Air operations, like any other military operations, are governed by the same fundamental principles that have governed warfare in the past. The selection of the objectives against which air operations are to be directed is thus of vital importance. Air operations must be pushed with energy and dispatch. Every opportunity must be seized to take full advantage of the element of surprise. Since the replacement of the personnel and equipment of air forces is both slow and costly, economy of force is specially important. Whereas it is always unwise to fritter away military forces, it is dangerous in the case of air forces. Air forces should accordingly be concentrated against the primary objective, the one most advantageous in the situation, and not dispersed or dissipated in minor or secondary operations.