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squadron identifier

The **squadron detection** was a specific identifier of almost all squadrons of the Luftwaffe during the Second World War . One exception was the single-engine aircraft fighter squadrons and some training associations. The identification system described here was introduced at the Air Force Associations in late 1938.

The ID of a squadron was composed of a number and a letter and was placed in front of the crossbar on the fuselage and under the wings of the aircraft. The two letters after the bar cross indicate the further position of the aircraft within the squadron. The squadron was indicated by the fourth letter. The third letter stood for the individual machine identifier within a season. As a result, a four-digit combination of numbers and letters resulted, which was assigned only once within the Air Force, at a certain time. ^[1]

- Examples for this are:
- **L1** **+** **AA** = Lehrgeschwader 1 / Geschwaderstab, Aircraft A (Geschwaderkommodore)
 - **A1** **+** **BT** = Combat Squadron 53 / 9th Squadron, Airplane B

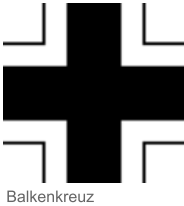


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Squadron IDs

A complete list of all used identifiers can be found here. ^[2]

squadron	ID
Teaching Squadron 1	L1
Teaching Squadron 2	L2
Battle Squadron 1	V4
Battle Squadron 2	U5
Fight Squadron 3	5K
Fight Squadron 4	5J
Battle Squadron 6	K6
Battle Squadron 26	1H
Battle Squadron 27	1G
Battle Squadron 28	2F
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Battle Squadron 40	F8
Battle Squadron 51	9K
Battle Squadron 53	A1
Battle Squadron 54	B3
Fight Squadron 55	G1
Battle Squadron 66	Z6
Battle Squad 76	F1
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Battle Squadron 100	6N
Battle Squadron 200	A3
Diving Squadron 1	A5
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Dive Squadron 3	H7, S7
Diving Squadron 5	J9
Diving Squadron 51	6G
Diving Squadron 76	S1
Diving Squadron 77	S2
Speed Squadron 210	S9
Transport Squadron 1	1Z
Transport Squadron 2	G6
Transport Squadron 3	9P
Transport squadron 5	C8



Junkers Ju 88 with L1 **+** AA of instructional squadron 1



Heinkel He 111 with A1 **+** BT of Battle Squadron 53



Dornier Do 17 of the Kampfgeschwader 3



Focke-Wulf Fw 200 with F8 **+** GH of Battle Squadron 40