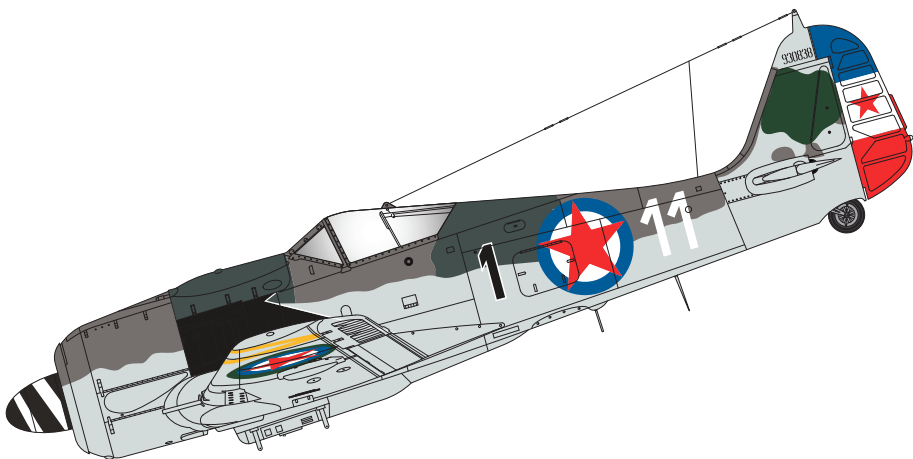
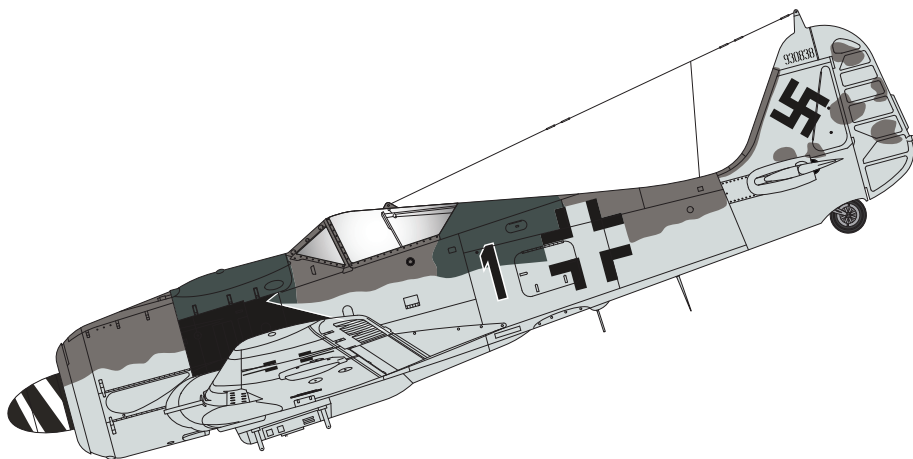




Partizan Focke-Wulf

Captured Fw 190 F-8 WNr.930838
in Yugoslav service



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The lonely assault Focke-Wulf Fw 190 F-8 fell into partizan hands on 4th October 1944 at the airfield near Kovin. Beside several dozens of wrecks, eight airworthy Gustavs and one Fw 190 F-8 were captured (all planes previously belonging to 13./SG 151). Airworthy planes had been allocated to EzV in Zemun (*Eskadrila za vezu vrhovnogo štaba NOJV* - Liaison Eskadrille of NOVJ Supreme Command), which became part of *Vazduhoplovna transportna grupa* (VTG - Aviation Transport Group) and used from time to time for test flights.

The captured Fw 190 F-8, with a serial number 930838, was a plane produced by the NDW (*Norddeutsche Dornier Werke, Wismar*). The plane still had the old, flat-type canopy and bomb racks. The partisans kept the original German camouflage, which consisted of shades of grey RLM74 / RLM75 on upper surfaces, and RLM76 on undersurfaces. All German national markings were overpainted with green color (RLM70??? or RLM81??? or RLM82???). Some sources suggest that plane received individual number „white 11" on the fuselage, but we found no clear evidence for this.

Provisional VJA roundels (*Vazduhoplovstvo jugoslovenske armije* - Air Force of the Yugoslav Army) were painted in six position, Yugoslav tricolor with red star was applied on the rudder.

Plane served in VJA until end of 1946. At the turn of 1946/1947 the aircraft was withdrawn from the service, due to lack of spare parts. It was then handed over as an exhibit to Aviation Museum in Belgrade (now Aeronautical Museum in Belgrade) where it can be stored (not exhibited) to this day.

info based on Jacek Jackiewicz, Seweryn Fleischer & Robert Bock book „FW-190 in foreign service / Captured Butcherbirds vol.2" published by Atelier KECAY and on Boris Ciglić, Dragan Sacić & Milan Mincevski book „Messerschmitt Bf 109 - The Yugoslav Story vol.II" published by Jeroplan Books



Photo made at the apron of Zemun aerodrome in March 1945. Seen behind are a de Havilland DH.60III Moth Major and Fw 190 F-8 with typical German style „black 1" and Yugoslav tricolor with red star on the rudder.

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