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Yak-1b from 3rd Sqdn. of 267 Fighter Regiment (IAP). Slogan reads "Liberated Donbass". Donbass is a coal region on the Donets basin, now Ukraine. Aircraft paid for by the people of Donbass. We do not know the meaning of the White patch on the rudder. We have never seen such a tactical marking on a Russian A/C. Perhaps it is repaired battle damage, in which case it probably was Silver doped fabric. Any clues?



Yak-1b serial 08110 flown by C.O. of 31st Guard Fighter Regiment (GIAP), Major Yeriomin. Probably the better known Yak-1, was purchased by Kolkhoznic (collective farm) Ferapont Golovaty. Yeriomin flew this airplane between Dec 24, 1942 and Sep 28, 1943 for a total of 75 missions and scored 8 kills. Flown by other pilots, this A/C achieved a total of 14 kills. It was extensively used for propaganda purpose on liberated territories.

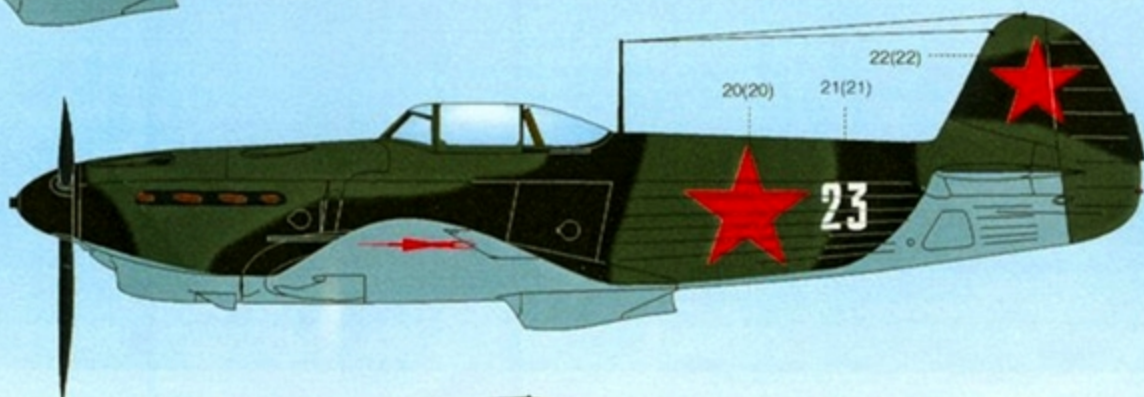


Yak-1b flown by Sergei Lugansky, C.O. of 152 Guards Fighter Regiment. The airplane was donated by the people of Alma-Ata (now Kazakhstan). Lugansky achieved 37+6 group kills during WW II.



Yak-1b flown by C.O. of 1st GIAP, major Reshetov in 1944. The airplane was donated by the people of the village Shotovo. (Ukraine). Reshetov achieved 35+4 (group) kills during WW II.

Yak-1b flown by aviatrix Liliya Litviak during 1943. 73 I.A.P. She scored 12 kills and was killed on August 1, 1943, most likely on this same aircraft.



Yak-1b of "Normandie" Sqdn, October 1943. The white arrow was the insignia of 303 Fighter Division. This squadron was crewed by French pilots who very highly distinguished themselves in the fight against Nazi Germany. Paint spinner half Red and half Blue. Then apply decal 23