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AWARD CITATION

Surname, name and middle name SOLDATOV SEMYON GRIGORIEVICH 1.

Rank 2.

Guards Captain Position and unit 3.

Commander of 75 separate motorcycle battalion, 29 tank Red Banner Suvorov order corps.

07.1944 commended for order "RED BANNER"

Birth year 1913

Nationality 5. Russian

Party membership 6. VKP(b) member candidate

Participation in the civil war and later in defence of USSR, in Patriotic war Southern front 01.01.1942 - 01.03.1942; Steppe front 01.10.1942 - 01.06.1944; 2 Ukrainian front since 25.06.1944. 3 Belorussian front. 7.

Wounds and contusions 8. None

In Red Army service since 9. 1936

10. Drafted by which induction station Taganskij district military commissariat, Moscow.

Previous awards Order "Red Banner" decree #071 on 03.02.1943 by 11.

Southern front.

Awardee's and his family permanent home address intentionally obscured

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

In the battles for the towns Borisov, Minsk, Molodechno, Captain SOLDATOV commanded a reconnaissance motorcycle battalion and exhibited exceptional courage, bravery, and high combat skills. The battalion was advancing on the spearhead of the formation and conducted reconnaissance along the routes and had to clear the way forward by force on multiple occasions.

On 26.06.1944, in the forest north of Neklyudovo, a group of enemy submachine gunners was encircled and defeated, thanks to his skilful command. Engagement result: 60 enemies captured, 30 enemy troops killed.

On 28.06.1944, in the vicinity of the village Osinovka, a group of German troops defending a river crossing site supported by a "Ferdinand" type SPG and by an artillery battery was defeated. Boldly entering combat engagement, they completely defeated the German force. They destroyed the enemy SPG in the process and captured the river crossing site, such that our main force could cross the river without any casualties.

On 29.06.1944, his battalion was given a mission to reconnoiter the river crossing site near the village Staro-Yanchino and to determine if it fits for being crossed by our tanks. The assigned mission was successfully achieved and the defending enemy garrison was overran and defeated.

During the period form 03.07.1944 till 05.07.1944, the battalion conducted deep offensive raid from the area near Rakuv to Molodechno. Advancing faster, than the enemy could retreat, the battalion attacked enemy rear areas and defeated enemy units. This effort cleared the way to the main force of the tank corps. In this combat campaign, the battalion liberated the settlement Grudek and over 20 other settlements. ESEARCH In this deep raid, an enemy column of 150 trucks with materiel and troops was destroyed, over 200 enemy troops eliminated, 50 prisoners captured.

As the result of this effort, the main tank corps force could cover the stretch from Rakuv to Molodechno in a rapid march.

In the combat engagements on the Borisov, Minsk, Molodeschno sectors, the battalion inflicted the following damage to the enemy: over 600 enemy troops killed, up to 1000 enemy troops scattered in a forested area, 5 tanks destroyed (of which 3 tanks were "Tiger" type), 1 SPG destroyed, 200 trucks destroyed. 700 prisoners captured, 50 trucks and 2 radio stations captured.

For skilful combat command and for personal bravery, exhibited in combat, he deserves state award - order "RED BANNER".

Deputy chief of staff responsible reconnaissance, 29 tank "Znamenka" Red Banner Suvorov order corps. 07 July 1944 Captain signature /KULIK/

Conclusion of the superiors

He deserves order "RED BANNER"

Chief of Staff of 29 tank "Znamenka" Red Banner Suvorov order corps Guards Colonel signature /LYATETSKY/

12 July 1944

He deserves order "RED BANNER"

Commander of 29 tank "Znamenka" Red Banner Suvorov order corps Guards Mj. General signature /FOMINYKH/

14 July 1944

Awarded with order "ALEKSANDER NEVSKY" by the decree # 098/n issued by 5 Guards tank army on 23 July 1944.

Head of personnel department 3 Belorussian front Captain *signature* /KIZYULTSEV/





