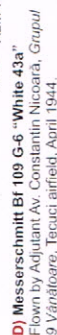
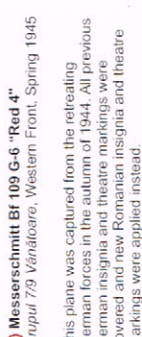


This plane wears the King Michael insignia and Eastern Front theatre markings used prior to 1 September 1944. There is a possibility that the spinner was decorated with a white spiral and the tincolour on the rudder was applied only to the top of the rudder, as was the practice before September 1944.



The suffix “-a” after the digits indicates that this was a replacement for the original aircraft coded “43”. Constantin Nicora was the preferred navigator of Captain Alexandru Șerbănescu. Nicora survived the war with 5 confirmed and 2 unconfirmed victories. His last victory was a German Bl 109K shot down over Slovakia on 1 April 1945.

This was a plane supplied by the German armed forces and because the previous German insignia and markings were covered with large areas of paint, this gave the fuselage a relatively dark colour.

The lower landing gear doors were removed to prevent clanking on muddy airfields.