

## Award Card

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1. Last name: Karateev
2. Name and patronymic: Gavriil Ustinovich
3. Rank: Guards Lieutenant Colonel
4. Gender: Male
5. Birthyear: 1910
6. Birthplace: Krasnodarsk Krai, Geochinskii Region, village of Dondukovskaya
7. Party membership: CPSU member since 8.1942
8. Education: mid-level
9. Nationality: Russian
10. Time in Red Army: 10.32-12.34 and since 3.40
11. Place of service at awarding: Tactical Training Instructor – Regional Officer Advanced Course, Northern Military District
12. Place of work at present: same
13. Home address: Karelian-Finnish SSR, Medvezhbegorsk, May Day St. 4, Apt. 16
14. Awards:

Designation	Serial Number	Awarding Organization
Red Banner	41.073	Karelian Front dated 17.5.42
Combat Service Medal	3.173.599	Edict dated 6.11.47
Red Star	3.100.668	Edict dated 21.8.53
Victory over Germany Medal		Edict dated 9.5.45
30 Armed Forces Jubilee Medal		Edict dated 22.2.48

Verified by Chief of Personnel Unit, Major Minin on 21 September 1953

## Award Sheet

Award Sheet for 126 Rifle Regiment/71 Rifle Division, Battalion Commander Lieutenant Gavriil Ustinovich Karateev for the Order of Lenin

1. Born: 191(?)
2. Nationality: Russian
3. In Red Army: 1932-1934 and since 1939
4. Party membership: n/a
5. Previous combat: fought against White Finns in 1941
6. Wounds or shell-shock: wounded in combat near the village of Medvezhya Gora on 29 October 1941
7. Previous awards: n/a
8. Inducted by: Moscow Oblast inducted from the reserves in 1929

9. Home of record: [translator: entry obscured]

Short description of personal combat feat or accomplishment

From the beginning of the Patriotic War, Comrade Karateev has continuously engaged in fighting with the White Finns. His personal example of valor and bravery motivates his soldiers to emulate.

On 13 July 1941 near Longonvara, a group of White Finns penetrated our defense and advanced three kilometers into our defense.

As commander of a machinegun company, Comrade Karateev received the mission to drive the enemy from our territory. With a group of as many as 100 soldiers, Comrade Karateev capably advanced on the invaders. The White Finns were confident in their push and had already brought their wagons forward.

The group under Comrade Karateev's command boldly and decisively engaged the White Finns. Not expecting such a bold attack, the White Finns were scattered and retreated 2.5 kilometers, abandoning their casualties, arms, and ammunition on the battlefield. The White Finns wanted to dig in on the very border but at that moment in their lead formation, Comrade Karateev appeared and personally manned a heavy machinegun and poured a stream of bullets against the White Finns.

The enemy could not resist the deep fire and our soldiers' attacks and were forced to retreat to the State border. Lieutenant Karateev organized the pursuit of the retreating White Finns and pursued them three kilometers past the border and only then returned to a defensive posture.

On 5 September 1941 a group of White Finns numbering up to 300 soldiers made a forced river crossing of the Metri River near Kudomgub, moving into the rear of one battalion, intending to cut the Kudomgu-Narisozero road and capture two batteries of regimental artillery.

The leadership of the liquidation of this group was assigned to Lieutenant Karateev. Comrade Karateev conducted a good reconnaissance of the enemy firing systems, surrounded the group, and waged fierce fighting against the group over two days. By the end of the day on 6 September 1941, the group was liquidated. The enemy left 137 bodies on the battlefield, as many as 39(?) were found in the Megri River. The enemy also left a large quantity of armament and ammunition – up to 130 rifles, two heavy machineguns, six light machineguns, and other weapons.

In subsequent fighting Comrade Karateev has commanded the battalion, stubbornly defending every inch of our native land.

Comrade Karateev was wounded in one engagement near Kumsa-2 but did not evacuate the battlefield until the end of the fight.

Signed 126 Rifle Regiment Commander Captain Lavrentiev, Commissar Senior *Politruk* Nepozhelov, and Chief of Staff Captain Maikov on 12.01.42

Unit Award Order

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Karelian Front Order 0263/N

4 May 1942

Belomorsk

On behalf of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet USSR, I award the following decorations for exemplary accomplishment of the Command's missions in the struggle against the German invaders and for having displayed valor and bravery

Order of the Red Banner to

5. Lieutenant Gavriil Ustinovich Karateev – Battalion Commander, 126 Rifle Regiment/71 Rifle Division

Signed by Karelian Front Commander, General-Lieutenant Frolov; Member of the Member Committee, Corps Commissar Zheltov; Brigade Commissar Krupriyanov; and Chief of Staff, General-Major Skvirskii

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