

## Citation

**Last Name, First Name, Patronymic:** Krutko Mikhail Yakovlevich

**Rank:** Captain

**Position, Unit:** Battalion Commander, 743rd Rifle Regiment, 131st "Ropsha" Rifle Division

**Recommended for:** the Order of Alexander Nevsky

1. **Year of Birth:** 1914
2. **Nationality:** Ukrainian
3. **In the Red Army Since:** since 1939
4. **Party Membership:** Member of the All-Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks
5. **Participation in the battles (where, when):** Leningrad From since June 1941
6. **Any wounds and concussions:** Wounded 10 February 1944
7. **Previously awarded (for which merits):** Medal for the Defense of Leningrad in 1943
8. **Conscripted in which District Military Commissariat:** Krasnopresnensky District Military Commissariat, Moscow
9. **Permanent home address (of the recommendee or his family):** *[redacted per archive policy]*

### I. Concise, concrete description of personal feat of arms or merits

During combat operations from 10-12 February 1944 while forcing the river Narva, he skillfully commanded his battalion and properly organized coordination with attached and supporting fires.

By his personal example, he inspired the troops, moving them to carry out their combat mission.

The battalion, under the command of Comrade Krutko, was first to cross the Narva and firmly entrench along the captured lines.

Over the course of a day, up to 15 enemy counterattacks were repelled by the battalion. His skillful actions and excellent direction of the battle ensured the fulfillment of the assigned mission.

Commander [of the 743rd Rifle Regiment]  
Lieutenant-Colonel Ivanov *[signed & stamped]*

15 February 1944

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Deserves awarding of the government award the  
Order of Alexander Nevsky

Commander of the 131st "Ropsha" Rifle Division  
Colonel Romanenko *[signed & stamped]*

18 February 1944

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Order of Alexander Nevsky

Commander of the 43rd Rifle Corps  
Guards Major-General Andreev *[signed & stamped]*

3 March 1944

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Chief of Staff, 43rd Rifle Corps  
Colonel Kuzmin *[signed]*

**Krutko, Mikhail Yakovlevich**  
**Крутько Михаил Яковлевич**  
**Order of Alexander Nevsky 47077**

**Award Record Card**

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**Service Records & Portrait**

<https://pamyat-naroda.ru/heroes/person-hero122986354/>

**Additional Service & Wounds Records**

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