



Bf 109E-3, Yellow 15, Uffz Kurt Wolff, 3/JG52

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3 Staffel JAGDGESCHWADER 52

3/JG 52 Commanding Officers

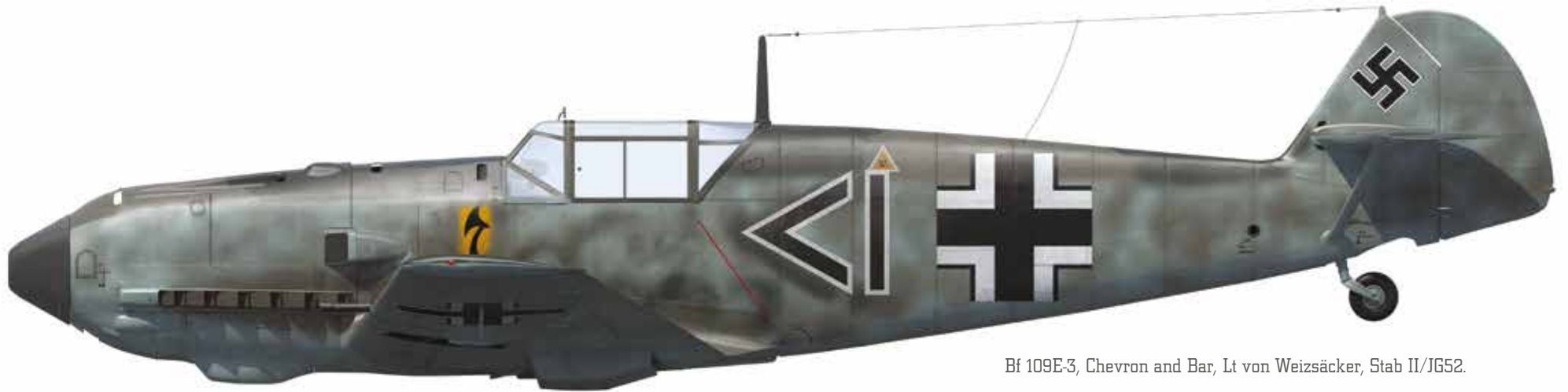
Oblt Helmut Kühle

1/3/39 to 26/4/41



Profile and left: Uffz Kurt Wolff of 3/JG 52 crashed this white-nosed Bf 109E-3, Yellow 15 at Coquelles in September 1940.

Above: This Bf 109E-4, W.Nr.3525, Yellow 4 of 3/JG 52 belonged to Fw Lothar Schieverhöfer who belly-landed his Emil at Penshurst on 27/10/40.



Bf 109E-3, Chevron and Bar, Lt von Weizsäcker, Stab II/JG52.

Stab II/JG52

Stab II JAGDGESCHWADER 52

Gruppenkommandeure

Hptm Hans-Günther von Kornatzki	13/9/39 to 26/8/40
Hptm Wilhelm Ensslem	27/8/40 to 2/11/40 MIA
Hptm Erich Weitke	3/11/40 to 28/2/42

Gruppe II/JG52 Bases:

27/6/40 - 6/8/40	Nordholz
6/8/40 - 18/8/40	Peuplingues
18/8/40 - 30/8/40	Jever
30/8/40 - 1/9/40	Aalborg
1/9/40 - 19/9/40	Husum
19/9/40 - 25/9/40	Stade
25/9/40 - 5/11/40	Peuplingues

Profile and right:
The Bf 109E-3 of Lt
von Weizsäcker. The
axe was a personal
emblem.

II/JG52 was unusual
in that it didn't use the
horizontal II Gruppe
bar behind the
fuselage cross. Also,
the individual staffels
had emblems but not
the Gruppe.





Bf 109E-4, White 5, 4/JG52



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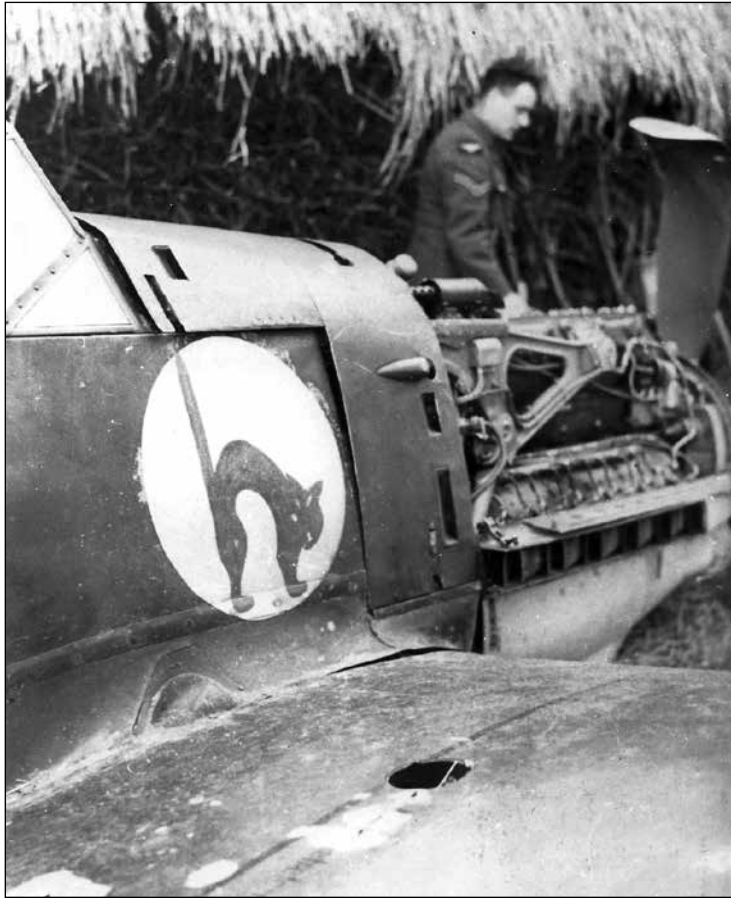
4/JG 52 Commanding Officers

Oblt Johannes Steinhoff

1/2/40 to 28/2/42



Left: Two theories refer to this Bf 109E-1, W.Nr.3417, White 2 flown by Gefr Erich Mummert of 4/JG 52 on 30/9/40. According to the first he was shot down by a Hurricane of 504 Squadron, and the second theory states that he was a victim of a friendly fire from a Bf 109. Somehow or other Gefr Mummert belly-landed his machine at the edge of Detling aerodrome and became a POW.



This page: This red cat belongs to the Bf 109E-1, W.Nr.3465, White 2 of 4/JG 52. Its pilot, Fw Paul Boche belly-landed and hit a haystack at Little Grange Farm, Woodham Mortimer, Essex on 8/10/40 following combat with Spitfires. He was captured wounded. Note the yellow cowling and rudder. This is another example of the Bf 109 fuselage breaking at a point just behind the cockpit.





Top left: A row of the yellow-nosed Emils of 4/JG 52 photographed at Peuplingues in autumn 1940.

Above: A close up photo of the 4/JG52 cat emblem. Being hand painted, there were many variations ranging from psychotic wildcat to cute moggy.

Left: Bf 109, White 4 of 4/JG 52, Maldegem, April 1941. By this time the winged sword emblem of JG52 was being carried under the forward cockpit and the cat had been reduced in size significantly.



Bf 109E-1, W.Nr.3403, Black 8, Uffz Ludwig Bielmeyer, 5/JG52



5/JG52

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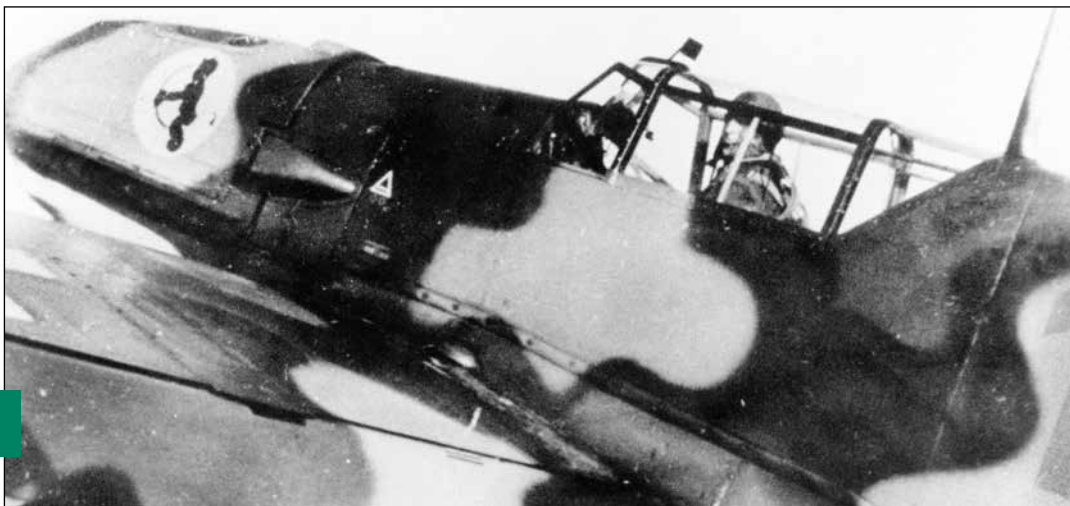
5/JG 52 Commanding Officers

Oblt August Wilhelm Schumann

11/7/39 to 6/9/41 KIA



Two Emilis collided at Speyer on take-off on 18/4/40. Here, ground personnel are gathered around Bf 109E-1, W.Nr.3403, Black 8 of 5/JG 52. The second aircraft, Bf 109E-1, White 7 of 4/JG 52 suffered 45% damage. Both pilots were unhurt in the collision.



Above left: Bf 109E-1, W.Nr.3367, Red 14 of 5/JG 52 in which wounded Uffz Leo Zaunbrecher belly-landed on 12/8/40 at Berwick Rail Crossing, Mays Farm, Selmeaton, east of Lewes, Sussex. Note the rear-view mirror on the windscreen frame.

Above: A close up of the red devil emblem from Zaunbrecher's 109, often captioned as 2/JG52 even though Zaunbrecher insisted to RAF Intelligence that he was from 5/JG52. The lack of II Gruppe bar may have caused this confusion.

Middle left: Another example of the emblem on an experimentally camouflaged 109 probably in late 1939.

Bottom left: An example of the experimental three tone camouflage that was seen on 5/JG52 Bf 109s in late 1939.



Bf 109E-1, Yellow 2, 6/JG52



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Oblt Werner Lederer
Oblt Rudolf Resch

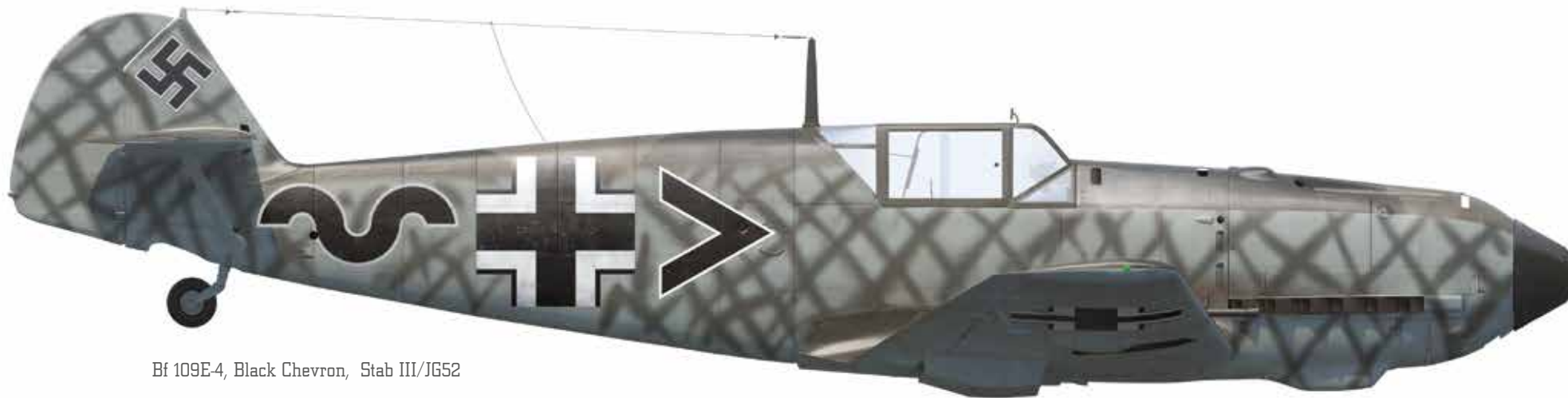
1/9/39 to 5/10/40
6/10/40 to 9/2/43



Left: "Kopfstand" of Bf 109E-1, Yellow 2 of 6/JG 52 at Peuplingues in October 1940. The staffel eagle emblem on the yellow cowling was probably one of the most distinctive of all Bf 109 emblems during the Battle of Britain.

Right: The remains of Bf 109E-4, W.Nr.2780, Yellow 1 of 6/JG 52. Shot down in combat with fighters on 20/10/40. It broke up in the air and crashed at Plumstead Road, Welling, near Bexleyheath, Kent. Pilot Ofw Albert Friedemann baled out too low and was killed.





Bf 109E-4, Black Chevron, Stab III/JG52

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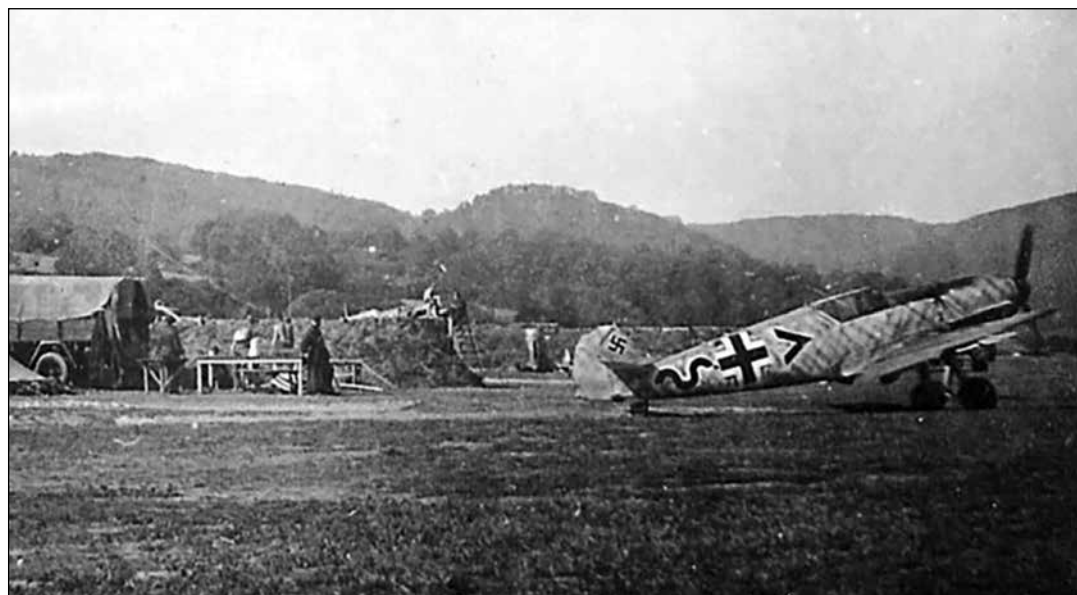
Gruppenkommandeure

Hptm Wolf-Heinrich von Houwald	1/3/40 to 24/7/40 KIA
Hptm Wilhelm Ensslen (acting)	24/7/40 to 1/8/40
Maj Alexander von Winterfeldt	1/8/40 to 6/10/40
Maj Gotthard Handrick	7/10/40 to 22/6/41

III Gruppe/JG52 Bases:

1/7/40 - 21/7/40	Werneuchen
8/JG 52 18/7/40 - 20/7/40	Berlin-Tempelhof
21/7/40 - 22/7/40	Leeuwarden
22/7/40 - 1/8/40	Coquelles
1/8/40 - 7/9/40	Zerbst
7/9/40 - 17/9/40	Neurupin
17/9/40 - 12/10/40	Berlin-Schönwalde

Profile and right: A rare photo of a Stab III/JG52 Bf 109E probably taken in the Balkans in 1941. The very large Third Gruppe wavy line was a distinctive feature of all II/JG52 aircraft. The cross hatch shading was also a common feature with III/JG52.





Bf 109E-3, White 12, Conquelles, July 1940, 7/JG52

7/JG52

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7/JG 52 Commanding Officers

Obt Herbert Fermer
 Obt Werner Keidel
 Hptm H.J.Bacsilla

1/3/40 to 24/7/40 KIA
 24/7/40 to 25/7/40 MIA
 26/7/40 to 11/7/41



Above: Bf 109E-3, White 12 of 7/JG 52 at Bucharest-Pipera, spring 1941. The Battle of Britain appearance was changed with the yellow engine cowlings, rudders and a narrow fuselage bands behind the fuselage cross. A new feature is the armoured glass on the windscreen.

Right: Bf 109E-4, White 14 of 7/JG 52 at the same location and time.





Bf 109E-3, Black 8, 8/JG52

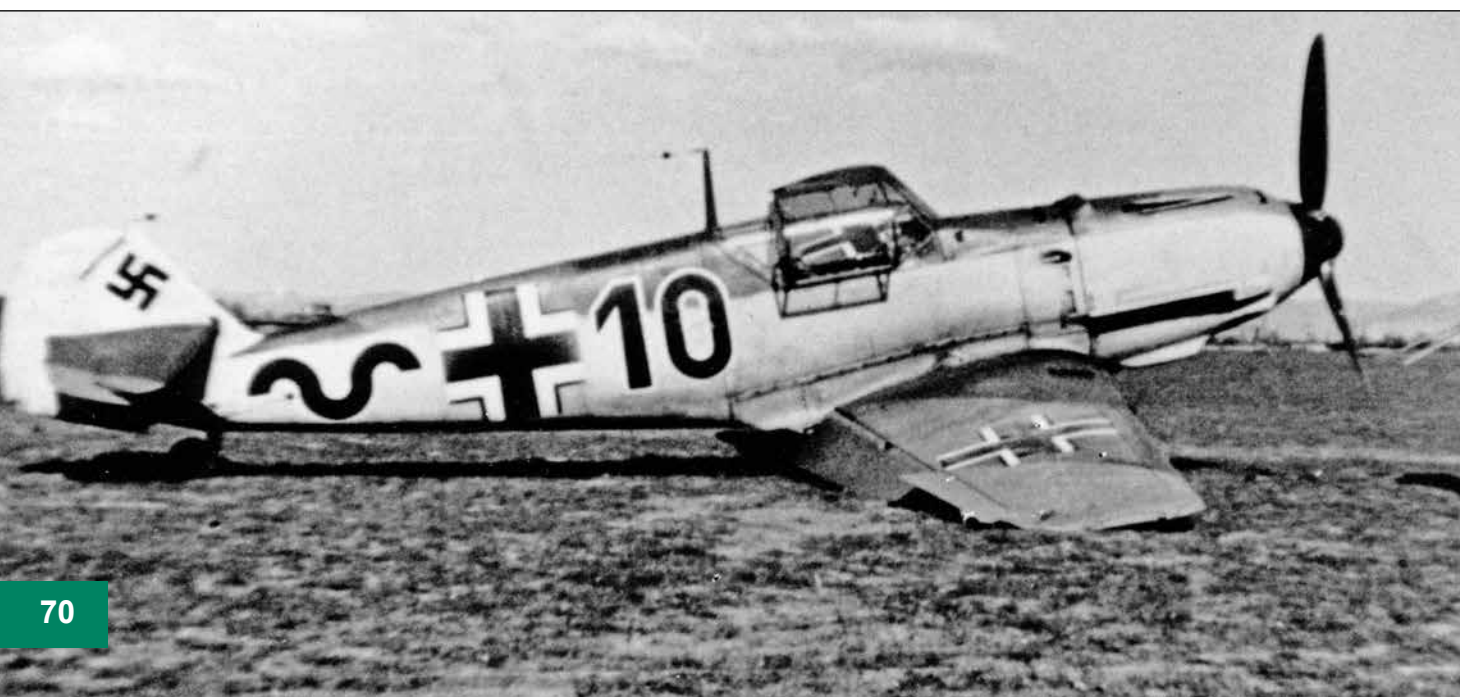
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8/JG 52 Commanding Officers

Oblt Lothar Ehrlich
Oblt Günther Rall

1/3/40 to 24/7/40 MIA
25/7/40 to 28/11/41



Left: Bf 109E-1, Black 10 of 8/JG 52 after crash-landing due to undercarriage failure causing 20% damage. Mannheim-Sandhofen, 20/4/40. The oversized number and Gruppe bar certainly would have made these aircraft very visible in the air.

The Third Gruppe JG52 took little part in the Battle of Britain, suffering severe losses in just 10 days at the end of July 1940. If you look at the Commanding Officers panels, you will see that the C/O of the Gruppe plus the C/Os of both 7 and 8 Staffels were killed on the first day of operations over England on 24/7/40. Four more pilots were lost the following day. By mid August the Gruppe had been withdrawn back to Germany for home defence duties.



Bf 109E-3, Yellow 5, 9/JG52

9/JG52

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9/JG 52 Commanding Officers

Oblt Karl Plunser
Oblt Franz Hörnig

1/3/40 to 8/9/40
9/9/40 to 1/11/41

Right and profile: Bf 109E-3, Yellow 5 of 9/JG 52 with its landing gear damaged on 28/7/40 at Coquelles during the Gruppe's brief period on the Channel Front. Note the unique rear-view mirror bracket frequently seen on aircraft of this unit.

