

Captured German Aircraft

Part 2

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THIS SECOND INSTALMENT introduces the G numbers allocated to captured German aircraft and begins with the initial series which was introduced in November 1916 and continued until April 1918. TNA file details are given for each machine. Also included, when possible, is information on camouflage and markings.



Büttner's Albatros on the ground at Pommier. :Anderson Photography

G1 — 16 November 1916

Albatros D.I 391/16, 160hp Mercedes D.III

Ltn K.H.O. Büttner, Jasta 2, brought down near Pommier, Arras, by Capt Parker & Lt Hervey of 8 Sqn RFC in BE2. Machine marked with 'Bü' on fuselage and used for comparative tests at 1 AD, St Omer, before being sent to UK. Flown at Upavon and Turnberry.

G2 — 6 December 1916

Albatros C.III (OAW) 2299/16, 160hp Mercedes D.III 28089

Ltn Kurbe & Ltn Nuemann, Marine Flg Abt 1, both POW, force landed near Steenwerck at 12.30 after both guns jammed. Axial propeller, 2770 diameter x 1700 pitch. Machine sent to 1 AD.

G3 — 11 December 1916

Albatros C.III 174/16, 160hp Mercedes D.III

Obltn Hans Baldamus (observer) POW, Flieger Herbert Ruwe (pilot) killed; attacked by Capt Grenville, 60 Sqn RFC, in Nieuport A278 and came down at Dainville after losing way — possible AA fire?

G4 — 25 January 1917

Albatros C

Brought down by Capt H.A. Long (or Wood) of 24 Sqn RFC in DH2 7918. Machine had one Spandau machine gun.

G5 — 25 January 1917

Albatros D.III 1982/16, 160hp Mercedes D.III

Flugmaat Kinkel, Jasta Boelke, POW; brought down at Moilains, SE of Bapaume, by 2Lt A.E. McKay, 24 Sqn RFC, in DH2 7884. Machine marked 'K' on fuselage. Axial propeller 4201, 2780 diameter x 2200 pitch. Spandau guns 1184 & 1186.

G6 — 27 January 1917

Rumpler C, 160hp Mercedes D.III 3982

Brought down by Capt S.H. Long, 24 Sqn RFC. Spandau guns 1194 and 1196.

G7 — 25 January 1917

Unidentified type, 200hp Benz Bz.IV

Brought down between Morlandcourt and Bouchasversers by Lts Carbury & Mackay, 54 Sqn RFC. Three machine guns; Lewis 7155, one Spandau & 1 Parabellum.

G8 — 27 January 1917

Unidentified type

Brought down near Maurepas by Lts Woodhouse & Nicholls, 52 Sqn RFC. To 2 AD, Candas.

G9 — 25 January 1917

Unidentified type

Brought down by 4 Brigade near Maurepas. One machine gun to UK via 2 AD.

G10 — 13 February 1917

Albatros D.III 1990/16, 160hp Mercedes D.III

Brought down at Freyicourt, Saily-Saillisch, by 2Lt Burcher & Lt Stroud, 9 Sqn RFC. Two Spandau machine guns to 2 AD.

G11 — 15 February 1917

Albatros D.III 2017/16, 160hp Mercedes D.III

Ltn Hans von Keudell, Jasta 27, POW (died 17 February 1917); brought down at Vlaminghe, near Elverdinghe, at 16.30 by 2Lts Pratt & Bryers, 46 Sqn RFC in Nieuport 20 A229 and 2Lt V.H. Collins, 1 Sqn RFC, in Nieuport Scout A6610. Machine burnt. Spandau guns 1320 & 1537.

G12 — 15 February 1917

Halberstadt D.V 420/16 (w/n 214), 120hp Argus As.II 517

Uffz Heinrich Schneider, Jasta 30, POW; brought down near Ploegsteert by AA fire or by Flt Comm J.A. Glen, 3 Sqn RNAS. Wotan, Peters & Saas (Berlin) propeller 1964. Spandau gun 5571. Machine to England and South Farnborough.

G12, showing damage caused by a rough landing.

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