## **Award citation**

- 1. Last name, name, and patronymic: Serov Sergei Fedorovich
- 2. Rank: Guards Sergeant
- 3. Position and unit: Squad leader-135<sup>th</sup> Guards Independent Signal Company, 120<sup>th</sup> Guards Red Banner Rifle Division

## Recommended for the state award the "Order of the Patriotic War II Class"

- 4. Birth year: **1922**
- 5. Nationality: Russian
- 6. Party membership: Komsomol member since October 1942
- Participation in the civil war, in defense of the Soviet Union and the Patriotic War:
  Kaliningrad and Stalingrad Fronts since August 1942 through September 17.9.1942 and
  Belorussian Front since 1.7.1943
- 8. Wounds or contusions in the Patriotic War: Wounded twice on 17.11.1941 and September 1942
- 9. Since when in the Red Army:
- Inducted by which Military Commissariat: Avtozavodsky Regional Military Commissariat,
  Gorky Oblast
- 11. Previous awards recommendations (for what merits): **Medal "For Combat Merit" and** "Order of the Red Star"
- 12. Home address of the awarded and his family: **Avtozavodsky region**, **Gorky oblast**, **Gavan 42-7**; **father Serov**, **Fedor Egorovich**

## Short and specific description of the personal combat feat or merit

Guards Sergeant Serov, during the division's combat activities while crossing the Dnieper River and breaking of the enemy defenses, proved himself a bold and valorous communications soldier.

On 21 February 1944, while under heavy enemy fire, he established communications between the division observation post and the 336<sup>th</sup> Guards Rifle Regiment commander's observation post. During this engagement when the platoon leader was put out of action, comrade Serov assumed command of the platoon and provided uninterrupted communications throughout the subsequent

fighting for the city of Rogachev, thus enabling the command to lead the regiment's operation. He is worthy of the presentation to the State award the Order of the Patriotic War II Class.

Signed Commander of the 135<sup>th</sup> Independent Guards Signal Company, Guards Senior Lieutenant Babkovich.

27.2.1944.

Awarded with the "Order of the Patriotic War II Class".

Signed Commander of the 120<sup>th</sup> Guards Red Banner Rifle Division, Guards Colonel Fichek.

3 March 1944.