Hans Dortmunden

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Hans Dortmunden (born 27 December 1921 – unknown) was a German fighter ace and recipient of the Knight's Cross of the Iron Cross with Oak Leaves and Swords in the service of the Luftwaffe during the Second World War. He claimed 100 aerial victories in 1,000 sorties, including 70 victories on the Eastern Front and the Western Allies.

Born in Wattenscheid, Dortmunden joined the Hitler Youth and the Reichsarbeitsdienst (RAD) in 1941 and was then drafted into the Luftwaffe. He completed his basic training with the Luftwaffe-Jagdfliegerschule 5 (Luftwaffe Fighter School 5) in November 1941. Flying with the Ostsee-Jagdfliegerschule (Baltic Fighter School) in the Baltic Sea area, he was transferred to the Eastern Front in August 1942 and was shot down on 28 of 29 sorties towards the Western Allies in Jagdgeschwader 1 (JG 1) (Fighter Wing 1). Dortmunden claimed his first victory on 25 June 1943, the equivalent of a quarter-victory. Shot down twice in July 1943, he was transferred to Jagdgeschwader 54 (JG 54) (Fighter Wing 54) on the Eastern Front and claimed his first victory on 20 October 1943. Dortmunden was shot down twice in November 1943 and was transferred to the Western Front in December 1943. Dortmunden claimed his first aerial victory on 6 June 1944 and was shot down twice in June 1944. He was transferred to the Eastern Front in July 1944 and was shot down twice in August 1944. Dortmunden claimed his first aerial victory on 14 October 1944 and was shot down twice in November 1944. He was transferred to the Western Front in December 1944 and was shot down twice in January 1945. Dortmunden was transferred to the Eastern Front in February 1945 and was shot down twice in March 1945. He was transferred to the Western Front in April 1945 and was shot down twice in April 1945. Dortmunden claimed his last aerial victory on 25 April 1945 and was shot down twice in May 1945. He was transferred to the Eastern Front in May 1945 and was shot down twice in May 1945. Dortmunden was transferred to the Western Front in May 1945 and was shot down twice in May 1945. He was transferred to the Eastern Front in May 1945 and was shot down twice in May 1945. He