**Order of Nevsky #21122**

**AWARD PAPER**

1. Tverdiy, Aleksandr Aleksandrovich

2. Guards Lieutenant

3. Commanding officer, Submachine-Gun Company, 139th Guards Rifle Regiment,

46th Guards Red-Banner Rifle Division.

Recommended for the Order of the Patriotic War First Class

4. Born 1920

5. Ukrainian

6. Communist Party member since 1943

7. Participated in the Patriotic War since May 1942

8. Twice wounded: 8.9.42 lightly wounded in the back, on the Northwestern Front; 28.3.43

lightly wounded in the leg and chest, near the village of Chernozem, Kalinin Front.

9. In the Red Army since 1940

10. Inducted by Krasnopol District Military Commissariat, Sumy Region.

11. Previous awards: Order of the Red Star by order no. 091/n of the 3rd Shock Army dated

17.3.44; Order of the Patriotic War Ist Class by order 060 of the 22nd Guards Rifle Corps dated

4.9.44; Order of the Patriotic War 2nd Class by order no. 0112 of the 22nd Guards Rifle Corps

dated 31.10.44.

12. Permanent home address:

Grebenikovka village, Krasnopol District, Sumy Region

Father, Aleksandr Ivanovich Tverdiy

**Brief Factual Account of Personal Combat Exploit or Meritorious Service**

In combat against the German invaders on the night of 24.1.45 Comrade Tverdiy got the

mission to take the village of Bruneri at all costs. Comrade Tverdiy accomplished the mission

with honor. Moving steathily across the flank of the settlement, he with his company threw

themselves against the enemy and took their trenches. The fighting was fierce; the

submachinegun men fought like tigers and killed the Nazis without mercy. The settlement was

liberated. The enemy lost up to 20 killed, besides which we wiped out 3 stationary machine

Guns and 5 hand-carried machine Guns.

Liberating the settlement of Bruneri made it possible for the infantry to move forward rapidly

and take the populated areas of Pursati and Vedmi.

He is recommended for the government award of the Order of the Patriotic War First Class.

Commanding officer 139th Guards Rifle Regiment

Guards Lieutenant Colonel [signature] Saakyan

27 January 1945

II. Conclusions of Senior Command Personnel

Deserves the Order of Aleksandr Nevsky

Commanding officer, 46th Guards Rifle Division

Guards Major General [signature] Savchuk

25 January 1945

**Order of the Patriotic War 1st class 80622**

**AWARD PAPER**

1. Tverdiy, Aleksandr Aleksandrovich

2. Guards Junior Lieutenant

3. SubmachineGun Company Commander, 139th Guards Rifle Regiment, 46th Guards Rifle

Division

Recommended for the Order of the Red Banner

4. Born 1920

5. Ukrainian

6. Communist Party member, No. 5291212

7. Participated in the Patriotic War since May 1942

8. Wounded on 28.3.43 near the settlement of Chernozem

9. In the Red Army since October 1940

10. Inducted by the Krasnopol District Military Commissariat, Sumy Region

11. Address: Gribenovka Village, Krasnopol District, Sumy Region. Father: Aleksandr

Ivanovich Tverdiy

**I. Brief Factual Account of Personal Combat Exploit or Meritorious Service:**

In the fighting to take the villages of [illegible]moshye and Staroe on 28.6.1944 he was at the

head of his company going into the enemy’s trenches under heavy machine-Gun and

submachinegun fire, risking his life, heedless of death and the urge to save his life. The trench

fighting was hot and cruel. With submachine gun and grenades he personally killed dozens of

German soldiers. Driving the enemy out of the trenches, he went into the center of the village,

where he continued to rout the Nazis. The settlement was liberated with great loss to the enemy

in men and equipment.

Recommended for the government award, Order of the Red Banner

Commanding officer, 139th Guards Rifle Regiment

Guards Major [signed] Tarasov

Date [illegible] 1944

II. Conclusions of Senior Command Personnel

Recommend him for the Order of the Red Banner

- Commanding officer, 48th Guards Rifle Division

Guards Colonel [signed] Vasilyev

Award him the Order of the Patriotic War 1st Class

- Commanding officer, 2nd Guards Rifle Corps

Guards [illegible]

31 July 1944

**Order of the Patriotic War 2nd class 496234**

**AWARD PAPER**

1. Tverdiy, Aleksandr Aleksandrovich

2. Guards Junior Lieutenant.

3. Submachine-Gun Company Commander, 139th Guards Rifle Regiment, 46th Guards Red-

Banner Rifle Division

Recommended for the Order of the Red Banner

4. Born 1920

5. Ukrainian

6. Communist Party member since 1943. Party card no. 5291212

7. Participated in the Patriotic War since May 1942

8. Severely wounded in the head, near the settlement of Chernozem on 28.3.43.

9. In the Red Army since October 1940

10. Inducted by Krasnopol District Military Commissariat, Sumy Region

11. Previous awards: Order of the Red Star, Order No. 091/n of the 3rd Shock Army, 17.3.44.

12. Address: Grebenovka village, Krasnopol District, Sumy Region. Father: Aleksandr

Ivanovich Tverdiy

**I. Brief Factual Account of Personal Combat Exploit or Meritorious Service**

The enemy was in a strong position at an elevation of 84.1 meters, which blocked the

regiment’s further advance. A mutually-supporting fire system (up to 20 machine guns and two

dug-in tanks) made it impossible to approach the height because it commanded open ground.

Comrade Tverdiy was given the assignment to go around the height on the left flank through a

swamp and hit the enemy in the rear. Comrade Tverdiy accomplished the mission with honor.

With a rapid march through the swamp he crimped the enemy on that side of the position and

continued to develop the advance under enemy fire, gaining the enemy’s trenches from the left

flank by a strong assault while the reconnaissance company likewise jumped the trenches from

the right flank.

The enemy did not expect such a furious onslaught and in panic began to scramble around the

trenches. The submachinegun men fought like tigers and, despite being outnumbered by the

enemy (by over 100 men) they quickly drove them out of the trenches and killed most of them.

That is how the height was taken by the submachine Gun troops.

In this action we captured the following trophy equipment:

16 machine Guns, over 40 rifles, over 500 grenades and 5,000 rounds of ammunition.

He is recommended for the government award of the Order of the Red Banner.

Commanding officer 139th Guards Rifle Regiment

Guards Lt. Colonel [signature] Saakyan

{?] November 1944

II. Conclusion of Senior Command Personnel

Deserves to be awarded the Order of the Red Banner

Commanding officer, 46th Guards Rifle Division

[illegible]

8 November 1944

Deserves to be awarded the Order of the Patriotic War 2nd Class.

Commanding officer, 22nd Guards Rifle Corps,

Guards Major General [illegible]

17 November 1944

**Order of the Red Star 470638**

**AWARD PAPER**

1. TVERDIY, Aleksandr Aleksandrovich

2. Senior Sergeant

3. 3rd Shock Army, Army Junior Lieutenant Course, trainee

Recommended for the Order of the Red Star

4. Born 1920

5. Ukrainian

6. Communist Party member since 1943. Party card no. 5291212

7. In the Patriotic War since 1.5.42

8. Wounded near Chernozem, 10.1.42 and 28.3.43

9. In the Red army since 24.10.40

10. Inducted by Sumy City Military Commissariat

11. No previous awards

12. Address: Grebenikovka village, Krasnopol District, Sumy Region

**I. Brief Factual Account of Personal Combat Exploit or Meritorious Service**

Comrade Tverdiy participated in the fighting against the fascist German invaders on the

Northwestern Front at the village of Ramyshevo, and on the Kalinin Front at Velikiye Luki and

Novosokolniki. Twice wounded in the fighting at the village of Chernozem, Kalinin Region. In

July 1943, participating in an attack at the village of Samsonka (Novosokolniki District), after

the attack was repulsed by the enemy and the company commander was out of action, he took

command of the company and repulsed the enemy counterattack.

In the Junior Lieutenant Course, Senior Sergeant Tverdiy, while acting as Deputy

Commander of the Submachinegun Company, has shown himself to be an exacting and skilled

commander. He is outstanding in training and a good example in discipline.

Comrade Tverdiy deserves the government award, Order of the Red Star.

Acting Commanding Officer of the Course

Major Zakharov [signature]

27 February 1944