

Losses in the Balkans/Greek Operations

Selected Loss Listings for Balkan/Greek operations. The Jagdwaffe units involved in the eight week campaign through Yugoslavia, Greece, and Crete were heavily engaged at all times, moving bases so frequently that in one instance, the signals company that was to travel by road and rail to catch up with the operational element never managed to reach the same base as their parent unit; they did not get back together until after the unit had returned from Greece. Because of the severe operational pressure, recorded losses are significantly less than what might otherwise be expected; at one point, the entire III./JG 77 could only muster nine serviceable Bf 109s. This operational tempo is reflected in the official loss listings in the strength reports sent in by the units. Out of a list of approximately 90 losses, only the following 20 had full identifying information for specific aircraft...there just was not enough time to keep up with the paperwork. This list is provided to give the modeler a few more options than what might ordinarily be available commercially; responsibility for any transcription errors es solely with the author.

Type	WNR	Pilot	Unit	Codes	Date	Circumstance	Location	% Damage
Bf 109E-4	1276	Arnoldy, Lt. Jacob	4./JG 77	white 5 + -	15.4.41	WIA in combat with Hurricanes of 33 Sq. (F/L Mackie). FSA. Made perfect belly landing. DOW	near Larissa	100%
ote: Earlier photographed at Fl.Pl. Mandal Norway in 9.40.								
Bf 109E-7	4185	Becker, Oblt. Arno	8./JG 27	black 1 +	6.4.41	Stkp. KIA in combat with Hurricane	Rupel Pass, west of Gephyroudi	100%
ote: Shores says 'black 2'								
Bf 109E-7	3282	Borchert, Uffz. Fritz	9./JG 77	black 10 + ^ ^	20.4.41	WIA due to Flak. emergency landing	Larissa/Piraeus area	100%
ote: 'Lockenkopf und Tröte' Staffelzeichen, yellow rudder.								
Bf 109E-7	6399	Bretano, Lt. von	Stab III./JG 77	black < +	30.5.41	Taxiing accident	Maleme, Crete	60%
ote: Wolfshead badge, yellow cowling and rudder, 'snakeskin' camo. An ex-II./JG 54 machine								
Bf 109E	unk.	Brunsmann, Uffz. Heinrich	5./JG 77	black 8 + -	22.4.41	Crash landing	Almiros	10%
Bf 109E-7	6435	Eichel-Streiber, Lt. Diethelm von	Stab III./JG 77	black << + ^ ^	14.5.41	crash landing due to Flak. Note: Staffelzeichen of 8./JG 54 on nose, yellow tail band	Molaoi	65%
Bf 109E	5376	Faltings, Ofw. Adolf	8./JG 27	black 6 +	6.4.41	Combat with Hurricane.	West of Gephyroudi	100%
Bf 109E-4	5072	Frömming, Ofw. Gerhard	8./JG 27	black 8 +	6.4.41	POW after combat with Hurricane. Pilot returned on 29.4 after surrender	West of Gephyroudi	100%
Bf 109E-7	5799	Grobe, Oblt. Rudolf	5./JG 77	black 5 + -	22.5.41	POW due to Flak	Kythera area	100%
ote: Prien says 3799--corrected in V.III								
Bf 109E-7	4173	Jung, Oblt. Berthold	5./JG 77	black 13 + -	20.5.41	Stkp. POW due to Flak. Ditched along the coast	Chanea, Crete	100%
ote: Loss report says 'black 3'								
Bf 109E-4		Kromer, Uffz. Alfred	9./JG 54	yellow 8 +	15.4.41	Crash landing	Fl.Pl. Pancevo, Yugoslavia	20%
Bf 109E-7	4191	Niederhöfer, Uffz. Hans	5./JG 27	black 4 + -	6.4.41	Noseover due to severe ground conditions	Belica-Nord, Yugoslavia	10%
Bf 109E-7	3334	Niemayer, Fw. Otto	4./JG 77	yellow 9 + -	20.5.41	Reported lost due to Flak. Pilot returned	Crete	100%
Bf 109E-7	4814	Perrey, Ofw. Herbert	8./JG 77	black 4 + ^ ^	16.5.41	POW after combat with Hurricane of 33 Sq. (Ramsay). Crash landing	Crete	100%
Note: Prien says 4914--corrected in V.III								
Bf 109E-7	3487	Petermann, Ofw. Werner	5./JG 77	black 1 +	20.5.41	POW after belly landing due to Flak Note: Returned later?	Near Chanea on the beach	100%
Bf 109E-7	4918	Rahm, Oblt. Gerhardt	5./JG 77	white << + -	20.5.41	POW due to Flak.	Maleme area	100%
Bf 109E-7	4952	Rockel, Ofw. Fritz	4./JG 27	white 13 + -	20.4.41	POW after combat with Hurricane, emergency landing. Returned after surrender	near Monli, Greece	100%
Bf 109E-7	1255	Saake, Fw. Dietrich	7./JG 77	white 6 +	20.5.41	KIA due to Flak POW?	20km east of Rethymnon	100%
Bf 109E-7	6453	unknown	4./JG 27	<B + -	15.4.41	Emergency landing due to Flak.	Bitolj, Yugoslavia	30%
ote: Yellow rudder, long II. Gruppe bar and rough white rear tail band								
Bf 109E-7	6454	Wiesinger, Oblt. Wilhelm	4./JG 27	white 3 + -	19.4.41	Reported lost after combat, emergency landing. Returned 24.4	Balkans theatre	100%