**Record Card**

1. **Surname**: Meshcheryakov
2. **First Name and Patronymic**: Vasily Timofeevich
3. **Military Rank**: Lieutenant
4. **Gender**: Male
5. **Year of Birth**: 1911
6. **Place of Birth**: Kursk Oblast, Sovetsky District
7. **Party Membership**: Not a member
8. **Education**: Secondary
9. **Nationality**: Russian
10. **Service in the Red Army**: 1941-1946
11. **Service Location and Position at Time of Award**: 21st Guards Rifle Regiment, 38th Guards Rifle Division, 1st Ukrainian Front
12. **Current Service Location and Position**: Teacher in village of Rakity, Kursk Oblast, Sovetsky District
13. **Home Address**: Kursk Oblast, Sovetsky District, village of Rakity

**List of All Awards Received**

1. **Order of the Red Banner**
	* **Serial Number**: 959006
	* **Award Document Number**: [Illegible]
	* **Awarded By**: Order of the 21st Guards Rifle Regiment, October 31, 1943
2. **Medal "For Combat Merit"**
	* **Serial Number**: 793021
	* **Award Document Number**: [Illegible]
	* **Awarded By**: Order of the 38th Guards Rifle Division, October 18, 1944
3. **Order of the Red Star**
	* **Serial Number**: 1715147
	* **Award Document Number**: [Illegible]
	* **Awarded By**: Order of the 38th Guards Rifle Division, February 24, 1945
4. **Medal "For Military Merit"**
	* **Serial Number**: 289061
	* **Award Document Number**: 509246
	* **Awarded By**: Order of the 40th Army, June 25, 1945

**Award Sheet**

1. **Last Name, First Name, and Patronymic:** Meshcheryakov Vasily Timofeevich
2. **Rank:** Lieutenant
3. **Position, Unit:** Commander of a platoon, 214th Rifle Regiment, 38th Rifle Division
4. **Year of Birth:** 1911
5. **Nationality:** Russian
6. **Party Membership:** Member of VKP(b) since 1944
7. **Participation in the Civil War and Other Military Actions:** Participant in the Great Patriotic War since 1941
8. **Injuries and Concussions in the War:** No injuries recorded
9. **Red Army Service Since:** 1941, Called by Konashevsky District Military Commissariat of the Kalinin Region
10. **Previous Awards (for what distinction):** Awarded the "Medal for Combat Service"
11. **Permanent Home Address of Nominee:** Kalinin Region, address recorded

**Summary of Personal Combat Feat or Merits:**

The organization and leadership of the battalion by Lieutenant Meshcheryakov were especially noteworthy during the crossing of the Dnieper River near the village of Pushcha Vodytsya. For four days under heavy enemy artillery fire, he continuously supervised the crossing operation, providing essential support to our advancing units.

On the night of September 27, 1943, Lieutenant Meshcheryakov’s battalion took a forward position and, despite fierce enemy resistance, established a foothold for the main forces. By September 29, 1943, the enemy had regrouped considerable forces and launched an assault, concentrating up to 1,000 shells on our position to break through our defenses.

On October 4, Lieutenant Meshcheryakov personally led a counterattack, effectively organizing the defense and decisively stopping the advancing enemy. After repelling three significant attacks from a numerically superior force, he ordered a bold counterattack, resulting in the enemy’s retreat with substantial losses (including 10 enemy tanks and up to a company of soldiers destroyed in a single day).

Lieutenant Meshcheryakov’s unit showed exceptional organization, firepower, and discipline. Automated units attempted to flank them but were repeatedly repelled. With courage and skill, Meshcheryakov’s forces turned the enemy back, holding their positions steadfastly.

Comrade Meshcheryakov has shown himself as a true commander, inspiring his soldiers by example, and deserves the award of the "Hero of the Soviet Union."

Commander (Position) (Signature) Military Commissar (Signature)

24th October 1943

**Conclusions of Senior Commanders**

1. **Conclusion of the Unit Commander:**
Recommendation for awarding the title of "Hero of the Soviet Union" approved.
**Commander:** [Signature]
Date: 25 October 1943
2. **Conclusion of the Army Military Council:**
Approved.
**Commander:** General-Lieutenant [Name illegible]
Date: 1943
3. **Military Council of the Front:**
No additional details.
4. **Conclusion of the NKO Award Commission:**
No additional details.
5. **Mark of Awarding:**
Awarded the "Order of the Red Banner."
**Order:** 27th Army Command, Order dated 31 October 1943

**Stamp and Signatures**