AWARD CITATION

For the former deputy commander of the landing craft squadron of the Azov Military Flotilla, Black sea Fleet,

Jr. Lieutenant SHPAKOV VIKTOR PAVLOVICH

is recommended for order "Patriotic war II class"

Birth year 1916 1.

Nationality 2. Russian

Social background 3. White collar worker

Party membership 4. VKP(b) member since 1941

In Red Army or Navy service since 5. 1938

Participation in the civil war 6. None

Wounds and contusions 7. Severe head wound in the Kerch straight

during rescue of the drowning pilot

Previous award recommendations 8. Recommended for conducting landing operation

to the Kerch seaport

Previous award and commendations Order "Patriotic war I class" by Azov Military Flotilla by decree #016 on 04.03.1944 and 9.

medals "For Odessa defence", "For Sevastopol defence", "For Caucasus defence".

Service in White army or armies of other capitalistic states. Enemy captivity.

None, none

Awardee's and his family permanent home address 11.

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I. Brief and specific description of the personal feat or merits

Being the deputy commander of the landing craft squadron, Jr. Lieutenant SHPAKOV participated in all its combat operations.

On 13 November 1943, at the Gleyki (a district in Kerch town), an enemy barrage ignited fire, which spread and threatened the explosion of the ammunition depot on the pier. Comrade SHPAKOV was near by and acted proactively, courageously, and resourcefully. He quickly organised firefighting efforts and saved the ammunitions.

On 09 December 1943, our fighter plane was shot down over the Kerch-Enikale straight. The aircraft fell into the water and sunk. The pilot was floating in the middle of the straight. Comrade SHPAKOV, risking his life, swam to the pilot 1,5 miles and rescued him. In this rescue effort, SHPAKOV was severely wounded, but despite that, he was on the landing craft the same night to participate in the Mithridat landing operation.

He deserves state award - order "Patriotic war II class".

Former head of the political department of the Crimea Navy base Now the head of the political department of the Black sea Navy Captain Commander signature /F.KADUSHKIN/

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