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Ju 87 G Stuka

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"Oberst Hans-Ulrich Rudel"

Stab SG 2



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On 8 May 1945, *Oberst* Hans-Ulrich Rudel flew his final mission of WW II. Under orders from Carl Donitz, Rudel was to lead the remaining elements of his *Geschwader* to surrender into the hands of the Western powers. There was an intense desire to surrender to them and not be captured by the Russians, where they likely would have suffered terrible atrocities. The Stukas were to be escorted by four Fw 190s of SG./ 2. Such was the desire to escape the Russians that some of these aircraft, including a Fw 190, carried female passengers.

Now an amputee from an earlier crash, Rudel shook hands with his ground crew and flew westwards. Ground crews were to advance to the west in convoy. Unfortunately, they would fall into Russian hands where they attacked by Czech forces and subsequently killed.

Upon arrival at Kitzingen, Rudel ordered that no aircraft was to fall into Allied hands intact. Two of the three Stukas jettisoned their landing gear upon arrival and the aircraft slid to a stop. The war was over for this highly decorated Stuka pilot.

Additional references may be found in **Wings of the Black Cross Number Three** by Mark Proulx, ISBN 0-9721060-9-X available from Eagle Editions Ltd.

"< - -" Ju 87 G-2 W. Nr. 494110 Stab SG 2 8 May 1945 Kitzingen, Germany

Pilot: *Oberst* Hans-Ulrich Rudel. Also onboard for this final flight was Hptm. Ernst-August Niermann.

Aircraft fitted with 37 mm underwing cannons. Rear fuselage heavily weathered and mud stained.

Colors: Undersurfaces RLM 65, uppersurfaces RLM 70/71. Spinner: RLM 70 with White spiral.

Propeller: RLM 70. Theater chevron marking: Yellow. *Werknummer*: Black.

National Markings: Fuselage: B5 White outline Crosses H4 White outline *Hakenkreuz*

Wings: Upper - B6 White outline crosses, Lower - B3 Black and White crosses

Stencilling: Factory standard

References: **Wings of the Black Cross Number Three**, page 23 for photo details and page 35 for color profile.

"T6 + NU" Ju 87 G-2 W. Nr. 494221 10/SG 2

Pilot unknown. Aircraft fitted with 37 mm underwing cannons.

Colors: Undersurfaces RLM 65, uppersurfaces RLM 70/71. Spinner: RLM 70 with forward half in White and Black spiral.

Propeller blades: RLM 70. *Werknummer*: White.

National Markings: Fuselage: B5 White outline crosses H4 White outline *Hakenkreuz*

Wings: Upper - B6 White outline crosses, Lower - B3 Black and White crosses

Stencilling: Factory standard

References: **Wings of the Black Cross Number Three** page 26 for photo details and page 34 for color profile.