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Order of the Red Star, Type 6, Variation 3, Sub-variation 1, #757775, with a document (orders booklet), awarded on 16 August 1944 to Lieutenant Vladimir Novik (Владимир Иванович Новик), Platoon Commander, 312th Rifle Regiment, 26th Rifle Division, 90th Rifle Corps, 43rd Army, 1st Baltic Front.

Silver, enamels; measures 46.8 mm in height, 48.9 mm in width; weighs 31.2 g not incl. the screw plate. Features flared edges and a well- pronounced depression on the reverse of the hammer and sickle emblem. The mint mark is in a very small font, with a slightly curved-up upper line.

The order is in very fine to excellent condition. Tiny contact marks are present on the enamel throughout, but none are easily noticeable. There are no chips, flakes or significant rubbing; the enamel shows a very attractive luster. The details of the center medallion are well preserved and crisp. Attractive dark patina to the silver on both sides. The screw post is full length, over 12 mm, and includes an original WW2-era screw plate.

The Orders Booklet, Series B #290091 , was filled-out on 20 December 1948. It contains only a single entry for the Order of the Red Star, making this a "complete group" (the archival records confirm that the recipient received only one numbered decoration during or immediately after WW2). The September 1944 month of the start of special privileges corresponds with the August 1944 date of the award decree.

The document is in very good to excellent condition. There are some faint discoloration spots on the cloth cover but little overall wear, and the binding is tight. The internal pages are sound and crisp with some minimal foxing, light fingerprints, and the usual stains from rusted staples.

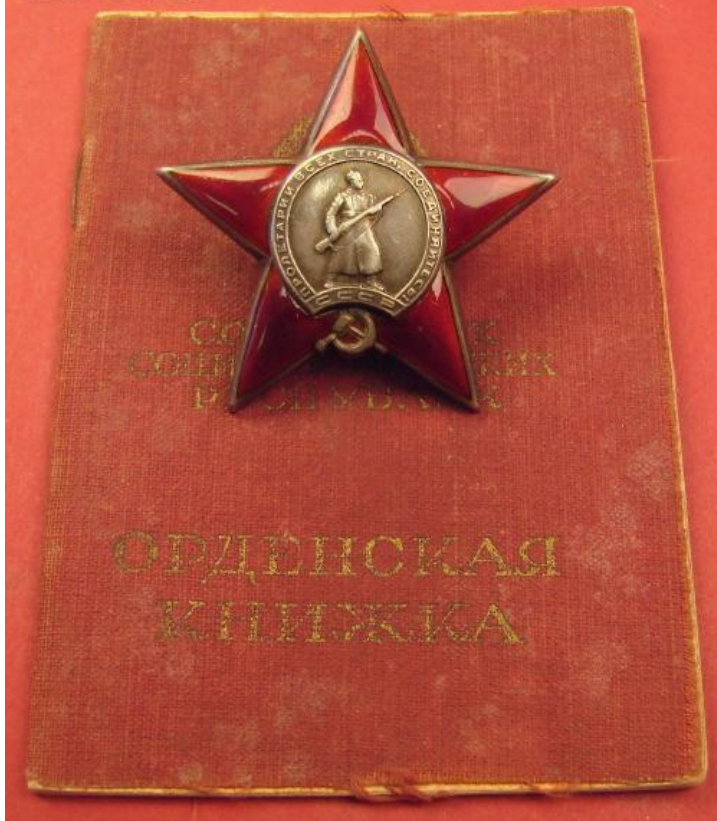
A Belorussian national, Vladimir Novik enlisted in the Red Army in June 1943 at the age of 31. In July 1944 he, by then already a lieutenant, commanded a platoon of the 312th Rifle Regiment, 26th Rifle Division, 14th Guards Rifle Corps, 1st Shock Army, 3rd Baltic Front.

On 15 July, three days after his division liberated the town of Pushkinskie Gory in the Pskov Region of northwestern Russia and pushed westward toward the Lithuanian border, he led an infantry assault. Lt. Novik was the first to jump into an enemy trench where he killed two German soldiers. According to the subsequent award recommendation, the soldiers of his platoon fought fearlessly, inspired by their commander's example. They took eight POWs and captured a German field radio station. Novik was lightly wounded in this skirmish but he soon returned to the front lines and was promoted to company commander. On 12 August 1944, Novik was awarded the Order of the Red Star for the July action by the command of his division, then resubordinated to the 90th Rifle Corps, 43rd Army, 1st Baltic Front. It apparently remained his only high decoration of the war - at least until 1985, when he received a "jubilee" Order of the Patriotic War, 1st cl.

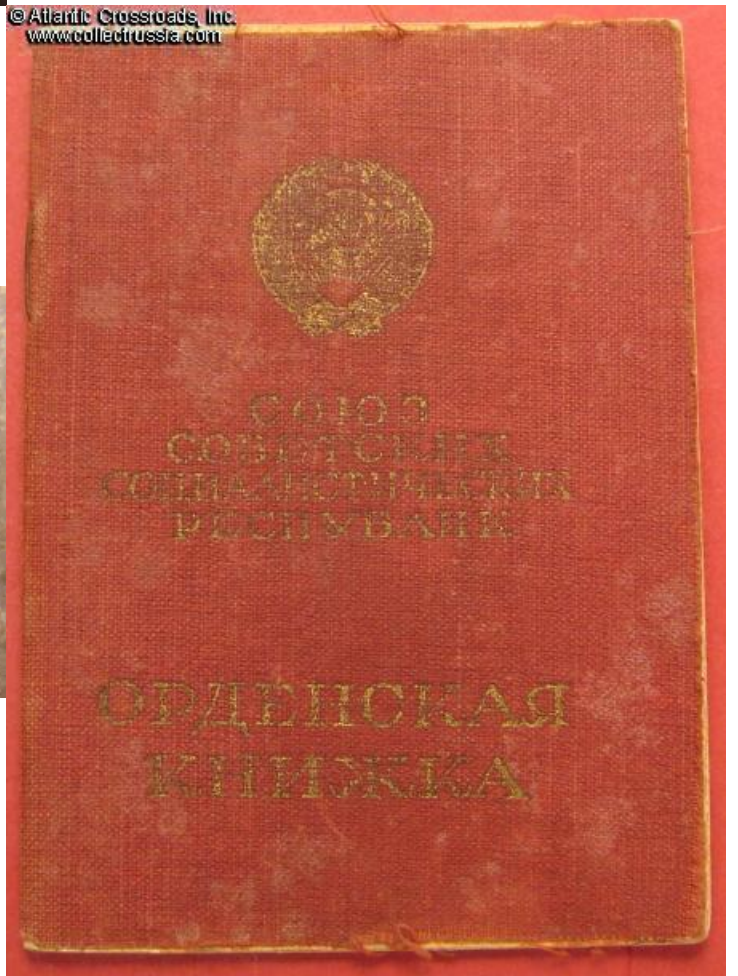
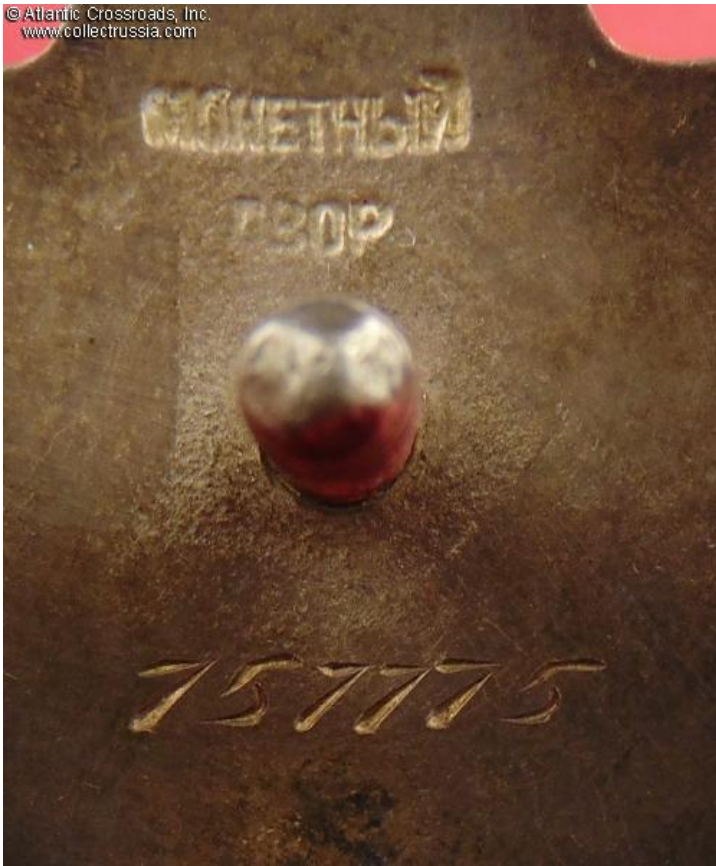
Research Materials: photocopy of the award commendation. Information about the 26th Rifle Division is available in the Volume VIII Red Legions of the Charles Sharp's book series Soviet Order of Battle in World War II.

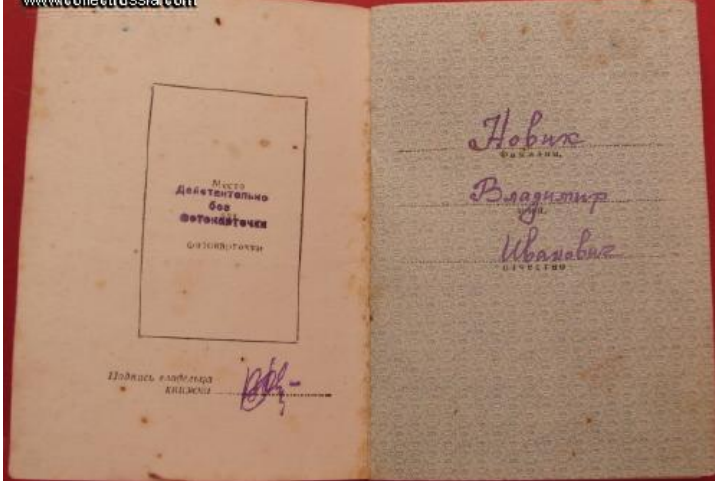
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Молодой воин

1. Сражения при отходе Новик Владимир Иванович
2. Звание лейтенанта должности частный командир стрелкового взвода
314 стрелкового полка 2-й Белорусской дивизии
Приветствовать к ордену «Красная звезда»
3. Год рождения 1914 г. Национальность белорус. с Работничестве-венце
4. Участник в Гражданской войне и последующая боевая деятельность по защите СССР и Отечественной войне - участник Отечественной войны с 16.06.1942 года.
5. Ушел в ранения при контратаке - ранений не имеет
6. В качестве врача в Красной армии от 43 г. в. Командир Р.В.К. прикомандирован к 314 стрелковому полку Приморского края
7. За время нахождения - награды не имеет.
8. Профессия до войны врач. Предоставить к награждению адрес сейчас:

1. Краткое, конкретное изложение подвига или заслуг.

В боях при прорыве противника, командир стрелкового взвода, тов. Новик показал себя смелым и решительным командиром.

В наступательном бою 16.08.42 года тов. Новик воевал лично со мной в атаку. Новик воевал с противником - он уничтожил 21 немца.

Его взвод в этом бою захватил 8 пленного и 4 пушки радиостанции.

Службу пролежал около 4 месяцев, бои вела Франца Кестеринга.

Тов. Новик в этом бою получил легкие ранения. В результате взвод по приказу вступил в строй и начал командовать ротой.

После окончания Отечественной войны - воевал

Красная звезда

Молодой 314 стр. полка
10 августа 1942

Болмаев

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Приказом № 26 сд № 059/И от 16.8.42 Награжден орденом Красной звезды

Начальник ОК 26 сд
Капитан С. С. С. С. С.

17.8.42.

