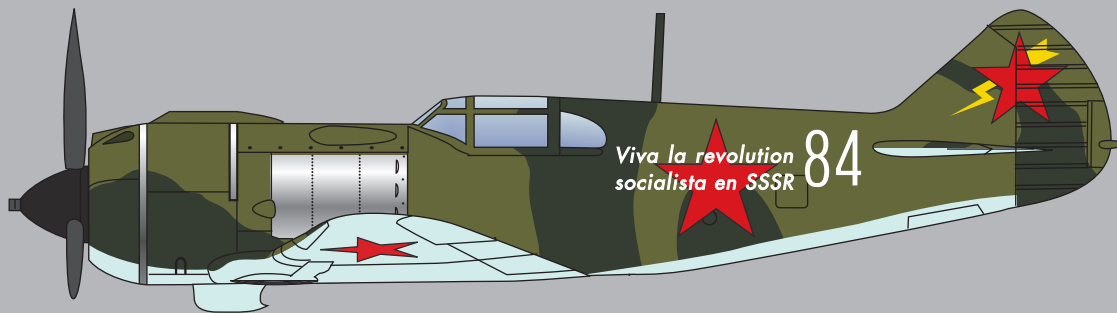


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Lavochkin LA-5



"Viva la revolution"

V-VS, 960th IAP, flown by Vicente Beltran

The Lavochkin La-5 was created, when the troubled LaGG-3 was mated with the radial M-82 engine. The result was the first fighter, that was an even match for german fighters. The La-5 was further improved with two additional versions. It was one of the new aircraft, that helped the V-VS to gain air superiority over the eastern front. The La-5FN was further improved and became the La-7