# Personal Data

Name: Victor Nikolaevich Smirnov Rank Major.

Date of birth: 1922.. Nationality: Russian.

Communist Party membership: Member since 1945. Education: Higher.

Served in the Red Army: Since 04/1941.

Position at the time of receiving the award: Assistant regiment commander in charge of supply, 323rd Guards Rifle Regiment.

# Award Record

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| **ORDER** | **AWARD#** | **DOC-T#** | **DATE** |
| Order of the Red Banner | 73932 | 634271 | 07/17/1943 |
| Order of the Patriotic War, 1st cl. | 25706 | 634271 | 11/03/1943 |
| Order of Alexander Nevsky | 22331 | 634271 | 11/20/1944 |
| Order of the Patriotic War, 2nd cl. | 442631 | 634271 | 06/04/1945 |
| Order of the Red Star | 3423673 | 634271 | 12/30/1956 |

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| **MEDAL** | **AWARD#** | **DOC-T#** | **DATE** |
| Medal for Combat Service | unnumbered | 634271 | 05/27/1951 |
| Medal for Victory over Germany |  | 0297590 | 05/09/1945 |
| Medal for the Defense of Moscow |  | 041983 | 05/01/1944 |
| Medal for the Liberation of |  | 133420 | 06/09/1945 |
| Prague |  |  |  |
| Medal for the 30th Anniversary of |  |  | 02/22/1948 |
| the Soviet Army and Navy |  |  |  |
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**COMMENDATION**

**for an Order of Suvorov, 3rd cl.**

Name: Victor Nikolaevich Smirnov. Rank: Guards senior lieutenant.

Position, Unit: Rifle battalion commander, 205th Guards Order of the Red Banner Rifle Regiment, 70th Guards Glukhovo Order of Lenin, twice Order of the Red Banner, Order of Bogdan Khmelnitsky Rifle Division.

Date of birth: 1922. Nationality: Russian.

Communist party membership: Candidate-member of the Communist Party.

Participation in the Civil War, further hostilities during the defense of the USSR, and the Patriotic War: In the Patriotic War since 10/1941. Fronts: Western, Voronezh, Central, lst Ukrainian.

Wounds: Wounded on 08/07/1942; lightly wounded on 12/11/1942, light contusion on 07/11/1943.

Service in the Red Army: Since 1941.

Prior awards: Order of the Red Banner, 07/12/1943; Order of the Patriotic War, 1st c 11/03/1943.

**Short factual description of the military feat or achievements**

During the breakthrough of the enemy defense line in the area of the village of Mshana (Poland) on 09/28/1944 comrade Smirnov displayed high capacities in organizing warfare. The order of command to break through the enemy defense was completed with honor. After an artillery barrage personnel of the battalion courageously attacked the enemy and pushed it back to the forest towards the village of Rodyanka. Over the course of two hours the battalion conducted a heavy fight in the forest. Finally, the enemy resistance broke down and the battalion was first to enter the outskirts of the village of Rodyanka. During the subsequent offensive fights for the Heights 585,0, 613,0, and 710,0 located on the border with Czechoslovakia in difficult conditions of mountainous woodlands comrade Smirnov led soldiers and officers into attack. That facilitated general success of our attacking troops. In these fights despite confronting numerically superior enemy force the battalion has eliminated and captured up to 300 Germans, eight heavy machine-guns, two guns, and a lot of ammunition.

Comrade Smirnov dese1ves to be awarded with an Order of Suvorov, 3rd cl.

Signed: Commander of 205th Guards Order of the Red Banner Rifle Regiment Hero of the Soviet Union Guards Colonel Pechenuk

10/14/1944

Final Decision: Deserves to be awarded with an Order of Suvorov, 3rd cl.

Signed: Commander of76th Rifle Corps Lieutenant General Glukhov. 11/15/1944