

## EagleCals #7

## Fw 190 A's

## Sturmjäger Part 1 ~ Sturmstaffel 1

Major Hans-Günther von Kornatzki formed a staffel of pilots who vowed to bring down a bomber everytime contact was made even if it meant ramming! This experimental unit flew colorful Fw 190's decorated with Black/White/Black fuselage bands and a large staffel badge depicting an armored fist holding a lightning bolt. Organized in late 1943 Sturmstaffel I became part of IV/JG 3 (Sturm) in May 1944 after suffering incredible losses. Major von Kornatzki left and formed II./JG 4 (Sturm) taking the distinctive Black/White/Black bands with him.

Canopy Note: These four aircraft were equipped with a streamlined variation of the Fw 190 canopy, see line drawing on reverse.

Reference: Mombeek, Eric 1997 Sturmjäger Vol. 1 book available from Eagle Editions Ltd.

Photos published in Jet & Prop 5/95, Hans Lächler and original photos in personal collection of Barry Smith and Jerry Crandall.

Recommended 1/48 kits: Tamiya F-8 with Cutting Edge conversion kit to A-5, A-6, A-7 and A-8 (CEC 48078). Added armor on fuselage and canopy is included in the Trimaster Fw 190 A-8 Rammjäger kit (MA-8) if you are lucky enough to have one. Ministry of Small Aircraft Production of Canada supplies photoetched parts for the extra armor in their decals for Fw 190 A-8 Rammjäger (4832).

"White 20" Fw 190 A-7 W. Nr. 642962 Pilot: Maj. Hans-Günther von Kornatzki Feb/March 1944 Dortmund Germany

This is the machine of the noted organizer of Stamsstoffel 1. No ETC 501 rack as delivered, added later. Armored canopy 30 mm glass (blinkers) and armored glass triangle windscreen. Bolt-on 5 mm 3 piece armor plate on fuselage sides. The two MG 131 13 mm machine guns removed from over the engine to compensate for the added weight of the additional armor. Delivered without ETC rack and had 70 Black Green spinner. Colors: Undersurfaces, 76 Light Blue. Uppersurfaces, 75 Gray Violet, 74 Gray Green, 74/75 mottling.

Spinner: Originally 70 Black Green later Black with White spiral Prop Blades: 70 Black Green

Bands; Black/White/Black with White trim. Sturmstaffel I badge on left side of cowl, optional on A-7 series. Black exhaust area.

Undercowl: Yellow; Armored glass framing on canopy and armored glass triangle windscreen quarter panel, 66 Black Gray.

National Markings: Fusclage; 800 mm Black/White crosses.

Wings; Upper - B6 910 mm White crosses, Lower - 900 mm Black/White crosses, no Black trim.

Stencilling: Standard factory. Note: "lift here" in the middle of White fuselage band was masked over when band was painted

"White 7' Fw 190 A-6 W. Nr. Unknown Pilot: Major Erwin Bacsila January 1944 Dortmund Germany

Original photo shows abbreviated drop tank attachment device like Pips Priller's Fw 190 A-8. Armored 30 mm glass (blinkers) attached to canopy. Armored glass triangle on windscreen. Early style 4 piece bolt-on 5 mm armor plate on fusclage sides. The two MG 131 mm machine guns were removed from over the engine to compensate for the added weight of the additional armor. Cockpit armored headrests removed.

Colors: Undersurfaces, 76 Light Blue. Uppersurfaces, 75 Gray Violet, 74 Gray Green, 74/75 mottling.

Spinner and Prop Blades: 70 Black Green Black exhaust area.

Bands: Black/White/Black with White trim. Sturmstaffel 1 badge on left side of cowl.

Undercowl: Yellow. Armored glass framing on canopy and armored glass triangle windscreen quarter panel, 66 Black Gray.

National Markings: Fuselage: 800 mm Black/White crosses with Black trim.

Wings: Upper - B6 910 mm White crosses, Lower - 900 mm Black/White crosses with Black trim.

Stencilling: Standard factory. Note: "lift here" in the middle of White fuselage band was masked over when band was painted.

"White 2" Fw 190 A-6 W. Nr. Unknown Pilot: Fw. Gerhard Vivroux February 1944 Dortmond Germany

No ETC rack. Armored 30 mm glass (blinkers) attached to the canopy. Armored glass triangle on windscreen. Bolt-on 5 mm 3 piece armor plate on fuselage side. The two MG 131 13 mm machine guns removed from over the engine to compensate for the added weight of the additional armor. Colors: Undersurfaces, 76 Light Blue. Uppersurfaces, 75 Gray Violet, 74 Gray Green, 74/75 mottling.

Spinner and prop blades: 70 Black Green. Sturmstaffel 1 badge on left side of cowl.

Bands: Black/White/Black with White trim, Black exhaust area.

Undercowl: Yellow. Armored glass framing on canopy and armored glass triangle windscreen quarter panel, 66 Black Gray.

National markings: Fuselage: 800 mm Black/White cross with Black trim.

Wings: Upper - B6 910 mm White crosses, Lower - 900 mm Black/White crosses with Black trim.

Stencilling: Standard factory, Note: "lift here" in the middle of the White fuselage band was masked over when band was painted.

"White 1" Fw 190 A-7 W. Nr. Unknown Pilot: Unknown February 1944 Dortmund Germany

Colors: Undersurfaces, 76 Light Blue. Uppersurfaces, 75 Gray Violet, 74 Gray Green, 74/75 mottling.

Spinner: Black with White spiral Prop blades: 70 Black Green. Starmstaffel 1 badge on left side of cowl, optional on A-7 series.

Bands: Black/White/Black with White trim. Note; rear Black band follows rear fuselage panel line. Black exhaust area. Undercowl: Yellow Armored glass framing on canopy and armored glass triangle windscreen quarter panel, 66 Black Gray.

National markings: Fuselage: 800 mm Black/White cross with Black trim.

Wings: Upper - B6 910 mm White crosses, Lower - 900 mm Black/White crosses with Black trim.

Stencilling: Standard factory. Note: "lift here" in the middle of the White fuselage band was masked over when band was painted.

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