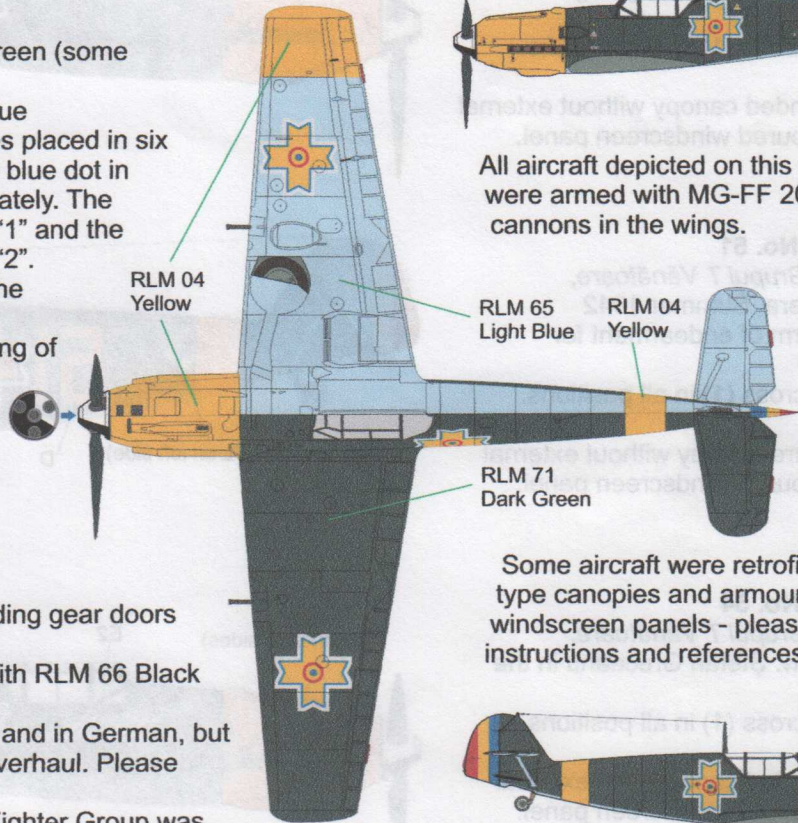


Romanian Messerschmitt Bf.109E Part 2

Camouflage and Markings

- Uppersurfaces painted RLM 71 Dark Green (some sources state RLM 70 Black Green)
- Undersurfaces painted RLM 65 Light Blue
- National insignia consisting of M-crosses placed in six positions on the wings and fuselage. The blue dot in the center of the cross was printed separately. The item "1a" is the dot for the cross marked "1" and the item "2a" is the dot for the cross marked "2".
- Romanian blue/yellow/red tricolour on the rudder (blue always at the mast)
- Eastern Front Theatre markings consisting of RLM 04 Yellow wingtip undersurfaces, yellow ring ahead of the tailfin and yellow nose.
- Spinner painted 1/3 white and 2/3 black (or possibly RLM 70 Black Green) with some exceptions.
- Propeller blades painted RLM 70 Black Green
- Landing gear legs and inside of the landing gear doors painted RLM 02 Grey
- Cockpit interior painted RLM 02 Grey with RLM 66 Black Grey instrument panel
- All maintenance stencils were standard and in German, but some stencils were overpainted during overhaul. Please study the references.
- The "Donald Duck" emblem of the 7th Fighter Group was added on both sides of the fuselage, ahead of the yellow ring.



All aircraft depicted on this decal sheet were armed with MG-FF 20mm cannons in the wings.

Some aircraft were retrofitted with late-type canopies and armoured windscreen panels - please study the instructions and references carefully.

Numerous photographs of the aircraft depicted on this decal sheet as well as colour profiles and historic accounts are included in the book "Romanian Fighter Colours 1941 - 1945" by Teodor Liviu Morosanu and Dan Alexandru Melinte published by MMP Books in 2010. This is an essential reference for this subject. Please also consult the other sources of information mentioned in the "references" section on the reverse side of this page.

There were a number of variations in the design of "Donald Duck" emblem and various items that can recreate these emblems are included on the decal sheet as items 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. The emblem was handed, with Donald always facing forward. Please consult your references for further details about this emblem.



Item 3
(Simplified)



Item 3 + 6 (or 5)
("Mack" added)



Item 4
(Detailed)



Item 4 + 7
("Mack" added)

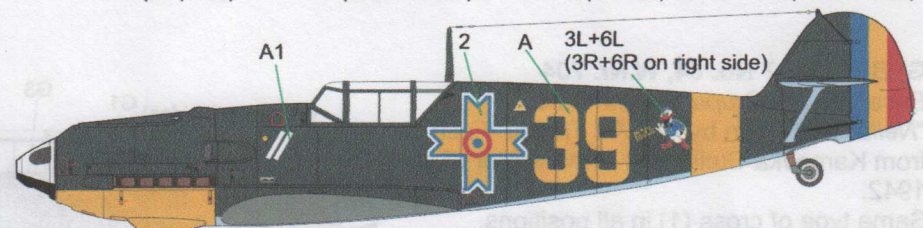
A) Bf.109 E-3 No. 39

Escadrila 58, Grupul 7 Vânătoare
Bessarabia, June 1941.

"Mack" is the Romanian onomatopoeic for a duck's "quack".

Same type of cross (2) in all positions.

Early-type rounded canopy without external bolted-on armoured windscreen panel.



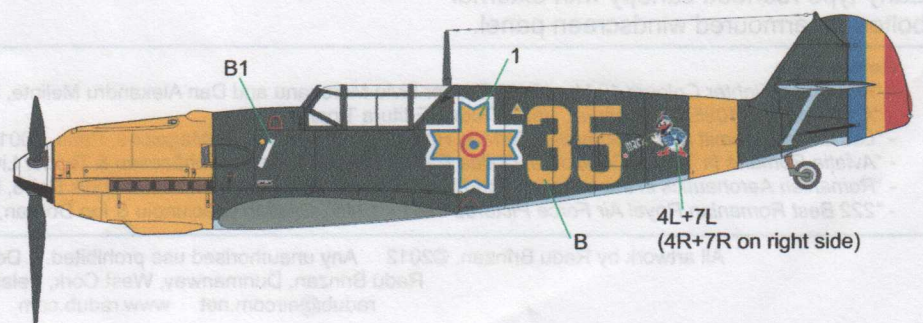
Photographic evidence shows that Bf.109 aircraft wearing this type of cross had the underwing cross moved closer to the wingtip while the yellow underwing segment was limited to the tip only. The only known photo of "39" does not show clearly the application of this type of marking, but it is a possibility.

B) Bf.109 E-3 No. 35

Escadrila 58, Grupul 7 Vânătoare
Bucharest-Pipera, summer 1942.

Same type of cross (1) in all positions.

Early-type rounded canopy with external bolted-on armoured windscreen panel.

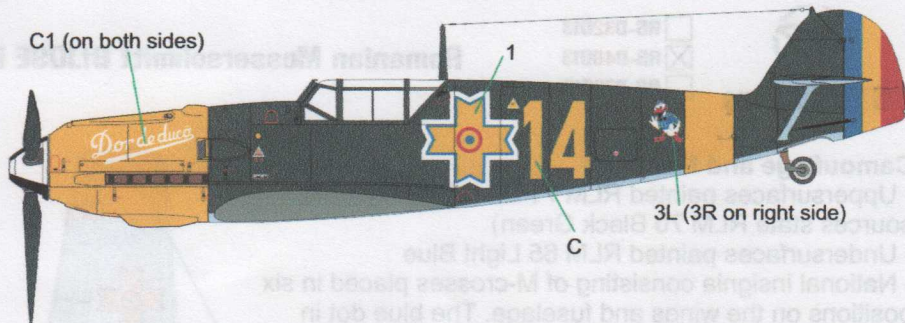


C) Bf.109 E-3 No. 14, W. Nr. 2491

Escadrila 57, Grupul 7 Vânătoare, Bucharest-Pipera, Summer 1942

“Dor de ducă” means “Raring to go” or “Chomping at the bit”
Same type of cross (1) in all positions.

Early-type rounded canopy without external bolted-on armoured windscreen panel.



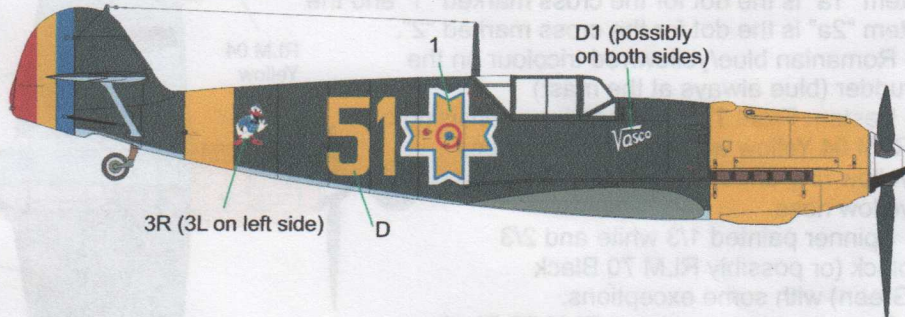
D) Bf.109 E-7 No. 51

Escadrila 56, Grupul 7 Vânătoare, Bucharest-Pipera, Summer 1942

“Vasco” is a term of endearment for “Vasile” [Basil]

Same type of cross (1) in all positions.

Late-type square canopy without external bolted-on armoured windscreen panel.

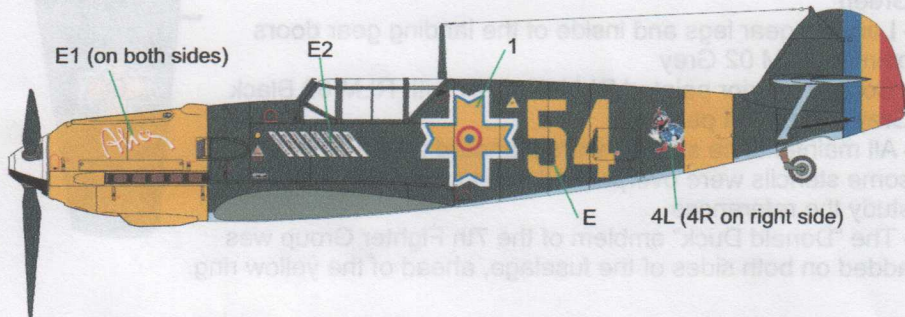


E) Bf.109 E-7 No. 54

Escadrila 57, Grupul 7 Vânătoare, Flown by Adj.Av. Ștefan Greceanu in the summer 1942

Same type of cross (1) in all positions.

Early-type rounded canopy with external bolted-on armoured windscreen panel.

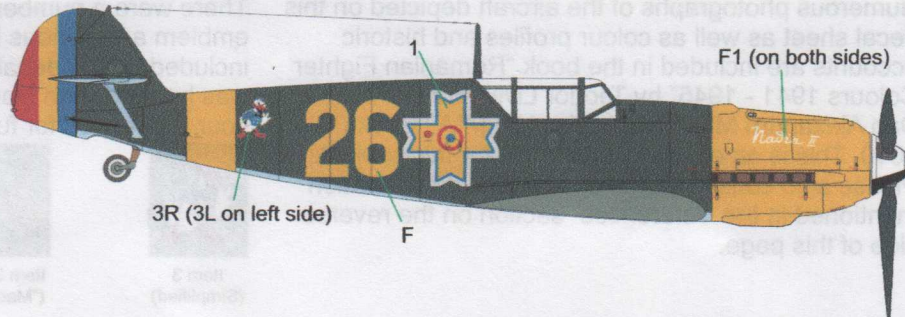


F) Bf.109 E-3 No. 26

Escadrila 57, Grupul 7 Vânătoare, “Nadia II” was flown by Adj.Av. Ștefan Greceanu from Saltz-Bessarabia, in September 1941

Same type of cross (1) in all positions.

Early-type rounded canopy without external bolted-on armoured windscreen panel.



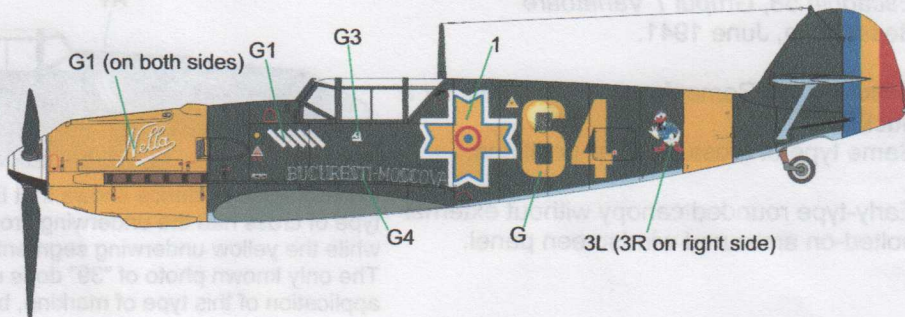
G) Bf.109 E-7 No. 64, W.Nr. 704

Escadrila 56, Grupul 7 Vânătoare, “Nella” was flown by Adj. Av. Tiberiu Vinca from Karpovka-Stalingrad in the winter of 1942.

Same type of cross (1) in all positions.

“Bucharest-Moscow” was chalked under the cockpit, but this faded quickly. A light coat of sprayed paint over the decal can simulate this fading.

Early-type rounded canopy with external bolted-on armoured windscreen panel.



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