## **AWARD CITATION**

Surname, name and middle name LEVCHENKO VASILIJ PETROVICH

2. Rank Sr. Lieutenant

3. Position and unit Battery commander,

1541 heavy self-propelled artillery regiment.

is recommended for order "RED BANNER"

4. Birth year 1921

5. Nationality Russian

6. Party membership VKP(b) member

7. Participation in the civil war and later in defence of USSR, in Patriotic war

8. Wounds and contusions Wounded one time

9. In Red Army service since 1939

10. Drafted by which induction station Ust'-Labinsk district military commissariat

11. Previous awards None

12. Awardee's and his family permanent intentionally obscured home address

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

Comrade LEVCHENKO V.P. participated in the combat engagements against the German-Fascist invaders in the sector of the villages Olkhovatka and Snova, Zolotukhino district, during 05-17 July 1943. Despite ferocious enemy infantry and armour attacks, despite intensive enemy aerial bombardment, comrade LEVCHENKO's battery steadfastly repelled enemy attacks and held it ground. In this combat engagements, the battery inflicted the following damage: 7 tanks, 3 SPGs, 3 fuel trucks, 2 anti-tank guns, and up to a company of enemy troops.

Comrade LEVCHENKO's battery not only defended against the enemy attacks, but also supported advance of our rifle units and tanks. LEVCHENKO's SPG was hit and damaged by enemy fire. Utilising skilful manoeuvring and taking advantage of the terrain, he still managed to repel the enemy armour attack and take safely his SPG out of the battlefield.

For skilful command during the combat and for personal courage and bravery, comrade LEVCHENKO deserves state order "RED BANNER".

Interim Commander of 1541 heavy self-propelled gun regiment

Guards Major signature /SANKOVSKY/

20 July 1943



## II. Conclusion of the superiors

I recommend him to be bestowed with order "RED BANNER"

Commander of the artillery troops of 16 tank corps
Colonel signature /FURAEV/

26 July 1943

He deserves to be bestowed with order "RED BANNER"

Commander of 16 tank corps

Major General of armoured corps signature /GRIGORIEV/

26 July 1943

# III. Conclusion of Army Military Council

He deserves to be bestowed with order "RED BANNER"

Commander of the artillery troops of 2 tank army COLONEL-GENERAL of ARMY SERVICE CORPS signature /TSIKALO/

31 July 1943

## IV. Conclusion of the Front Military Council

#### V. Conclusion of the award commission

#### VI. Award record

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