IL-2 Sturmovik

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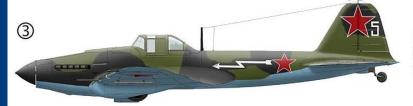
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IL-2 of sq. commander of 7 GShAP major Zub N.A., Southern Front, March 1942



IL-2 of jun.lt. Borodin A.I., 504 ShAP, Stalingrad Front, Winter of 1942/43



IL-2 of st. Penzin K.V., 800 ShAP, Kalininsky Front, December 1942



IL-2 'Valery Chkalov', Western Front, Summer of 1942



IL-2 of jun.lt. Moshkov B.N., sq. 'Valerian Kuybyshev' 431 SHAP, Summer of 1943

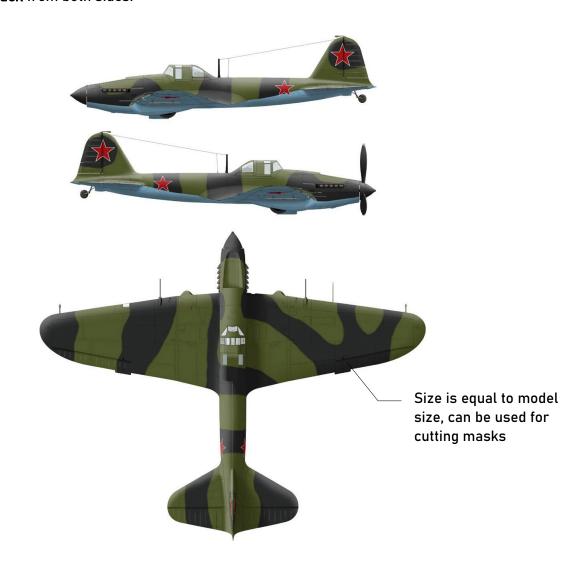


IL-2 'For the Motherland!' of the 4th Air Army, Summer of 1942

Painting guide

Drawing below shows the camo scheme typical of Factory n.18 at Kuybyshev since the war outbreak, in its most usual form. This pattern is easily recognizable for the large black amoeba as a background of the tail stars. This characteristic starts to be seen on planes built in fall 1941, while some previous Il-2s of the same factory (August-September 1941?) showed a horizontal z-shaped band instead of the amoeba. All stars have usually a thin white outline, the stars on the tail are larger than those on fuselage, that are positioned close to the tail. The most common variation to the camouflage of the fuselage consisted in connecting the band on the rear fuselage and the one just behind the canopy on their lower part, obtaining a sort of U on the profile views.

Top camo colors: AMT-4 green and AMT-6 black, bottom - AMT-7 light blue. Internal surfaces (cockpit, landing gear niches) - A-14 steel grey Prop blades - black from both sides.

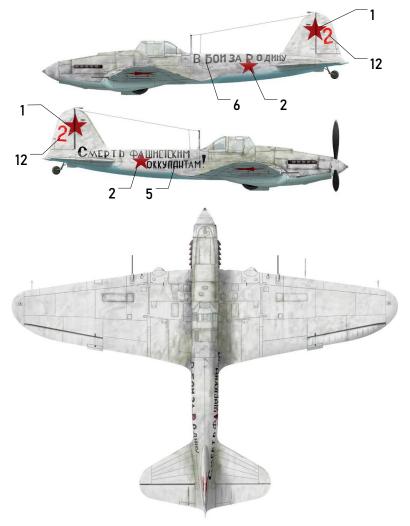


IL-2 'Red 2' flown by Major N.A. Zub Sqn commander of 7 GShAP, Southern front, March 1942

The slogan 'Smert fascistskim okkupantam!' means 'Death to Fascist occupants!', and looks painted in black. For many years, the look of the slogan, if any, on the other side of the fuselage was generally unknown, but this scan from the old newspaper 'Stalinskiy Sokol' of 27.03.42 has revealed it. The slogan says: V BOY ZA RODINU (INTO COMBAT FOR MOTHERLAND)

The black outlines around the tail, the star and the number probably are printing retouches, not on the real plane. The aerial wire is well visible, and it helps to position the slogan on the profile view.

Supposed that this IL-2 was built at Zavod №18, and in consequence that it had metal wings, because this was the most common type in early 1942.





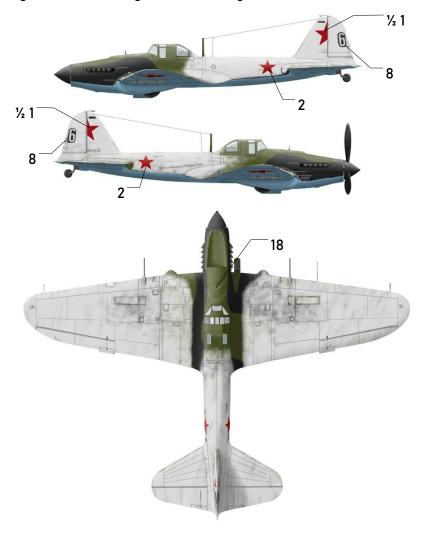


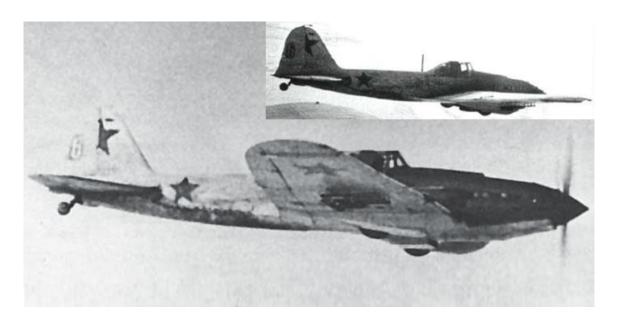
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IL-2 'White 6' flown by Senior Lt. A.I. Borodin of 504 ShAP, Stalingrad front, winter 1942/43.

The plane features the late type metal wings and, probably, the VV-1 aiming device, whose probe looks vaguely visible on the photo, and the PBP-1 is clearly absent inside the windshield.

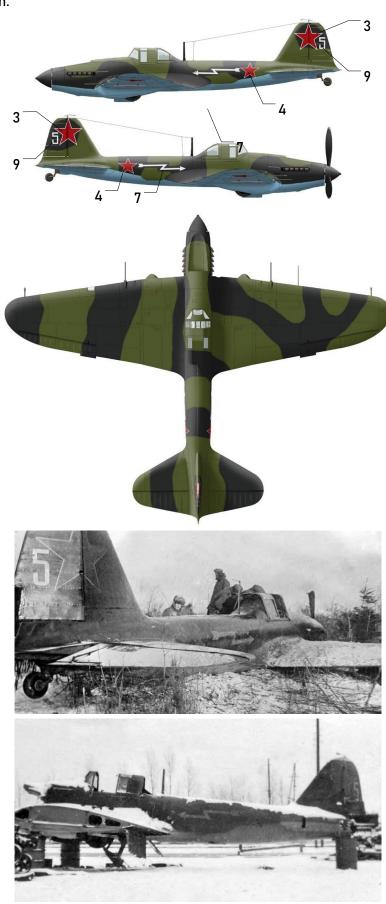
The smaller image let see how soft is the transition line between the temporary white finish on the rear fuselage and the black-green camouflaged nose.





IL-2 'White 5' flown by sgt. Penzin Konstantin, Kalininskiy Front, December 1942. 3 The white arrow is typical of 800th ShAP.

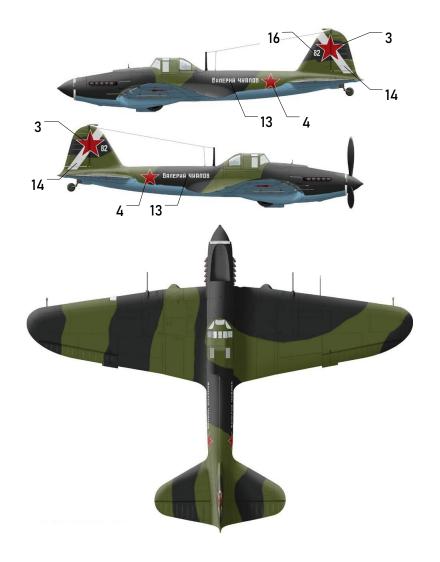
The camouflage is scarcely distinguishable, but big red stars with white outline suggests that it was produced at Zavod №18. On the second photo of the dismantled plane small white cap on the tail can be seen.



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IL-2 'White 82' entitled to Valeriy Chkalow, the HSU test pilot died while testing the first I-180. Western Front, Summer of 1942.

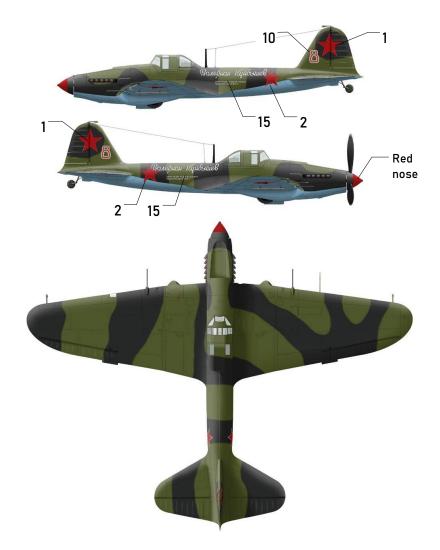
The plane shows the VV-1 external aiming device introduced in mid 1942, but its camo pattern is unusual for a plane of Zavod №18. The white band on the tail is characteristic of this unit.





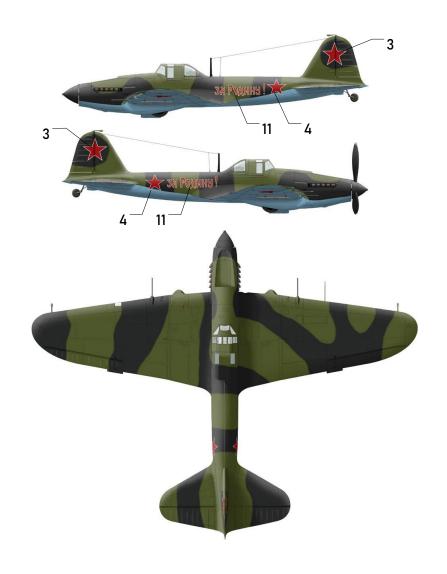
IL-2 No.8 from the 'Valerian Kuibyshev' Squadron Junior Lieutenant B.N. Moshkov, senior pilot of 5 the 431st Attack Aviation Regiment, 299th Attack Aviation Division, 16th Air Army of the Central Front, Summer of 1943.

It's supposed that this IL-2 was built at Zavod №18.





IL-2 "Za Rodinu!" (For the Motherland!) of unknow unit of 4th Air Army, Summer of 1942. 6 It's supposed that this IL-2 was built at Zavod №18.





Bottom view



Front glass visor decal



