AWARD CITATION

Surname, name and middle name ZAITSEV VICTOR VASILIEVICH 1.

2. Rank Senior Sergeant

Position and unit 3. Senior radio operator of 202 tank battalion,

89 tank brigade, 1 tank corps.

is recommended for medal "FOR COMBAT MERITS"

Birth year 1924 4.

5. Nationality Russian

Party membership 6. None party member

Participation in the civil war and later defence of USSR, in Patriotic war 7. In Patriotic war since 1943 on Bryansk front

Wounds and contusions 8. None

9. In Red Army service since 1942

10. Drafted by which induction station Komsomolsk district military commissariat,

Khabarovsk region.

11. Previous awards None

Awardee's and his family permanent home address intentionally obscured 12.

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

Fighting near the village Lugi (Kalinin region) during 23-25 November, Sergeant ZAITSEV performed duties of a machine-gunner, radio operator, and also as a company commander. He proved himself as a brave and cool NCO.

Being subjected to enemy artillery and mortar fire for 2 days, Sergeant ZAITSEV maintained uninterrupted communication link between the battalion headquarters and the tanks active on the battlefield. As the result of this effort, the battalion commanders had easy control of their combat assets on the battlefield. When his tank was hit, Sergeant ZAITSEV exited his tank. Risking his life under artillery-mortar and automatic fire, he crawled to the headquarters and reported on the conditions of the crew and the tank. For courage and bravery, he deserves state award medal "FOR COMBAT MERITS".

Commander of 202 tank battalion

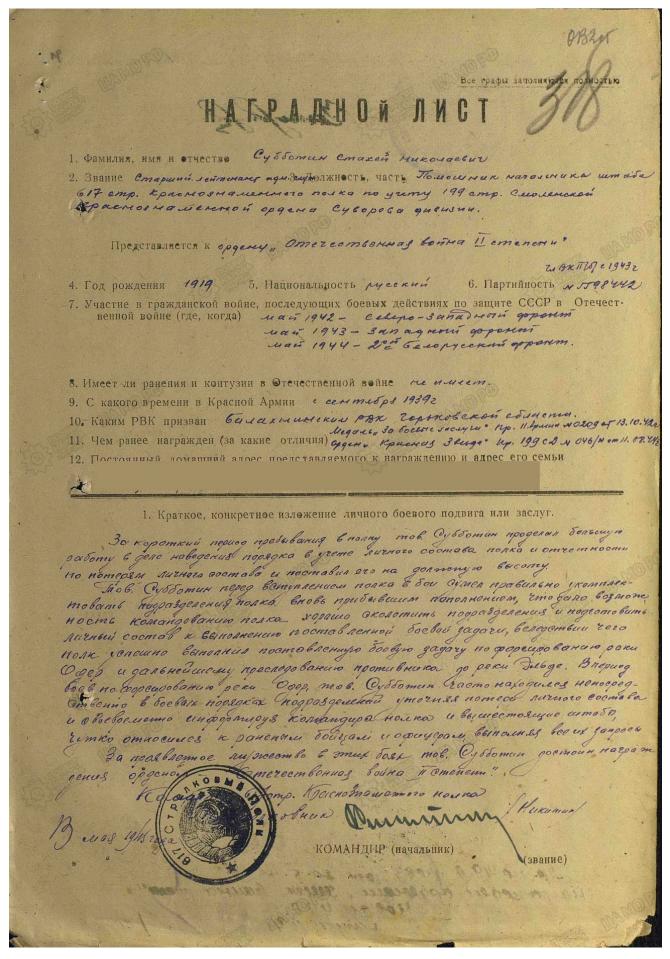
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