

# flown by Obltn. Hermann Pritsch, Jasta 17, Vivaise, France, August 1918

This aircraft, flown by Oberleutnant Pritsch, came from a later licensed production batch of Fokker D.VIIs, built by Albatros Flugzeugwerke at Johannisthal, in Berlin. The engine cowl below the radiator featured additional cooling vents for the engine. The groundcrew of this aircraft used the additional openings to their advantage when applying the face to the aircraft, such that they formed the eyes and mouth. The front of the aircraft was painted in a very dark blue, which was used as a Jasta 17 unit colour. The pilot had a swastika painted on the fuselage, a marking used by both sides of the war to symbolize good luck. The national socialists of the Nazi party didn't begin using the swastika until 1920.

