HIGH QUALITY SCALE MODEL DECALS

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Albatros D.Va

The Bavarians (revised)



Albatros D.Va 5787/17 "stripes", Jasta 76b. late 1917 to early 1918



February-March 1917 (1 victory)









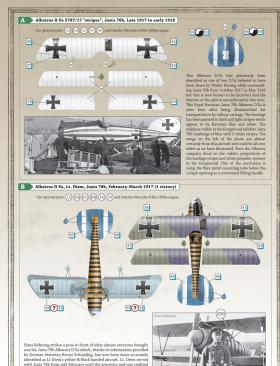






Albatros D.Va. Eduard Ritter von Schleich, JG8b, March 1918 (35 Victories)





with 1 victory on 31 May 1918.





previously being incorrectly attributed to Walter Böning, and is shown here as it looked after it was taken over by Karl Hopf, who can be seen sitting on the edge of the cockpit. It was Hopf who has added the Wappen (heraldic shield) of his native Würzburg 75. Hans Böhning was born in Bavaria on 6 July 1893 and served in the artillery before transferring to the air service in early 1917. He served with FA(A) 290, Jastas 36, 76b, 79b and 32b which he commanded for the last 11 days of the war. Hans survived the Great War with a total of 17 victories to his credit but died in a sailplane accident in 1934. He was 41. No details of Karl Hopf's service are known to us. Note how the off-white of the Bavarian diamond scheme is darker than the white of the fuselage cross. The rear view photo shows the Daimler-Mercedes radiator, green and mauve camouflage pattern and D.V style 'V' struts (D8)

Albatros D.Va OAW 6633/17, Michael Sigmann, Jasta 78b, April-August 1918

of the lozenge and rib tape decals.



These photographs are both believed to show Michael Sigmann's attractively painted midnight blue (not black as previously thought) OAW built Jasta 78b Albatros D.Va 6633/17. With eisernkreuz and a white ring around the spinner sometime before his personal 'S' marking was applied and later with modified April 1918 style balkenkruez. At some time during Michael's service with Jasta 78b from Fedruary 1918 until he was wounded in August 1918, his large black 'S' was scraped off the fuselage side. Interesting details to note include the left outer wheel cover from an OAW built Albatros D.III, believed to have been \$115/17 and flare rack under the cockpit.



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The 'Black Knight' Eduard Ritter von his black Albatros D.Va, previously flown by Otto Kissenberth. Schleich joined the 11th Bayarian Infantry Regiment in 1908 and was severely wounded in August 1914. After recovering he transferred to aviation and gained his Bavarian Pilot's badge and commanded, various units before being made commander of Bavarian Jagdgruppe 8 in March 1918. He survived the First World War with 35 victories and the Pour Le Merite "Blue Max' to his name, flew against the communists in 1919 and joined the Luftwaffe and commanded various units before becoming General de Flieger in occupied Norway. He died on the 15th of November 1947 in a British POW camp aged 59. Note the small scope protruding through a hole cut in the windshield and the rear view mirror (140) on the upper wing. A flare rack is fixed to the right side of the fuselage (not visible here). Otto Kissenberth's Edelweiss fuselage marking is faintly visible beneath a worn coat of black paint.

	All Colours	Tamiya	Humbrol	Misterkit
d	Black - semi gloss	X18	85	
e	Dark Wood - gloss	XF68	98	
f	Leather - semi gloss	XF52	62	
g	Light Blue - gloss	XF10(x10) + XF18(x1)	34(x10) + 96(x1)	25550
h	Chrome Yellow - semi gloss	XF3(x10) + X6(x1)	24	33637
i	Light Grey - matt	XF19	64	36463
j	Interior Grey Green - matt	XF76	90	24424
m	White - semi gloss	XF2	34	
n	Light Wood - gloss	XF59	93	
0	Mauve - gloss	X16(x2) + XF52(x1)	68(x5) + 29(x1)	
P	Steel	XF56	27003	
v	Rubber - matt	XF69	66	
w	Medium Grey Green - gloss	XF71	78	34227
x	Midnight Blue - semi gloss	XF17	-	15045
	Bavarian Blue - semi gloss	X4(x1) + XF2(x3)	25 (x1) + 22(x3)	
z	Off White - semi gloss	X2(x2) + XF55(x1)	22(x2) + 28(x1)	
1	Decal 30001 5 Colour Upper Lozenge – available separately			
M	Decal 30002 5 Colour Lower Lozenge – available separately			
	Decal 30005 German Rib Tapes for Lozenge - available separately			



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