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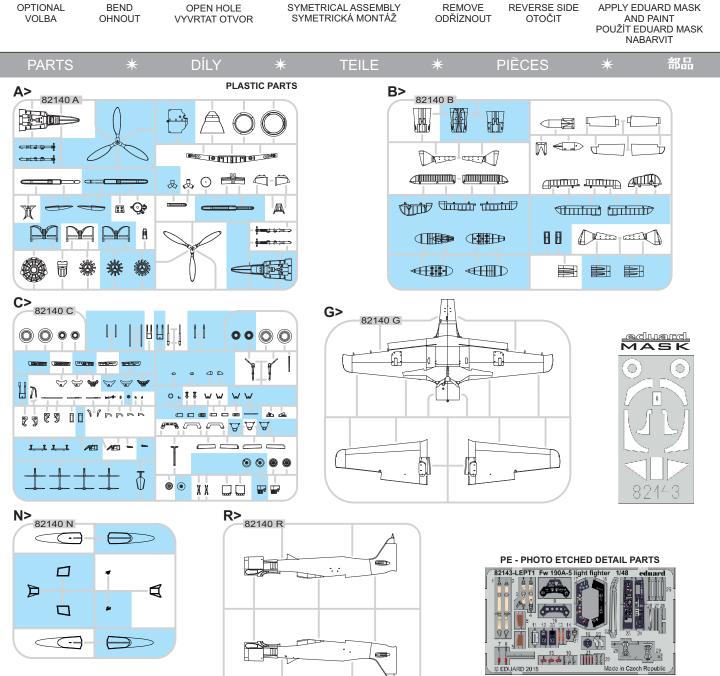
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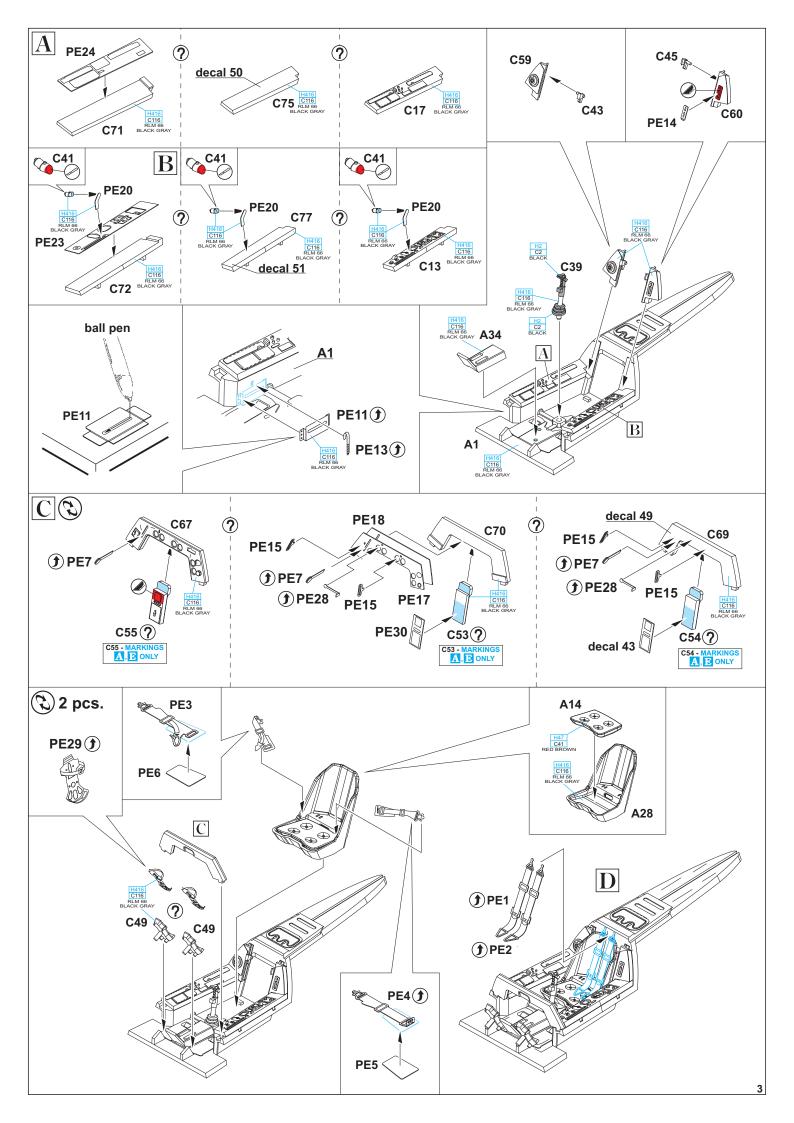
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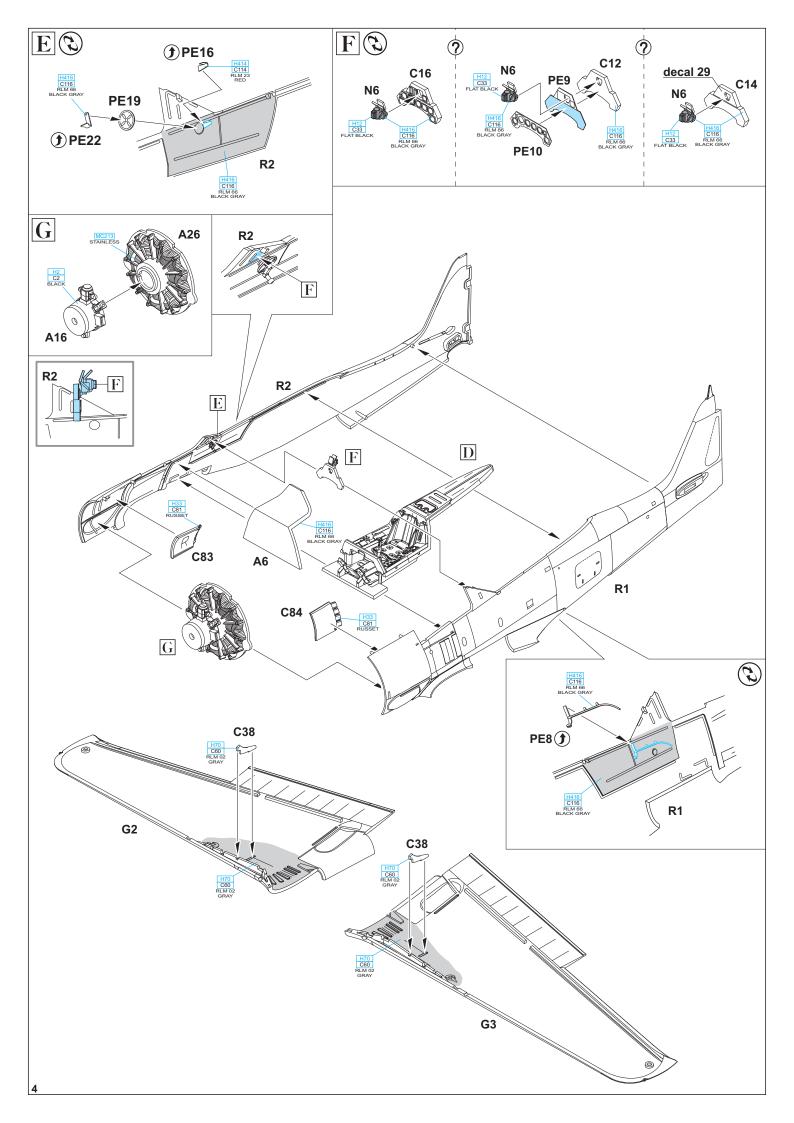
The second half of the Second World War saw the Focke-Wulf Fw 190, in its various forms, emerge as the best of what was available to the Luftwaffe. The dedicated fighter version was a high performance, heavily armed machine. Its development had a precarious beginning, against a 1938 specification issued 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.

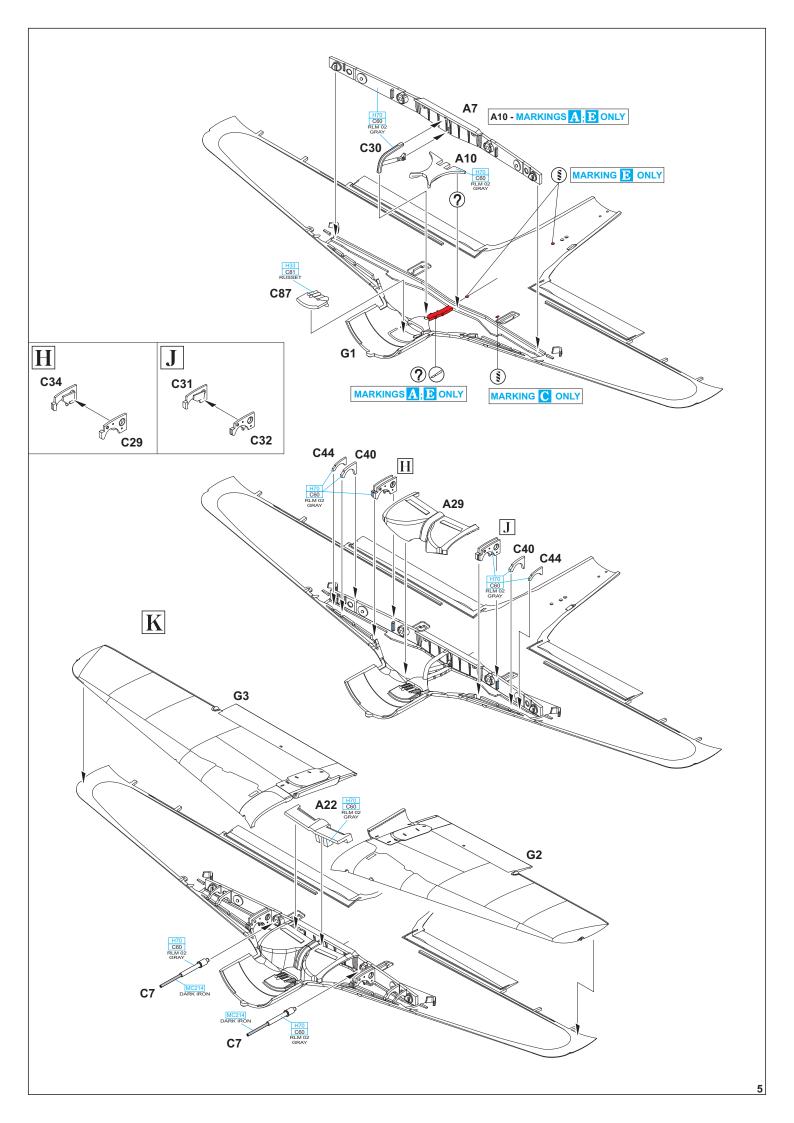


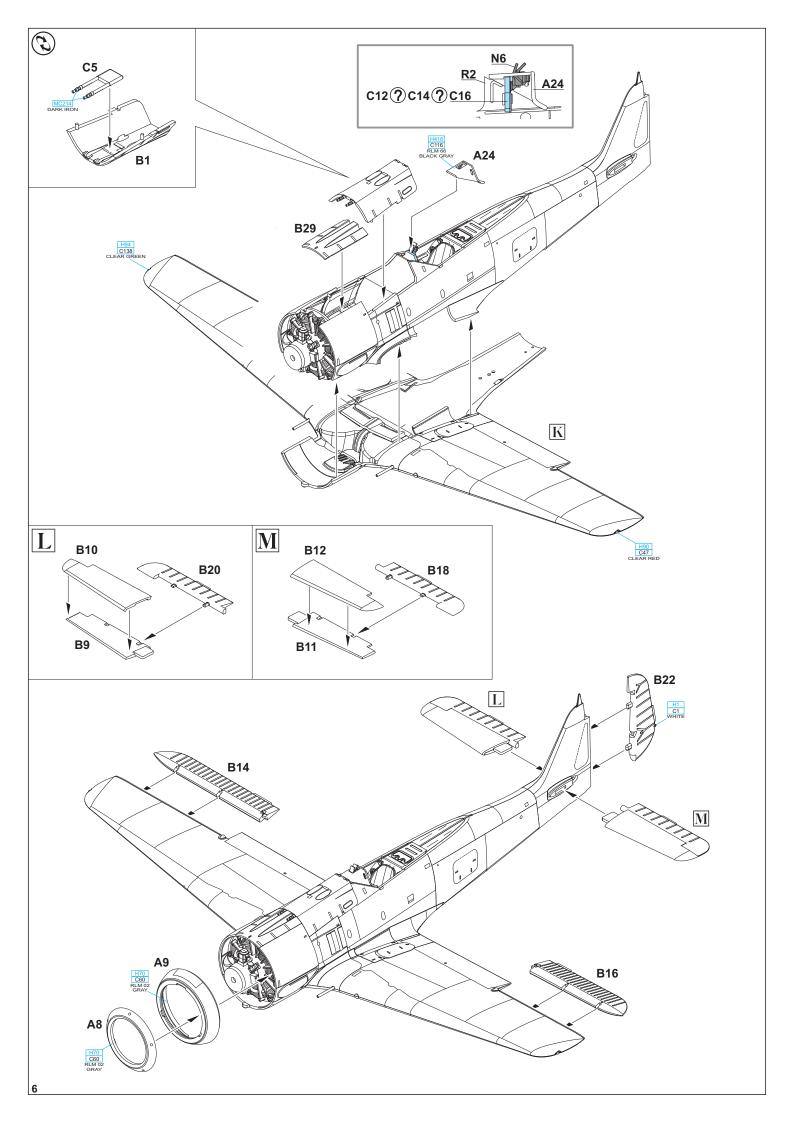


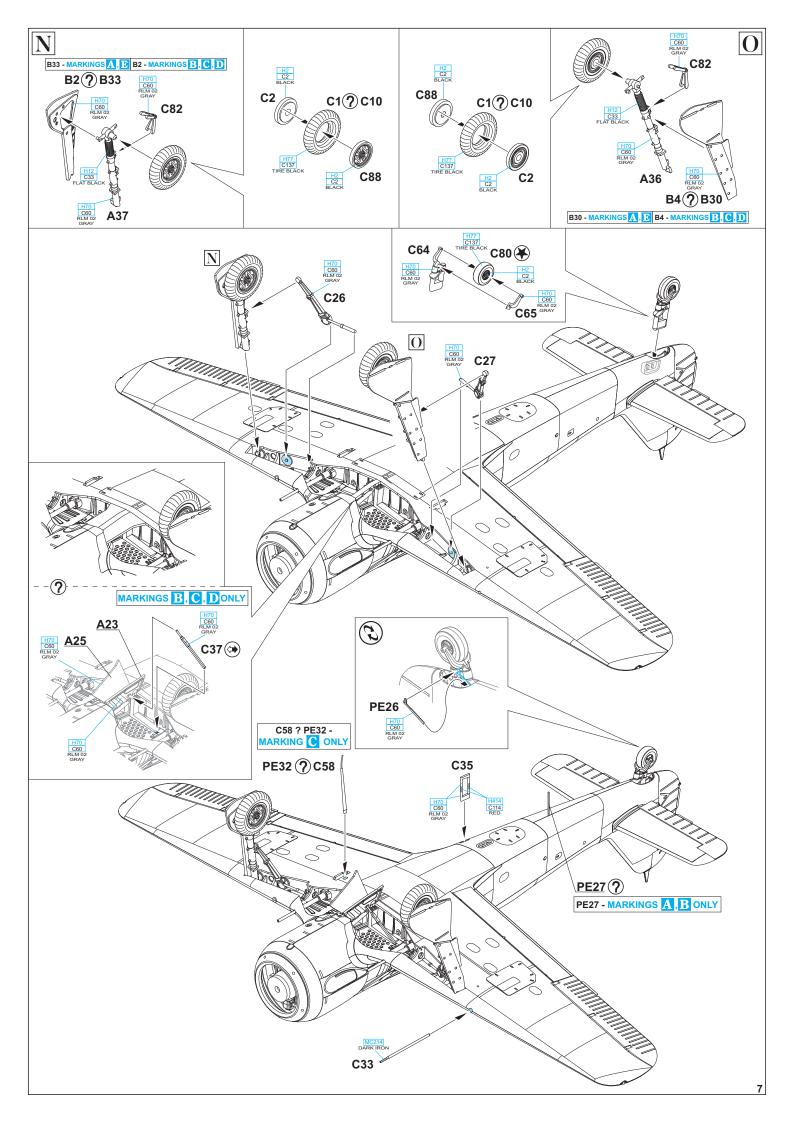
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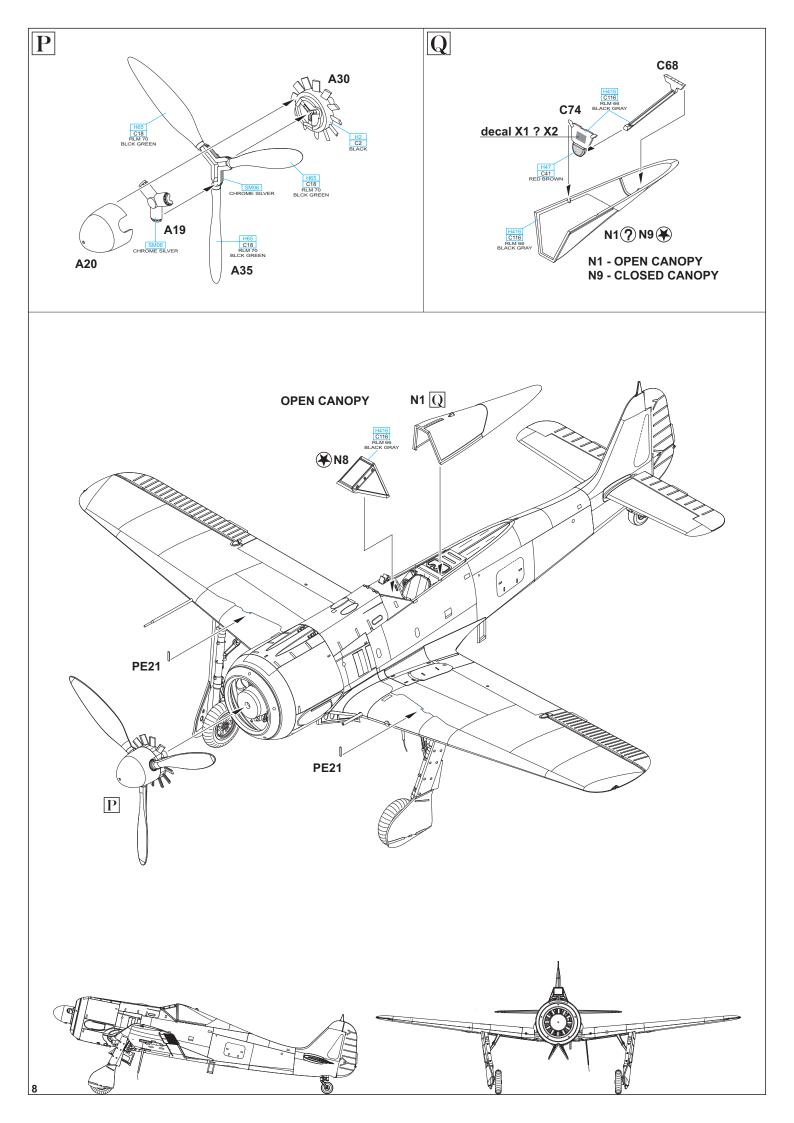


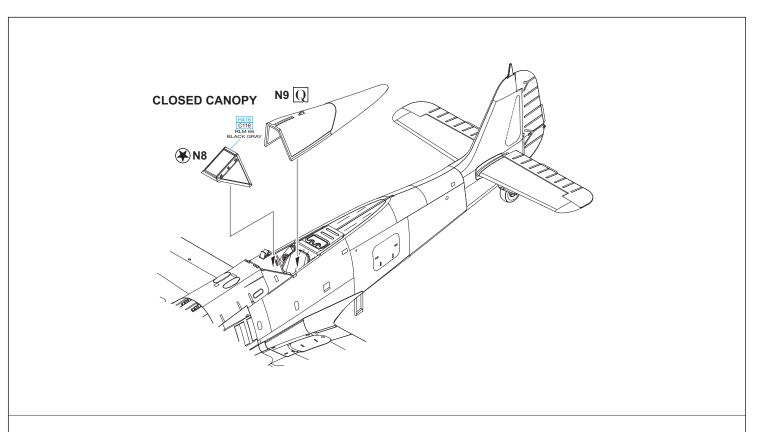


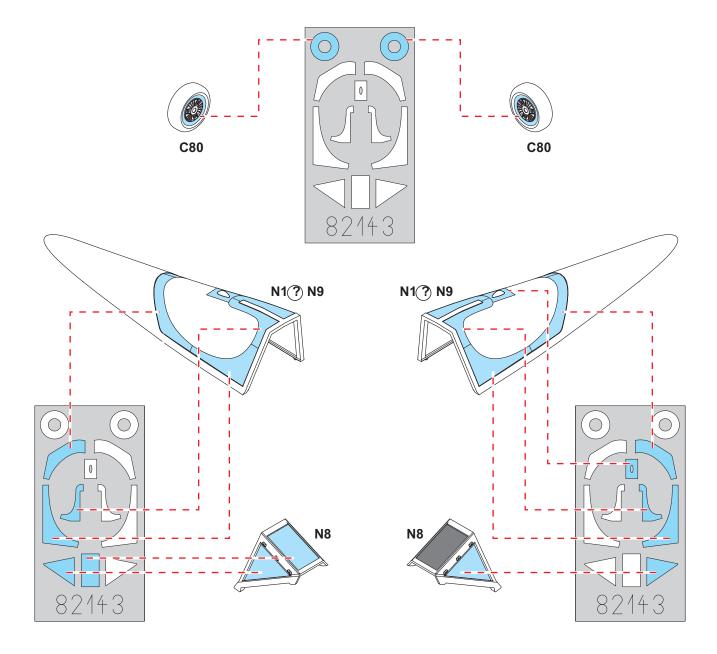


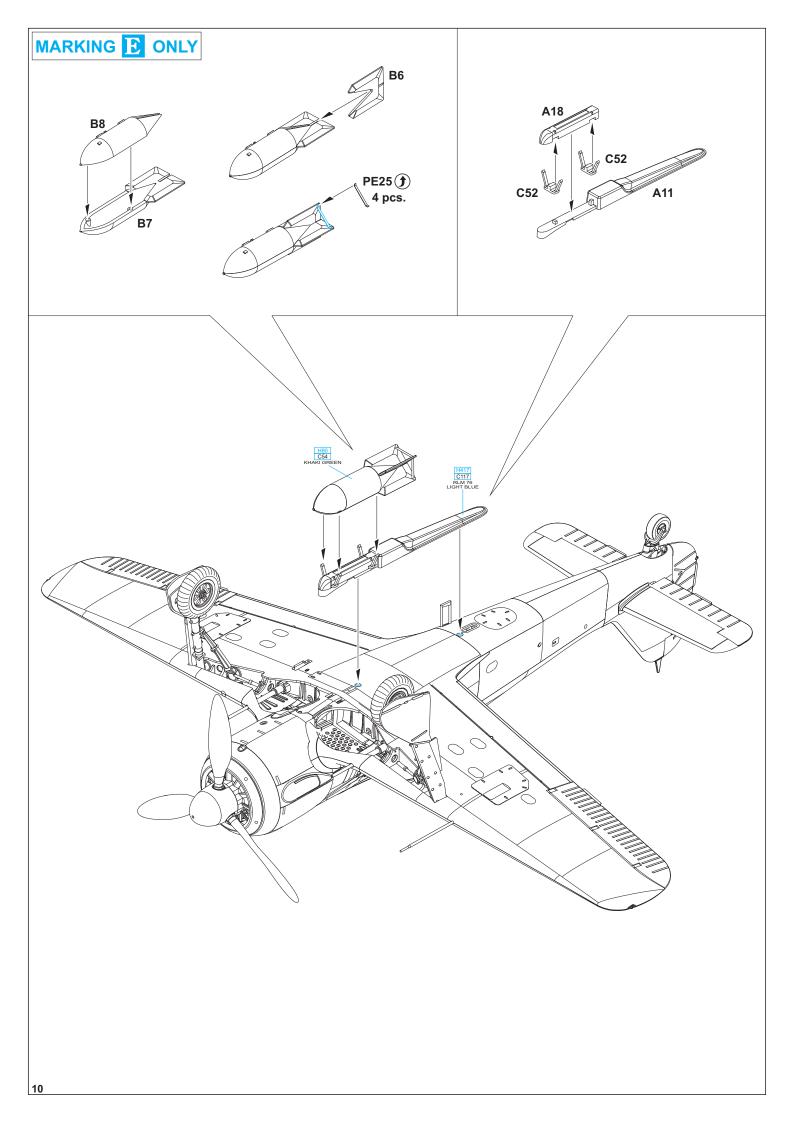






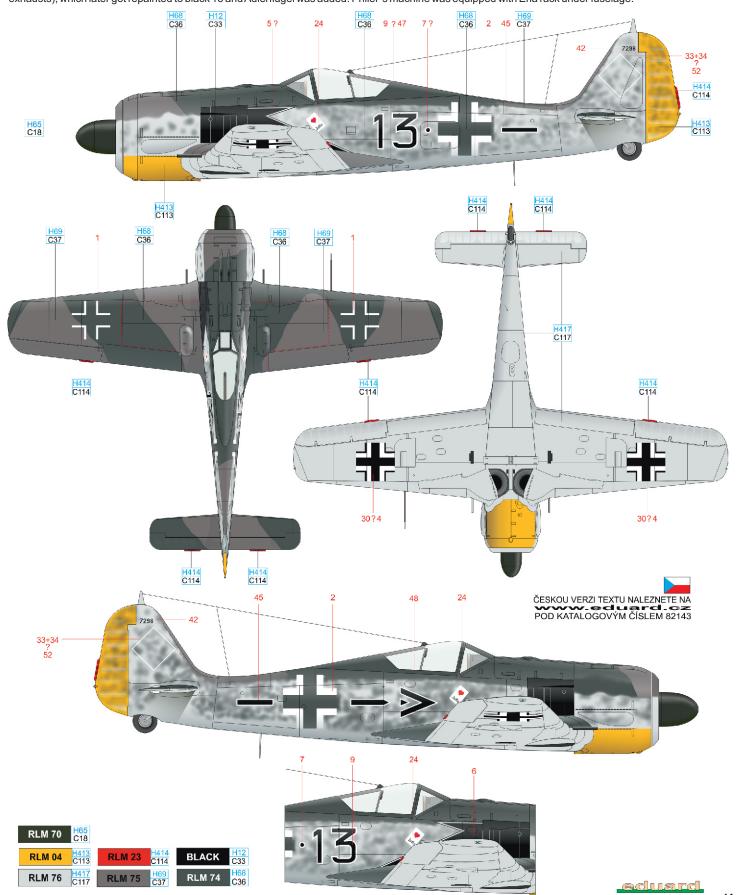






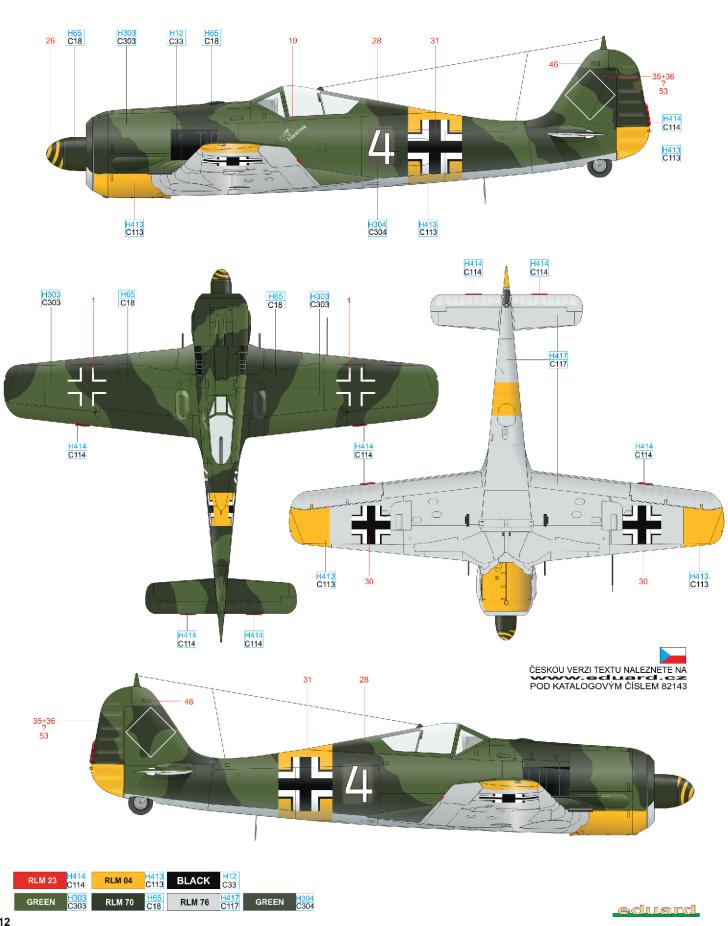
A W. Nr. 0157 298, flown by Maj. Josef Priller, CO of JG 26, Lille - Vendeville, France, May 1943

Josef "Pips" Priller was born on July 27th, 1915 in Ingolstadt, Bavaria. In 1935, he joined Wehrmacht, and as soon as one year later, in October 1936, he started to attend the fighter pilot training. He managed his first shot down as a commander of 6. Staffel JG 51 when he downed a Spitfire above Dunkerque on May 28th, 1940. In November 1940, he was appointed a commander of the 1./ JG 26. On December 6th, 1941, he became commander of III./ JG 26, from January 11th, 1943 he lead the whole Jagdgeschwader 26. His total number of shot downs kept growing. On December 20th, 1941, his successes were rewarded - Priller was decorated with Knights Cross of the Iron Cross with Oak Leaves and Swords. On January 28th, 1945, he was appointed a post of an Inspekteur der Jagdflieger Ost, where he remained till the end of WWII. Priller's total score of shot downs was 101 enemy aircraft. All of the shot downs happened in the Western Front. After war he married Johanna Riegele, the proprietor of a brewery and became general manager of Riegele brewery in Augsburg, Germany. He died of heart attack on May 20th, 1961. The aircraft has a standard camouflage of Luftwaffe interceptors with yellow rudder and bottom part of the engine cover. This is the plane Josef Priller flew in May 1943. It first bore Geschwader commander marking (without Adlerflügel behind exhausts), which later got repainted to black 13 and Adlerflügel was added. Priller's machine was equipped with Erla rack under fuselage.



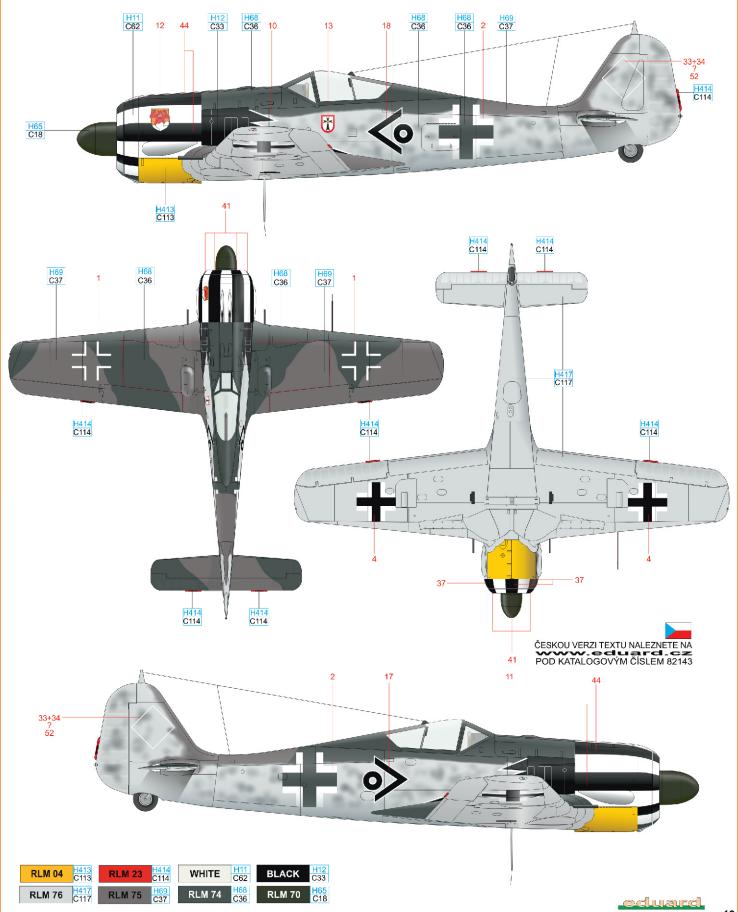
B W. Nr. 1501, Oblt. Walter Nowotny, CO of 1./ JG 54, Orel, Soviet Union, Summer 1943

A German fighter pilot of Austrian decent and a native of Gmünd situated near the border with Czechoslovakia, Walter 'Nowi' Nowotny was a holder of the Knight's Cross with Oak Leaves, Swords and Diamonds, and shot down 258 enemy aircraft over the course of 442 combat sorties. He was killed in an Me 262 Schwalbe in combat with American escort fighters near an airfield at Hesepe on November 8th, 1944. "Nowi's" aircraft got a non-standard camouflage consisting of two shades of dark green, most likely RLM 70 and its combination with another colour. The yellow wingtips of the undersides and yellow band round the fuselage identified the aircraft flying in the Eastern Front. The JG 54 aircraft bore yellow band on the fuselage, underneath the fuselage crosses, and bottom part of the rudder was painted yellow as well. The front part of the propeller spinner bore, most likely, yellow spiral. Underneath the cockpit there was a personal symbol of the pilot.



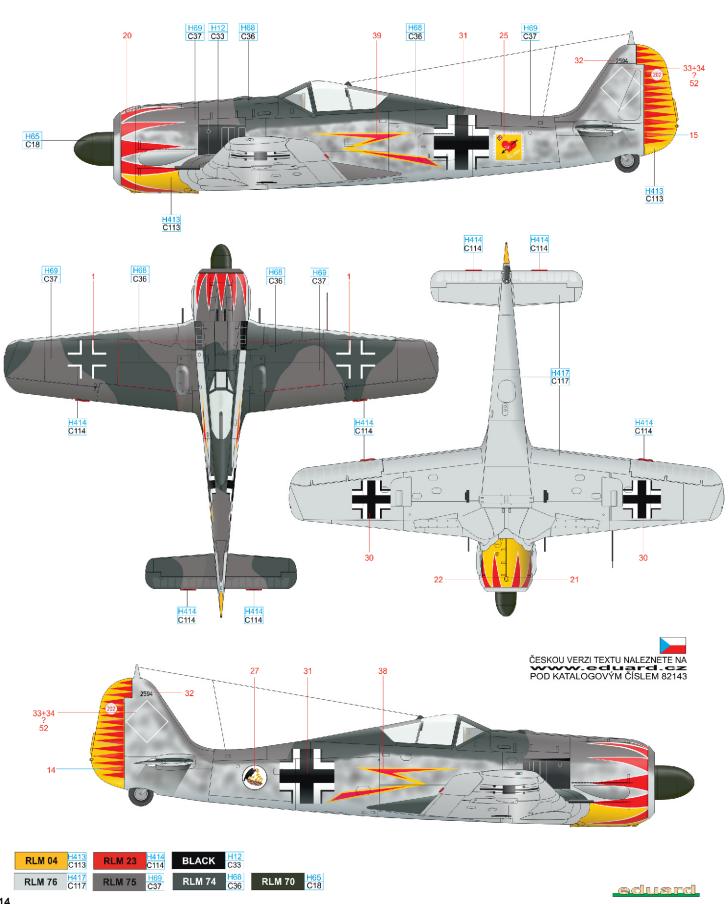
flown by Oblt. Rolf Strohal, Stab I./JG 1, Deelen, the Netherlands, April 1943

Rolf Strohal came from Romania. In 1942 he served at 12. Staffel Jagdgeschwader 1. In April 1943, he was appointed to Technisches Offizier position by I. Gruppe JG 1. In August 1943, he was appointed a commander of 3. Stafel by the same squadron. In the autumn of that year, he was transferred to a training squadron Jagdgruppe West. On December 31st, 1943, he died serving at this squadron. It happened above the Southwest France while flying Fw 190A-4, Strohal collided with another aircraft of the same kind. He had 4 recognized shot downs – one Mosquito and three B-17s. In April 1943, Stab I./JG 1 aircraft had their Fw 190 engine covers painted with black and white horizontal bands. The engine cover also bears insignia of I./JG 1, there is a JG1 insignia painted underneath the cockpit. The camouflage is accompanied by RLM 74/75/76 colours that be complementing the yellow rudder and bottom part of the engine cover. The sides of the fuselage bear the marking of the plane used by technical officer.



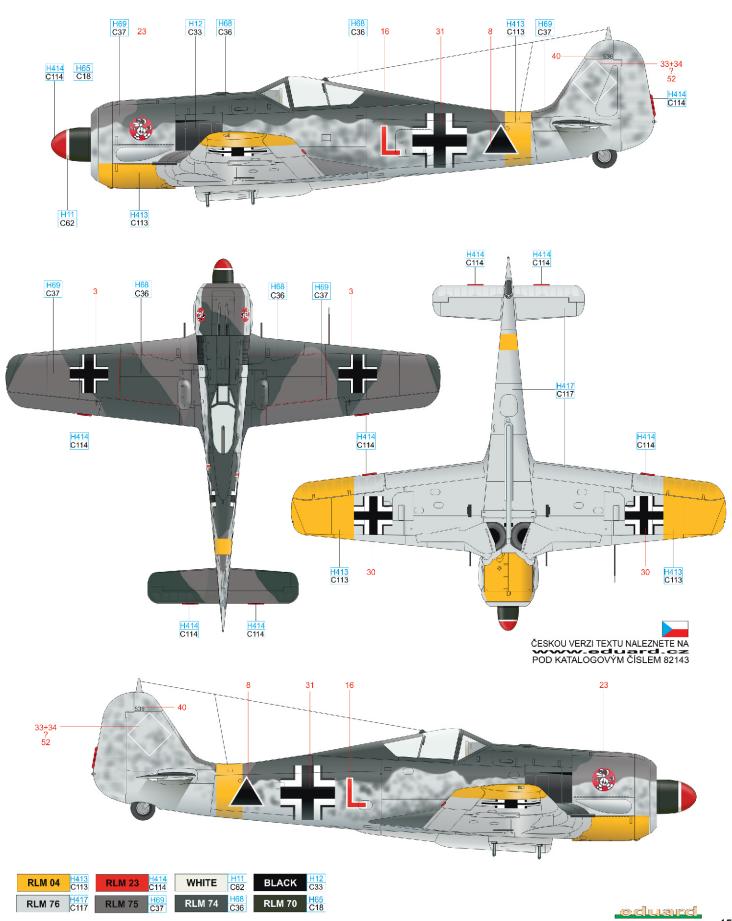
W. Nr. 0152 594, flown by Maj. Hermann Graf, CO of JGr. Ost, Toulouse – Blagnac, France, April 1943

Hermann Graf, although flying with the Luftwaffe already from the start of the Second World War, didn't fly combat until operations over Crete. His first combat victories were achieved over the plains of the Soviet Union with JG 52. He was very successful, and in the space of thirteen months, he would amass 202 kills over Soviet aircraft. On September 16th, 1942 he was awarded Germany's highest honour, the Knight's Cross with Oak Leaves, Swords and Diamonds. After that, he was withdrawn from combat and made CO of the training unit JGr.Ost. After a short stint with JG 50, he was made CO of JG 11 on November 11th, 1943, and on October 1st, 1944, he stepped into the same role with his former JG 52, which he would lead up to the end of the war. After the war, the Americans turned him over to the Soviets, who would not release him until December 25th, 1949. Hermann Graf died on November 4th, 1988 in Engen. Hermann Graf flew two aircraft while serving with JGr.Ost, an Fw 190A-4 and an Fw 190A-5. The aircraft carried a red tulip motif on the yellow engine cowl, with a similar design being carried on the rudder with a scoreboard of his kills. Graf's personal marking appeared on the rear fuselage on the left side, while the unit badge of an eagle teaching her young to fly appeared on the right side.



W. Nr. 538, 6./Schl.G 1, Deblin - Irena, Poland, January 1943

II. Gruppe Schlachtgeschwader 1, established on January 13th, 1942, was first equipped with Henschels Hs 123 and Hs 129. In 1942, the Gruppe operated in Eastern Front, its 5. and 6. Staffel were sent to Northern Africa in November of the same year. At the beginning of 1943, the 5., 6. and 7. Staffel got new and powerful Fw 190A-5s, which they used in Kuban to support the intensive fights of the ground troops. In June 1943, there was rearmament for more suitable planes - Fw 190F-3. Standard camouflage of Fw 190A-5 accompanied the marking of the aircraft flying in the Eastern Front. There were yellow complements at the bottom part of the wingtips and yellow band on the fuselage. Luftwaffe interceptors were marked with letters, the aircraft 6./Schl. G1 bore black triangle lined with white, and it was positioned behind the fuselage cross. The engine cover was decorated with the Mickey Mouse - the squadron marking.



Fw 190A-5 light fighter

STENCILING POSITIONS

