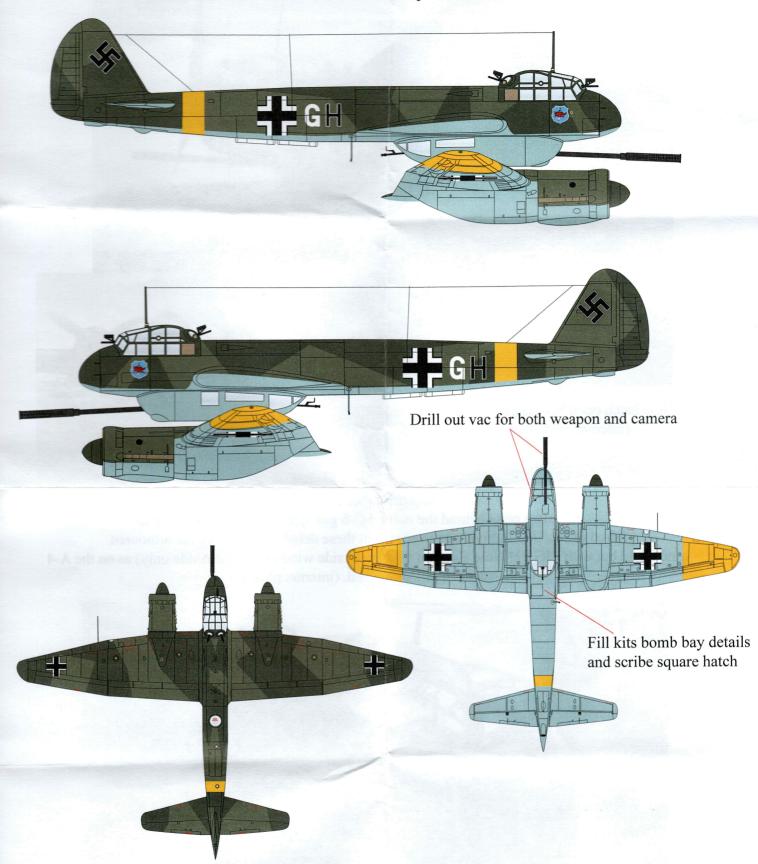
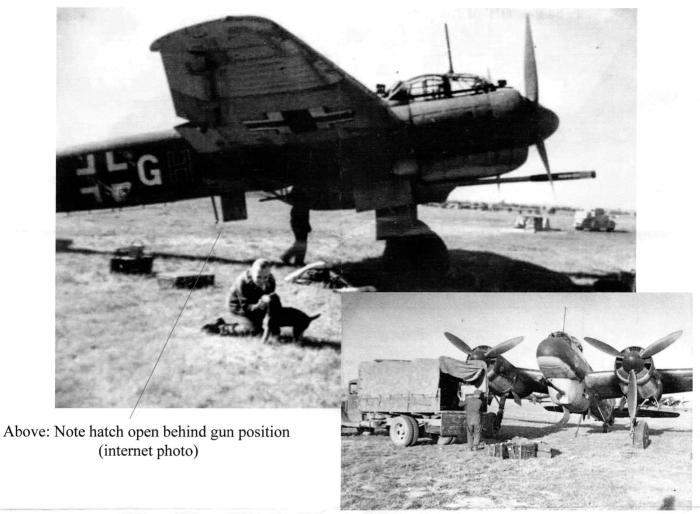
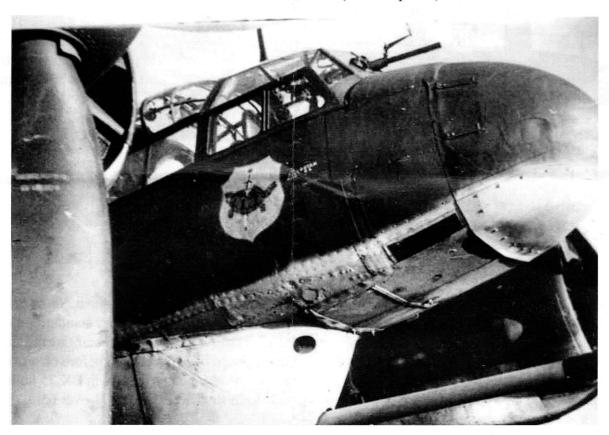
Ju 88 P-1 'GH' of 3rd Staffel Anti-Tank Operational Trials Unit



Ju 88 P-1 'GH' of 3rd Staffel Anti-Tank Operational Trials Unit photographed at Poltava, Southern Russia in the Spring of 1943. Other than the unit emblem and codes the markings are factory standard pre- Jan 01, 1943 RLM national insignia simplification directive. The under-wing RLM 04 Gelb markings extend in to the inner aileron actuator, more than normal but not unique. What I have never seen before on any other Ju 88 sub-type is an MG 81 fitted into the C-6 style armoured windscreen. Windows in BK 75 housing are a best guess based on a number of different photos. Aircraft is in standard RLM 70/71 over 65.



Below: Note additional strengthening of cockpit/nose floor as well as the extra plate behind the normal C-6 gas ejector panel (which is also faired over). Use Tamiya tape to represent these details. Again note the armoured windshield but with MG 81! Note also that the lowest side window (on right side only) as on the A-4 has been re-instroduced. (internet photo)



## Amendment

With Kagero and Trojca's scale plans both showing a central dorsal defence weapon and no published photos contradicted them and with only three poor quality photos published of the test Ju 88 A-4 showing only the BK 75 without the bodenwanne in place it is perhaps not surprising that things have been done wrong! Sadly after the product had been released new information came to light - the dorsal defence weapon (C Stand) is in fact an MG 81Z common on the Ju 88 A-4 and it is in-fact off set due to the internal space restrictions. This means also that the rear most window framing is different to what has been provided - see below. So ignore the MG 131 weapon on the box label or instructions and use the kits MG 81Z and try to rework clear vac to have different window set up as best you can. The other big bombshell is a previously unseen shell ejector chute for the BK 75 with is a large scalloped trench which again will need to be worked into the vac as best as possible. Better to have the information now than not at all but what a shock!

