



THE MESSERSCHMITT BF 109 IN SPAIN

Type code 6

Code	Type	Unit	Arrived	Pilot	AVC Name	Fate
s/n	V3	VJ/88	12.36	Uffz Erwin Kley		Crashed on takeoff, 10.12.36
6-1	V4	VJ/88 2.J/88	12.36	Lt Hannes Trautloft Obit Herwig Knüppel		
6-2	V3	VJ/88	12.36	Lt Paul Rehahn		Destroyed in accident 11.2.37?
6-3	V5	VJ/88 2.J/88	12.36	Obit Hennig Strümpell		
6-4	B-1	VJ/88 2.J/88	03.37	Lt Kurt von Giese Uffz Guido Höness		Withdrawn from service end 37
6-5	B	VJ/88 2.J/88	03.37	Lt Dietrich von Bothmer		Withdrawn from service end 37
6-6	B	VJ/88 2.J/88 3.J/88	03.37	Lt Urban Schaeffer Fw Herbert Ihlefeld Lt Franz Jaenisch		Crashed on takeoff, 25.07.38
6-7	B	VJ/88 2.J/88 3.J/88	03.37	Lt Rolf Pingel Fw Norbert Fliegel Obit Werner Mölders		
6-8	B	VJ/88 2.J/88	03.37	Fw Franz Heilmayer		Withdrawn from service, 08.37 Takeoff accident
6-9	B	VJ/88 2.J/88	03.37	Uffz Willi Gödecke		Withdrawn from service, 08.37
6-10	B	VJ/88 2.J/88	03.37	Uffz Ernst Mratzek Hptm Günther Lützow	"Altium"	To Spanish AF
6-11	B	VJ/88 2.J/88	03.37	Uffz Adolf Buhl		
6-12	B	VJ/88 2.J/88	03.37	Uffz Bodden Uffz Hermann Stange		Crashed on takeoff
6-13	B	VJ/88 2.J/88	03.37	Uffz Harbach Fw Heinz Braunschweiger		
6-14	B	VJ/88 2.J/88	03.37	Obit Otto-Hans Winterer Uffz Harbach		Shot down
6-15	B	VJ/88 2.J/88 1.J/88	03.37	Uffz Otto Polenz		Captured 4.12.37

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6-16	B	VJ/88 2.J/88 3.J/88	0337	Lt Josef Föze		
6-17	B		07.37			
6-18	B		07.37			
6-19	B-1		07.37			
6-20	B	1.J/88	07.37	Lt Fritz Awe		Lost 4/4/38 Mid-air collision
6-21	B	2.J/88	07.37	Lt Rolf Pingel		
6-22	B		07.37			
6-23	B		07.37			
6-24	B		07.37			
6-25	B		07.37			
6-26	B		07.37			
6-27	B		07.37			
6-28	B		07.37			
6-29	B	2.J/88	07.37			
6-30	B	2.J/88	07.37	Fw Reinhard Seiler		Crashed on landing Alar del Rey
6-31	B	1.J/88	07.37			
6-32	B	2.J/88	07.37	Obfw Reinhard Seiler		
6-33	B	1.J/88	07.37	Lt Eckerhardt Priebe		Shot down 14.06.38 Villafames ?
6-34	B	1.J/88	07.37	Oblt Erich Woltke		
6-35	B		07.37			
6-36	B	1.J/88	07.37	Oblt Harro Harder		
6-37	B		07.37			
6-38	B	1.J/88	07.37	Uffz Ernst Terry		
6-39	B					
6-40	B-2	1.J/88		Uffz Willy Szegge		
6-41	B					
6-42	B	1.J/88				
6-43	B					
6-44	B					
6-45	B					
6-46	C					
6-47	C					
6-48	C					
6-49	C					
6-50	C					
6-51	D	1.J/88		Hpt Wolfgang Schellmann		To Spanish AF
6-52	D	2.J/88				To Spanish AF
6-53	D	2.J/88				To Spanish AF
6-54	D					
6-55	D					
6-56	D	Stab 88		Hpt Gotthard Handrick Hpt Walter Grabmann		To Spanish AF
6-57	D					
6-58	D	2.J/88				
6-59	D					
6-60	D	2.J/88		Uffz Herbert Schob	"NNWW"	
6-61	D					
6-62	D					
6-63	D					
6-64	D					
6-65	D					
6-66	D					
6-67	D	1.J/88		Otto Bertram		Shot down, 4.10.38
6-67	D					
6-68	D					
6-69	D					
6-70	D					
6-71	D					
6-72	D					
6-73	D					
6-74	D					
6-75	D					
6-76	D					
6-77	D					
6-78	D					
6-79	D1	3.J/88		Oblt Werner Möders	"Luchs"	
6-80	D					
6-81	D					
6-82	D	1.J/88 3.J/88		Lt Otto Bertram		

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6-83	D	3.J/88				
6-84	D	3.J/88				
6-85	D					
6-86	D	1.J/88		Oblt Siebert Reents		
6-87	E					
6-88	E					
6-89	E					
6-90	E					
6-91	E	3.J/88		Uff Herbert Schob		
6-92	E					
6-93	E	1.J/88		Uffz Hans Nimminger		Shot down 6.2.39, Vilajuiga, by Lt José Falco
6-94	E					
6-95	E	2.J/88				
6-96	E					
6-97	E	1.J/88				
6-98	E	1.J/88		Uffz Heinrich Windemuth		Shot down 6.2.39, Vilajuiga, by Lt José Falco
6-99	E-3	3.J/88				
6-100	E					
6-101	E	3.J/88		Oblt Jung		
6-102	E					
6-103	E					
6-104	E	1.J/88		Rey-Stolle		
6-105	E					
6-106	E	3.J/88				
6-107	E-4	2.J/88			"Mors-Mors!"	
6-108	E					
6-109	E	3.J/88		Kurt Sochatzki		
6-110	E					
6-111	E-3	2.J/88		Lt Werner Ursinus	"Bärchen"	
6-112	E	2.J/88				
6-113	E	2.J/88				
6-114	E					
6-115	E					
6-116	E					
6-117	E	3.J/88				
6-118	E					
6-119	E	1.J/88		Oblt Siebert Reents		
6-120	E					
6-121	E	2.J/88		Lt Karl-Wolfgang Redlich		
6-122	E					
6-123	E-1	3.J/88		Oblt Hans Schmöller-Haldy		
6-124	E					
6-125	E	1.J/88				
6-126	E-3	2.J/88				To Spanish AF
6-127	E					
6-128	E					To Spanish AF
6-129	E	3.J/88		Lt Josef Fözo		
6-130	E	Stab.J/88		Major Walter Grabmann		
6-131	E					

Messerschmitt Bf 109 losses in chronological order - 40 in total

Date	A/C	Pilot	Unit	Location	Fate	Cause
10.12.36	V-3/6-3	Uffz Erich Kley		Tablada	Accident	Crashed on takeoff
11.02.37	6-2	Lt Paul Rehahn		Cáceres	Accident	
12.07.37	6-4	Lt Guido Höness		Brunete	Shot down	Air combat
17.07.37	?	Lt Gotthard Handrick		Escalona	Shot down	I-16 (Tinker)
18.07.37	6-14	Uffz Haabach			Shot down	I-16
??.07.37	6-13				Written off	
11.07.37	?	Uffz Norbert Fiegel			Accident	Crashlanded
??.08.37	6-8				Accident	Crashlanded
??.08.37	6-9				Written off	
??.08.37	6-30	Ofw Reinhard Seiler		Alar del Rey	Accident	Crashlanded
??.09.37	6-7	Fw Norbert Fiegel		Santander-O	Accident	Crashlanded
??.09.37	6-12	Uffz Hermann Stange		Santander-O	Accident	Crashlanded
05.09.37	?	Lt Walter Adolph		Llanes	Accident	Crashlanded
05.11.37	?	Fw Leo Sigmund		Teruel	Shot down	I-16
30.11.37	6-15	Fw Otto Polenz			Shot down, POW	
23.12.37	?	Uffz Anton Kurz		Teruel	Shot down	

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07.02.38		Oblt Wilhelm Balthasar		Teruel	Shot down	SB-2
11.03.38		Fw Alexander Graf zu Dohna		Caspe/Sastago	Shot down	I-16 (J. Bosch, 21/4)
04.04.38	6-20	Lt Fritz Awe		Lanaja	Mid-air collision	Bf 109
04.04.38	6-21	Uffz Adolf Borchers		Lanaja	Mid-air collision	Bf 109
20.04.38				Sagunto	Shot down	I-16 (21/3)
11.05.38				Sr Espadán	Shot down	I-16 (21/3) Tarazona
14.06.38		Lt Helmut Herz		Mijares	Shot down	I-16 (21/4)
14.06.38	6-33	Lt Eckehardt Priebe		Vilafrades	Shot down	I-15?
14.07.38				Teruel	Mid-air collision	I-15 (Redondo)
23.07.38		Uffz Boer	(3.J)	La Cenia	Accident	
25.07.38	6-6	Lt Franz Jaenisch			Accident	Crashlanded
03.08.38		Lt Horst Lehmann		Flux	Shot down	Flak
05.09.38		Lt Maxlin Lutz	(3.J)		Shot down	
09.09.38				Gandesa	Accident (50%)	Engine failure?
04.10.38	6-67	Lt Otto Bertram		Venta de C.	Shot down	I-16 (Cortizo, 21/4)
11.38	6-74			La Cenia	Accident	Crashlanded
13.12.38					Shot down	
16.12.38				La Cenia	Bombed on ground	SB-2
16.12.38				La Cenia	Bombed on ground	SB-2
29.01.39		Lt K. Böttcher		Mollet	Shot down	Flak
06.02.39		Uffz Hans Nirmminger		Vilajuiga	Shot down	G-23 'I-15'
06.02.39	6-98	Uffz Heinrich Windemuth		Vilajuiga	Shot down	G-23 'I-15'
16.03.38		Lt Rolf Strössner			Collision	Bf 109
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163: One of two Bf 109s destroyed on the ground at La Cenia by Republican SB bombers on 16 December 1938. A close study reveals an intact fighter in the background, with a wing showing behind the olive tree in the centre



164: Ground crew discuss how best to clear up the mess in the aftermath of the Republican bombing raid on the Legion Condor's base at La Cenia on 16 December 1938. Little of this Bf 109 remains to be salvaged. Note the Mercedes-Benz 320WK Kfz 12 car in the background