

M 1943 service kitel tunic of a Corps of Engineers or Quartermaster Major General, circa late 1940s to mid 1950s.

The tunic is in high quality olive green wool gabardine, with stand-up collar and internal breast pockets with flaps, raspberry piping on the collar and cuffs. Shoulder boards are in gold bullion embroidery with embroidered silver stars. The Moscow marked (but undated) buttons on the front show the 1948-1956 Soviet state emblem with 16 republics; the shoulder board buttons also show sixteen republics and are unmarked.

The tunic has about a 40" chest, 27" sleeves (shoulder seam to cuff), and length from top of collar to bottom hem 29 1/2".

Very good to excellent condition. There are two small moth nips in the piping on the left hand side of the collar and one small moth nip on the back of the collar that are not immediately noticeable. About six inches up from the skirt of the tunic and in the area below the lowest button hole, there are two small places no larger than 1/4" in diameter where a tailor performed a virtually invisible repair to the fabric. (The tunic has been freeze treated and is free of any problems.) On the front flap, at a point midway between the two lowest buttons, there is a small area of very minimal wear on the edge - perhaps caused by repeated contact with a belt or the edge of a desk. The area directly above the left breast pocket shows minor evidence of a ribbon bar having been worn there.

An impressive garment and one that will display handsomely in a Soviet-themed collection. The raspberry (or crimson) piped general tunics from the 40s and matching shoulder boards are even more scarce than their red-piped counterparts.

Please note, belt and other items shown in our photos are not included but may be available for purchase separately.

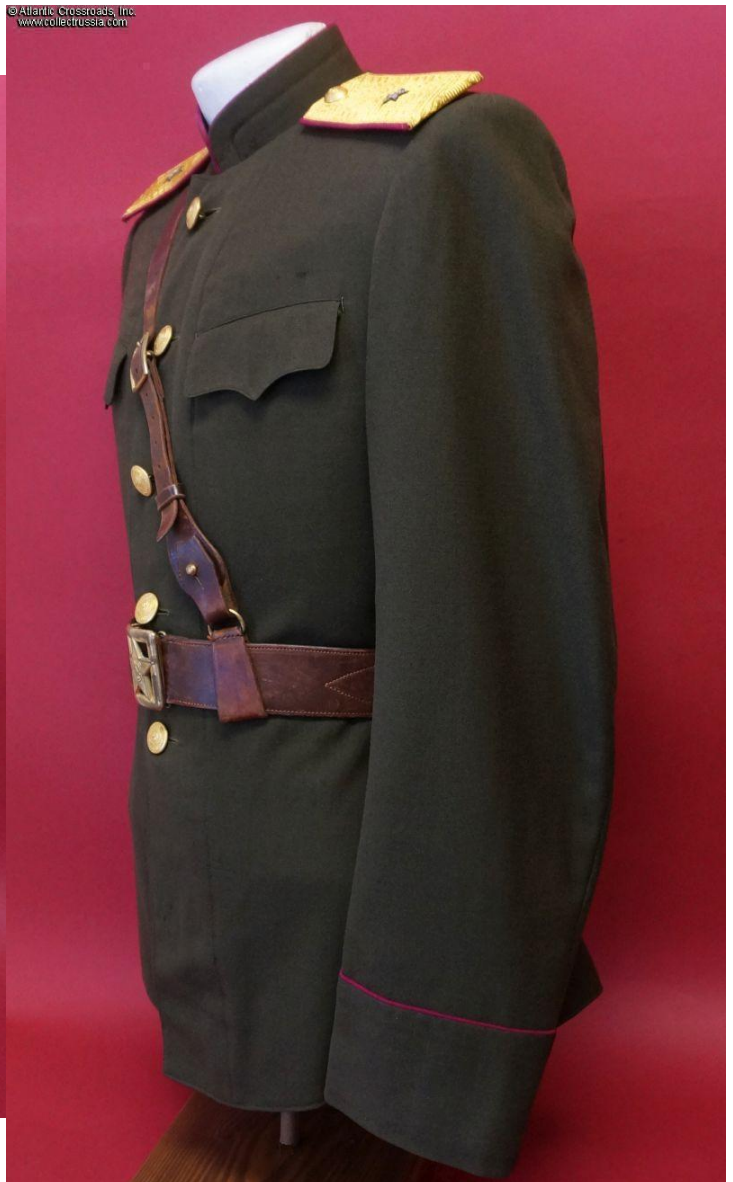
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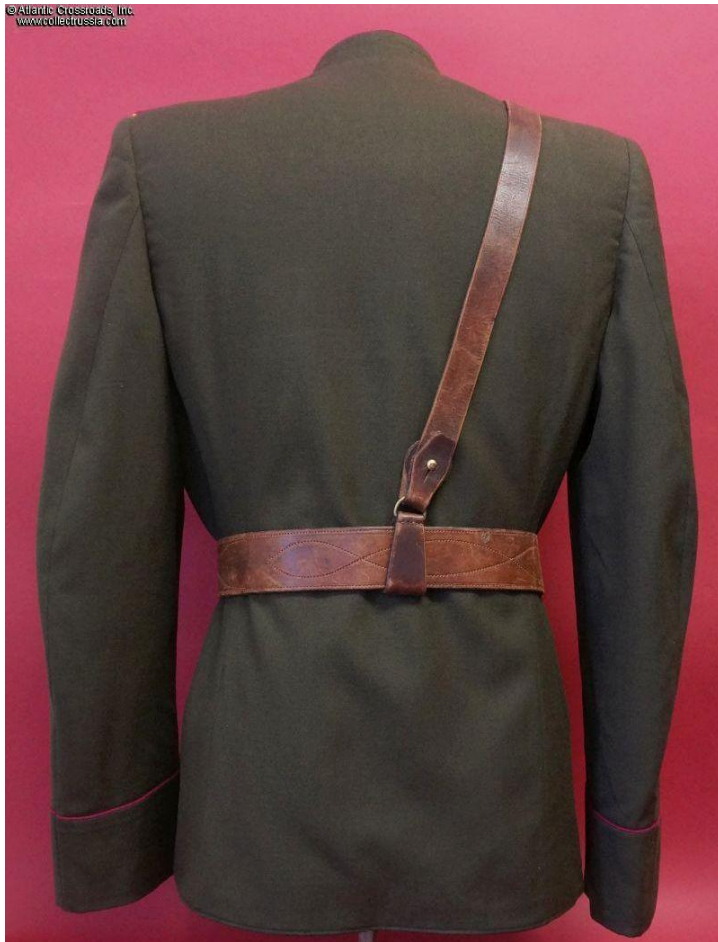
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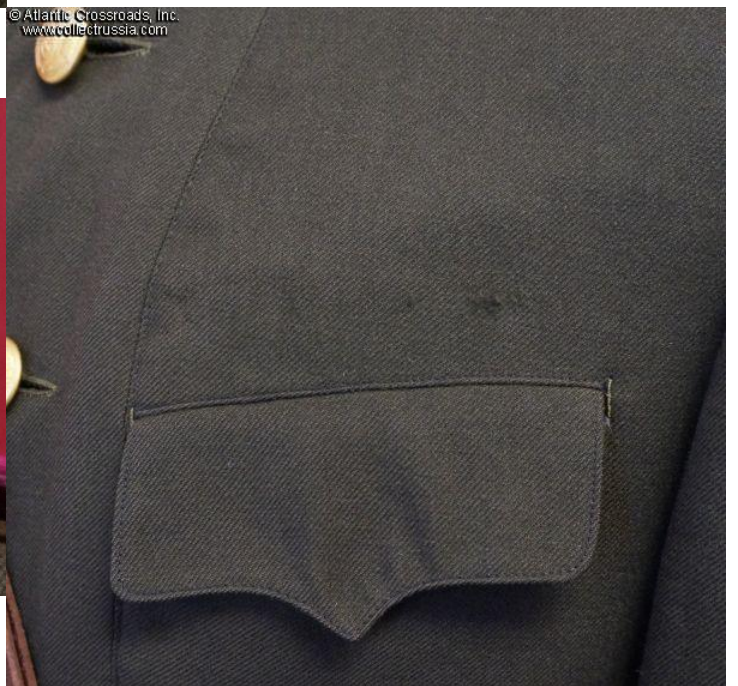
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