Document pertaining to Order of Glory III # 79.490

1. Information card

Order Booklet No #006557

1. **Last name :** Mikhail
2. **Name and patronymic:** Yakovlevich Berezhnoy
3. **Rank:** Corporal
4. **Sex:** Male
5. **Birth year:** *1*909
6. **Birth place:** Sumskaya Region, city of Romny
7. **Party membership:** Not a member
8. **Education:** Primary
9. **Nationality:** Ukrainian
10. **Joined red army:** 07.1941
11. **Place of service and duty position at time of awarding:** Squad commander, 207th Independent Motorized Engineering Battalion, 42nd Independent Motorized Engineering Brigade.
12. **Place of service at current time:** Sumskaya Region, city of Romny, Builders Union - carpenter/joiner.
13. **Home address:** Sumskaya Region, city of Romny; 1, 2nd Leninsky Ln., Apt. 1
14. **Awards**

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| **Award name** | **Award number** | **Document number** | **Reason for awarding** |
| Order of Glory III | 79.490 | Temp cert # 468898 | Order # 031/N of 07/03/45 to the troops of the 3rd Guards Tank Army |

Attesting to the veracity of the information and of the award

Romensky District Military Committee

Major (sig. ill.)

24 March 1947

Award sheet

1. **Last name, name and patronymic :** Mikhail Yakovlevich Berezhnoy
2. **Rank :** Corporal
3. **Duty position and Unit**: Sapper/ field engineer, 207th Independent Order of the Red Star Motorized Engineering Battalion.
4. **Birth year:** 1909
5. **Nationality:** Ukrainian
6. **Party membership:** not a party member
7. **In combat:** Participated in the Patriotic War. Fronts: South-western, Voronezh, and 1st Ukrainian, since 15/07/1941
8. **Wounds of Contusions:** 39/08/1942
9. **In Red Army:** 07/1941
10. **Inducted by:**
11. **Earlier Awards:** None
12. **Permanent address:**

**Short factual description of the military feat or achievements:**

On the night of 4 February 1945 Corporal Berezhnoy together with a group conducted reconnaissance of the Oder River for future construction of a 60-ton bridge. In difficult conditions under enemy artillery fire comrade Berezhnoy measured geographical profile of the river sometimes working waist-deep in ice-cold water. Comrade Berezhnoy completed the task on time.

On the night of 5 February 1945 comrade Berezhnoy selflessly constructed the bridge installing piles and laying bearers. Comrade Berezhnoy together with a construction team has installed ten piles and laid sixteen bearers. Private Berezhnoy work contributed to successful completion of the task and helped 3rd Guards Tank Army’s units to cross the river.

Comrade Berezhnoy deserves to be awarded with an Order of the Red Star.

Commander of 207th Independent Order of the Red Star Motorized Engineering Battalion

Major Mysyakov

06/02/1945

Deserves to be awarded with an Order of Glory, 3rd class.

Commander of 3rd Guards Tank Army

Guards Colonel General Rybalko **[Marshal of the Armed Forces a few months later]**

02/1945