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### RUSSIAN WWII BOMBER

1/48 SCALE PLASTIC KIT

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#### INTRO

The birth of this most numerous Russian twin engine aircraft of WW II started in an awkward manner - in prison. Better to say in so called "sharashka" (NKVDs' prison No. 100 in Bolshino), where imprisoned aircraft designers (mainly form TsAGI - The Central Aerodynamic Institute) were concentrated upon the charges of sabotage and espionage. Vladimir Mikhailovich Petlyakov was one of them. Prior to his arrestment he worked as the Chief Designer on the TB-7, four engined heavy bomber, but NKVD officials suspected the design process was slowed down deliberately and Petlyakov arrested. Two years later was moved into the sharashka with a task to develop high altitude twin engined fighter intended as the escort of the TB-7s. The prototype got designation VI-100, but, just before approval of the serial production, Petlyakov was ordered to redesign the plane for a dive bomber at the end of May 1940 with very short deadline for the mock-up of PB-100 to be ready for inspection on September 1st, 1940. Petlyakov reworked VI-100 into the PB-100 (PB stands for Dive bomber in Russian). The pressurized cabin was gone, canopy shortened, new main bomb bay for four 220 lb bombs was created in the fuselage, two bomb bays were added to the back of the reworked engine nacelles (each for one 220 lb bomb). Up to four 550 lb bombs added to the full payload on the external bomb racks. To slow the dive, the wings were equipped with aerodynamic brakes. The PB-100 prototype made its maiden flight on December 15th, 1940 and was impressive enough to win the mercy for Petlyakov who not only was released, but even honored with naming the aircraft after him. The Pe-2 was rushed into production and deliveries to combat units began in the Spring of 1941.

#### Fast "on paper"

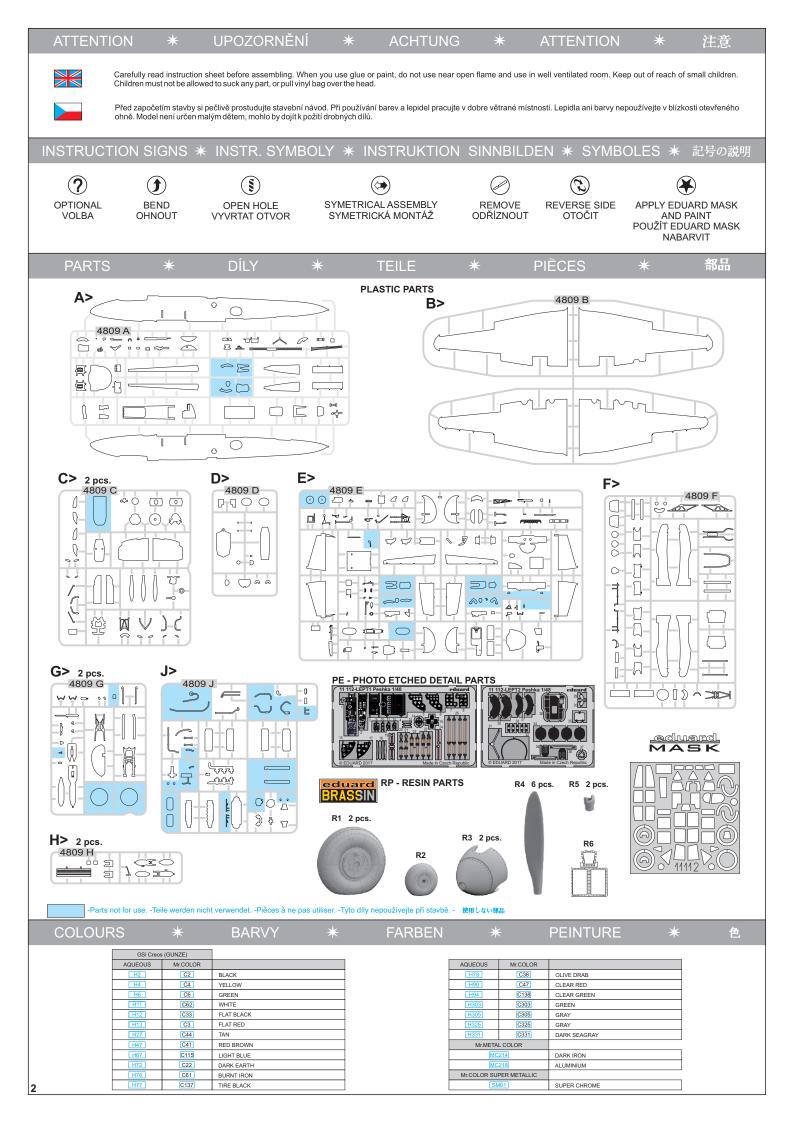
In the middle of 1941 units had nearly 500 of new Pe-2s, but, due to the rushed design process and fast pre-production preparations, the problems started to arise. True, the Pe-2 was quite fast, the first prototype achieved 360 mph at 13 100 ft and, thanks to the turbocharged engines, some 373 mph at 23 000 ft. The speeds were match to the German Bf 109E fighter, but... Production planes (produced in factories No. 22 and No. 39) were of much lower craftsmanship quality than prototype and the engines Klimov M-105 had less effective mechanical compressors instead turbochargers. More to it, as Pe-2 had to carry the main payload as external stores, it added to drag significantly. All of this led to the drop of the real maximum speed and, as the first combat experience proved, the Pe-2 was not fast enough to operate without the fighter escort. Also defensive armament consisting of four ShKAS 7,62 mm machine guns (two operated rearward firing and two fixed forward firing) was rather weak. Petlyakov died on January 12th, 1942 when travelling in second production Pe-2 to Moscow, so the further development of Pe-2 was shortly in hands of less experienced A.M. Izacson, who was replaced in 1943 by A. I. Putilov and later, at the end of that year by V. M. Myasischev.

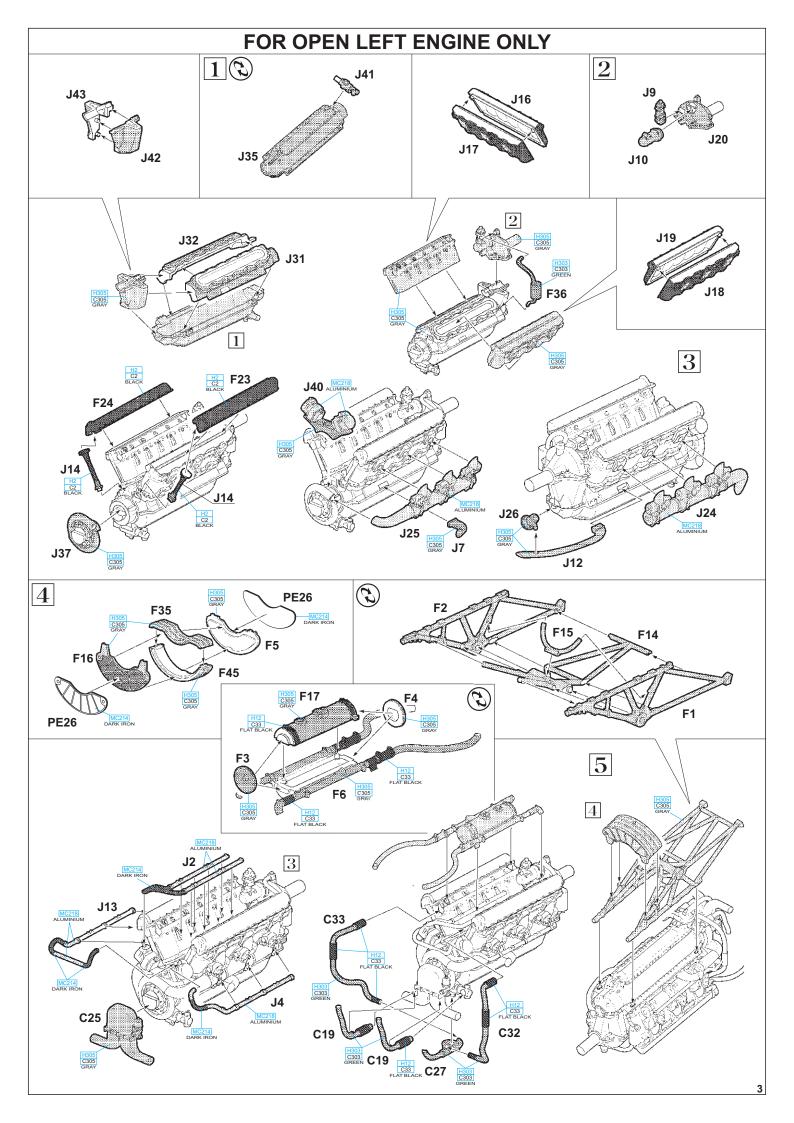
#### Birth of FT

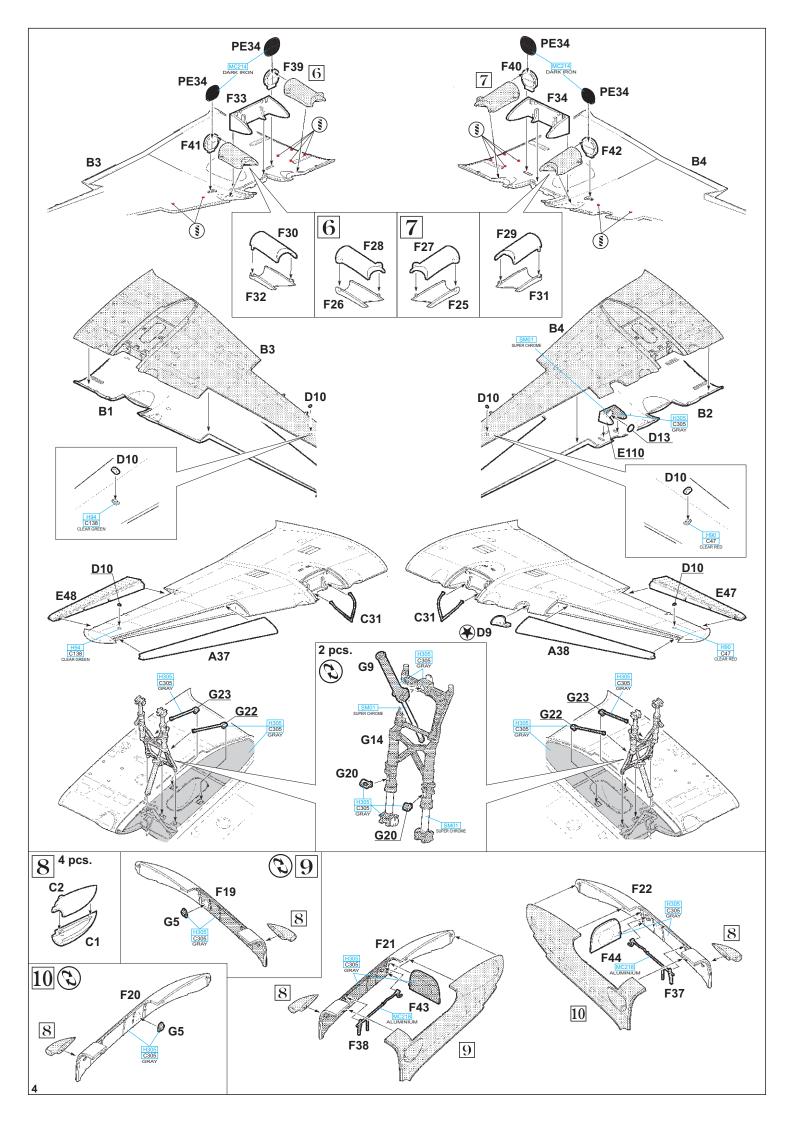
The changes started with series 13. The starboard fixed 7,62 mm ShKAS was replaced with more powerful 12,7 mm UBS and the same change was done at the lower firepost. The series 22 featured more powerful M-105RA engines rated at 1100 hp and starting form series 83 the TSS-1 gun mount with ShKAS 7,62 mm operated by bomber/navigator was replaced with 12,7 mm UBT machine gun. The change for new weapon necessitated deletion of rear canopy glazing and also a new mount. As the frontline pilots required such a change, the new mount was, rather unofficially, named FT as abbreviation of "frontovoye trebovanie" (frontline needs). The new FT mount was than produced also as a kit for converting existing Pe-2s. Some 1010 of them were produced for apart from those supplied for new series 83 Pe-2s, also sporting new front nose glazing with side windows deleted. The FT mount with open canopy was considered as an interim solution. The final arrangement was made by installation of new VUB-1 closed turret which bettered field of fire. On the other side the turret lowered the speed of plane by some 12 km/h. The first series receiving VUB-1 was 110 in June 1942, considered as a first "real" Pe-2FT version, although officially the PF designation was not used.

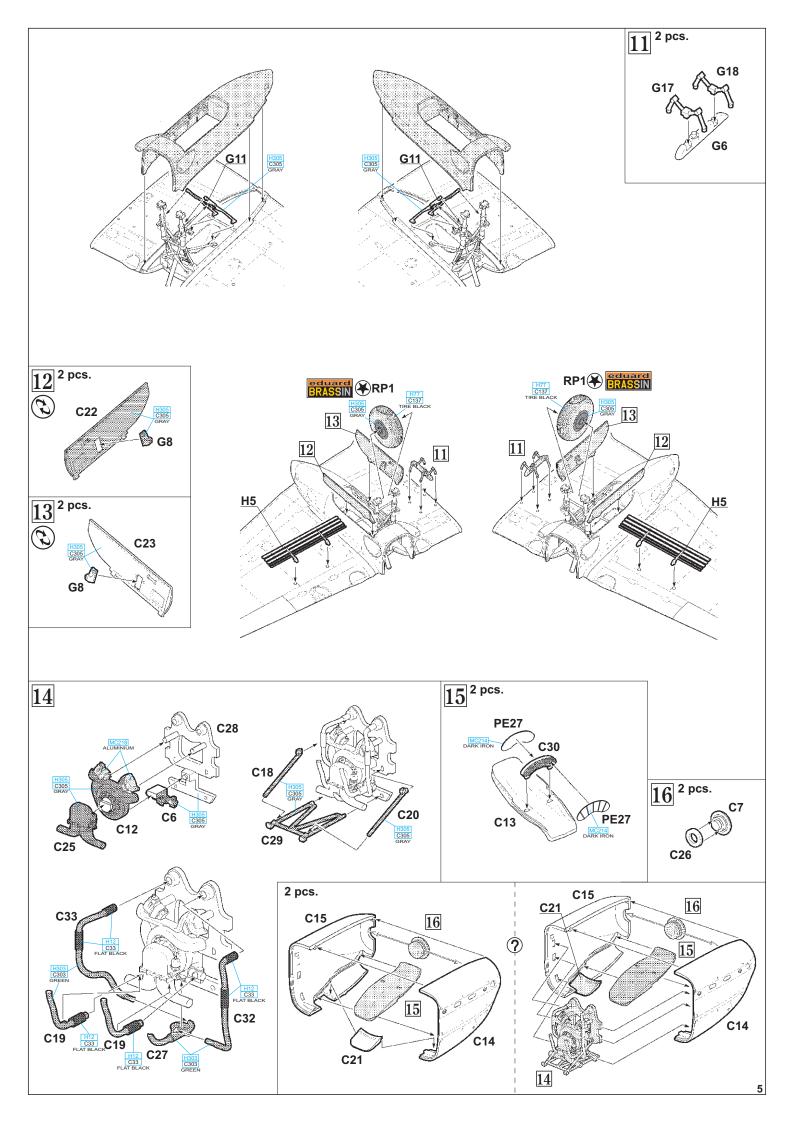
#### Battle for speed

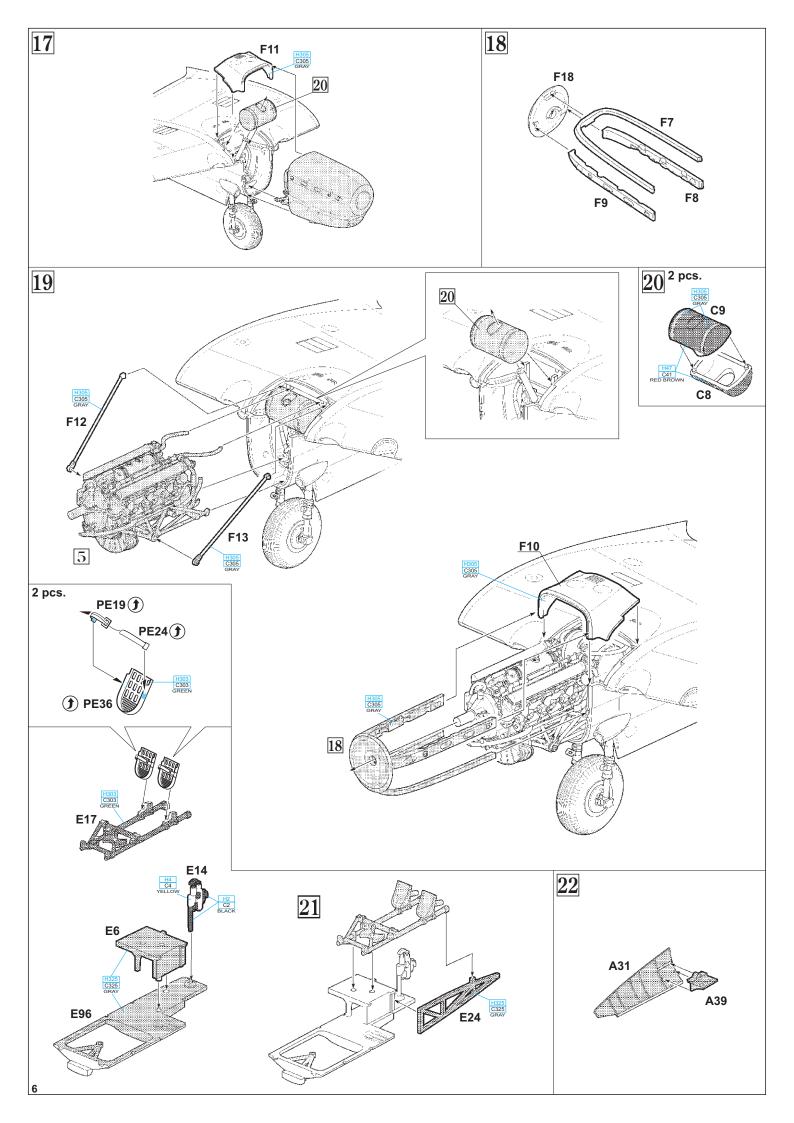
Drop in quality of production led to the drop of the performance. The maximum speed of series 95 was only 303 mph in summer of 1942. The weight and drag were growing and so were combat losses. The need for further development was obvious. Apart of several try outs with different engines and planned Pe-2F version with repositioned wing, the real redesign started only after the TsAGI was able to restore their activities in Moscow in 1943. First of all, more powerful M-105PF engine with 1210 hp was used for series 179. There were also numerous small aerodynamic changes. The performance was growing again and series 205 with redesigned engine front cowling was reaching 324 mph at 12 140 ft in March 1943. The last production series is represented by series 359 with revised radio operator windshield, changed exhaust and some internal changes like new oxygen system. The series 359 was kept in production without changes to the end of the war and supplied also to the Polish or Czechoslovak units and exported after the war to other countries. Apart of the series 115 with wooden back section of the fuselage, the Pe-2 was of all metal construction with fabric cover of the control surfaces. Some 11 070 examples were built, mainly in factory No. 22.

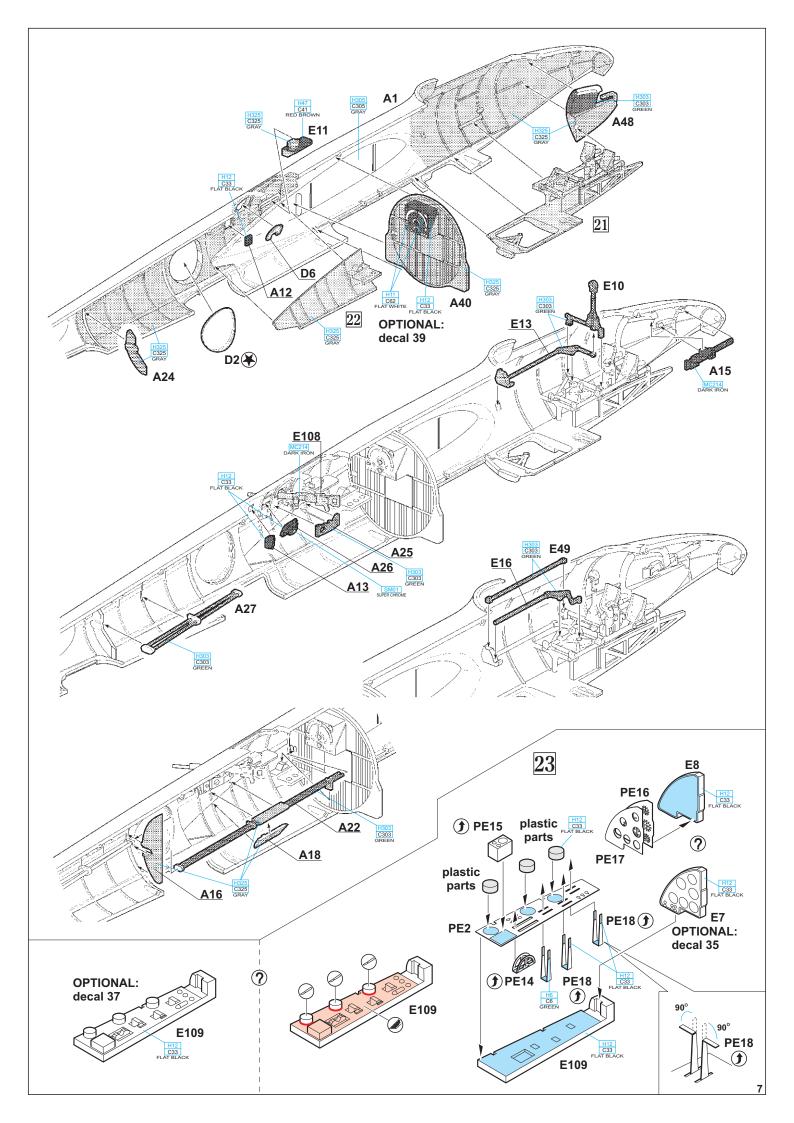


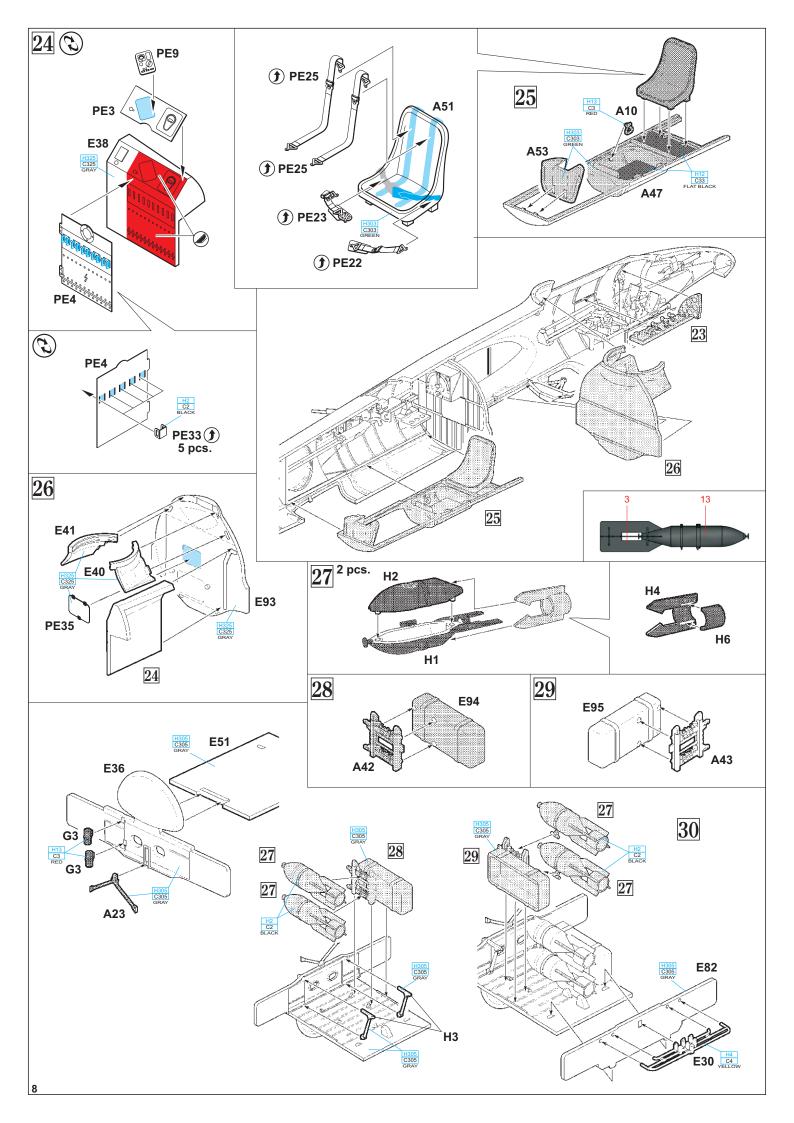


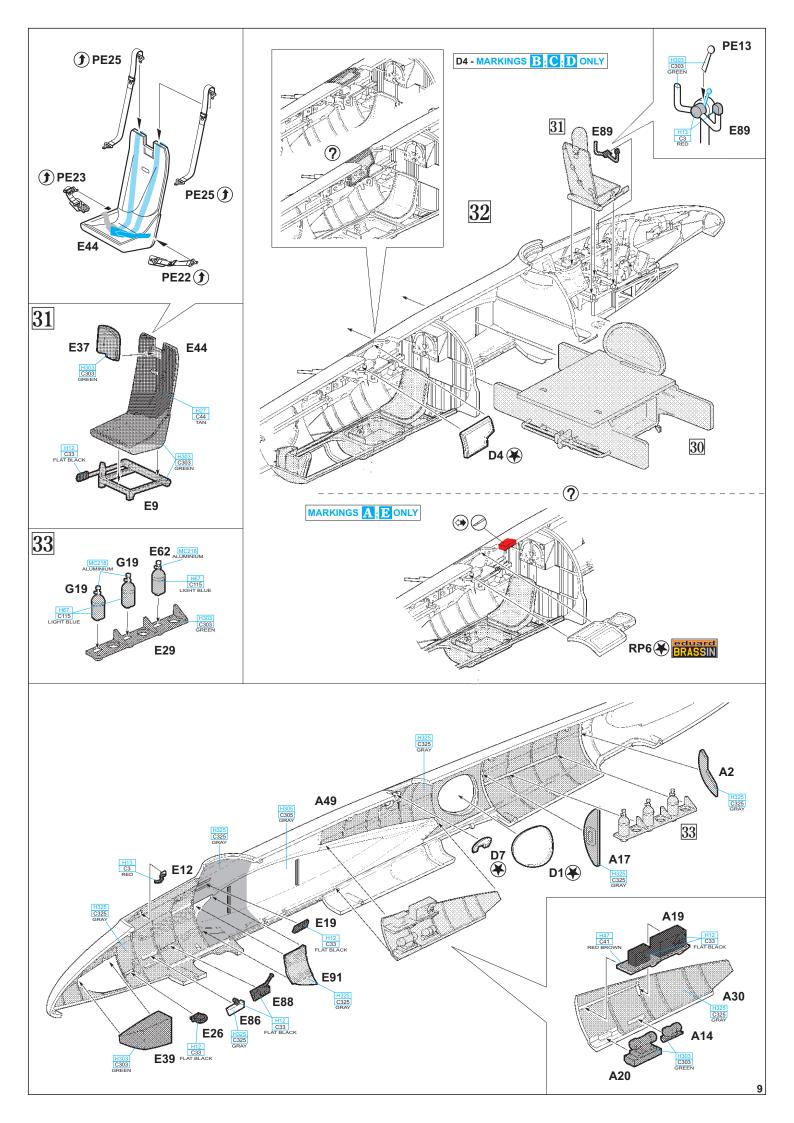


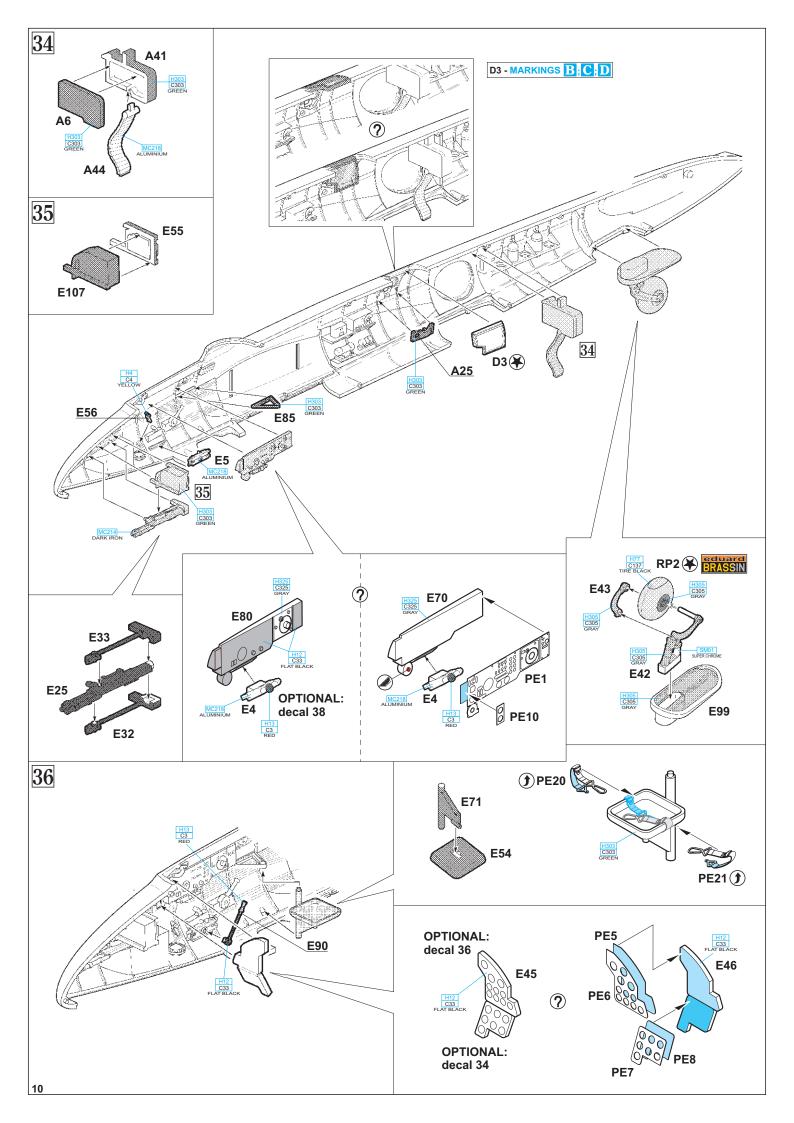


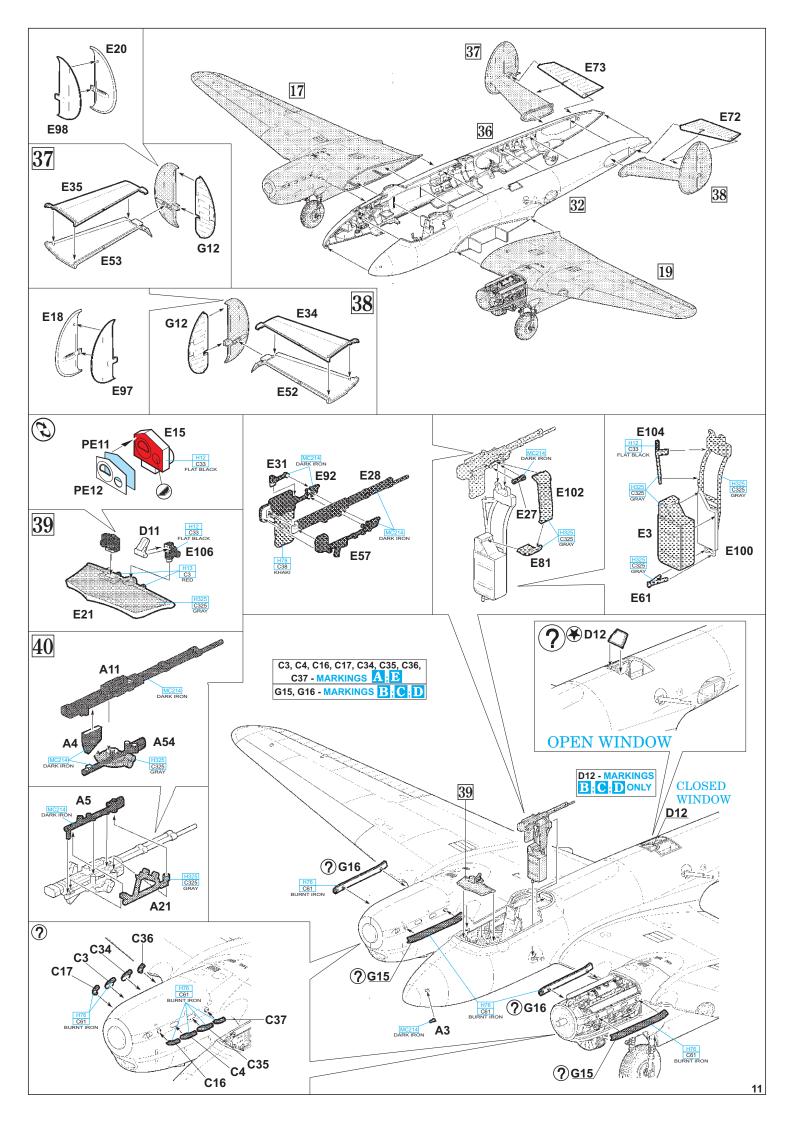


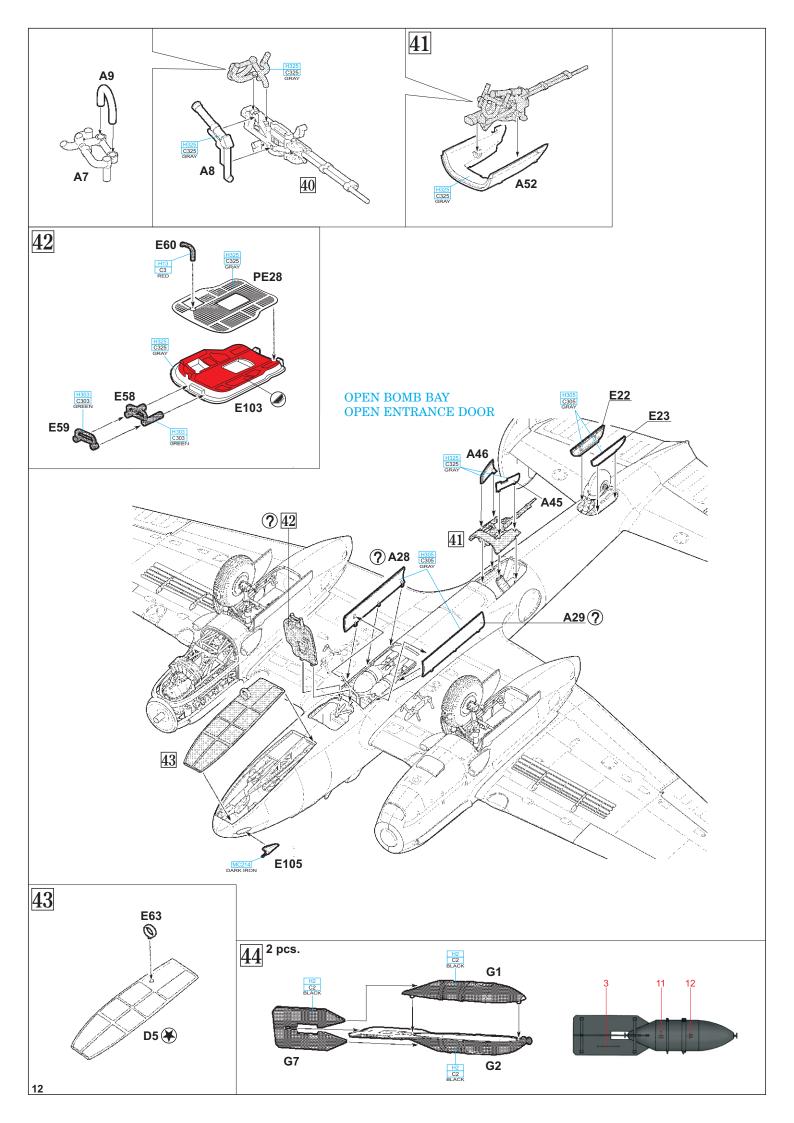


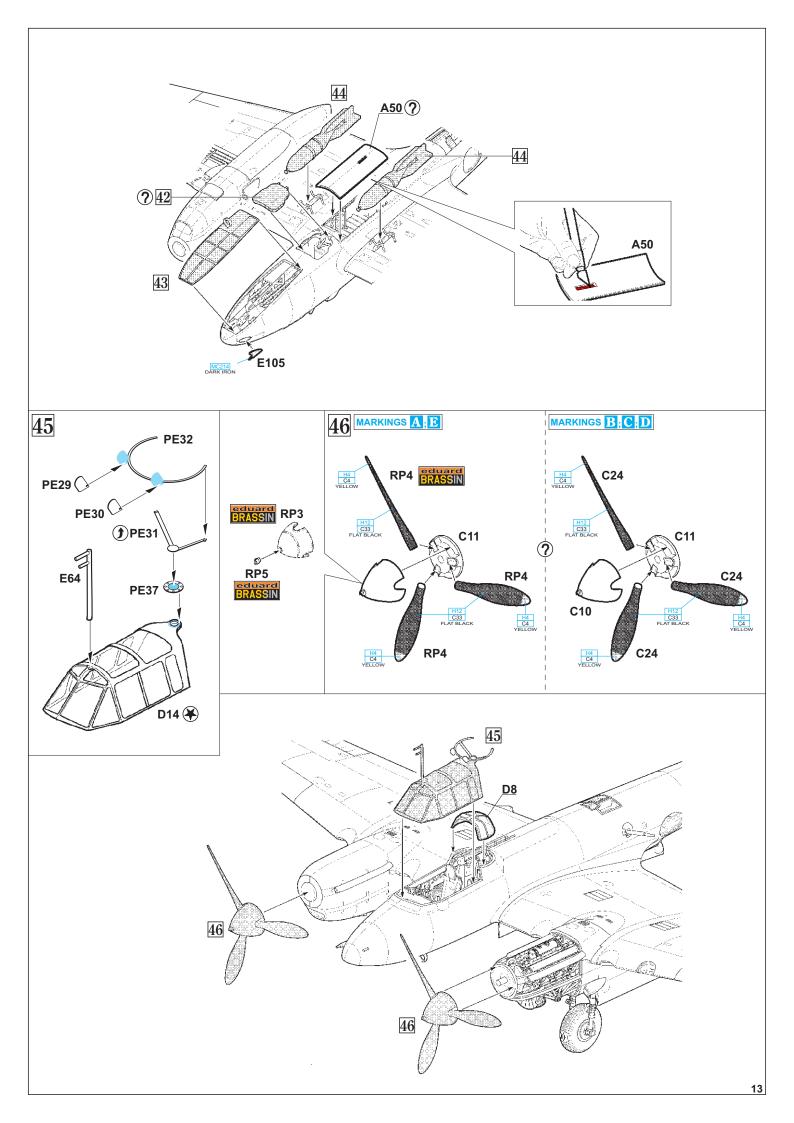


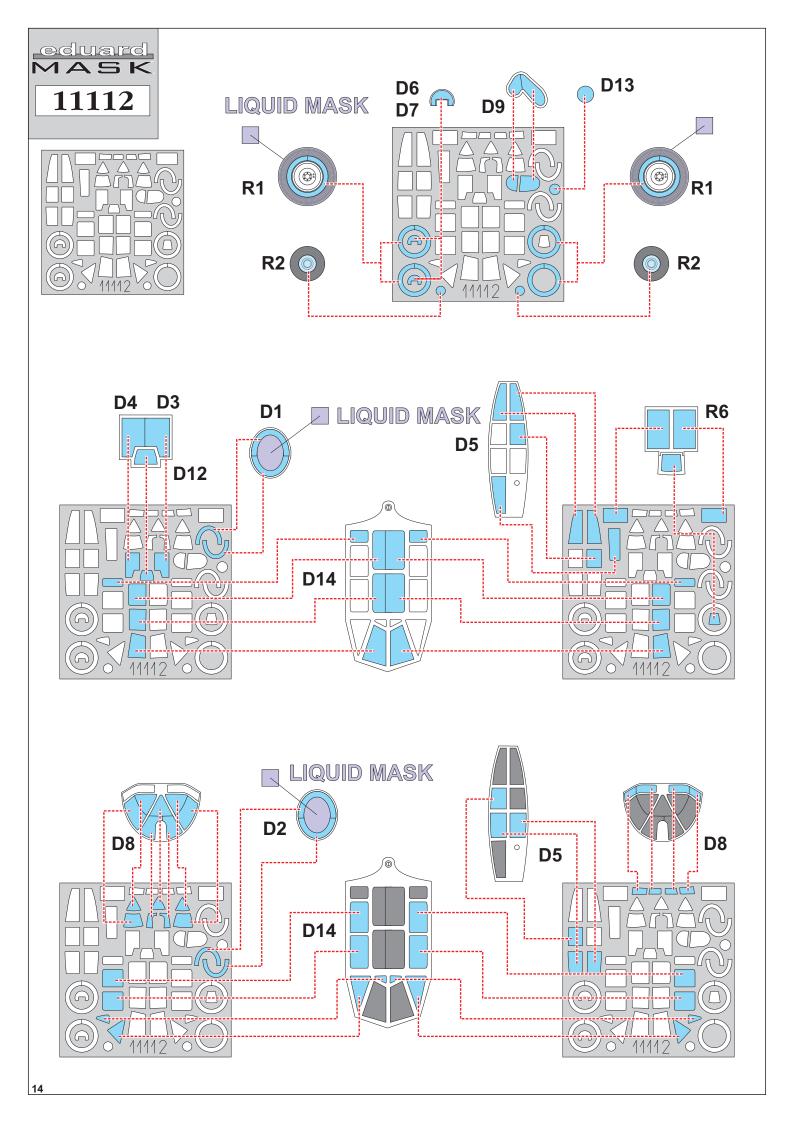






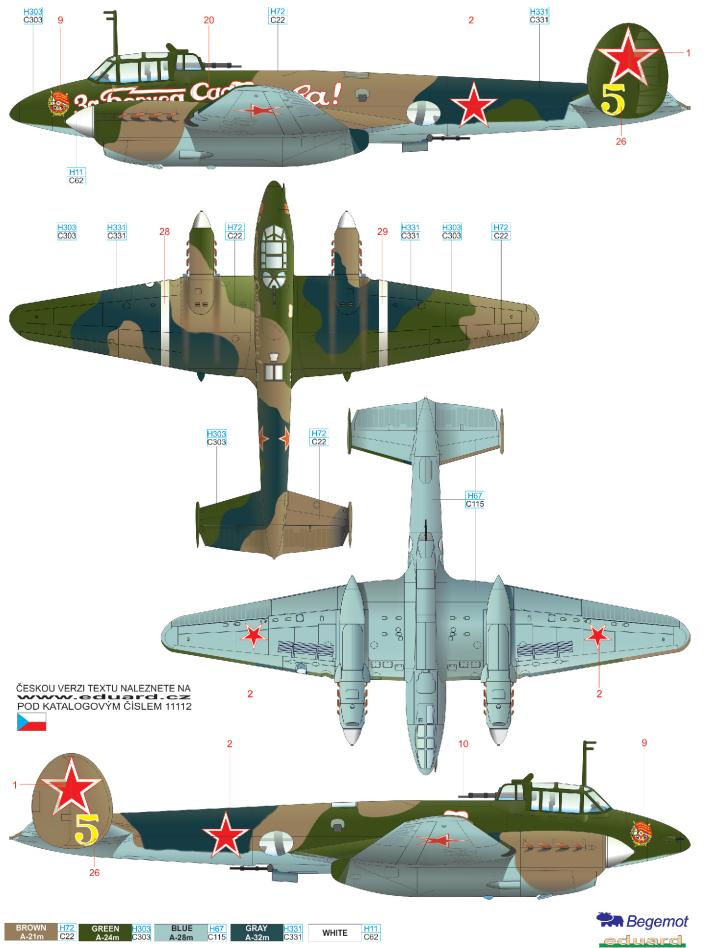






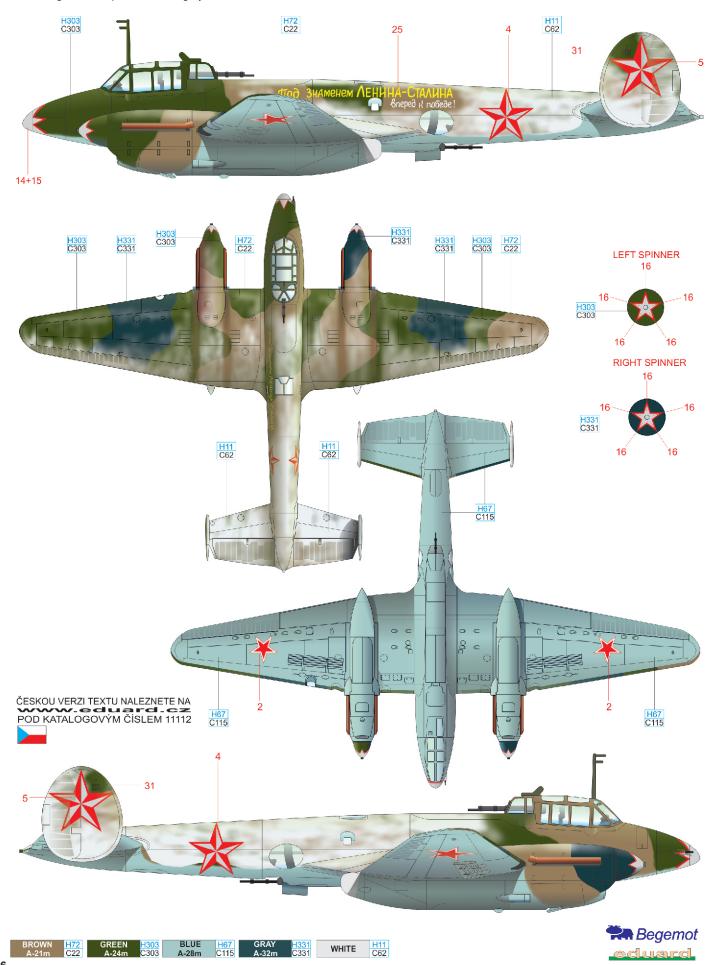
## A Pe-2 later (post 359th) production batch, flown by Senior Lieutenant E. Sedov, 40th Bomber Air Regiment, Soviet Navy Black Sea Fleet Aviation, August 1944

Senior Lieutenant Eugeniy Sedov was the stepbrother of the famous VVS RKKA pilot, Boris Safonov (who was killed in combat in May 1942). In honour of Safonov, there was a slogan painted on the port side of the aircraft. The starboard side received the Order of the Red Banner. This aircraft was also painted according to the directives issued in 1943, position of camouflage colors is standard Type No.2. The flat white spinners and the stripes on the upper surfaces of the wings were quick recognition features for the regiment.



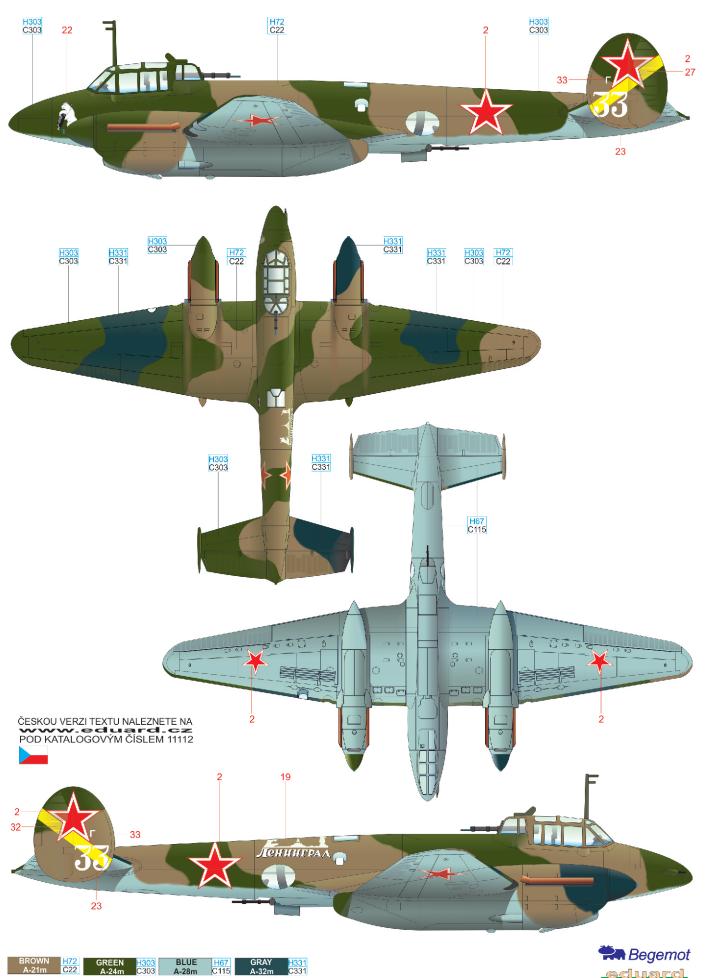
## Pe-2, later production batch, serial number 3/220, 161th Guards Bomber Regiment, 2nd Guards Bomber Air Corps, VVS RKKA, Winter 1943/44

Initial aircraft were painted according to 1943 specs, position of camouflage colors is standard type No.1. For winter operations, the upper and side surfaces were painted with temporary white (easily removed MK-7 enamel) paint, applied randomly and missing the fuselage front section, the engine cowlings, and probably not obliterating the patriotic slogan at all. The VVS RKKA insignias on the fuselage and fins were of an unusual two tone rendition. The front part of the fuselage and the spinners carried grey stars with red outlines.



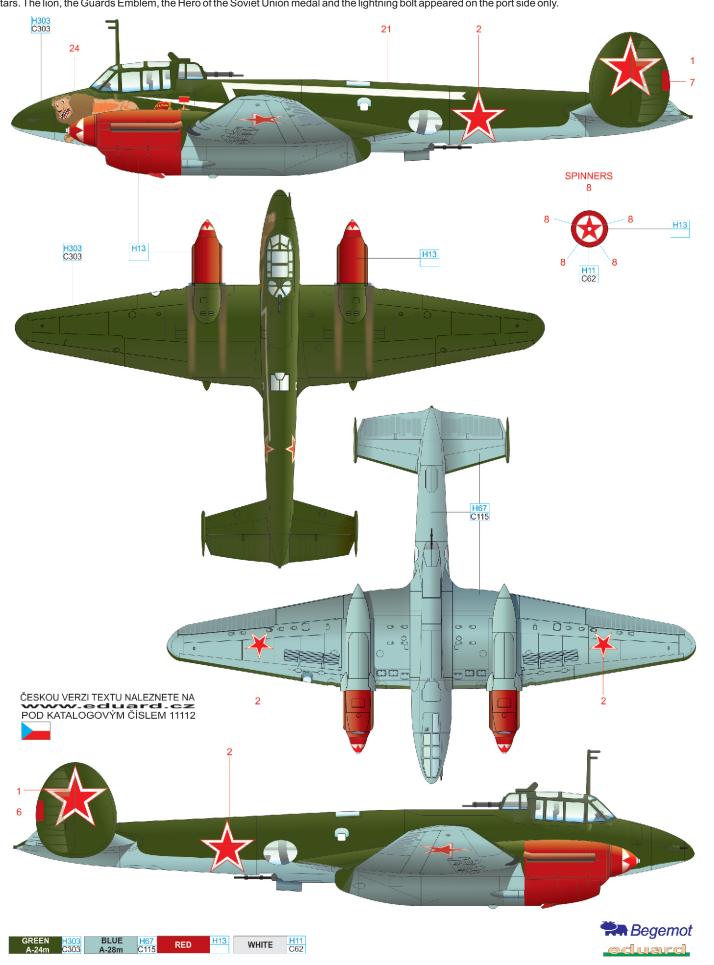
## Pe-2 post 205th production batch, 36th Guards Bomber Regiment, 276th Bomber Division, VVS RKKA, Leningrad front, December 1944

This aircraft was painted in accordance with the 1943 camouflage specs, position of camouflage colors is standard No.1. The port side of the front fuselage was presumably adorned with the regimental badge, a polar bear with a bomb. The yellow stripes appeared on the outside surfaces of the fins only.



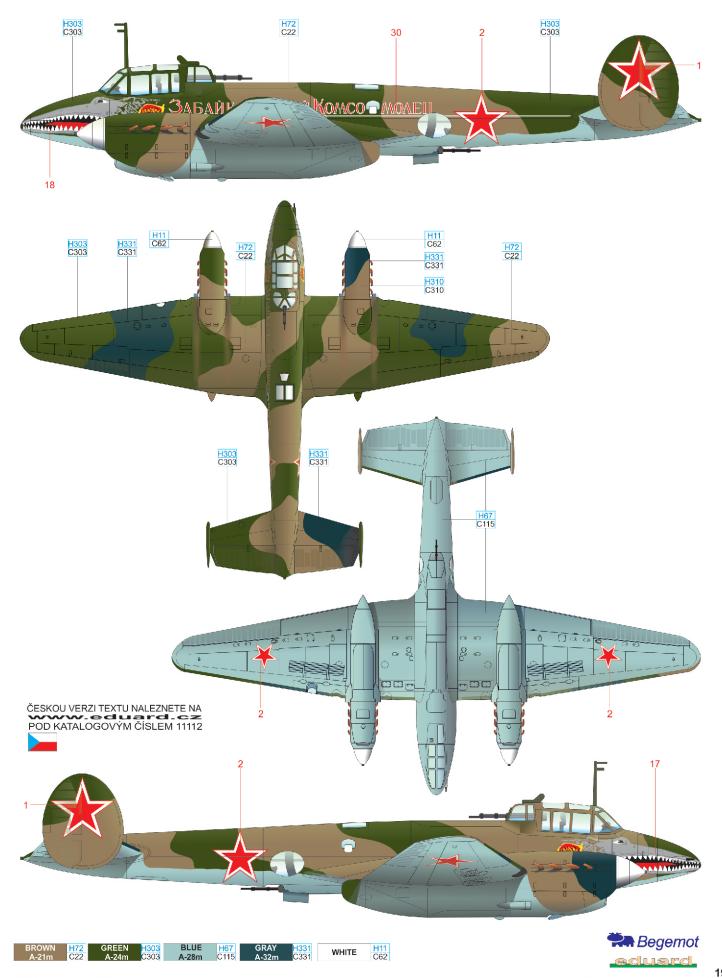
## Pe-2, later (post 205th) production batch, Generalmajor I. Polbin, CO of the 6th Bomber Aviation Corps, VVS RKKA, Germany, 1945

This aircraft was shot down over Breslau (currently Wroclaw, Poland) on February 11th, 1945 by antiaircraft artillery fire, claiming all crew members. Ivan Polbin made 158 flights and was twice nominated for Hero of the Soviet Union honours. The aircraft was painted in a nonstandard two tone scheme consisting simply of the upper and side surfaces in matt Dark Green (A-24m enamel) with no disruptive pattern and with matt Light Blue (A-28m enamel) bottom surfaces. The front engine cowlings, rudder trim tabs, and rear parts of the spinners were painted in flat red. The tips of the spinners were flat white with red stars. The lion, the Guards Emblem, the Hero of the Soviet Union medal and the lightning bolt appeared on the port side only.



#### Pe-2 later (post 359th) production batch, 1st Guards Bomber Air Division, VVS RKKA, Germany, 1945

This aircraft belonged to a squadron of Pe-2s financed by workers from the Trans-Baikal region. The aircraft was painted in accordance with the 1943 directives, position of camouflage colors is standard type No.1. The pike head and the Guards badge were placed on both sides of the fuselage, with the slogan appearing only on the port side.



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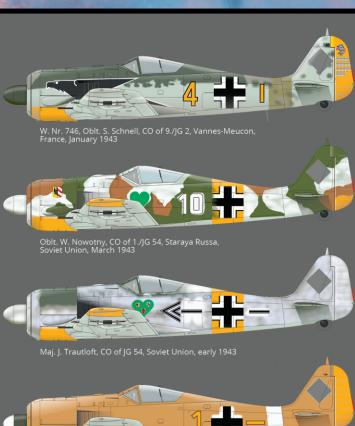
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