Award Card

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1. Last name: Melnikov
2. Name and patrionymic: Vasilii losifovich
3. Rank: Colonel
4. Gender: Male
5. Birthyear: 1905
6. Birthplace: Groznii Oblast, Suizhinskii Region
7. Party membership: CPSU member since 1929
8. Education: advanced
9. Nationality: Russian
10. Time in Red Army: 1927-1946
11. Place of service at awarding: 308 Rifle Division — Acting Division Commander
12. Place of work at present: Crimea Oblast, Simferopol - unemployed
13. Home address: Crimea Oblast, Simferopol, Zhukov St. #24
14. Awards:

Designation Serial Number Awarding Organization

OPWI 12.370 Bryansk Front dated 12.8.43

Red Star 1.176.404 Edict dated 3.11.44

Red Banner 25.056 Western Front dated 22.2.42

OPWI 89.439 Bryansk Front dated 12.08.1943

Victory over Germany

Defense of Stalingrad Document #T13343 Defense of Moscow Document #S022343

Verified by Crimea Oblast Military Commissariat Chief of 3rd Section, Major Rulla on 15 February 1947

Award Sheet

1. Last name, name, and patrionymic: Melnikov, Vasilii losifovich
2. Rank: Major
3. Duty position: Commander — 817 Rifle Regiment, 239 Rifle Division

Recommendation for the Order of the Red Banner

1. Born: 1905
2. Nationality: Russian
3. In Red Army: since 1927
4. Party membership: CPSU member since 1929
5. Previous combat: n/a
6. Wounds or shell-shock: n/a
7. Previous awards: n/a
8. Inducted by: Sunzhinskii Regional Military Commissariat in 1927
9. Home of record: [trans: entry intentionally obscured]

Short description of personal combat feat or accomplishment

While fighting for the Uzlovaya settlement, Stalingorsk during the period 17.11.41-28.11.41 and during offensive operations for Teploe and Bonyakovo-Sukhinichi from 14.12.42 to 10.1.42 he proved himself a bold, decisive, and motivated commander. He capably led offensive combat operations during the capture of a serious populated areas near Uzlovaya, the result of which two enemy battalions were completely destroyed and many enemy trophy items were captured. In fighting near Spasskaya his personal participation in combat achieved the destruction of the enemy 15 Motorized Regiment. During the period 15.12.41-10.1.42 the 817 Rifle Regiment destroyed retreating enemy units by bold attacks near Playsk, Teploe, Bonyakovo, Kozelvsk, Sukhinichi, and others.

For courage and valor displayed in combat for the Motherland and the destruction of German fascists Comrade Melnikov is deserving of the Order of the Red Banner.

Signed 239 Rifle Division Commander Colonel Martirosyan and Senior Battalion Commissar Radionov on 11 January 1942

Unit Award Order

SECRET

Western Front Order 0215/N dated 22 February 1942

On behalf of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet USSR, I award the following decorations for exemplary accomplishment of the Command's missions in the struggle against the German invaders and for having displayed valor and bravery:

Order of the Red Banner to:

3. Major Vasilii losifovich Melnikov — Commander, 817 Rifle Regiment

Signed Western Front Commander General of the Army Zhukov and Member of the Military Committee Khokhlov

Endorsed Acting Front Chief of Personnel Major Shcherbakov and Commissar Regimental Commisar Krivenets

Verified and signed by Western Front Personnel 3rd Section Chief Quartermaster 2nd Class Kostrov

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