



## **AWARD CITATION**

1. Surname, name and middle name CHIRVA STEPAN NIKITOVICH

2. Rank Guards Colonel

3. Position and unit Commander of 283 fighter aviation "Kamyshin" Red

Banner division.

is recommended for order "KUTUZOV II CLASS"

4. Birth year 1907

5. Nationality Ukrainian

6. Party membership VKP(b) member since 1932

7. Participation in the civil war and later in defence of USSR, in Patriotic war

8. Wounds and contusions None

9. In Red Army service since 1929

10. Drafted by which induction station Regular troops

11. Previous awards Three orders of "Red Banner" in 1942, 1943, 1944;

Medals "For Stalingrad defence" and "For Leningrad

defence".

12. Awardee's and his family permanent int

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

He has commanded the fighter aviation division since December 1943. In a short time, thanks to his demanding nature and ability to lead combat operations, he significantly improved the combat effectiveness of the division's units.

Comrade CHIRVA, during his participation in the Patriotic War, personally conducted 94 combat sorties, engaged in 10 air battles, and shot down 2 enemy aircrafts. He skilfully manages both combat operations and party-political work. A tactically competent and demanding commander. For exemplary combat performance during the capture of the cities of Mozyr and Kalinkovichi by our forces, the division was awarded order "Red Banner". During the summer offensive in the Zhlobin, Bobruisk, Slutsk, and Baranovichi directions, the division's units carried out 1392 combat sorties in support of ground-attack aircraft and free hunting missions to intercept enemy aircrafts.

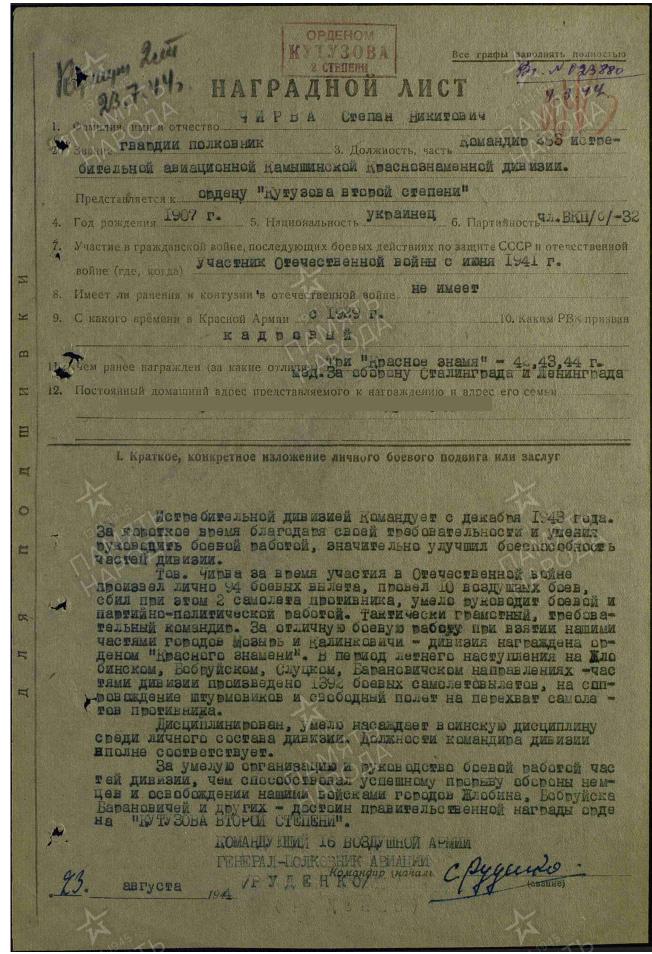
He is disciplined and effectively instills military discipline among the division's personnel. He fully meets the requirements of a divisional commander.

For the skilful organisation and leadership of the division's combat operations, and for his contribution to the successful breakthrough of German defences and the liberation of the cities of Zhlobin, Bobruisk, Baranovichi, and others by our troops, he deserves state award order "KUTUZOV II CLASS".

Commander of 16 Airforce

23 August 1944 Col. General of aviation signature /RUDENKO/





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