

MESSERSCHMITT 262 B-1a/U-1 Revell



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The most successful development in fighter design since the demise of the biplane, Messerschmitt's deadly Me 262, was proving its worth over Germany despite a very late start and more than its share of teething problems. More pilots were needed to fly the new jet fighter and it was soon discovered that it was not going to be just a matter of putting a pilot used to piston engine airplanes in the cockpit and pointing him in the direction of the enemy. The new jets had several nasty tricks, as many Luftwaffe pilots violently discovered! To cut down on the growing number of operational accidents, the Me 262 B series trainer was developed by removing the rear fuselage tank and installing a cockpit for an instructor. The fuel needed to make up for the loss of the fuselage tank was carried in two tanks on the "Viking Ship" pylons under the nose.

At the same time, the tempo of night attacks on the

The only unit to be equipped with this new fighter was one based near Berlin named "Kommando Welter," after

its leader, Kurt Welter. Welter had served with "Kommando Stamp" while pioneering single-seat Me 262 night fighter tactics and had become the top scoring pilot of failure of this unit. Its main claim to fame was that it and "Kommando Stamp" were the world's first operational radar-equipped jet night fighter squadrons and as such foretold the development of today's all-weather inter-

The Me 262 B-1 a/U1 had the same Junkers Jumo 004B Turbo-jet engines of its single-seat cousin, the Me 262 A-1a. The armament consisted of four 30 mm Mk 108 cannons, the upper pair having 100 rounds per gun, the lower pair 80 rounds per gun. Some aircraft carried only Reich had increased to the point where Germany's leaders were searching in every direction for night fighter aircraft It was found that by putting a radar operator in the instructor's seat of the Me 262 B and a radar set in the nose, homed in on the emissions from the British H26 bombing a very effective night fighter was created. Thus was born radar was also fitted. Dimensions of the two-seater remained the same as the single-seater at 40' 11-1/2" span, 34' 9-1/2" length and 12' 7" height.

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