**Award Sheet**

1. Last name, name, and patrionymic: Ignatenko, Vasilii Vasilevich
2. Rank: Guards Major
3. Duty position: Commander —47 Guards Artillery Regiment, 21 Guards Rifle Division

Recommendation for the Order of Alexander Nevsky

1. Born: 1915
2. Nationality: Ukrainian
3. Party membership: yes
4. Previous combat: Patriotic War since 26.06.41 on the Kalinin Front
5. Wounds or shell-shock: shell-shocked 19.7.41 and wounded 5.12.41
6. In Armed Forces: since 1936
7. Inducted by: Lu(?) Regional Military Commissariat, Kiev Oblast
8. Previous awards: Order of the Red Banner on 12.1.43 K. Front
9. Home of record: [trans: entry intentionally obscured]

**Short description of personal combat feat or accomplishment**

Commanding the regiment during fighting for Nevel, he fully accomplished his assigned combat missions. Despite having accomplished two combat missions including penetrating an enemy defensive line while attached to the 28 Rifle Division then developing the division's success, all Guards Major Ignatenko's subordinate battalions occupied their fighting positions in a timely manner due to the his initiative, energy, and heroism. While accompanying the division's units during their movement to the Koshelevo line the roads turned out to be impassable. As regimental commander he made the bold move to bypass the roads, moving through (fields?) and extricated them to (?) despite being towed by horses, the result of which the regiment's artillery batteries advanced into the city with the lead motorized infantry units and tanks. During combat engagements the artillery small units operated in combined arms fashion with the infantry forces. On 8.10.43 when the enemy penetrated into Zemskaya Boev(?), the regimental commander deployed the first battalion into a direct fire position, repelled the attack, and brought the situation under control. During fighting for the city of Nevel the regiment destroyed five medium tanks, three artillery batteries, six mortar batteries, 24 machineguns, eight vehicles loaded with infantry, six carts and crews, three bunkers with machineguns, two observation posts and suppressed four 105mm artillery batteries, three 81.4mm mortar batteries, and eight machineguns. As many as 600 enemy soldiers and officers were killed. During fighting for the city as many as 30 infantry and armored enemy counterattacks were repelled.

For displayed bravery and valor, as well as capably managed fire support and maneuver, he is deserving of the State decoration of the Order of Alexander Nevsky.

Signed Artillery Commander, 21 Guards Rifle Division, Guards Colonel Memer(?) on 25 October 1943

Endorsed Commander, 21 Guards "Nevel" Rifle Division, Guards General-Major Mikhailov on 25 October 1943

Endorsed Artillery Commander, 3 Shock Army, General-Major of Artillery Nesteruk on 7 November 1943

Unsigned portion for joint endorsement by 3 Shock Army Commander General-Lieutenant Galitskii and Member of the Military Committee General-Major Litvinov

Unit Award Order

[trans: handwritten "2 Baltic Front" and dated "4.1.44" with administrative data]

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3 Shock Army Order 0833 dated 20 November 1943

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:

To 21 Guards "Nevel" Rifle Division member the Order of Alexander Nevsky to: 1. Major Vasilii Vasilevich Ignatenko - Commander, 47 Guards Artillery Regiment

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**Award Card**

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1. Last name: Ignatenko
2. Name and patrionymic: Vasilii Vasilevich
3. Rank: Lieutenant Colonel
4. Gender: Male
5. Birthyear: 1915
6. Birthplace: Chernigov Oblast, Korop
7. Party membership: CPSU member since 1940
8. Education: mid-level
9. Nationality: Ukrainian
10. Time in Red Army: since October 1936
11. Place of service at awarding: 47 Guards Artillery Regiment - Commander
12. Place of work at present: Officer Advanced Artillery Staff School — Student
13. Home address: Chernigov Oblast, Korop, Kolkhoznaya St. #15
14. Awards:

Designation Serial Number Awarding Organization

Red Banner 46.972 3 Shock Army dated 12.1.43

Alexander Nevsky 4.772 3 Shock Army dated 20.11.43

Patriotic War I Class 41.307 10 Guards Army dated 11.4.44

30th Anniversary of Soviet Army and Navy Medal

Victory over Germany Medal Edict dated 9.5.45

Combat Service Medal 3.136.565 Edict dated 6.11.47

Red Star 3.112.657 Edict dated 21.8.53

Verified by School Chief of Personnel Major Kuznetsov on 12 March 1947