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Dornier, Claude, b. Kempten (Allgäu), May 14, 1884; d. Zug (Switzerland), January 5, 1969, German airplane builder. In 1910 Dornier was employed in the Zeppelin factory in Friedrichshafen, where in 1914 he founded Dornier Metallbau GmbH (Dornier Metalworks, Ltd.), an aircraft factory. Dornier constructed all-metal machines, in particular, and in the 1920s was known for his flying boats, such as the Do 18, Do "Whale," and Do X (1929), an enormous 12-engine airplane. A member of the NSDAP from 1940, during the Third Reich he was promoted to military-industrial leader (*Wehrwirtschaftsführer*). His factories supplied the Luftwaffe with such planes as the Do 17 bomber ("Flying Pencil") and the one-seat fighter plane Do 335 ("Anteater"), which with its tandem propulsion was the fastest propeller plane of the Second World War. Categorized as "exonerated" after the war, Dornier took up the aircraft business again in 1955, making rapid-acceleration machines.