

## EagleCals #47

# Messerschmitt Bf 109 G-6

### JG 27 and JG 51 TROPS

Manufactured in greater numbers than any other Messerschmitt 109 variant, the G-6 has always been very popular with the modelers considered to be the classic Bf 109 by many. Luftwaffe pilots complained the Beule or bumps covering the breaches of the MG 131 13 mm machine guns reduced speed, nevertheless, they contribute to the distinctive personality of the Bf 109. Too the bigger guns were heavier affecting performance.

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 EagleParts for the Bf 109: EP#20-32 Corrected spinner for the Hasegawa "G" series

EP#21-32 Corrected drop tank for the Hasegawa "G" series

EP#22-32 Battery Box for G-6 and G-14

EP#23-32 Corrected ETC rack for drop tanks

"Yellow 1"

**Bf 109 G-6 Trop** 

12.JG 27

Summer 1943

Tanagra, Greece

Staffelkapitän Oblt. Dietrich Boesler's Bf 109 G-6 was equipped at times with MG 151, 20 mm cannon underwing gondolas. Note the Yellow circle with Black trim and Staffelkapitän's pennant mounted on antenna mast. Werknummer unknown, overpainted. This G-6 Trop appears to have an extra shield over the exhaust to keep exhaust gasses from the tropical filter. FuG 25 a antenna mast installed.

Colors: Undersurfaces, 76 Light Blue; Uppersurfaces 75 Gray-Violet/74 Gray-Green. White underwing tips and 04 Yellow undercowling Note JG 27 emblem appears to be oversprayed on port side of engine cowling. White fuselage band; IV/JG 27 was utilizing the double bar IV. Gruppe marking at this time, in this case the Staffel color, 04 Yellow.

Spinner: White with Black spiral. Prop Blades: 70 Black-Green.

For pennant, cut a circle in card stock or thin plastic, after painting it Black, use our supplied decal, U.

National Markings: 900 mm Black with White outlined fuselage crosses. Black with White outline Hakenkreuz

Wings: Upper - 1000 mm White outline crosses Lower - 900 mm Black with White outline crosses .

Stencilling: Factory standard. Note Red cross marking on port side of fuselage cross.

Reference: Prien, Rodeike, Stemmer; Messerschmitt Bf 109 in Einsatz bei der III. and IV./JG 27. Struve Druck, Germany page 378.

#### Bf 109 G-6 Trop Pilot: Uffz. Franz Stadler 7./JG 27 **April** 1944 "White 3"

Features include tall antenna mast, underwing 20 mm cannon gondolas, no umbrella holders, DF loop, FuG 25 a antenna intact, solid headrest and overhead armor in canopy. Tropical filter and unusual gun camera on leading edge of port wing (see photo). Note vertical White bar tilted. II./JG 27 emblem both sides of aircraft. Cockpit fresh air scoop removed and faired over.

Colors: Undersurfaces, 76 Light Blue; Uppersurfaces 75 Gray-Violet/74 Gray-Green. Note large spots of mottling 74 circled with 76 (see Photo). Upper camouflage line along fuselage in line with canopy. Yellow undercowling, White fuselage band, filler panel

light, Spinner: 2/3 RLM 70 Black Green, 1/3 White. Prop blades RLM 70 Black-Green. National Markings: Oversized White outlined fuselage crosses. White outline Hakenkreuz

Wings: Upper -1000 mm White outline crosses Lower - 900 mm Black/White with Black outline crosses.

Stencilling: Factory standard

Reference: Photos printed on instructions

"White 8" Bf 109 G-6 Trop

W. Nr. 15508 7./JG 27 December 1943

Crete

Features of this aircraft include underwing 20 mm cannon, solid head rest and overhead armor, umbrella holders intact. Tropical filter, tall antenna mast, no DF loop or base and FuG 25 a intact (provisional)

Colors: Undersurfaces, 76 Light Blue; Uppersurfaces 75 Gray-Violet/74 Gray-Green. Unusual upper surface camouflage along upper portion of fuselage in line with canopy. Heavy mottling of 74/75. Possible Yellow undercowling, White fuselage band. Spinner: 2/3 RLM 70 Black Green, 1/3 White. Prop blades RLM 70 Black-Green. Note upper wing camo pattern.

National Markings: 900 mm White outline fuselage crosses. White outline Hakenkreuz

Wings: Upper - 1000 mm White outline crosses Lower - 900 mm Black/White with Black outline crosses. II./JG 27 emblem on both sides of cowling. 7. Staffel emblem under cockpit, port side only.

Stencilling: Factory standard

Reference: Prien, Rodeike, Stemmer, III and IV JG 27, page 256, 257.

"Yellow 13"

Bf 109 G-6 Trop

II./JG 51 April 1943 Tunisia

Notable features include tropical filter, tall antenna mast, no DF loop or base, FuG 25 a intact (provisional) and solid headrest with overhead armor. Umbrella holders intact. Note replaced fin tip, see photo. Photo does not show 20 mm underwing gondolas but they could have been installed at various times.

Colors: Undersurfaces, 76 Light Blue; Uppersurfaces 75 Gray-Violet/74 Gray-Green. Yellow undercowling, White fuselage band with White bar in front of Yellow 13. Spinner: White. Prop blades RLM 70 Black-Green

National Markings: 900 mm Black/White crosses. Black/White Hakenkreuz. Note two different sizes due to replaced fin tip.

Wings: Upper - 1000 mm White outline crosses Lower - 900 mm Black/White provisional crosses.

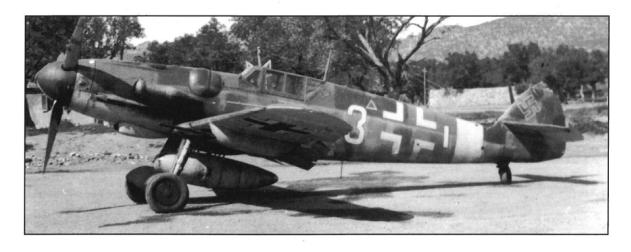
Stencilling: Factory standard, note spot of RLM 75 over painting on unit emblem.

Reference: Photo printed on instructions

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"White 3" of Uffz. Frans Stadler 7./JG 27, with unusual camouflage pattern of RLM 75/RLM 74. The underwing cannons are visible. White 1/3 segment on the spinner is barely visible.



Close-up showing this unusual large spots of RLM 74/RLM 75 and the fuselage. The slightly larger than standard (900 mm) White outline fuselage cross is interesting.

Another view of the cockpit area illustrating the large spots and the unusual number '3'. Note the flares around Stadler's waist.



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The tropical filter and lack of umbrella holders can be seen. Note the factory data plate. The gun camera aperture on the port wing is capped over.

#### "Yellow 13" II./JG 51



"Yellow 13", G-6 trop of II./JG 51 now in American custody. The tropical filter and umbrella holders are clear. Note the White II. *Gruppe* bar in front of the number '13' typical of II. *Gruppe* JG 51. No DF loop antenna or base. JG 51 Hawk's head emblem may have been painted over on the port cowl. The fin tip has been replaced from another aircraft with a different sized *Hakenkreuz*. No 20 mm cannon gondolas installed in this image but were used at times as profile illustrates.

Courtesy Fort Missoula Military Museum

