AWARD CITATION

Surname, name and middle name	NOVIKOV VASILIJ EFIMOVICH
Rank	Guards private
Position and unit	Artillery spotter of the headquarters company, 6 Guards paratrooper artillery regiment, 5 Guards paratrooper "Zvenigorod" Suvorov order division.
is recommended for order "GLORY III CLASS"	
Birth year	1917
Nationality	Russian
Party membership	None party member
Participation in the civil war and later in defence of USSR, in Patriotic war	In Patriotic war: North-western front 15.02.1943 20.04.1943; 2 Ukrainian front since 20.08.1943.
In Red Army service since	1942
Wounds and contusions	None
Drafted by which induction station	Dzerjinsky district military commissariat, Gorky region.
Previous awards	Medal "For Bravery" decree N_0016 on 14.07.944 by the regiment for the forced crossing of the river Reut
Awardee's and his family permanent home address	intentionally obscured
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I. Brief and specific description of the personal feat or merits

Since 22 August 1944, comrade NOVIKOV has been manning the forward observation post and spotting the enemy firing positions, calling in the artillery strikes, and correcting the fire. He spotted and relayed targeting data on 2 enemy machine-gun positions, an anti-tank cannon on open sight position, a mortar battery, and an enemy observation post. All these targets were suppressed and partially destroyed by the fire of the artillery squadron. This effort assisted our troops in breaking through the enemy defence line.

In the subsequent enemy pursuit operation, comrade NOVIKOV advanced among our infantry troops, entered the station Pîrlița and killed 4 enemy soldiers by his personal firearms.

Commander of 6 Guards paratrooper artillery regiment. 26 August 1944 Guards Lt.Colonel signature /PETROV/

He deserves state award order "GLORY III CLASS".

Commander of 5 Guards paratrooper "Zvenigorod" Suvorov order division. 03 September 1944 Guards Lt.Colonel signature /SCHERBAKOV/ I recommend for order "GLORY III CLASS" Commander of 5 Guards paratrooper "Zvenigorod" Suvorov order division

