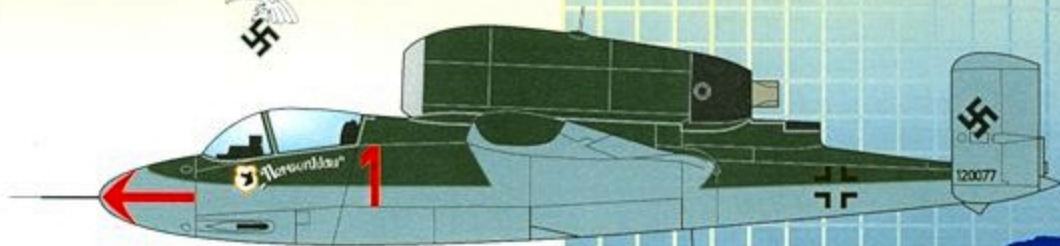


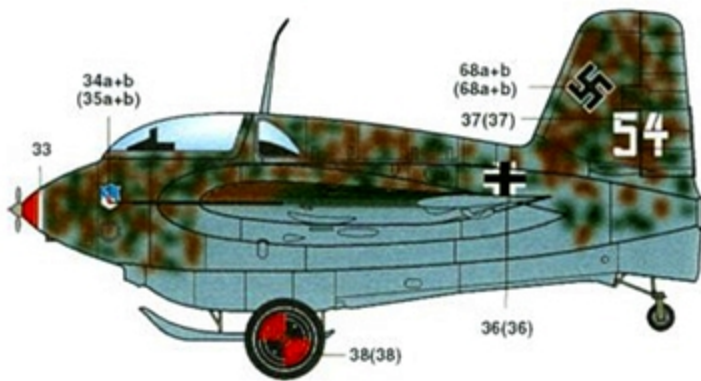
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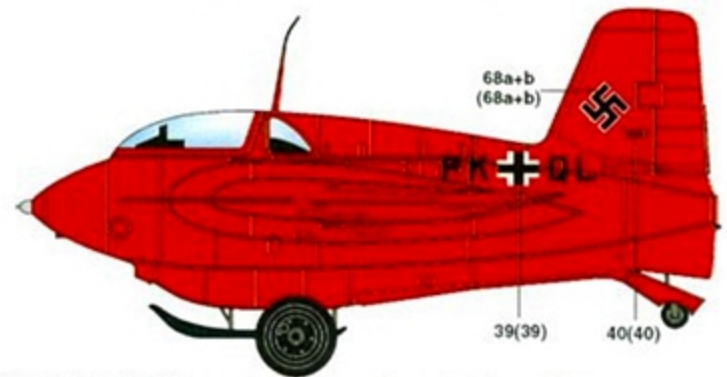
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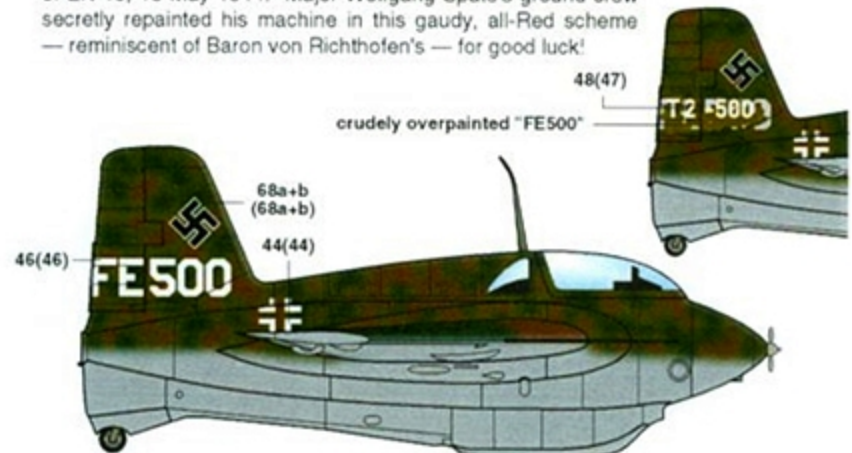
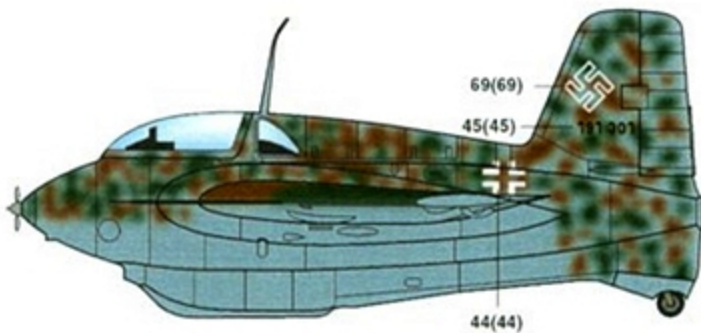
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Me163B-0 of 14/JG400 in a mottled fuselage finish of RLM81 and RLM82 over RLM76. Red nose tip edged in White (decal 33). Note lack of tail-wheel shroud.

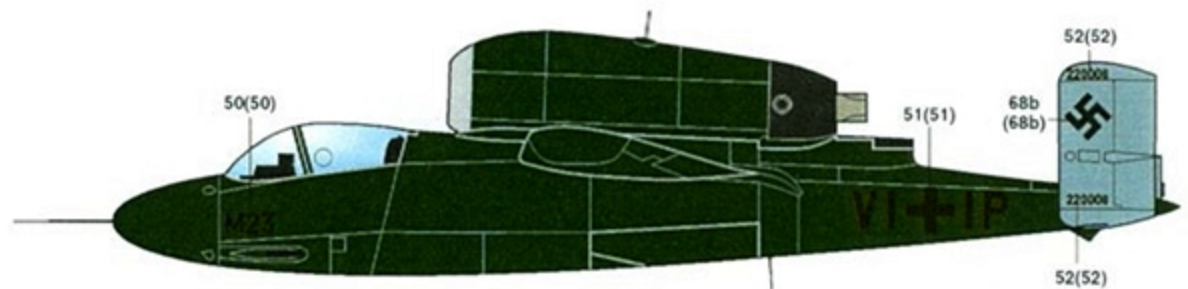


The first Me163B intercept mission was flown by this machine of EK 16, 13 May 1944. Major Wolfgang Späte's ground crew secretly repainted his machine in this gaudy, all-Red scheme — reminiscent of Baron von Richthofen's — for good luck!

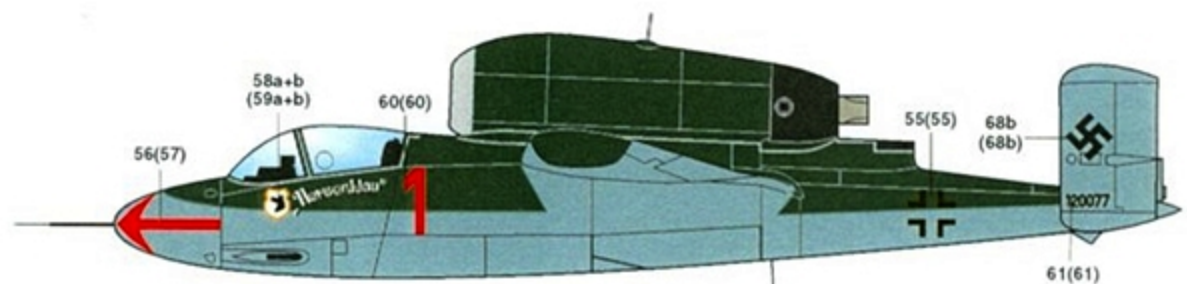


Tested by the U.S. at war's end, Me163 W.Nr. 190301 originally appeared in a mottled fuselage finish of RLM81 and RLM82 over RLM76 (left). It eventually appears to have received a thin wash of U.S. colors over the original Luftwaffe warpaint — possibly Medium Green over a locally mixed Blue Gray (right). Originally coded "FE-500," it was later re-marked as T2-500 (inset).

This pre-production Heinkel He162, destroyed in an Allied air attack on München-Riem, wears overall Dunkelgrün primer (either RLM82 or RLM71) — with the entire horizontal tailplane in RLM76 Lichtgrau. It is one of the few He162's known to have carried a radio call sign. Note the odd duplication of the machine's W.Nr. on each fin side. When discovered by Allied troops, this machine had been experimentally fitted with wing-root fillets. Photos of similar He162's appear to show White wing crosses (decals 53) in all positions.



In an effort to exhaust supplies of obsolete camouflage paint, this "Spatz" of 2./JG1 wears the early RLM71 over RLM76. It also wears the personal script "Nervenklau" (nerve stealer) on the port side. Note that the engine nacelle leading edge is overpainted in RLM71.



"White 23" again wears the early RLM71 over RLM76. Note the unusual application of RLM65 Hellblau to gear doors, Black/White/Red (decal 67) nose tip, and overpainted leading-edge engine nacelle areas. When tested in the U.S. after capture, this machine received the tailplane of He162 W.Nr. 120222, for which alternate decals (nos. 66) are supplied.

