

## II/JG51



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**Jagdgeschwader 51 (JG 51)** was a German fighter wing during World War II. JG 51's pilots won more awards than any other fighter wing of the Luftwaffe and operated in all major theatres of war.

While Gruppen I, III, and IV served principally in Russia, II / JG 51 was transferred to the Mediterranean theatre in November 1942, fighting over Tunisia, Sicily and Italy. In July, the unit flew from Trapani against the American forces in Sicily until bombed out of their base during the invasion.

Transferred to Germany, the II Gruppe underwent intensive training in preparation for facing heavy bomber streams. Later in 1943 II *Gruppe* was part of the German efforts to thwart the USAAF bomber offensive including the Second Schweinfurt raid in October. In March 1944, it moved to Yugoslavia and the Balkans to protect the Ploesti oil fields. It was stationed at various times throughout the Balkans until late 1944. It is in this later setting that II/JG51 joins the 900BG campaign.

II/JG51 appearances will be governed principally in accordance with Optional Rule 10.1 JG 26 – The Abbeville Kids (JG26) [REV/31] with specific modifications listed below:

1. Appearance will be designated per notes (i) and (j) on Tables 5-3 B which will be modified with specific instructions that will appear on the Mission Number Briefing Form (MNB) when II/JG51 is likely to be encountered. Ignore the 50% appearance chance in the original rule. II/JG51 always appears when designated on Table 5-3.
2. Unless otherwise specified in the MNB, encounters with II/JG51 will be general to the 900BG as per the JG26 Rule. All bombers may encounter the unit.
3. Any extra ME109s that are encountered due to bomber formation position will also be II/JG51 fighters.
4. Fighter escort cover rolls on Table 5-4 against II/JG51 fighters normally read as Good are reduced to the Fair Column. If fighter cover is designated Fair or Poor on the MNB there is no further change.
5. Pilot Quality Selection (d6):
  - Expert 1 (Experte designation requires another d6. Odd result confirms Experte, otherwise treat as an Ace)
  - Ace 2-3
  - Veteran 4-6
6. Special Experte Qualities
  - Receives ace pilot bonuses on Tables 5-6 and 5-8.
  - Always makes successive attacks up to ME109 limits even if a Miss results is rolled on Table 5-8.
  - Ignore FBOA and FCA die roll modifiers on Table 5-8.

Only one Experte is allowed per Wave. If extras are generated, roll 1d6 for each and assign as:  
1-3/Ace; 4-6/Veteran

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This variant as drafted is intended for use by the 900BG 15<sup>th</sup> Air Force Campaign being played online under the direction of Steve Dixon co-designer of Target For Today published by Legion Wargames.

[http://www.stevenkdixon.com/Target\\_for\\_Today\\_Campaign.htm](http://www.stevenkdixon.com/Target_for_Today_Campaign.htm)

If players wish to employ the variant in a solo game or in the TFT Bomber Group Game Option (RB/10.4), then it is recommended that the 50% appearance chance appearing in the original JG 26 optional rule (RB/10.1) be utilized.

In this context, if historic relevance is desired by the player, II/JG51 will appear against 15AF missions only in Campaigns 4 or 5 as follows: April 1944 targets in northern Italy; May to August 1944 targets throughout the Balkans except Austria and Germany. From September 1944 to the November 1944 they will appear on missions to targets in Hungary and southern Austria.

## PLAYER AID CARD

	<b>II/JG51</b>	
<b><i>Only called up on Mission Briefing</i></b>		
<b><i>Appears on Table 5-3 (i) or (j)</i></b>		
<b><i>Ignore 50% confirmation roll.</i></b>		
<b><i>All bombers can encounter JG51</i></b>		
<b><i>On any JG51 wave Extra 109s are JG51</i></b>		
<b><i>Good Fighter Cover becomes Fair</i></b>		
<b><i>No change to Fair or Poor fighter cover.</i></b>		
<b>PILOT QUALITY D6:</b>		
<b><i>1) Experte* 2-3) Ace 4-6) Veteran</i></b>		
<b><i>*Roll D6: Odd # confirms Experte. Even = Ace</i></b>		
<b><i>Only 1 Experte per wave. Roll d6 for each extra.</i></b>		
<b>d6: 1-3=Ace 4-6=Veteran</b>		
<b>Experte Special Attributes</b>		
<b><i>Ace pilot bonuses per tables 5-6 &amp; 5-8</i></b>		
<b><i>Always makes successive attacks</i></b>		
<b><i>Ignore FBOA &amp; FCA damage modifiers</i></b>		

## II/JG51 OPTIONAL GAZETEER RESTRICTIONS

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DATES @ Campaigns 4&5	Main Base Area	5-3B Notations Used	Gaz Appearance Restrictions	Target Restrictions
11/1/43 – 11/15/43	Udine, Italy	Notes (i) & (j)	/W or /W+I	German or Austrian Targets Engages Zones 2 or 3
11/16/43 – 12/1/43	Northern Italy	Notes (i) & (j)	/W+I or /I	Italian Targets Only
12/2/43- 2/1/44	Northern Italy	Notes (i) or (j)	/W+I or /I	Tactical, Bridges, RRMV, Airfields
3/1/44- 7/31/44	Niz, Yugoslavia	Notes (i) or (j) @ Oil Targets  Note (i) only @ Other Targets	/Y; /B; /RU;/AU	Oil Targets. Engages Zone 4 to Target Zone OtherTargets Engages Zone 4 to Zone 9
August 1944	Sofia, Bulgaria	Note (i) only	/B; /RU	Oil Targets Only. Engages Zone 5 – Zone 9
9/44 – 11/44	Budak, Hungary	Note (i) Only	/H; /RU/; /AU; /G	Other: Engages Zone 7 – Zone 9 Oil: Engages Zone 7 to Zone 12
12/44	II/JG51 Optional Rule is ended.	Conditions in Balkans were very fluid.	JG51 pressed back into Germany by Russian advances	

This table is offered as an illustration of how II/JG51 can be restricted to specific areas and objectives as they were historically during the period covered by 15<sup>th</sup> Air Force Campaigns #4 and #5. The information is abstracted from Jagdgeschwader 51 'Molders'; John Weal, Osprey Publishing; 2006. **If simplicity is your preference**, then implement the II/JG51 variant as follows: In any 15AF mission in campaigns 4 or 5 II/JG51 appears at Table 5-3B results with note(i) only and except for oil targets they appear only in zones out to zone 9. If the mission is to an oil target, then the only restriction as to zone of engagement is they will not appear in any /G Zone (Germany). II/JG51 does not appear after 11/30/44.