AWARD CITATION

Surname, name and middle name **GABITOV KHAIRULLO** 1.

2. Rank Lieutenant

Position and unit Anti-tank artillery commander, 3.

908 rifle regiment, 246 rifle division.

is recommended for order "PATRIOTIC WAR I CLASS"

Birth year 1909 4.

5. Nationality Tatar

Party membership 6. None party member

Participation in the civil war and later in defence of USSR, in Patriotic war 7. In Patriotic war since 30.06.1941 on the Kiev sector,

1 Ukrainian front since 20.12.1943.

Wounds and contusions 8. None

9. In Red Army service since 09.09.1932

10. Drafted by which induction station Stalinskij district military commissariat,

Stalino region.

11. Previous awards None

12. Awardee's and his family permanent intentionally obscured

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

Lieutenant GABITOV's anti-tank artillery platoon is the inseparable companion of our advancing rifle units.

Participating in the battles during 21-26 March 1944 and despite being wounded on 23 March 1944, he was constantly among the combat formation and cleared the way forward by eliminating and suppressing the enemy firing positions by his units precise fire.

On 24 March, the enemy attempted to flank our infantry. He and a cannon crew manned an isolated position without rifle troops support and shot up to a platoon of enemy infantry forcing them to retreat to their initial position.

On 25 March, near the village Oliiv, the enemy attempted a counter-attack supported by 2 tanks. Having rolled his gun to an open sights position on an open terrain and operation himself as a gun commander, he allowed the tank to 200m distance and then destroyed it with 8 direct hits, the tank crew was eliminated, and the enemy counter-attack was frustrated.

For hight military skill, for determination, for courage and bravery, he deserves state award order "PATRIOTIC WAR I CLASS".

Commander of 908 rifle regiment

Major

signature

/IVASHKIN/

27 March 1944



II. Conclusion of the superiors

He deserves order "PATRIOTIC WAR I CLASS"

Commander of 246 rifle "Shumsk" division Colonel signature /FEDOSENKO/

30 March 1944

III. Conclusion of Army Military Council

He deserves order "PATRIOTIC WAR I CLASS"

Commander of 28 rifle corps

Guards Mj. General signature /M. OZIMIN/

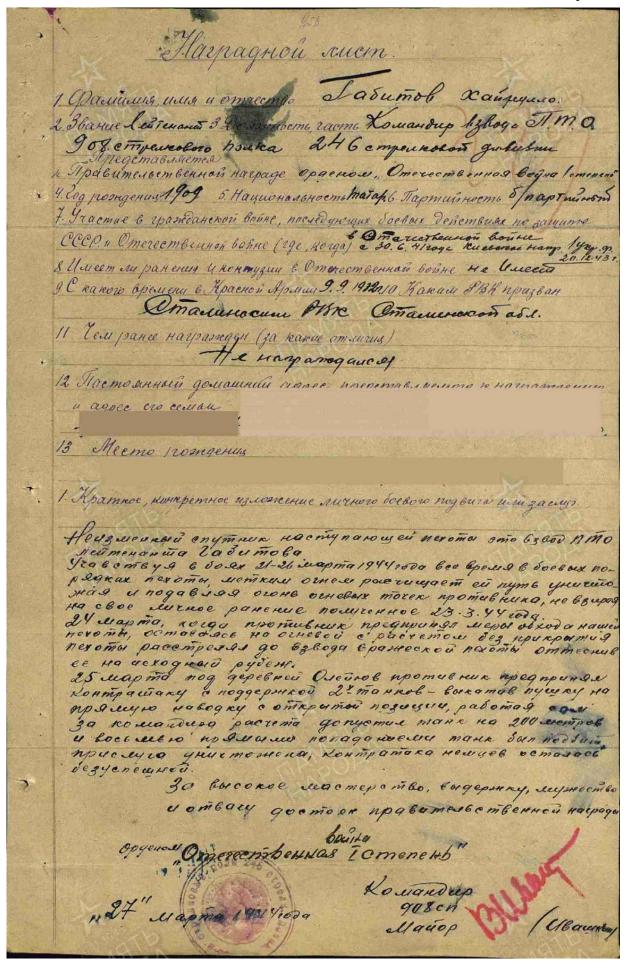
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Awarded with order "PATRIOTIC WAR I CLASS" by the decree # 20/n issued by 28 rifle corps on 08 April 1944.

Head of personnel department of 28 rifle corps

Major of administrative corps signature /SHPADEV/





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