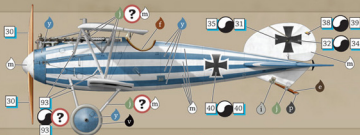


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Albatros D.Va

The Bavarians



**A**

Albatros D.Va 5765/17,  
Walter Böning,  
Jasta 76b,  
early 1918.  
(17 victories)

**B**

Albatros D.Va,  
Hans Böning,  
Jasta 76b,  
December 1917.  
(17 victories)



**C**

Albatros D.Va,  
Walter Böning,  
Jasta 76b,  
(17 victories)  
& Karl Hopf, 1918.

**D**

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



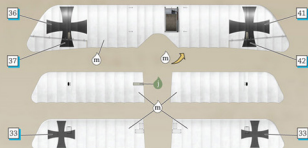
**E**

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



### A Albatros D.Va 5765/17, Walter Böning, Jasta 76b, early 1918 (17 victories)

Use optional parts C3 E1 F7 P8 and Daimler Mercedes D.III 180hp engine.

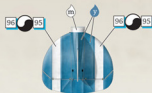
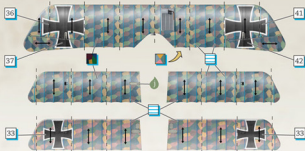


One of two Albatros D.Vas believed to have been flown by Walter Böning while commanding Jasta 76b from October 1917 to May 1918. This one, thought to be D.5765/17, has been disassembled for transportation by railway carriage. The fuselage has been painted in dark and light stripes which appear to be Bavarian blue and white. The wings on the left of the photo are almost certainly from this aircraft (despite the number painted on the stowage brace indicating they are from 5787/17) and could be all over white as we have illustrated. Note the Albatros company decal on the rudder, proportions of the fuselage stripes and white propeller spinner in the foreground. One of the mechanics is using the flare pistol mounting tube below the cockpit opening as a convenient lifting handle.



### B Albatros D.Va, Hans Böhning, Jasta 76b, December 1917 (17 victories)

Use optional parts C2 E24 E38 F6 P9 and Daimler Mercedes D.III 180hp engine.



Note the position and orientation of the lozenge and rib tape decals.



Hans Böhning strikes a pose in front of what is believed to be his Jasta 76b Albatros D.Va. Many questions remain unanswered about this colour scheme, all that is known for sure is that bands of a darker colour than the 'Jasta 76b blue' used around the nose and (presumably) on the tailplane have been painted around the fuselage. These could have been dark blue and white as illustrated or simply black (or even red?) over bare plywood. It is possible that these dark and light bands could extend all the way to the nose cowling. The fin has been overpainted obscuring the serial number and possibly previous horizontal stripe markings. Born in Bavaria on 6 July 1893, Hans Böhning served in the artillery before transferring to the air service in early 1917 where 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.

**C Albatros D.Va, Walter Böning, Jasta 76b, (17 victories)**

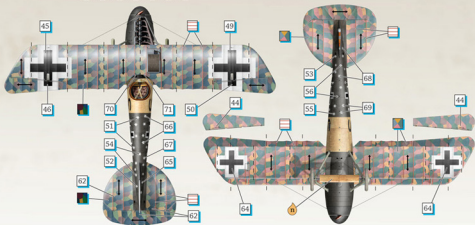
Use optional parts (A35, C2, D46, F7, F8, D8) and Daimler Mercedes D.III 180hp engine.



The 2nd Albatros D.Va attributed to Walter Böning while he was commander of Jasta 76b is seen here as it looked after it was taken over by Karl Hopf, seen here sitting on the edge of the cockpit, who has added the Wappen (heraldic shield) of his native Würzburg 75. After service in Bavarian Infantry Regt 19, Walter transferred to aviation in February 1916 where he served with FA6b and Jasta 19 before he was made commander of Jasta 76b on 5 October 1917. He was credited with 6 victories at Jasta 19 and another 11 with Jasta 76b before he was severely wounded in 5765/17 on 31 May 1918 and saw no further action in the war. Unfortunately 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 scheme and D.V style 'V' struts (D8).

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

Use optional parts (C2, D1, D23, D44, F7, F8, F17) and Daimler Mercedes D.III 180hp engine.



These photographs are both believed to show Michael Sigmann's attractively painted Albatros Werke Schneidemühl (AWS) Ostdeutsche Albatros Werke (OAW) built Jasta 78b Albatros D.Va 6633/17. Earlier with Eisernes Kreuz and a white ring around the spinner sometime before his personal 'S' marking was applied and later, with modified April 1918 style balkenkreuz. At some time during Michael's service with Jasta 78b from February 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 5115/17 and flare rack under the cockpit.



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

Use optional parts C2 A33 E40 E46 F6 F9 and Daimler Mercedes D.III 180hp engine.



The 'Black Knight' Eduard Ritter von Schleich strikes a famous pose beside his black Albatros D.Va, previously flown by Otto Kissenberth. Schleich joined the 11th Bavarian Infantry Regiment in 1908 and was severely wounded in August 1914. After recovering he transferred to aviation and gained his Bavarian Pilot's badge in September 1915. Eduard served in, 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 Lufthansa in 1920. In 1933 he 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 (E40) 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	XF23(x1)+XF2(x1)	65	GC03
i Light Grey - matt	XF19	64	GC08
j Interior Grey Green - matt	XF76	90	
m White - semi gloss	XF2	34	
n Light Wood - gloss	XF59	93	
o Mauve - gloss	X16(x1)+XF52(x2)	68(x1)+29(x2)	GC02
p Steel	XF56	27003	
v Rubber - matt	XF69	66	
w Medium Grey Green - gloss	XF71	78	GC04
x Dark Blue - semi gloss	XF50	96	
y 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)	
Decal 30001 5 Colour Upper Lozenge - available separately			
Decal 30002 5 Colour Lower Lozenge - available separately			
Decal 30005 German Rib Tapes for Lozenge - available separately			

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