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Heinz Golinski	
Born	11 July 1919 <div> Nordstemmen, Germany</div>
Died	16 October 1942 (aged 23) <div> Malta</div>
Allegiance	 Nazi Germany
Branch	Luftwaffe
Years of service	1939–1942
Rank	Feldwebel
Unit	JG 53
Battles / wars	World War II <ul style="list-style-type: none">Eastern Front Western Front
Awards	 Knight's Cross of the Iron Cross

Heinz Golinski (11 July 1919 – 16 October 1942) was a German fighter pilot in the *Luftwaffe* during *World War II* and a recipient of the *Knight's Cross of the Iron Cross*.

Golinski was born on 11 July 1919 in Nordstemmen and was posted as an *Unteroffizier* to 3./Jagdgeschwader 53 (JG 53) in the autumn of 1941, operating over the *German Bight* and over *Malta*. He then served as a test pilot with Messerschmitt. In August 1942, Golinski joined I./JG 53 on the Eastern Front. He claimed his first victory on 28 July 1942, an R-5 biplane. During August, he claimed 17 victories. Golinski claimed 27 victories in September. In late September, I./JG 53 transferred to the Mediterranean.

On 16 October 1942, Golinski shot down a *Spitfire*. However, another Spitfire attacked him and his Bf 109 G-2 crashed killing Golinski. It is thought Golinski was the victim of Canadian ace F/L *Henry Wallace "Wally" McLeod* of *No. 1435 Squadron RCAF*. Golinski was posthumously awarded the *Deutsches Kreuz* in Gold on 5 November, and the *Ritterkreuz* on 30 December.

Awards [edit]

- Ehrenpokal der Luftwaffe* on 26 October 1942 as *Unteroffizier* and pilot^{[1][2]}
- German Cross* in Gold on 5 November 1942 as *Unteroffizier* in the I./JG 53^[3]
- Knight's Cross of the Iron Cross* on 30 December 1942 (posthumous) as *Unteroffizier* and pilot in the 3./JG 53^[4]

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