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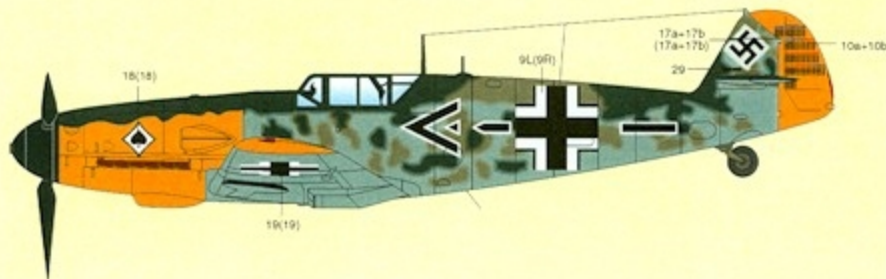
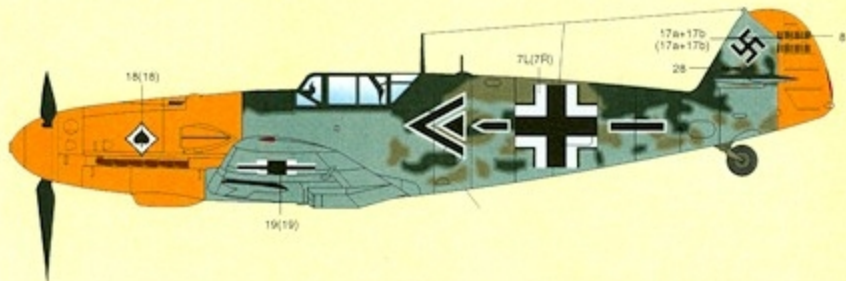
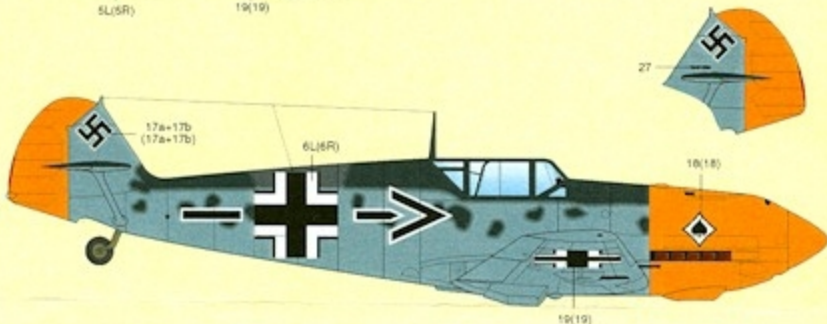
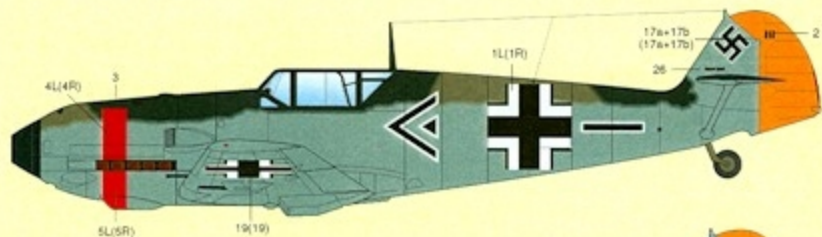
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I

BF 109 E-1 Wr. Nr. 1347 of Group Kom. II/JG 53 "Pik As" Captain Günther Freiherr Von Maltzahn, Summer 1940. A/C wears a typical RLM 65/71/02 camouflage with Yellow rudder and Red band around cowling. Three kill marks on the rudder. RLM 70 spinner/propeller.

II

BF 109 E-4 Wr. Nr. 5892 Von Maltzahn. By this time Geschwaderkommodore of JG 53, gets his 12th Victory over a Hurricane. Date, October 12, 1940 RLM 74/75/76 camouflage on this machine with Yellow rudder/cowling/spinner. No kill marks are shown. RLM 70 propeller.

III

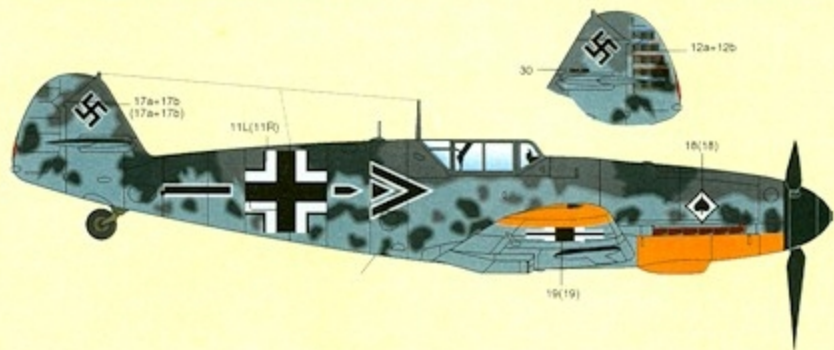
BF109 F-2 W Nr. 6683. Flown by Commander of JG 53 in St. Omer France, May 1941. A/C carries 20 victory bars. Victory bars numbered 4/7/18 and 19 are barrage balloon victories. This BF109 F is camouflaged in RLM 65/71/02 colors, with Yellow rudder/spinner/cowling. RLM 70 propeller.

IV

BF 109 F-2 W Nr. 8326. Von Maltzahn on Russian front in 1941. Emergency landing on 15th of July. A/C badly damaged. Another BF109 F in the same camouflage as A/C 3 (Possibly the same A/C, but with the upper cowling sprayed in RLM 71). Forty eight victories decorate the Yellow rudder at this time RLM 70 propeller/spinner.

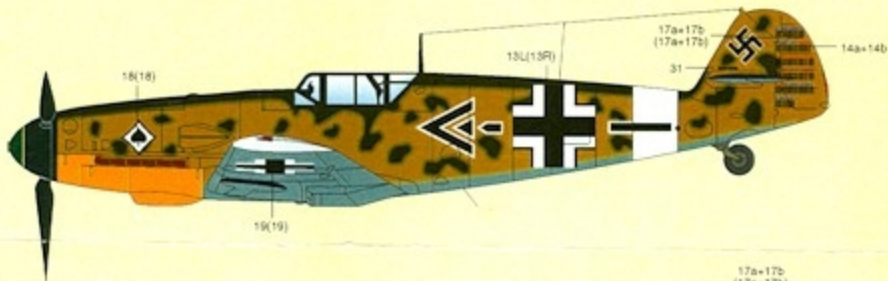
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Bf 109F4 W.Nr. 7282 January 1942 in Comiso Sicily. In beginning of April 1942 gets his 62nd victory over Spitfire. Bf109 F in typical RLM 74/75/76 with Yellow lower cowl/wing tip. Theater markings. Score up to sixty one victories. RLM 70 propeller/spinner.



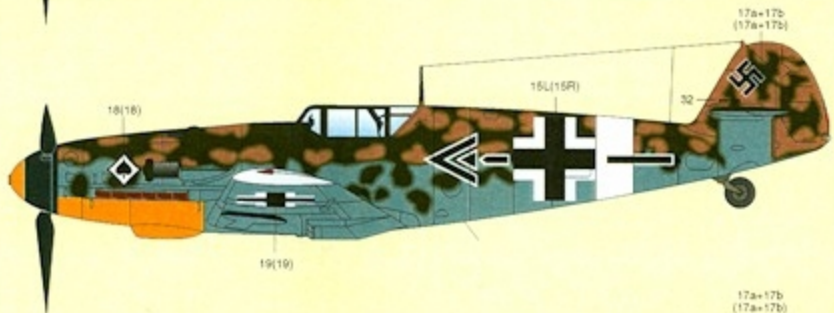
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Bf109F-4 Trop. Camouflage almost certainly done with Italian paint certainly done with Italian paint Light Sand. Field applied tropical camouflage of RLM 71 or RLM 80 and possibly Italian Sand color (lighter than RLM 79). White fuselage band and lower wing tips. We are showing lower surfaces in RLM 78, but it could have been RLM 76. Lower cowl in Yellow. Sixty two victories at this time. RLM 70 propeller/spinner with RLM 25 cap.



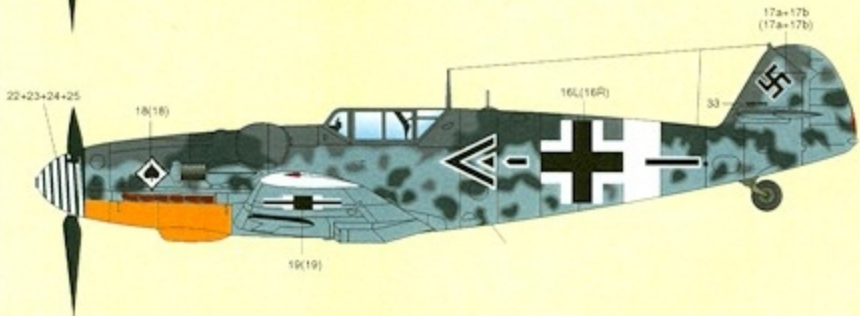
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Bf 109G-2 Trop. W. Nr. 14160 (possibly), Spring 1943 Comiso, Sicily Bf109 G-2 tropical in full desert camouflage of RLM 78/79/80. White fuselage band and lower wing tips. Yellow lower cowl. RLM 70 prop/spinner with Yellow cap. Notice tropical air filter on this machine. No kill markings.



VIII

Bf109 6-6/R-6 July 1943 Staff Squadron of JG53, Airfield Vibo Valentia. Bf109 G-6/R6 tropical in standard RLM 74/75/76 scheme. White fuselage band and lower wing tips. Yellow lower cowl. Spinnerprop in RLM 70. Notice tight White spinner spiral (provided in four pieces) and tropical air filter. No victory markings.



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Gunther Freiherr Von Maltzahn

Gunther Von Maltzahn was one of the very first pilots and an officer of the new German Luftwaffe (WWII). When World War II broke out in September of 1939, Von Maltzahn already held a rank of Captain and Commander of II JG 53. His unit had taken part in the Battle of France and in the Battle of Britain. At that time, II JG 53 flew Bf 109 E-1 and Bf 109 E-4.

In October of 1940 Von Maltzahn was promoted to the rank of Major, and became the Commander of the entire JG 53 fighter wing. He had earned his Iron Cross in December of 1940, and at that time he was credited with thirteen victories.

At last, JG 53 traded their Bf 109 E's for BF 109 F-2's in March of 1941. Von Maltzahn gets his score up to seventeen victories before the whole JG 53 is transferred to Poland for the invasion of the Soviet Union. Von Maltzahn and his unit stayed in the Soviet Union for a very short time, before being transferred to the Mediterranean Theater of operation around September 1941. Von Maltzahn left the Soviet Union with a total score of 50 victories. In Sicily the old man, as he was called by his young Pilots, scored his 68th and last victory on April 26, 1943. His promotion to full Colonel came in May 1943 and with it a new job. Von Maltzahn was put in command of all fighter units in Italy, a job he held until September of 1944. His flying days were over as in his new job, he was not permitted to fly combat missions.

In September 1944, he was recalled back to Germany and assigned to the Luftwaffe general staff. Colonel Gunther Von Maltzahn passed away on his family estate in Germany on June 24th, 1953.

OPERATIONAL CHRONOLOGY

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| 1 | BF 109 E-1 Wr.Nr 1347 of group. Com. II/JG 53 PIKA's. Flown by Captain Gunther Freiherr Von Maltzahn, Summer 1940, RLM 71/02/65. | 6 | Bf 109 F-4 trop. camouflage almost certainly done with Italian color light sand. Green dapple probably RLM 71. Lower surfaces RLM 78. |
| 2 | Bf 109 E-4 Wr.Nr. 5892, flown by Von Maltzahn. By this time Geschwaderkommodore of JG 53 gets his 12th victory over a hurricane. Date, October 12, 1940. RLM 74/75/76. | 7 | Bf 109 G-2 Trop. W.Nr. 14160 (not confirmed, but probably). Spring 1943 Cosimo, Sicily. RLM 79/80/78. |
| 3 | Bf 109F-2 W.Nr. 6683. Flown by Commander of JG 53 in St. Omer, France, May 1941. A/C carries 20 victory bars. Victory bars #4/7/8 and 19 are barrage balloon victories. 71/02/65 | 8 | Bf 109 G-6/R6. July 1943, Staff Squadron of JG 53. Airfield Vibo Valentia. RLM 74/75/76. |
| 4 | BF 109 F2 W.Nr. 8326. Flown by Von Maltzahn on Russian front in 1941. 15th of July emergency landing A/C badly damaged. 71/02/65 | | Gunther Von Maltzahn gets a desk job and a well deserved rest from operational flying. |
| 5 | Bf 109 F4 W.Nr. 7282 January 1942 in Cosimo Sicily. At the beginning of April 1942, he gets his 62nd victory over a Spitfire. RLM 74/75/76 | | |

