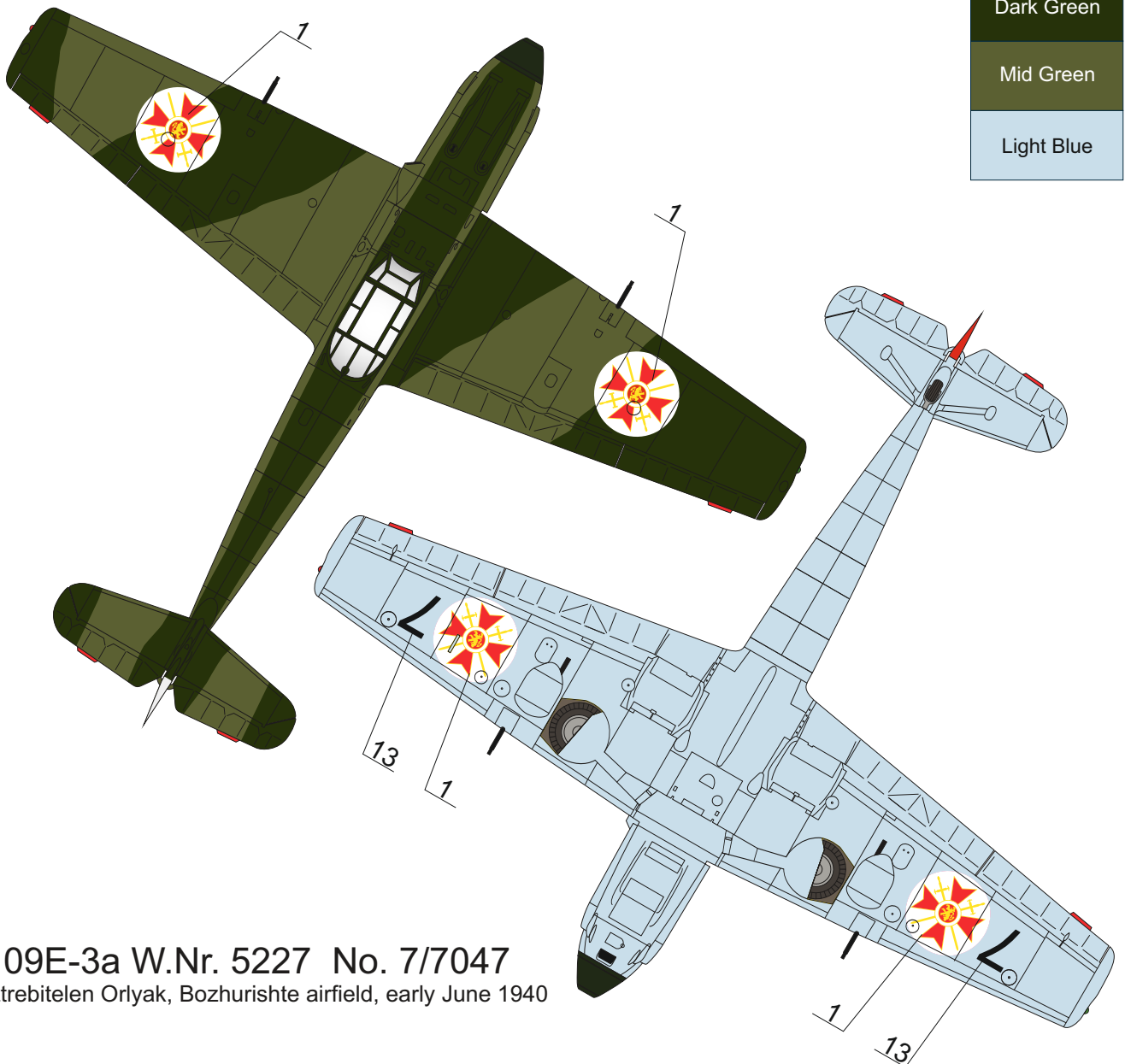
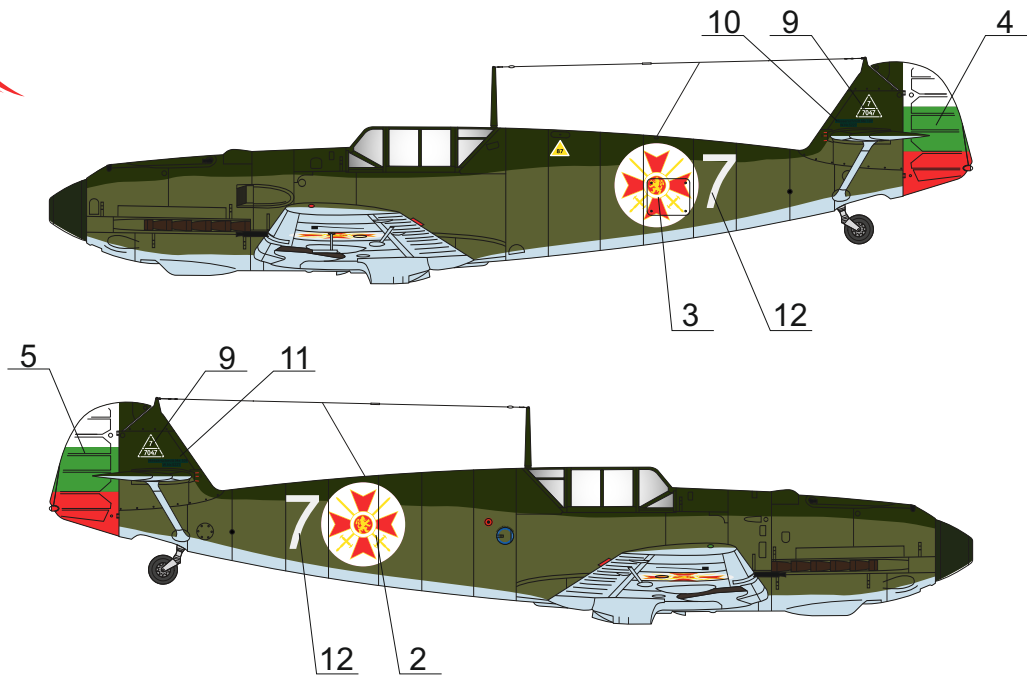
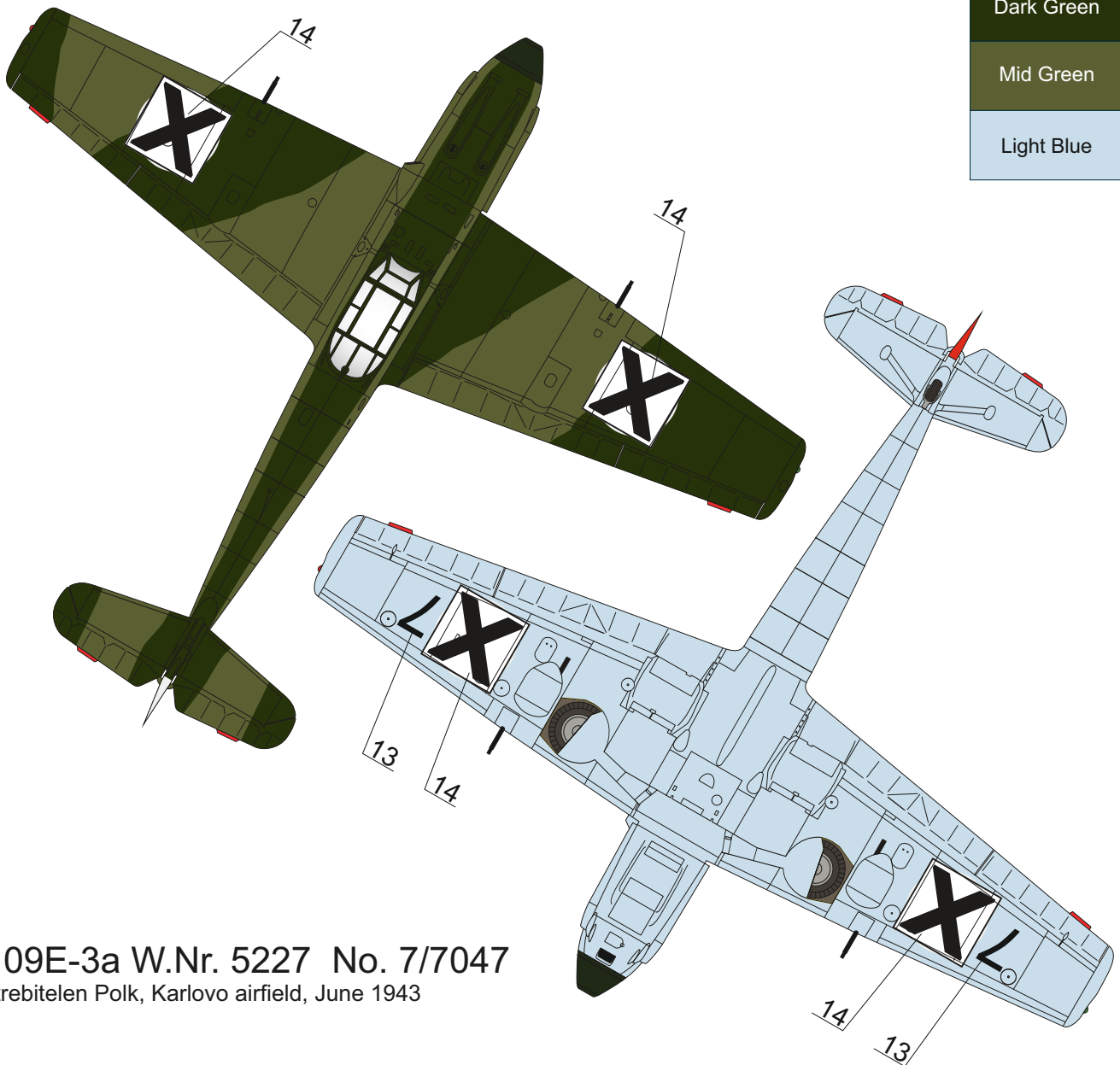
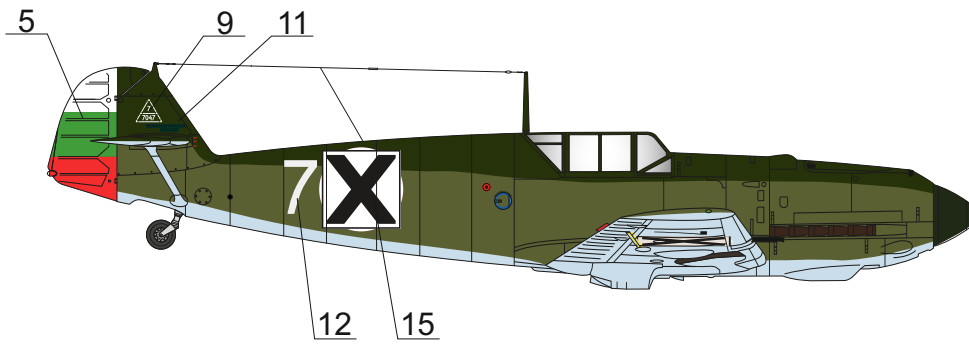
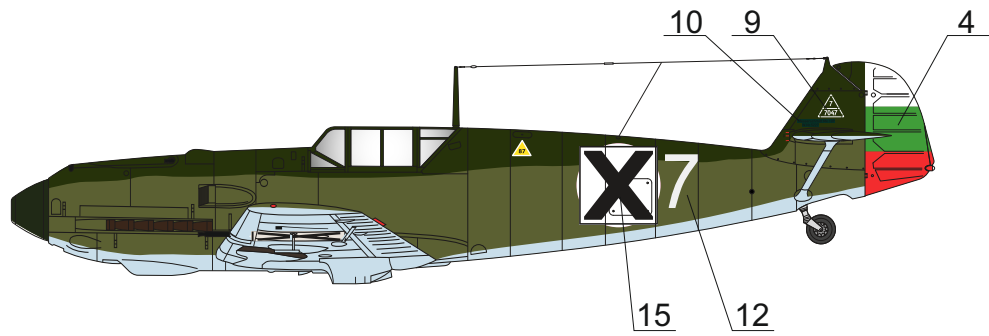


**Bf 109E-3a W.Nr. 5221 No.1/7047**

First Bulgarian *Strela* (Arrow)  
 Bozhurishte airfield, late April / May 1940  
 Bulgarian registration number in triangle (1/7047)  
 was probably painted at the end of May 1940



Bf 109E-3a W.Nr. 5227 No. 7/7047  
2nd Iztrebitelen Orlyak, Bozhurishte airfield, early June 1940



Dark Green
Mid Green
Light Blue

Bf 109E-3a W.Nr. 5227 No. 7/7047  
6th Iztřebiteln Polk, Karlovo airfield, June 1943

## Short info about Bulgarian colours from Bulgarian Fighter Colours vol.1

(Denes Bernad, Stratus 2018)

Dark Green

Mid Green

Light Blue

The Author believes the camouflage scheme worn by Bulgarian 109Es consisted of Dark Green (similar to **RLM 71**, not RLM 70 Black Green) fuselage spine and upper engine cowling, while the fuselage and engine cowlings sides were Mid Green (a bit lighter than **RLM 62**).

The upper surfaces of the wings were a combination of two green colours, applied in so-called *splinter* scheme. All under surfaces were Light Blue (similar to **RLM 65**).

The rudder was divided horizontally into three equal areas, White (top), vivid Green (middle) and blood Red (bottom) - Bulgaria's national colours. At delivery, the aircraft did not have any Bulgarian military markings, or coded applied. The inside surface of the main undercarriage leg panel appears to be very dark, possibly matt Black. The aircraft's type (Messerschmitt Me 109) and the construction number (e.g. W.Nr.5221) were applied at the factory on both sides of the fin roof, in Black, over what appears to be Black Green background.

In late June 1940 Bulgarian air force's military markings had been changed.

The previous *Tsarist Roundels* were covered with large size black bordered white squares, featuring a diagonal black cross in the centre. However, the square couldn't be applied in large enough size to completely cover the roundel; therefore, small circle slices were left out.



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