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AKOVLEV YAK- 3, 7B, 9 & 9P FIGHTERS OF THE VVS 1943-47

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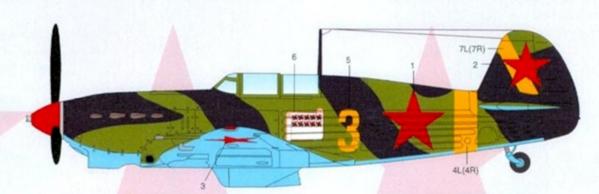
Yak-7B 'Yellow 3'

Capt. Viktor Yakovlevich Khasin

Deputy Commander 1 AE, 271 IAP, 274

IAD, Kalinin Front, late 1942-43.

'Yellow 3' carried an unusual air victories scroll below the cockpit. Khasin was awarded the Hero of the Soviet Union and eventually claimed 28 individual and 5 group air victories.



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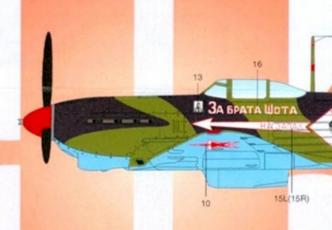
Yak-3 'White 1' Major Nikolai Fedorovich Denchik

1 AE Commander, Guards Red Banner "Orshanskii", Order of Aleksandr Nevskii IAP, 4 GIAD, 1st. Baltic Front, winter 1944. 'White 1' carried a donation inscription from the Manchenkovskii Rural Soviet of Kharkov Region. Denchik was awarded the Hero of the Soviet Union in April 1944 and claimed 19 individual and 3 group air victories.

Yak-7B 'White 45'

Major Aleksandr Nikolaevich Kilaberidze 1 AE Squadron Commander, 65 Guards Red Banner "Orshanskii", Order of Suvorov IIIrd Degree IAP, 4 GIAD, 1st. Baltic Front, October 1944.

The fierce dog-like monster artwork was painted by Motor Mechanic Sgt. V Safronov. The inscription read "For Brother Shota" and within the arrow, "To the West". Note also the small picture of his brother just forward of the cockpit.



Grey-Blue

Yak-9P 'White 59' pilot unknown

4 AE, 66 Guards Red Banner "Vilenskii" Order of Suvorov IIIrd. Degree IAP, 4 GIAD, Perleberg Aerodrome, Germany

With the occupation of Germany, the VVS permitted more flambouyant markings on their aircraft. The white fuselage band was carried during a training exercise in 1946.

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Underside Blue

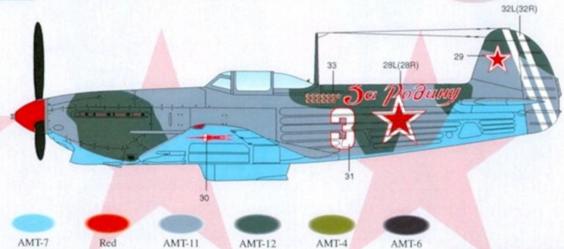
Yak-9 'White 3'

Snr. Lt. Nikolai Fedorovich Denchik

Deputy Commander 1AE, 64 Guards Red Banner "Orshanskii", Order of Aleksandr Nevskii IAP, 4 GIAD, 2nd. Baltic Front, December 1943.

The inscription appears on both sides of the fuselage and reads.

"For the Motherland". 'White 3' was built at Novosibirsk Factory No.153 and was armed with one 20mm MP-20 cannon and two 12.7mm UBS guns.



Dark Grey

Dk. Green