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INTRO

No other aircraft of the German Luftwaffe is so intimately connected with its rise and fall in the course of the Second World War than the Messerschmitt Bf 109. This type, by whose evolution outlived the era in which it was conceptualized, bore the brunt of Luftwaffe duties from the opening battles of Nazi Germany through to her final downfall. The history of the aircraft begins during 1934-35, when the Reich Ministry of Aviation formulated a requirement for the development of a single-engined monoplane fighter. Proposals were submitted by Arado, Heinkel, Focke-Wulf and Bayerische Flugzeugwerke. The last mentioned firm featured a technical director named Professor Willy Messerschmitt, who was riding a wave of popularity based on the success of his recent liason aircraft, the Bf 108. His goal was to conceive of an aircraft with the best possible performance for the specified weight, size, and aerodynamic qualities. Over the subsequent months, several prototypes were built that served first and foremost in development flights and further modifications. The aircraft was relatively small, and compared to the prevailing trends of the time, docile with revolutionary features such as low wing design, the use of a retractable landing gear, a wing with a very narrow profile, wing slats, landing flaps, weapons firing through the prop hub, and so on. Even the enclosed cockpit and the method of construction were not very common just four years prior to the beginning of the Second World War. At its conception, the Bf 109 was a very promising asset despite some powerplant troubles. These were solved by the introduction of the DB 601. This engine, together with its extrapolated development DB 605, is umbilically connected to the types success. These two-row, twelve cylinder inverted V engines powered several tens of thousands of '109s in over 25 versions and variants.

The first combat use was by three developmental Bf 109s in the Spanish Civil War, where they were delivered in December 1936. The pre-series airframes were to, first of all, validate the aircraft's abilities in modern aerial combat. Shortly thereafter, production machines in the form of the Bf 109B-1 began to reach 2./J.88, the Legion Condor. The desire of Germany to demonstrate her aerial prowess to potential foes was advanced further in international sport meets. The triumphs attained in Zurich in the summer of 1937 were complemented several months later by grabbing the speed record of 610.95 kph. In very short order, the progressive developments represented by the C, D and E versions appeared. Despite this, the delivery of the types to combat units did not sustain a rate that was desired by military brass. Even by August 1938, the Bf 109 accounted for less than half of the 643 front line fighters in service. The later months saw an increase in these rates. By the time of the invasion of Poland (which saw the participation of only a little more than 200 aircraft) the Luftwaffe possessed the best fighter produced in continental Europe. With both a qualitative and quantitative advantage, the fighter wing of the Luftwaffe entered the Polish campaign, the first defenses of the Fatherland, Blitzkrieg against the West, and the Battle for France. With one foot in the door that was the English Channel, the Luftwaffe embarked on the attacks on Britain in the summer months of 1940. Here, the first weakness of the Bf 109 was revealed: the inability to carry drop tanks that would have enabled the type to effectively escort bombers to England. This was one of the factors that made the defeat of the Luftwaffe in the Battle of Britain possible. Experiences gained in 1940 led to the development of the 'F' version prior to the spring of 1941. The elegance of the Bf 109 crested with the 'Friedrich'. Following a largely defensive stance over the Channel and northern France, the Bf 109F took on a more offensive role in Operation

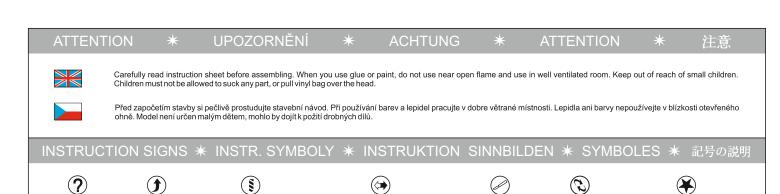
The disappearance of the Bf 109 from the skies over Europe was not spelled out by the end of the war. Several examples were in Swiss service up to 1949, and many flew in the air force of Czechoslovakia in both original form with a DB 605 powerplant and as aircraft built out of necessity with surplus Jumo 211s. The latter type also served as the first fighter to fight for the independence of the newly formed state of Israel. Finland retired the type as recently as 1954, and Spain didn't retire its HA-1109-1112, re-engined Bf 109s, until 1967. The legendary low-wing fighter of Professor Willy Messerschmitt survived the state that developed it.

ÚVODEM

Žádný jiný stroj německé Luftwaffe není výrazněji spojen s jejím vzestupem a pádem ve 2. světové válce, než stíhací Messerschmitt Bf 109. Letoun, který svou koncepcí výrazně předběhl dobu, ve které vznikal, se stal tahounem stíhacího letectva od prvních válečných konfliktů nacistického Německa, až do jeho hořkého konce. Historie letounu se začíná v období let 1934-35, kdy Říšské ministerstvo letectví formulovalo specifikace zakázky na vývoj jednomotorové jednoplošné stíhačky. Projektu se zúčastnily firmy Arado, Heinkel, Focke-Wulf a Bayerische Flugzeugwerke. V poslední jmenované působil na postu technického ředitele profesor Willy Messerschmitt, jehož popularita se nesla na vlně úspěchu nedávno dokončeného kurýrního Bf 108. Jeho cílem bylo vytvořit letoun s co největším poměrem výkonu k celkové hmotnosti, velikosti a aerodynamickým vlastnostem. V průběhu následujících měsíců vzniklo několik prototypů, které sloužily zejména ke zkouškám a dalšímu vývoji. Letoun byl poměrně malý, oproti stávajícím zvyklostem relativně jemný, s revolučními konstrukčními prvky jako byla dolnokřídlá koncepce, použití zatahovacího podvozku, křídlo s velmi štíhlým profilem, pohyblivé sloty, vztlakové klapky, zbraně střílející osou vrtule, atd. Dokonce uzavíratelný překryt kabiny nebo skořepinová konstrukce nebyly čtyři roky před začátkem 2. světové války tak obvyklým jevem, jak by se z dnešního pohledu mohlo zdát. Bf 109 byl již od počátku svého vývoje, i přes problémy s pohonnou jednotkou, velmi nadějným projektem. Problémy s pohonem vyřešila až zástavba motoru DB 601. Ten je spolu s pozdějším DB 605 neodmyslitelně spojen súspěchy Bf 109. Řadový invertní dvanáctiválec do V poháněl několik desítek tisíc vyprodukovaných "stodevítek" ve více než 25 verzích a variantách.

K prvnímu bojovému nasazení tří zkušebních kusů Bf 109 došlo za občanské války ve Španělsku, kam byly odeslány v prosinci 1936. Stroje z předsériové výroby měly především ukázat schopnosti letounu v moderní letecké válce. Následně se do bojového nasazení u 2./J.88 Legion Condor začaly dostávat i sériové stroje varianty Bf 109B-1. Snaze Německa ukazovat svou leteckou sílu potenciálním protivníkům napomáhala i sportovní klání. Triumf letounů Bf 109 na leteckém mítinku v Curychu v létě 1937 byl doplněn o několik měsíců později ustanovením rychlostního rekordu 610,95 km/h. Ve velmi krátkých časových úsecích následovaly verze C, D a E. Přesto však doplňování nových strojů k bojovým útvarům nepokračovalo tempem, který by si velení mohlo přát. Ještě v srpnu roku 1938 tvořila výzbroj letouny Bf 109 méně než polovinu z 643 stíhačů první linie. Ovšem během následujících měsíců roku se tempo dodávek k bojovým útvarům zrychlilo. V okamžik přepadení Polska (kterého se však zúčastnilo jen o málo více než dvě stě Bf 109) tak Luftwaffe disponovala zajisté nejlepší stíhačkou, jaká byla v kontinentální Evropě vyrobena. S technickou i množstevní převahou tak stíhací část Luftwaffe absolvovála polskou kampaň, první obránu Vaterlandu, Blitzkrieg protí západu i bitvu o Francii. S jednou nohou vykročenou přes kanál La Manche zahájila Luftwaffe v letních měsících roku 1940 útoky na Británii. V tu dobu se mj. projevil jeden vážný nedostatek Bf 109 - nepřipravenost konstrukce stroje na nesení přídavné nádrže, která by zvýšila dolet letounu při doprovodu bombardérů nad Británii. Tato zdánlivá maličkost byla jedním z faktorů, které zapříčinily porážku Luftwaffe v Bitvě o Británii. Zkušenosti z bojů v r. 1940 napomohly při vývoji verze F, která se začala k bojovým útvarům dostávat během předjaří 1941. Elegance Bf 109 u "Friedricha" dosáhla vrcholu. Po bojích nad Kanálem a severní Francií, spíše již defenzivního charakteru, se Bf 109F zapojily i do útočných akcí, a to zejména při operaci Barbarossa na východě nebo v severní Africe. Do pozdějších úkolů Jagdwaffe ve druhé fázi války na východě i do obrany Říše v letech 1943 - 1945 se zapojovaly především Bf 109 verze G a v posledních měsících války pak také verze K. Ačkoli na konci války bylo jasné, že koncepce letounu Bf 109 se po deseti letech služby dostalá na hranici možností, po celou dobu své bojové činnosti dokázaly jednotlivé varianty držet krok se svými stíhacími protivníky. Kromě svého prioritního určení stíhacího letounu se Bf 109 objevily i v rolích stíhací-bombardovací, průzkumná, noční stíhací, palubní stíhací, cvičné nebo jako Rammjäger.

Nebe se pro Bf 109 nezavřelo ani po skončení války. Několik strojů sloužilo až do roku 1949 ve Švýcarsku, mnohé létaly v balkánských zemích, v osvobozeném Československu, a to jak v původní podobě s motory DB 605, tak v přestavěné variantě s motory Jumo 211. Zejména tyto stroje později tvořily základ letectva bránícího svobodu nově budovaného státu Izrael. Finsko zrušilo Bf 109 až v roce 1954 a Španělsko opustilo své HA-1109 a 1112 dokonce až v roce 1967.



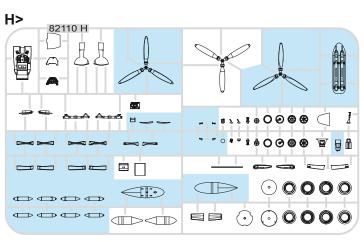


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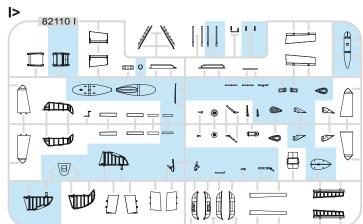
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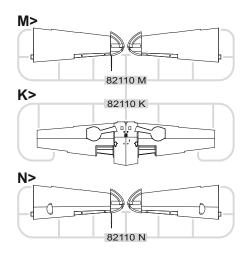
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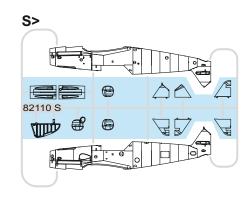
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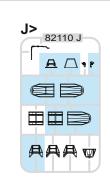


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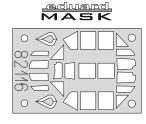




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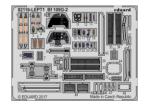
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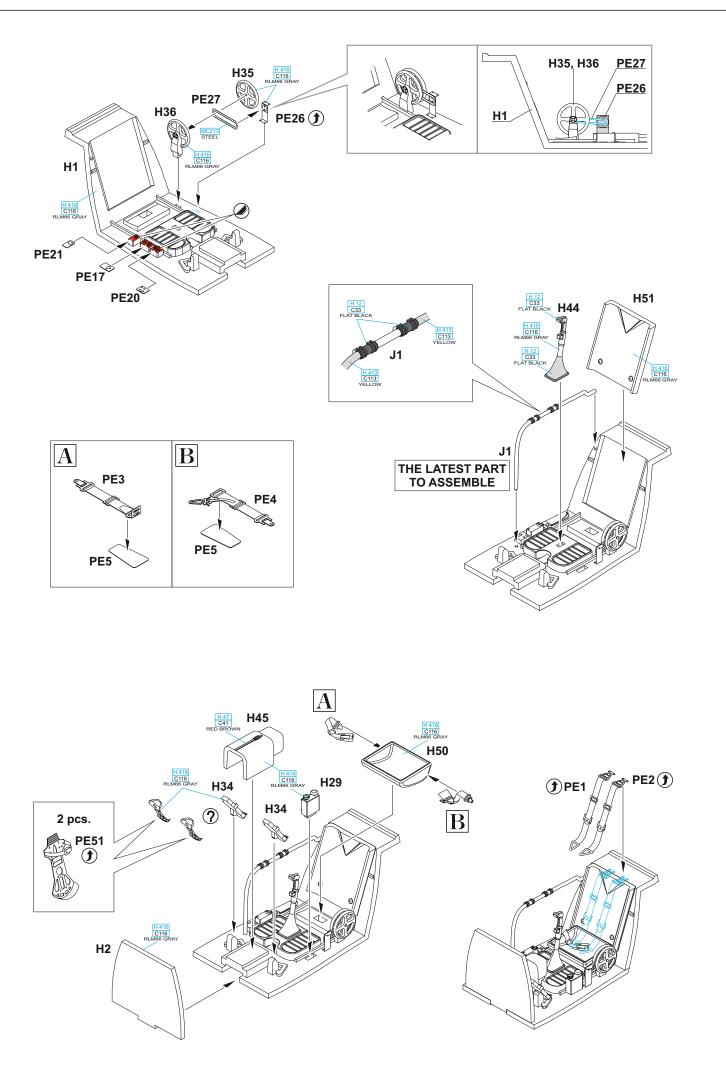
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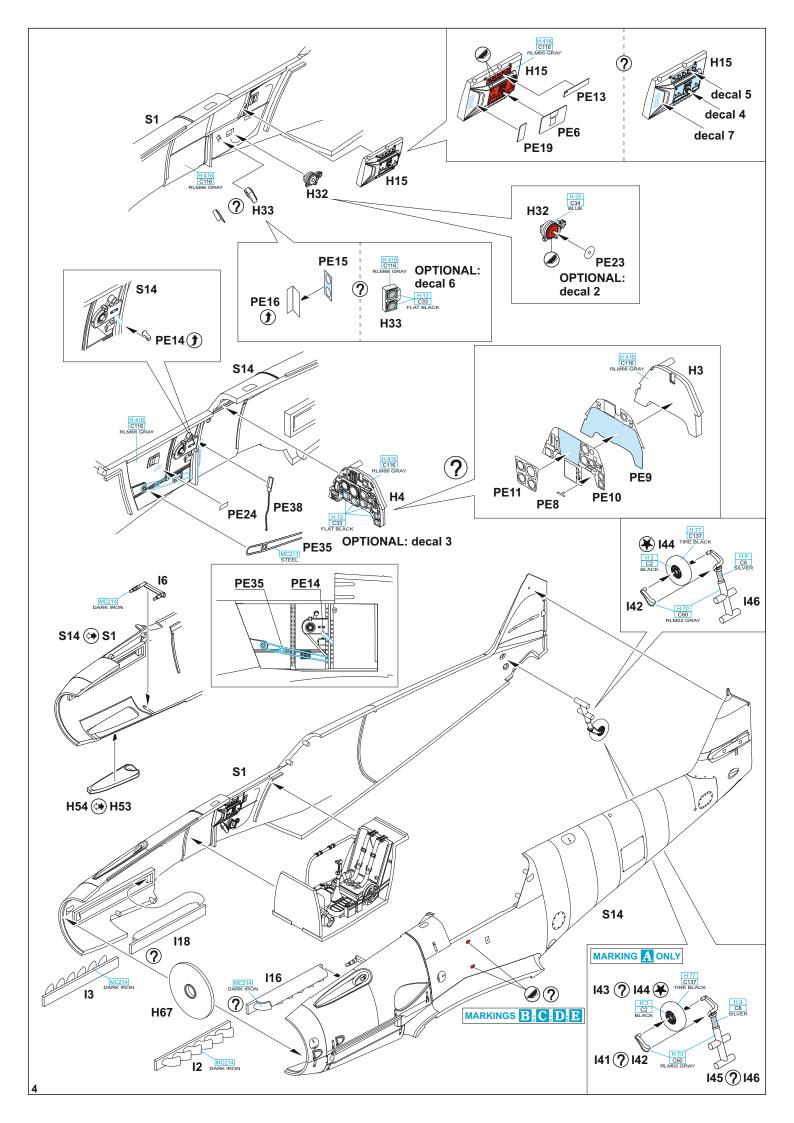
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H 25	C34	SKY BLUE	
H 47	C41	RED BROWN	
H 64	C17	DARK GREEN	RLM71
H 65	C18	BLACK GREEN	RLM70
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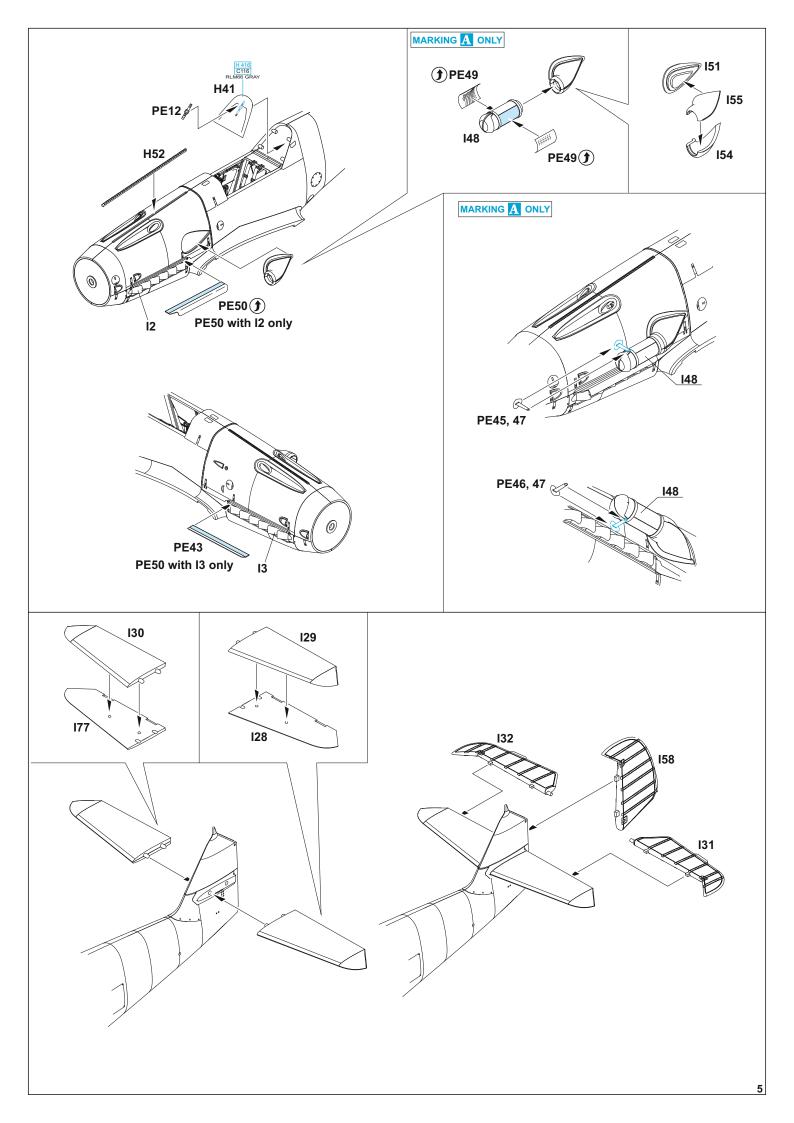
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H 416	C116	BLACK GRAY	RLM66
H 417	C117	LIGHT BLUE	RLM76
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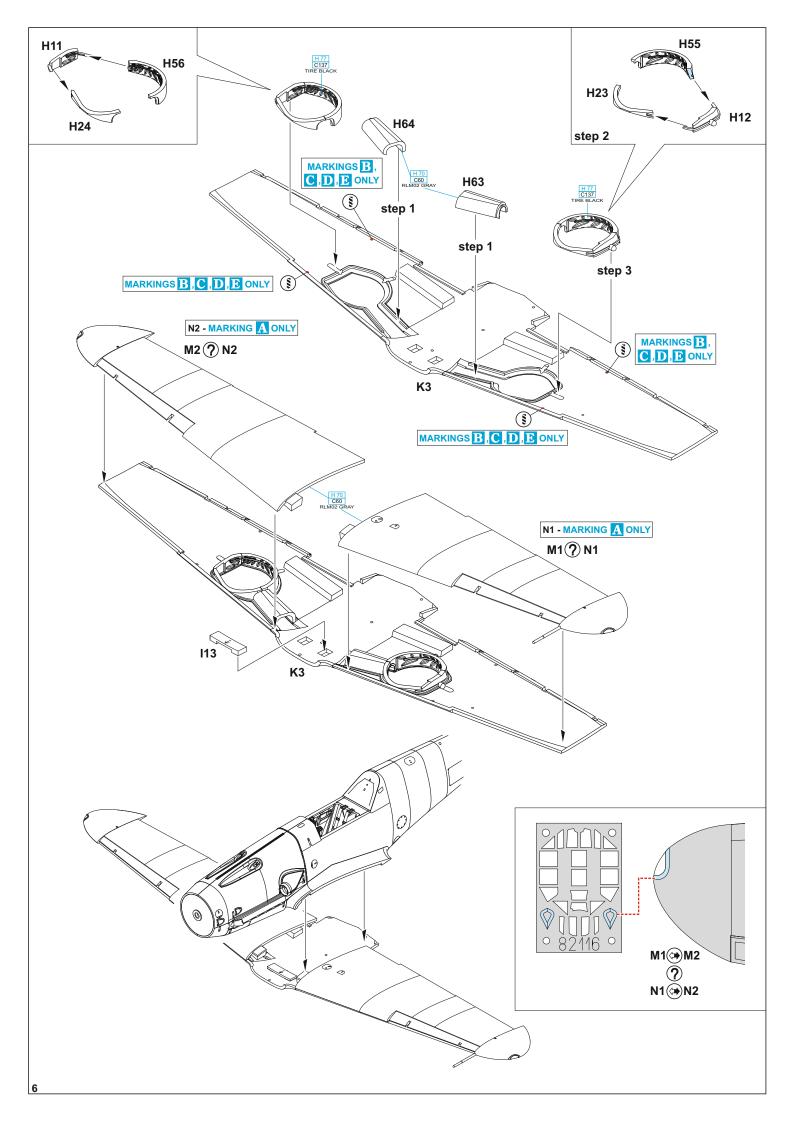
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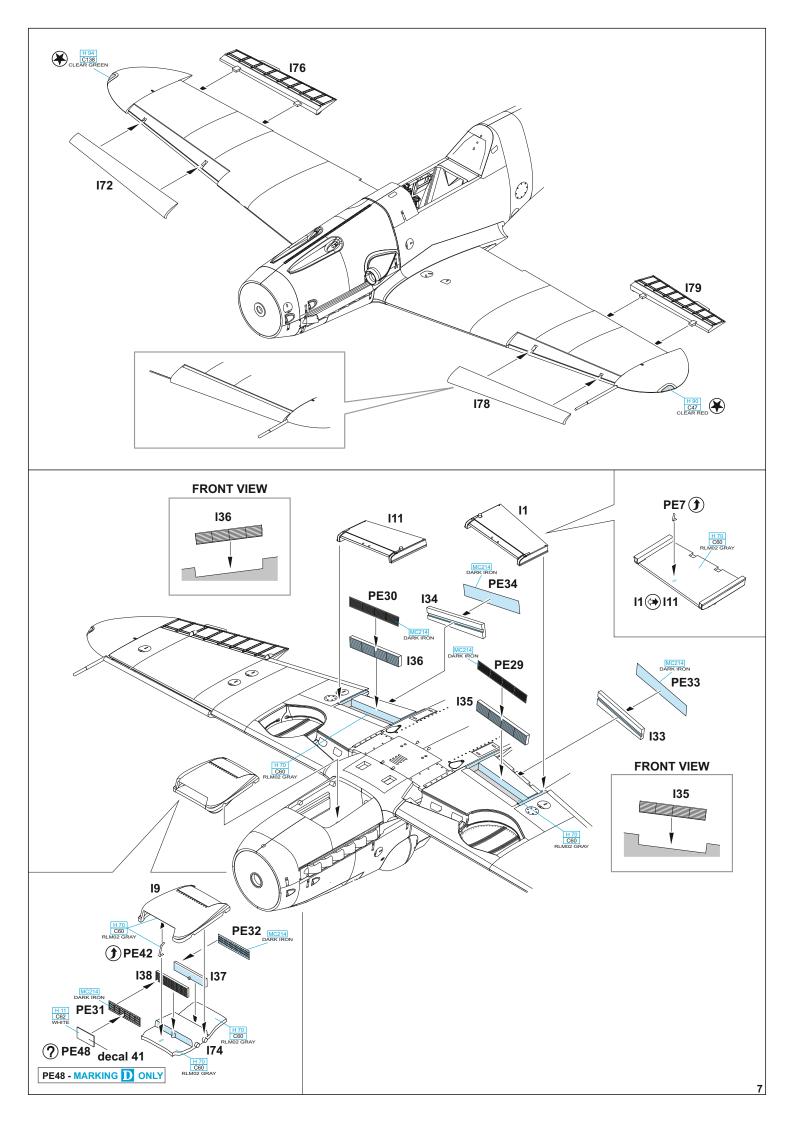
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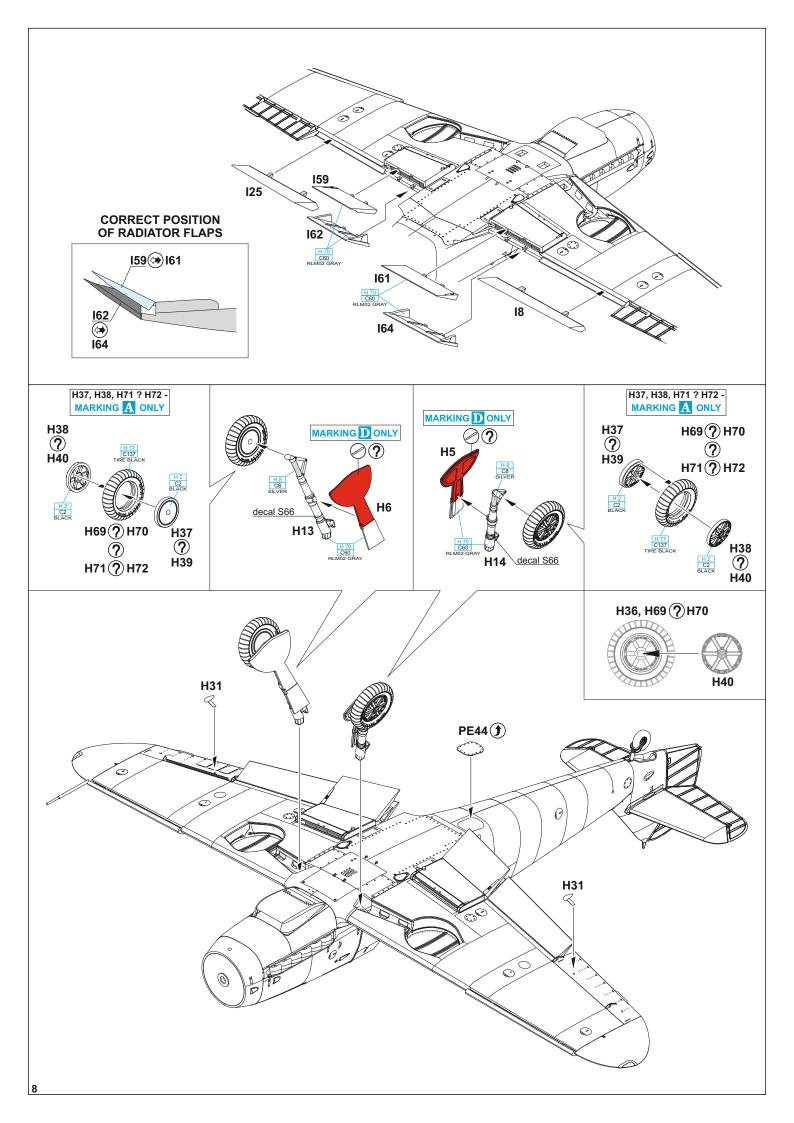


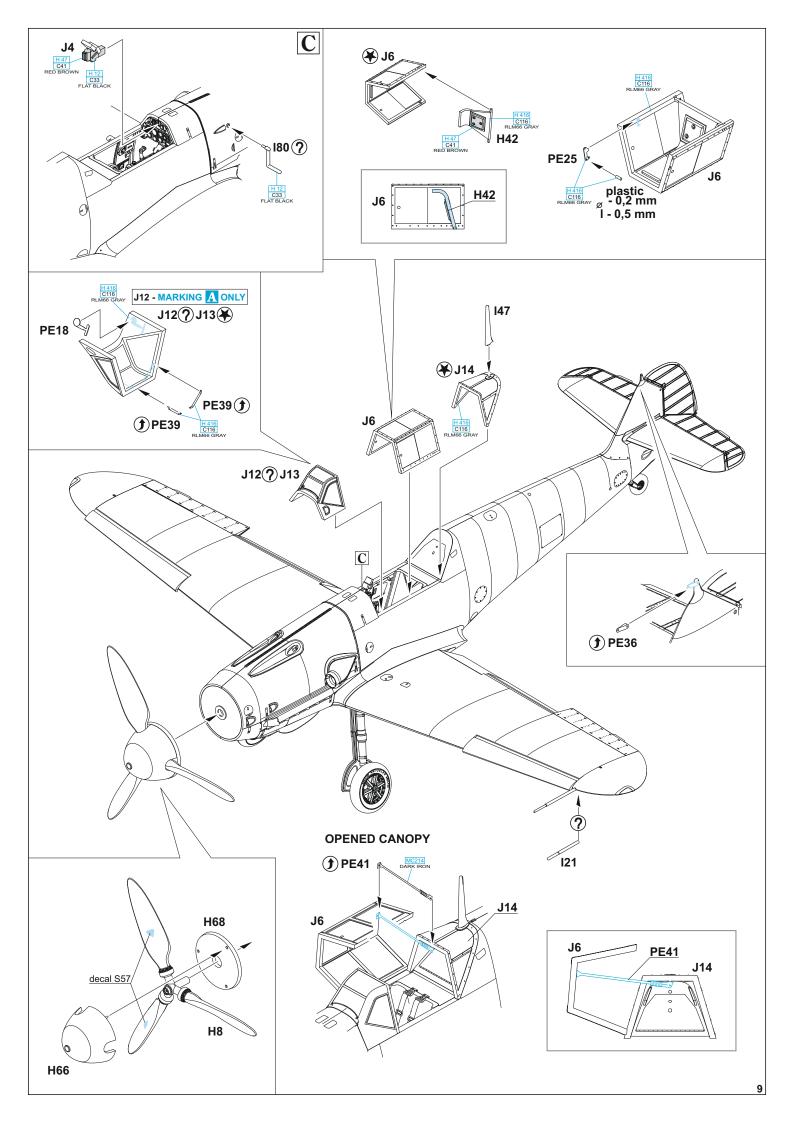


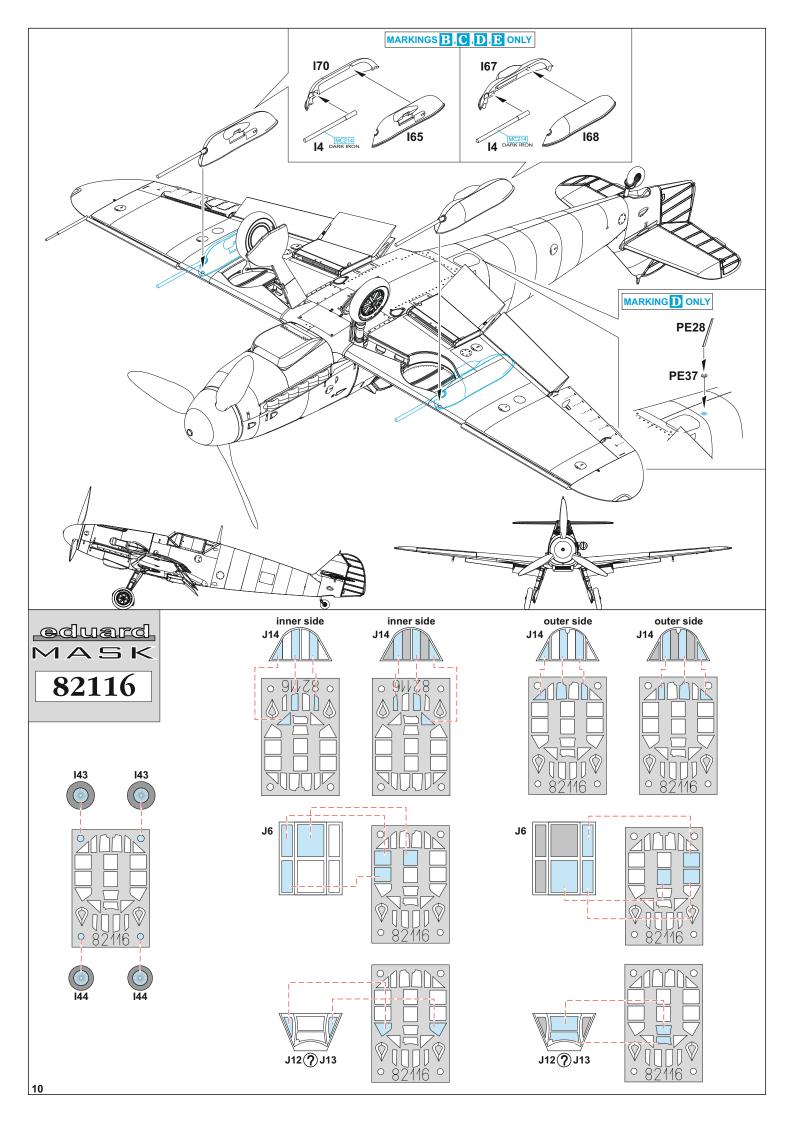






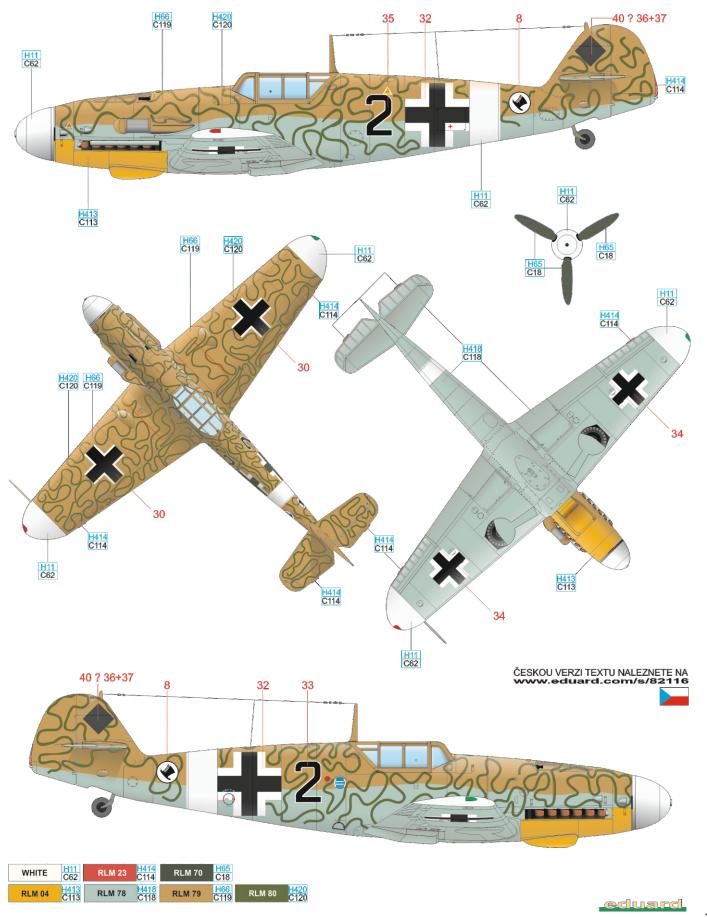






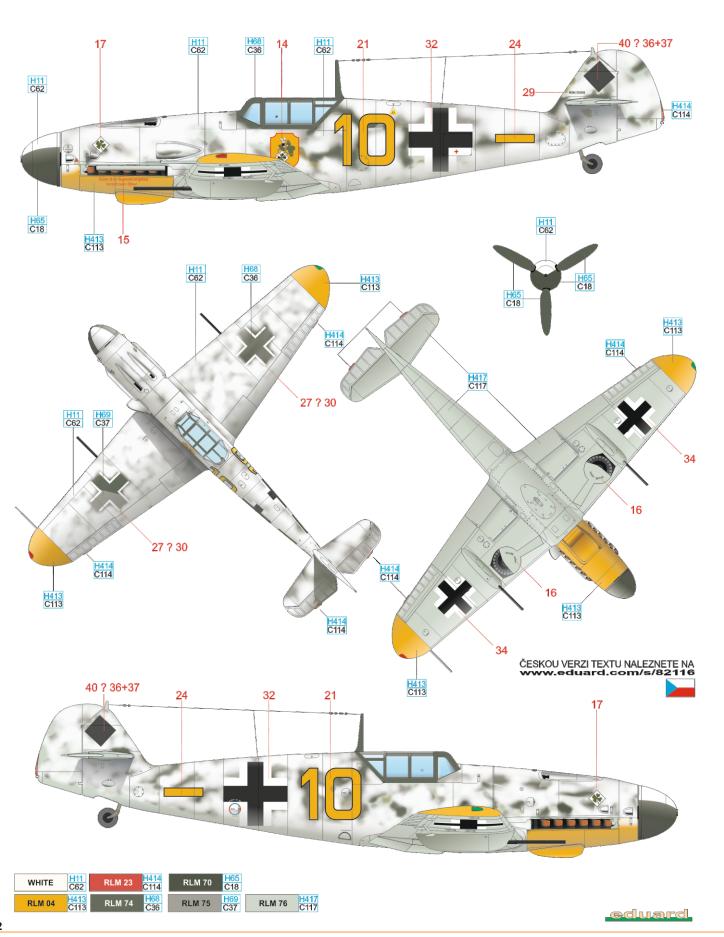
A Bf 109G-2/trop, 2./ JG 77, Matmata, Tunisia, early 1943

After modified Messerschmitt Bf 109F-4 fighters, Luftwaffe fighter units also began to take delivery of the improved G-2/trop versions that were used by, among others, units of I. Gruppe Jagdgeschwader 77. This Bf 109G-2/trop from 2./JG 77 originally wore a standard camouflage scheme optimized for north Africa. The upper surfaces were sprayed RLM 79, and the lower surfaces RLM 78. Apparently as the result of a mishap, the G-2 wings were replaced by units intended for the G-4 with fairings over the wheel wells. Alternatively, this could be an example from the end of the G-2 production run when G-4 wings were installed. Subsequently, a squiggle pattern of RLM 80 was applied over the upper and side surfaces. The aircraft is also adorned with the identifiers for this area of operations, white wing tips and a white fuselage band. Ahead of the tail surfaces, the unit marking of a black tophat in a white circle was applied.



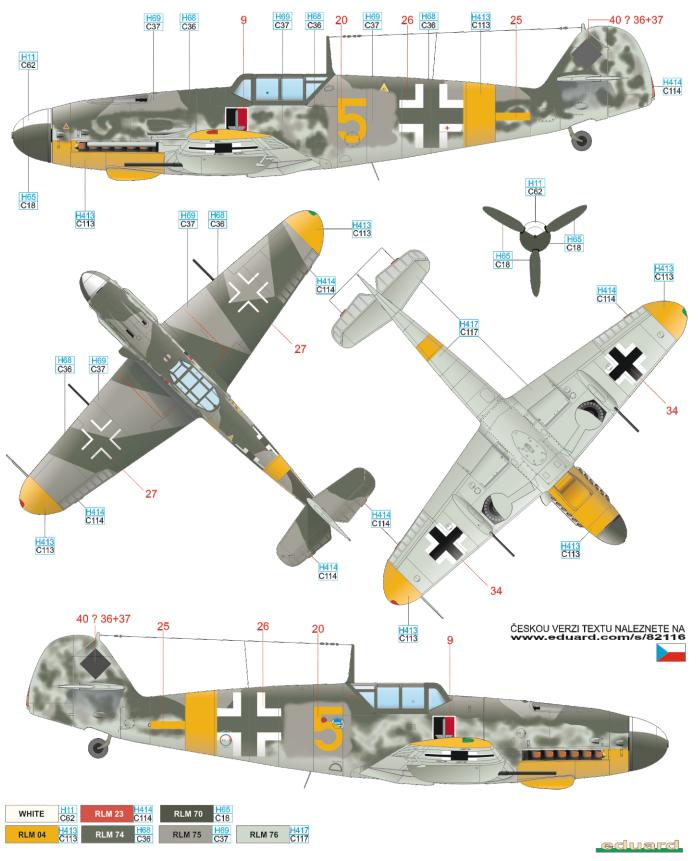
Bf 109G-2/R-6/trop, W. Nr. 13916, Fw. Hans Döbrich, 6./ JG 5, Alakurtti, Finland, February 1943

Hans Dobrich gained 65 kills over his combat career and for his success he was awarded the Knight's Cross. On the other hand, he was himself shot down three times, with the final one resulting in serious enough injuries that he never returned to operational flying. He began using this aircraft on February 9th, 1943, when with 43 kills he was one of II./JG 5's most successful pilots. He involuntarily took to his parachute on March 14th, 1943, shortly after a scramble take-off from Salmijarvi due to engine failure. The original camouflage scheme composed of RLM 74/75/76 was filled in with white squiggles to make the aircraft less visible in winter conditions. The yellow identifying markings were used on aircraft on the Eastern Front. Dobrich's personal marking appears under the cockpit – a rendition of Mickey Mouse standing over II./JG 5's emblem ripping apart a Soviet I-16. The green four-leaf clover on the nose was carried by aircraft of II.Gruppe Jagdgeschwader 5.



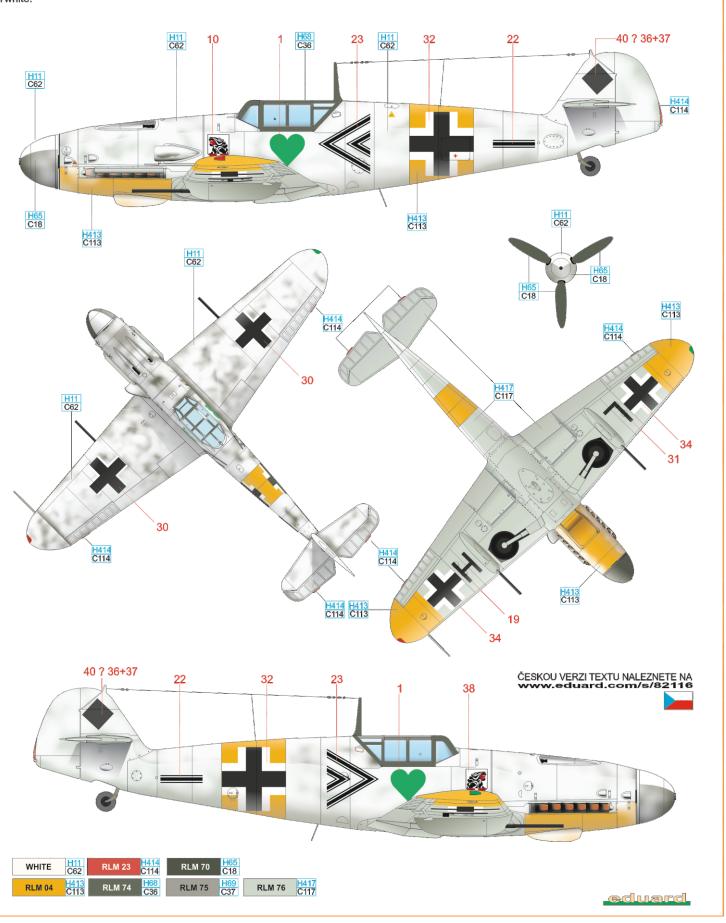
Bf 109G-2/R6, Lt. Walter Krupinski, 6./ JG 52, Maykop, Soviet Union, October 1942

Walter Krupinski entered the Luftwaffe shortly after the beginning of the war in 1939 and underwent fighter pilot training. On completion of his training, he was assigned to JG 52, and at the time took part in combat against the RAF. His first kill was not achieved until he fought over the Soviet Union. The number of kills rose quickly, and by April 18th, 1944, when he left the Eastern Front, he had accumulated 177. For this, he was awarded the Knight's Cross with Oak Leaves. He continued in combat on the Western Front, first as the CO of 1./JG 5, and in May 1944, he was named as the CO of II./JG 11, moving on to command III./JG 26 on September 27th, 1944, which he led until the unit's disbandment on March 26th, 1945. After that, he flew in the ranks of JV 44 on the Me 262. In combat over Western Europe, he gained another twenty victories, and his final tally stopped at 197. Over the course of the war, he flew some 1100 combat missions. In the fifties, he joined the newly formed Luftwaffe, where he first commanded JaBoG 33, and subsequently, the entire 3rd Division of the Luftwaffe. After the Rudel affair, which was a hyped up scandal involving the former ground attack pilot that was the basis of a gathering of SG 2 veterans and which gave rise to a coming to grips of the Nazi past in the former German Federal Republic, Krupinski was forced into early retirement in 1976. He died in Neunkirchen-Seelsheid in 2000. The illustrated aircraft was used by 'Graf Punski' in combat over the Kuban in the latter half of 1942. It was camouflaged RLM 74/75/76 and carried the usual yellow Eastern Front identifiers consisting of lower cowl, the wingtips and the fuselage band. Below the windscreen is the JG 52 unit marking.



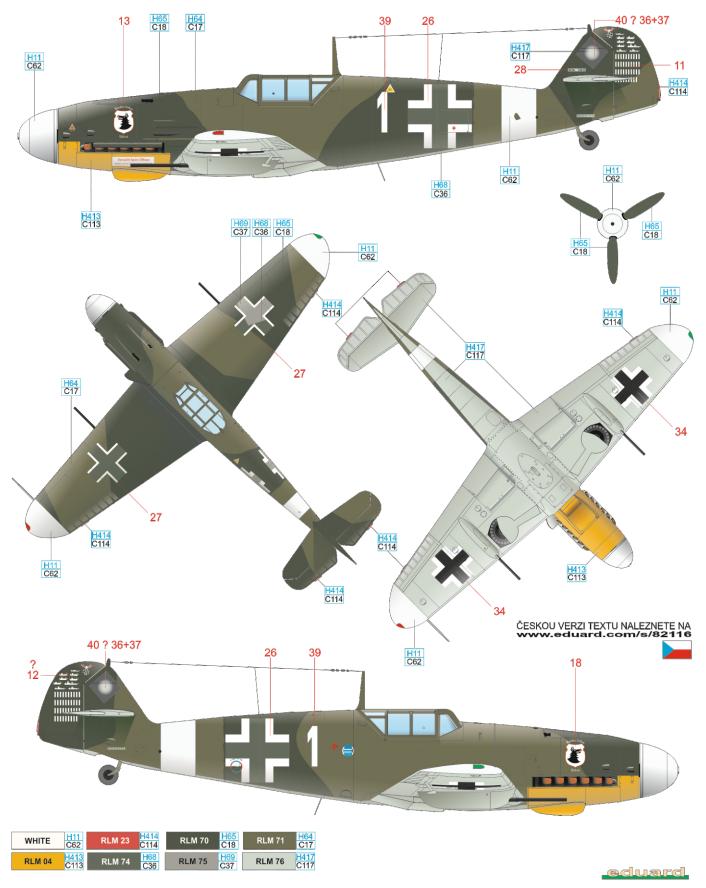
Bf 109G-2/R6 W. Nr. 13949, Mjr. Hans Hahn, II./ JG 54, Rjelbitzy, Soviet Union, January 1943

Hans Hahn, a fighter ace and holder of the Knight's Cross with Oak Leaves, held a list of command positions throughout his career. From December 1939, he commanded 4./JG 2, and from October 29th, 1940 he led III./JG 2. Starting on November 1st, 1942, he took over command of II./JG 54, and he commanded this Gruppe up to February 21st, 1943, when he was shot down and taken prisoner by the Soviets. He wasn't freed untill 1950. At the time of his capture, he had attained 108 kills, 66 of which were on the Western Front. According to Russian sources, 'Assi' Hahn was shot down by Soviet ace Lt. P. Grazhdaninov. Hahn himself noted that after shooting down an La-5, he was hit in the port wing and suffering an overheated engine, he was forced to land behind Soviet lines, where he was captured. The aircraft was oversprayed in white on the upper and side surfaces in order to better suit winter conditions. Double chevron and the horizontal bar on the rear fuselage is the CO marking of II.Gruppe, and this Group's unit emblem appears below the windscreen, and JG 54's Green Heart – Grünherz – marking is also present. The spinner and the lower sides of the engine cowl are also lightly sprayed over in white.



E Bf 109G-2/R6, W. Nr. 13633, Hptm. Wolf-Dieter Huy, 7./ JG 77, Tanyet Harun, Egypt, October 1942

Wolf-Dieter Huy joined the Kriegsmarine in 1935, and transferred over to the Luftwaffe on October 1st, 1937, where he underwent fighter training. His assignment was to have been (J)/TrGr. 186, the fighter unit of the Graf Zeppelin aircraft carrier. This ship was never completed, and the unit was redesignated III./JG 77. Huy took part in combat over France with the unit, as well as over Britain, and over the Balkans they served as bomber interceptors. The unit gained notable success in the battle for Crete. For this, and his 22 personal victories, Huy was awarded the Knight's Cross on June 5th, 1941, and in March 1942, the Oak Leaves were added. After the invasion of the Soviet Union, III.Gruppe was moved to the south of the USSR, and in October 1942, the unit moved to North Africa, specifically Egypt. Here, on October 29th, 1942, Wolf-Dieter Huy was shot down by future ace J.H. Nichols flying a Spitfire Mk.Vc of No. 601 Squadron, and was captured. The Bf 109G-2 flown by Huy is shown here at the time when the unit moved from the Eastern Front to North Africa. The uncharacteristic camouflage scheme is made up of RLM 70 and 71 (some sources suggest a Soviet AMT-4 Green). The yellow band behind the fuselage cross, common on aircraft serving on the Eastern Front, was hastily in part overpainted with a fresh colour RLM 71 (or Russian AMT-4 Green), and partially replaced by white paint used on aircraft that fought on the Southern Front. The wingtips were also painted white. The rudder was decorated with the pilot's score and awards.



Bf 109G-2

STENCILING POSITIONS

