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Document for the Defense of Leningrad Medal, Special Version for a Female Recipient, Series AI, #82633, awarded on 26 August 1943 to Yelena Косhurova (Елена Юрьевна Кочурова).

The document is of the special kind intended only for a female recipient: the typographically printed text has the female gender form of the verb "awarded" (nagrazhdena). This feature can be found only on some of the early certificates. The ones printed later always used male form of the same word (nagrazhden); in case the recipient was a woman, the clerks either wrote-in an "a" at the end of the word or simply ignored it. Note also the uncommonly early date of issue of the document, long before the lifting of the siege of Leningrad.

In fair to good condition. Shows the usual hard creases from folding with significant splits along the fold lines. Pieces of backing tape were applied to the folds on the verso to keep the segments from separating; later, a larger sheet of backing paper was added to the entire verso to further secure the document. There is a small clip to the vertical edge at the lower left, not too glaring, as well as some wrinkles throughout. The text and artwork however are largely unaffected by wear; the document remains very clean, completely free of the usual significant blots, soiling, or fingerprints. The hand-written entries are fully legible.

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