

Air Battle for the Reich

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The most important item on the mind of any would-be Goering is how to concentrate his gerschwadern to stop the allied bombers from hitting his aircraft factories.

This is accomplished by a careful initial set-up, centrally located assembly points which all fighter groups in the area can reach in one turn, and by use of a good strategy.

Before giving an initial set-up it is necessary to give a few simple lessons in tactics.

1) Always allow the enemy to move his aircraft across the start line in order to save fuel.

2) Always select a point where you can assemble all your fighters in the vicinity for a massed attack.

3) Never drop the external fuel tanks when attacking unescorted bombers, this allows you more turns in the air.

4) Whenever there are enemy fighters in the area strike the first blow, this causes your opponent to be at a disadvantage, as you have destroyed some of the forces before he could hit you.

5) When you do have to refuel, land at bases near enough to the bombers so that you can intercept them quickly.

6) As soon as a bomber group has hit its target leave it alone and go after other groups that have not yet hit their targets.

Now the set-ups of the three zones and tips on how to use the aircraft in each zone.

Baltic Sea

- Ju88 Bergin
- Mello's - Kolobrzeg, Rostock

Gather your aircraft over Bergen, when you have been told that there is a raid coming. Next move your aircraft to where the raid is expected and then hit the enemy every turn

until the raid is over. When the raid is over, stage the remaining planes to an area where they are needed.

Netherlands - Central Germany

- Fw 190's - Furstenau, Gutterloh, Paderborn, Quackenbruck, Kassel
- Mel09's - Wiesbaden, Frankfurt, Darmstadt, Manheim, Ashchaffenburg

As shown by the set-up, the Fw190's are positioned to stop raids on factories near Braunschweig. The Me109's have a dual purpose: (1) to stop raids on the area around Braunschweig or (2) stop raids on factories Furth.

I suggest that the Fw190's assemble over Munster and the Mel09's to assemble over Wiesbaden. This will allow for a quick concentration and for a possible attack the next turn.

Italian Front

- Me 109's - Munich, Furstenfeldbruck, Augsburg
- Me410's - Landsberg, Kaufbeuren
- Me110's - Vienna, Frankenau, Gyor, Piestany

The Italian zone is divided into two sectors. The first sector is located in southern Germany.

The aircraft protecting this area also have a dual purpose, (1) protect factories near Furth and (2) stop raids on the area near Vienna.

The second area defenders should only be responsible for the defense of eastern Austria and northern Hungary. I would appreciate any comments on set-up or tactics from General readers.

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