

Aleksander
Nevsky**AWARD CITATION**

Surname, name and middle name	BOTEV NIKOLA SOYANOV
Rank	Colonel
Position and unit	Commander of 31 infantry regiment, 1 Bulgarian army.
1. Birth year	1899
2. Nationality	Bulgarian
3. In Red Army service since	
4. Party membership	
5. Participation in combat	In Patriotic war since 05.12.1944
6. Wounds and contusions	None
7. Previous awards	None
8. Drafted by which induction station	Regular troops
9. Awardee's and his family permanent home address	<i>intentionally obscured</i>

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

As the commander 31 infantry regiment, he exhibited strength of spirits and successfully accomplished his combat mission on 06 March 1945 near the settlement Csököly. This provided vital assistance to the Russian troops, which found themselves in daring situation due to the enemy breaking through the line.

During the course of the battle, he skilfully and courageously led his regiment and he managed to push the enemy back by several kilometres.

On 07 March 1945 at 05:00, he successfully repelled an enemy attack. And then repelled 3 more enemy attacks (08 March 1945 at 02:10, 03:30, and 07:30).

Generally, the commander of 31 infantry regiment acted as an adamant persistent leader in all the most sever moments as well as in all the combat engagements of the division during the period 06-19 March and 28-31 March 1945. He executed brilliantly his combat missions, for which he and his troops received gratitude from the Russian , as well as the Bulgarian higher Command.

Commander of 12 infantry division
Mj. General *signature* /TARALEZHKOVA/

13 April 1945



Lt. General signature

Mj.General signature

Colonel signature

Д-р. Нелевски

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БОТЕВ Никола Стоянов

ПОЛКОВНИК

Командир 31 пехот-

ного полка 1 Болгарской армии.

1899 г.

Болгарин

не имеет

кадров

участвует в Отеч. Войне с 5.12.1944 г

не имеет

В качестве Командира 31 пех. полка исполнил с твердостью и успехом данную ему боевую задачу 6.3.45 выдвинувшись в район Чекел и дать помощь Русским войскам, находящимся в критическом положении вследствие прорыва сделанного противником.

В течение боя умело и бесстрашно вел полк и ему удалось отбросить противника на несколько километров назад.

7.3.45 в 5.00 с успехом отразил атаку противника, а 8.3 в 2.10, 3.30 и 7.30 отбил другие три атаки противника.

Вообще командир 31 пп в течение всех боев дивизии от 6 до 19 и от 28 до 31.45 и в самые тяжелые моменты был твердым непоколебимым начальником и выполнил блестяще боевые задачи, за что он и его бойцы получили похвалу, как от Русского, так и от Болгарского Высших командований.

/Таралежков/

ГЕНЕРАЛ-МАЙОР - Командир 12-а пехотна дивизия

13.IV.1945 год.

