

**Award Document for the Defense of Stalingrad Medal, #U-00029, awarded on 22 June 1944 to Irina Gorshkova (Ирина Васильевна Горшкова).**

The document measures 14.5 x 20.9 cm (approx. 5½" x 8¼"). Hand-signed by Tank Corps Lt. General Sukhoruchkin, Commander of the Armored and Mechanized Troops of the 3rd Ukrainian Front. Shows an ink stamp of the Front's personnel department.

The certificate is in very good condition. It has been folded in eight for storage as was customary and has developed separations along the folds at the edges; the vertical fold has been repaired with a small piece of archival tape applied to verso. The bottom edge is somewhat "dog-eared" while the other edges show little wear, having just a couple of tiny clips. There are a couple of small spots, but the document is overall very clean, free of the usual soiling or fingerprints. The artwork and printed text are perfect; the hand-written entries, albeit showing a modest amount of fading near the bottom, are still completely legible, and so is the unit stamp.

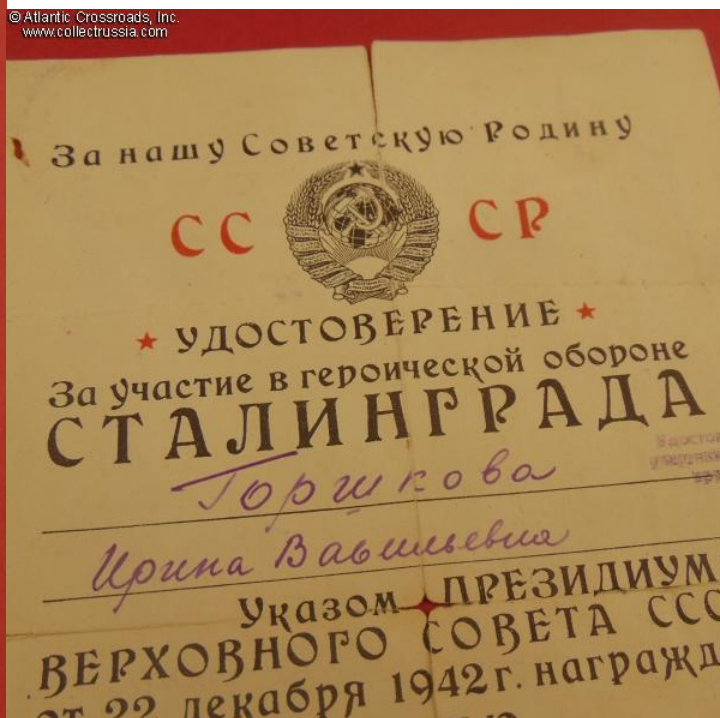
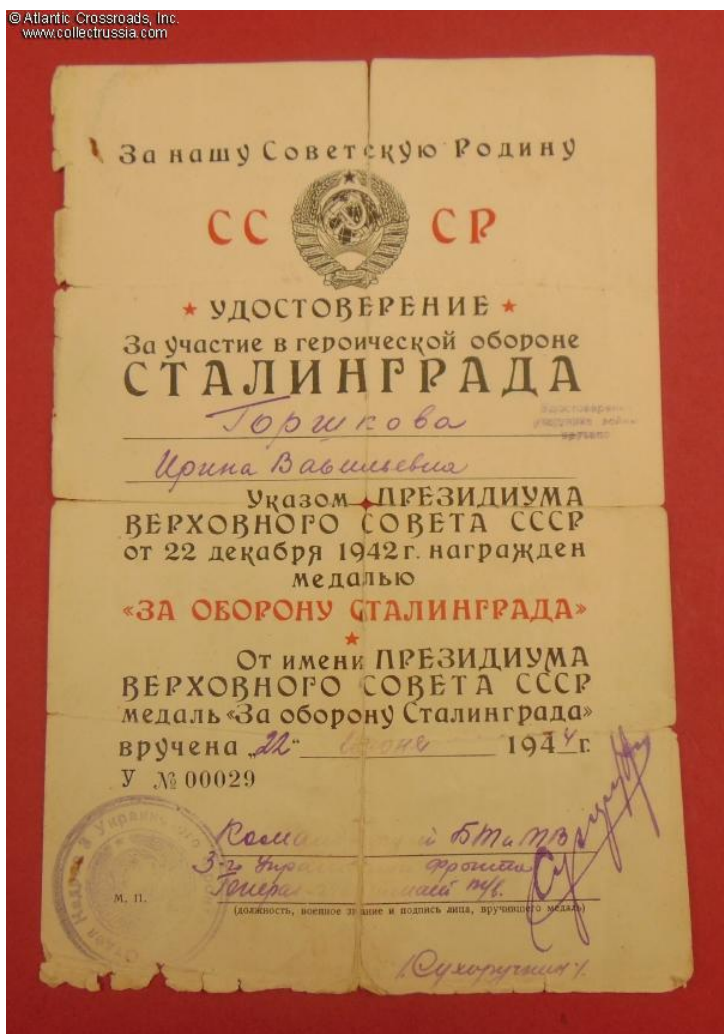
According to the information found in the Russian military archives, the recipient of the certificate Irina Gorshkova was born in 1917. She joined the Red Army as a civilian employee in June 1941, immediately after the German invasion of the Soviet Union. In 1942-43, she took part in the Battle of Stalingrad. Serving as an assistant medical nurse at a military hospital throughout the entire war, she took care of over 5000 wounded soldiers. Just during the crossing of the Danube River and the Battle of Budapest, Gorshkova provided vital help to over 900 wounded soldiers while working in the Military Evacuation Hospital #1092 of the 46th Army (under the 2nd and 3rd Ukrainian Fronts). Her tireless and exemplary work earned her a Medal for Combat Service which was awarded to her in June 1945, soon after the end of the war in Europe. Beside the campaign medals, this award remained her only decoration of the Patriotic War (this goes to show that Soviet decorations were not at all "easy to get" even for someone who served at the front for the entire duration of the war).

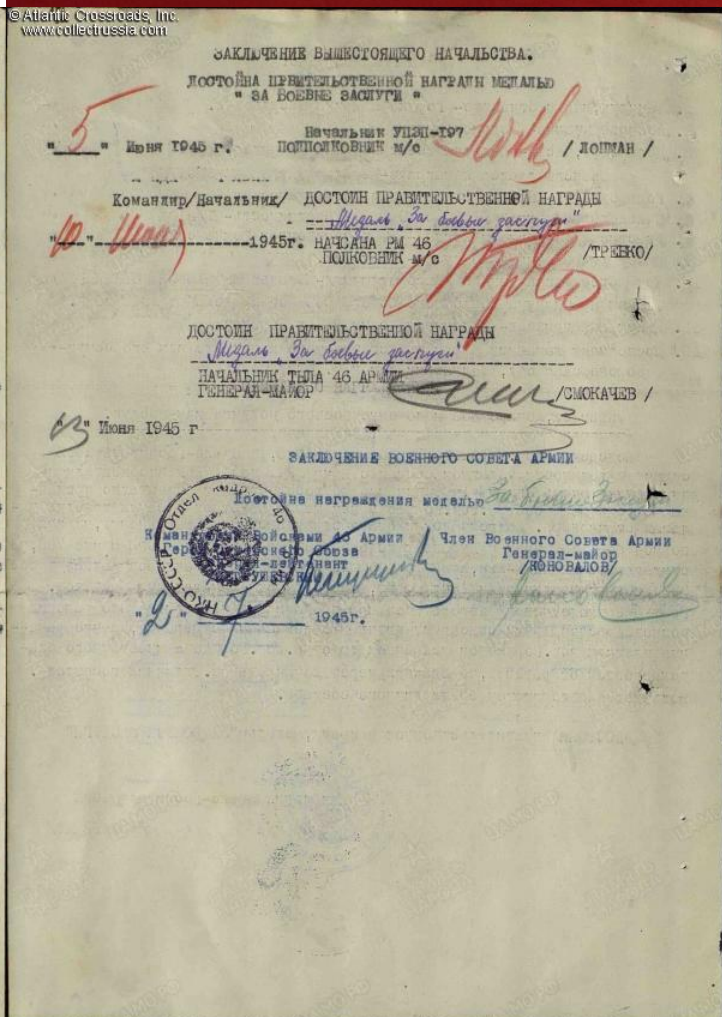
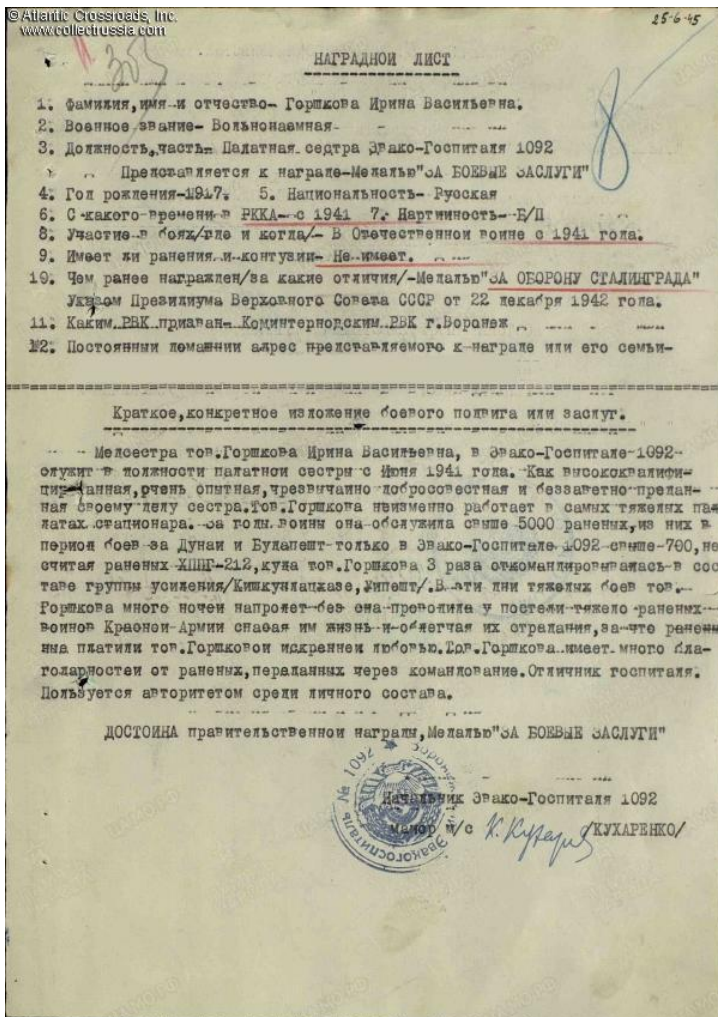
**Research Materials:** photocopy of Gorshkova's award commendation for her 1945 Medal for Combat Service and the Medal for Victory over Germany recipient roll of the Hospital #1092 staff from the Russian Military Archives.

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1. майор	Муромов	инспектор	Е № 00855581
2. старший сержант	Лавинский	командир	Е № 00855582
3. сержант	Борисов	стрелок	Е № 00855583
4. красноармеец	Кирилов	инспектор	Е № 00855584
5. красноармеец	Шестиков	рядовой	Е № 00855585
6. красноармеец	Тимонин	нарядчик	Е № 00855586
7. красноармеец	Худяков	рядовой	Е № 00855587
8. красноармеец	Романов	инспектор	Е № 00855588
9. красноармеец	Лобанов	стрелок	Е № 00855589
10. красноармеец	Григорьев	инспектор	Е № 00855590
11. красноармеец	Худяков	нарядчик	Е № 00855591
12. красноармеец	Борисов	инспектор	Е № 00855592
13. красноармеец	Борисов	санитар	Е № 00855593
14. красноармеец	Борисов	нарядчик	Е № 00855594
15. красноармеец	Борисов	стрелок	Е № 00855595

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16. красноармеец	Борисов	инспектор	Е № 00855596
17. красноармеец	Борисов	инспектор	Е № 00855597
18. красноармеец	Борисов	инспектор	Е № 00855598

