

Award citation

1. Last name, name, and patronymic: **Mishchenko Lyubov Nikolaevna**
2. Rank: **Guards Private**
3. Position and unit: **Pilot-46th Guards Taman Red Banner Night Bomber Aviation Regiment**

Recommended for the “Order of the Patriotic War I Class”

4. Birth year: **1918**
5. Nationality: **Ukrainian**
6. Party membership: **None**
7. Participation in the civil war, in defense of the Soviet Union and the Patriotic War (where, when): **In the Patriotic War since October 1943**
8. Wounds or contusions in the Patriotic War: **None**
9. Since when in the Red Army: **Since November 1942**
10. Inducted by which Military Commissariat: **Chita City Military Commissariat**
11. Previous awards recommendations (for what accomplishments): **None**
12. Permanent home address of the awarded and his family: **[Intentionally obscured]**

Short and specific description of the personal combat feat or merit

Comrade Mishchenko has been in the regiment since October 1943. During this period, she mastered piloting skills in night conditions. During this period, she made 115 combat night sorties comprising 138 flight hours. Her total is 862 flight hours. To destroy the enemy troops, she has dumped 14,800 kg of bombs resulting in 12 powerful explosions and 8 conflagrations. Comrade Mishchenko accomplishes her combat missions in very challenging meteorological conditions. In the region of Eltigen, she flew at a height of 200-300 m. All her combat sorties were conducted on the Crimea peninsula. During the accomplishment of her combat missions, comrade Mishchenko repeatedly fell under enemy spotlights and air defense fire. Due to her capable maneuvering of high technique, she led her aircraft from the fire to an excellent accomplishment of her combat mission. For excellent mission accomplishment she has four commendations from the regimental command. She accomplishes wingman flights in a highly effective manner.

On the night of 3 March 1944, she bombed enemy forces near the village of Gryazevaya Puchina. Despite heavy defensive fire comrade Mishchenko conducted seven combat sorties resulting in the observation of 3 major explosions, the information is confirmed by Guards Lieutenant Syrtlanova's flight crew.

On the night of 7 April 1944, she bombed a concentration of enemy motorized-mechanized units and personnel near the village of Kezy, Bul (?). Upon approach to the target, she was lit up by 5 enemy projectors and fired upon by air defense artillery. Capably maneuvering, comrade Mishchenko extracted her aircraft from the fire, diverted a little from the target, and still conducted the bombing resulting in an observed conflagration verified by Guards Captain Smirnova's flight crew as a fuel vehicle being set on fire.

For exemplary accomplishment of the command's missions on the frontal struggle with the German invaders, for accomplishing 115 combat sorties, comrade Mishchenko is worthy of the state award the "Order of the Patriotic War I Class".

Signed Commander of the 46th Guards Taman Red Banner Night Bomber Aviation Regiment,
Guards Major Bershanskaya

9 June 1944.

2. Conclusion of the superiors

Is worthy of the state award of the “Order of the Patriotic War I Class”.

Signed Commander of the 325th Night Bomber Aviation Division, Lieutenant Colonel Doyuevoy.

“12” June 1944.

3. Conclusion of the Army Military Council

Awarded with the Order of the Patriotic War II Class by order no. 028/N on 30 June 1944.

Signed 2nd Section Senior Deputy Chief of the Personnel Section of the 4th Air Army, Captain
Kiselev.

4. Conclusion of the Front Military Council (region)

5. Conclusion of the Award Commission, People's Commissariat of Defense

6. Award record