



EagleCals #37

Messerschmitt Bf 109 G-6s JG 50 and JG 302

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. We would like to thank Jean-Yves Lorant and Hans Lächler for their assistance in supplying photos for this decal sheet.

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.

"Green 1" * Bf 109 G-6 W. Nr. 15913 JG 50 September 1943 Wiesbaden, Germany This colorful G-6 flown by Major Hermann Graf, one of the Luftwaffe's leading experten, was one of 9 to receive the Diamonds to his Knight's Cross. At this time he was credited with 205 victories with two B-17s, #204 and #205 on 6 September 1943. At this time he was Gruppenkommandeur of JG 50, "The Red Hunters" organized as an anti-Mosquito unit which also took part in bomber assault missions. Underwing WGr. 21 cm rockets were interchanged with 20 mm underwing cannon pods as needed. Fuselage may have been originally built as a G-5 as G-5s and G-6s were in this werknummer block. Note no cockpit ventilation scoop under windscreen like the G-5s but cockpit is not pressurized. Some G-6s were manufactured without these scoops. Remove small scoop under windscreen quarter panel from kit. Note tall antenna mast, no DF loop or base. Profiles show short antenna but actually should be long. Series of photos included with this decal

sheet shows no Red Hunter emblem but it has been included should the modeler desire to use it. Colors: Undersurfaces, 76 Light Blue; Uppersurfaces 75 Gray-Violet/74 Gray-Green. Five Red scallops trimmed with Yellow and White on cowl. Note "saw tooth" pattern on upper wing; vertical fin and rudder White. 04 Yellow undercowling. Overall finish seems

to be worn and waxed. Early solid armored headrest. National Markings: Fuselage; 900 mm Black/White crosses 300 mm Black Hakenkreuz with White outline

Wings: Upper - 1000 mm White outline crosses Lower - B2 900 mm Black/White with Black outline crosses. Stencilling: Factory Standard, note stencilling on Red scallops.

*Some think this number "1" is Red therefore, we have included both Green "1" and Red "1" on the decal sheet.

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"White 10"

W. Nr. Overpainted JG 50 September 1943 Wiesbaden, Germany Pilot, Oblt. Alfred Grislawski, 133 victories, holder of Knight's Cross with Oak Leaves. Note short antenna mast, DF loop and base, FuG 25a antennas all intact. Both underwing 20 mm cannon pods or W Gr. rockets would be appropriate. Note photo on insert shows Hermann Graf sitting in the cockpit of "White 10", Grislawski's aircraft. Decal includes 74 victory bars, 69 Black bars with tiny Red Stars, five Blue bars with American stars. Note position of bars on rudder, see photo. The rudder of "White 10" is preserved in a museum at Hannover Germany. Red Hunter emblem on port side of fuselage under cockpit. Early style solid armored headrest.

Colors: Undersurfaces, 76 Light Blue; Uppersurfaces, 75 Gray-Violet/74 Dark Green. Vertical fin and rudder White; Spinner and prop blades 70 Black-Green. Undercowling 04 Yellow, overall finish is worn and waxed.

National Markings: Fuselage: 900 mm Black/White crosses. 300 mm Black Hakenkreuz with White outline

Wings: Upper - 1000 mm White outline crosses
Lower - B2 900 mm Black/White with Black outline crosses

Stencilling: Factory standard, note 87 octane fuel triangle.

"Black 33"** Bf 109 G-6 W. Nr. unknown L/JG 302 May 1944 Helsinki, Finland This colorful aircraft was part of Nachtjagdkommando Helsinki night fighters to protect Helsinki from Russian night bombers. Note, short antenna mast, DF loop base and FuG 25a intact, underwing 20 mm cannon pods, early style armored head rest. See photo insert.

Colors: Undersurfaces 76 Light-Blue; Uppersurfaces, 75 Gray-Violet/74 Gray-Green. 04 Yellow undercowl, underwing tips and fuselage band. Spinner 70 Black-Green 1/3 section White. Prop blades 70 Black Green. Note, "Dieter" Yellow trimmed in Black on port cowling. Underneath "Dieter" there is a line of some letters or a word but is not legible so it is not included on the decal.

National Markings: Fuselage; 900 mm Black/White crosses. 300 mm Black Hakenkreuz with White outline

Wings: Upper - 1000 mm White outline crosses Lower - B2 900 mm Black/White with Black outline crosses . Stencilling: Factory standard

"Black 8" ** Bf 109 G-6 W. Nr. unknown L/JG 302 February 1944 Helsinki, Finland This colorful aircraft was part of Nachtjagdkommando Helsinki night fighters to protect Helsinki from Russian night bombers. Note tall antenna mast, early armored head rest, DF loop, base and FuG 25a intact, underwing 20 mm cannon pods. See photo insert.

Colors: Undersurfaces 76 Light-Blue; Uppersurfaces, 75 Gray-Violet/74 Gray-Green. 04 Yellow undercowl, underwing tips and fuselage band. Rudder and cowl band White, both slightly overpainted with camouflage, see photo. Spinner and prop blades 70 Black-Green. Note area behind wing slats appear to be 76 Light Blue.

National Markings: Fuselage; 900 mm White outline crosses filled in with 74 Gray-Green, or very faded black. 300 mm Black Hakenkreuz with White outline.

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

Stencilling: Factory standard. Note JG 302 unit emblem on both sides of cowl, wild boar faces to the rear on the starboard side and to the front on the port side.

**Some sources say these aircraft have Red numbers, some say Black: therefore, both Red and Black numbers are included.