**Award citation**

1. Last name, name, and patronymic: **Churkina Aleksandra Nikitishna**
2. Rank: **Sergeant of the Medical Service**
3. Position and unit: **Medical Instructor-4th Rifle Company, 1135th Salsky Rifle Regiment, 339th Taman Red Banner Rifle Division, 33rd Army, 1st Belorussian Front**

**Recommended for the “Order of the Red Banner”**

1. Birth year: **1925**
2. Nationality: **Russian**
3. Party membership: **None**
4. Participation in the civil war, in defense of the Soviet Union and the Patriotic War (where, when): **In the Patriotic War since 26.7.1943 in the North Caucasian Front, Separate Coastal Army and 1st Belorussian Front**
5. Wounds or contusions in the Patriotic War: **Slightly wounded in the left leg on 6.2.1945 on the Oder River, evacuated to the hospital**
6. Since when in the Red Army: **Since 16.4.1943**
7. Inducted by which Military Commissariat: **Tikhoretsky Regional Military Commissariat, Krasnodarskiy krai**
8. Previous awards recommendations (for what accomplishments): **None**
9. Permanent home address of the awarded and her family: **[Intentionally obscured]**

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

In the battle to break through the German positional defense on the west bank of the Vistula River in the direction of the city of Radom on 14 January 1945, despite enemy fire and a clear danger to her life, under machine-gun fire, she assisted the wounded, taking them to a shelter, thereby rendering assistance to 30 wounded.

In the battle for the crossing of the Oder river, she carried 15 wounded out of the fire up the stairs to the blown up bridge, providing them with the necessary assistance, helping to raise a high offensive impulse and preserve the lives of the wounded. On 6 February 1945, comrade Churkina was wounded. Is worthy of being awarded the “Order of the Red Banner”.

Signed Commander of the 1135th Salsky Rifle Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Sharov.

“26” February 1945.

Is worthy of the Order of the Patriotic War II Class

Signed Commander of the 339th Taman Red Banner Order of Suvorov II Class Rifle Division, Hero of the Soviet Union Guards Colonel Vasilenko.

26 February 1945.

**II. Conclusion of the superiors**

**III. Conclusion of the Army Military Council**

**IV. Conclusion of the Front Military Council (region)**

**V. Conclusion of the Award Commission, People's Commissariat of Defense**

**VI. Award record**

Awarded with the Order of the Patriotic War II Class by the order no. 032/N of the 16th Rifle Corps Commander.

31.3.1945.

Signed Assistant Chief of the 16th Rifle Corps, Captain of the Administrative Service Smirnov.