



Order of the Red Star, Type 2, early transitional variation without a mint mark, #1770, circa 1936.

Silver, enamels. Measures 47.1 mm in height, 48.9 mm in width; weighs 28.8 g without screw plate. The type without mint mark came immediately after the Type 1 "Goznak" and has enamel of the same spectacular quality. Featuring a single-tier screw post base, this version is by far the more rare of the two variations without a mint mark. According to the Order of the Red Star by Durov and Strekalov, the known serial number range for this version is just 1649 through 1812 (page 218). This is one of the rarest of all Soviet awards: fewer than 165 of these were ever made and only a few have ever appeared on the market.

Very fine to excellent condition. There is a tiny surface flake to the tip of the upper left arm, almost unnoticeable to the naked eye. All other areas have only occasional microscopic contact marks; the enamel retains all of its beautiful tone, translucency and luster. The center medallion is in near mint condition, showing practically no wear; its details are exceptionally crisp. Nice untouched silver patina to the reverse. The screw post is of full length, 11 mm long; it comes with a screw plate of WW2 period which fits the screw perfectly.

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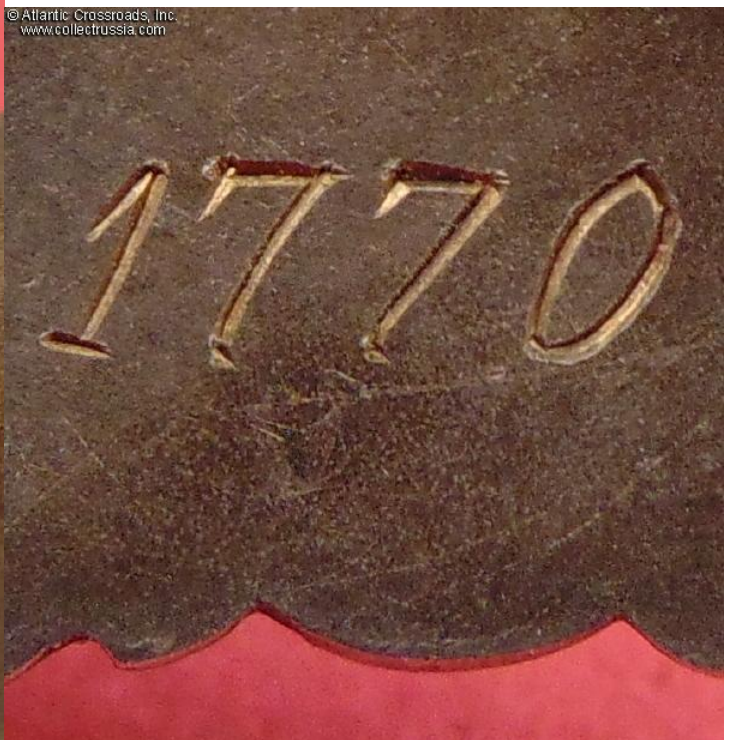
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