



Historical background

The Platzschutzstaffel (airfield defence squadron), commanded by Hauptmann Rudolf Germeroth, was a detachment of volunteers from Jagdgeschwader 3, based at Pitomnik airfield inside the Stalingrad pocket between 12 December 1942 and 16 January 1943. The units main task was to protect the airfield and the transport planes bringing supplies and evacuating the wound, but also free hunt and reconnaissance escort missions were flown. Due to the lack of spare parts and the harsh conditions at Stalingrad often not more than three Bf-109 were serviceable at the same time and many missions were flown by just two planes. Nonetheless the units pilots claimed more than 100 Soviet aircraft shot down during this time.

On 16 January 1943 Pitomnik was captured by the Red Army and the men of the Platzschutzstaffel escaped to Gumrak airfield. Over the following days the pilots were evacuated by plane, but most of the ground crews were left behind and became prisoners when the 6th Army surrendered on 2 February 1943.

Available missions

Transfer into the Stalingrad pocket (16 December 1942)
Kurt Ebener's most successful day - Part 1 (19 December 1942)
Kurt Ebener's most successful day - Part 2 (19 December 1942)
Georg Schentke's final mission (25 December 1942)
Protect Pitomnik (28 December 1942)
Patrol over Pitomnik (30 December 1942)
Fw-189 escort (7 January 1943)
Patrol over Baburkin (10 January 1943)
Protect the transport planes (15 January 1943)
Air cover over Pitomnik (12 January 1943)
Unteroffizier Eisele's last flight (14 January 1943)
Bomber intercept (15 January 1943)
Li-2s over Pitomnik (15 January 1943)
Escape from Pitomnik (16 January 1943)

The missions can be played with any difficult setting, but 'Takeoff & Landing' must be set to on.

Requirements

IL-2 Sturmovik 1946 version 4.12.1

Installation

Extract the .zip file into your games main directory.

You will find the missions under IL-2 Sturmovik 1946\Missions\Single\DE\Platzschutzstaffel Pitomnik.

Skins

Bf-109G2 and Ju-52 skins by Cheruskerarmin.

Fw-189 skin by Hayate.

P-39N skin by Ronnco.

He-111 and Li-2 skins by Vpmedia.

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