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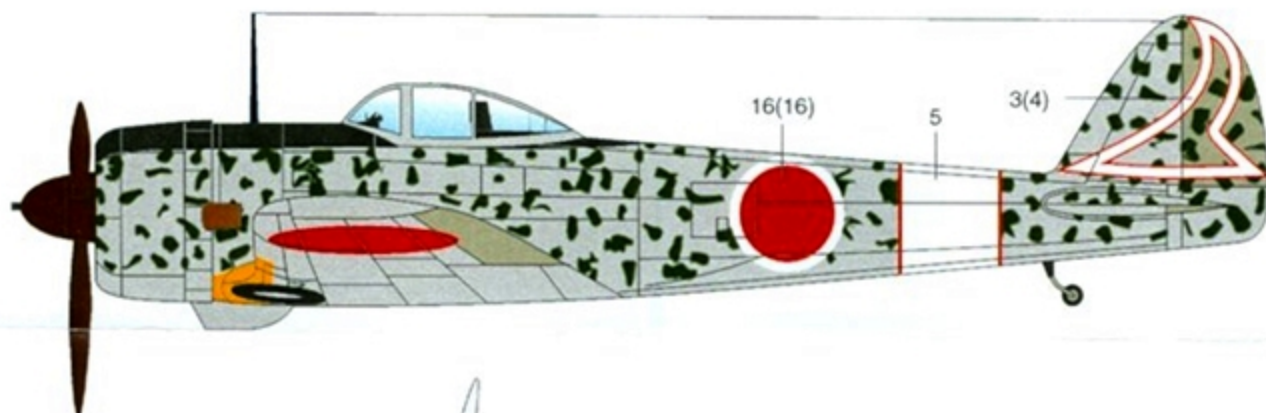
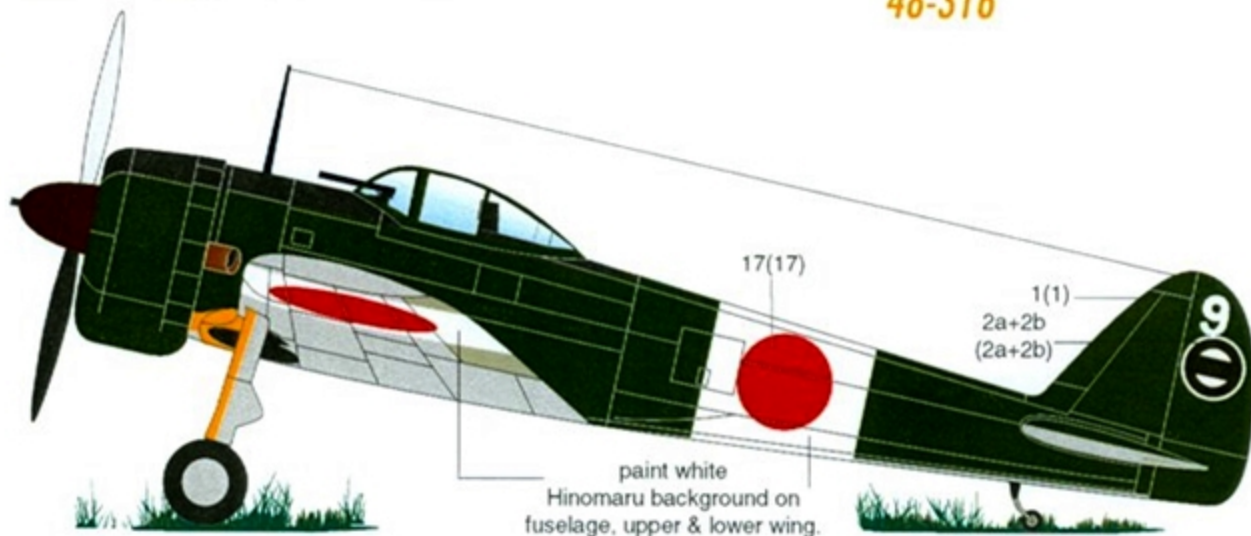
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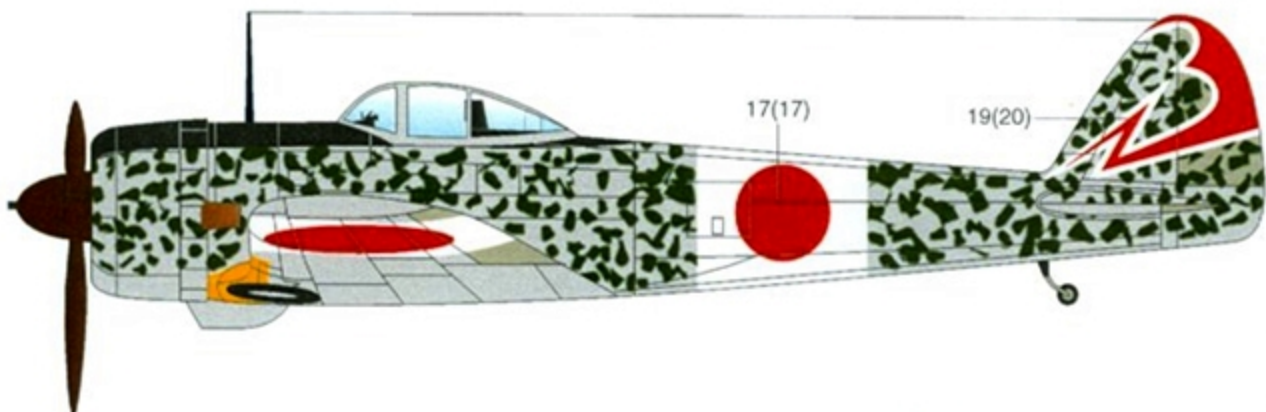
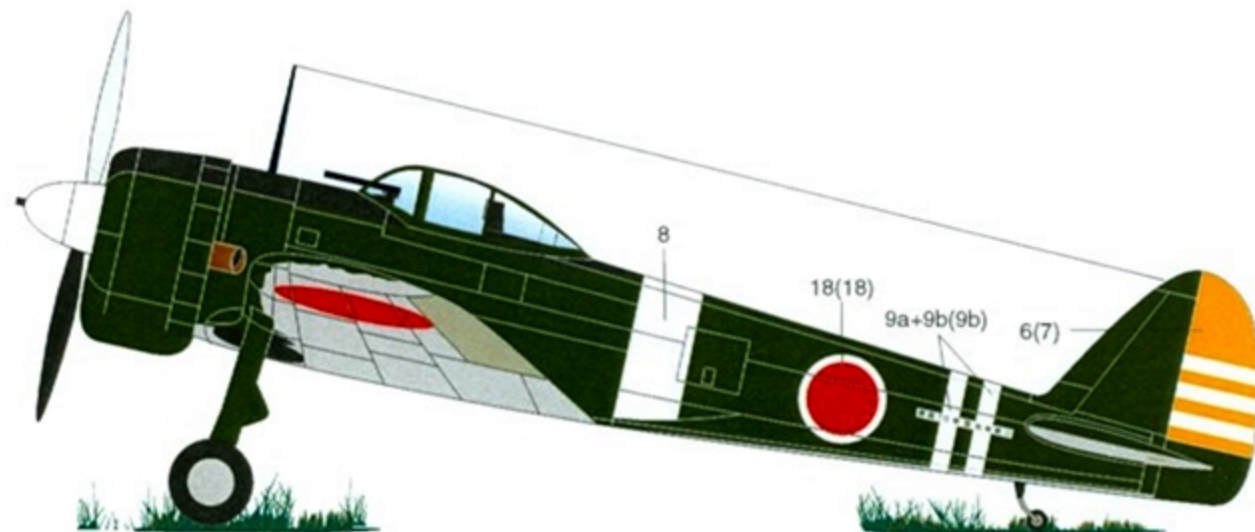
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This Ki-43-I from the Kumagaya Army Flying School wears the standard early "Oscar" pattern of dark Nakajima green over aluminum with a Red/Brown primer propeller spinner, Black anti-glare panel and Yellow leading-edge I.D. bands. Paint the White areas behind the wing and fuselage Hinomaru, as indicated. Note that the prop blades faces are aluminum — with Black aft portions. Green camouflage *possibly* overlapped the wing leading edge, and extended 8-10" into the bottom color.



2
Capt. Kiyoshi Namai, 1st Chutai leader with the 33rd Hiko-Sentai, manned this Ki-43-II Otsu. It wears the later scheme of mottled dark Nakajima Green over Aluminum with a Red/Brown primer propeller/spinner and Black anti-glare panel. Note the Yellow leading-edge I.D. bands. An ace with 16 victories, Namai survived the war.

3
This 1st Hiko-Sentai Ki-43-I flown by Maj. Kinshiro Takeda from Hanoi, Indo-China in Oct. 1942 wears the standard Japanese "Oscar" tactical scheme of dark Nakajima green over Natural metal. Note the white propeller spinner, black anti-glare panel and the aluminum prop blades faces with black aft portions.



4
A later Japanese "Oscar" tactical pattern of mottled dark Nakajima Green over Aluminum with a Red/Brown primer propeller/spinner and Black anti-glare panel characterizes this Ki-43-II Otsu of the 23 Hiko-Sentai (2nd Chutai) from Inba air base in late 1944. Paint the White background band for Hinomaru decal 14 and 17. Note the Yellow leading-edge I.D. bands.