AWARD CITATION

Surname, name and middle name MARCHENKO GRIGORIJ ROMANOVICH

Rank Lieutenant

Position and unit Commander of the 7th rifle company,

1005 rifle regiment, 279 rifle division.

is recommended for order "English order" order "RED BANNER"

1. Birth year 1902

2. Nationality Ukrainian

3. In Red Army service since March 1943

4. Party membership None party member

5. Participation in combat (where, when) Since 01.03.1943 on South-Western front

6. Wounds and contusions Severely wounded on 19.07.1943

7. Previous awards None

8. Drafted by which induction station Voroshilovgrad town military commissariat.

9. Awardee's and his family permanent intentionally obscured home address

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

During 18-19 July 1943, in the battle for the hill 127.8 near the village Belaya Gora (Lisichansk district, Voroshilovgrad region), rifle battalion commander was taken out of action and MARCHENKO replaced him and assumed the command over the remnants of the battalion force. He bravely and energetically led the troops, i.e. a group of 12 men, and repelled 8 ferocious counter-attacks by overwhelmingly superior enemy force. Being himself twice wounded in the left and the right arm, he continued his leadership and repelled the last enemy attack in hand to hand fight, fighting with bayonets, rifle butts, and hand grenades. Only after that, being exhausted from the blood loss, he was evacuated under the cover of night across the river to our bank to the regiment headquarters.

23 July 1943

Commander of 1005 rifle regiment

Guards Colonel signature

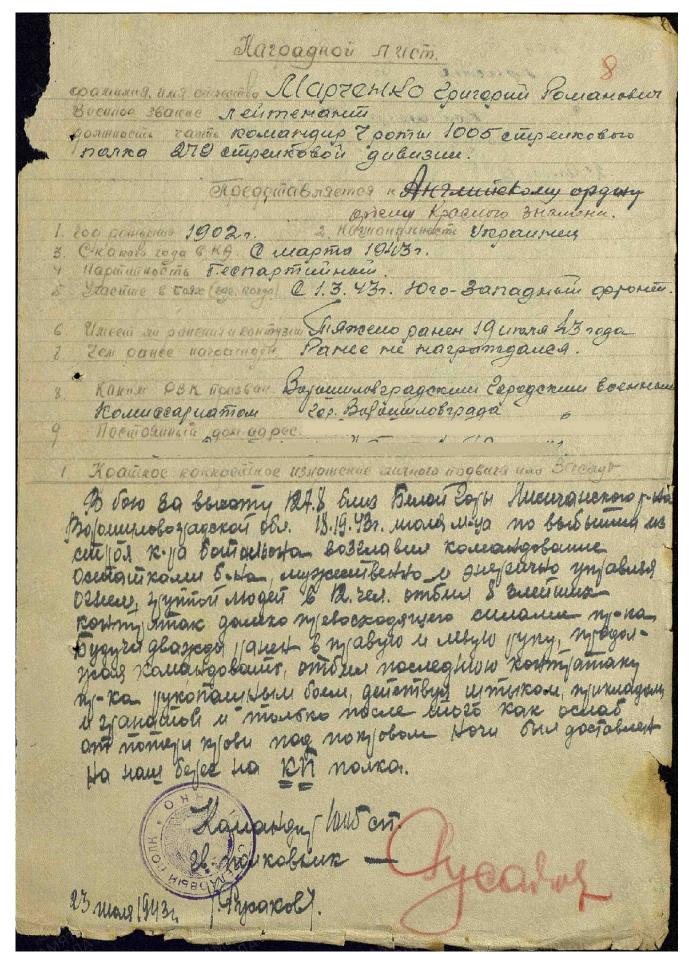
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Commander of 279 rifle division Guards Mj. General signature /POTAPENKO/ 25 July 1943





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