AWARD CITATION

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Surname, name and middle name KUCHKA NIKOLAJ TIMOFEEVICH

Rank Lieutenant

Position and unit Aerial gunner and radio operator,

99 close range bomber aviation regiment.

is recommended for order "RED BANNER"

Birth year 1913 1.

2. Nationality Ukrainian

3. In Red Army service since 1925

Service in the Airforce since 4. 1935

Wounds and contusions 5. None

On a special assignment from 1939 till 1940. In the Patriotic war: 23.06.1941 - 05.10.1941 Participation in combat 6.

22.05.1942 - 22.08.1942, and since 01.12.1942.

Previous awards 7. None

Drafted by which induction station 8. Regular troops

Awardee's and his family permanent home address 9. intentionally obscured

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

He has made 62 combat missions against the German invaders, of which 25 missions on SB aircraft and 35 missions on Pe-2 aircraft. In 1941, he made 2 nigh combat missions against the German invaders near Kharkov city.

On the Don front, he made 9 combat missions in the sector of the German troops encircled in Stalingrad.

Comrade KUCHKA is an excellent aerial gunner and always keeps his weapon in good condition. His weapon system always functions reliably in combat situation. He is a master radio operator, who promptly and precisely reports all the detected enemy targets to the ground control. For EXCELLENT execution of the combat assignments, he received a number of gratitudes from the Commanders of the division and the front.

On 26.07.1941, he flew as the leading radio operator in the crew with Mj. SYSOEV, bombardier Sr. Lt. TIKHONOV. 9 Pe-2 bombers attacked an enemy armour column on the move on the Brest-Litovsky main road. Exhibiting courage and bravery, he fired at the enemy column and set a fuel truck ablaze. Our aircrafts suffered no losses. The results are confirmed by other crews.

On 26.05.1942, he flew as the leading radio operator in the crew with Mj. SYSOEV, bombardier Mj. NITSAI. 9 Pe-2 bombers attacked enemy airfield in Belgorod. Despite intensive enemy anti-aircraft fire, the mission was accomplished perfectly. As the result of our bombardment and machine-gun fire, 15 enemy aircrafts were set ablaze. Our aircrafts suffered no losses.

On 29.05.1942, the same crew flew a reconnaissance mission. Comrade KUCHKA personally spotted an enemy armour column on the move and promptly reported it to the bombardier. Not losing a single minute, the aircraft was homed at the enemy. As the result of a precise bomb attack and machine-gun fire, the column halted and was partially destroyed, resulting in 4 large fires. The crew returned to the home base safe. RESEARCH On 06.08.1942, he flew as the leading radio operator in the crew with pilot Cpt. PUSCHIN, bombardier Sr. Lt. IVANNIKOV. They bombed enemy motorised troops near Zhutovo-1. As the result of the raid, a number of fires were ignited and an ammunition depot destroyed. On the return trip, comrade KUCHKA was the first to spot the approaching enemy fighter planes and reported them immediately to the leading pilot, thus frustrating the enemy element of surprise. With his precise fire, he shot down one He-113 aircraft. The result is corroborated. See the report written by bombardier IVANNIKOV. Our aircrafts suffered no losses.

On 09.08.1942, the same crew reconnoitred and bombed enemy troops near the sovkhoz "Probed Oktyabrya". As the result of the bombardment and machinegun fire from 500m altitude, there were ignited 9 large fires. Good result.

On 10.01.1943, he flew as the leading radio operator in the same crew. They bombed enemy troops concentration near Baburkin. Good mission results. 7 trucks destroyed and several fires ignited by his machine-gun fire. The results were photographed. Our aircrafts suffered no losses.

On 12.01.1943, he flew as the leading radio operator in the same crew. 9 aircrafts bombed enemy troops near Malaya Rassoshka and the enemy troops retreating from the settlement Zapadnovka. Excellent mission result. From 500m altitude, comrade KUCHKA fired at a column, which was halted and partially destroyed. He reported the target to the ground control centre.

On 17.01.1943, he flew as the leading radio operator in the same crew. 9 aircrafts bombed enemy motorised troops concentration and enemy depots near Gumrak. As the result of the bombardment and machine-gun fire, an enemy fuel depot and 15 trucks were destroyed. The results were photographed.

For exhibited courage and bravery on the front of struggle against hte German invaders, he deserves state award order "RED BANNER".

25 January 1943

Commander of 99 bomber aviation regiment
43 Major signature /YAKOBSON/

II. Conclusion of the superiors

He deserves order "RED BANNER"

Commander of 223 close range bomber aviation division

Colonel signature /YUZEEV/

28 January 1943

III. Conclusion of Army Military Council

He deserves order "PATRIOTIC WAR I CLASS"

Commander of 2 bomber aviation corps

Mj. General of Airforce signature /TURKEL/

28 April 1943

IV. Conclusion of the Front Military Council



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9.8.42 — в том же составе заимама разведивали и сомоили водона противника в рене совмое невели октиври, в результате сомсометании и сострена с н-Боо мтр. возникие 9 очагов помара. Задание, виполнено хорошо.

10.1.43 — ведущи группи девники — экинам в том же составе соможим специема в обек противника в р-не Бабуркин, задание виполнено жороме, уничтожено 7 автомации и возникии пожера от отна
его пущеметов, резумьтати сфетографировани, потерь нет.

12.1.42 - ведущим отрежном-размотом денятки в составе того же заннажа осмовия войска противника в разоне м РОССОШКА и отдо-ил не вомска от н. занадновка, садавие влючена отлично. С высоти воо мгр. т.м. чка осетрения колонеу, в результате колонна онла присс-тановлена и частично расседна, о котором немеждение передан но радио на вемлю.

17.1.48 - водущие радмотом звена в составе девятия экапаж тот не - бомбили скопление мотомельноск и силады противныка, в р-не ГУМРАК. В результате солосметания в состремы унической склад с го-рючим и 15 автомачин. Результаты сфотографированы.

За проявленное мужество и отвату на сренте Отечественно. войны в серьое отнамециил оккупантым - достоин правиде пьственной награды орден «ДРАСНОЕ ЗНАМЯ».

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