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Marshal of the Soviet Union Kirill Meretskov, handwritten documents signed, 1948.

Single page 8" x 12", front only. This document is part of a standard form for service evaluation and promotional recommendation of a political officer for the position of chief political officer of a tank and automobile military school.

In good condition. The left filing margin has been neatly folded. The right edge is moderately frayed, mostly not reaching the text but, even when it does, the meaning of the words remains clear. Meretskov's signature at the bottom is in bold purple ink and absolutely free of any wear.

Kirill Meretskov (Кирилл Афанасьевич Мерецков, 1897 - 1968) was a renowned Soviet military leader, Marshal of the Soviet Union, Hero of the Soviet Union, one of a very exclusive group awarded with the Order of Victory, member of the Central Revisional Committee of the CPSU. On the 2nd day of the war, June 23, 1941, Meretskov was arrested based on a false accusation and tortured by NKVD until, in late August, he wrote a letter from prison to Stalin, asking to send him to the frontlines, and was released on September 6th. From then on, Meretskov's military service resumed. He commanded the Volkhov Front during the relief effort to the besieged Leningrad and, eventually, lifting the siege. Later, commanded the Karelian Front, and finished the war in Norway in late 1944.

Promoted to Marshal of the Soviet Union, Meretskov was appointed Commander of the Maritime Group of the Far Eastern Front and then Commander of the Far Eastern Front. The following appointments were commanding a succession of fronts: Maritime, Moscow, White Sea, and Northern. Since 1954, his career focused on military higher educational institutions.

Meretskov's remains were interned in the Kremlin Wall, the highest posthumous honor in the country.

Please note that the photo of Meretskov's portrait is for illustrative purposes only and does not come with the document.

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