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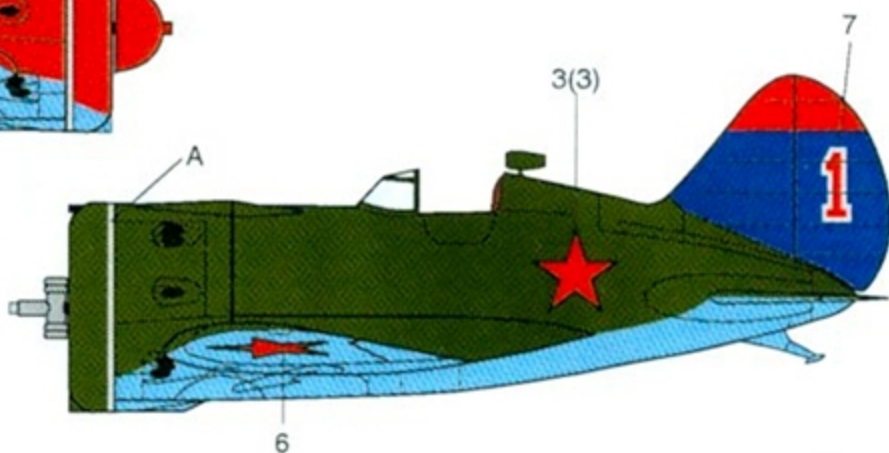
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Fighting
Polikarpov I-16's

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This Polikarpov I-16 Type 18, reportedly flown by S.G. Surzhenko of the 72 AP out of Murmansk in 1941, wears the standard Soviet Dark Olive Green over Sky Blue camouflage. Some sources report the Red spinner, cowling, fin and fuselage trim shown here — although this is disputed by other experts.

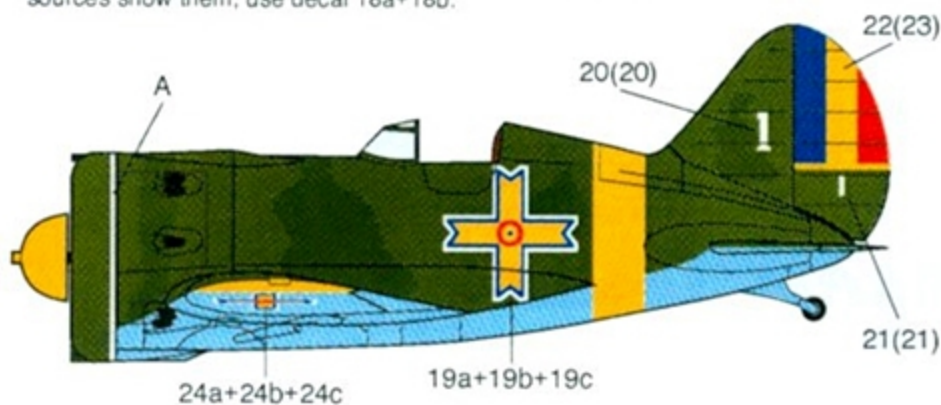
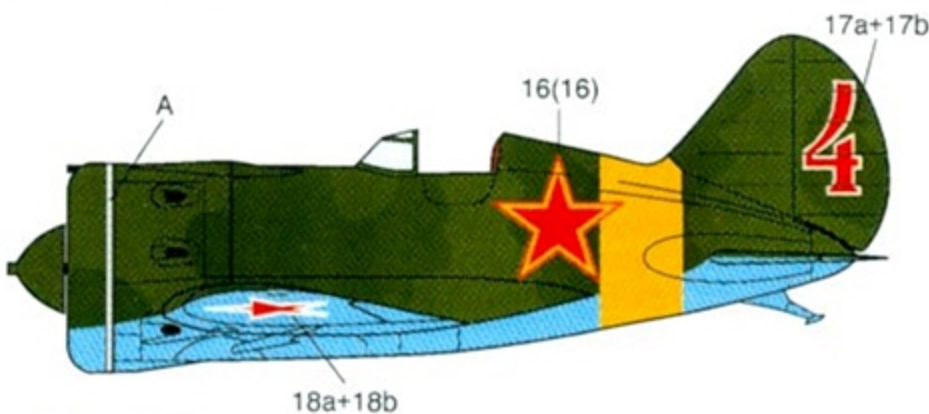


Polikarpov I-16 Type 18, unit and operational service dates unknown. This aircraft again features the standard Soviet scheme of Dark Olive Green over Sky Blue. Note the lack of a prop spinner and the all-Green cowl front. Note, too, the Red and Blue fin-and-rudder trim — as well as the head-rest gun camera.



Polikarpov I-16 Type 24, unit unknown, in the standard Dark Olive Green over Sky Blue. Note the prop spinner Star and all-Green cowl front. Information on the starboard side is unavailable, so we have also supplied hypothetical versions of the kill marks (optional "handed" decal 15) — which might actually not have been carried — as well as a slightly different style of the hand-painted "27" (decal 12). Also note the lack of landing gear doors and RS-82 rockets.

Earlier versions of the Polikarpov I-16 soldiered on in second-line or operational training units until late in World War II. By 1944, for instance, this Type 10 had acquired patches of what appears to be fresh Dark Olive Green over its original weather-beaten scheme of Dark Olive Green over Sky Blue. Note the pointed spinner and Yellow I.D. fuselage band. We could not confirm if this A/C had stars on upper wings. If your sources show them, use decal 18a+18b.



Rumania employed this captured Type 29 for dissimilar combat ("adversary") training. Note the apparent application of random Dark Green patches over the machine's original Dark Olive Green and Sky Blue Soviet scheme. Note, too, the Axis East-Front Yellow I.D. trim on the spinner, fuselage band and ventral wing tips — complete with an original all-Green cowl front.