

Interview with Kurt Dietsmann 21-07-92

Kurt Dietzman was one of Marstaller's crew and the only one to survive the crash that killed Marstaller on August 18, 1944.

Born on 29-10-20 in Gera, volunteered on 01-10-1939 at Strahsund he was trained on Seaplanes as flight engineer

Based in Bretagne and Eindhoven with NJG-1.

He flew with Marstaller on May 9 1944 and shot at a Halifax (received the iron Cross for this) but his Messerschmitt Me-110 was chased away by a Mosquito. They had to make an emergency landing and Dietzmann suffered some injuries to his arms and had to go to hospital for about a month. After being discharged from hospital he flew with his crew again this time in a Ju-88.

On August 18, 1944 they took damage (or a technical problem) and Martaller tried to return to base. Dietzman had already loosened his seat belt and opened his canopy but the others had not. At the crash he was ejected from the aircraft but his comrades remained inside. He suffered a concussion and several other injuries. He was transferred to hospital and later back to Germany. He never flew after August 18, 1944.

Kurt Dietzman lived in Stuttgart after the war.