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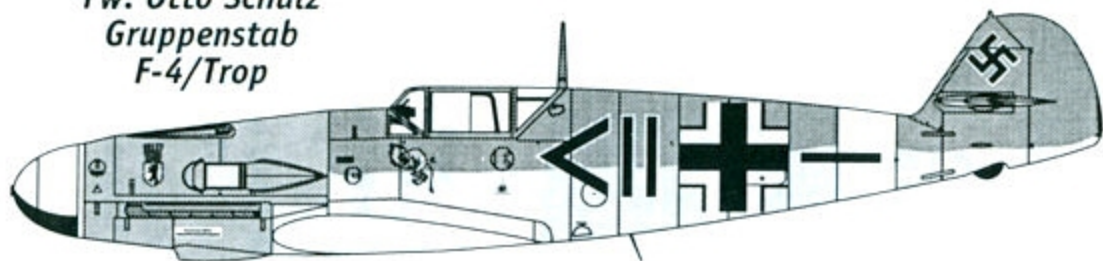
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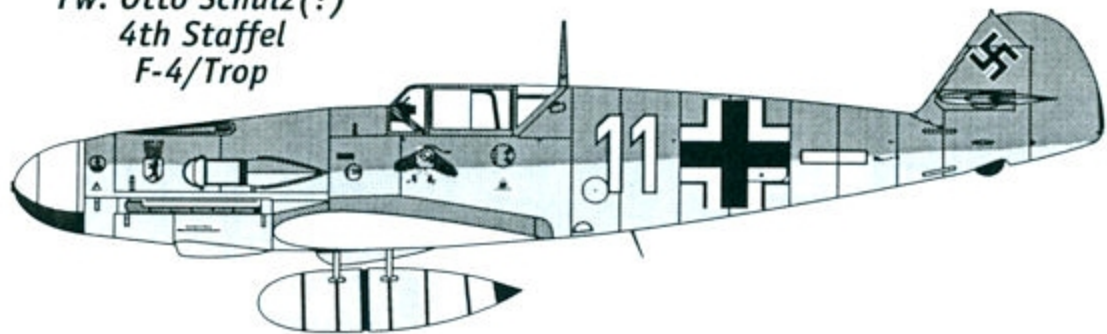
II/JG 27

Messerschmitt Bf 109F-4/Trop

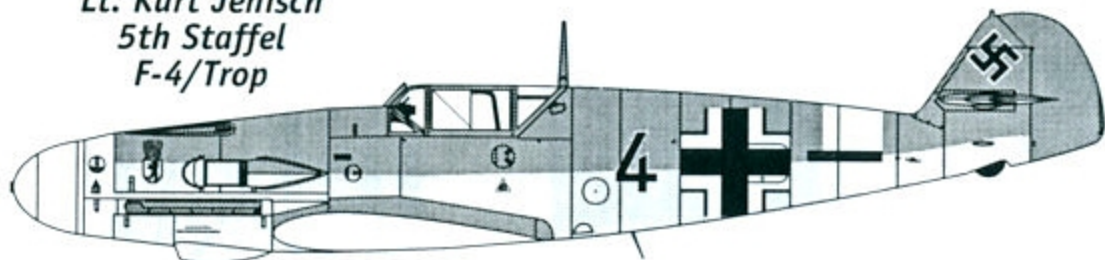
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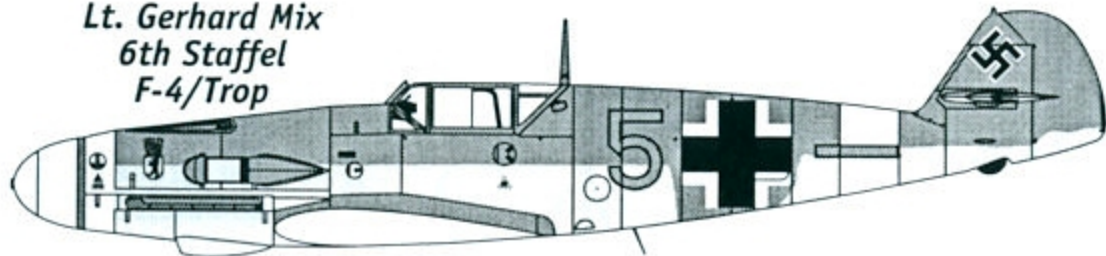
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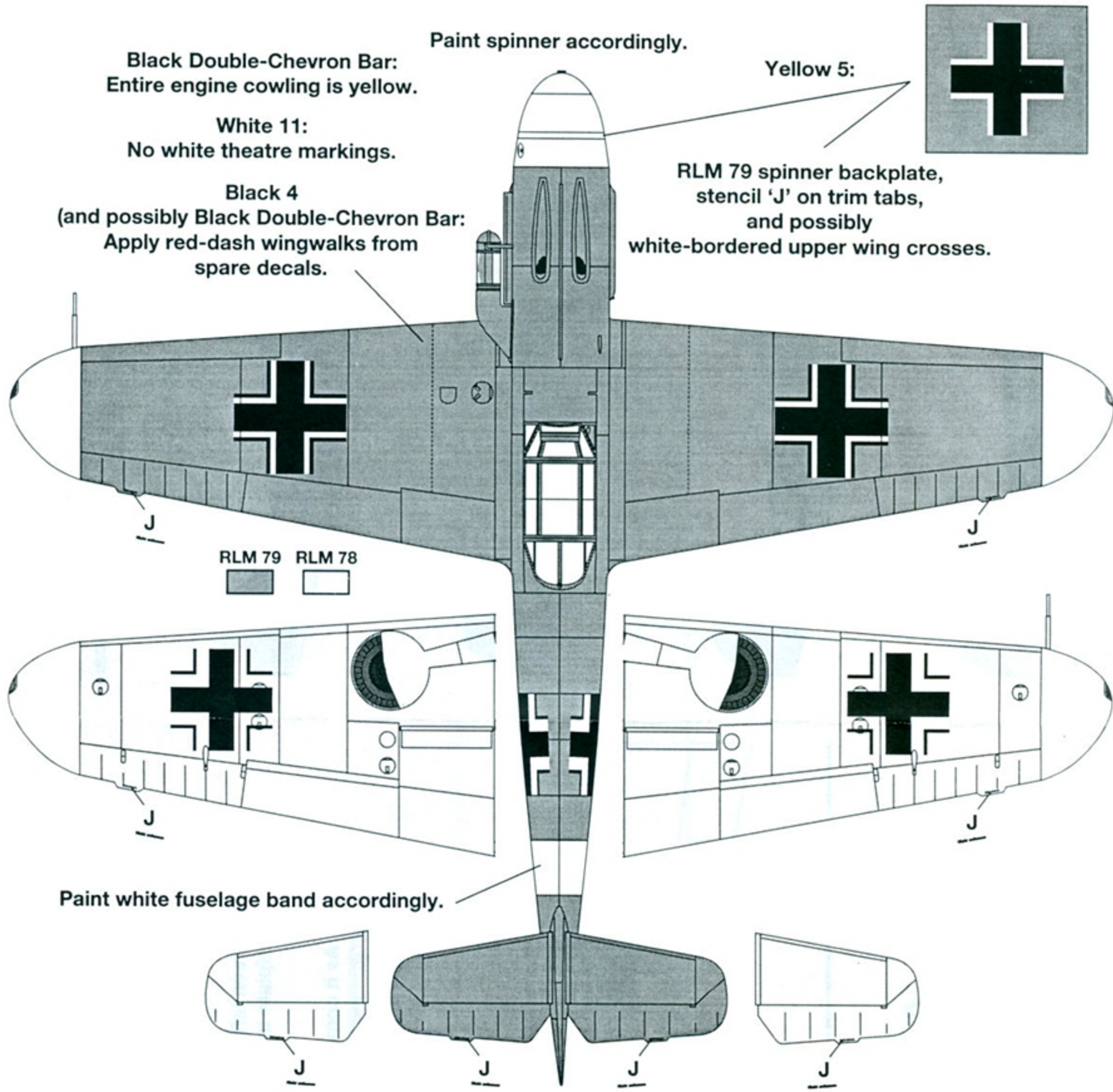


*Lt. Kurt Jenisch
5th Staffel
F-4/Trop*



*Lt. Gerhard Mix
6th Staffel
F-4/Trop*





Paint white fuselage band accordingly.

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Third Group™ – 48-029 – II/JG 27 – Messerschmitt Bf 109F-4/Trop

For scale drawings, enlarge by 150%

Lt. Kurt Jenisch – 5th Staffel
Bf 109F-4/Trop – WNr unknown
Martuba, Lybia – February 1942

Equipment: Narrow propeller blades, sand filter, deep oil cooler (heavily stained), supplementary windscreen armor, and faired right windscreen quarter-panel with signal flare port. Probable round wheel wells. No compressor fairing, centerline rack, nor external tail stiffeners.

Camouflage: RLM 78/79 with white spinner, nose band, fuselage band, and wingtips. RLM 79 rudder. Right rudder has two noticeable repair spots (probably red primer), and there probably were corresponding patches on the left side of the rudder. Trim tabs painted the adjacent color, not red. Conjectural left profile.

Markings: 5./JG 27 used a red Gruppe bar but black in-Staffel numbers before being posted home for Reich Defense, at which time they adopted the more conventional black Gruppe bar. Fuselage crosses appear to be positioned a tad low.

Stencils: Known stencils are O, P, Q (or R), S, T, U. Notice that the red wording of the stencil **T** is positioned high and thus falls on the black of the fuselage cross rather than the white. Two manufacturer data plates (**C**: Erla, **D**: WNF) are provided; selection should be based on your chosen Werknummer. Information that came to light after the decal sheet was printed revealed red-dash wingwalks (not on flaps).

References: D – 23; E – title page.

Lt. Gerhard Mix – 6th Staffel – Bf 109F-4/Trop – WNr 10074
Lybia – August 14, 1942

Use errata items
in place of like items on main sheet

Note: Lt. Mix was flying Yellow 5 when it took hits and had to be force landed on the main road to El Alamein, resulting in Lt. Mix becoming a POW. Despite attempts by the Luftwaffe to destroy Yellow 5 in order to prevent its capture, it was eventually retrieved by the Allies.

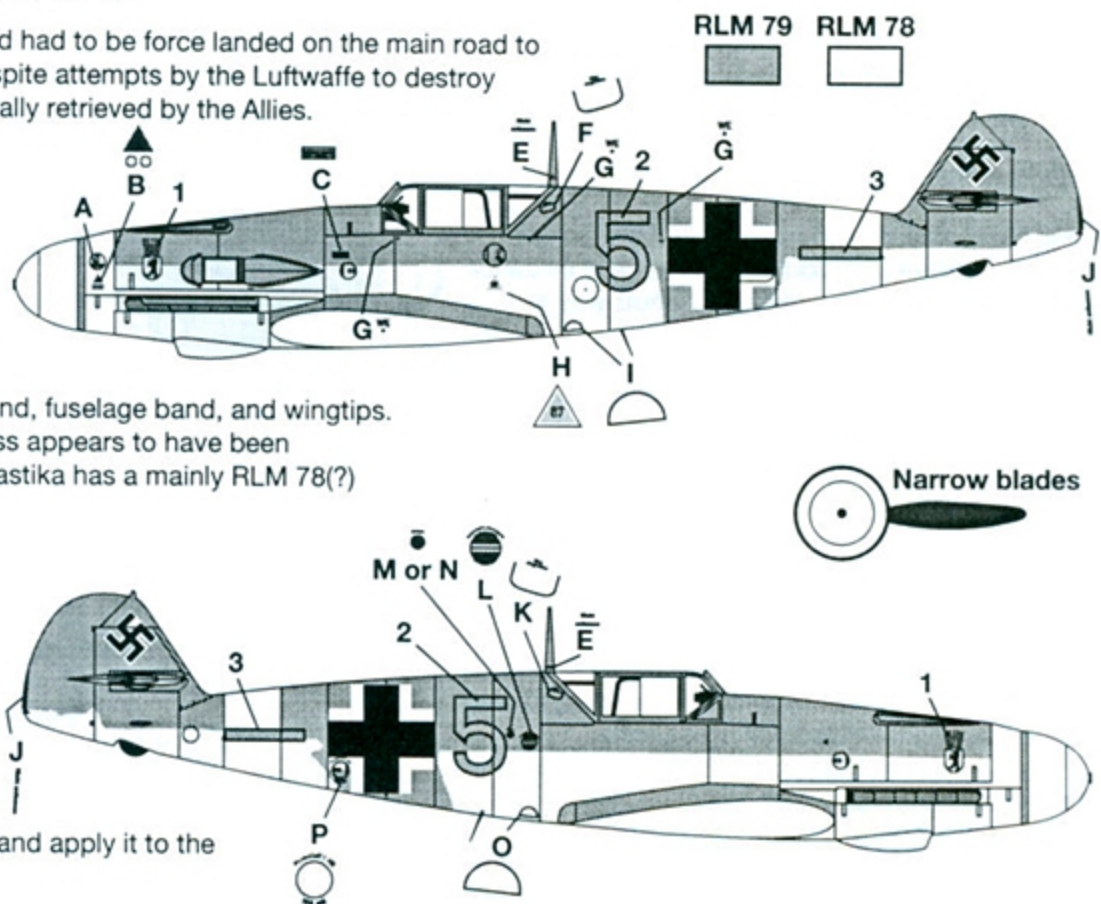
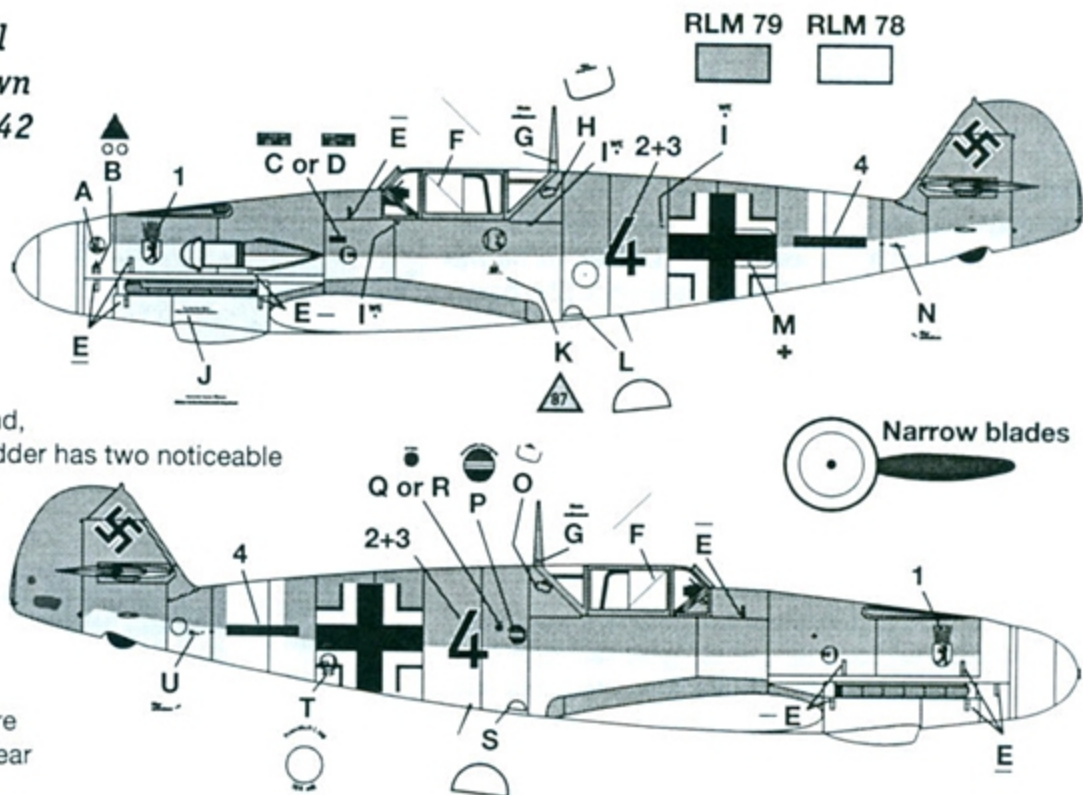
Equipment: Narrow propeller blades, sand filter, deep oil cooler, supplementary windscreen armor, faired right windscreen quarter-panel with faired signal flare port, round wheel wells. No compressor fairing nor external tail stiffeners. Unknown whether centerline rack was fitted.

Camouflage: RLM 78/79 with white spinner, nose band, fuselage band, and wingtips. RLM 79 spinner backplate. Area around fuselage cross appears to have been repainted when large crosses were applied. Right swastika has a mainly RLM 78(?) background between the uppermost set of arms. Trim tabs probably painted the adjacent color.

Markings: Swastikas had a very thin black outline, but considering the scale, it would be imperceptible. Upper wing crosses may have been white-bordered. Werknummer was discovered after this decal sheet was printed. Unfortunately, we do not now which style of number was used. Considering the lack of a photograph showing the applied Werknummer, it should be safe to make a "standard" Werknummer and apply it to the "standard" location on the left side of the vertical fin.

Stencils: Known stencils are J (underside of elevators), M (or N) and P. There does not appear to be any fastener alignment marks. Do not use stencil D: it was provided as an alternative to the Erla data plate (Stencil C) when we were unaware of the actual Werknummer.

Reference: F – 56.



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Fw. Otto Schulz – Gruppenstab Bf 109F-4/Trop – Unknown WNr Late 1941–Spring 1942

Note: Although adorned with Major beim Stab markings and reputedly flown by Hptm. Rödel while Kommandeur of II Gruppe (though unlikely as he was Staffelführer of 4./JG 27 when reference photographs were probably taken), photographic evidence suggests Fw. Otto Schulz was the pilot.

Equipment: Probable narrow propeller blades, shallow oil cooler, sand filter, and faired right windscreen quarter-panel with signal flare port.

Unknown style of wheel wells (round was common), and whether compressor fairing (depicted – right side of engine cowling aft of starter crank hole), centerline rack, and external tail stiffeners were fitted. Right windscreen quarter-panel signal flare port may or may not have been faired over (depicted unfaired).

Camouflage: RLM 78/79 with RLM 70 spinner (probably with white segment), yellow engine cowling (extremely rare on a desert F-model). Probable white fuselage band and possibly white wingtips. Conjectural right profile.

Markings: Standard. A hypothetical Werknummer may be constructed from the provided strip.

Stencils: Known stencils are G, H, I, K, M. Two manufacturer data plates (D: Erla, E: WNF) are provided; selection should be based on your chosen Werknummer.

References: A – 62 & 63; B – 187

Fw. Otto Schulz(?) – 4th Staffel Bf 109F-4/Trop – Unknown WNr Döberitz, Germany – September 1941

Note: Reference B caption notes Lt. Otto Schulz being the pilot; however, we could not locate any evidence to support the claim. Additionally, Schulz was a Feldwebel at the time, not a Leutnant.

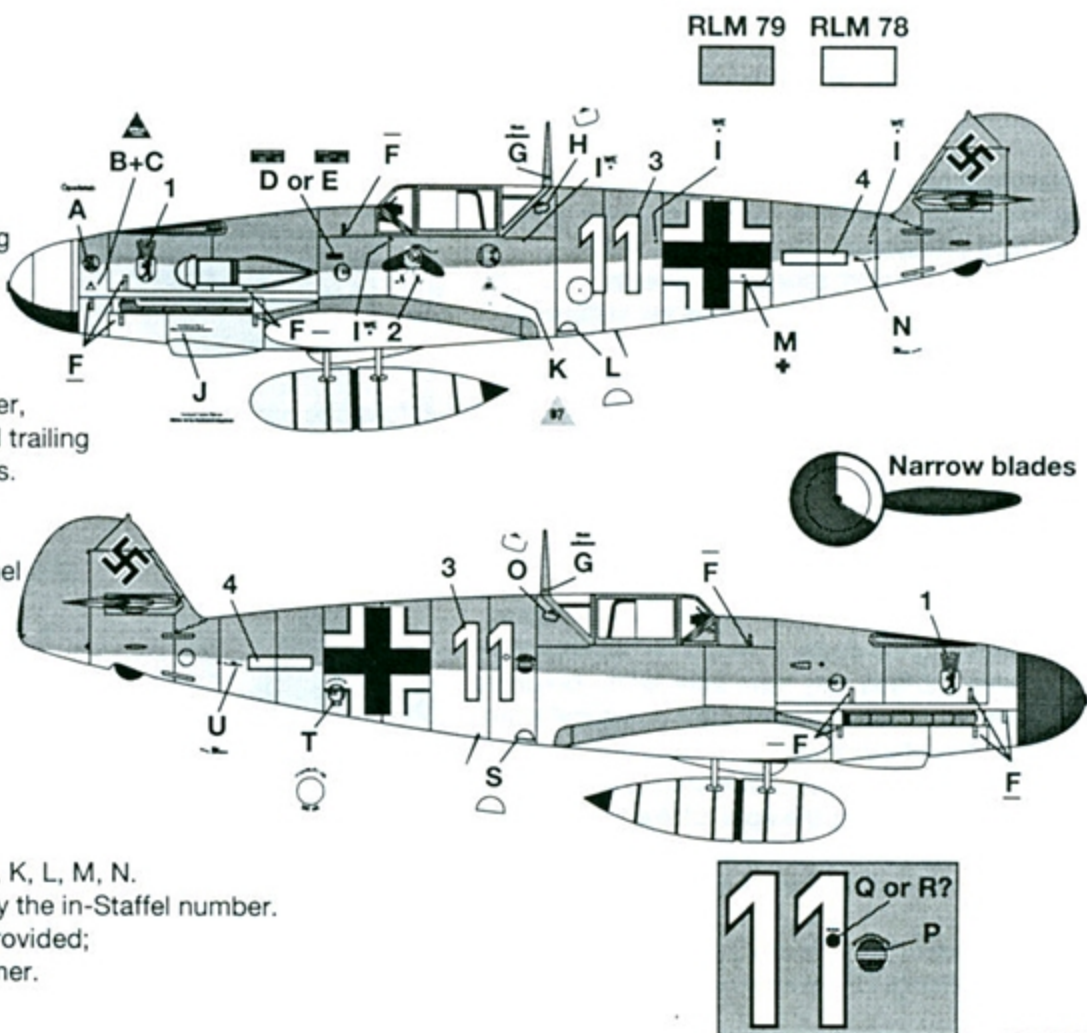
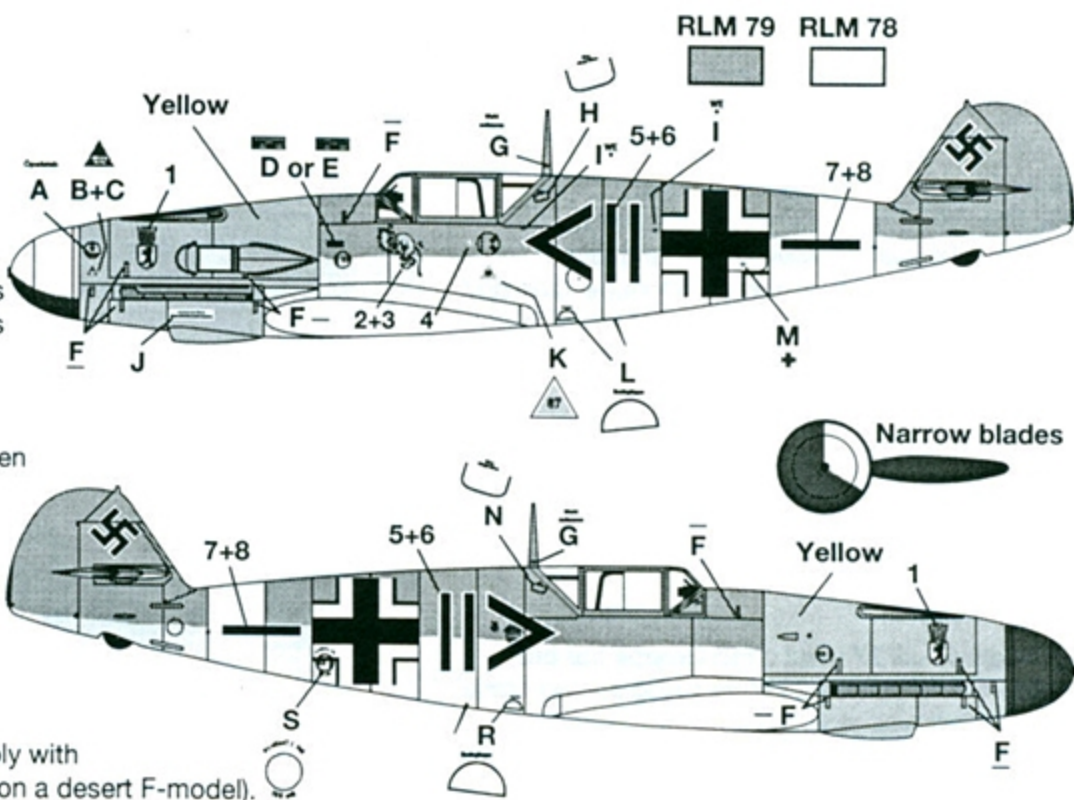
Equipment: Narrow propeller blades, shallow oil cooler, sand filter, centerline rack with droptank (dark colored trailing endcap and retention strap), and external tail stiffeners. Unknown whether compressor fairing was fitted (depicted – right side of engine cowling aft of starter crank hole) and if right windscreen quarter-panel signal flare port was faired over (depicted unfaired).

Camouflage: RLM 78/79. Probable RLM 70 spinner with one-third in white. White theatre markings have yet to be applied. Conjectural right profile.

Markings: Standard.

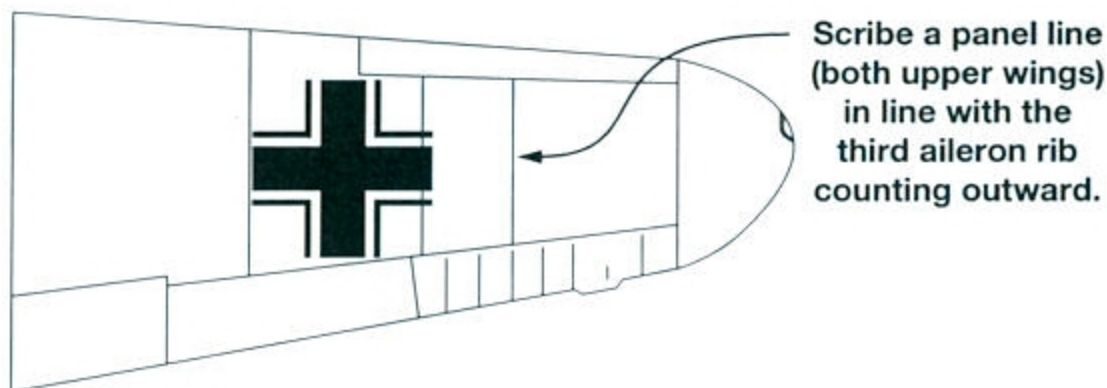
Stencils: Known stencils are A, B, C, D (or E), G, H, J, K, L, M, N. Electrical socket (Q or R) was probably overpainted by the in-Staffel number. Two manufacturer data plates (D: Erla, E: WNF) are provided; selection should be based on your chosen Werknummer.

References: C – 25; D – 20.



Drawings based on Hasegawa's Bf 109F-4 (J11).
Decals designed for same, though they may be suitable for others.
Below are some modifications you may wish perform.

F-4
Windscreen left wing window is missing and
roofplate upper section is too long.



Other Releases

Fw 190A-4/6 – Gruppenstab & 1./JG 1

Fw 190A-4/5 – II (Tatzelwurm)/JG 1

Fw 190A-3/4/6/7 – 9./JG 1 & 3./JG 11

Fw 190A-6/7 – I & II/JG 1 "Oesau" – 1944

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