

Unit Citation for Participation in the Destruction of German Troops at Kishinev (Stalin's decree of 24 August 1944), issued to Senior Sergeant Fyodor Polyakov.

A small format, approx. 3" x 4", certificate featuring a minimalistic design without the usual portrait of Stalin or any other artwork. There is just the motto at the top "Death to German Invaders!" The document is headlined Spravka ("Note") rather than the usual Gramota ("Honorary Certificate" or "Thank You Note"). This implies that it was meant to be used as a certification that the owner indeed had taken part in the battle. The citation states that Stalin gave his thanks to all personnel "who took part in the destruction of the encircled group of German troops near Kishinev".

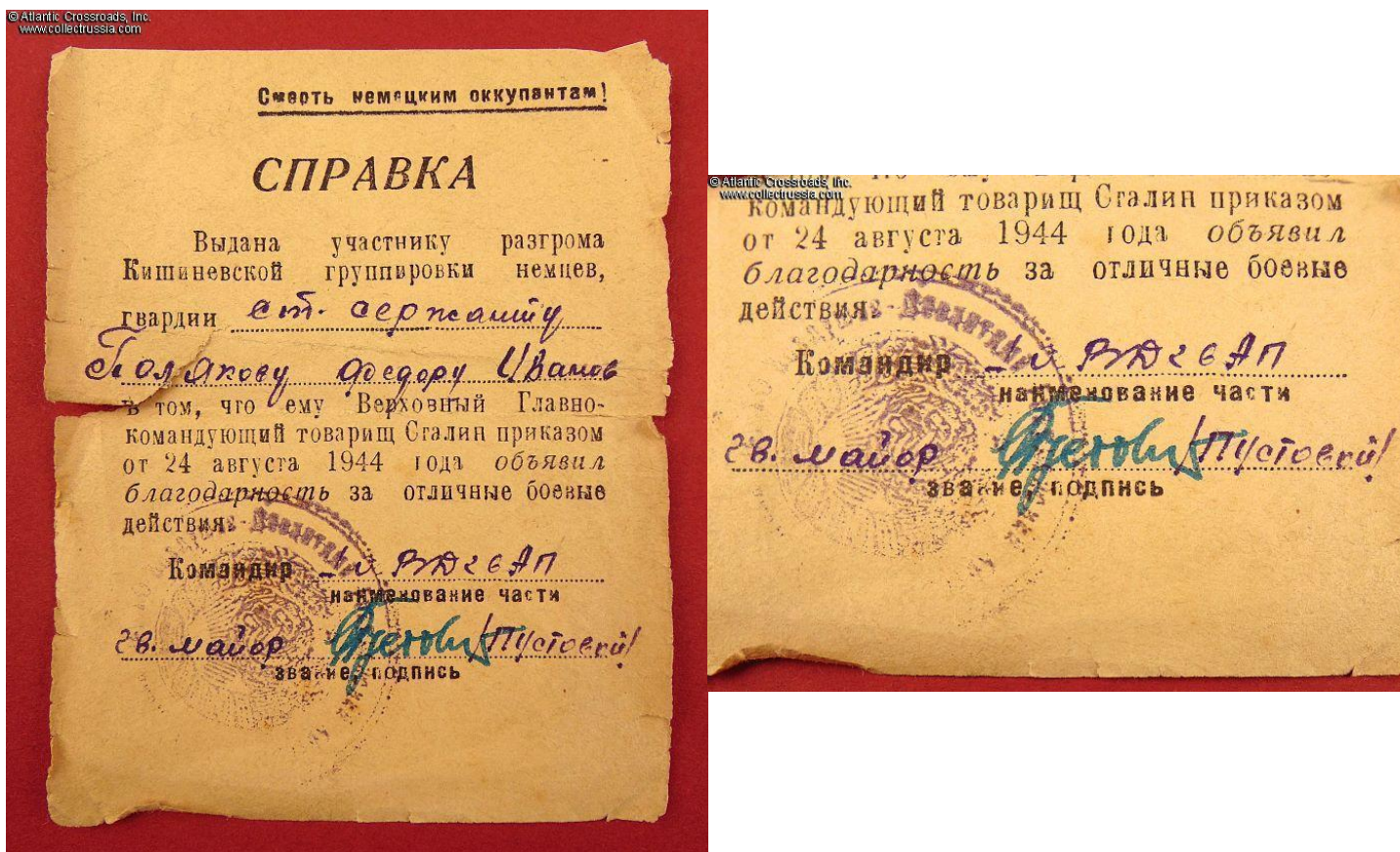
The document shows the stamp of the 10th Guards Airborne Artillery Regiment and is hand-signed by its commander, Guards Major Pustovoy. The Vol. IV Red Guards of Charles Sharp's WW2 order of battle book series as well as various Internet sources show that this unit was part of the 7th Guards Airborne Division which spent most of the war under the 20th Guards Rifle Corps.

The document is in good condition. It has been folded as customary and developed minor separations along the horizontal fold and a tear on its left side, but is overall quite sound. The tear can be easily repaired with tape on the verso, if desired. There are also some wrinkles and minor wear to the margins. The paper shows age toning; all the printed and handwritten material is clear and perfectly legible.

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командующий товарищ Сталин приказом  
от 24 августа 1944 года объявил  
благодарность за отличные боевые  
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