

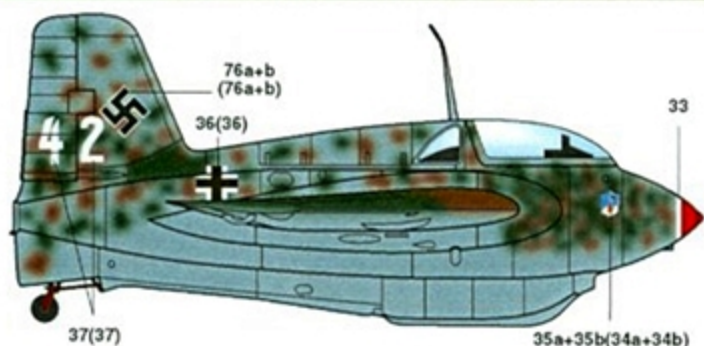
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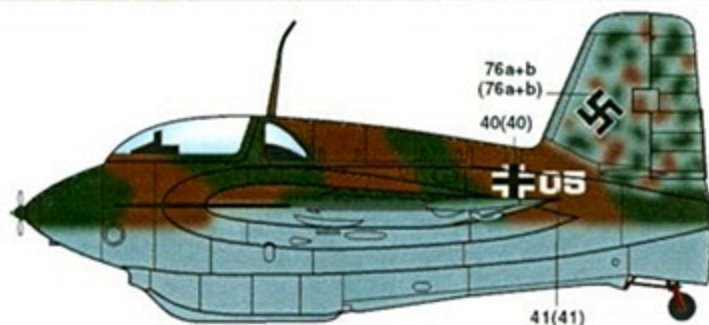
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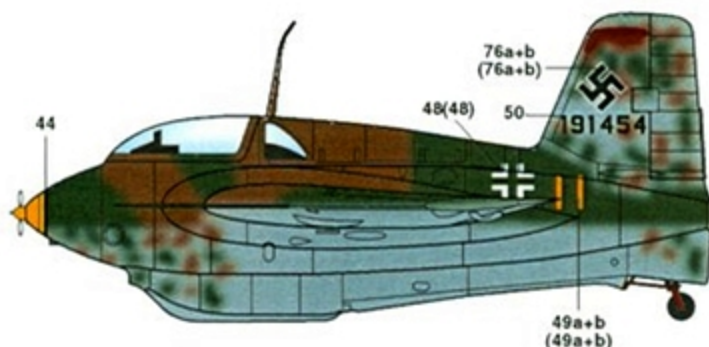
This Messerschmitt Me163B-0 of 14./JG400 wears a mottled fuselage finish of RLM81 Brunviolett and RLM82 Dunkelgrün over RLM76 Lightgrau. Note the Red nose tip edged in White (decal 33), lack of nose generator prop.



"White 05," an Me163B-0 of EK 16 wears a pattern variation of the standard Komet finish of RLM81 and RLM82 over RLM76. The fin & rudder sported a soft, uniform RLM81/RLM82 mottle.

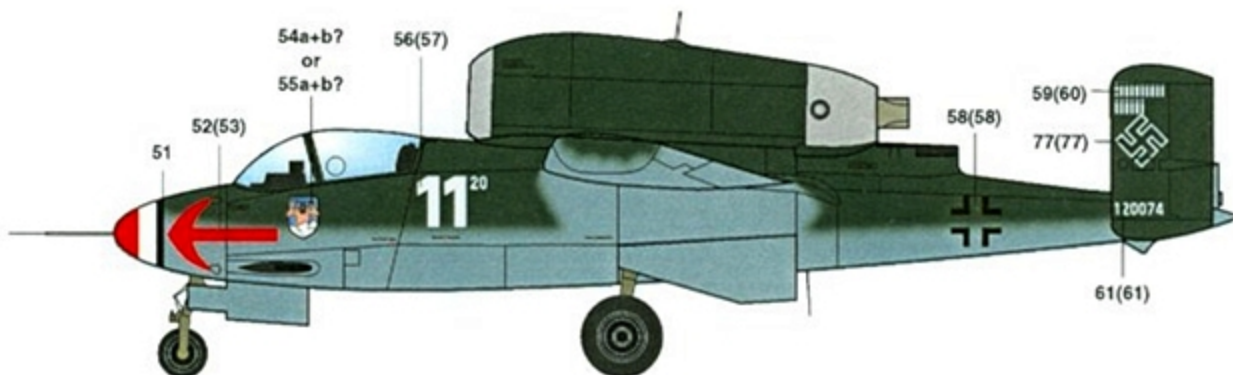


The Me163B-0 flown by 2./JG400's Jupp Mühlstroh wears a fuselage finish of mottled RLM81 and RLM82 over RLM76. Note the White nose tip with thin Black edging (decal 44). Generator prop is worn aluminum.

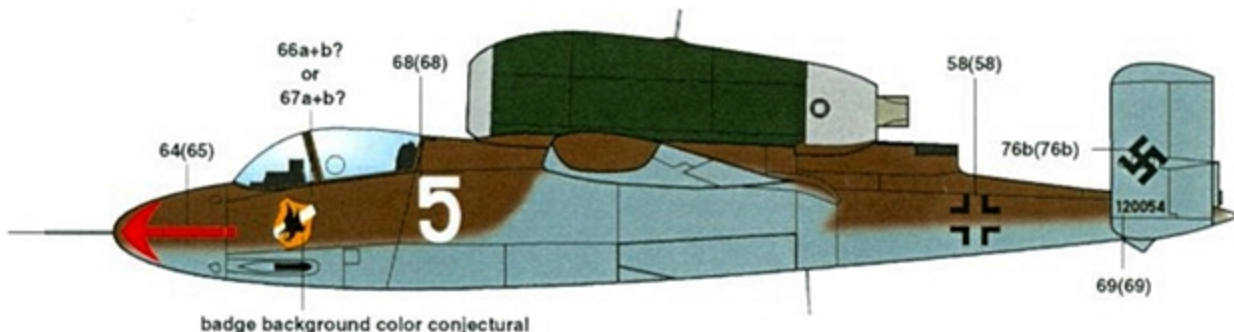


Captured by the British at war's end, Me163B "Yellow 11" appears in the standard, "banded" pattern of RLM81 and RLM82 over RLM76. The lower nose, fin & rudder wore RLM81/RLM82 mottling. Note the yellow nose with thin Black edging (decal 44) and primer Red patch atop the fin.

To diminish stocks of obsolete paint, Oblt. Emil Demuth's Heinkel He162 wears RLM71 Dunkelgrün, an early war camouflage color, over RLM76 Lichtgrau (However we do not discard the possibility of RLM 82). This 3.JG1 machine also sports a small "20" behind the "white 11" — signifying the pilot's temporary position as Gruppe commander. Note the Red/White/Black (decal 51) nose tip, Dark Gray nose cannon troughs and metal front & rear engine nacelle areas. Despite the fin markings, Demuth's 16 victories were not achieved in the He162.

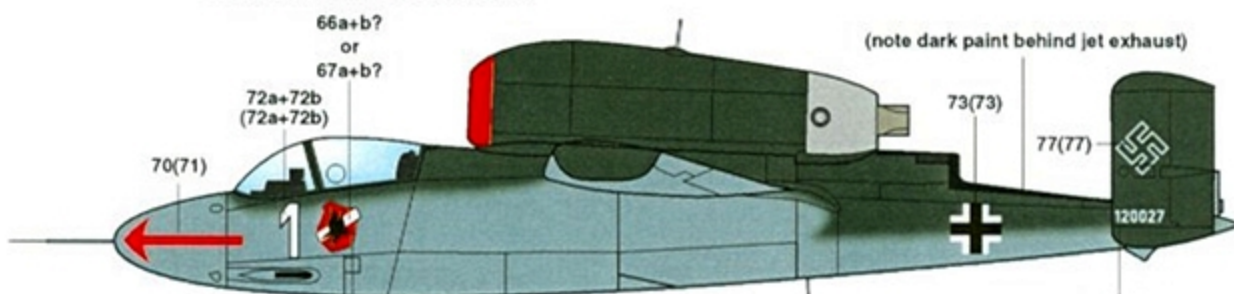


This "Spatz" flown by Maj. Zober of 2./JG1 probably reflects official Luftwaffe He162 "component painting" guidelines. These stipulated RLM 82 on the engine nacelle, top right wing and top right horizontal stabilizer— with the remainder of upper surfaces in RLM81. Note the RLM76 outer fin surfaces and 15° tilt of the unit badge.



badge background color conjectural

This "Spatz" flown by Lt. Rudolf Schmitt, is the only He162 known to have destroyed an Allied warplane in combat. Again, "White 1" wears the early RLM71 over RLM76. (See note for # 1 He 162). Because surviving photos do not show the fin & rudder, its W.Nr. and camouflage are conjectural. The unit badge reflects Schmitt's probable assignment to 1./JG1. Note the engine nacelle's red leading edge.



badge background color conjectural

(note dark paint behind jet exhaust)

[optional black W.Nrn. (decals 75) for RLM76 fin]