AWARD CITATION

Surname, name and middle name GORIDKO KONSTANTIN KUZMICH 1.

2. Captain

Position and unit 3. Chief of Staff of 694 rifle regiment,

383 rifle Red Banner order division.

is recommended for order "RED BANNER"

Birth year 4. 1912

Nationality 5. Ukrainian

Party membership 6. VKP(b) member candidate

Participation in the civil war and later in defence of USSR, in Patriotic war 7. In Patriotic war since June 1941

Wounds and contusions Wounded 3 times 8.

In Red Army service since 1934 - 1936, 1938 - 1939, and since 1941 9.

10. Drafted by which induction station Baranovichi district military commissariat,

Chernigov region.

11 Previous awards

Order "Red Star" decree #010 on 22.05.1943 by 383 rifle division (for eh combat engagements near

the stanitsa Krymsakaya).

Awardee's and his family permanent intentionally obscured

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

During the intensive battle for breaking through the enemy "Blue Line" defences, which covered the enemy controlled Taman' peninsula, comrade GORIDKO was present among the combat formations and held tight control over the troops in the engagement by following a thoroughly thought out plan and the combat action tables delivered to all the subordinate units of the regiment. On the first day of the offensive, the regiment Commander fell in battle. Comrade GORIDKO remained resolute and in control. In the most decisive and hard moment of the battle, he assumed the command over the regiment. During the two days after 15.09.1943, the enemy's impenetrable fortress was breached under GORIDKO's leadership and command. In the heat of the battle and the desire to push forward near the village Gladkovskaya, the headquarters lost signalling link to the battalions in the field. Comrade GORIDKO promptly ensured the link was reestablished and thus avoided confusion on the battlefield. Despite intensive enemy fire opposition, the battalions pushed forward and pressed the retreating enemy in a coordinated manner as one force and held contact to the friendly units on the flanks. Well organised reconnaissance ensured the enemy plans were promptly exposed and the battalions could maintain coordinated pressure not letting the enemy to mount an organised defence. In the engagement for the village Gladkovskaya, he ensured the regiment took control over the road Gladkovksaya - Soglasie with low casualties. This put the enemy group located in

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Gladkovskaya under threat. The enemy fled leaving behind its equipment.

In the offensive operation for the village Zaporozhskaya on 07.10.1943, he organised assault detachments. Following his directives, these detachments successfully attacked the enemy and ensured the advance of the regiment combat formations.

He deserves state award order "RED BANNER".

12 October 1943

Commander of 171 detached labour battalion Major signature /LISKANOV/

II. Conclusion of the superiors

I recommend him for order "PATRIOTIC WAR II CLASS"

Commander of 383 Red Banner rifle division /GORBACHEV/ Mj. General signature

20 October 1943

III. Conclusion of Army Military Council

I recommend him for order "PATRIOTIC WAR II CLASS"

Commander of 16 rifle corps Hero of Soviet Union Mj. General signature /PROVALOV/

27 October 1943

IV. Conclusion of the Front Military Council

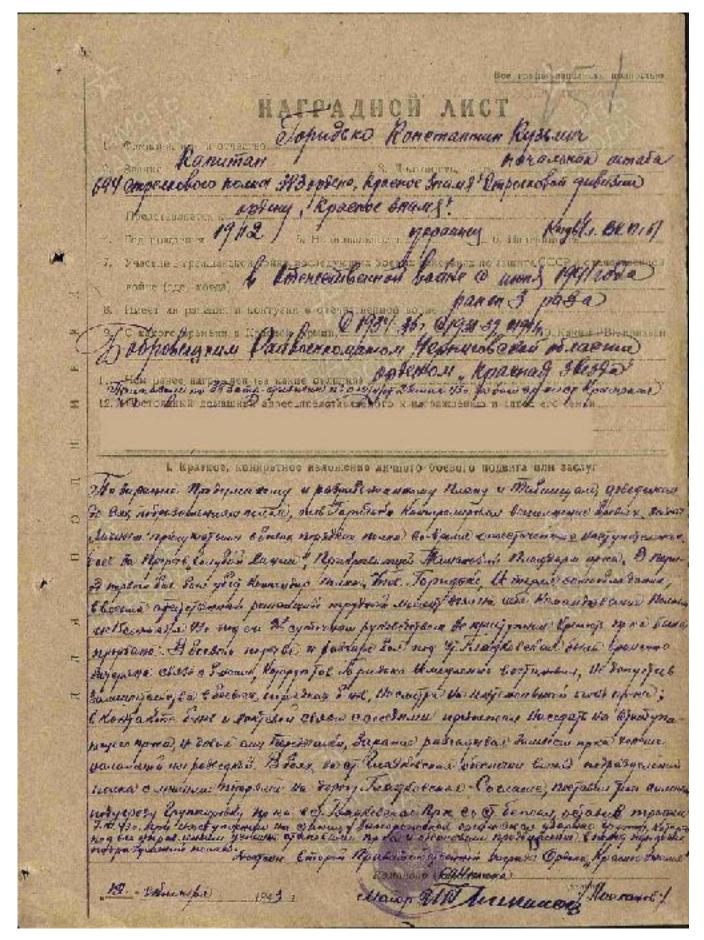
V. Conclusion of the award commission

VI. Award record

Bestowed with order "PATRIOTIC WAR II CLASS" by the decree # 0134/n issued by 56 army on 30 October 1943.

> Head of the 2nd section of personnel department Major of administrative corps signature





II. Заключения выпрестоящих начальников
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