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## 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 8½ "). 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.

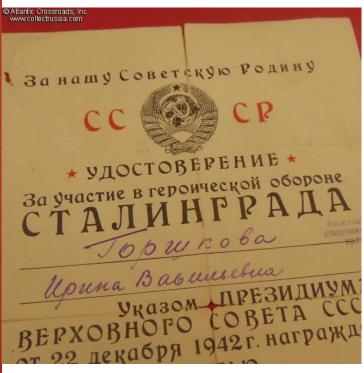
According to the information found in the Russian military archives, the recipient of the certificate Irina Gorshkova was born in 1917. She joined the Red Army as a civilian employee in June 1941, immediately after the German invasion of the Soviet Union. In 1942-43, she took part in the Battle of Stalingrad. 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.

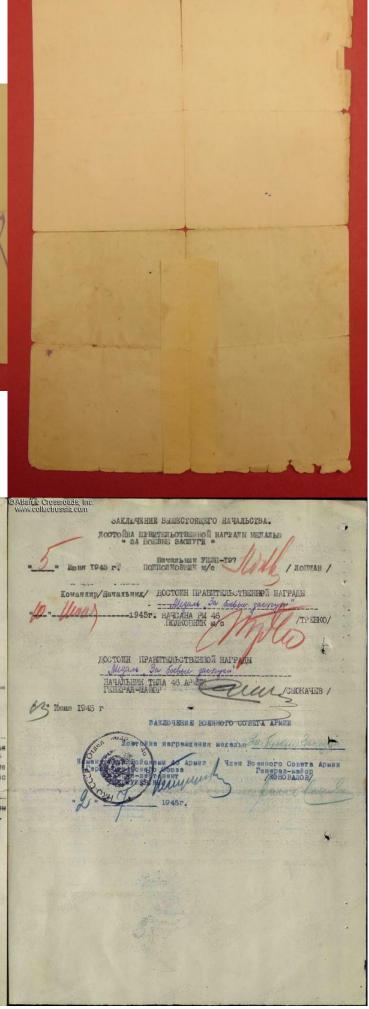
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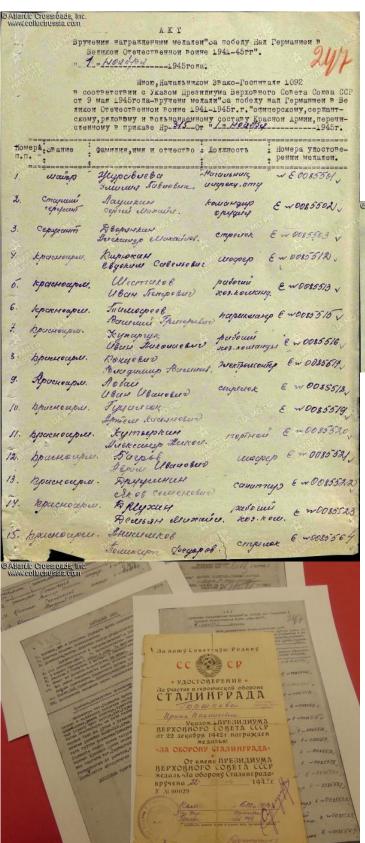


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Ме поестра тов. Горшкова Ирина Васиквевна, в овако-Госнитале-1092окужит в полиности налатной свотри с Ирия 1941 гола. Как вноскокралифипир занная, розв опенная, чрезвичанно лобросовестная и безаатетно-преданная своему лелу сестра. Тов. Горшкова неизменно работает в самих тяжелых павнатах станионара. — за голи воини она обскужила свише 5000 ранених, из них в
перион боев за Дунаи и Буланешт-только в Эвако-Госпитале. 1092 свише-700, не
считая ранених XIIII—212, хука тов. Горшкова 3 раза отмоменлировновавсь в сос
таве группы усимения Кишкумланкае, Умпошт/В. эти лии тяжелых боев тов.
Горшкова много ночен напролет без сна проволиле у постеми тяжело ранених—
воинов Красном Армии снавая им жизнь и облегов их страдания, за что ренени
нив платили тов. Горшковой искренени проголь. Тов. Горшкова имеет. много слаголарностви от ранених, пераданных через команлование. Отличник госпиталя.
Пользуется авторитетом среди личного состава.

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