AWARD CITATION

Surname, name and middle name ZAN'KO FEDOR PETROVICH 1.

Rank 2. Guards Sr. Sergeant

Position and unit Senior aerial gunner, 75 guards ground assault aviation "Stalingrad" Red Banner regiment. 3.

is recommended for order "RED BANNER"

Birth year 1921 4.

Nationality 5. Belorussian

Party membership 6. None party member VKP(b) member since 194

Participation in the civil war and later defence of USSR, in Patriotic war 7. In Patriotic war since 25.07.1941

Wounds and contusions 8. None

9. In Red Army service since May 1940

10. Drafted by which induction station Lepel district military commissariat, Vitebsk region.

11. Previous awards Order "Red Banner" decree #27 on 02.08.1943 by 8

Airforce, handed out 20.12.1943; order "Red Star' decree #07 on 31.08.1943 by 1 Guards aviation division, handed out 04.09.1943; order "Patriotic war I class" decree #22 on 03.05.1944 by 8 Airforce, handed out 17.05.1944.

12. Awardee's and his family permanent intentionally obscured

home address

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

During his service in 75 Guards ground assault aviation regiment, Guards Sr. Sergeant ZAN'KO flew 136 successful combat ground strike missions as an aerial gunner on IL-2.

For his 109 successful missions and exhibited heroism, he was bestowed with order "Red Banner", "Red Star", and "Patriotic war I class".

After his latest award, comrade ZAN'KO made further 27 successful combat missions as an aerial gunner on IL-2 aircraft.

He flies combat missions with great enthusiasm and executes them diligently, skilfully protecting his pilot from enemy fighter planes.

Guards Sr. Sergeant ZAN'KO is one of the best aerial gunners in the regiment and flies always in the leading aircraft of the formation.

During the missions, he always efficiently assists his pilot-commander with monitoring the skies and coordination with our fighter escort.

When engaging enemy fighter planes in the air, he exhibits exceptional courage and bravery. He shot down 3 enemy aircrafts during of the war.

He received a number of gratitudes from the command for his excellent combat performance.

He skilfully and bravely repels enemy fighter plane attacks, such as: On 24.04.1944, in a combat mission near "Sapun Gora" mount, a group of IL-2 was attacked by 4 enemy planes. Comrade ZAN'KO repelled 3 attacks by 2 enemy planes, which attempted to scatter our formation.

On 05.05.1944, in a ground strike mission at the enemy airfield "Shestaya versta", our IL-2 formation was attacked by 2 Me-109. Comrade ZAN'KO repelled 2 attacks in this engagement.

On 05.07.1944, in a ground strike mission against an enemy vehicle caravan, comrade ZAN'KO set ablaze a truck by the fire of his machine-gun.

On 04.08.1944, during a combat mission, his aircraft was attacked by enemy fighter planes. Apart from that, his IL-2 was already severely damaged by AA fire. Guards Sr. Sergeant ZAN'KO was engaging enemy fighters with his protective fire, when his machine-gun jammed. Then he fired a signal flare directly into approaching enemy plane and hit it. Blinding flash confused the enemy pilot, who stopped his attack run and exited the fight. ZAN'KO sustained 3 light wounds in this combat engagement.

For 27 successful combat missions on IL-2 as an aerial gunner and for exhibited courage and bravery, he deserves state award order "RED BANNER".

Commander of 75 guards ground assault aviation

"Stalingrad" Red Banner regiment

06 August 1944 Guards Lt. Colonel

signature

/LYKHOVSKY/

Conclusion of Division Military Council

He deserves order "RED BANNER"

Commander of 1 guards ground assault aviation "Stalingrad" Red Banner Suvorov order division

Guards Colonel

signature /PRUTKOV/

10 August 1944

By the decree № 053/n issued by 1 Airforce on 27 August 1944 B E S T O W E D with order "GLORY III CLASS"



BALPARHOU ЛИСТ

1. Дами има и отчество ЗАНЬКО Делор Петрович. 2. одание грарлии стариий свржант. э. нолжность, часть возгущний стрелок стариий 70 гариейского штурмового Авиатионного Сталингратского краснознаменного полка.

представляется к ордену "КРАСНСЕ ЗНАМЯ."

4. Год рокления— 1921. 5. Национальность— Белорусс. 6. на рийность— член ВЛКСМ с 1942 г.

Д'я стие в гражданской войне, последующих боевых действиях по защите СССР и Отечественной войне /где, когда/-в Отечественной войне с 5.7. 1941 roll.

8. Имеет ли ранения и контузии в Отечественной войне-не имеет. 9. С какого времени в Красной Армии-с мая 1940 г. 10. Каким РВК призван-летельским РВК, Вите Сской обл:

П. Чем ранее награжден /ж какие отличия/-орденами:-"Красное знаме"-2.8.

ТУНО г. приказ 8 ВА южного фронта р. 27/н. вручен-20. 12. 43 г. "Красная Звезда"-31.8. 43 г. приказ 1 ТШАСКОСТ № 07/н. вручен-4.9. 43 г. "Отечественная война I ст. "3.5. 44 г. приказ ВА 4 Украинского фронта р. 2/н, вручен-17.5. 44 гола.

12. постоянный ломашний адрес представляемого к награждению и адрес его

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не период тре бывания в 75 Гв. ШАСКТ гвар Лии спарший сержани од при од продава и 136 устепных бое вых вы латов на самолете и 1-2 на штурмовку и боморметание пехники и живой силь тротивника в качестве возпушного стре-

За произве Ленные 109 устещных босных выльтов и проявленные при вими этом мужество, отвату и тоблесть награжлен оргенами " красное знамя", "Красная заевта" и оргеном "Сталественная вотна I ст. "
После нослечней награмы тов. Занько произвелене 27 стещных босвых выдления на самолете и Л-2 в начестве возлушного стрелья.

На осевые загания летает с большим теленим и выполняет их побро-

отбил две атаки вражеских истребителей. 2.7.44 гога при штурмовке автоколона тов. Занько из своего пу-

лемета толжег одну автомашину: 4.8.44 голж три вутолнении боевого запания на его экитеж натали вражеские истрабители, кроме того самолат был сильно повражлан

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