



## EagleCals # 29

## Me 262 A-1a Turbos

For accurate color reference we recommend the Luftwaffe Color Chart published by Eagle Editions Ltd. featuring paint chips prepared by Warnecke and Böhm available from your local hobby shop or Eagle Editions Ltd.

Resin conversion: EP#30-48 Open Wing Slats and EP#31-48 Nose Cannon Configuration are recommended where needed.

Me 262 A-1a W. Nr. 111711 30 March 1945 Rhein/Main, Germany Test pilot Hans Fay defected and surrendered this Me 262 to the Americans at Rhein/Main near Frankfurt, Germany, the first captured example of an Me 262.

Colors: All natural metal with panel lines filled in with Light Gray putty. Equipped with two bomb racks and overhead armored head rest. Base of vertical fin, Light Green color possibly paint or corrosion. Also, port side of vertical fin is darker than rest of metal. Fuselage nose cone is Gray possibly RLM 75 with three stripes of putty in varying widths. Large fuselage access panel on star board side behind Balkenkreuz and starboard engine panel just in front of wing joint are very light in value, possibly painted. No torque link on front landing gear.

National Markings: Fuselage; 800 mm Black outline crosses; 430 mm Black Hakenkreuz

Wings: Upper 630 mm Black outline crosses; Lower 800 mm Black/White/Black crosses

Stencilling: Specific stencilling, see diagram. Note aluminum factory stencilling on starboard side, lower portion, decal HH.

References: Color video stills and photos in collection of Jerry Crandall, printed on insert.

"Yellow 3" Me 262 A-1a W. Nr. unknown III./KG(J) 54 May 1945 München-Riem, Germany KG(J) 54 was one of several ex-bomber units to convert to fighter aircraft during the last months of the war. Right at the end of the war, the standard fighter numbering system was adopted along with the Reichs band. The KG(I) units utilized the checkered band with Black or White and the color of their corresponding numbered fighter unit. In this case, JG 54 was assigned RLM 24 Blue so KG(J) 54 used Blue and White checkered bands. JG 27's band was Green so KG(J) used Green and White checkered bands, etc. Some Me 262s still used the KG 54 bomber emblem on the shield in the Gruppe or Staffel color with the Totenkopf (death head) design.

Colors: Undersurfaces: RLM 76 Light Blue. Uppersurfaces, RLM 83 Dark Green thinly applied over dark puttied panel lines that show through (see photo). The tip of the fuselage is RLM 04 Yellow (the 9. Staffel color) with thin Black border. Note very dark diag onal stripe from unit badge to wing root on both sides of fuselage and square patch behind vertical bar. Note Gray vertical bar just in front of checkered bands. FuG 25 a intact.

National Markings: Fuselage; 800 mm White outline crosses. 430 mm Black with White outline Hakenkreuz

Wings: upper 630 mm White outline crosses; lower 800 mm Black and White crosses. Stencilling: Factory standard.

References: Tullis, Tom; Eagles Illustrated Vol. 1 Fighters of WWII. Eagle Editions Ltd., Hamilton MT USA 2000

Original photo from Jim Crow, printed on insert.

Brown, Dave & Wadman, David; Experten #2a Checkmate. Experten Publications, Canada 1997 Horn, Jan; KG(J) Units. Jäger Blatt Magazine, Germany 1996.

W. Nr. Unknown Me 262 A-1a III EJG 2 May 1945 Colors: Undersurfaces; RLM 76 Light Blue. Uppersurfaces; RLM 82 Bright Green/RLM 83 Dark Green with patches of 81 Brown-Violet. Heavily mottled over spray, Hakenkreuz almost totally obliterated. RLM 83 Dark Green thinly applied over dark put tied panel lines that show through (see photo).

04 Yellow band mid fuselage; "White S" on fuselage under horizontal stabilizer.

National Markings: Fuselage; 800 mm White outline crosses. 430 mm Black Hakenkreuz

Wings: upper 630 mm White outline crosses, lower 800 mm Black and White crosses provisional.

Stencilling: Factory standard, appears to be mostly over painted. References: Original photo from Jim Crow, printed on insert.

Hildebrandt, Carl; Broken Eagles #4, Pennsylvania USA 1993.

Me 262 A-1a W. Nr. 110567 3./KG(J) 54 May 1945 Giebelstadt, Germany "B3 + CL" Found abandoned after the war by American troops. Wings were found detached, therefore, camouflage and markings are provisional. Pilot: Lt. Bernhard Becker

Colors: Undersurfaces: RLM 76 Light Blue. Uppersurfaces; RLM 81 Brown-Violet/RLM 82 Bright Green. Trim tab RLM 76 Light Blue. Fusclage nose tip is RLM 04 Yellow (Staffel color) with a narrow White border, (the I. Gruppe color) trimmed with a thin

Black outline. The individual letter "C", (third aircraft in Staffel) 04 Yellow, the last letter "L" identifying the 3. Staffel, L. Gruppe. The KG 54 Totenkopf (death head) emblem White, (I. Gruppe color) on both sides.

National Markings: Fuselage; 800 mm White outline crosses. 430 mm Black Hakenkreuz with White outline.

Wings: upper 630 mm White outline crosses, lower 800 mm Black & White crosses provisional. Stencilling: Factory standard,

References: Smith, J. Richard & Creek, Eddie. Me 262 Vol. III. England Page 630 Original photo from Jim Crow, printed on insert.