



"White 31" is another attractive late model Yak-1 demonstrating a field applied camouflage finish of curious detail. As with nearly all such work, AMT lacquers have been applied, but the angular lines of the scheme are unique. A lovely trimmed band adorns the fin/rudder, and on balance this would seem to be red in colour. Many profiles exist of this aircraft showing alternate colour interpretations, and it must be admitted that a blue shade similar to A-10 primer would fit the tone and contrast of the image [see inset, left]. Be that as it may, the author suspects that the item is red, and certainly the more 'creative' renditions of this device may be ignored.



Technicians servicing "White 31" along the Stalingrad Front region, 1942.



"White 27" was the personal mount of HSU E. V. Petrenko, autumn 1942. Then a *Starshii Leitenant* in command of the 20 IAP-SF's 2nd *Eskadrilya*, Petrenko's Yak shows nine claim stars applied to the fin. The camouflage scheme is unusual, but also well completed, and it is unclear whether this was a factory or field application. A white spinner and tail flash complete this attractive late model example of Series 90-98 manufacture. Petrenko would go on to command the 20 IAP-SF and finished the war with an official tally of 13 + 3 Confirmed victories.

