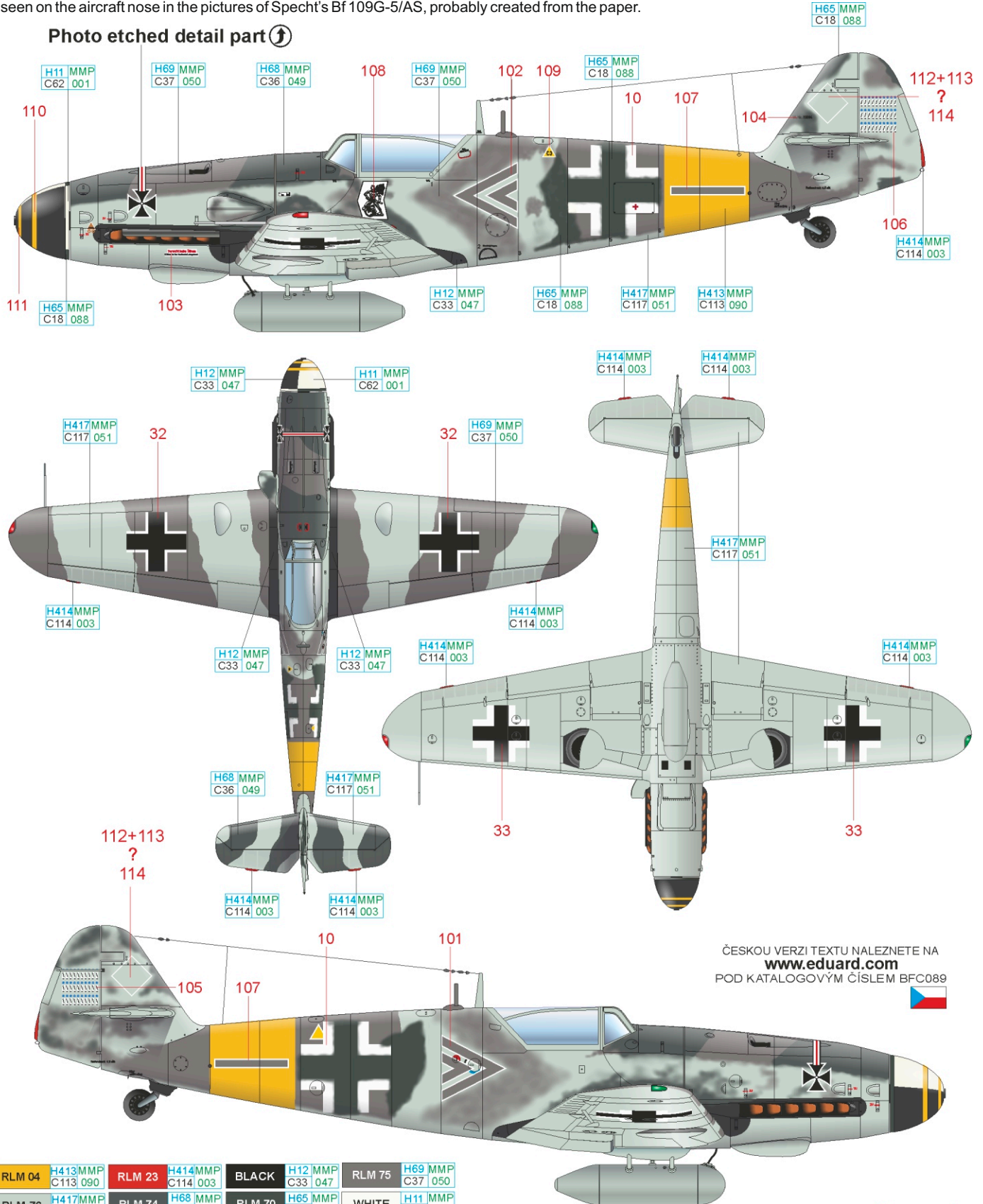


W. Nr. 110064, flown by Hptm. Günther Specht, CO of II./JG 11 Wunstorf, Germany, April 1944

Lower Silesia, Frankenstein's native (nowadays Ząbkowice Śląskie in Poland) joined the Luftwaffe in 1935. At the outbreak of the war he served with 3./ZG 26 equipped with twin engine Bf 110. In the end of September, he shot down two Hampden bombers and on December 3rd, 1940 a Wellington bomber from No. 38 Squadron. Wellington's rear gunner, Cpl. Copley however hit the Specht Messerschmitt's cockpit. Specht suffered heavy wounds as the return fire hit his head as well resulting in the loss of sight in the left eye. After six months of treatment he returned to his unit however on May 23rd, 1940 suffered another injury which prevented him from combat flying until the end of 1942 when he was assigned to 10./JG 1. In May 1943 Hptm. Specht was made commander of II./JG 11 and on April 8th, 1944 he was awarded the Knight's Cross for achieving 31 kills of mostly four engine bombers. On May 15th, 1944 he was selected to lead the entire JG 11. On January 1st, 1945 (operation Bodenplatte) he led the attack of JG 11 against Asch airport in Belgium. During the attack 25 pilots from JG 11 were shot down by anti-aircraft fire or American P-47s and P-51s including the unit commander Maj. Specht who flew a FW 190A-9. It's believed that his victor were anti-aircraft guns. At the unit level the areas of RLM 74/75 were added to the original overall gray coloration (RLM 76) of the aircraft. Yellow stripe surrounding the rear fuselage was a marking of the aircraft participating in the Reich Defense and Specht's kills were marked on the rudder. Gruppe commander's insignia, in the form of double chevron including II. Gruppe aircraft marking in the form of the horizontal stripe behind the fuselage cross were painted in the light grey color, probably RLM 75. The aircraft carries JG 11 insignia under the canopy. A symbolic Knight's Cross can be seen on the aircraft nose in the pictures of Specht's Bf 109G-5/AS, probably created from the paper.

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