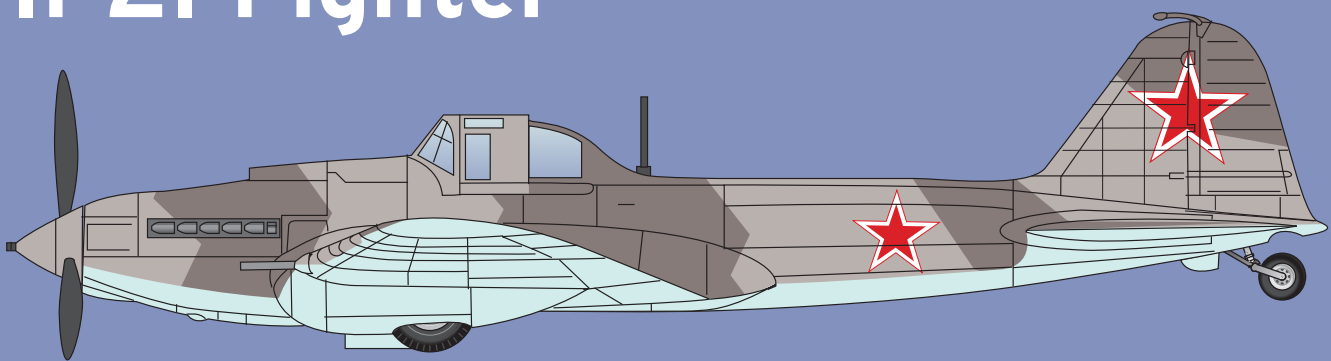


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Ilyushin Il-2I Fighter



Prototype
V-VS, July 1943

The Il-2 Sturmovik was the first ever armored Attack aircraft, which earned it the Name "Flying Tank". It was the backbone of Soviet close air support and feared among German ground troops. Its excessive production made it the most-produced military aircraft in history.

The Il-2I (Istrebitel = Fighter) was a prototype for a heavy fighter for attacking bombers and transport aircraft. It performed well, but was not ordered into production as better fighters became available.

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