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## Augsburg Eagles

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Bf 109F-2 of OBLT Max Hellmut Osterman, Sta. Kapt of 7/JG54, Fall 1941. Standard camouflage of RLM 74/75/76 with entire cowling, lower wing tips, fuselage band and rudder RLM 04 Yellow. Medium mottled on fuselage specially around and behind the White 2 number. Spinner cap is in 1/3 or 1/4 Yellow, but White is also probable but unlikely. RLM 70 prop and spinner.

Very Colorful and gifted pilot, he was the seventh to reach the 100 kill mark and received an iron cross with leaves and swords. Along with Phillips, he was the leading ace of JG54 in the early days. Killed on August 42 while in a recon flight, fighting off superior soviet fighter forces.



B1109F-2 of Hauptmann Reinhart Sailer, Kdr. 1/JG54, August 1941, Eastern Front. Standard camouflage of RLM 74/75/76. Nose of A/C seems to be solid RLM 74 with 75 patch in front of the windshield (perhaps a replacement cowling). Aft of the cowling seems to wear heavy splotching, with standard camouflage typical of the era and theatre of operation. RLM 04 lower cowling, wingtips and fuselage band. RLM 70 spinner with 1/3 White segment.



BF109F-2 flown by Major Trautloft, stab. JG54, early 1942, Syverskaya, Russia. One of the experimental camouflages used by JG54 early in the war with Russia. Colors are most likely local brews of existing paints like RLM 70, 71 and yellows and whites. Definitely field applied scheme. Notice the swastika showing the RLM 76 background of the original camouflage. Yellow cowling with fuselage bands and lower wing tips. White spinner with RLM 70 back plate. Trautloft became Air Chief Marshall of the Post War Luftwaffe.

BF109G-6 flown by Hauptmann Anton Hackl, III JG/II, Germany, early 1944. Standard camouflage of RLM 74/75/76 with Yellow rear fuselage band and lower cowling. White vertical fin and rudder. Notice paint is chipping or wearing out from between the swastikas arms (see inset). Spinner seems to be 1/2 or 1/3 White and the rest RLM 70. 20 mm underwing guns were carried in this A/C. A very succesfull fighter pilot, Hackl shot down among many, 25 US Heavies (4 engines) and survived the war, dying in 1984.

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