**Award citation**

To the commander of the 1st battery, 680th Anti-Tank Artillery Regiment of the Supreme Command Reserve, Senior Lieutenant Bulatov Shamil Abdurakhmanovich.

1. Birth year: **1923**
2. Nationality: **Tatar**
3. Social position: **Employee**
4. Party membership: **All-Union Communist Party candidate since 1943**
5. Since when in the Red Army: **Since June 1941**
6. Participation in the Civil War: **Not participate**
7. Wounds or contusions: **None**
8. Previous award recommendations: **None**
9. Bestowed awards and commendations: **None**
10. Service in White or other bourgeois armies or prisoner of war: **Not serve, not a prisoner**
11. Home address: **[Intentionally obscured]**

**Short and specific description of the personal combat feat or merit**

On 13 August 1943, after digging into the village of Litovka, the enemy conducted an artillery preparation then launched a counterattack. Seven enemy tanks attacked the 640th Rifle Regiment, 2nd Battalion’s defense and drove into the 640th Regiment’s rear area. Suppressing the 379th Artillery Regiment 2nd Battalion 2nd battery, the tanks were posed to both threaten the rear area and to occupy the village of Bakirovka. Senior Lieutenant Bulatov was ordered to advance with one of his guns to meet the advancing tanks and destroy them. Senior Lieutenant Bulatov quickly deployed the gun to the vicinity of the church in the Bakirovka region and opened fire on the approaching T-4 tanks [trans: a soviet designation for German Panzer IV tanks]. When his first shots put the lead tank out of action and the second tank attempted to tow the knocked out tank, comrade Bulatov opened fire on the second tank and set it on fire while the remaining tanks retreated and concealed themselves behind the buildings of Bakirovka. The enemy tank assault on Bakirovka was repelled.

For exemplary accomplishment of the regimental commander’s order and personal bravery, comrade Bulatov is worthy of the state award the “Order of the Red Star”.

Signed Commander of the 680th Anti-Tank Artillery Regiment of the Supreme Command Reserve Lieutenant Colonel Likhachev.

18.8.1943.

Signed Artillery Commander of the 24th Artillery Division, Major General of artillery Gvelikov.

31.8.1943.

Awarded with the Order of the Red Star by order no. 1 of the Artillery Commander on 5 September 1943.

Signed Personnel Directorate Officer of the 27th Army, Captain Biryukov.