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Name	Date	A short description	Evaluation of the victory	Pts
1943				
Poruchyk Stoyan Stoyanov	01.08	One 4-engine 'Liberator' in a bomber formation, crashed at the village Kokartzi, near Tran.	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation	3 points
Poruchyk Stoyan Stoyanov	01.08	One 4-engine 'Liberator', started to smoke hard and left the bomber formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation	2
Poruchyk Hristo Krastev	01.08	One 4-engine 'Liberator' in a bomber formation, crashed at Vladishki Han	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation	3
Podporuchyk Petar Bochev	01.08	One 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation, crashed at Slivnitza	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation	3
Podporuchyk Ivan Bonev	01.08	One 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation, crashed at the village Karakash near Tran.	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation	3
Podporuchyk Ivan Bonev	01.08	One 4-engine bomber in a bomber' started to smoke and left the formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation	2
Poruchyk Nikolai 'Kicho' Yordanov	14.11	One 2-engine 'Mitchell' in a bomber formation, started to smoke intensively and left the formation.	Hitting shot against a 2-engine bomber in a bomber formation	1
Podporuchyk Mihail Grigorov	14.11	Shot down one P-38 'Lightning', which crashed near Debar	Shooting-down shot against a fighter	1
Podporuchyk Petar Bochev	14.11	One 2-engine 'Mitchell', fired one of the engines, left the bomber formation	Hitting shot against a 2-engine bomber in a bomber formation	2
Feldfebel Alexander Petkovski	14.11	One 2-engine bomber, started to smoke and left the bomber formation	Hitting shot against a 2-engine bomber in a bomber formation	2
Kapitan Chudomir Toplodolski	24.11	One 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation, fired the left engines, crashed near Strumitza	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation	3
Kapitan Chudomir Toplodolski	24.11	One 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation over Dupnitza, started to smoke hard and left behind the formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation	2
Poruchyk Stoyan Stoyanov	24.11	One 4-engine 'Liberator' in a bomber formation, started to smoke hard and left the formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation	2
Podporuchyk Mihail Grigorov	24.11	One 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation, started to smoke and left the formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation	2
Podporuchyk Mihail Uzunov	24.11	One enemy fighter, started to smoke and left area of the combat	Hitting shot against a fighter	0
Feldfebel Nikola Kralichev	24.11	One enemy fighter, started to smoke hard and left area of the combat	Hitting shot against a fighter	0
Feldfebel Hristo Tzankov	24.11	One 4-engine bomber, crashed at Bogomil, to the West from Veles	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber	3
Poruchyk Asen Kovachev	10.12	One 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation, started to smoke and left the formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation	2
Kapitan Chudomir Toplodolski	10.12	One enemy fighter, started to smoke hard and left behind	Hitting shot against a fighter	0
Poruchyk Luben Kondakov	10.12	One 4-engine 'Liberator' in a bomber formation, started to smoke hard and left behind	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation	2
Poruchyk Stoyan Stoyanov	10.12	One enemy P-38 'Lightning' in a formation, started to smoke and left the formation	Hitting shot against a fighter	0
Podporuchyk Marin Tzvetkov	10.12	One enemy fighter, started to smoke hard and left area of the combat	Hitting shot against a fighter	0
Podporuchyk Mihail Uzunov	10.12	One enemy fighter, started to smoke hard and left area of the combat	Hitting shot against a fighter	0
Feldfebel Alexander Petkovski	10.12	One 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation, started to smoke and left the formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation	2
Podporuchyk Kiril Iliev	10.12	One enemy fighter, started to smoke and left the combat	Hitting shot against a fighter	0
Poruchyk Nedelcho Bonchev	20.12	One 4-engine bomber over the region of Kjustendil and Bosilegrad in a bomber formation, started to smoke and left the bomber formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation	2
Poruchyk Victor Pavlov	20.12	Shot one enemy fighter over Dolni Pasarel - started fire and crashed to the West of the village	Destructive shot against a fighter	1
Podporuchyk Stefan Marinopolski	20.12	One 4-engine bomber, exploded and crashed to the West of Bosilegrad	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber	3
Podporuchyk Nikola Nachev	20.12	Shot down one enemy fighter - crashed in the Southern parts of the Vitosha mountain	Destructive shot against a fighter	1
Podofficer Georgi Atanasov	20.12	One fighter over Dupnitza and Radomir, started to smoke and crashed between the two cities	Destructive shot against a fighter	1
Kapitan Chudomir Toplodolski	20.12	Attacked and shot down one enemy fighter - crashed to the South of Radomir	Shooting-down shot against a fighter	1
Poruchyk Stoyan Stoyanov	20.12	One 4-engine bomber in the head of the formation, started to smoke and left the formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation	2
Poruchyk Nikolai 'Kicho' Yordanov	20.12	Shot down one 'Lightning' - crashed at Pasarel	Shooting-down shot against a fighter	1
Podporuchyk Marin Tzvetkov	20.12	One enemy fighter, started to smoke and left the combat	Hitting shot against a fighter	0
Feldfebel Hristo Tzankov	20.12	Shot down one fighter - crashed at the village Izvor, near Radomir	Shooting-down shot against a fighter	1
Feldfebel Alexander Petkovski	20.12	One 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation, started to smoke and left the formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation	2
Poruchyk Dimitar Spisarevski	20.12	'Attacked and shot down by a hit with his own plane one enemy 4-engine bomber, which fell at the village Pancherevo. In the hit died also himself poruchyk Spisarevski'	'Destructive hit against a 4-engine bomber'	3
Podporuchyk Georgi Kjumjurdziev	20.12	One 4-engine bomber in a formation, started to smoke and left the formation*	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber	2
Podporuchyk Gencho Dimitrov	20.12	Shot down one 4-engine enemy bomber from a bomber formation	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber	3
Podporuchyk Gencho Dimitrov	20.12	One 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation, started to smoke and left the bomber formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber	2

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1944				
Poruchyk Asen Kovachev	10.01	Attacked one fighter over the South-Eastern slopes of Vitosha - fire started, but did not fall		0
Poruchyk Zemen Dimitrov	10.01	One 'Fortress' in a bomber formation - fired and crashed in the Southern slopes of Vitosha	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber	3
Podporuchyk Nikola Nachev	10.01	Shot one of the engines of an enemy fighter - did not fall	Hitting shot against a fighter	0
Podporuchyk Georgi Gochev	10.01	One 'Fortress' in a bomber formation - fired, crashed at the Golo Bardo peak	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber	3
Podporuchyk Emil Balgaranov	10.01	One 'Fortress' in a bomber formation over the Vladaya Defile, crashed in Ljuljin, to the North-West of the 'St. Kral' monastery	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber	3
Podporuchyk Emil Stoitzev	10.01	One 'Fortress' in a formation to the South of the Sofia airfield - fired, left the formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber	2
Podporuchyk Emil Stoitzev	10.01	An enemy fighter - one of the engines was fired, but the aircraft did not fall to the ground	Hitting shot against a fighter	0
Podporuchyk Vladimir Alexandrov	10.01	One 'Fortress' in a bomber formation over Golo Bardo - fired, it left the formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber	2
Podporuchyk Ivan Ivanov	10.01	One 'Fortress' in a bomber formation - fired, it crashed in the Southern slopes of Ljuljin	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber	3
Podporuchyk Paniu Kraevski	10.01	Fired one of the engines of an enemy fighter, but it did not fall to the ground	Hitting shot against a fighter	0
Podporuchyk Petar Petrov	10.01	Fired one fighter - it did not fall	Hitting shot against a fighter	0
Kapitan Chudomir Toplodolski	10.01	Shot down an enemy fighter after a very long single combat with it - crashed at the Herakovo village near Sofia.	Shooting-down shot against a fighter	1
Poruchyk Stoyan Stoyanov	10.01	One 'Lightning', from 100-150 m, 2 attacks - it started to smoke and fall to the ground	Hitting shot against a fighter	1 **
Feldfebel Hristo Tzankov	10.01	One enemy fighter, started to smoke and left the combat	Hitting shot against a fighter	0
Feldfebel Tzviatko Zagorski	10.01	One 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation - started to smoke and left the formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber	2
Feldfebel Stanush Stanushev	10.01	One enemy fighter, started to smoke and left the combat	Hitting shot against a fighter	0
Feldfebel Stefan Konzov	10.01	One fighter - started to smoke and left the combat ***	Hitting shot against a fighter	0
Podporuchyk Gencho Dimitrov	10.01	Shot down one 'Lightning', which was attacking the commander of his yato, por. Kondakov	Shooting-down shot against a fighter	1
Podporuchyk Dimitar Batchvarov	10.01	Attacked alone a formation of about 50-60 enemy bombers several times and shot one of these, which crashed at the Bitolia rail station	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber	3
A pair of fighters	10.01	The two together shot down one 4-engine 'Stirling', which crashed at the village Kladnitza near Radomir	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber in a formation	2 1
Poruchyk Vasil Shishkov				
Officerski kandidat Stefan Iliev				
Kapitan Nikola Boshnakov	30.03	Attacked over the Lozen mountain one enemy bomber in a bomber formation - it started to smoke and left the formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber	2
Poruchyk Asen Kovachev	30.03	One enemy fighter - fire started, but did not fall	Hitting shot against a fighter	0
Poruchyk Nedelcho Bonchev	30.03	Over Pernik, one 'Fortress' in a bomber formation - fell to the West of Pernik	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber	3
A pair of fighters	30.03	One 'Fortress' in a bomber formation to the South-East from Kjustendil, started to smoke and left the formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber together with a comrade	1 1
Podporuchyk Emil Stoitzev				
Podporuchyk Asen Gigov				
Podporuchyk Vladimir Alexandrov	30.03	Fired one fighter - it did not fall	Hitting shot against a fighter	0
Podporuchyk Viktor Atanasov	30.03	Shot down one 'Fortress' in a bomber formation - burning, it fell to the North-West from Kjustendil	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber	3
Podporuchyk Hristo Petrov	30.03	One 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation - started to smoke hard and left the formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber	2
Feldfebel Atanas Mateev	30.03	One fighter between Dupnitsa and Radomir - started to smoke, but did not fall	Hitting shot against a fighter	0
Poruchyk Vasil Shishkov	30.03	Attacked enemy fighters 'Lightning', one of these flew straight to the ground over Kadin Most in the Koniovska mountain	Shooting-down shot against a fighter	0 ****
Poruchyk Bogdan Iliev	30.03	Attacked many times a formation of 'Lightning'-s and shot down one - it fell and was found in the Plachkovitza mountain	Shooting-down shot against a fighter	1
Poruchyk Luben Kondakov	30.03	One 'Fortress' in a bomber formation - started to smoke hard and left behind	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber	2
Three fighters:	30.03	Attacked 3 4-engine bombers in a bomber formation - engines of these three started to smoke and they left the formation	Hitting shot against 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation	2 2 2
Poruchyk Boris Damev				
Podporuchyk Marin Tzvetkov				
Podporuchyk Mihail Grigorov				
Podporuchyk Hristo Kostakiev	30.03	Fired two 4-engine bombers in a bomber formation, these exploded in the air, fell at the village Kosharevo, near Breznik*****	Destructive shot against two 4-engine bombers	6

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1944				
Podporuchyk Gencho Dimitrov	30.03	Shot down one 'Lightning' - the pilot saved himself with the parachute	Shooting-down shot against a fighter	1
A pair of fighters	30.03	Attacked one 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation - two engines started to smoke, the aircraft left the formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber	1 1
Podporuchyk Ivan Stefanov				
Feldfebel-shkolnik Tzvetan Gruiev				
A pair of fighters	30.03	Attacked one 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation - started to smoke and left the formation *****	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber	1 1
Kapitan Krustio Atanasov				
Podporuchyk Dimitar Sotirov				
Common the 3/6th orlyak	30.03	Damaged one 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber *****	2
Podporuchyk Petar Petrov	04.04	One 'Liberator' in a formation - burning, it crashed at Zaychar	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber	3
Podporuchyk Petar Petrov	04.04	One 'Liberator' in a bomber formation - burning, it left the formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber	2
Officerski kandidat Veselin Terziev	05.04	Shot down one 4-engine bomber from a bomber formation --fired in the air; 3 airmen jumped with parachutes; the machine fell at Kule Mahle	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber	3
Podporuchyk Gencho Dimitrov	05.04	Attacked one enemy fighter - it started to smoke and left the combat	Hitting shot against a fighter	0
Podporuchyk Mihail Banov	05.04	Attacked one 'Lightning', it left its formation	Hitting shot against a fighter	0
Kapitan Nikola Boshnakov	17.04	Over Zemen one 'Fortress' in a bomber formation - started to burn and left the formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber	2
Poruchyk Asen Kovachev	17.04	One 'Fortress' in a bomber formation - started to burn and left the formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber	2
Poruchyk Nedelcho Bonchev	17.04	"Attacked over the village Krapetz /near Pernik /one enemy 4-engine bomber, flying in a bomber formation. He hit his aircraft in the bomber. The last /the bomber - T.M./ exploded, burst in pieces and fell to the ground near the Krapetz village. The aircraft of poruchyk Bonchev was ruined, too. The pilot remained only with the seat and later managed to get rid of it and open the parachute"	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber	3
Podporuchyk Vladimir Alexandrov	17.04	One 'Fortress' in a bomber formation - started to smoke hard and left the formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber	2
Podporuchyk Nayden Stoyanov	17.04	Attacked one fighter between Dragoman and Tzaribrod - it did not fall	Hitting shot against a fighter	0
Poruchyk Nikolai Yordanov	17.04	One enemy bomber in a bomber formation, two of the engines started to smoke, lost height and left the formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber	2
Feldfebel-shkolnik Dako Dakov	17.04	One 4-engine bomber, flying alone, not damaged - started to smoke hard and to lose height. The fighter left it at 2000 m with burning engines to the West of Bosilegrad	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber	2
A pair of fighters	05.05	Attacked one 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation; two of its engines started to smoke and it left the formation	Hitting shot against a bomber	1 1
Kapitan Marin Petrov				
Poruchyk Zahari Planinski				
Poruchyk Nikola Kolev	05.05	One 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation - two of its engines started to smoke and it left the formation	Hitting shot against a bomber	2
A pair of fighters	18.05	Attacked one 'Liberator' in a bomber formation - fired the two right engines - fell near the town of Prishtina	Shooting-down shot against a bomber	2 1
Podporuchyk Ivan Bonev				
Feldfebel-shkolnik Dako Dakov				
Podporuchyk Evgeni Tonchev	18.05	Shot down one 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation - fell at Prokupene	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber	3
Podporuchyk Ivan Bonev	11.06	One single-engine fighter - fell absolutely burned in Sredna Gora *****	Shooting-down shot against a fighter	1
Podporuchyk Marin Tzvetkov	11.06	Shot down one not damaged before flying alone 'Liberator' - fell at Gorna Kremena near Vratza.	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber, flying not damaged and alone	3
Podporuchyk Todor Rozev	11.06	Shot down one 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation - fell at the village Kosharevo near Pernik	Destructive shot against 4-engine bomber	3
Poruchyk Stoyan Stoyanov	23.06	One 4-engine 'Liberator' in a formation - attacked from the back-left. Exploded and fell. Found to the West of Skopje	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber in a bomber formation	3
Poruchyk Boris Damev	23.06	One 4-engine bomber in a formation, the two right motors started to smoke, left the formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber	2
Podporuchyk Evgeni Tonchev	23.06	One 4-engine 'Liberator' - fired the right engines - left the formation	Hitting shot against a 4-engine bomber	2
Podoficer Toshko Hristov	23.06	Attacked one damaged flying alone bomber 'Liberator' - fired one of the engines	Shooting down shot against a damaged 4-engine bomber	
Three fighters:	24.06	Shot down one 4-engine 'Fortress' in a formation, found at Samokov	Shooting-down shot against a 4-engine bomber	1 1 1
Poruchyk Stoyan Stoyanov				
Podporuchyk Mihail Uzunov				
Podoficer Kiril Stoyanov				

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1944				
Three fighters: Poruchyk Boris Damev, Podporuchyk Marin Tzvetkov Podofficer Yoto Petkov	24.06	Shot down one 4-engine bomber - fell between Negotyn and Krivolak	Shooting-down shot against a 4-engine bomber	1 1 1
Feldfebel Tzviatko Zagorski	24.06	Shot down one 4-engine bomber, fell on the Bogdan peak	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber	3
Podporuchyk Petar Petrov	24.06	Shot down one not damaged before that, flying alone - fell at Dospey, near Samokov	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber	3
Podporuchyk Hristo Kostakiev	15.07	Attacked one 4-engine bomber - could not see the results as his cabin was poured with oil.	Nothing found on the ground	0
Three fighters: Kapitan Chudomir Toplodolski Feldfebel Nikola Kralichev Podofficer Dimitar Somov	22.07	Shot down one 4-engine bomber - fell to the East of Kraguevatz	Shooting-down shot against a 4-engine bomber	1 1 1
Podporuchyk Petar Bochev Podporuchyk Marin Tzvetkov	22.07	Shot down one 4-engine bomber, fell in the Krusha mountain near Babushnitsa	Destructive shot against a 4-engine bomber	3
	22.07	Damaged one 4-engine bomber - left the formation and started to lose height in the direction of the town of Bosilegrad	Hitting shot	2
A pair of fighters Kapitan Krastio Atanasov Podporuchyk Petar Bochev	10.08	Shot down one 4-engine bomber - fell at Nyshka Banya	Hitting shot /?? - T.M./	2 1
A pair of fighters Podporuchyk Petar Bochev Feldfebel Alexander Petkovski	10.08	One 4-engine bomber - damaged hard, left the bomber formation	Hitting shot	1 1
Feldfebel Stefan Konzov	10.08	Damaged one flying alone 4-engine bomber - lost height, crashed near the town of Samokov	Hitting shot	1
Kapitan Krastio Atanasov	17.08	Damaged one 4-engine bomber - started to smoke and left the bomber formation	Hitting shot	2
Podporuchyk Petar Manolev	17.08	Damaged one 4-engine bomber - left the formation	Hitting shot	2
Poruchyk Boris Damev	17.08	Damaged hard one 4-engine bomber - left the formation	Hitting shot	2
Podporuchyk Petar Bochev	17.08	Damaged hard one 4-engine bomber - fell at the Jostovo village, near Skopie	Hitting shot	3
Podporuchyk Nikola Valchev	17.08	Damaged one 4-engine bomber	Hitting shot	2
Podporuchyk Marin Tzvetkov	17.08	Damaged one 4-engine bomber - left the formation	Hitting shot	2
Kandidat-podofficer Kiril Stoyanov	17.08	Damaged one 4-engine bomber - left the formation	Hitting shot	2
Podporuchyk Dimitar Sotirov	26.08	Attacked one fighter 'Lightning'		0
Podofficer Kiril Stoyanov	26.08	Attacked one fighter 'Lightning'		0
Poruchyk Stoyan Stoyanov	26.08	Shot down one two-engine fighter - fell to the South-East of the Nefela village /near Vratza/	Shooting down shot	1
Podporuchyk Georgi Georgiev	26.08	Attacked one fighter 'Lightning'		0
Three fighters: Kapitan Krastio Atanasov Podporuchyk Petar Bochev Podpfficer Nikola Takov	26.08	Shot down one 4-engine bomber - fell at Vladishki Han	Shooting-down shot	1 1 1

A Note: According to the secret Order of the Commander of the Air Force No 19 from 18.03.1944 "...for specifying and recognizing of the shot down aircraft and registry of the air victories of the pilots and the fighter units", these definitions were given:

- “**destruction /a destructive shot/**” - when one multi-engine bomber aircraft, flying in a bomber formation, has been shot down;
“**damaging /hitting or a hitting shot/**” - when a multi-engine bomber aircraft, flying in a very large bomber formation, has been hit and as a result has left the formation, flying down or staying behind the others;
“**shooting down /a shooting-down shot/**” - shooting one already damaged by someone else, flying alone bomber aircraft, also for shooting down a fighter;

According to this the victories, given to the fighter pilots are:

For the destruction of a 4-engine bomber and for the shooting-down of a flying alone, not damaged before 4-engine bomber - **3 victories/points**;

For the damaging of a 4-engine bomber - **2 victories/points**;

For the destruction of a 2-engine bomber and for the shooting-down of a flying alone, not damaged before 2-engine bomber - **2 victories/points**;

For the damaging of a 2-engine bomber - **2 points/points**;

For the shooting down of an already damaged multi-engine bomber and for the shooting-down of a fighter - **1 victory/point**.

Notes of Teodor Muchovski:

* Wrong, wrong, wrong! The story is known very well - he shot down one LIGHTNING - destroyed one of the engines. /The American pilot landed at a village near Pernik. When found, he was just sitting on his machine, smoking a cigarette/. Then Kjumjurdziev started an attack against the bomber formation. It is not clear if he managed to hit a bomber or not /lots different points of view at this point/, but then 6 /some say 8/ Lightning-s attacked him and he was killed in the combat. He crashed 200 m from the village Kalishta near Pernik.

** Not a mistake

*** Actually, Konzov did shoot down the ‘Lightning’. The pilots remember this story: one day, not long after 09.09.44, a group of fighters were in the bar of the ‘Bulgaria’ hotel in Sofia. Suddenly an American, as big as a bear, in a pilots’ uniform, entered and asked with a strong voice who was the pilot who had shot him down. Troubled, the Bulgarians asked about the date and the circumstances and as he explained, all recognized that the one was Konzov. Konzov also found out, that the question was about him. He was wondering what the American ‘bear’ was going to do - as Konzov himself was not very tall and very thin man. Also, he was not ready for ‘defense’, as he had bailed out in one combat and the American fighters had tried to kill him - fortunately, only a few bullets hit his legs. But nothing bad happened - the American approached, clasped him and ordered drinks for the two of them. Two days later and after unknown number of drinks Konzov returned to the airfield - he did not know even a single English word, so his friends were curious what happened and how the two pilots understood each other. ‘No problems’, Konzov said’ ‘We talked to each other, also I ordered drinks, he ordered drinks...’.

So, I think he deserves one more victory for a shot down fighter.

**** Again not my mistake - probably in the mountains the remains of the machine could not be found

***** In fact, he attacked one bomber. As his shots were very good, the enemy aircraft exploded in the air. But a second bomber was so close, that it exploded in the same moment, too, damaged by the first explosion.

***** This must be the attack with the Avia B-135 - but most other sources say, that the wingman of Atanasov was Yordan Ferdinandov /according to Petar Manolev, Ferdinandov was his wingman, and with Atanasov was Nedio Kolev - for me, this is the truth/

***** According to me, seems this victory points were given to the whole orlyak, not to single a pilot/pilots.

***** This was a Mustang. In the same combat, a little later, Bonev’s aircraft was damaged and he had to bail out. But the other Mustangs shot and killed him as he was hanging on the parachute.

NAME	VICTORIES		POINTS	UNIT	COMMENTS
	CINFORMED	DAMAGED			
Stoyanov, Stoyan Iliev	4	[3+1] 5	15	682 Jato	1.
Bochev, Petar Angelov	4	[2+2] 3 [1+2]	13	3/6 Orlyak	2.
Toplodolski, Chudomir Milanov	4	[3+1] 2	8	3/6 Orlyak	
Dimitrov, Gencho	3	2	7	692 Jato	
Bonchev, Nedelcho D.	3	[2+1] 1	9	652 Jato	3.
Bonev, Ivan Nenov	3	[2+1] 1	8	682 Jato	4.
Tzvetkov, Marin Angelov	2	[1+1] 5 [4+1]	10	672 Jato	
Petrov, Petar Kirov	2	2	8	2/6 Orlyak	
Atanasov, Krastio A.	2	[0+2] 2 [1+1]	6	F.School, 3/6 Orlyak	5., 11.
Kostakiev, Hristo Vasiliev	2	1	6	3/6 Orlyak	6.
Tzankov, Hristo Koiev	2	1	4		
Shishkov, Vasil	2	[1+1]	2		
Damev, Boris Velijanov	1	[0+1] 3 [2+1]	7	672 Jato	
Yordanov, Nikolai	1	2	4	672 Jato	
Grigorov, Mihail	1	2 [1+1]	5	672 Jato	7.
Uzunov, Mihail	1	[0+1] 2	1	672 Jato	
Stoyanov, Kiril	1	[0+1] 2	3		
Zagorski, Tzviatko Markov	1	1	5	3/6 Orlyak	
Tonchev, Evgeni G.	1	1	5	682 Jato	
Nachev, Nikola	1	1	1	1/6 Orlyak	
Dakov, Dako	1	[0+1] 1	3		
Kralichev, Nikola Christov	1	[0+1] 1	1	3/6 Orlyak	
Terziev, Veselin	1		3		
Spisarevski, Dimitar	1		3	3/6 Orlyak	by ramming
Rozev, Todor Nikolov	1		3		
Pavlov, Victor	1		1		
Marinopolski, Stefan	1		3		8.
Krastev, Hristo	1		3	682 Jato	
Ivanov, Ivan	1		3		
Iliev, Bogdan	1		1		
Hristov, Toshko	1		?		
Gochev, Georgi	1		3		
Dimitrov, Zemen	1		3		9.
Batchvarov, Dimitar	1		3		
Balgaranov, Emil	1		3		
Atanasov, Viktor	1		3		
Atanasov, Georgi	1		1	1/6 Orlyak	10.
Takov, Nikola	1	[0+1]	1		
Somov, Dimitar	1	[0+1]	1		
Petkov, Yoto	1	[0+1]	1		
Iliev, Stefan	1	[0+1]	1		
Kovachev, Asen	0	4	4	2/6 Orlyak	
Petkovski, Alexander Alexandrov	0	4 [3+1]	7	3/6 Orlyak	
Alexandrov, Vladimir	0	3	4		
Stoitzev, Emil	0	3 [2+1]	3		
Kondakov, Luben Zahariev	0	2	4		
Konzov, Stefan	0	2	1	672 Jato	
Boshnakov, Nikola	0	2	4		
Sotirov, Dimitar	0	2 [1+1]	1		11.
Valchev, Nikola	0	1	2		
Stayanov, Nayden	0	1	0		
Stanuchev, Stanuch	0	1	0		
Petrov, Hristo	0	1	2		
Mateev, Atanas	0	1	0		
Manolev, Petar	0	1	2		
Kraevski, Paniu	0	1	0		
Kolev, Nikola	0	1	2		
Kjumjurdziev, Georgi Raitzev	0	1	2		12.
Iliev, Kiril	0	1	0		
Georgiev, Georgi	0	1	0		
Banov, Mihail Koitzev	0	1	0	3/6 Orlyak	
Stefanov, Ivan	0	1 [0+1]	1		
Planinski, Zahari	0	1 [0+1]	1		
Petrov, Marin	0	1 [0+1]	1	612 Jato	
Gruev, Tzvetan	0	1 [0+1]	1		
Gigov, Asen	0	1 [0+1]	1		
Common 3/6th orlyak	0	1	2		

The Bulgarian Air Force (Vozdushni Voiski) used a point based system as follows:

- for the destruction of a 4-engine bomber and for the shooting-down of a flying alone, not damaged before 4-engine bomber - **3 victories/points**;
- for the damaging of a 4-engine bomber - **2 victories/points**;
- for the destruction of a 2-engine bomber and for the shooting-down of a flying alone, not damaged before 2-engine bomber - **2 victories/points**;
- for the damaging of a 2-engine bomber - **2 victories/points**;
- for the shooting down of an already damaged multi-engine bomber and for the shooting-down of a fighter - **1 victory/point**;
- or the damaging of a fighter - **0 victories/points**.

Comments:

1. Poruchyk Stoyan Iliev Stoyanov is sometimes credited with 4 individual destroyed, 1 shared destroyed and 4 damaged for 15 points (Magnus, Allan: *Air Aces Home Page*) or 4 individual destroyed, 2 shared destroyed and 3 damaged for 15 points (Semerdjev, Stefan: *Nejlepší bulharský stíhač Lieutenant Stojanov*, in *Historie a plastikové modelářství*, No. 7, 1998, Semerdjev, Stefan: *Bulharské eso es*, in *Historie a plastikové modelářství*, No. 5, 2002).
2. Podporuchyk Petar Angelov Bochev is sometimes credited with 3 individual destroyed, 2 shared destroyed and 2 damaged for 13 points (Magnus, Allan: c.d.).
3. Poruchyk Nedelcho D. Bonchev is sometimes credited with 2 individual destroyed, 1 damaged for 8 points (Magnus, Allan: c.d.). One victory achieved by ramming.
4. Podporuchyk Ivan Nenov Bonev is sometimes credited with 3 individual destroyed and 2 damaged for 9 points (Magnus, Allan: c.d.).
5. Kapitan Krastio A. Atanasov is sometimes credited with 1 individual destroyed, 1 shared destroyed and 2 damaged for 5 points (Magnus, Allan: c.d.).
6. Podporuchyk Hristo Vasiliev Kostakiev is sometimes credited with 2 individual destroyed for 6 points (Magnus, Allan: c.d.).
7. ? Mihail Grigorov Georgiev.
8. Some sources present that Podporuchyk Stefan Marinopolski achieved 8 victories/points (Skulski, Przemyslaw: *Asy przestworzy 1939-1945*, ACE Publication, Wroclaw, Poland, 1995, Polák, Tomáš: *Orli z Rodop*, in *Plastic Kits Revue*, No. 11, 1992).
9. ? Zemen Dimitrov Ivanov.
10. Some sources present that Podofficer Georgi Atanasov achieved 8 victories/points (Skulski, Przemyslaw: c.d.).
11. A pair of fighters Kapitan Krustio Atanasov Podporuchyk Dimitar Sotirov attacked one 4-engine bomber at 30.03.1944. This must be the attack with the Avia B-135 - but most other sources say, that the wingman of Atanasov was Yordan Ferdinandov, which shoot down one 4-engine bomber (Polák, Tomáš: c.d.).
12. According to official Bulgarian sources Podporuchyk Georgi Kjumjurdziev damaged one 4-engine bomber. In fact he surely shot down one fighter P-38 Lightning. Landed at a village near Pernik. Some sources present that G. Kjumjurdziev achieved one confirmed victory and one damaged (Polák, Tomáš: c.d.).



Poruchyk Stoyan Iliev Stoyanov.



Dewoitine D.520, serial 12, 652 Jato, pilot poruchik Stefan Marinopolski, Karlovo, October 1943.



Dewoitine D.520, serial 14, Royal Bulgarian Air Force.



Dewoitine D.520, serial 14 (7256), 6th Iztrebiteľen Polk, Karlovo, beginning of the 1943.



Bf 109 E-7 "white 4" flown by Stoyan Stoyanov in 1943.



Bf 109G-2, serial: 28 (20/7057), 682 Jato, 3/6 Orljak, pilot Lt. Stoyan Stoyanov, Sqñ CO. Karlovo, Bulgaria, early 1943.



Bf 109 G-6/R-3 of Bulgarian 6th Fighter Squadron flown by Lt. Stoyan Stoyanov, Wrazhdebna airfield, spring 1944.



Bf 109G-6 'Helga', serial 6, 2/6 Orljak, the plane of poruchik Stefan Marinopolski, Wrasdebna airfield.

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