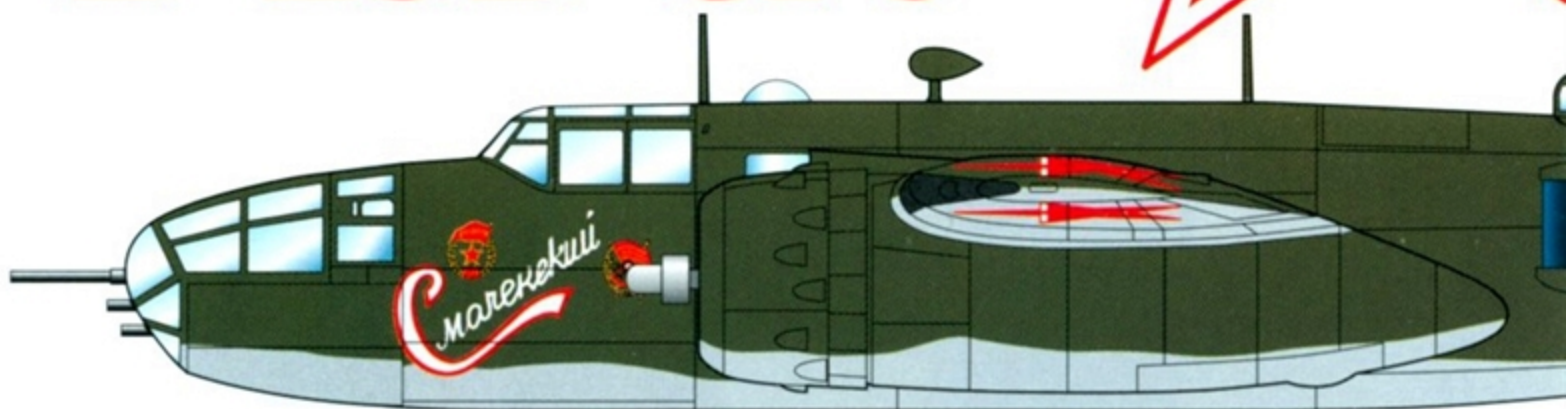


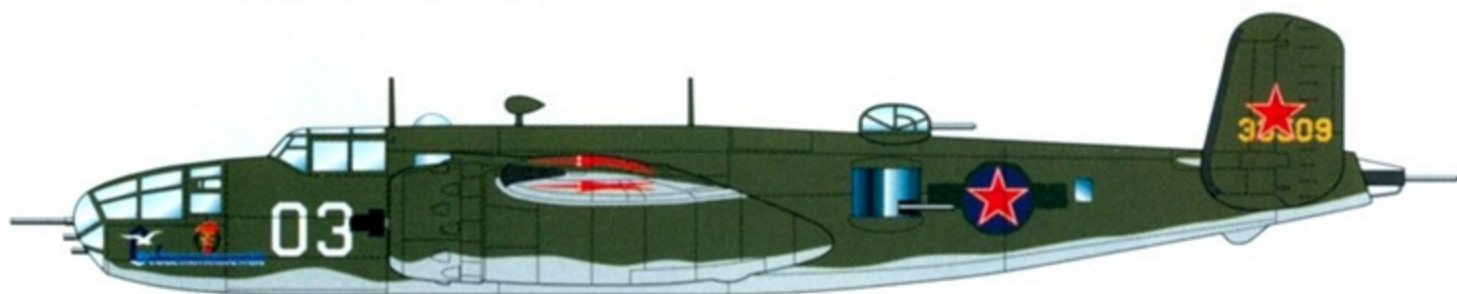
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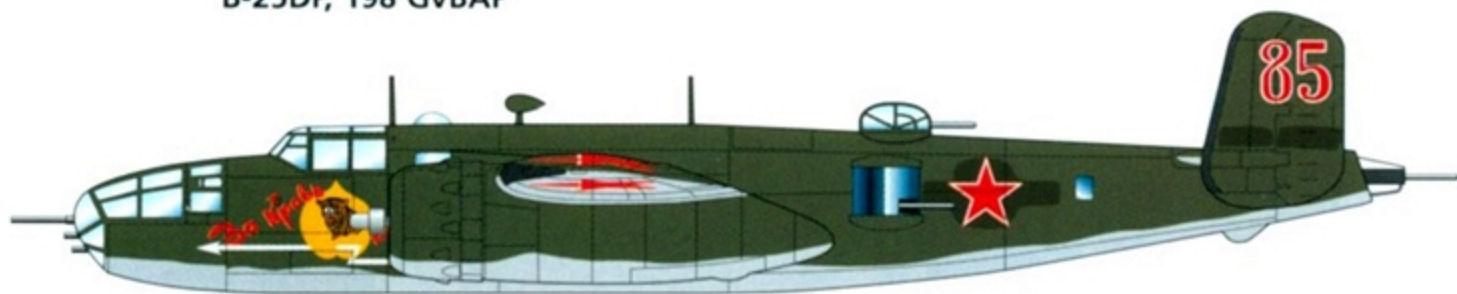
RUSSIAN B-25D & J



B-25D, Unit Unknown



B-25DP, 198 GvBAP



B-25D-30, 337 APDD



B-25D, Unit Unknown, 1945

Recommended kits:

1/48: Monogram
1/72: Italeri

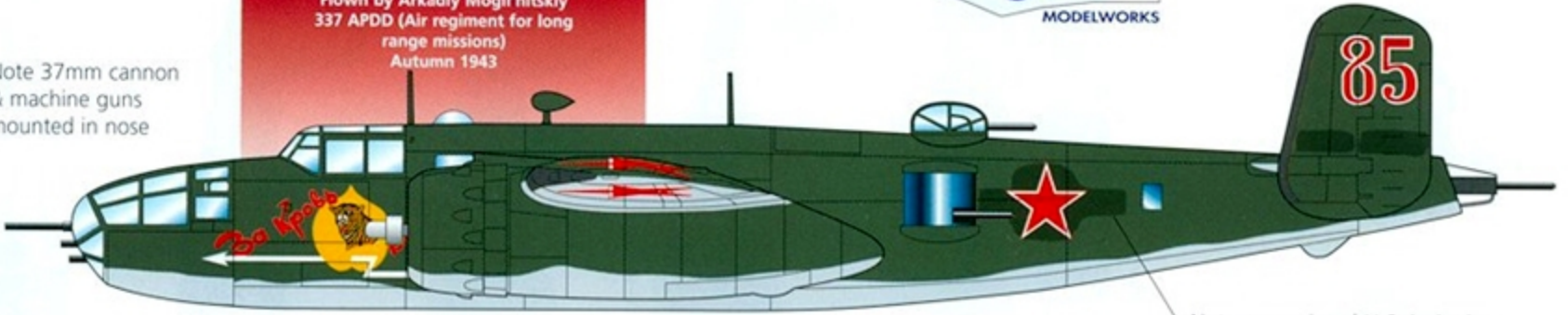
**Cutting
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B-25D-30

Flown by Arkadiy Mogil'nitskiy
337 APDD (Air regiment for long
range missions)
Autumn 1943

Note 37mm cannon
& machine guns
mounted in nose



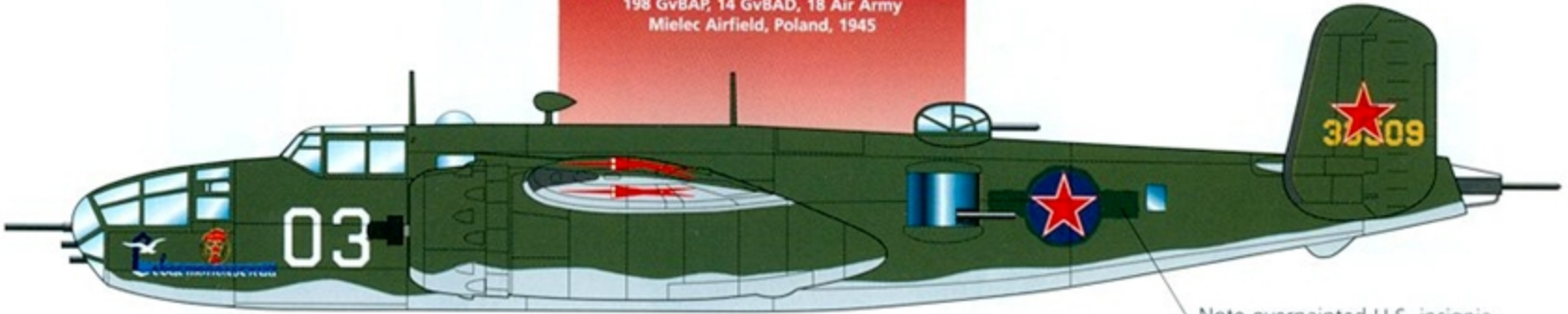
Note overpainted U.S. insignia

Nose wheel white with red star



B-25DP (D-30)

Serial Number 43-3509
Assigned to 1st Squadron Leader A. Doudakov
198 GvBAP, 14 GvBAD, 18 Air Army
Mielec Airfield, Poland, 1945



Note overpainted U.S. insignia



Black



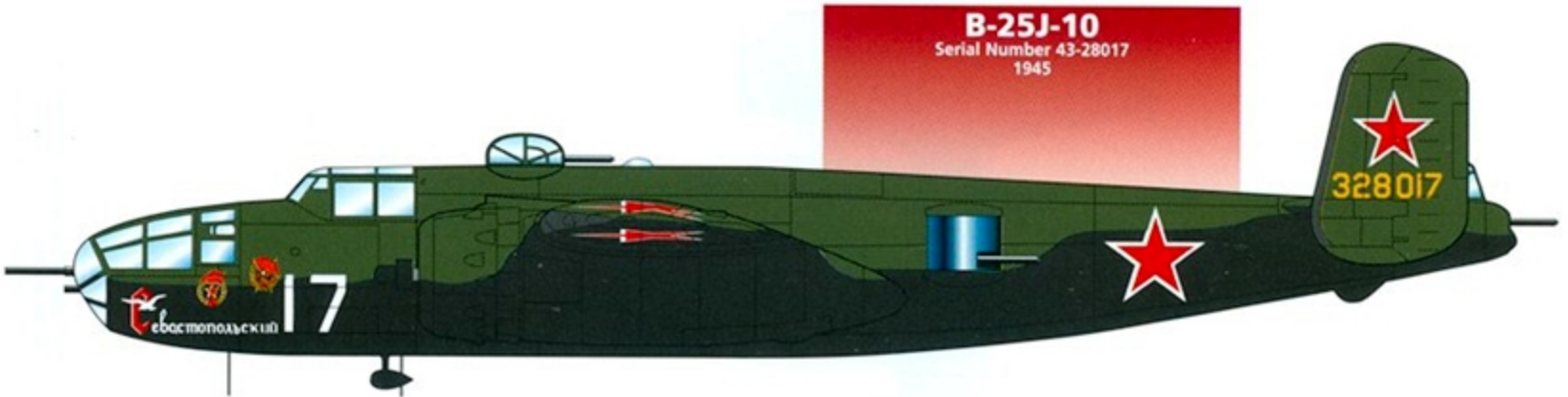
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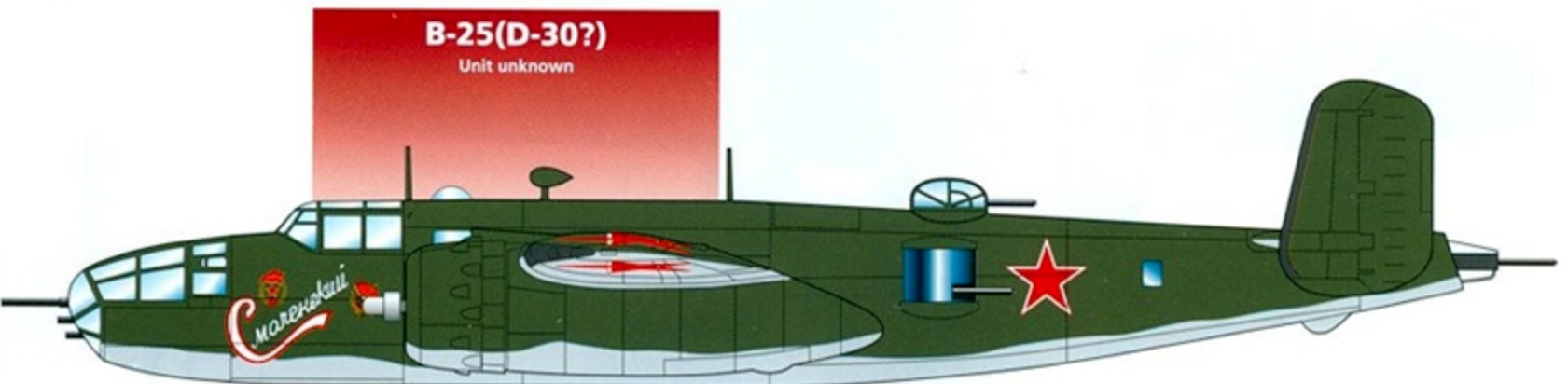
B-25J-10

Serial Number 43-28017
1945



B-25(D-30?)

Unit unknown

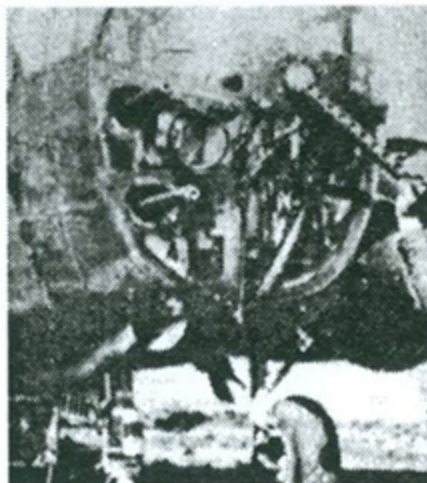


Paint scheme and markings aft of cockpit are not confirmed

Notes on Specific Aircraft

General Notes on Soviet B-25s

- The B-25D-30 was called the B-25DP (representing "intermediate") in Soviet service. The aircraft was a hybrid of the D and J models, with only one tail gun, the belly turret deleted, waist gun blisters added, and at least one (usually two) extra gun in the nose. The nose guns were mounted on the lower right, firing through the clear nose cap (see photo). The dorsal turret remained in the C/D position, which made for a very tight fit in the waist area! The nose "package guns" (on the exterior below the cockpit) were deleted before the aircraft were sent to the combat units.
- In 1/48, the Accurate Miniatures and Monogram kits can be bashed to make an excellent B-25DP.
- The 1/72 Italeri B-25HJ must be backdated (perhaps with the help of the old Revell B-25B) to the earlier standards, which will require moving the top turret aft, revising the rear gunner's position and adding the clear tail dome, etc.



B-25D-30 (B-25DP) Red/White 85

- Inscription translates as "For the blood of Vitebsk," the pilot's home town.
- The original serial (43-3729) was overpainted in dark green paint.

B-25D-30 (B-25DP) White 03

- The "03" and Guards emblem are on both sides of the nose.
- The USAAF star & bar were painted out in a dark green color and overpainted with the Russian star.

B-25J-10 White 17

- Inscription translates as "Sevastopol," part of the name of the 15th Guards Sevastopol Bomber Air Regiment.
- This unit or crew was awarded the Order of the Red Banner for some exceptional achievement, and its badge is carried along with the Guards emblem on the left side of the nose.

Applying the Decals

You probably already know all this stuff, so feel free to use your regular process...however, if you're new to aftermarket decals, here goes:

- Generally, use the Microscale Finishing System. We don't recommend extremely strong decal solvents such as Solvaset.
- Your model must have a smooth, glossy surface, as decals won't adhere well to matte surfaces. Use gloss paints or your favorite clear gloss overspray over matte or semigloss paint.
- Cut each subject out without trimming off the slight excess film (this helps the decal film disappear when dry).
- Put the decal in warm water that has a drop or two of liquid dishwashing soap or photo-flo for 10 seconds.
- When the decal will slide off the backing paper without forcing it, apply it to the proper position on your model. Slide the backing paper out from underneath.
- Gently blot off excess water and smooth out bubbles under the decal surface. If you wish, carefully brush on a mild decal softener such as Micro-Sol.
- When all decals are completely dry, gently wash off all excess decal adhesive.
- Finally, overcoat your model with a good quality gloss coat, followed by your choice of matte or eggshell clear topcoat.

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Photos in the collection of Dave Klaus

FS 595 Color Cross References

(Taken from the *IPMS Color Cross-Reference Guide*—used with permission)

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- 43 Neutral Gray [FS 36173] Xtracolor X158, Gunze Sangyo H053, Pro Modeler 88-0035, Floquil 303176/303178

SPECIAL NOTE:

We have lots more photos and information on colorful Soviet B-25s with nose art, so if you'd like to see more Russian B-25 decal sheets, let us know!

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