

**AWARD CITATION**

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| 1.                                    | Surname, name and middle name   | GORIDKO KONSTANTIN KUZMICH   |
| 2.                                    | Rank  | Lt. Colonel  |
| 3.                                    | Position and unit   | Head of the operations, headquarters of 383 rifle "Feodosia" Red Banner order division.  |
| is recommended for order "RED BANNER" |   |  |
| 4.                                    | Birth year  | 1912   |
| 5.                                    | Nationality   | Ukrainian  |
| 6.                                    | Party membership  | VKP(b) member 1944   |
| 7.                                    | Participation in the civil war and later in defence of USSR, in Patriotic war | In the field forces since 24.06.1941 on Southern, Trans-Caucasus, North Caucasus, Separate Coastal Army, 1 Belorussian fronts. |
| 8.                                    | Wounds and contusions   | Light wound 13.10.1941, severe wound 11.07.1942 near Millerovo.  |
| 9.                                    | In Red Army service since   | 24.06.1941   |
| 10.                                   | Drafted by which induction station  | Olishevsky district military commissariat, Chernigov region.   |
| 11.                                   | Previous awards   | The list is attached...  |
| 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 period from the strong enemy defence line breakthrough on the Pulawy bridgehead on the left bank of Vistula river on 14.01.1945, Lt. Colonel GORIDKO has been in the operative group of the headquarters and provided support the Commander. He provided timely the relevant information to the division Commander and to the headquarters higher up the chain of command. Along the 550km long combat path covered by the division, in the heated battles against the enemy main force, comrade GORIDKO many times was among the fighting formations of the rifle regiments, where he delivered practical assistance and helped in achieving the combat objectives.

On 05.02.1945, he crossed to the western bank of Oder river following a rifle regiment. He commanded the defence of the bridgehead against ferocious enemy counter-attacks supported by tanks and SPGs. Throwing in fresh SS troops, the enemy counter-attacked trying to clear the bridgehead. There were days, when up to 20 enemy attacks fell on the bridgehead defenders. Defying fear and exhaustion, comrade GORIDKO delivered direct practical command in these engagements. On the night to 09.02.1945, he personally commanded a detachment of submachine-gunners which was tasked with eliminating the enemies, who infiltrated the bridgehead positions in the sector between the village Vogelsang and the hill 28,7.

For courage and bravery exhibited in the offensive operations, for skilful command of the troops, comrade GORIDKO deserves order "PATRIOTIC WAR I CLASS". (The wounds are certified by the records in the personnel file).

Chief of Staff of 383 rifle "Feodosia" Red Banner division  
20 February 1945

Colonel *signature* /IVANOV/

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**II. Conclusion of the superiors**

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He deserves order "~~PATRIOTIC WAR I CLASS~~" "RED BANNER"

Commander of 383 rifle "Feodosia" Red Banner division

Mj. General                      *signature*    /GORBACHEV/

20 February 1945

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**III. Conclusion of Army Military Council**

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He deserves order "RED BANNER"

Commander of 16 rifle "Kalish" corps

Mj. General                      *signature*    /DOBROVOLSKY/

26 February 1945

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**IV. Conclusion of the Front Military Council**

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**V. Conclusion of the award commission**

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**VI. Award record**

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Bestowed with order "RED BANNER" by the decree # 061/n issued by 33 army on  
08 March 1945.

Head of the 2nd section of personnel department  
Major of administrative corps                      *signature*    /TRUSOV/



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II. Заключение вышестоящих начальников

Уполномоченный о награждении Орден Отечественной войны II ст.

Начальник 2-го отдела ОК Туркин

Командир (начальник) 1943

III. Заключение Военного Совета Армии

О С Л А В Е:

Достоин награждения Орден Отечественной войны II ст.

Начальник 2-го отдела ОК Туркин

Командир (начальник) 1943

IV. Заключение Военного Совета фронта (округа)

Командующий 1943

Член Военного Совета 1943

V. Заключение награждающей комиссии ИСС

Председатель 1943

Члены 1943

VI. Отметка о награждении

Решением Военной 60-й Армии от 30 октября 1943

№ 0134/43 Награжден Орденом Отечественной войны II ст.

Начальник 2-го отдела ОК Туркин

Секретарь Туркин

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