



► ▲ This utterly charming image—with the pretty girl centre obviously thrilled to have been photographed—shows farm worker Anna Selivanova in the cockpit of her latest sponsored Yak, the *third* she has paid for to date. “White 24” was presented to the Commander of the 431 IAP, HSU A.S. Suraveshkin, spring 1945. The aircraft’s camouflage was particularly odd, and completed with hard-edged colour demarcations, making one wonder if it had not been hastily re-painted for the ceremony?



“To Fighter Pilots from the Collective Farm Workers of the collective farm ‘7th Congress Council’ of the Kurilovskii region of the Saratov Oblast— A.S. Salivanova’s 3rd Aircraft”



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OFFICIAL SCORE: 10 + 6
MISSIONS: ~250

Claims While Flying The Yak-3: 1 + 3



► ▼ Yet another VVS aircraft with twin tactical numbers was this interesting Yak-3, “Red 74 / Red 17”. The scheme is an otherwise typical NKAP style job, save for an odd area on the nose aft of the spinner. The stripe on the fin/rudder was quite attractive, and a small “17” was applied to the rudder using a locally sourced red paint. The timing of the photograph is almost certainly post-war, but older white border type national stars were still carried in all positions.

