**COMMENDATION**

**for the Title of Hero of the Soviet Union**

**Name: Dmitry Malakhovich Tsirubin.**

**Rank: Guards major.**

**Position, Unit: Tank battalion commander, 15th Guards Rechitsa Order of the Red Banner, Order of Suvorov Tank Brigade.**

**Date of birth: 1916.**

**Nationality: Belorussian.**

**Communist Party membership: Member.**

**Participation in the Civil War, further hostilities during the defense of the USSR, and the Patriotic War: Participated in the Patriotic War. Fronts: Southwestern, 1941­1942; Voronezh, 1943; Belorussian, since 06/1944.**

**Service in the Red Army: Since 1937.**

**Wounds: Lightly wounded on 05/01/1942, Southwestern Front and on 09/06/1944, 1st Belorussian Front.**

**Prior awards: Order of the Red Banner, Medal for Valor.**

**Short factual description of the military feats or achievement**

**Guards Major Tsirubin together with his battalion was the first to cross the Narev River and to attack the enemy positions on the west bank. On 09/.../1944 the enemy seeking to push our rifle units from the occupied bridgehead launched a counterattack which was successfully repelled by Guards Major Tsirubin's battalion. After that Guards Major Tsirubin's battalion successfully pursued the enemy destroying [...] tanks and up to 120 German submachine-gunners. Comrade Tsirubin keeping up with the battalion destroyed with his tank fire two enemy antitank guns that appeared on the right flank. He skillfully organized an attack against Zabozge, an enemy stronghold. In this fight the enemy lost up to two companies of infantry and one company of tank destroyers armed with panzerfausts.**

**Comrade Tsirubin together with his battalion was the first to break into an enemy stronghold during the attack on a grove to the west of the village of Nestenpovo. There was an antitank ditch in front of the grove. The leading tanks stopped. Despite the fierce enemy fire Comrade Tsirubin left the tank and showed paths for our tanks. After discovering enemy tank-destroyers in the antitank ditch Major Tsirubin established exact position of the target and destroyed it. During the fights for the grove to the west of the village of Nestenpovo comrade Tsirubin displayed personal bravery and valor. He personally engaged two enemy tanks and knocked out one of them.**

**Comrade Tsirubin deserves to be given the Title of Hero of the Soviet Union for his bravery and heroism displayed in fights for his Socialist Motherland.**

**Signed: Commander of 15th Guards Rechitsa Order of the Red Banner, Order of Suvorov Tank Brigade Guards Colonel Kozhanov**

**09/04/1944**

**Deserves to be given the Title of Hero of the Soviet Union.**

**Signed: Commander of Pt Belorussian Front Marshal of the Soviet Union Rokossovsky 11/12/1944**