November 24, 1941, the units of the 2nd Panzer Group under command of Heinz Guderian stayed about 3 km off Kashira city. On this day only the 173 Raffe division (former 21 militia division) and anti-aircraft detachments took part in the battle for the city. To counter the strike the Red Army HQ had hastily redeployed the 1st Guard Cavalry Corps under commandment of the general Bajov. On 27-29 of November this Corps conducted a counterattack and threw the Germans back to the West. This success dispelled the doubts of the Soviet command about the date to start a decisive counterattack near Moscow.