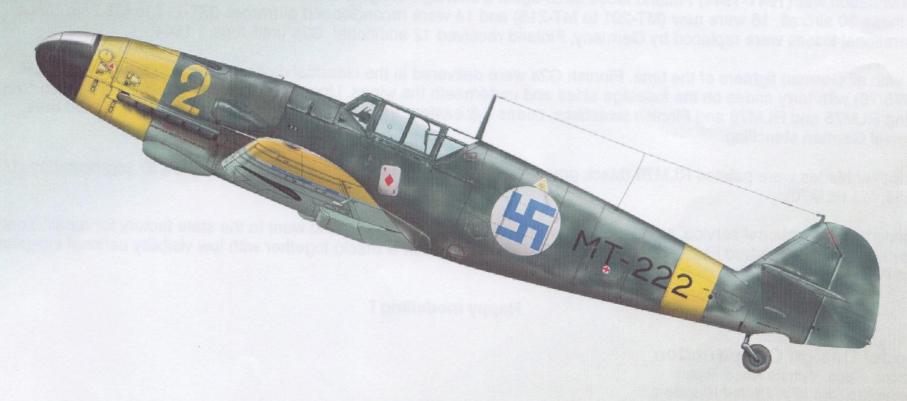
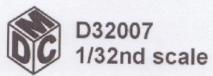
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Messerschmitt Me 109 G2 in Finnish service

Finland was probably the most successful user of the Gustav with 663 confirmed victories for the loss of only 32 a/c in combat operation, achieving an incredible kill ratio of 1:20,7

Finland showed interest in the 109 as early as 1937 but the Winter war (1939-40) put everything on hold. During the Continuation war (1941-1944) Finland faced once again a shortage of fighters and ordered 30 Me109 G2 in February 1943. Of these 30 aircraft, 16 were new (MT-201 to MT-216) and 14 were reconditioned airframes (MT-217 to MT-230) Since operational losses were replaced by Germany, Finland received 12 additional G2s until June 1 1944.

As with all German fighters of the time, Finnish G2s were delivered in the classical daytime 3 colors camouflage (RLM 74/75/76) with ferry codes on the fuselage sides and underneath the wings. Upon arrival, these codes were painted over using RLM75 and RLM76 and Finnish swastikas, codes s & eastern front IDs were applied. The aircraft retained their original German stenciling.

Propeller blades were painted RLM70 (black green) and the spinner kept the original German quick ID segmentation (1/3 white, 2/3 RLM70).

During their operational service, several aircraft were damaged in accidents and went to the state factory for repair. There, they also got the standard Finnish camouflage (RLM65, Olive green & Black) together with low visibility national insignias and Finnish language stenciling.

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