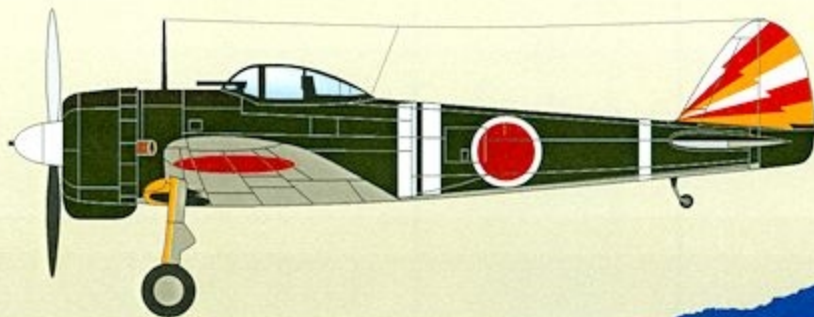


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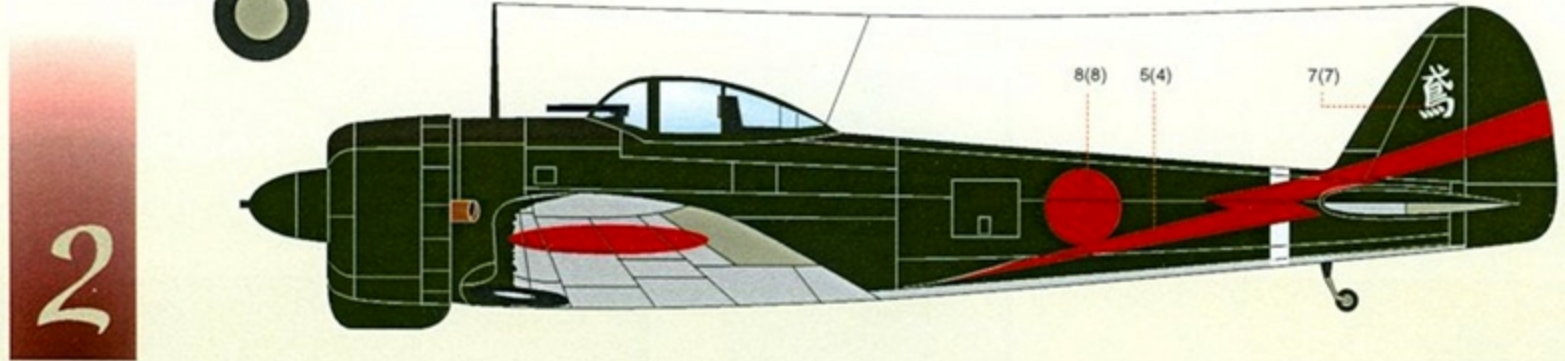
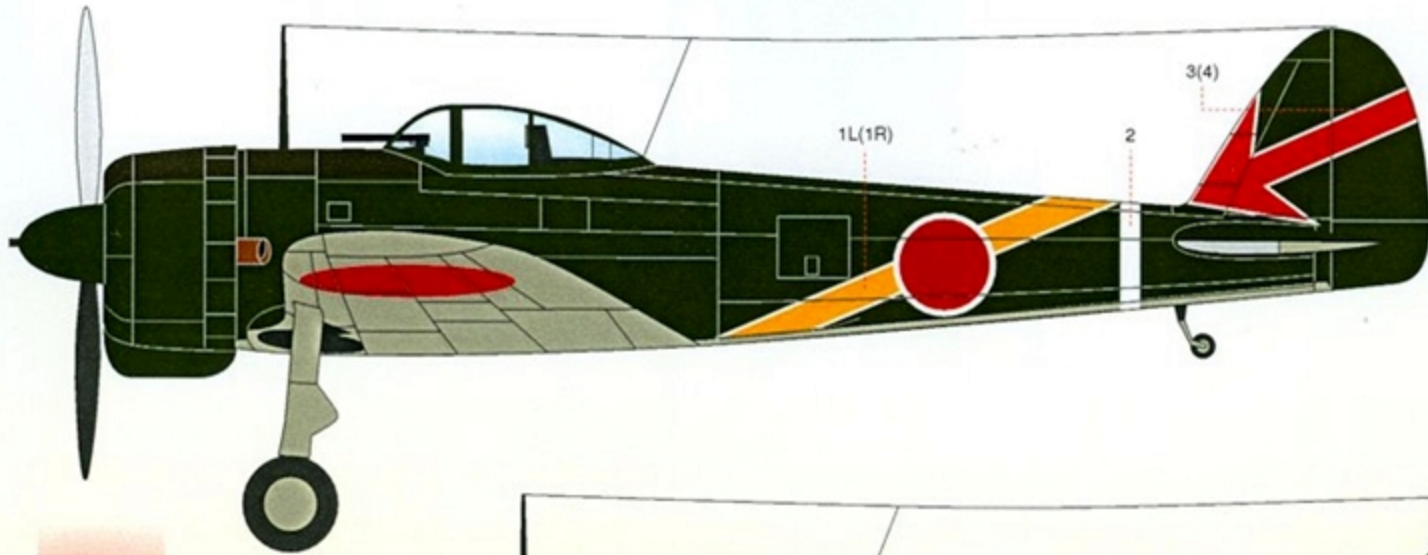
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Flown by 1st Lt. Saburo Nakamura, 2nd Chutai leader of the 64th Hiko-Sentai in Burma, Feb. 1942, this Ki-43-I wore Dark Nakajima Green over Gray Green under surfaces. Note the Green propeller spinner and Black anti-glare panel. Note, too, the aluminum prop blades with Black aft portions. No wing leading edge overlap.

A machine of the 50th Hiko-Sentai (1st Chutai), this Ki-43-I flown by Sgt. Isamu Sasaki wears the standard early "Oscar" tactical scheme of Dark Nakajima Green over aluminum — with a Dark Green propeller spinner and Black anti-glare panel. An ace with 38 victories, Sasaki survived the war. Notice the Gray/Green fabric control surfaces. No lead edge I.D. Yellow stripes.

Flown by Maj. Katsuji Sugiura, commander of the 11th Hiko-Sentai in Burma, Oct. 1942, this Ki-43-I wore Dark Nakajima Green over Gray Green under surfaces. Note the White propeller spinner, Yellow leading edge identification bands and Black anti-glare panel. Note, too, the aluminum prop blades with Black aft portions. Finally, note that anti-glare tip covers part of fuselage band (see top view).

A well worn Hayabusa, this Ki-43-II Ko of the 25th Hiko-Sentai in China during 1943 wears Nakajima Green over aluminum with a Red/Brown primer prop/spinner, Black anti-glare panel and Yellow leading-edge I.D. bands. Pilot Sgt. Kushiuro Otake, an ace with 15 victories, survived the war.

