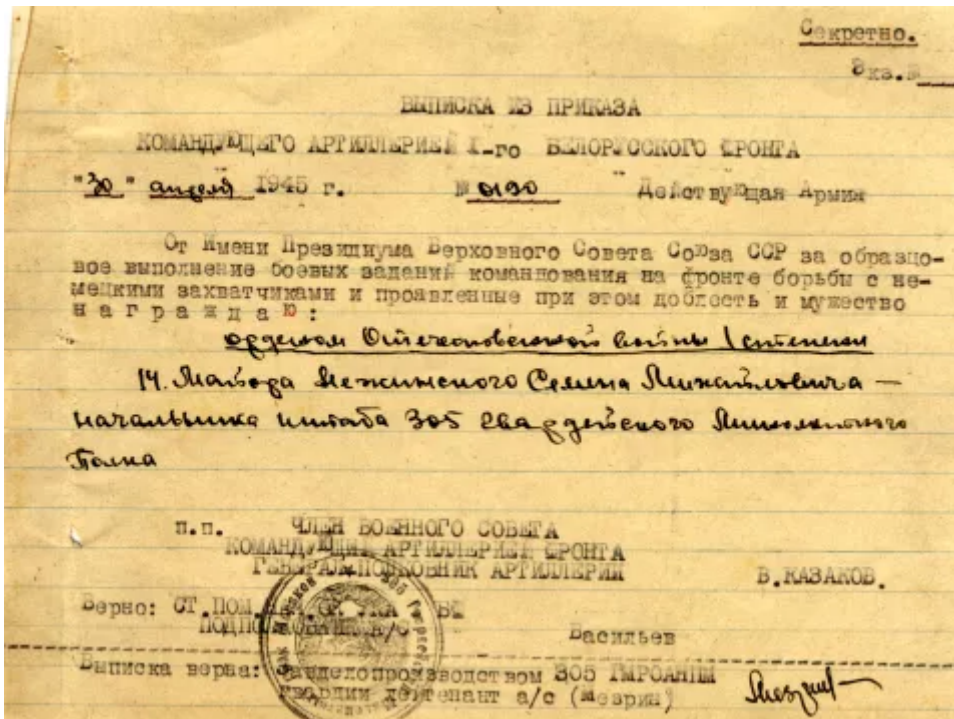


Excerpt From Order To Award Semyon Nezhynski An Order Of The Great Patriotic War



This is an excerpt from the order of the commander of the Artillery Corps of 1 Belarusian front to award me an Order of the Great Patriotic War, 1st class, dated 30th April 1945. 'On behalf of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR for excellent completion of combat tasks at the front of struggle against fascist occupants and expressed valor and courage AWARD: this Order of the Great Patriotic War of 1st Class'. In late November 1944 the Marshal of the Soviet Union, Zhukov, became commandant of the 1st Belarusian front. Before him Marshal Rokossovskiy was in command of this front. In November 1944 he was transferred to the 2nd Belarusian Front. On 14th January 1945 the Vistula-Oder operation began under the command of Marshal Zhukov. The attack was heading to Berlin. My regiment was advancing in the south, in the vicinity of Warsaw. Our regiment participated in battles for Radom and for its successful advance was given the name of Radomskiy. After those battles our regiment was called 305th Guards Krasnoznamenny Order of Alexandr Nevskiy Radomskiy Mine Firing Navy Regiment. Such a long name. For participation in this operation I was awarded a medal for the liberation of Warsaw. After the liberation of Poland we reached the Oder river on the territory of Germany. For the Vistula-Oder operation I was awarded the Order of the Great Patriotic War, 1st class. This was my fourth order.