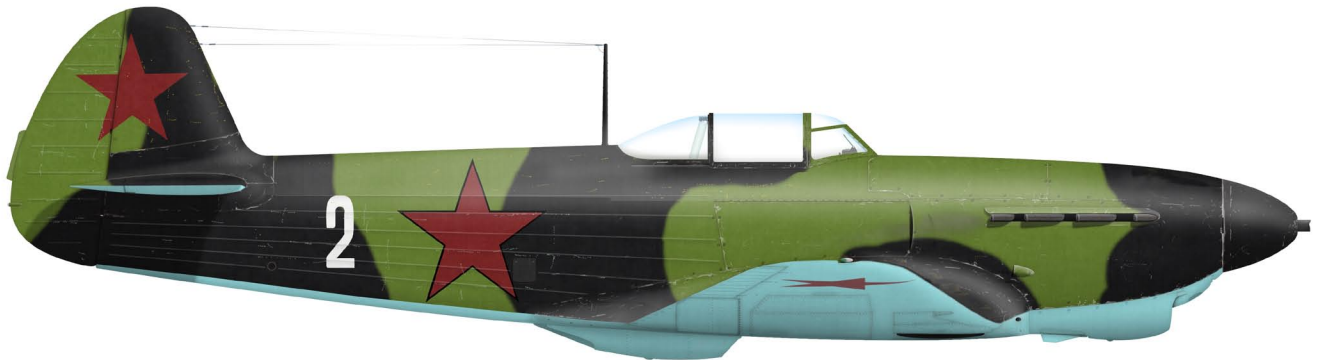


The Yak-1B, Early Examples



"White 2" demonstrates a quite interesting, and one must say fairly well executed, field applied camouflage using the current lacquers AMT-4 Green and -6 Black. The plethora of quirky and, at times, appalling ad-hoc camouflage seen on Yak-1s during 1943 resulted from the fact that Factory № 292 *did not* follow the specific instructions given to them in this regard. A full temperate scheme was to have been applied at the factory before the winter MK-7 White coat was added, and as one may see in the photographic record, this was rarely done (or indeed, not at all). The fuselage national star on "2" has been outlined thinly with black.



"Red 5" is the subject of a now very widely published photograph, but alas the ownership of this colourful machine remains unknown. Two white tactical bands are in view, along with white trim on the canopy, and a somewhat worn red nose. The inscription is a dedication from the workers of the Pugachevskii region, and ten claim stars can be seen. The star on the fin/rudder has been trimmed in white.



"Red 41" sported a fairly well kept winter finish, but with areas of wear evident over the wing root and cowling. The appearance of this example must have been absolutely typical for Yak-1 operations during the early spring of 1943.