

Bonus 1/144 Me 262A-1a, W.Nr. 111745, JV 44, München-Riem, Germany, April 1945

At the beginning of March 1945, "White 5", W.Nr. 111745, was one of roughly ten Me 262's which the unit of Jagdverband 44 had in service. Many different pilots have sat behind its controls, including Uffz. Eduard Schallmoser. He was assigned to JV 44 as a freshly trained fighter pilot, after completing an accelerated training program in the Me 262. Eduard Schallmoser flew the "White 5" also on April 4th 1945, when his Rotte met in area of München-Riem a group of twelve P-38's of the 15th USAAF, which the German pilots attacked. In the following combat Uffz. Schallmoser collided with one of the Lightning's piloted by Lt. William Randle. This was mainly due to his excessive speed and carelessness behind the controls. While Uffz. Schallmoser managed to land his damaged "White 5", Lt. Randle must have left his Lightning by parachute and became a POW.

The depicted plane carried a basic camouflage scheme consisting of RLM 82 on the upper surfaces and RLM 76 on the bottom. Transitions between the two colours were irregular and partially wavy. The dark surfaces had evidence of dirt and translucent sealing of fuselage and wings panels. Except for its insignia mark, white numbers and standard stencils it did not bear any other markings.

