTED WITHIN PRECIPITATION REGIONS (Ref. 10)

- Case I Summer Rain
- Case II Spring or Fall Rain
- Case III Winter Rain or Severe Snowstorm

Fractional Sky Cover and Ceiling are the usual quantitative descriptors of cloudiness. Both are cumulative measures in altitude, that is, sky cover considers clouds in all decks and ceiling is the height of the base of the lowest cloud deck which, in combination with all lower cloud decks, brings the sky cover to 5/10 or more.

Table 5-1 shows how fractional sky cover varies during the year. The table also shows that the fraction may be misleading since it is obtained by averaging and that there are usually more clear days and cloudy days in a month than there are partly cloudy days. The number of clear, cloudy, and partly cloudy days are estimated using methods suggested by H. Landsberg in Reference 1.

Table 5-2 shows instead the frequency of obtaining a given sky cover. It also shows the probability of different cloud types. Note that Stratocumulus are the most likely clouds in any month for either zone, Stratus belong to the Fall and Winter, while Cumulus go with Spring and Summer in zone 5a. The appearance of Altostratus as a prominent cloud type complicates the pattern in zone 4b since it occurs with greater frequency than every cloud but the Stratocumulus.

With sensor platforms which operate at the middle altitudes, the vertical distribution of these clouds become very important. In Figures 5-1 through 5-22 we have shown the somewhat generalized expectation of a given sky cover by altitude bands over middle Europe for four different months.

In Table 5-3 we have extracted an example distribution for 10°E and 50°N, a position very close to Schweinfurt. The probability of total cloudiness but especially low altitude cloudiness in January is very marked. It is all part of the general lowering of the cloud processes in the winter as the altitude of the freezing level descends.

Table 5-4 shows cloudiness incidence at two altitudes, for four stations in important climatic zones as reported in Reference 8. The asterisks indicate four rows of highly suspect data. We are reasonably well satisfied that we understand the mechanical error apparently made while the data was being processed. With some confidence then we have made the required corrections and reproduce the corrected Table 5-5. Note again the high incidence of low altitude winter cloudiness.

A more concise, although more limited, descriptor for vertical cloud deck development is the ceiling. It is defined as the altitude (AGL) of the base of the lowest cloud deck which, along with all lower cloud decks, obscures at least half of the sky from the surface observer. Thus almost half the sky could be densely covered and an unlimited ceiling would still be reported. Or if 4/10 of the sky were obscured at 500 ft and a few scattered clouds at 7,000 ft brought the total over 50%, then the ceiling would be reported at 7,000 ft.

Nonetheless it is such a compact statistic that it is useful. Table 5-6 shows the expectation of ceiling height by month for two primary climatic zones in the North German Plain study area. While they cannot tell anything of the vertical structure, they do clearly exhibit the winter lowering of the cloud processes. Note also that 7c and 5a are adjacent zones yet they show a rather marked difference in ceiling behavior, perhaps due to the greater elevation of 7c.

In Table 5-7 we display ceiling frequencies for eight stations each for zones 4 b and 5a. In any given month the variation from zone to zone are not markedly greater than that within a zone. That is not true for the annual average however. That strongly suggests that



insufficient data have been accumulated for the monthly frequencies to be stable\*. The annual frequency sample should be adequate however.

Fog is a special type of cloud. It can limit a ceiling but its most dramatic impact is on visibility.

The incidence of fog in Germany is high. The strong maritime influence is responsible. The general fog occurrence in days per year is shown in Figure 5-23. This shows Germany to be foggier than her neighbors. It suggests more than 40 foggy days per year; actually, 78 days per year is typical. This varies with the season as shown in Table 5-8.

Ground fog is quite shallow and may markedly impede horizontal visibility while permitting good vertical visibility. Other fog however is rather like low stratus clouds and may reach or exceed 1,000 feet in depth. Ground fog shows a smaller, but similar seasonal variation compared to fog. Unlike fog, ground fog occurs most frequently at night, ground fog has the highest incidence in the higher altitudes of Germany; fog occurs most in the low altitude of the German Plain.

Directing our attention specifically to the Helmstedt-Hannover-Minden Corridor in the Plain, we offer the data of Table 5-9 as typical of the predominant central region identified as a 5a climatic zone.

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\*The question of data length required for stability is discussed by Landsberg and Jacobs in Reference 3 and by others. In general, more data are required for short term statistics (e.g., monthly vs. monthly means) and more for extra tropical than tropical regions. Geographically, most is required for the mountains, less for plains, somewhat less still for shorelands, and the least for islands. As for parameters the most data are required for precipitation, less for temperature, still less for cloudiness, less for humidity, and least for visibility. About 50 years of data is required to develop a stable mean annual precipitation total in the mountains. One year may suffice to establish mean humidity for a Tropical island. All other annual measures lie between these two extremes.

Smoke and haze consist of solid particulate matter and their scattering properties may differ in detail from fog. Their similarities are great, however, so in Table 5-10 we summarize the monthly incidences of fog, ground fog, haze, and smoke.

When these fogs occur they may degrade ceilings and will degrade visibilities. The following Table 5-11 shows the percentile values of ceiling and visibility values (ft & st. mi) that are exceeded under particular fog conditions.

Table 5-12 shows the expectation for given visibility levels in two of our most important zones.

Ceiling and visibility vary with the time of day and all of the previous tables ignored this divisional variation. For five of our zones we show in Table 5-13 how the likelihood of a given low ceiling/visibility varies at three-hour intervals.

For many sensors, the presence of a cloud may or may not be serious depending on its water content. Figures 5-24 and 5-25 show the expected water content of stratiform clouds which are heavy enough to be producing rain at a given rate. Figure 5-26 shows the same for cumulonimbus clouds. Finally, Table 5-14 predicts the water content of cumulus clouds with different degrees of vertical development.

One special visibility problem concerns likelihood of seeing a given spot on the ground when looking at a given depression angle from a given altitude. We have extracted some altitudes under which a given cloud-free line of sight could be expected with a given probability (Table 5-15). It should be carefully noted that these values are obtained from some very small graphs in Reference 11. Thus the specific values should not be adopted uncritically. Nonetheless the values will not be greatly in error and will show the approximate performance to be expected by a cloud limited airborne sensor. Note also that this visibility measure is concerned only with airborne clouds. Haze, smoke, ground fog, etc., must be considered independently.

TABLE 5-1. CLOUDINESS TYPICAL OF NORTH GERMAN PLAIN (Ref.1)

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUL</u>	<u>SEP</u>	<u>NOV</u>
Fractional Sky Cover	.75	.67	.60	.62	.56	.75
No. of Clear Days, est.	4	5	5	6	7	5
No. of Cloudy Days, est.	19	15	10	10	9	16
No. of Partly Cloudy Days, est.	8	10	16	15	14	9

TABLE 5-2. CLOUD COVER CHARACTERISTICS FOR CLIMATIC ZONES 5a (ESSEN) & 4b (STUTT GART) (Ref. 12)

Parameters	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
5a (ESSEN)												
Overcast, Freq.	0.32	0.31	0.27	0.20	0.15	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.16	0.15	0.28	0.28
≥ 7/8 Cover, Freq.	0.59	0.56	0.53	0.38	0.37	0.31	0.33	0.32	0.33	0.34	0.51	0.62
≥ 3/8 Cover, Freq.	0.84	0.81	0.79	0.51	0.74	0.71	0.76	0.74	0.71	0.71	0.81	0.89
Stratus, Freq.	0.23	0.25	0.20	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.14	0.25	0.32
Strato-Cumulus, Freq.	0.48	0.50	0.47	0.41	0.40	0.40	0.46	0.47	0.45	0.47	0.45	0.46
Cumulus, Freq.	—	—	—	0.22	0.26	0.26	0.22	0.19	0.19	—	—	—
4b (STUTT GART)												
Overcast	0.46	0.44	0.38	0.31	0.26	0.21	0.16	0.27	0.16	0.27	0.36	0.49
≥ 7/8 Cover	0.61	0.57	0.51	0.43	0.39	0.34	0.31	0.38	0.27	0.38	0.52	0.63
≥ 3/8 Cover	0.86	0.84	0.75	0.70	0.70	0.73	0.65	0.74	0.63	0.74	0.81	0.88
Stratus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.22	—	0.25
Alto-Stratus	0.20	0.24	0.16	0.25	0.23	—	—	0.23	—	—	0.21	—
Strato-Cumulus	0.38	0.44	0.47	0.40	0.35	0.30	0.34	0.29	0.32	0.32	0.39	0.38
Cumulus	—	—	—	—	—	0.29	0.25	—	0.20	—	—	—

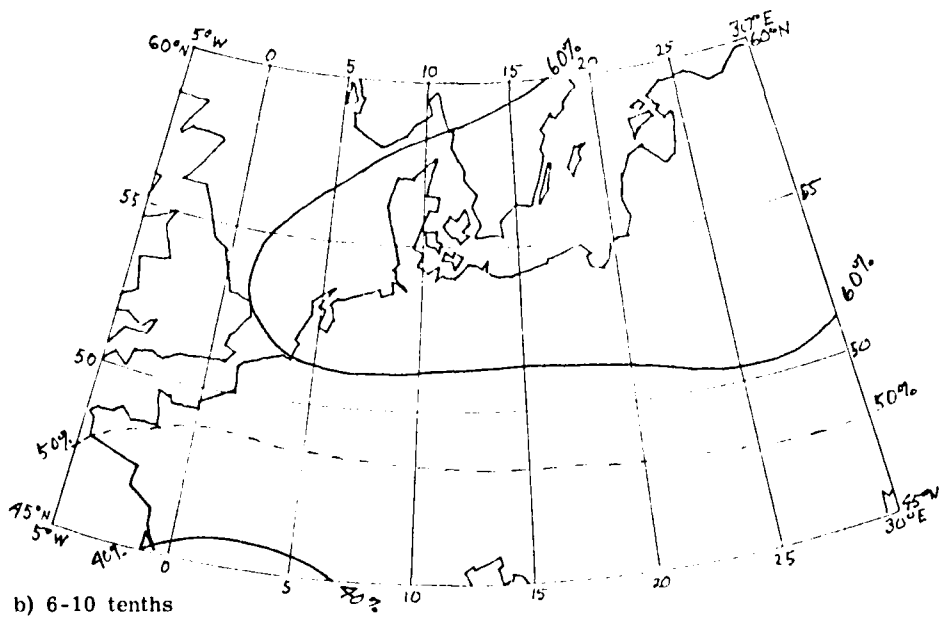
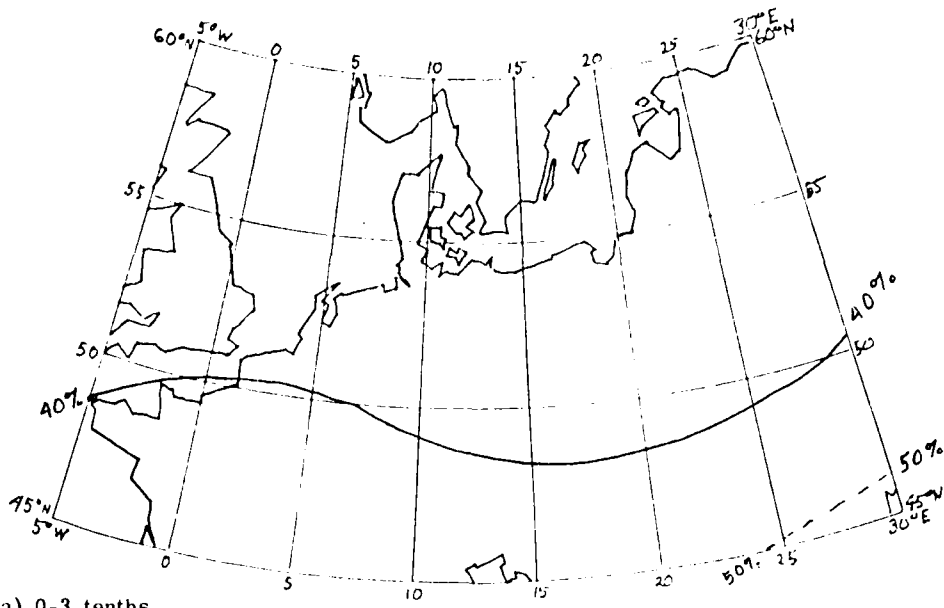
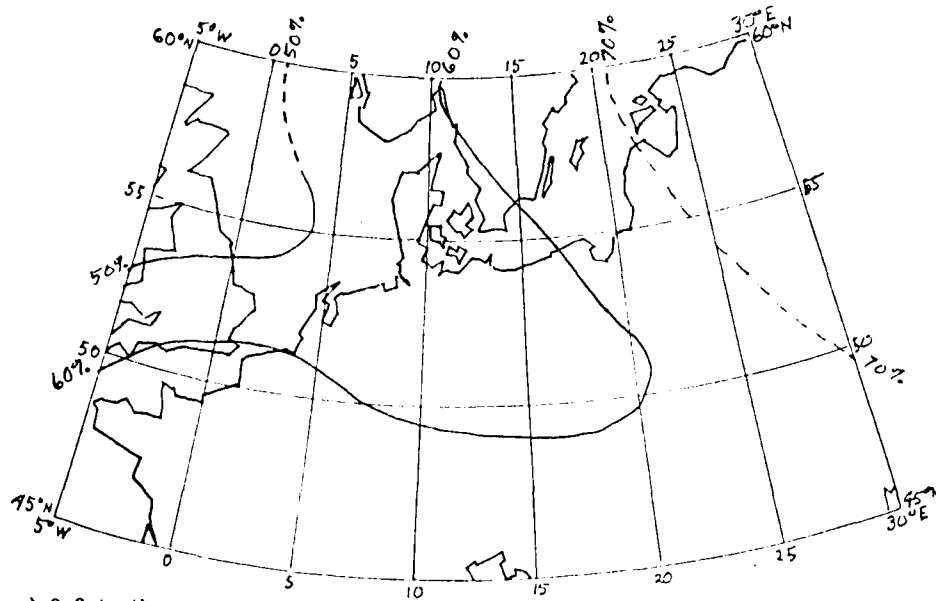
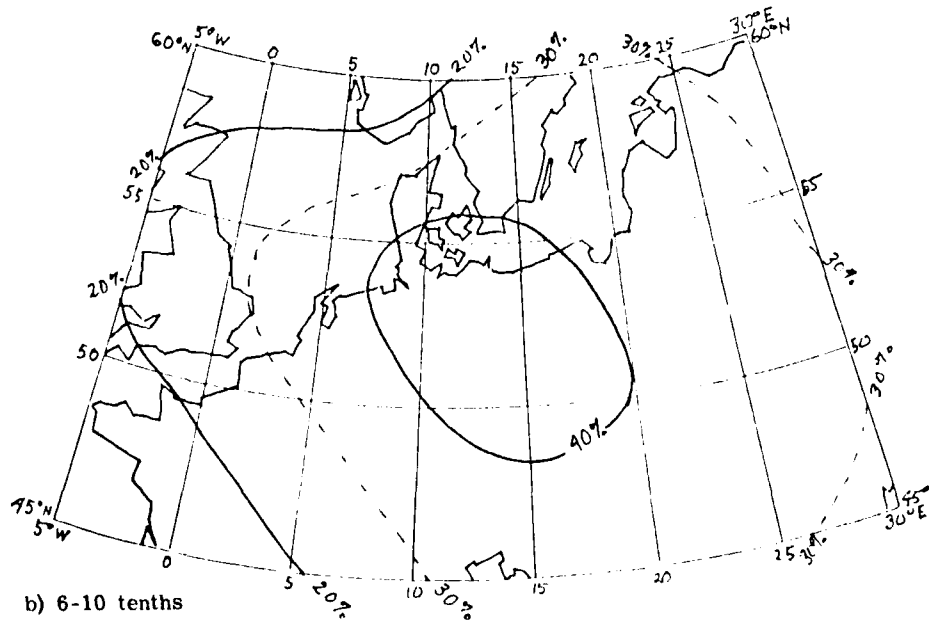


FIGURE 5-1. EXPECTED FREQUENCY (%) FOR A GIVEN SKY COVER IN A SPECIFIED ALTITUDE BAND. January, 0 to 5000 ft. AGL (Ref. 13)

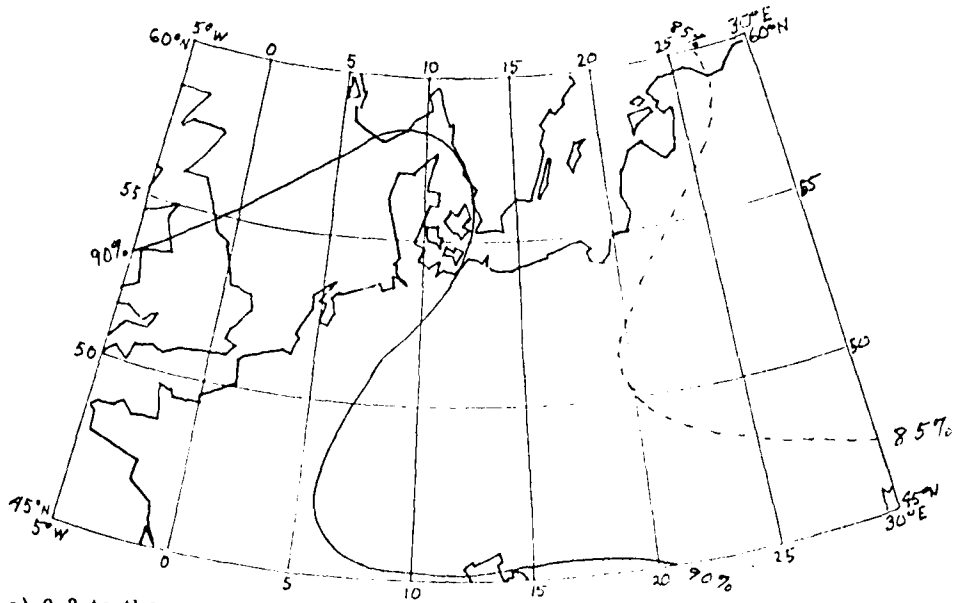


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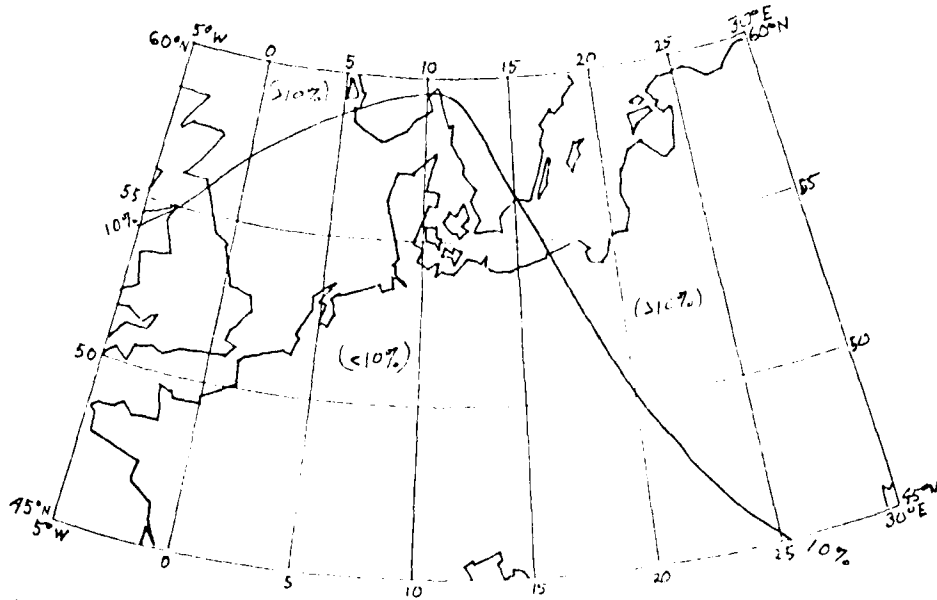


b) 6-10 tenths

FIGURE 5-2. EXPECTED FREQUENCY (%) FOR A GIVEN SKY COVER IN A SPECIFIED ALTITUDE BAND. January, 5,000 to 10,000 ft. AGL (Ref. 13)

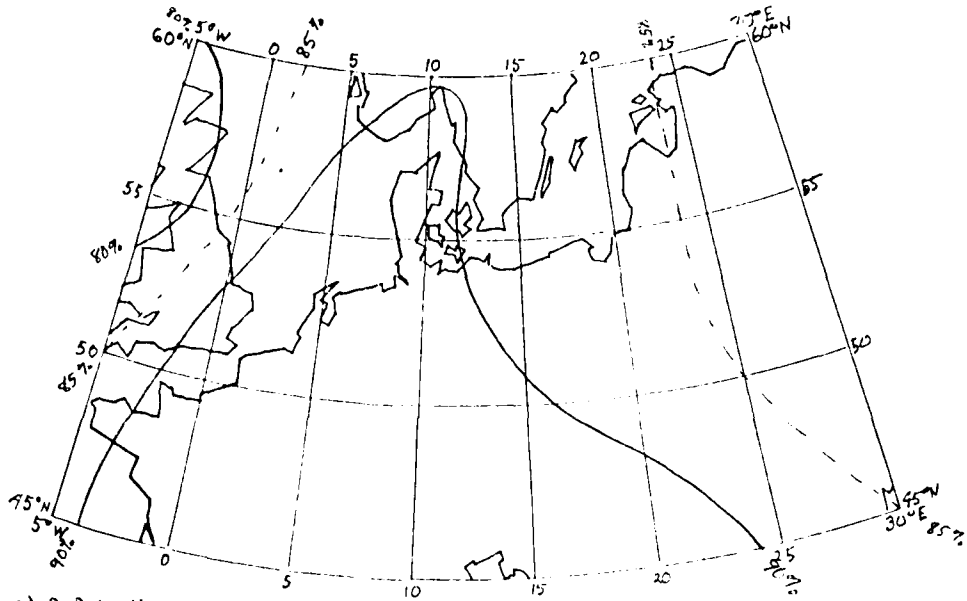


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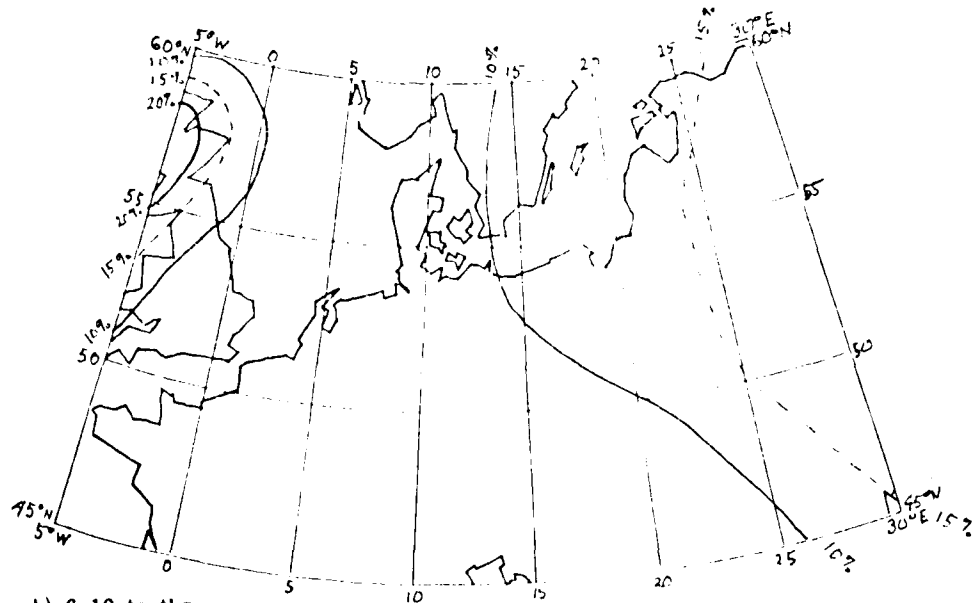


b) 6-10 tenths

FIGURE 5-3. EXPECTED FREQUENCY (%) FOR A GIVEN SKY COVER IN A SPECIFIED ALTITUDE BAND. January, 15,000 to 20,000 ft. MSL (Ref. 13)



a) 0-3 tenths



b) 6-10 tenths

FIGURE 5-4. EXPECTED FREQUENCY (%) FOR A GIVEN SKY COVER IN A SPECIFIED ALTITUDE BAND. January, 20,000 to 30,000 ft. MSL (Ref. 13)



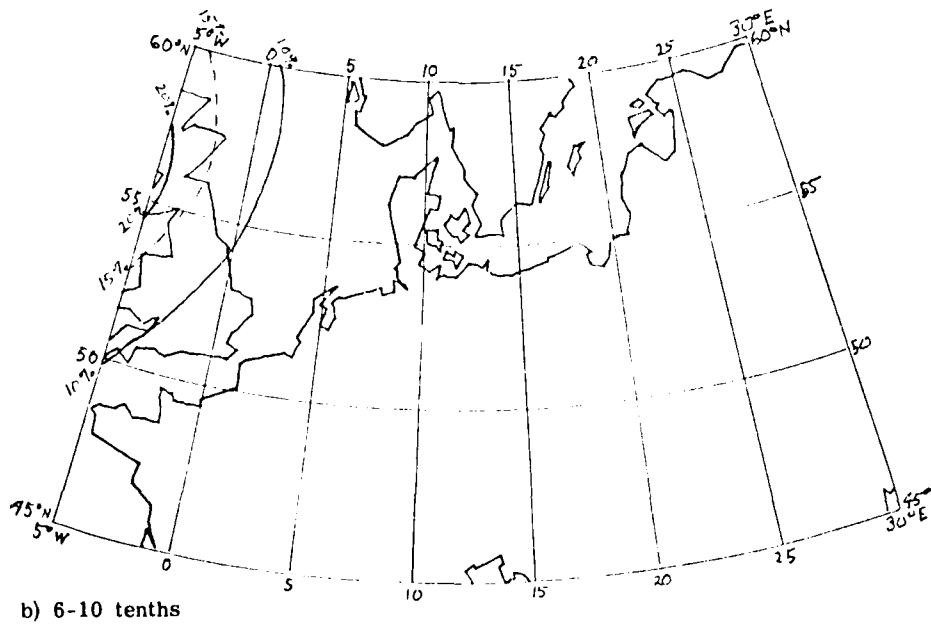
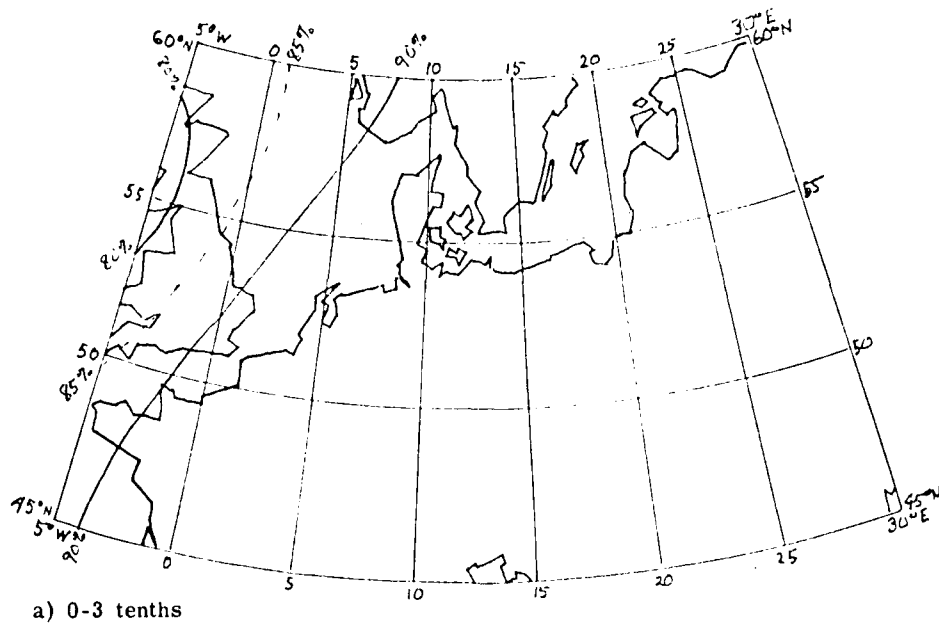
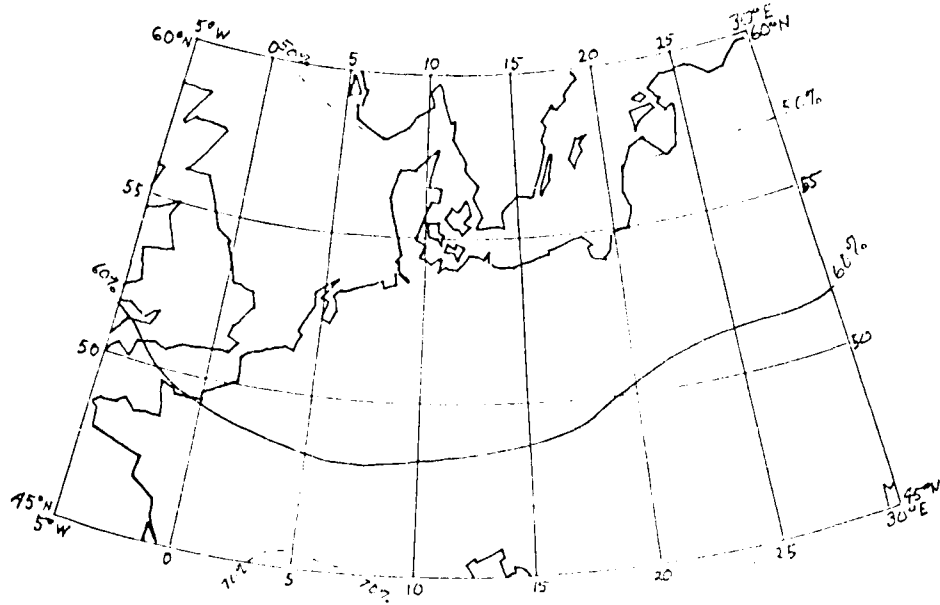
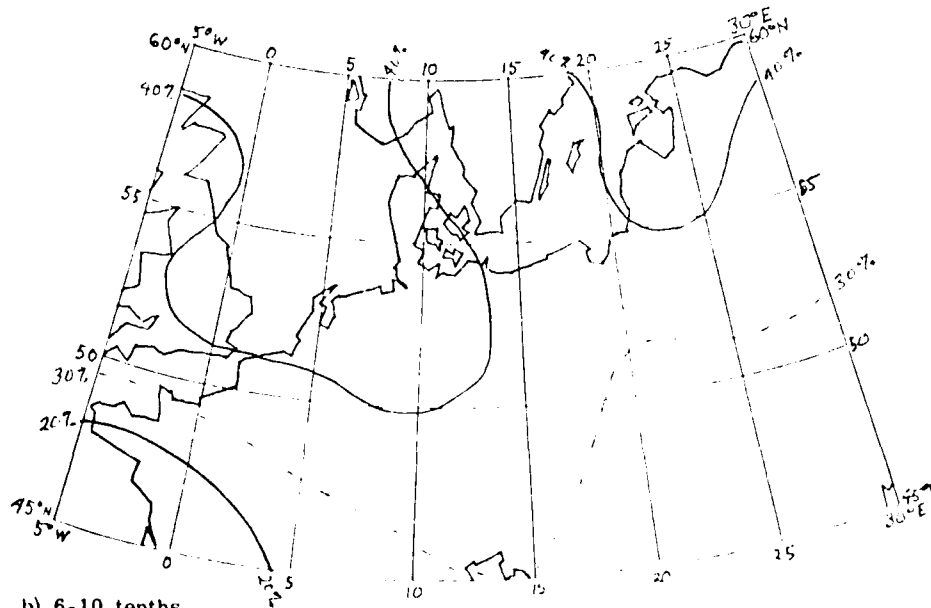


FIGURE 5-5. EXPECTED FREQUENCY (%) FOR A GIVEN SKY COVER IN A SPECIFIED ALTITUDE BAND. January, 30,000 ft. MSL to U.L. (Ref. 13)

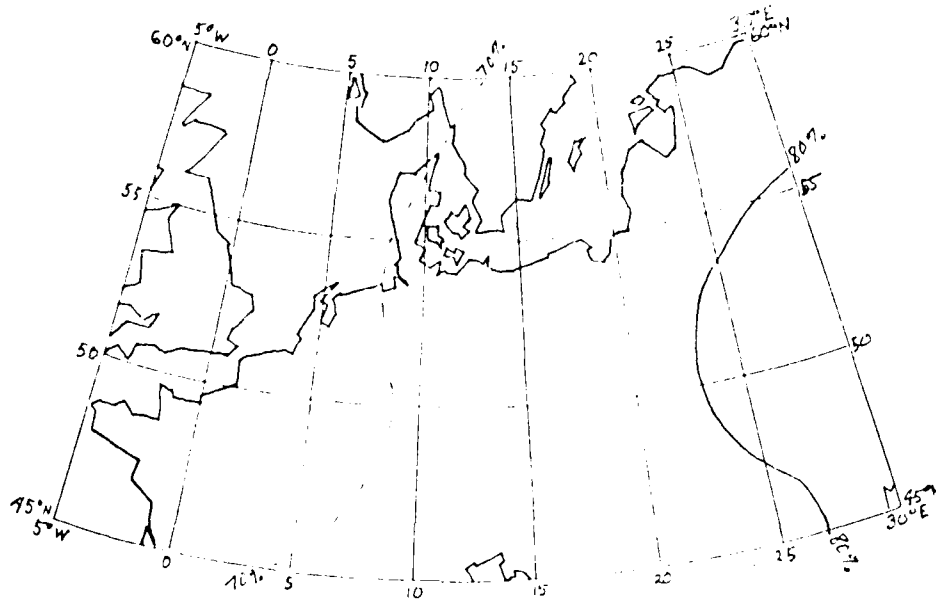


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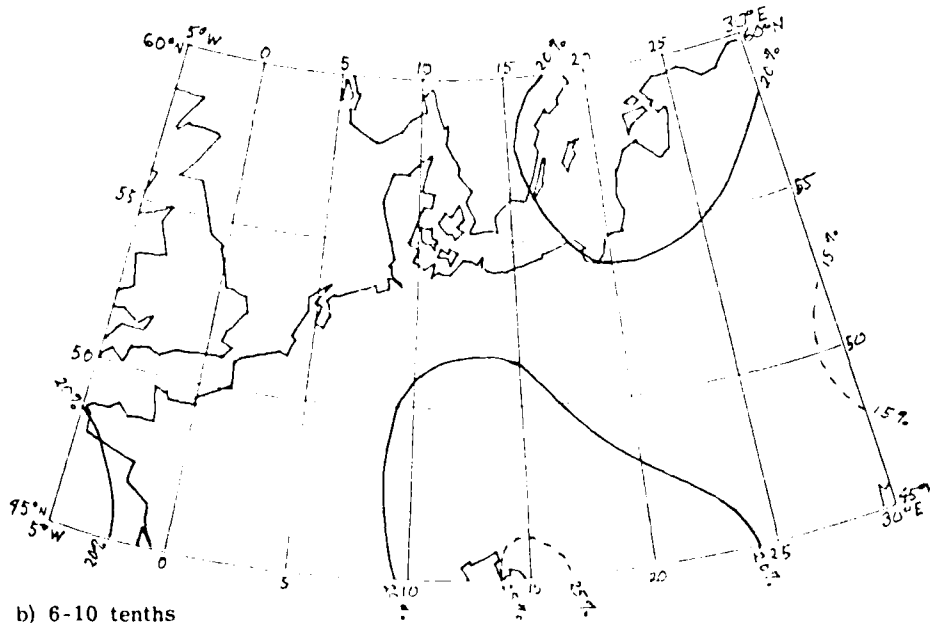


b) 6-10 tenths

FIGURE 5-6. EXPECTED FREQUENCY (%) FOR A GIVEN SKY COVER IN A SPECIFIED ALTITUDE BAND. April, 0 to 5,000 ft. AGL (Ref. 13)



a) 0-3 tenths



b) 6-10 tenths

FIGURE 5-7. EXPECTED FREQUENCY (%) FOR A GIVEN SKY COVER IN A SPECIFIED ALTITUDE BAND. April, 5,000 to 10,000 ft. AGL (Ref. 13)

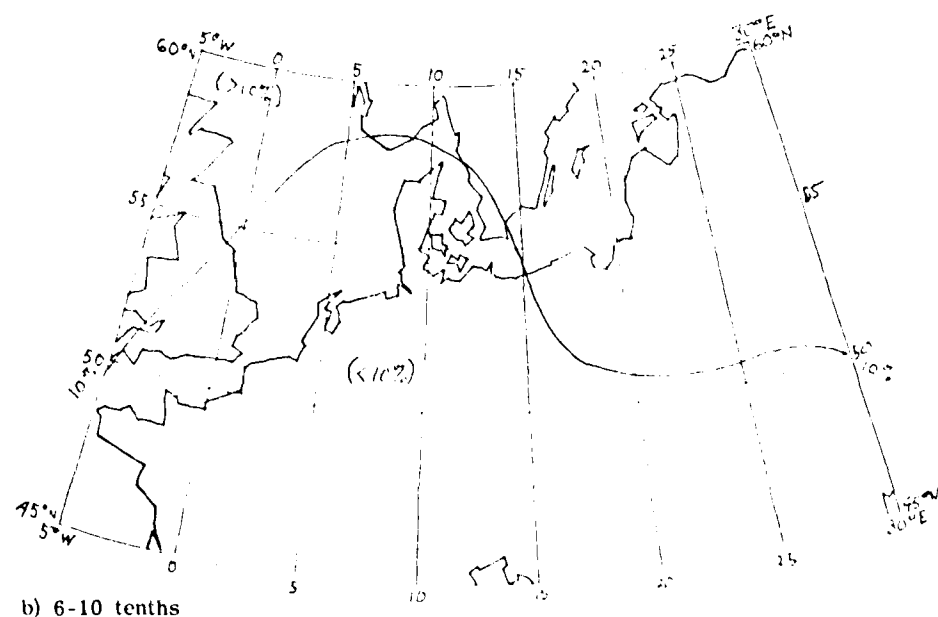
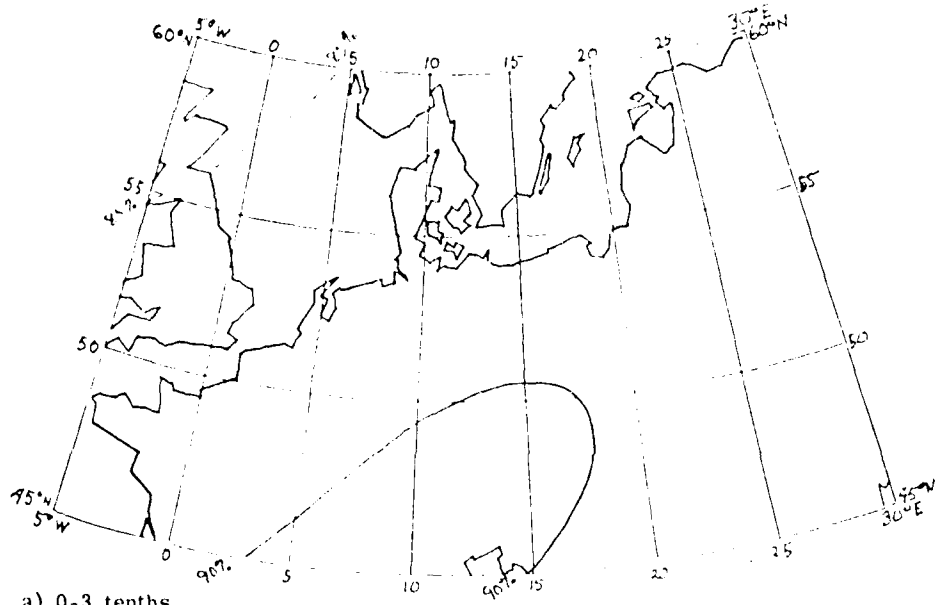
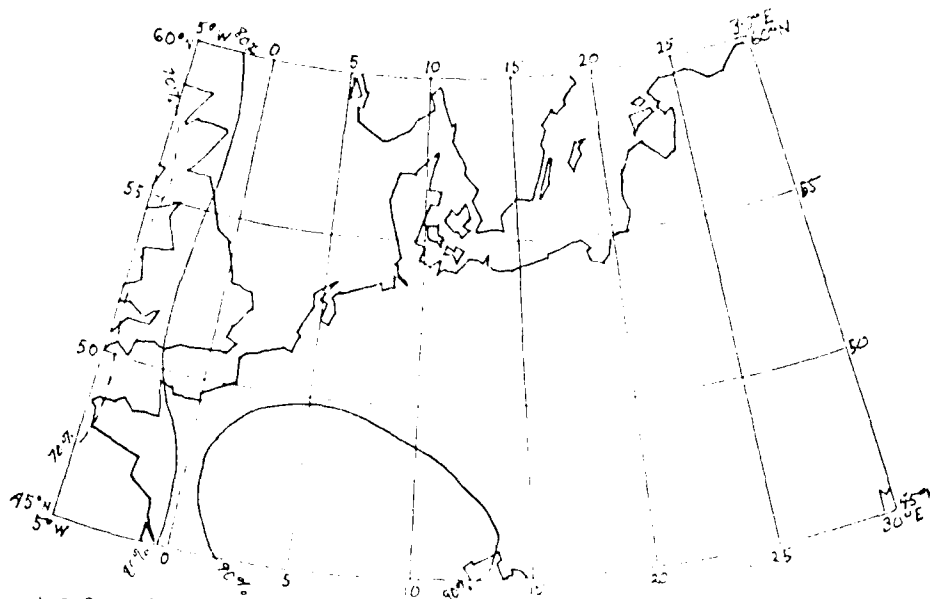
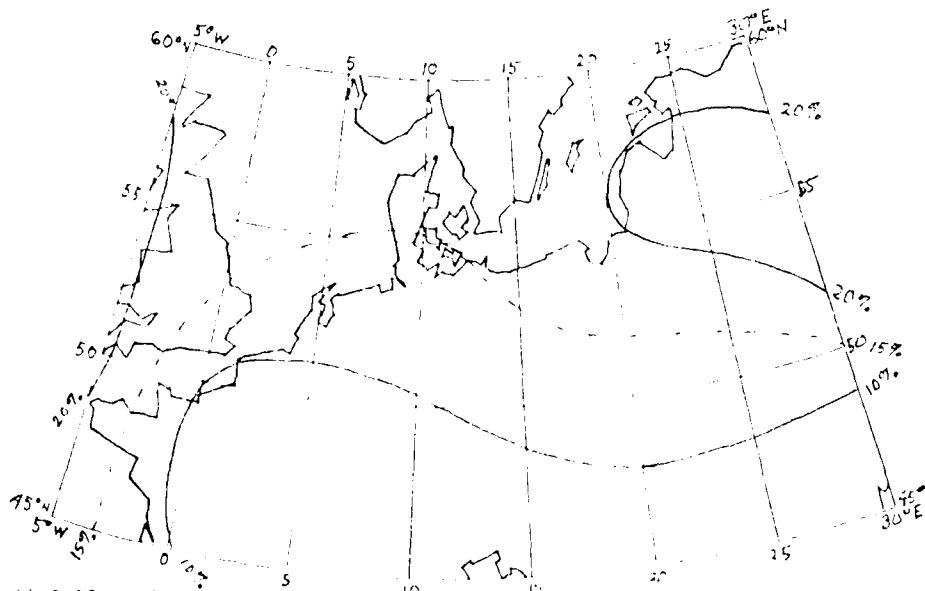


FIGURE 5-8. EXPECTED FREQUENCY (%) FOR A GIVEN SKY COVER IN A SPECIFIED ALTITUDE BAND. April, 15,000 to 20,000 ft. MSL (Ref. 13)



a) 0-3 tenths



b) 6-10 tenths

FIGURE 5-9. EXPECTED FREQUENCY (%) FOR A GIVEN SKY COVER IN A SPECIFIED ALTITUDE BAND. April. 20,000 to 30,000 ft. MSL (Ref. 13)

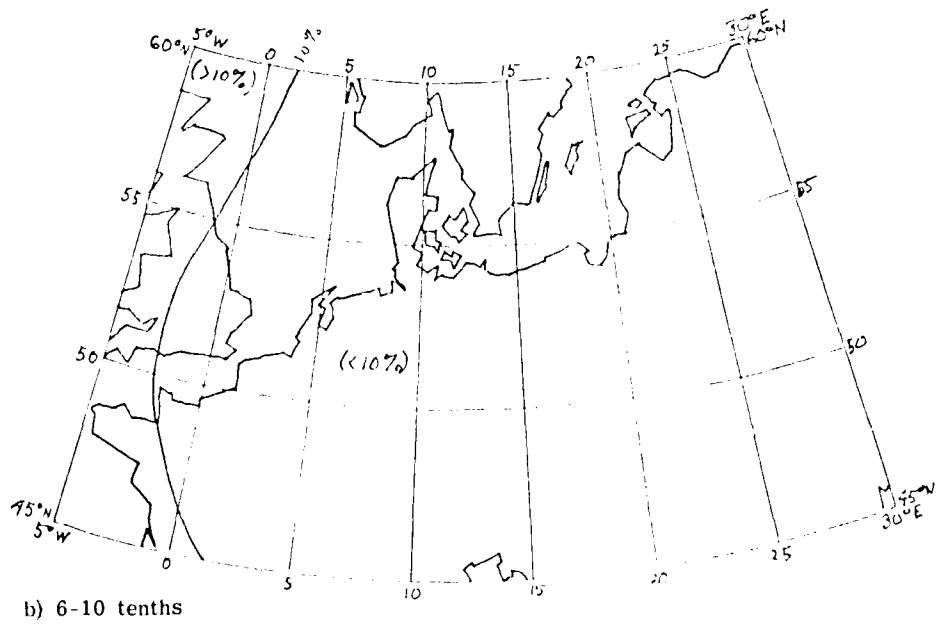
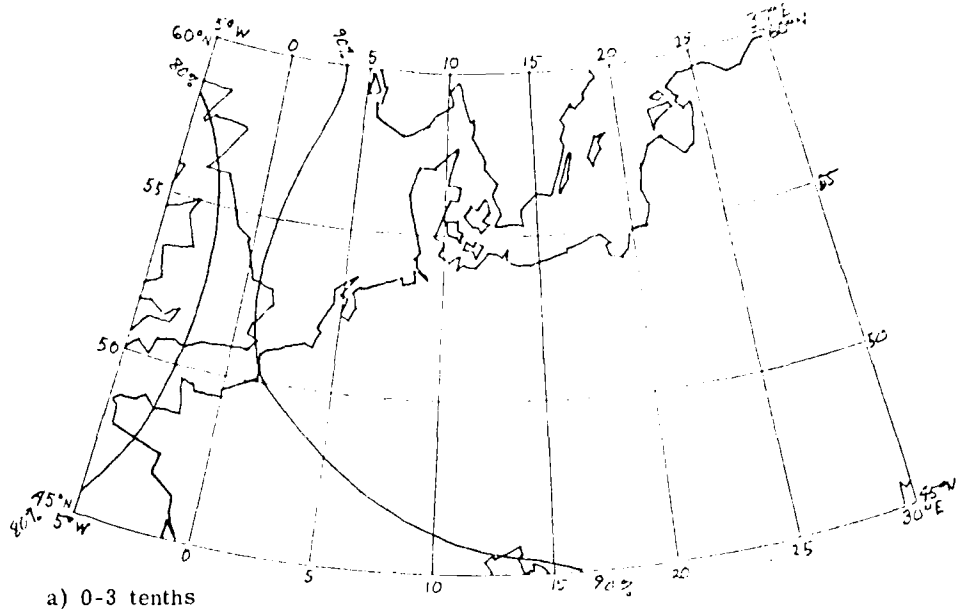


FIGURE 5-10. EXPECTED FREQUENCY (%) FOR A GIVEN SKY COVER IN A SPECIFIED ALTITUDE BAND. April, 30,000 ft. MSL to U.L. (Ref. 13)

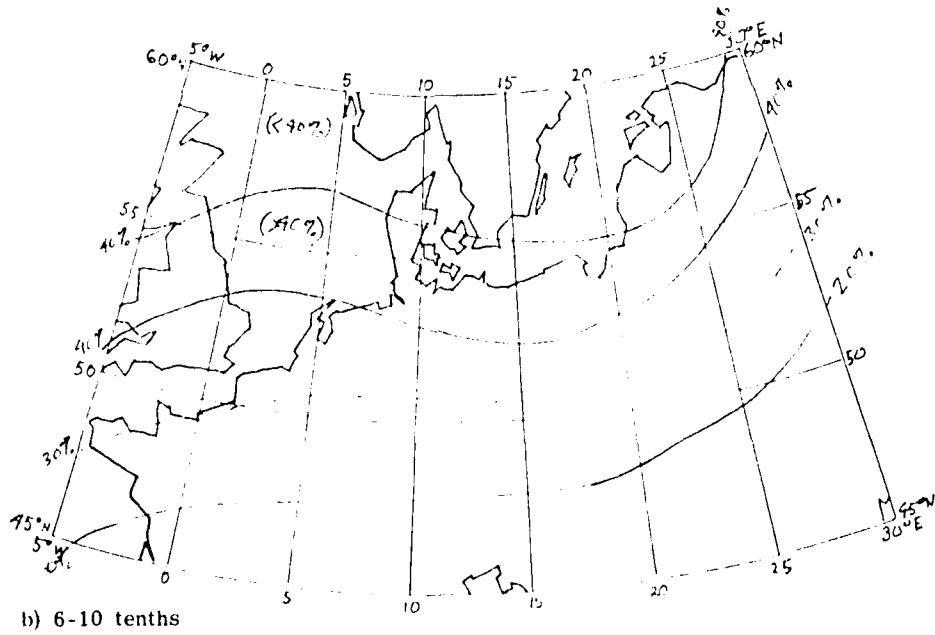
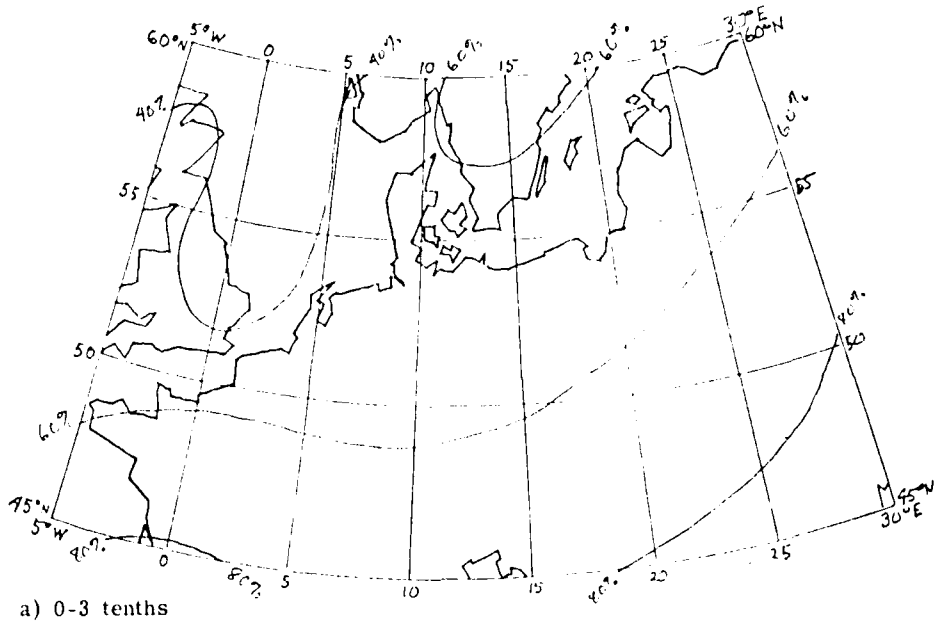


FIGURE 5-11. EXPECTED FREQUENCY (%) FOR A GIVEN SKY COVER IN A SPECIFIED ALTITUDE BAND. July, 0 to 5,000 ft. AGL (Ref. 13)

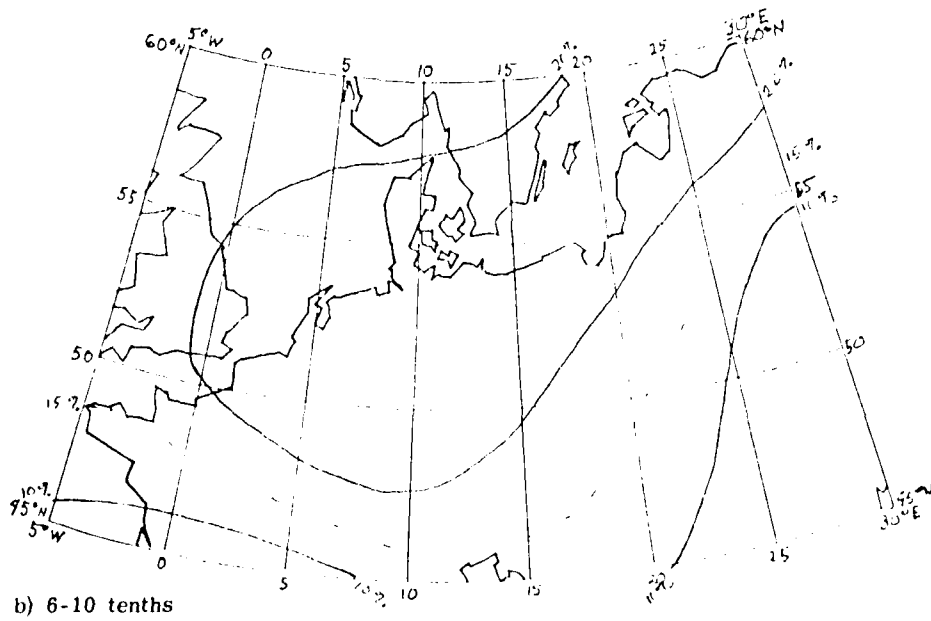
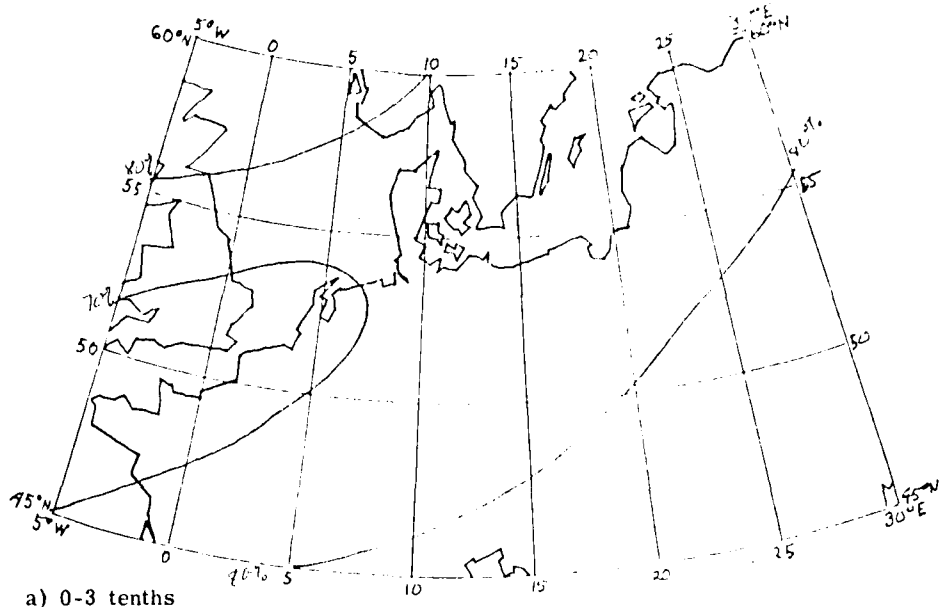


FIGURE 5-12. EXPECTED FREQUENCY (%) FOR A GIVEN SKY COVER IN A SPECIFIED ALTITUDE BAND. July, 5,000 to 10,000 ft. AGL (Ref. 13)



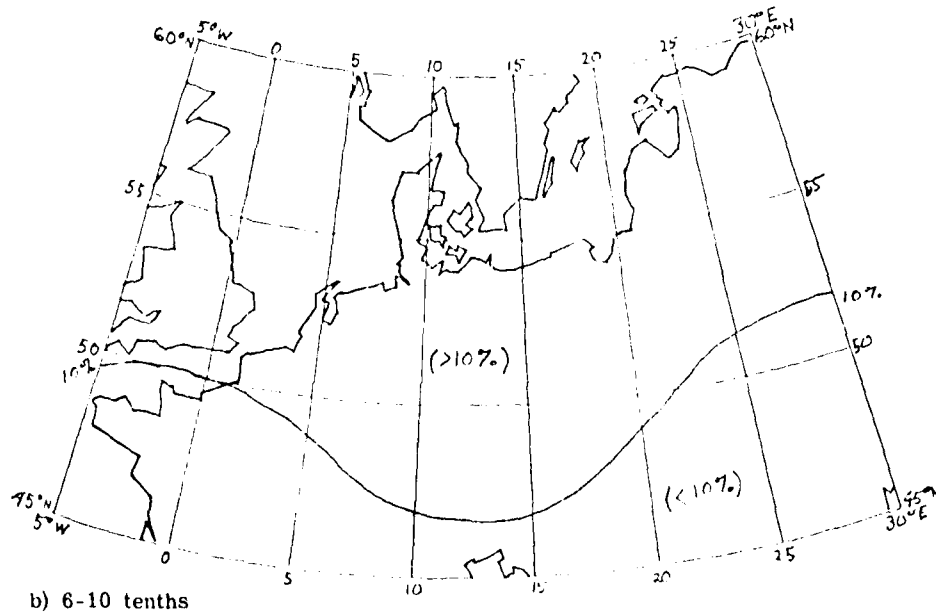
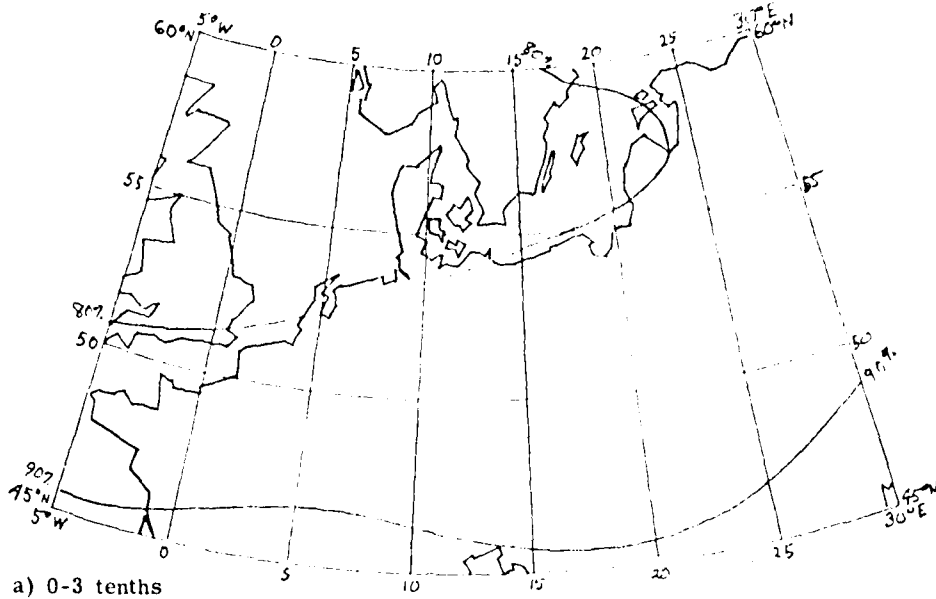


FIGURE 5-13. EXPECTED FREQUENCY (%) FOR A GIVEN SKY COVER IN A SPECIFIED ALTITUDE BAND. July 10,000 to 15,000 ft. MSL (Ref. 13)

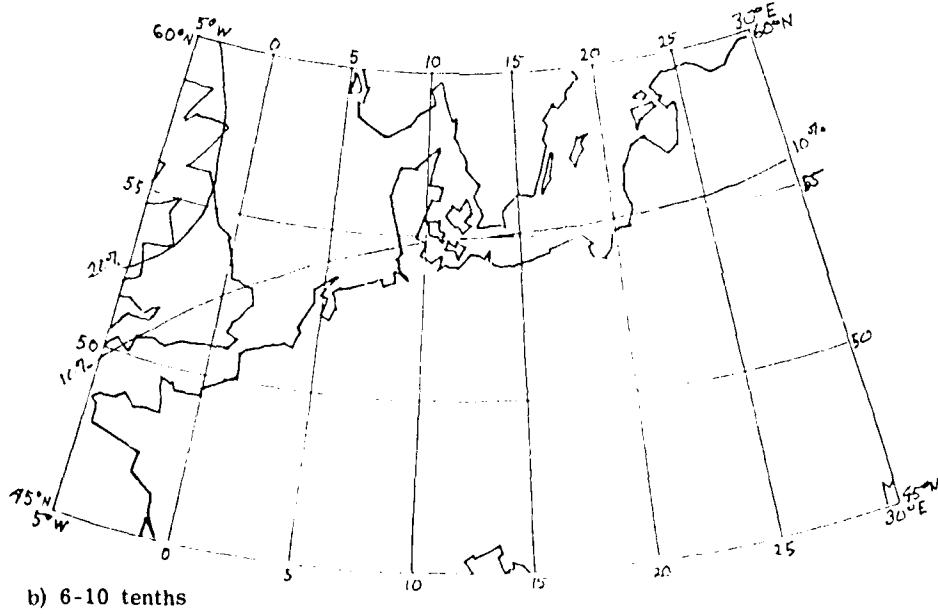
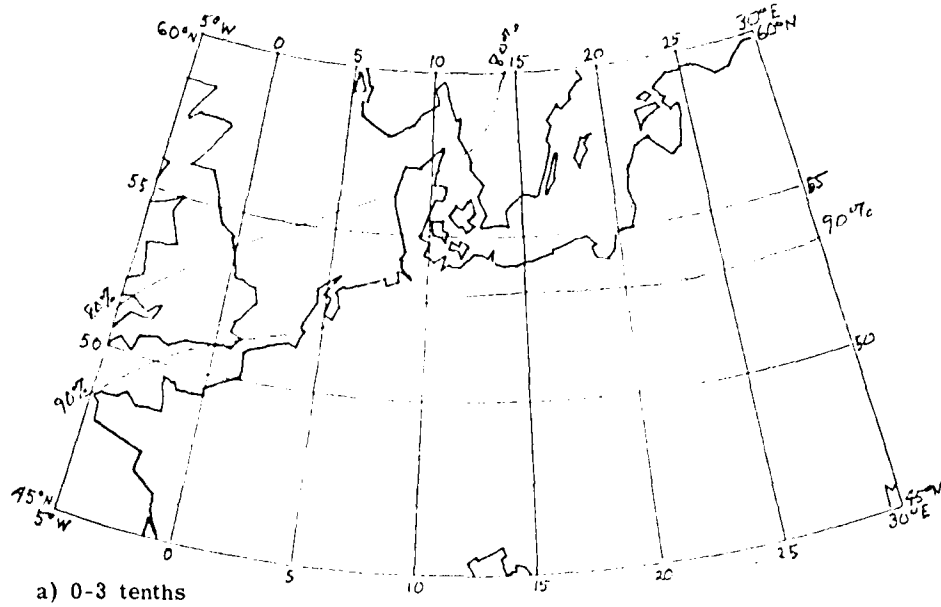


FIGURE 5-14. EXPECTED FREQUENCY (%) FOR A GIVEN SKY COVER IN A SPECIFIED ALTITUDE BAND, July 15,000 to 20,000 ft. MSL (Ref. 13)

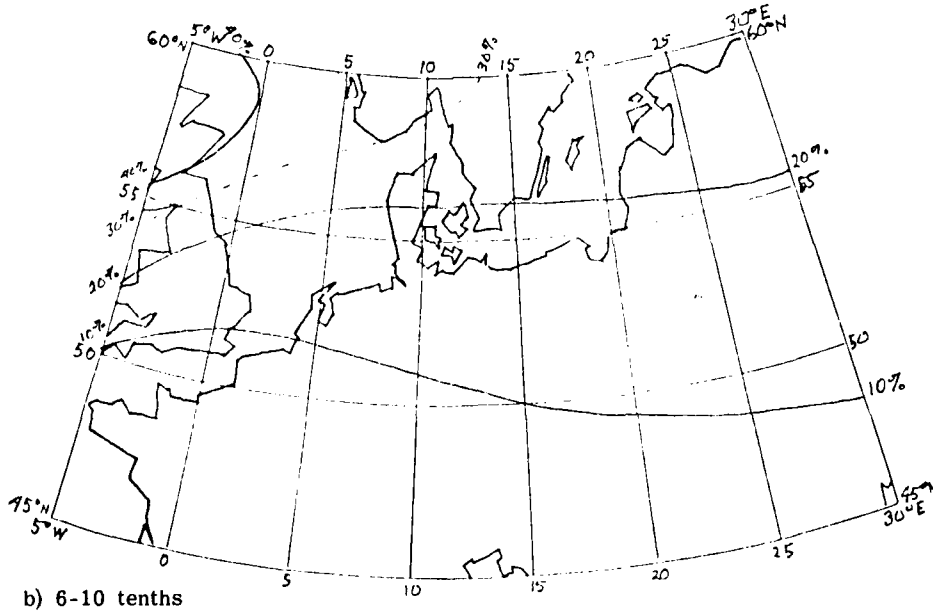
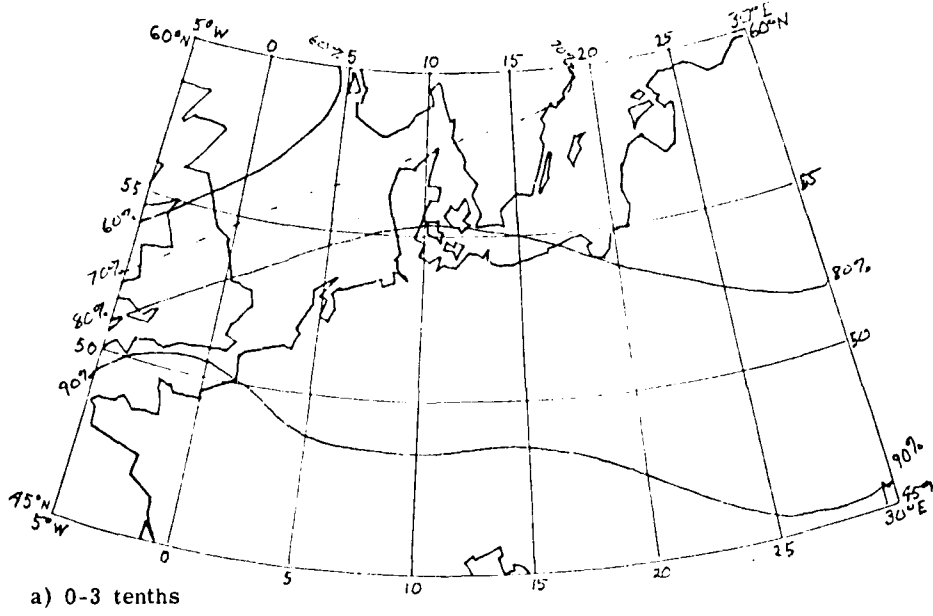


FIGURE 5-15. EXPECTED FREQUENCY (%) FOR A GIVEN SKY COVER IN A SPECIFIED ALTITUDE BAND. July, 20,000 to 30,000 ft. MSL (Ref. 13)

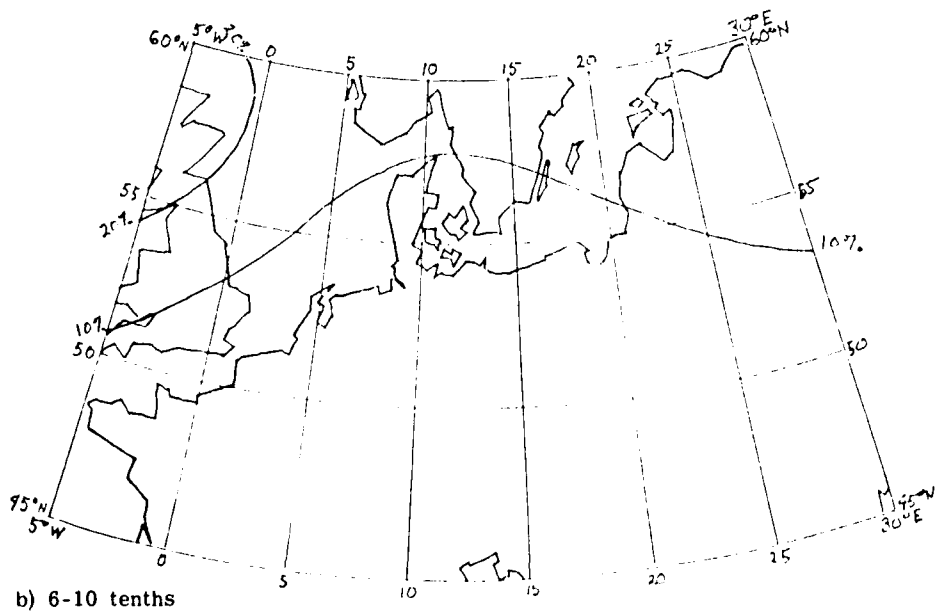
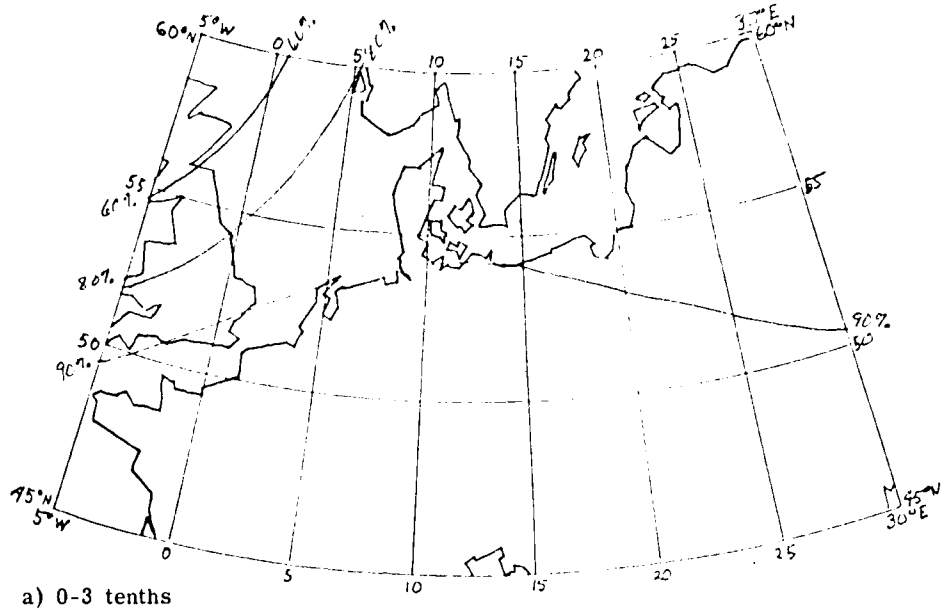
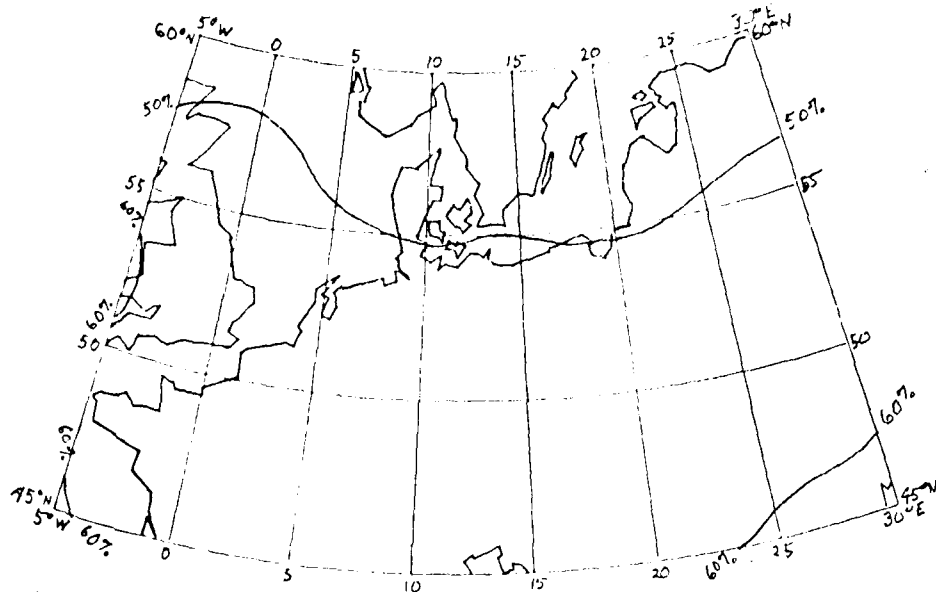
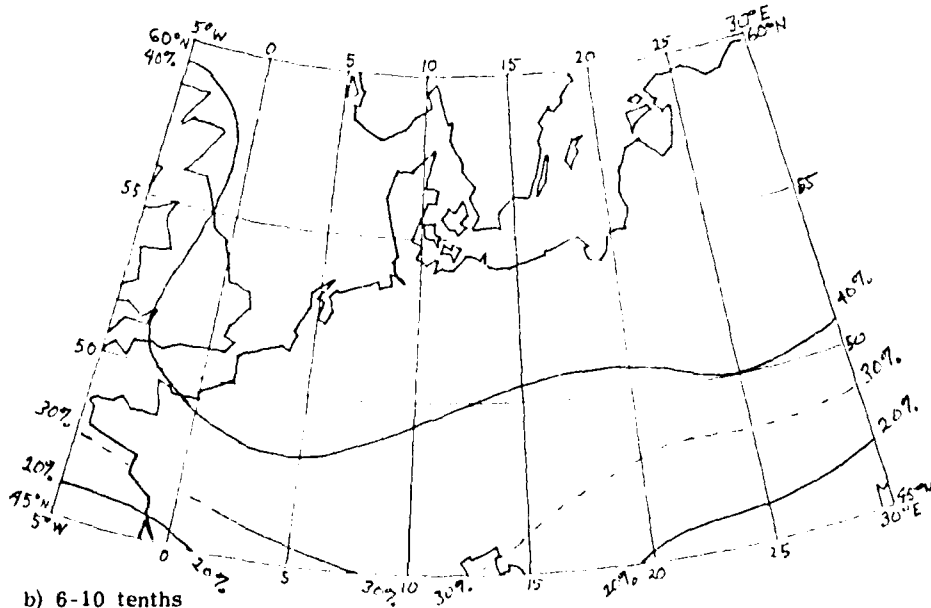


FIGURE 5-16. EXPECTED FREQUENCY (%) FOR A GIVEN SKY COVER IN A SPECIFIED ALTITUDE BAND. July, 30,000 ft. MSL to U.L. (Ref. 13)



a) 0-3 tenths



b) 6-10 tenths

FIGURE 5-17. EXPECTED FREQUENCY (%) FOR A GIVEN SKY COVER IN A SPECIFIED ALTITUDE BAND. October, 0 to 5,000 ft. AGL (Ref. 13)

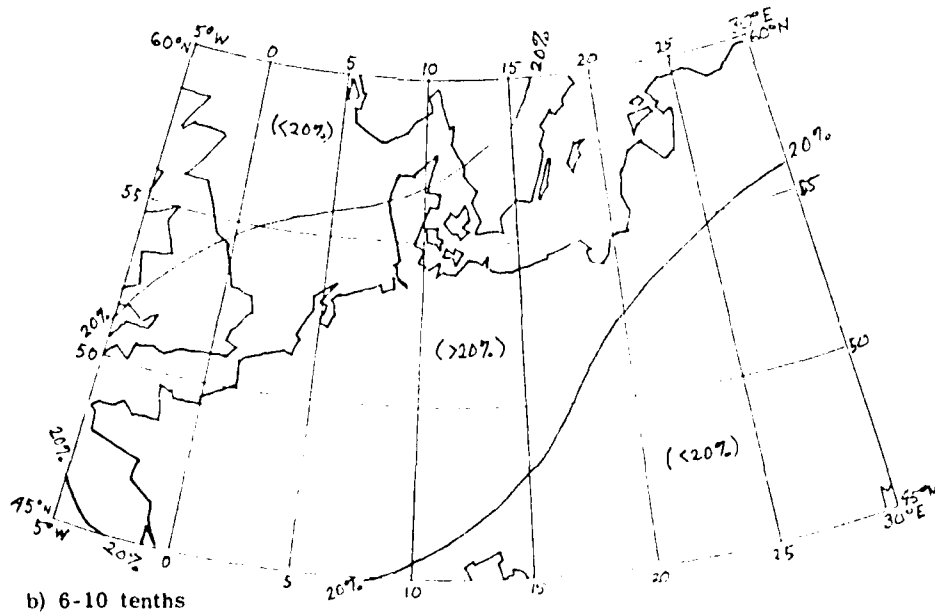
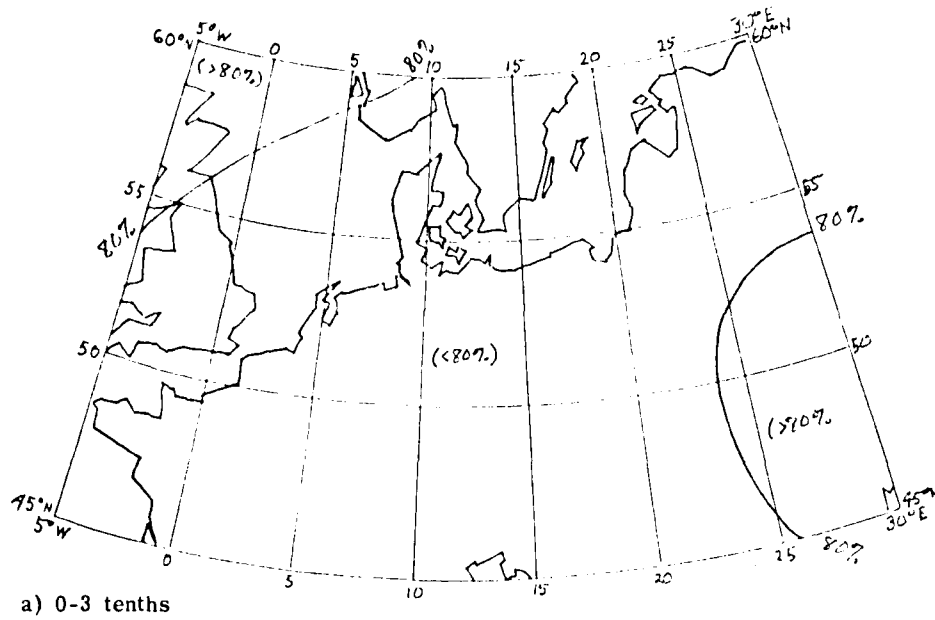
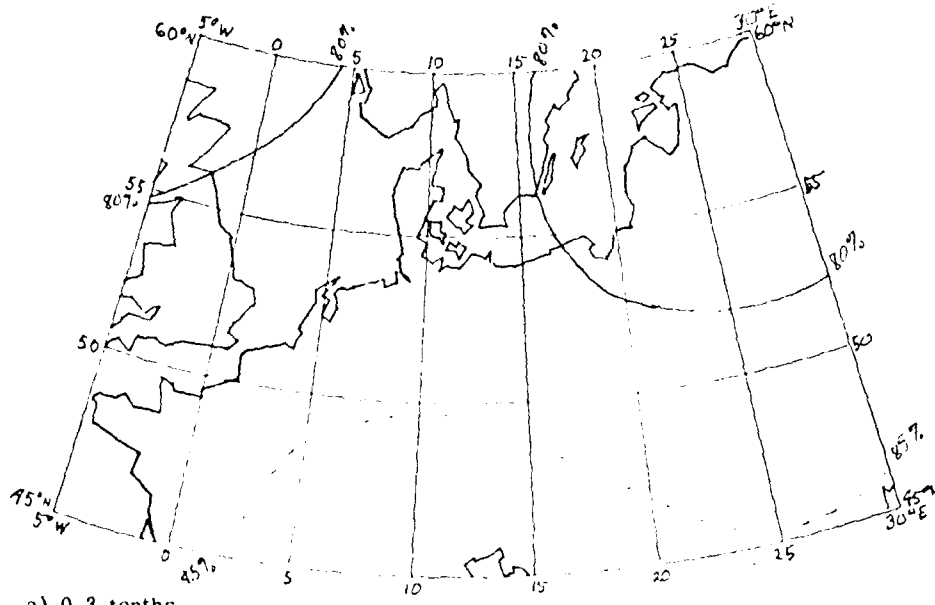
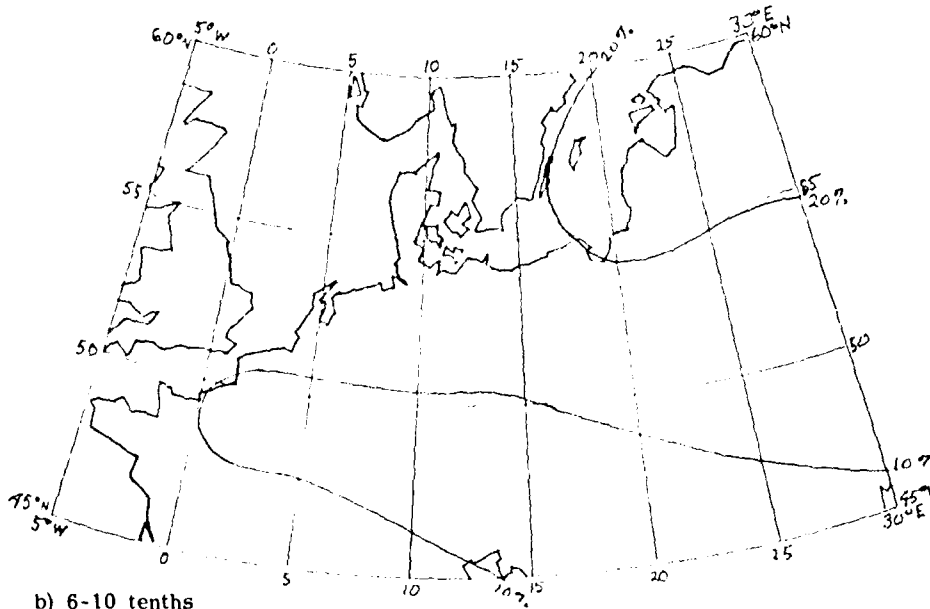


FIGURE 5-18. EXPECTED FREQUENCY (%) FOR A GIVEN SKY COVER IN A SPECIFIED ALTITUDE BAND. October, 5,000 to 10,000 ft. AGL (Ref. 13)



a) 0-3 tenths



b) 6-10 tenths

FIGURE 5-19. EXPECTED FREQUENCY (%) FOR A GIVEN SKY COVER IN A SPECIFIED ALTITUDE BAND. October, 10,000 to 15,000 ft. MSL (Ref. 13)

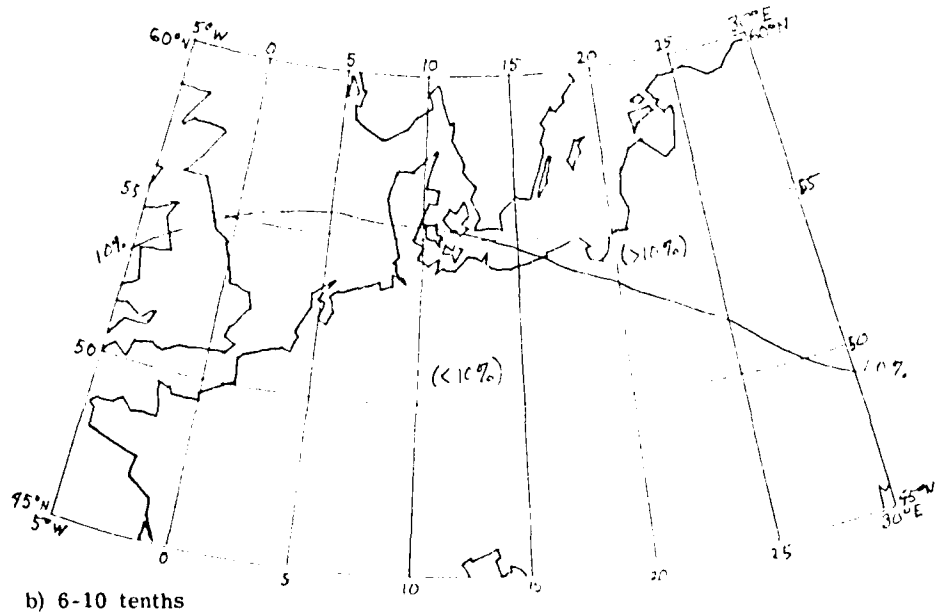
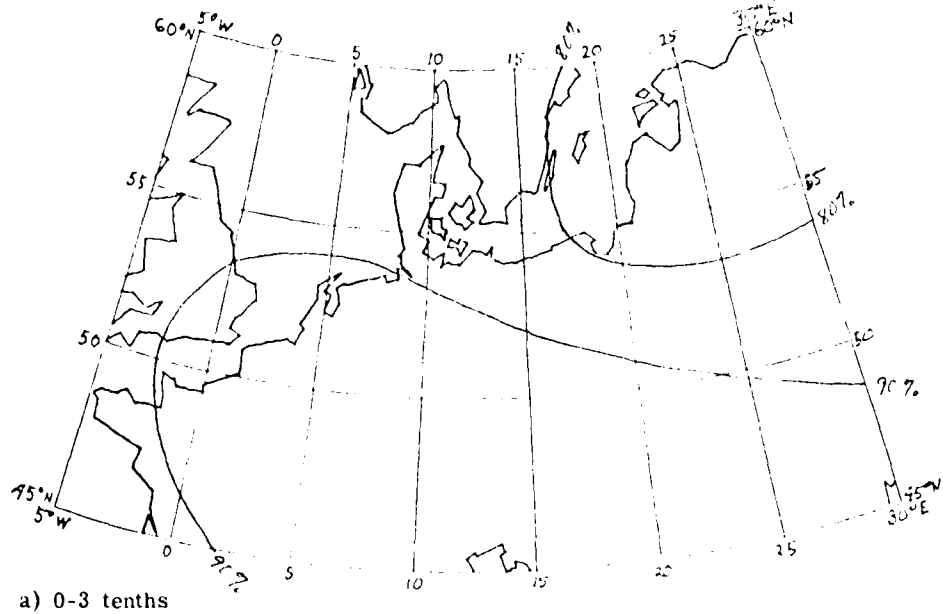
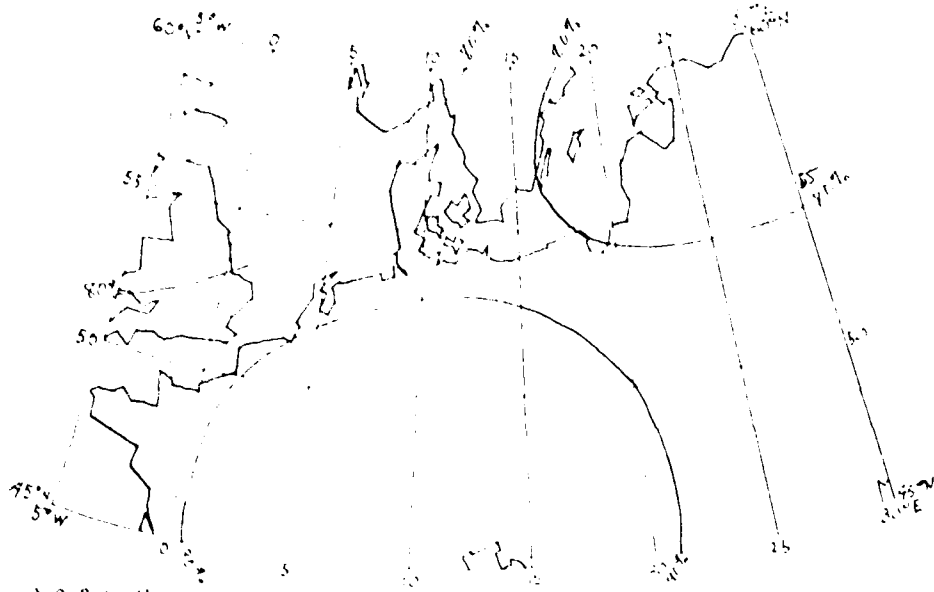


FIGURE 5-20. EXPECTED FREQUENCY (%) FOR A GIVEN SKY COVER IN A SPECIFIED ALTITUDE BAND. October, 15,000 to 20,000 ft. MSL (Ref. 13)



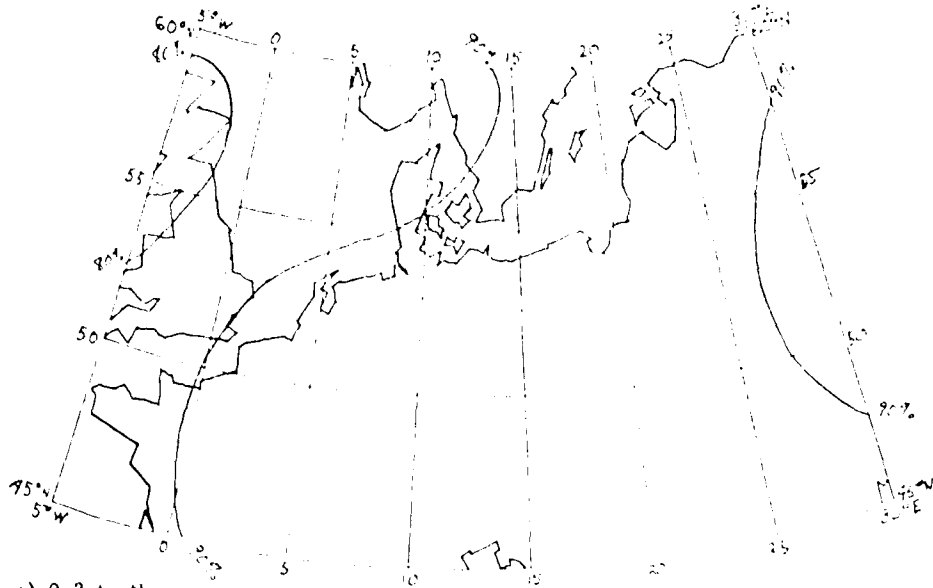


a) 0-3 tenths

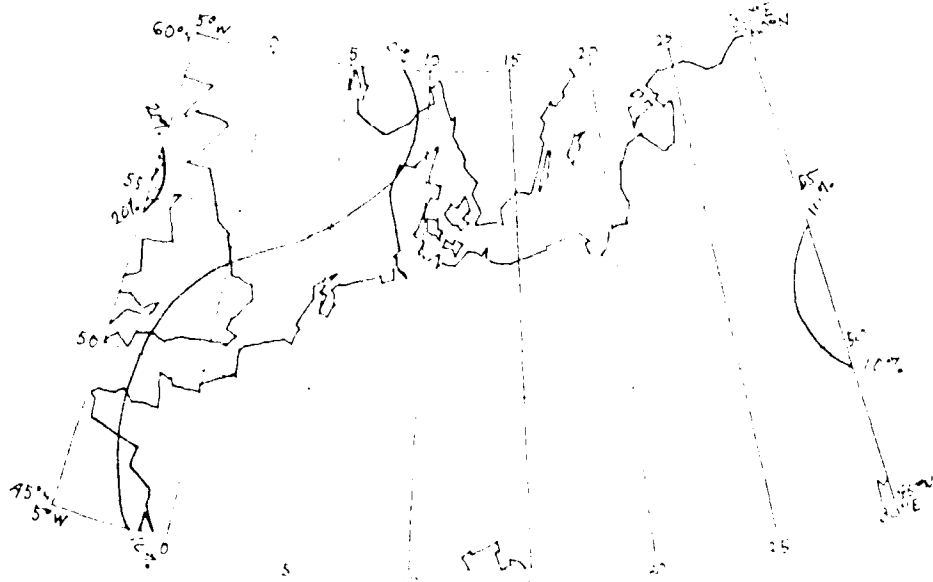


b) 6-10 tenths

FIGURE 5-21 EXPECTED FREQUENCY (%) FOR A GIVEN SKY COVER IN A SPECIFIED ALTITUDE BAND, October, 20,000 to 30,000 ft. MSL (Ref. 13)



a) 0-3 tenths



b) 6-10 tenths

FIGURE 5-22. EXPECTED FREQUENCY (%) FOR A GIVEN SKY COVER IN A SPECIFIED ALTITUDE BAND, October, 30,000 ft. MSL TO U.L. (Ref. 13)

TABLE 5-3. PROBABILITY OF 4/10 OR MORE SKY COVER  
IN ALTITUDE BANDS 10°E 50°N (Ref. 13)

<u>Altitude Band</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Oct</u>
0 AGL to 5,000 ft AGL	61%	42%	44%	46%
5,000 ft AGL to 10,000 ft AGL	41	29	27	25
10,000 ft AGL to 15,000 ft MSL	14	14	16	15
15,000 ft MSL to 20,000 ft MSL	11	10	5	8
20,000 ft MSL to 30,000 ft MSL	8	11	13	8
30,000 ft MSL to UL	5	5	5	5

TABLE 5-4. CLOUDINESS (DAYS/MO) & FREQUENCY OF CLOUDINESS AT INDICATED ALTITUDES [%] (Ref. 8)

Zone	Station	Parameter	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Average	
6a	Berlin	Cloudy ( $\geq 0.6$ ) Days	72	19	18	18	17	17	18	19	16L	21	22	24H	231	19	
		Clear ( $< 0.6$ ) Days	7	7	11H	9	10	9	8	8	10	7	6	5L	97	8	
		Cloudy @ 1500' [%]	36	34	58	77	89H	86	87	85	78	52	31	28L	—	62%	
		Cloudy @ 5000' [%]	17	19	40	56	66	67	67	66H	62	34	17	15L	—	44%	
5a	Hamburg	Cloudy ( $\geq 0.6$ ) Days	22	20	20	17	17	18	20	18	16L	18	22	23H	231	19	
		Clear ( $< 0.6$ ) Days	5	5	7	8	8	7	5	5	6	7	9H	4L	4	75	6
		Cloudy @ 1500' [%]	68	70	55	49	30	26L	30	30	34	41	57	77H	74	—	51%
		Cloudy @ 5000' [%]	49	50	67	77	80	77	79	79	89H	82	77	52	48L	—	69%
5a	Hannover	Cloudy ( $\geq 0.6$ ) Days	24	21	19	14L	18	18	19	19	18	19	24	26H	239	20	
		Clear ( $< 0.6$ ) Days	4	5	9H	9	8	7	6	6	7	7	8	4	3L	77	6
		Cloudy @ 1500' [%]	42H	36	27	14	14	12	13	13	10L	12	20	38	36	—	23%
		Cloudy @ 5000' [%]	63H	53	41	36	32	29	29	29	20L	28	26	52	55	—	39%
4b	Frankfurt A.M.	Cloudy ( $\geq 0.6$ ) Days	24H	20	17	18	17	17	16L	17	18	18	24H	24	230	19	
		Clear ( $< 0.6$ ) Days	5	6	10H	8	8	7	7	8	7	8	9	3L	4	89	7
		Cloudy @ 1500' [%]	40	40	22	7	5L	6	6	9	18	35	43	50H	—	24%	

\* Suspect Data

TABLE 5-5. CLOUDINESS (DAYS/MO) & FREQUENCY OF CLOUDINESS AT INDICATED ALTITUDES (%). (Ref. 8)

Zone	Station	Parameter	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Average	
6a	Berlin	Cloudy ( $\geq 0.6$ ) Days	22	19	18	17	17	18	18	19	16L	21	22	24H	231	19	
		Clear ( $< 0.6$ ) Days	7	7	11H	9	10	9	8	8	10	7	6	5L	97	8	
		Cloudy @ 1500' (%)	64	66	42	23	11L	14	13	15	22	48	69	72H	—	38%	
		Cloudy @ 5000' (%)	83	81	60	44	34	33	33	32L	38	66	83	85H	—	56%	
5a	Hamburg	Cloudy ( $\geq 0.6$ ) Days	22	20	20	17	17	18	20	18	16L	18	18	23H	231	19	
		Clear ( $< 0.6$ ) Days	5	5	7	8	8	7	5	6	7	7	9H	4L	4	75	6
		Cloudy @ 1500' (%)	68	70	55	49	30	26L	30	34	41	57	77H	74	—	51%	
		Cloudy @ 5000' (%)	51	50	33	23	20	23	21	11L	18	23	48	52H	—	31%	
5a	Hanover	Cloudy ( $\geq 0.6$ ) Days	24	21	19	14L	18	18	19	18	19	19	19	24	26H	239	20
		Clear ( $< 0.6$ ) Days	4	5	9H	9	8	7	6	7	7	7	8	4	3L	77	6
		Cloudy @ 1500' (%)	42H	36	27	14	14	12	13	10L	12	20	38	36	—	23%	
		Cloudy @ 5000' (%)	63H	53	41	36	32	29	29	20L	28	26	52	55	—	39%	
4b	Frankfurt A.M.	Cloudy ( $\geq 0.6$ ) Days	24H	20	17	18	17	17	16L	17	18	18	18	24H	230	19	
		Clear ( $< 0.6$ ) Days	5	6	10H	8	8	7	8	7	8	7	8	9	3L	89	7
		Cloudy @ 1500' (%)	40	40	22	7	5L	7	6	9	18	35	43	50H	—	24%	
		Cloudy @ 5000' (%)	62	53	36	31	25	24	22L	26	30	60	67H	—	39%		

TABLE 5-6. FREQUENCY OF CEILINGS BELOW THE GIVEN LEVEL. ZONES 5a (DUSSELDORF) & 7c (BAYREUTH). (Ref. 11)

Zone	Ceiling	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann. Avg.
5a	2000	.38	.29	.24	.13	.12	.10	.12	.10	.13	.13	.27	.41	.20
	1000	.24	.15	.13	.05	.05	.05	.07	.05	.08	.08	.11	.19	.10
	700	.12	.08	.09	.03	.03	.04	.05	.03	.05	.06	.09	.11	.07
	400	.06	.02	.05	.01	.01	.01	.01	.01	.02	.02	.02	.08	.03
7c	2000	.60	.54	.30	.28	.21	.20	.12	.11	.26	.27	.56	.67	.34
	1000	.30	.26	.21	.15	.09	.08	.07	.06	.10	.19	.24	.40	.18
	700	.19	.14	.10	.07	.03	.02	.02	.02	.05	.05	.04	.06	.07
	400	.03	.03	.03	.02	.01	.01	.01	.01	.01	.01	.02	.02	.03

TABLE 5-7. FREQUENCY [%] OF CEILINGS AT OR BELOW 2000 FT. (Ref. 11)

Zone	Station	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	AVG.
4b	Freiburg I.B.	33	21	11	12	10	8	5	7	11	18	26	32	16
	Wiesbaden	31	40	10	5	3	5	5	6	8	14	28	40	16
5a	Dusseldorf	38	29	29	13	12	10	12	10	13	13	27	41	20
	Hamburg	46	46	30	17	16	14	17	8	13	17	47	46	26
6a	Berlin	36	30	22	15	10	12	9	8	10	19	40	41	21
7c	Bayreuth	60	54	30	28	21	20	12	11	26	27	56	67	34
9c	München	36	29	15	16	11	7	6	7	9	18	30	40	19
9d	Bitburg	51	44	20	15	10	16	16	18	21	36	45	59	29

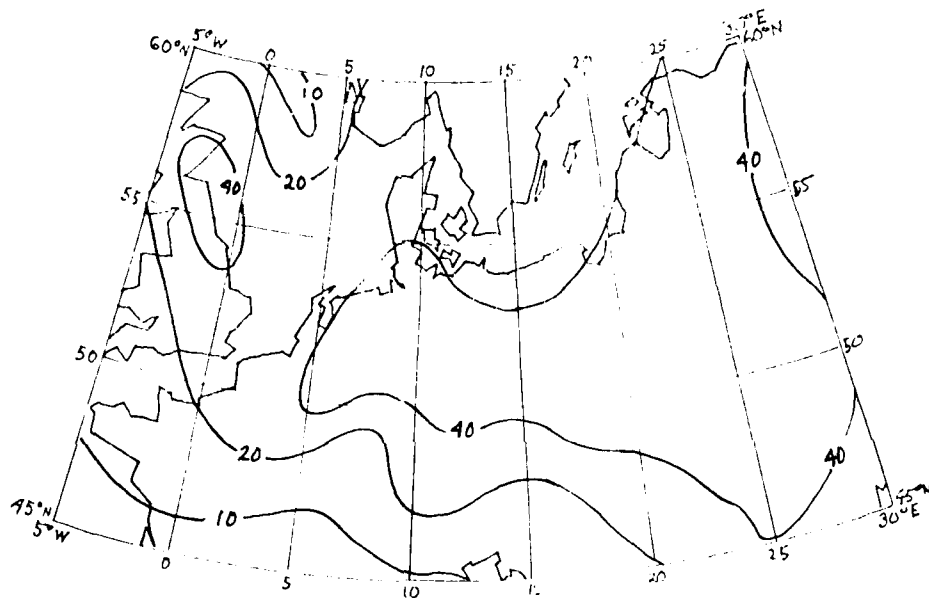


FIGURE 5-23. AVERAGE ANNUAL DAYS OF FOG (Ref. 1)



TABLE 5-8. FOG INCIDENCE, BRD (Ref. 14)

<u>Season</u>	<u>Probability of a Foggy Day</u>	<u>Fog Duration [Hours]</u>
Spring	0.12	3.6
Summer	0.04	3.2
Fall	0.33	5.0
Winter	0.37	6.0



TABLE 5-9. FOG CHARACTERISTICS ZONE 5a (Ref. 12 and 14)

<u>Month</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>
Frequency of days in which fog obscures the sky	.07	.06	.04	.02	.02	.04	.04	.08	.07	.12	.11	.11
Hour of Max. Frequency	2400	---	---	0600	---	---	0600	---	---	0600	---	---
Hour of Min. Frequency	1500	---	---	1500	---	---	1500	---	---	1500	---	---
Frequency of Fog-Day*	.37	.36	.20	.10	.06	.06	.04	.07	.11	.26	.48	.55
Frequency of Fog-Night*	.31	.35	.21	.10	.07	.05	.04	.08	.13	.22	.47	.49
Frequency of Ground Fog-Day	.03	.02	.02	.01	.01	.01	.01	.01	.01	.02	.02	.03
Frequency of Ground Fog-Night	.10	.08	.05	.03	.02	.01	.01	.02	.06	.08	.06	.07

TABLE 5-10. FREQUENCY (%) OF FOGS AND HAZE BY MONTH (Ref. 11)

		Zone	Station	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
F O G	D A Y	3	Heidelberg	12	12	5	3	2	1	1	2	4	8	12	13
		6a	Berlin	37	36	21	11	6	6	4	7	11	27	48	65
		9b	Kitzingen	8	7	5	2	1	2	2	3	6	13	10	11
		9d	Spangdahlem	15	14	6	4	4	3	3	4	7	16	19	22
	N I G H T	3	Heidelberg	12	11	4	2	1	1	1	3	5	11	15	13
		6a	Berlin	31	35	20	10	7	5	4	8	13	22	47	48
		9b	Kitzingen	7	7	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	8	13	11
		9d	Spangdahlem	15	12	5	4	3	2	3	5	9	15	19	21
G R O U N D	D A Y	3	Heidelberg	18	15	11	8	7	6	5	6	9	13	19	18
		6a	Berlin	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
		9b	Kitzingen	25	18	15	13	11	10	9	10	13	19	24	20
		9d	Spangdahlem	16	13	12	11	9	9	9	10	14	17	20	18
	F O G	3	Heidelberg	8	17	15	10	9	9	8	9	15	19	20	18
		6a	Berlin	10	7	4	2	2	1	1	2	5	8	5	6
		9b	Kitzingen	23	21	19	16	12	15	14	20	29	34	33	28
		9d	Spangdahlem	18	15	14	14	8	10	11	15	20	22	21	19
H A Z E & S M O K E	D A Y	3	Heidelberg	74	69	69	52	45	44	42	40	50	65	71	69
		6a	Berlin	9	11	8	4	3	2	2	3	5	8	7	7
		9b	Kitzingen	55	45	40	26	17	19	17	17	25	37	44	45
		9d	Spangdahlem	30	34	31	20	14	13	12	10	20	26	14	15
	N I G H T	3	Heidelberg	77	75	73	60	53	55	54	46	61	72	75	73
		6a	Berlin	4	6	5	2	1	1	1	1	2	4	3	3
		9b	Kitzingen	64	54	47	36	28	28	30	30	38	50	52	50
		9d	Spangdahlem	23	27	25	19	13	13	13	10	19	24	19	18

TABLE 5-11. IMPACT OF FOG ON CEILING AND VISIBILITY (Ref. 12)

<u>Fog Type</u>	<u>Percentile C/V's [ft./s. mi.]</u>				
	<u>10</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>90</u>
Fog - day	4000/3	2000/2	1000/1	500/½	200/¼
Fog - night	4000/3	4000/3	1000/1	500/½	200/¼
Ground Fog - day	5000/4	4000/3	2000/2	2000/2	1000/1
Ground Fog - night	5000/4	4000/3	4000/3	2000/2	2000/1

TABLE 5-12. FREQUENCY OF VISIBILITY BEING REDUCED TO A GIVEN RANGE ZONES 5a (HANNOVER) AND 7c (BAYREUTH)

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Visibility</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Tot</u>
5a	5/8 mi.	.05	.05	.06	.01	.03	.01	.01	.01	.02	.06	.06	.08	.04
	1½	.15	.11	.12	.02	.04	.02	.02	.04	.04	.11	.18	.16	.08
	2½	.34	.32	.24	.06	.10	.07	.07	.12	.10	.26	.39	.35	.20
7c	5/8 mi.	.02	.05	.03	.01	.01	.01	---	---	.02	.05	.03	.05	.02
	1½	.08	.10	.06	.01	.02	.02	.01	.01	.03	.09	.07	.12	.05
	2½	.22	.23	.14	.05	.04	.04	.03	.02	.08	.20	.21	.32	.13

	ANN	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
5a (Hamburg)	0100	8.0	11.3	14.0	12.1	3.0	3.4	1.1	3.8	3.8	4.3	10.2	18.0	11.5
	0400	11.3	12.7	16.2	15.8	7.4	6.5	5.2	8.1	7.9	8.9	14.3	17.8	14.2
	0700	13.0	13.2	20.2	18.2	8.3	5.6	3.5	3.9	7.4	13.0	21.0	24.4	17.7
	1000	11.6	20.5	27.3	15.5	2.6	0.7	0.4	0.4	1.4	3.7	14.7	27.0	24.9
	1300	6.3	15.8	17.2	5.2	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.2	1.1	13.0	16.7
	1600	5.8	18.4	11.0	3.9	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	2.3	14.4	18.6
	1900	5.3	12.9	12.8	6.0	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.6	4.1	11.9	12.4
2200	6.2	12.9	15.3	7.4	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.4	1.1	9.5	13.7	11.7	
4b (Wiesbaden)	0100	5.4	12.2	10.2	2.5	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.6	1.7	10.4	10.9	14.6
	0400	7.0	13.2	11.5	4.4	1.1	0.9	1.5	0.8	1.6	4.1	15.6	13.2	16.2
	0700	10.5	16.2	16.0	8.5	2.9	2.6	2.3	1.9	3.4	11.9	25.9	17.8	17.1
	1000	10.7	21.6	19.3	9.7	1.7	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.9	7.6	23.2	20.6	22.4
	1300	6.8	16.9	12.8	4.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	1.6	10.5	14.8	20.2
	1600	5.7	13.8	10.5	2.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.7	7.5	13.1	19.6
	1900	4.6	10.8	10.2	2.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.7	7.2	9.8	13.3
2200	4.5	11.2	8.9	1.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.4	7.3	10.2	13.6	
Xa (Wasserkuppe)	0100	44.1	67.7	60.4	34.9	33.5	25.8	29.4	29.0	25.8	43.6	45.2	64.4	69.4
	0400	48.8	67.7	60.9	40.0	40.6	31.7	41.7	36.6	33.7	48.9	45.2	65.6	73.1
	0700	50.7	79.4	62.7	38.5	40.0	37.6	44.4	42.2	35.3	52.5	45.7	69.8	70.4
	1000	44.2	71.7	61.9	37.6	30.0	24.2	27.8	26.9	23.1	49.4	43.5	66.5	67.7
	1300	33.9	67.2	55.6	29.0	18.3	12.4	15.6	15.1	13.5	26.1	30.1	59.8	64.5
	1600	31.4	61.6	52.7	24.7	17.2	11.3	11.7	13.4	10.8	22.9	25.3	58.3	66.5
	1900	34.8	65.1	54.4	28.1	19.6	15.1	16.2	15.1	12.4	29.4	33.9	58.9	69.7
2200	39.7	67.2	58.9	32.3	24.6	20.4	20.7	25.7	16.2	37.2	40.9	61.7	71.0	
8a (Hahn A.F.B.)	0100	15.2	25.9	18.3	12.5	10.2	5.5	6.6	4.8	7.0	10.2	17.6	31.3	32.4
	0400	19.2	26.0	22.5	15.1	15.9	10.1	10.1	9.8	12.7	16.5	25.0	34.4	32.5
	0700	19.2	26.0	23.1	16.5	15.9	7.4	6.3	7.0	10.7	17.0	27.0	35.2	32.8
	1000	12.8	26.2	22.7	8.5	5.4	2.2	3.1	2.1	2.4	5.9	16.3	28.7	29.7
	1300	9.4	22.7	16.5	5.5	3.2	1.3	1.9	1.1	0.9	3.0	8.7	20.6	27.1
	1600	9.2	23.2	14.1	5.4	3.3	1.3	1.6	1.0	1.1	3.2	8.0	22.1	26.5
	1900	10.3	22.7	14.5	6.9	4.3	1.4	3.2	2.1	1.7	5.0	9.2	24.3	27.7
2200	11.5	23.3	14.3	8.8	6.4	1.9	3.7	2.6	3.3	5.6	12.4	28.2	27.6	
9b (Weiden)	0100	6.1	6.3	10.6	5.3	2.7	4.5	3.3	1.3	1.3	5.3	9.0	7.3	15.9
	0400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	0700	9.8	8.1	9.5	9.7	6.7	5.4	4.4	3.8	3.8	15.6	27.6	11.7	10.9
	1000	5.9	9.1	14.8	5.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	11.8	7.8	20.4
	1300	1.9	3.8	3.6	0.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	11.8
	1600	1.7	2.7	4.1	0.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.1	11.3
	1900	2.7	5.4	5.9	0.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	2.8	15.6
2200	3.4	6.5	7.1	1.6	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	3.2	6.1	14.9	

TABLE 5-13. FREQUENCY OF OCCURRENCE (%), CEILING VISIBILITY LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 300 FEET/1 MILE (Ref. 12)

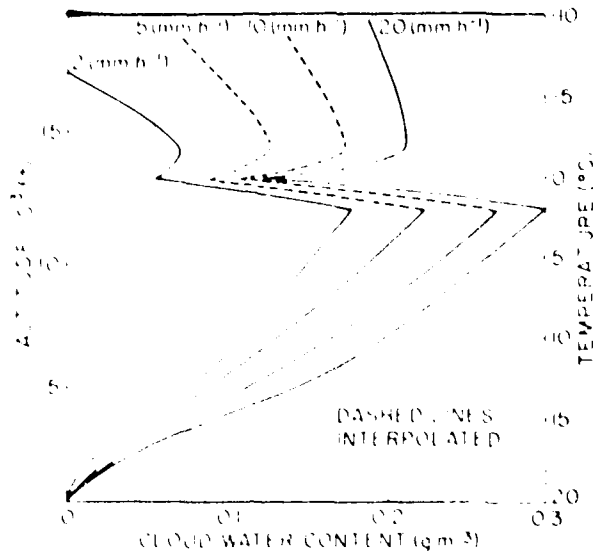


FIGURE 5-24. STORED WATER CONCENTRATION EXPECTED WITHIN SUMMER STRATIFORM RAINCLOUD (Ref. 10)

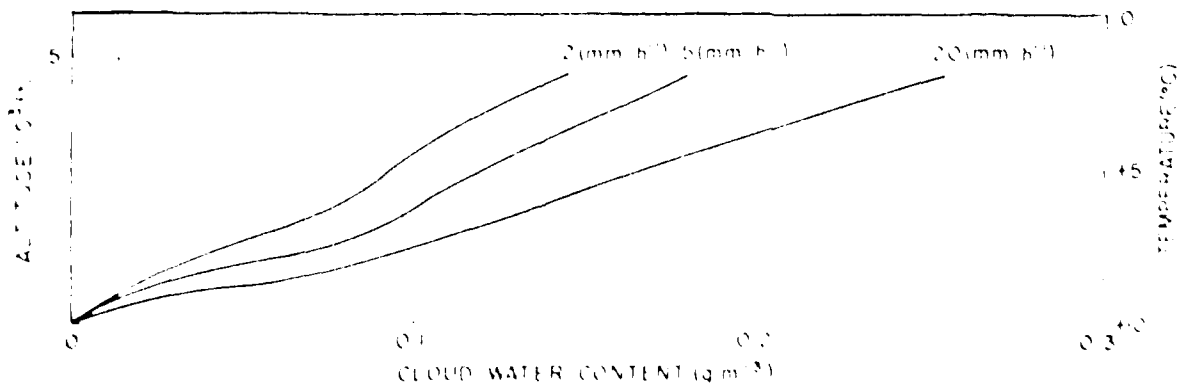


FIGURE 5-25. STORED WATER CONCENTRATION EXPECTED BELOW FREEZING LEVEL WITHIN SPRING OR FALL STRATIFORM RAIN CLOUDS (Ref. 10)

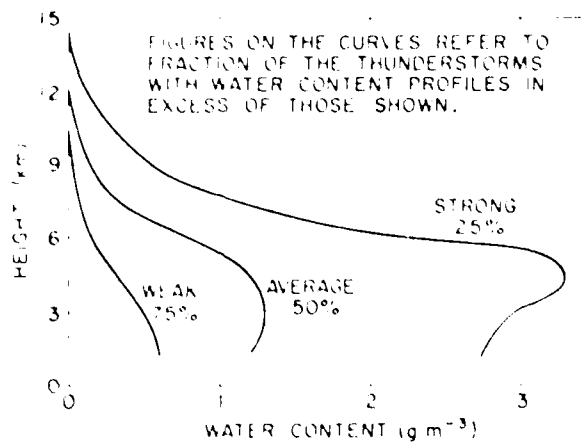


FIGURE 5-26. STORED WATER CONCENTRATION EXPECTED WITHIN CUMULONIMBUS CLOUDS (Ref. 10)



TABLE 5-14. LIQUID WATER EXPECTED WITHIN  
CUMULIFORM CLOUDS. (Ref. 10)

<u>Type</u>	<u>Clouds</u>	<u>Temp (°C)</u>	<u>Water Content (gm<sup>-3</sup>)</u>	
			<u>Average</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Cumulus humilis		10 to 24	1.0	3.0
Cumulus Congestus		3 to 11	2.0*	6.6
Cumulonimbus		10 to - 8	2.5	10.0

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TABLE 5-15. MAXIMUM ALTITUDE [km] FOR A GIVEN PROBABILITY OF A CLOUD-FREE LINE OF SIGHT (Ref. 11)

DEPRESSION ANGLE [°]		30		45		60				
CFLOS PROBABILITY		.33	.50	.67	.33	.50	.67			
TIME	ZONE									
Winter	4b	5.6	2.2	0.1	5.6	1.6	0	5.7	1.4	0
Daylight	5b	3.3	0.8	0	3.2	0.8	0	3.3	0.4	0
Summer	4b	>>10	7.0	2.0	>>10	9.6	2.1	>>10	>10	2.7
Daylight	5b	9.2	3.0	1.1	> 10	3.7	1.2	>>10	4.2	1.2
Year Long	4b	>>10	3.0	0.8	>>10	3.6	0.6	>>10	3.6	0.6
24 Hour	5b	> 10	1.8	0.4	> 10	2.0	0	> 10	2.0	0

The frequency of incidence for the various weather elements which have been presented in the previous sections is an adequate measure for predicting the success of a "snap shot" type of sensor which is inhibited by only a single factor. Fortunately for the sensor (unfortunately for the analyst), there is some freedom in choosing its point of application in time and space. For example, a brief delay of a mission may allow the rain to stop, the fog to clear, the front to pass, etc. The probable duration of these elements can thus be critical, also, there are correlations between those elements. The coincidence of precipitation and clouds is obvious. There is a strong negative correlation in incidence between haze/smoke and thunderstorms. Our ability to gather and display information of this type is somewhat limited.

A careful review of temperature or precipitation would disclose probabilities of a given condition lasting for a given period of time. As we will show later, these durations correlate so strongly with other parameters that the simple probabilities may not be of great use. One simple presentation that would be valuable has been used with precipitation data for England (Figure 6-1). This shows, for example, that we could expect an instantaneous rainfall rate as great as 30mm/hr to be sustained for 15 minutes or more only once each year. Regrettably comparable data have not been located for Germany and regrettably precipitation patterns differ too much between Germany and the U.K. to allow the use of the U.K. data. The curve does show the character of the relationship between duration, rate, and frequency. Such a presentation could be profitably developed for German climatic regions by season and by time of day.

Table 6-1 shows how often the ceiling and visibility will simultaneously be at or below 200 ft and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mi for a given number of hours for two climatic zones. In Table 6-2, we have presented the duration distribution in a somewhat more compact form. From Table 6-1, in

January in zone 8a, both ceiling and visibility will be equal to or less than 200 ft. and 1 1/4 mi. 29.4% of the time and 11.4% of the time it will be in a period when this condition lasts at least 12 hours. Table 6-2 shows that, also for January in 8a, 75% of these low CV periods will last at least 4 hours, 50% will last 9 hours and 25% will last at least 18 hours.

In Table 6-3 we show the likelihood of one fraction of total sky cover changing to another within a given period of time by season. Note that this data has been developed from satellite imagery for a  $10^{\circ} \times 10^{\circ}$  area centered  $10^{\circ}$  E and  $45^{\circ}$  N. Thus southern Germany is included in the study region but so are portions of Italy, France, Switzerland, Austria, Czechoslovakia. The table shows that in Winter if the sky is clear (0/4), there is 0 probability of the sky remaining clear for 24 hours while if overcast (4/4), the probability of remaining overcast for at least 24 hours is 77%.

An air mass may often be usefully identified by the source region in which it acquired its present characteristics (A-arctic, P-polar, T-tropical, E-equatorial, etc.) and according to the continentality of that region (M-maritime, and T-tropical). Convention would call for representing a maritime polar air mass as mP. We have altered this convention to emphasize the continentality aspect and would represent that same air mass as Mp. The chart of Figure 6-2 shows the frequency of encountering specific air masses at Frankfurt A.M., zone 4b. Note the presence of air masses identified as M and C which have no clearly identifiable regional characteristics, as P and T whose absolute humidity suggests no marked continentality, and as O which is especially representative of the frontal regions which are such great weather generators.

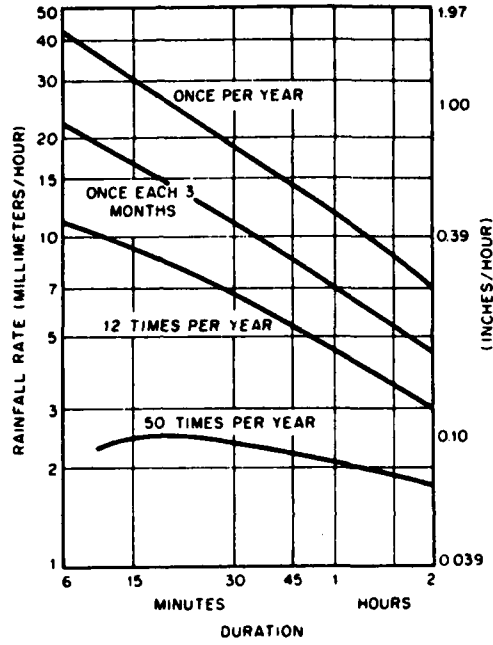
Air mass frequencies would be useful because different air masses give rise to different weather characteristics. We attempt to show this in Figure 6-3. Note, for example, that even in Winter

the polar continental, Pc, air masses from the USSR are not too frequent (2.6%), and last less than 1.5 days but when they come they drop the temperature dramatically, they bring very little moisture and far fewer overcast skies than we normally expect in German winters.

The use of such air mass statistics could lead to the generation of a reasonably good weather model. It would need some modification to provide frontal weather characteristics and for weather peculiar to cyclonic disturbances.

The contour lines that represent the height of the 500 mB atmospheric pressure are rather like the isobars found on a surface chart but are characterized by waves with ridges and troughs rather than closed highs and lows. These waves have different spatial wavelengths and speeds. There are slow moving long-wave ridges and troughs and short waves that migrate within the long waves. They may be of use because there are definite frequencies of occurrence associated with regions in these waves as shown in Table 6-4. Table 6-5 then shows the seasonal sky cover expectations to associate with each of the regions within the 500 mB structure. Note that the differences in frequencies are very marked. If, for example, you are in the forward portion of a migratory trough in winter, it will be overcast. If in the inner portion of a long wave ridge in Spring it will be clear. Table 6-6 is included to show the resulting impact on a satellite's ability to view a given spot on the ground.

One other useful way to model our weather is to adopt a family of representative, actual weather sequences. In Table 6-7 through 6-9 we include for zone 7c one representative month of weather for each of three seasons; summer, fall, and winter. If a somewhat more detailed sequence were simultaneously available from the climatic zones of interest, we could construct a catalog of typical sequences with associated frequencies and select from these to perform the sensor analyses.



—Rainfall duration in England. From E. G. Bilham, "Climate of British Isles," Macmillan Company, Toronto, Canada; 1938.

**FIGURE 6-1.**



TABLE 6-1. PERCENTAGE FREQUENCY OF OCCURRENCE OF CEILING/VISIBILITY LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 200 ft/1 1/4 mi. FOR A DURATION OF AT LEAST THE INDICATED NUMBER OF HOURS (Ref. 12)

Zone MONTH (Sta.)	HOURS OF DURATION												ALL OBS											
	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	26	30	33	36		39	42	45	48	51	54	57	60			
9b (Grafenwohr)																								
JAN	10.8	6.8	4.8	3.4	2.3	1.5	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.1
FEB	7.9	5.1	3.5	2.1	1.2	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.3
MAR	3.4	1.8	0.9	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.6
APR	1.0	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8
MAY	1.9	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.4
JUN	1.4	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2
JUL	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9
AUG	3.1	1.2	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3
SEP	6.5	2.9	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5
OCT	11.6	7.4	4.3	2.0	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.7
NOV	9.3	6.3	4.4	3.2	2.5	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	9.7
DEC	7.9	4.9	3.2	2.2	1.5	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.9
8a (Hahn A.F.B.)																								
JAN	25.2	18.7	14.5	11.4	9.0	7.4	6.1	5.2	4.5	3.9	3.4	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.1	1.8	1.4	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	29.4
FEB	14.9	9.9	6.9	4.9	3.5	2.2	1.7	1.3	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.3
MAR	6.8	4.1	2.5	1.5	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.1
APR	2.2	1.2	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.5
MAY	2.1	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.9
JUN	2.2	1.2	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8
JUL	1.4	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7
AUG	2.6	1.2	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3
SEP	3.8	1.6	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.5
OCT	14.2	8.8	5.9	4.2	3.1	2.4	2.0	1.7	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	21.9
NOV	18.1	13.2	9.7	7.2	5.5	4.3	3.4	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	21.9
DEC	26.8	21.1	17.2	14.3	12.3	10.6	9.2	8.2	7.4	6.7	6.0	5.1	4.4	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	29.3

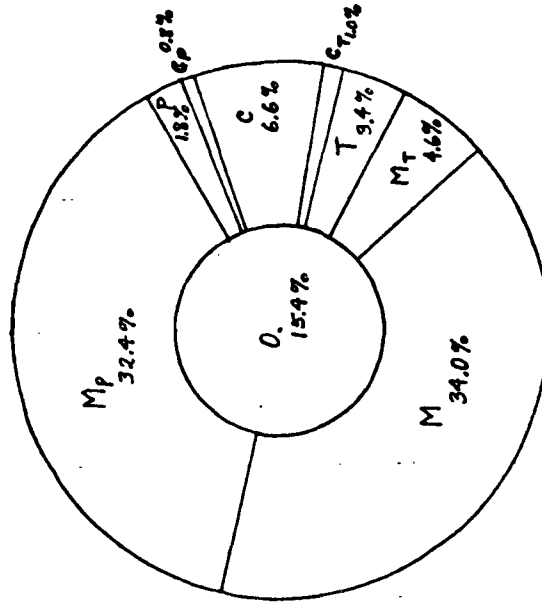


TABLE 6-2. HOURLY DURATION PERCENTILES - C/V ≤ 200 ft/1 1/4 mi

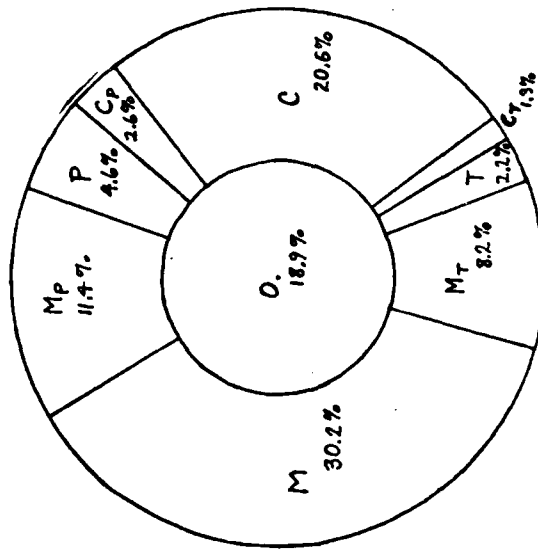
"Season"	Month	9b (Grafenwöhr)						8a (Hahn A.F.B.)					
		75		50		25		75		50		25	
"Winter"	Dec.	2		4		9		6		12		27	
	Jan.	2	(2.0)	8	(5.7)	10	(9.7)	4	(4.0)	9	(8.7)	18	(18.7)
	Feb.	2		5		10		2		5		11	
"Spring"	Mar.	<2		8		13		2		4		8	
	Apr.	<2	(-1.5)	5	(5.0)	8	(8.0)	<2	(-1.5)	2	(2.7)	5	(6.0)
	May	<<2		2		3		<2		2		5	
"Summer"	Jun.	<2		2		4		2		3		6	
	Jul.	<<2	(-1)	1	(2.0)	3	(4.0)	<2	(-1.5)	2	(2.3)	4	(5.0)
	Aug.	-2		3		5		<2		2		5	
"Fall"	Sep.	2		3		6		<2		2		4	
	Oct.	3	(2.3)	6	(5.0)	9	(9.0)	2.5	(3.0)	5	(5.0)	9	(9.3)
	Nov.	2		6		12		4		8		15	

TABLE 6-3. PROBABILITY (%) OF A SPECIFIC CHANGE IN FRACTIONAL OBSCURATION  
OVER A SPECIFIED TIME INTERVAL (10°E X 45°N)  
(Ref. 15)

Change (in 4ths)		Winter				Spring		Summer		Fall			
From	To	6 <sup>h</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup>	24 <sup>h</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup>	24 <sup>h</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup>	24 <sup>h</sup>	6 <sup>h</sup>	12 <sup>h</sup>	18 <sup>h</sup>	24 <sup>h</sup>
0	→ 0	75	50	25	0	72	57	33	25	13	0	0	37
	1	0	0	25	25	14	14	45	50	49	0	25	13
	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	25	0	25	37	25
	3	25	50	50	75	14	29	0	0	25	50	25	25
	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	25	13	0
1	→ 0	0	0	0	0	17	25	25	25	22	0	27	21
	1	0	0	0	0	0	25	25	25	14	27	13	29
	2	50	50	0	0	0	25	42	25	22	20	27	29
	3	50	50	100	100	66	25	8	25	42	33	13	21
	4	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	20	20	0
2	→ 0	-	0	-	11	0	18	13	19	17	14	6	0
	1	-	11	-	0	30	28	13	0	11	14	16	5
	2	-	33	-	33	30	18	31	44	39	32	26	38
	3	-	33	-	23	20	18	43	31	33	32	26	38
	4	-	23	-	33	20	18	0	6	0	8	26	19
3	→ 0	7	10	20	10	7	0	5	0	0	12	4	0
	1	7	5	0	5	7	0	10	20	13	16	9	15
	2	0	14	0	5	21	19	15	15	22	24	17	26
	3	72	38	40	29	29	37	50	55	30	16	48	22
	4	14	33	40	51	36	44	20	10	35	32	22	37
4	→ 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	4	3	0
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25	9	11	10	3
	2	0	2	7	9	17	18	25	0	12	11	7	0
	3	9	14	13	14	28	35	50	25	12	18	23	35
	4	91	84	80	77	55	47	0	25	67	56	57	62



SUMMER



WINTER

FIGURE 6-2. AIR MASS INCIDENCE - FRANKFURT A.M. - AFTER E. DINIES

M Maritime P Polar  
 C Continental T Tropical  
 O Other, Mixed, Ill-Defined, Frontal, Etc.



\*DURATION, TEMPERATURES, AND VAPOR PRESSURES APPLY ONLY TO MID SEASON MONTHS OF FEBRUARY AND JULY.

FIGURE 6-3. AIR MASS STATISTICS - FRANKFURT A.M.

TABLE 6-4. PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE OF A PARTICULAR FEATURE ON THE 500 MB CHART IN THE 10° X 10° SECTOR 10°E 45°N (Ref. 15)

Feature	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
a. Forward portion of migratory trough, usually cloudy	14%	16%	14%	8%
b. Rear portion of trough in cold sector, usually cloudy	12	22	15	2
c. Forward portion of migratory ridge, usually clear	10	8	15	23
e. Center of ridge, often cloudy	12	8	12	12
f. Forward portion of long wave ridges, usually clear	26	-	14	27
g. Inner portion of long wave ridges, usually clear	2	12	12	-
h. Forward portion of long wave troughs, usually cloudy	12	4	-	19
i. Inner portion of long wave trough, usually cloudy	10	30	18	9

TABLE 6-5. SEASONAL PROBABILITY OF LEVELS OF OBSCURATION  
IN DIFFERENT 500 mb FEATURES 10°E 45°N (Ref. 15)

Season	Obscuration	a	b	c	e	f	g	h	i
Winter	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	17%	0%	0%	0%
	1	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0
	2	0	0	20	0	25	0	33	0
	3	0	0	40	0	41	100	17	0
	4	100	100	40	100	0	0	50	100
Spring	0	0	0	25	0	0	100	0	0
	1	25	0	25	0	0	0	0	7
	2	13	9	50	50	0	0	0	20
	3	25	55	0	25	0	0	50	33
	4	37	36	0	25	0	0	50	40
Summer	0	0	0	13	0	57	33	0	0
	1	14	0	49	17	29	50	0	0
	2	29	50	13	33	14	17	0	33
	3	57	25	25	33	0	0	0	67
	4	0	25	0	17	0	0	0	0
Fall	0	0	0	16	20	13	0	0	0
	1	0	0	31	10	30	0	6	0
	2	14	50	21	20	13	0	31	0
	3	0	0	21	40	30	0	50	0
	4	86	50	11	10	13	0	13	100

TABLE 6-6. PROBABILITY OF CLEAR LINE OF SIGHT  
FROM SATELLITE TO A SPECIFIC SPOT ON THE GROUND,  
10° X 10° AREA CENTERED ON 10°E 45°N (Ref. 15)

Season	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
Month analyzed	(Dec 62)	(Apr 62)	(Aug 61)	(Oct 62)
CLOS Probability	18%	36%	53%	34%

TABLE 6-7(1). REPRESENTATIVE WEATHER SEQUENCES FOR ZONE 7c  
LEINEFELDE (51°23'N 10°19'E 354 m.) (Ref. 16)

Summer July '53		Day/Hr(LST)	Visibility (s. mi.)	Ceiling (100's of feet)	Sky Cover (Eighths)	Weather	Wind Speed(KTS)	Relative Humidity(%)	Absolute Humidity(g/m <sup>3</sup> )
1	01	3	130	5	H	2	71	11	
	07	6	130	8	H	4	76	13	
	13	13	130	5	-	8	46	12	
	19	13	130	8	-	C	89	15	
2	01	6	31	6	H	C	76	12	
	07	6	130	7	H	8	86	13	
	13	2-1/2	17	6	H	4	54	14	
	19	13	130	8	F	2	93	14	
3	01	3	U	3	H	C	74	11	
	07	2-1/2	130	8	H	2	83	13	
	13	13	130	5	-	8	40	11	
	19	13	130	7	R	8	52	11	
4	01	3	U	C	H	C	79	12	
	07	2-1/2	U	C	H	4	86	13	
	13	6	U	3	H	4	63	14	
	19	13	17	8	-	8	83	14	
5	01	6	U	2	H	8	93	12	
	07	6	4.6	7	-	8	93	11	
	13	13	17	6	-	8	68	11	
	19	13	130	7	-	12	76	11	
6	01	6	17	7	H	C	89	11	
	07	6	31	7	H	8	79	12	
	13	13	17	8	-	16	56	12	
	19	6	130	8	-	8	61	11	
7	01	6	130	7	H	12	68	11	
	07	13	130	8	-	12	79	12	
	13	6	9	8	L	12	89	14	
	19	13	31	8	-	16	76	14	
8	01	3	130	7	H	8	79	12	
	07	6	17	8	-	12	86	12	
	13	2-1/2	9	8	R	16	86	13	
	19	13	U	1	-	12	71	11	





TABLE 6-7(2). REPRESENTATIVE WEATHER SEQUENCES FOR ZONE 7c  
LEINEFELDE (51°23'N 10°19'E 354 m.) (Ref. 16)

Summer  
July '53

	Day/Hr(LST)	Visibility(s. mi.)	Ceiling(100's of feet)	Sky Cover(Eighths)	Weather	Wind Speed(KTS)	Relative Humidity(%)	Absolute Humidity (g/m <sup>3</sup> )
9	01	6	U	U	H	4	74	8
	07	13	130	6	-	8	83	9
	13	13	130	6	-	12	46	8
	19	13	130	7	-	4	56	9
10	01	3	130	8	-	4	79	9
	07	13	130	5	-	2	79	9
	13	13	17	7	-	8	61	9
	19	13	17	7	-	4	76	9
11	01	3	U	1	-	8	93	9
	07	2-1/2	9	7	H	4	79	8
	13	13	130	7	-	12	66	9
	19	13	9	7	-	4	61	8
12	01	3	U	1	H	8	79	9
	07	13	U	2	-	8	74	8
	13	13	17	7	-	8	61	9
	19	13	17	8	-	4	54	9
13	01	3	U	3	-	2	61	9
	07	13	9	8	R	8	96	11
	13	13	130	8	-	12	76	11
	19	13	4.6	7	RW	8	83	11
14	01	3	4.6	8	R	12	93	10
	07	13	4.6	8	-	12	86	9
	13	13	130	6	-	16	66	9
	19	13	U	4	-	8	76	10
15	01	3	17	7	-	8	93	9
	07	13	9	7	-	16	86	9
	13	35	130	7	-	27	66	9
	19	13	9	8	R	12	93	10
16	01	3	17	5	-	8	100	10
	07	13	4.6	6	-	12	93	9
	13	13	130	6	-	12	58	9
	19	35	130	8	-	4	61	9
17	01	3	130	8	-	8	66	9
	07	13	130	8	-	12	71	10
	13	13	130	8	-	12	56	12
	19	35	130	5	-	4	76	12
18	01	3	2.3	8	TRW	8	93	11
	07	13	130	8	-	4	93	13
	13	6	4.6	8	R	4	100	13
	19	2-1/2	2.3	8	L	4	93	12



TABLE 6-7(3). REPRESENTATIVE WEATHER SEQUENCES FOR ZONE 7c  
LEINEFELDE (51°23'N 10°19'E 354 m.) (Ref. 16)

Summer  
July '53

	Day/Hr(LST)	Visibility (s. mi.)	Ceiling (100's of feet)	Sky Cover (Eighths)	Weather	Wind Speed(KTS)	Relative Humidity(%)	Absolute Humidity(g/m <sup>3</sup> )
19	01	3	U	4	H	8	96	11
	07	13	17	7	-	4	89	10
	13	13	17	6	-	16	50	8
	19	13	130	6	-	8	71	9
20	01	3	U	1	-	8	79	8
	07	13	130	8	-	12	79	9
	13	13	130	8	R	12	76	9
	19	13	130	8	-	8	83	11
21	01	3	130	7	H	8	86	11
	07	13	U	1	-	8	86	12
	13	13	U	1	-	12	54	13
	19	13	U	1	-	12	41	10
22	01	3	U	2	-	16	54	9
	07	13	130	8	-	16	71	11
	13	13	130	8	-	16	54	13
	19	13	130	8	R	12	86	13
23	01	3	31	5	-	8	79	11
	07	13	31	7	-	8	86	12
	13	13	9	8	-	12	93	14
	19	13	130	8	-	4	71	11
24	01	3	130	7	H	8	83	9
	07	6	U	3	H	8	89	10
	13	13	17	6	-	12	58	9
	19	13	U	4	-	2	46	9
25	01	3	U	C	H	2	66	9
	07	13	U	C	-	8	61	9
	13	13	U	1	-	12	48	11
	19	13	U	C	-	4	48	11
26	01	13	U	C	-	8	63	11
	07	13	130	6	-	8	63	11
	13	13	130	6	-	8	71	15
	19	13	130	6	-	4	61	12
27	01	13	48	7	-	8	76	11
	07	13	130	7	-	4	86	11
	13	13	130	7	-	8	89	11
	19	35	17	7	TRW	12	86	9

TABLE 6-7(4). REPRESENTATIVE WEATHER SEQUENCES FOR ZONE 7c  
LEINEFELDE (51°23'N 10°19'E 354 m.) (Ref. 16)

Summer  
July '53

	Day/Hr(LST)	Visibility(s. mi.)	Ceiling(100's of feet)	Sky Cover (Eighths)	Weather	Wind Speed(KTS)	Relative Humidity(%)	Absolute Humidity(g/m <sup>3</sup> )
28	01	13	17	6	-	16	100	11
	07	6	4.6	7	-	16	93	11
	13	13	130	5	-	16	54	9
	19	13	17	8	-	12	76	11
29	01	3	4.6	8	R	4	100	12
	07	2-1/2	1.2	7	-	4	100	12
	13	13	130	7	-	4	54	9
	19	13	130	5	-	4	61	9
30	01	3	17	5	H	2	66	8
	07	13	130	8	-	4	76	9
	13	13	17	8	-	8	58	9
	19	2-1/2	130	8	-	8	93	10
31	01	3	U	C	H	8	93	9
	07	2-1/2	U	2	H	8	93	9
	13	13	17	8	-	12	61	8
	19	2-1/2	130	8	R	4	93	10

Weather Symbols

H Haze  
 F Fog  
 F- Light Fog  
 L Drizzle  
 R Rain  
 RW Rain Shower  
 TRW Thunderstorm  
 S Snow

TABLE 6-8(1). REPRESENTATIVE WEATHER SEQUENCES FOR ZONE 7c  
LEINEFELDE (E. 0°23'N 10°19'E 354 m.) (Ref. 16)

Autumn  
Oct. '60

	Day/Hr(LST)	Visibility (s. mi.)	Ceiling (100's of feet)	Sky Cover (Eighths)	Weather	Wind Speed(KTS)	Relative Humidity(%)	Absolute Humidity(g/m <sup>3</sup> )
1	01	3	130	8	R	14	93	7
	07	1	17	8	R	8	93	7
	13	4	17	8	F-	2	86	9
	19	2-1/2	130	7	F-	C	91	9
2	01	3	U	2	F-	2	93	8
	07	1/16	1.2	8	F	2	100	7
	13	8	U	3	-	6	66	9
	19	2-1/4	U	C	F-	C	93	9
3	01	3	130	8	F-	6	96	8
	07	1-7/8	130	8	F-	4	100	8
	13	7	130	5	-	6	71	9
	19	5	130	8	F-	2	89	10
4	01	4	130	6	F-	2	93	8
	07	3	130	6	F-	2	100	8
	13	7	130	6	-	8	63	10
	19	5	48	8	F-	2	83	10
5	01	11	130	5	-	6	83	10
	07	13	U	3	-	6	79	9
	13	19	U	3	-	6	54	9
	19	13	130	7	-	C	89	10
6	01	8	U	C	F-	C	100	9
	07	4	U	3	F-	2	100	8
	13	4	130	5	H	6	66	10
	19	4	130	5	F-	C	86	9
7	01	2-1/4	130	7	F-	C	100	9
	07	1-1/8	31	8	F-	4	100	10
	13	1-1/2	9	8	F-	6	96	11
	19	5/8	1.2	8	R	6	100	11
8	01	1/2	1.2	8	R	4	100	11
	07	3	17	8	R	4	100	10
	13	C	17	8	F-	6	86	9
	19	10	130	6	-	6	86	9



TABLE 6-8(2). REPRESENTATIVE WEATHER SEQUENCES FOR ZONE 7c  
LEINEFELDE (51°23'N 10°19'E 354 m.) (Ref. 16)

Autumn  
Oct. '60

Day/Hr(LST)	Visibility(s. mi.)	Ceiling(100's of feet)	Sky Cover (Eighths)	Weather	Wind Speed(KTS)	Relative Humidity(%)	Absolute Humidity (g/m <sup>3</sup> )
9 01	9	130	6	-	2	89	8
07	10	130	7	-	4	96	8
13	22	130	8	R	8	74	8
19	19	130	7	-	4	89	8
10 01	16	U	3	-	6	89	7
07	14	31	8	-	8	89	7
13	13	31	8	-	6	76	8
19	11	31	8	-	8	89	8
11 01	8	17	8	R	12	96	8
07	8	31	8	-	6	93	8
13	8	31	7	-	10	86	9
19	11	31	7	-	16	83	7
12 01	11	130	6	-	4	79	6
07	16	17	6	-	14	76	7
13	12	17	8	R	17	93	6
19	4	17	8	R	8	93	7
13 01	8	17	8	R	12	93	7
07	4	17	8	-	14	93	7
13	10	17	8	L	8	93	7
19	8	31	8	-	4	93	7
14 01	6	130	5	F-	4	86	6
07	4	U	2	F-	4	93	6
13	10	U	4	-	6	66	6
19	6	U	2	F-	C	83	5
15 01	1-1/8	U	C	F-	2	93	5
07	3/8	U	2	F	C	93	4
13	4	130	8	H	10	76	6
19	1	31	8	F-	4	79	6
16 01	2-1/4	17	8	R	2	86	6
07	4	17	8	R	8	100	6
13	2-1/2	17	8	R	10	100	7
19	2-1/2	17	8	R	8	100	7
17 01	3	17	8	R	19	93	7
07	3	9	8	F-	19	93	7
13	3	4.6	8	R	23	100	7
19	4	17	8	F-	14	93	6
18 01	5	17	8	R	12	100	6
07	3	17	8	R	12	93	6
13	2-1/2	17	8	R	10	93	7
19	8	130	5	-	C	93	6

TABLE 6-8(3). REPRESENTATIVE WEATHER SEQUENCES FOR ZONE 7c  
LEINEFELDE (51°23'N 10°19'E 354 m.) (Ref. 16)

Autumn  
Oct. '60

	Day/Hr(LST)	Visibility (s. mi.)	Ceiling (100's of feet)	Sky Cover (Eighths)	Weather	Wind Speed(KTS)	Relative Humidity(%)	Absolute Humidity(g/m <sup>3</sup> )
19	01	1-5/8	17	8	F-	2	91	5
	07	1-3/8	17	8	R	C	100	5
	13	10	130	8	-	C	81	7
	19	0	1.2	8	F	2	100	7
20	01	0	1.2	8	F-	C	100	6
	07	1/16	1.2	8	F	4	100	5
	13	2	130	8	F-	4	96	8
	19	1/2	1.2	8	F	4	100	8
21	01	1-1/8	130	8	F-	16	100	7
	07	1-1/8	17	8	R	4	100	7
	13	1-1/8	17	8	F-	2	91	7
	19	3	130	7	F-	C	96	8
22	01	4	U	3	F	2	91	7
	07	8	U	4	F	4	93	7
	13	11	130	8	-	6	81	8
	19	11	130	8	R	4	96	8
23	01	9	31	8	-	4	100	8
	07	11	48	8	-	12	96	8
	13	11	82	8	-	4	86	9
	19	4	17	8	R	2	93	9
24	01	7	130	7	-	6	86	9
	07	9	130	6	-	C	91	8
	13	12	31	6	-	4	76	10
	19	12	130	8	R	2	91	9
25	01	14	U	3	-	C	93	9
	07	1/2	130	8	F	C	100	8
	13	18	130	6	-	4	81	10
	19	8	130	6	-	C	91	9
26	01	3/16	1.2	8	F	6	100	9
	07	7/8	4.6	8	F	12	100	8
	13	1	4.6	8	R	6	91	8
	19	5	9	8	R	6	91	9
27	01	8	17	7	-	17	89	8
	07	19	130	7	-	14	89	7
	13	18	31	8	R	12	81	8
	19	11	31	6	-	6	96	8



TABLE 6-8(4). REPRESENTATIVE WEATHER SEQUENCES FOR ZONE 7c  
LEINEFELDE (51°23'N 10°19'E 354 m.) (Ref. 16)

Autumn  
Oct. '60

	Day/Hr(LST)	Visibility(s. mi.)	Ceiling(100's of feet)	Sky Cover(Eighths)	Weather	Wind Speed(KTS)	Relative Humidity(%)	Absolute Humidity(g/m <sup>3</sup> )
28	01	6	0	C	F	4	93	7
	07	10	130	5	-	C	93	6
	13	11	0	3	-	2	66	8
	19	6	130	6	F-;	2	93	8
29	01	6	130	8	-	4	89	7
	07	4	82	8	F-	6	83	7
	13	3	130	8	F-	12	79	8
	19	2-1/2	130	5	F-	2	93	8
30	01	1/16	1.2	8	F	C	100	8
	07	14	130	8	-	2	89	8
	13	16	31	8	R	4	86	8
	19	12	31	8	R	8	96	8
31	01	10	31	8	R	10	96	8
	07	11	31	8	R	2	96	8
	13	15	31	8	R	6	83	8
	19	11	130	8	-	6	93	8

Weather Symbols

H Haze  
F Fog  
F- Light Fog  
L Drizzle  
R Rain  
RW Rain Shower  
TRW Thunderstorm  
S Snow

TABLE 6-9(1). REPRESENTATIVE WEATHER SEQUENCES FOR ZONE 7c  
LEINEFELDE (51°23'N 10°19'E 354 m.) (Ref. 16)

Winter  
Dec. '59

	Day/Hr(LST)	Visibility(s. mi.)	Ceiling (100's of feet)	Sky Cover (Eighths)	Weather	Wind Speed(KTS)	Relative Humidity(%)	Absolute Humidity(g/m <sup>3</sup> )
1	01	3/16	1.2	8	F	6	93	5
	07	1/16	1.2	8	F	8	100	5
	13	7/8	9	8	-	6	100	6
	19	0	1.2	8	F	2	100	5
2	01	0	1.2	8	F	0	100	5
	07	0	1.2	8	F	4	100	5
	13	1/16	1.2	8	F	6	100	5
	19	1/4	1.2	8	L	2	93	5
3	01	1-1/2	17	8	-	6	93	5
	07	2-1/4	17	8	F-	6	93	5
	13	4	17	8	F-	6	93	6
	19	4	31	8	F-	6	83	5
4	01	4	31	6	F-	4	89	5
	07	4	31	8	F-	4	93	5
	13	6	130	6	F-	6	83	5
	19	11	31	7	-	C	86	5
5	01	8	0	3	-	4	86	5
	07	5	130	7	F-	2	93	5
	13	6	31	8	F-	2	89	5
	19	3	31	8	F-	C	89	5
6	01	1-5/8	31	8	F-	C	93	5
	07	1-3/4	17	8	F-	C	86	5
	13	3	17	7	F-	2	89	5
	19	5/8	1.2	8	F	6	93	5
7	01	5/8	1.2	8	F	6	93	4
	07	1	4.6	8	F-	16	100	4
	13	1/2	1.2	8	F	17	100	4
	19	1-3/8	9	8	F-	16	93	3
8	01	1-7/8	17	8	F-	16	93	3
	07	1-3/4	17	8	F-	14	93	3
	13	1-1/8	17	8	F-	12	93	3
	19	1-3/8	17	8	F-	12	93	3





TABLE 6-9(2). REPRESENTATIVE WEATHER SEQUENCES FOR ZONE 7c  
LEINEFELDE (51°23'N 10°19'E 354 m.) (Ref. 16)

Winter  
Dec. '59

	Day/Hr(LST)	Visibility(s. mi.)	Ceiling(100's of feet)	Sky Cover(Eighths)	Weather	Wind Speed(KTS)	Relative Humidity(%)	Absolute Humidity (g/m <sup>3</sup> )
9	01	1-3/8	9	8	F-	10	96	3
	07	2	17	8	F-	4	93	3
	13	2	17	8	F-	4	93	3
	19	1-1/2	17	8	F-	6	93	3
10	01	3/8	1.2	8	F	6	93	3
	07	3/4	17	8	L	6	100	4
	13	3/4	9	8	-	8	96	4
	19	1-1/2	17	8	S	21	100	4
11	01	1-1/8	17	8	F-	16	93	4
	07	1-3/4	17	8	F-	23	100	4
	13	1/2	1.2	8	F	17	93	4
	19	7/8	9	8	L	10	93	3
12	01	1-1/4	17	8	S	6	93	3
	07	2	17	8	S	2	93	3
	13	2-1/4	17	7	-	10	93	4
	19	2	17	8	S	4	93	4
13	01	2-1/2	17	8	F-	6	96	4
	07	2-1/4	17	8	F-	6	93	4
	13	2-1/2	17	8	S	2	93	4
	19	4	31	8	F	2	93	3
14	01	3	31	8	F-	C	86	3
	07	2-1/2	31	8	F-	2	91	3
	13	3	31	8	F-	4	86	3
	19	3	31	8	F-	6	79	3
15	01	3	130	7	F-	4	86	3
	07	3	31	8	F-	6	93	3
	13	3	31	8	F-	4	86	3
	19	3	31	7	F-	8	86	3
16	01	4	17	5	F-	6	86	3
	07	4	17	8	F-	2	89	4
	13	2	17	8	F-	6	93	4
	19	2-1/2	31	8	F-	C	86	4
17	01	3	U	3	F-	6	86	4
	07	3	U	3	F-	6	86	4
	13	5	130	7	F-	14	83	5
	19	4	17	8	R	14	93	6
18	01	3	17	8	R	16	93	7
	07	6	17	7	F-	8	86	6
	13	25	31	8	-	10	86	6
	19	16	31	8	-	12	83	5



TABLE 6-9(3). REPRESENTATIVE WEATHER SEQUENCES FOR ZONE 7c  
LEINEFELDE (51°23'N 10°19'E 354 m.) (Ref. 16)

Winter  
Dec. '59

	Day/Hr(LST)	Visibility(s. mi.)	Clouding (100's of feet)	Sky Cover (Eighths)	Weather	Wind Speed(KTS)	Relative Humidity(%)	Absolute Humidity(g/m <sup>3</sup> )
19	01	9	31	8	-	16	93	5
	07	6	31	8	R	14	93	5
	13	5	31	8	R	6	89	5
	19	5	U	1	F-	8	79	4
20	01	3	17	8	R	8	93	5
	07	6	17	8	F-	16	96	5
	13	16	17	8	-	14	86	5
	19	10	31	8	L	14	93	7
21	01	4	130	8	R	6	86	7
	07	6	31	8	R	4	93	6
	13	16	31	8	RW	4	93	5
	19	9	31	8	-	2	93	5
22	01	10	31	7	-	2	86	5
	07	6	31	8	F-	2	93	5
	13	6	U	3	F-	2	83	5
	19	6	U	1	F-	8	79	4
23	01	4	130	8	F-	8	79	4
	07	4	130	7	-	7	89	5
	13	11	17	7	-	7	86	5
	19	13	U	2	-	2	74	6
24	01	3	31	8	F-	C	93	6
	07	6	130	8	F-	2	89	5
	13	13	31	7	-	4	83	5
	19	11	U	1	-	C	83	5
25	01	11	U	1	-	4	86	4
	07	10	48	6	-	4	89	5
	13	16	31	8	-	6	93	6
	19	9	130	8	R	10	86	6
26	01	7	31	8	R	12	93	6
	07	13	130	8	-	14	86	6
	13	18	31	8	RW	19	86	6
	19	19	130	7	-	23	71	5
27	01	10	17	8	R	25	89	7
	07	19	U	2	-	21	76	5
	13	38	130	6	-	23	71	5
	19	13	130	8	-	4	76	5

TABLE 6-9(4). REPRESENTATIVE WEATHER SEQUENCES FOR ZONE 7c  
LEINEFELDE (51°23'N 10°19'E 354 m.) (Ref. 16)

Winter  
Dec. '59

	Day/Hr(LST)	Visibility(s. mi.)	Ceiling(100's of feet)	Sky Cover(Eighths)	Weather	Wind Speed(KTS)	Relative Humidity(%)	Absolute Humidity(g/m <sup>3</sup> )
28	01	4	31	8	F-	14	86	6
	07	3	31	8	R	10	89	5
	13	22	130	6	-	8	83	5
	19	13	31	8	-	2	89	5
29	01	11	31	8	-	4	96	5
	07	5	31	8	R	6	93	6
	13	14	31	8	-	12	93	6
	19	5	130	8	F-	6	89	5
30	01	4	130	8	R	10	89	5
	07	6	31	8	R	19	93	6
	11	22	31	7	-	19	79	6
	19	16	31	7	-	27	76	5
31	01	5	130	7	F-	14	83	5
	07	6	31	8	F-	4	89	5
	13	9	48	8	-	6	79	6
	19	8	U	2	-	2	93	6

Weather Symbols

H Haze  
 F Fog  
 F- Light Fog  
 L Drizzle  
 R Rain  
 RW Rain Shower  
 TRW Thunderstorm  
 S Snow

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