

AWARD CITATION

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| 1. | Surname, name and middle name | GORIDKO KONSTANTIN KUZMICH |
| 2. | Rank | Captain |
| 3. | Position and unit | Chief of Staff of 694 rifle regiment,
383 rifle Red Banner order division. |
| is recommended for order "RED BANNER" | | |
| 4. | Birth year | 1912 |
| 5. | Nationality | Ukrainian |
| 6. | Party membership | VKP(b) member candidate |
| 7. | Participation in the civil war and later in defence of USSR, in Patriotic war | In Patriotic war since June 1941 |
| 8. | Wounds and contusions | Wounded 3 times |
| 9. | In Red Army service since | 1934 - 1936, 1938 - 1939, and since 1941 |
| 10. | Drafted by which induction station | Baranovich 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). |
| 12. | Awardee's and his family permanent home address | <i>intentionally obscured</i> |

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 Gladkovskaya - Soglasie with low casualties. This put the enemy group located in

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
Mj. General *signature* /GORBACHEV/

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*

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II. Заключение вышестоящих начальников

Уполномоченный о награждении Орден Отечественной войны II ст.

Начальник 2-го отдела ОК Туркин

Командир (начальник) Туркин

26 Октября 1943

III. Заключение Военного Совета Армии

О О Р Д Е Н :
 ДОСТОИ: ПРАВИТЕЛЬНО И ДО НАГРАД: О Р Д Е Н : О Т Е Ч Е С Т В Е Н Н О Я В О Я Н А
 "ОТЧЕСТИ И СЛАВЫ"
 КОМУ НАМ: 16 ОКТЯБРЯ 1943 ГОДА
 Т О Р О С О " О Р Д Е Н : О Т Ч Е С Т В Е Н Н О Я В О Я Н А"
 Командующий Орлов Начальник Орлов Член Военного Совета Орлов / ПРОД. АКТО /

IV. Заключение Военного Совета фронта (округа)

Командующий Орлов Член Военного Совета Орлов

V. Заключение награждающей комиссии ИССО

Председатель Орлов

Члены Орлов

VI. Отписка о награждении

Регистрация бойца 50-й Армии от 26 Октября 1943

№ 134/14 Награжден орденом Орден Отечественной войны II ст.

Начальник 2-го отдела ОК Туркин

Секретарь Туркин

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