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INTRO

The second half of the Second World War saw the Focke-Wulf Fw 190, in its various forms, emerge as the best of what was available to the Luftwaffe. The dedicated fighter version was a high performance, heavily armed machine. Its development had a precarious beginning, against a 1938 specification issued by the Technisches Amt, RLM. The first prototype took to the air on June 1st, 1939. After a series of improvements and even radical changes, the design culminated in the fall of 1940 in the pre-series version Fw 190A-0 to the tune of twenty-eight pieces. Six of these were retained by the test unit Erprobungsstaffel 190 at Rechlin, which was tasked with conducting service trials. These revealed a wide range of flaws to the point where the RLM halted further development. Despite this, on the basis of urgings from the test unit staff, the aircraft was not shelved. After a series of some fifty modifications, the RLM gave the go ahead for the Fw 190 to be taken into inventory of the Luftwaffe. In June 1941 the Luftwaffe accepted the first of 100 ordered Fw 190A-1s, armed with four 7.9 mm MG 17s. By September 1941 II./JG 26 was completely equipped with the type operating on the Western Front. November saw the production of the next version Fw190A-2, powered by a BMW 801C-2, and armed with two 7.9 mm MG 17s and two MG 151s of 20 mm caliber in the wings. Part of this series received an additional pair of 20 mm MG FFs, thus attaining an armament standard of later types. Asignificant advancement to the design came in the spring 1942, when the BMW 801D-2 became available, who's installation gave birth to the Fw 190A-3. July saw the development of the improved A-4. Both were armed with what became the standard two fuselage mounted MG 17s, two wing mounted MG 151 cannons, and two MG FF cannons, placed inboard of the wheel wells. During 1942 production had intensified, and a production facility was set up under license at Fieseler. Thanks in part to this, production rose in 1942 to 1,878 units as opposed to 224 in 1941. Large-scale production of the A-5 was initiated in April 1943 with an identical wing to the A-4, but with a nose extension that would become standard on all subsequent Fw 190A versions up to the A-9, and also on the corresponding F types. July saw the development of a new, strengthened wing, which incorporated MG 151s instead of the MG FFs in the outer position. The adoption of this wing developed the A-6 version. Further changes developed the A-7, produced during the end of 1943. This version came about with the replacement of the fuselage mounted MG 17s with 13 mm MG 131s. Further improvements led to the Fw 190A-8, and this version became the most widely produced with some 6,655 units made. The most significant change to this variant was the installation of the GM-1 nitrous-oxide injection system, for temporary power boost in combat. Aportion of A-8 production was built as the A-8/R2 and A-8/R8, armed with MK 108 cannon in the outer wing location, and with armoured slabs added to the cockpit sides and a modified canopy. The final production version of the BMW 801 powered fighter was the Fw 190A-9, equipped with the BMW 801TS of 2000 hp (1470 kW). There was a parallel development of these fighter optimized aircraft with a dedicated fighter-bomber version, the Fw 190F. These aircraft had reduced wing armament to two MG 151 cannons in the wing root position. The engine was optimized for low level operation, and the armament options varied to satisfy the ground attack role, including bombs of various weight classes and a variety of anti-tank rockets. This branched into the extended range Fw 190G version. Development of the throughbred fighter continued in the guise of the Fw 190D, which began to reach Luftwaffe units in the second half of 1944, and was the result of mounting an in-line Jumo 213A-1 engine into a modified Fw 190A-8 airframe. Although the Fw 190 never achieved the widespread usage of the competing Bf 109, its contribution to the German Air Force was certainly significant through the second half of WWII. Fw 190s saw service on the Western Front as well as in the East. As heavy fighters with imposing firepower, they found themselves integral components, from 1943 onwards, within the units tasked with the protection of the Reich from the ominous clouds of allied fourengined bombers. This is where the A-8 version was instrumental, along with it's A-8/R2 armoured development. This version, with its firepower, was a very ominous and daunting foe for the bomber crews. From the second half of 1944, their danger was kept in check to a degree by escorting P-47s, and necessitated the development of the P-51 Mustang.



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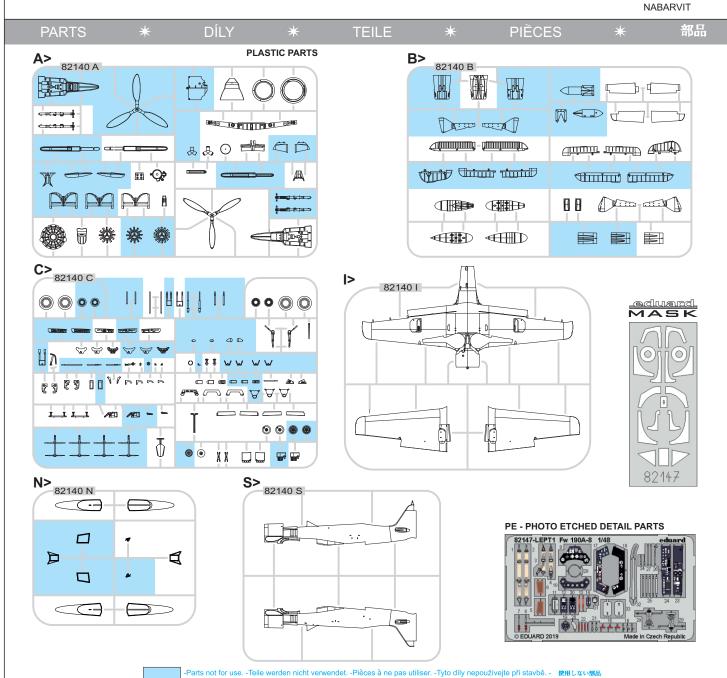


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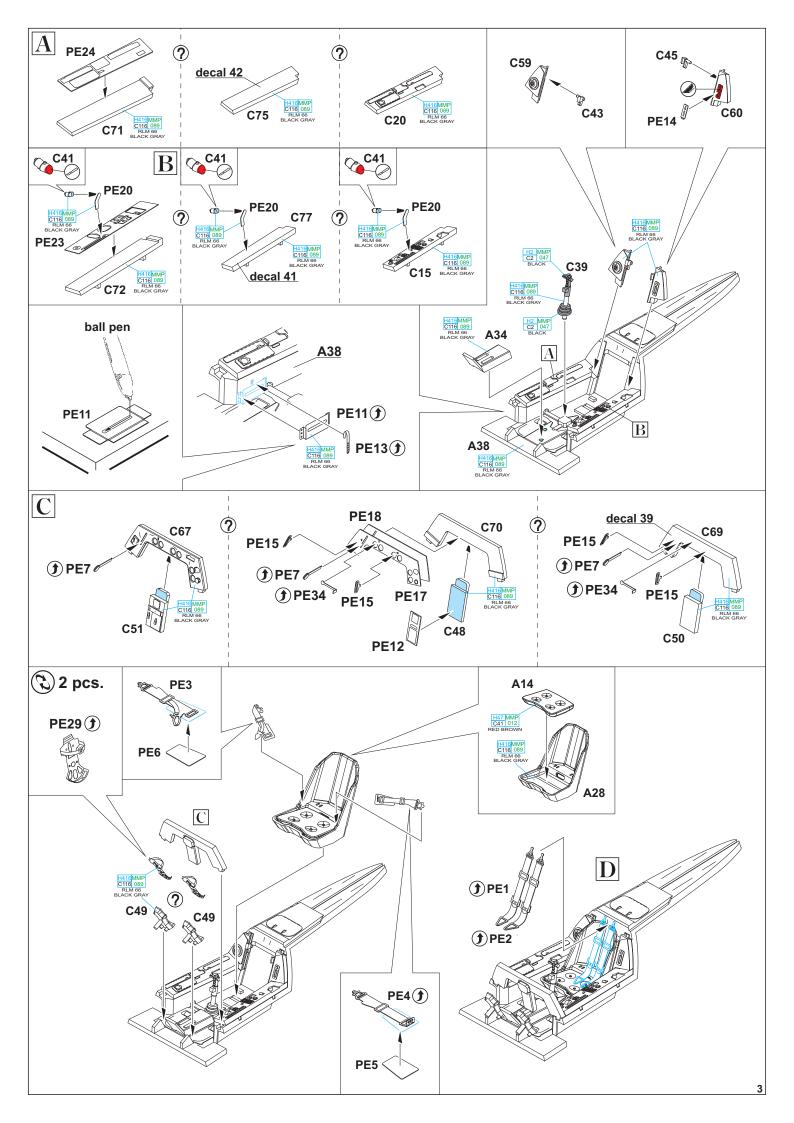
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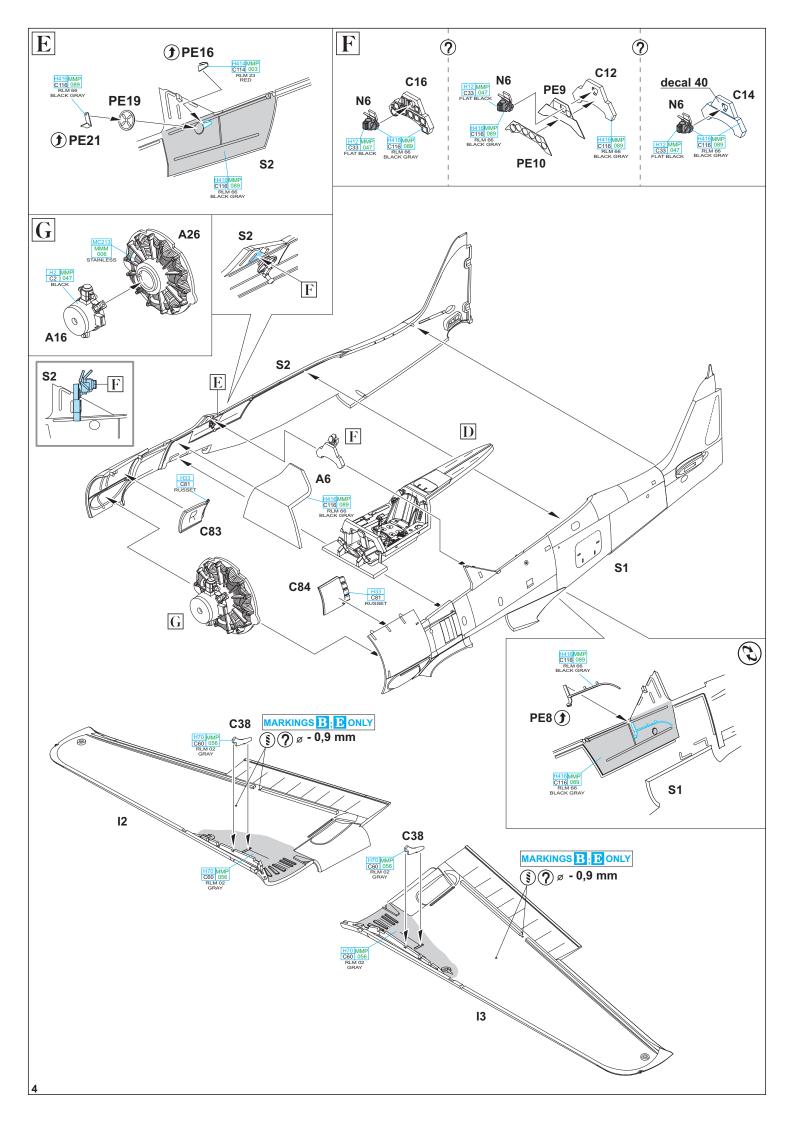


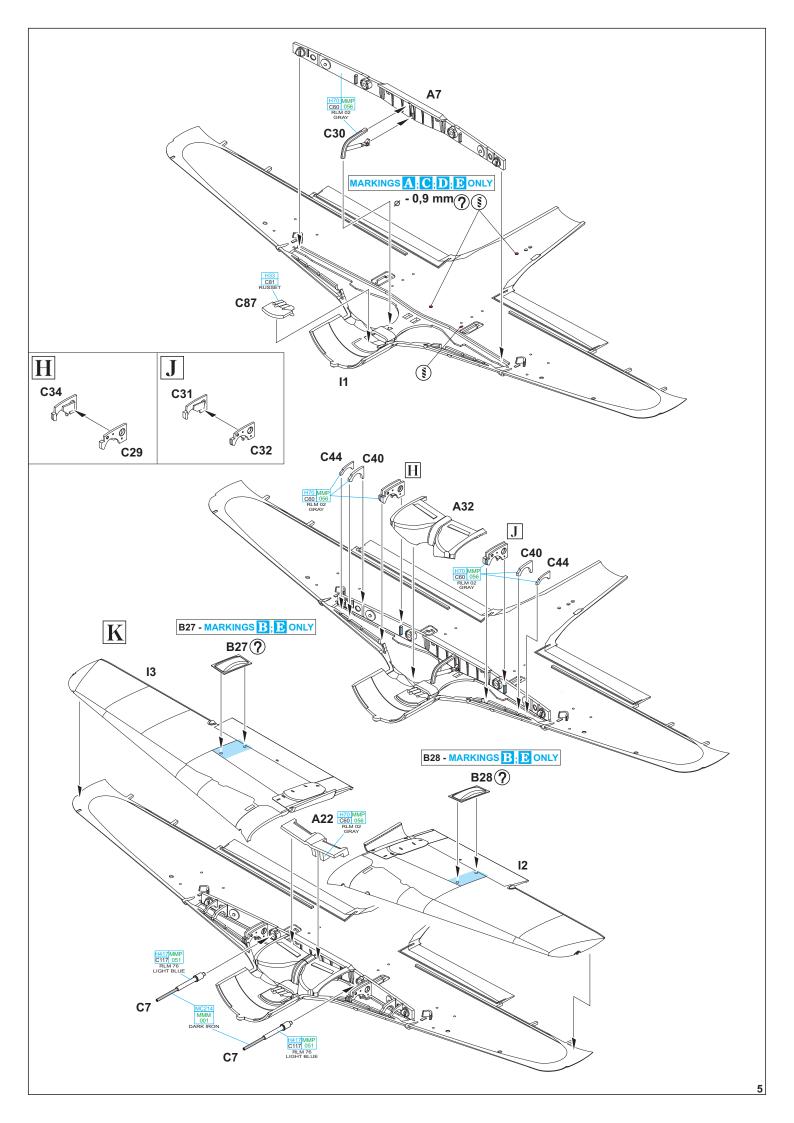
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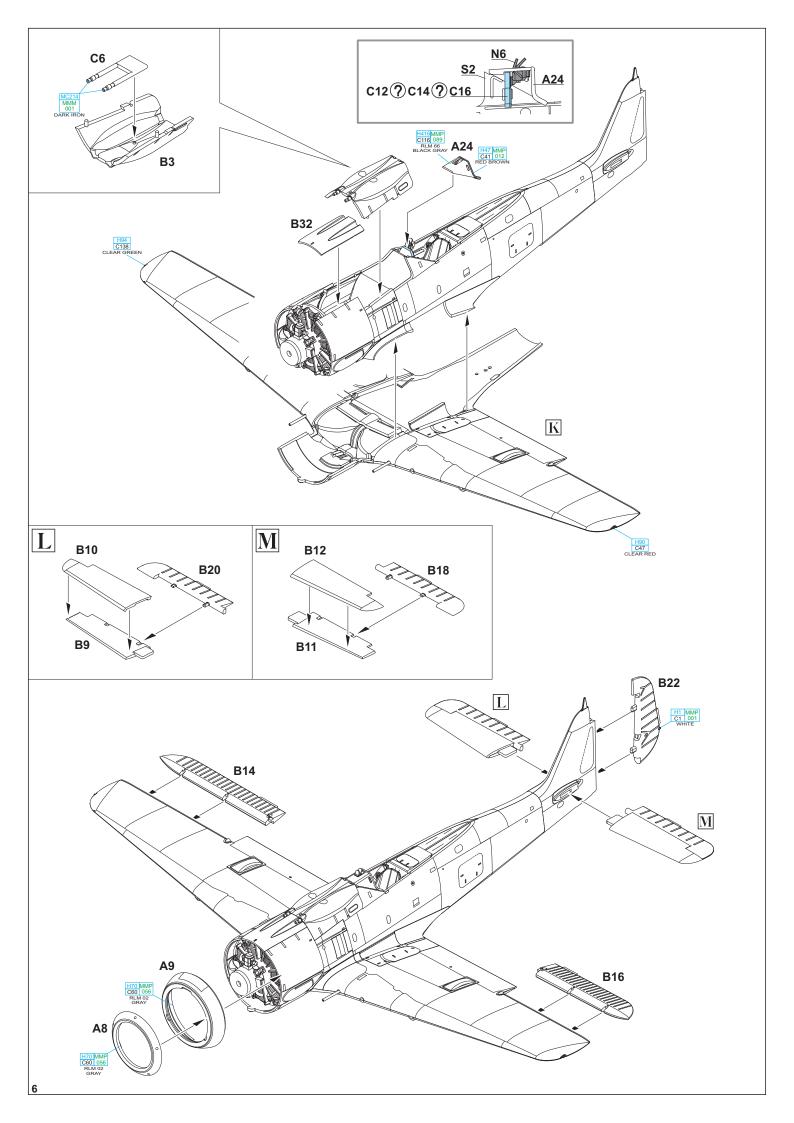
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H11	C62	MMP-001	FLAT WHITE
H12	C33	MMP-047	FLAT BLACK
H25	C34		SKY BLUE
H33	C81		RUSSET
H47	C41	MMP-012	RED BROWN
H65	C18	MMP-088	RLM70 BLACK GREEN
H68	C36	MMP-049	RLM74 DARK GRAY
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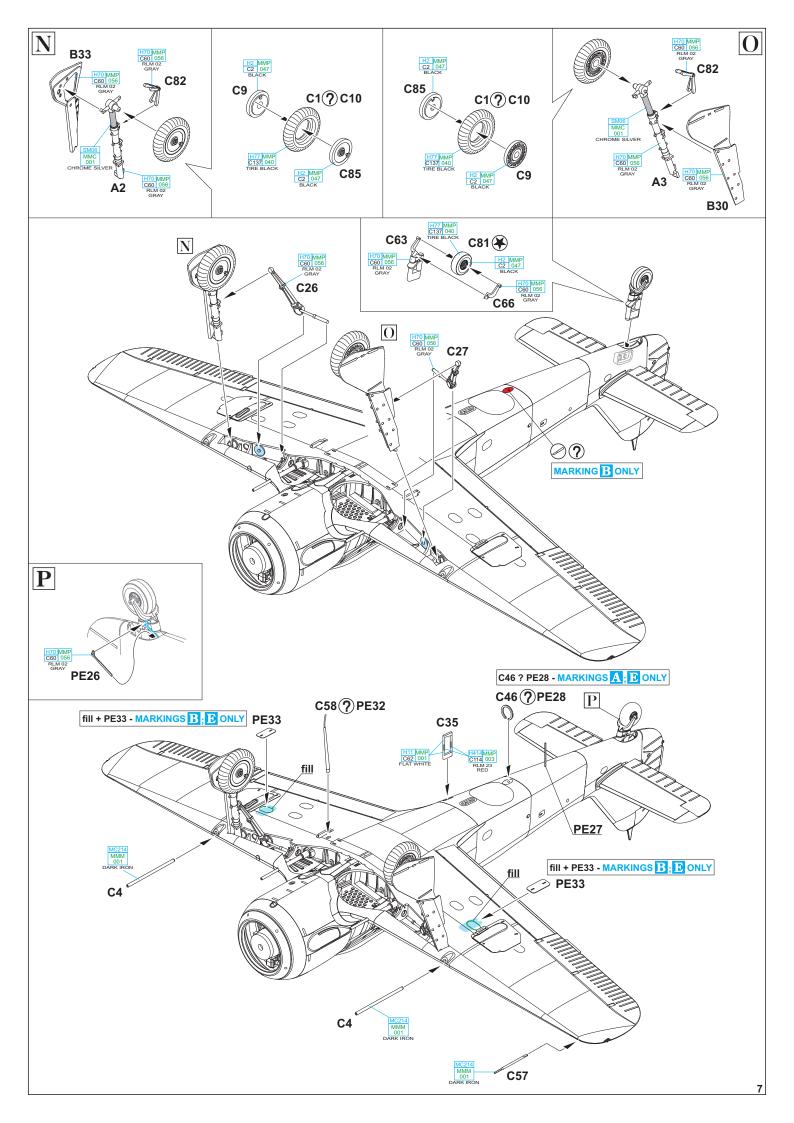
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H417	C117	MMP-051	RLM76 LIGHT BLUE
H421	C121	MMP-052	RLM81 BROWN VIOLET
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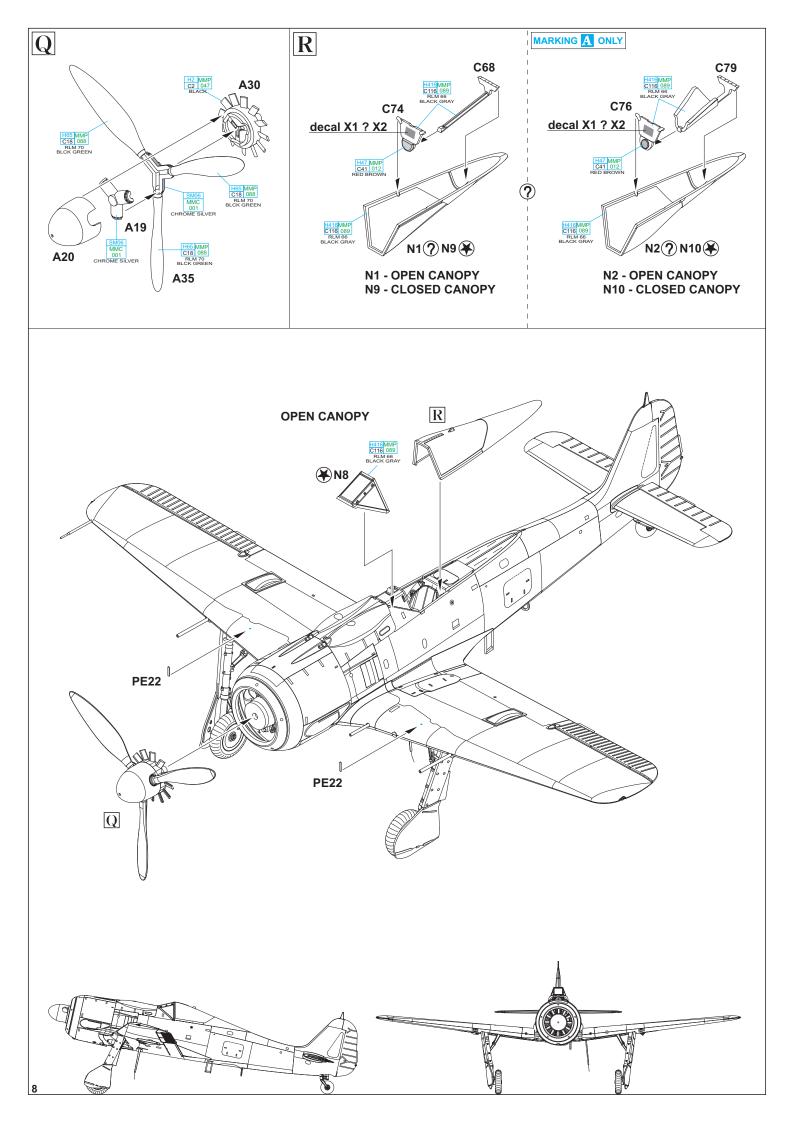


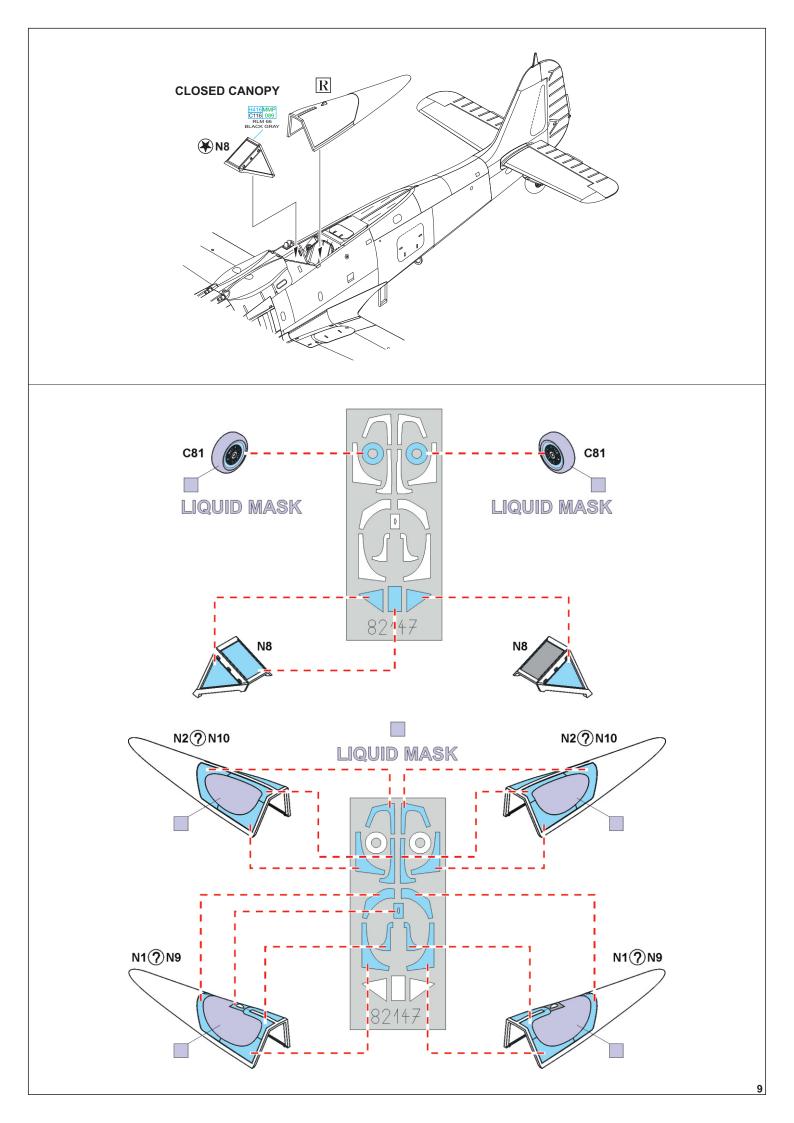


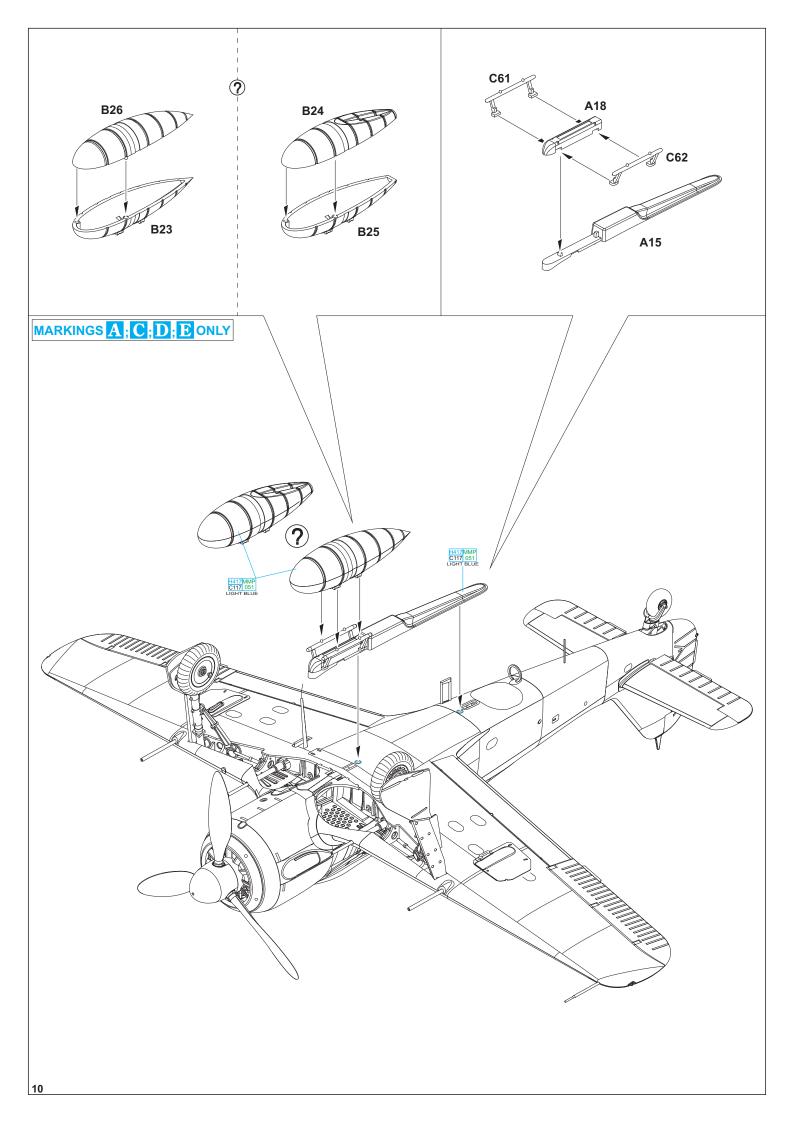






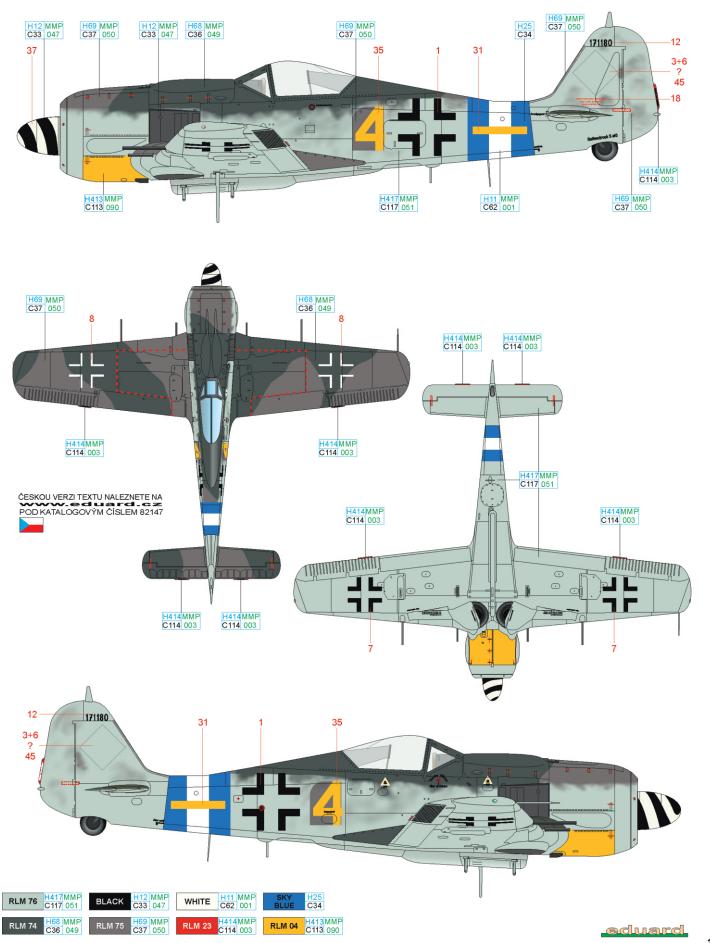






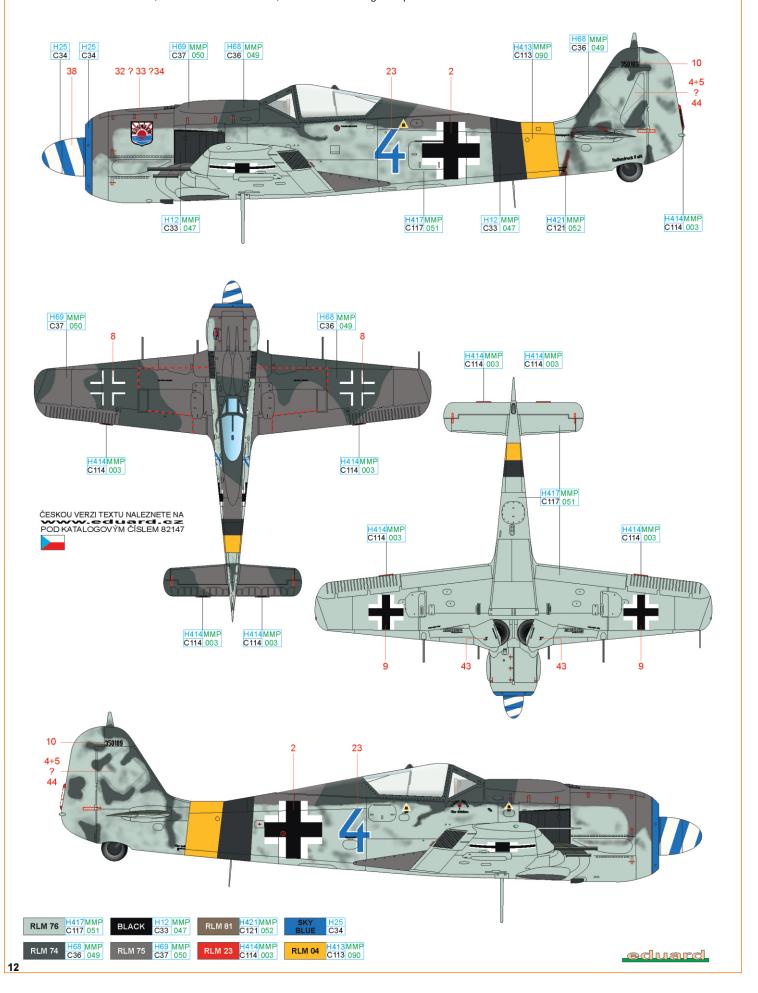
▲ W. Nr. 171180, 6./JG 300, München-Neubiberg, Germany, April – May 1945

Fw 190A-8, W.Nr. 171180, bulit by the parent company, was discovered by the Allies at the end of the war at the airfield in Neubiberg, not far from Munich. Damage sustained during taxying on April 24th, 1945 was never repaired. JG300, as a Defence of the Reich unit flying over Germany, marked its aircraft with a blue-white-blue 900 mm wide fuselage band in 1945. The previous red fuselage band was discontinued in January 1945 and continued only on aircraft served with JG 1. The original fuselage crosses were overpainted and replaced with simplified versions in black. Similarly, the fuselage code was replaced with the yellow 4.



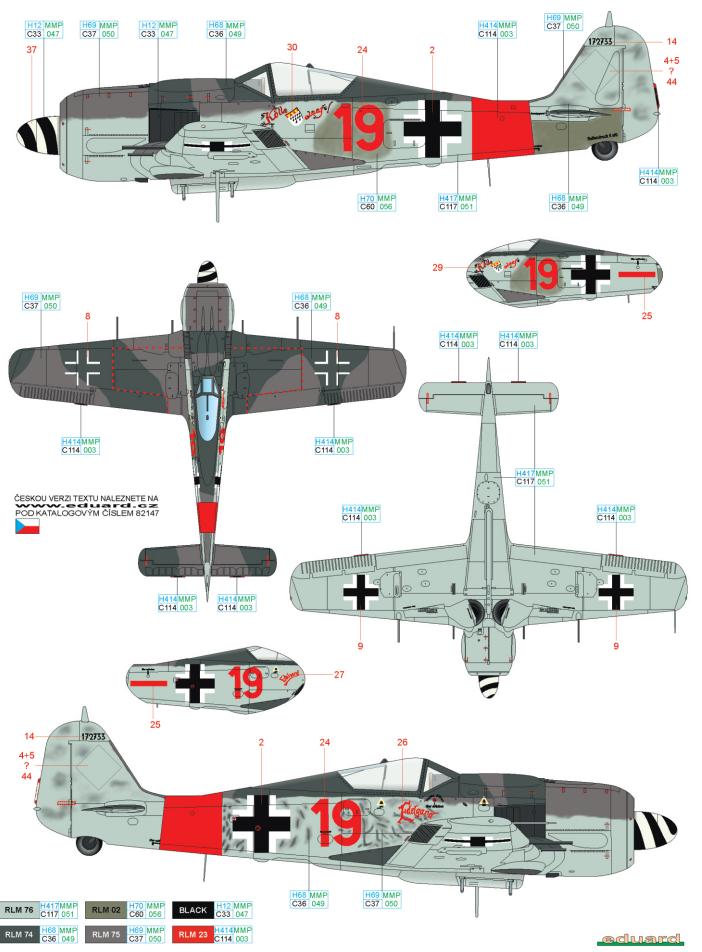
R W.Nr. 350189, 12./JG 5, Herdla, Norway, Spring 1945

The end of the war found 9th and 12th Staffels JG 5 stationed at Herdla. While 9th Staffel flew a mix of Fw 190A-2/3/8s, and even the odd Fw 190F-8 used exclusively in the fighter role, 12th Staffel was equipped with the Fw 190A-8. Fw 190s flown by 12./JG5 carried the standard camouflage scheme consisting of RLM 74/75/76 and have been photographed on several occasions carrying the Defence of the Reich yellow and black fuselage band on the rear fuselage. The code was rendered in blue, consistent with the Staffel, as were the cowl ring and spinner.



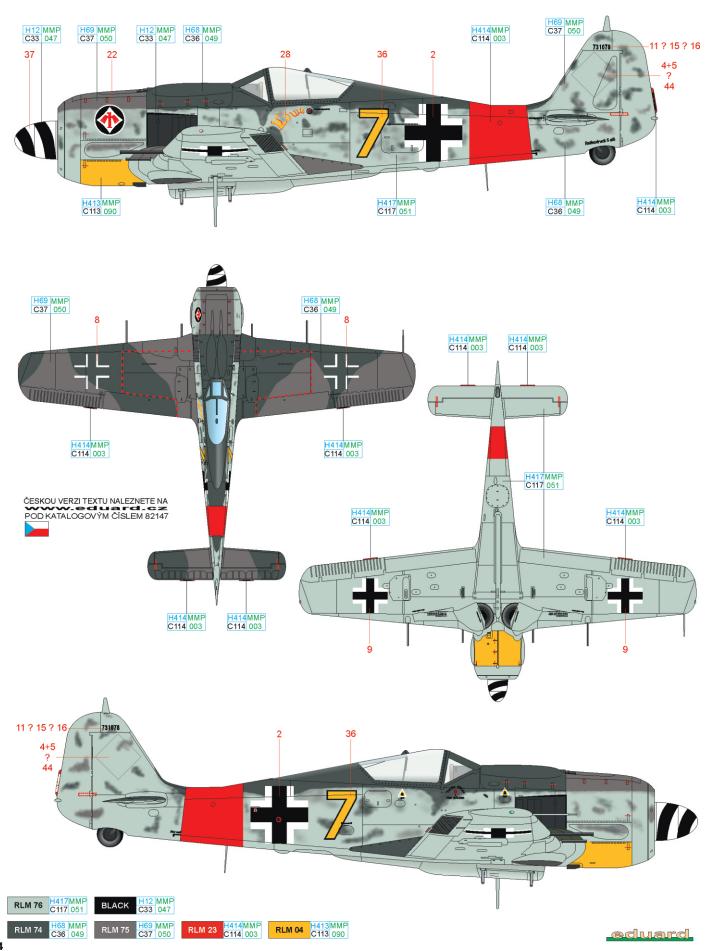
W.Nr. 172733, flown by Uffz. Ernst Schröder, 5./JG 300, Löbnitz, Germany, October 1944

The aircraft flown by Ernst Schröder in October 1944, carried II. Gruppe markings in the form of a horizontal bar in the Staffel colour behind the fuselage cross. The slogan Kölle alaaf with the Cologne Coat of Arms appeared on the left side of the fuselage, while the name of Schroder's girlfriend, Edelgard, appeared on the right. In November, the II. Gruppe marking disappeared under the 900 mm wide red fuselage band on the rear fuselage. At the same time, the coat of arms gained shadowing, as did the second part of the inscription, and an exclamation point was added. The name of the girlfriend took on a fancier appearance.



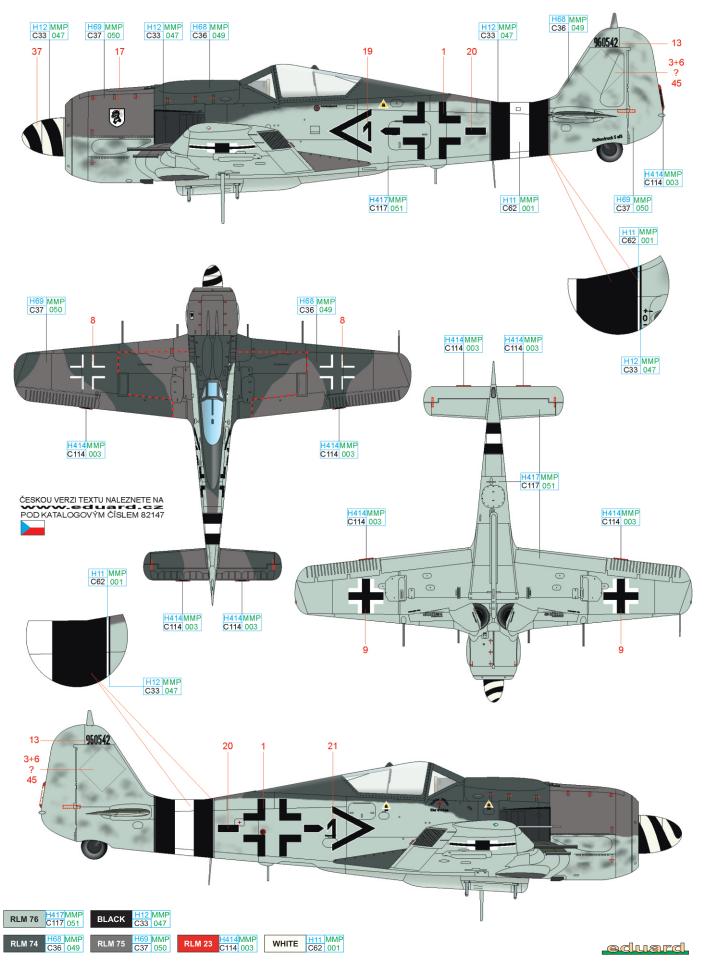
Flown by Ofhr. Walter Köhne, 3./JG 1, Bad Lippspringe, Germany, May 1944

Shortly after the attack on the Soviet Union, Walter Kohne was seriously wounded. Following a long period of recuperation, he was assigned to 2./JG 1 on June 4th, 1943, at the time based at Deelen, Netherlands. He flew combat over western Europe up to the end of the war, achieving a total of thirty kills, the majority of which were B-17 and B-24 heavy bombers. The standard camouflage scheme of this Fw 190A-8 is supplemented by Defence of the Reich JG 1 markings, a 900 mm wide red fuselage band, the JG 1 unit marking, and a personal marking in the form of the name of the dog that was the 3rd Staffel mascot.



W.Nr. 960542, Stab/JG 4, Jüterbog-Damm, Germany, Spring 1945

Stab of JG 4 used the Fw 190D-9 against the Allies and this Fw 190A-8 was likely a reserve aircraft. It was built under licence by Norddeutsche Dornier in Wismar and was painted in the standard camouflage scheme consisting of RLM 74/75/76. JG 4 aircraft that were integrated into the Defence of the Reich system carried a black-white-black fuselage band. The JG 4 unit marking appeared on the left side of the cowl.



Fw 190A-8

STENCILING POSITIONS

