



M 1955 Air Force Officer Service Visor Hat, dated 1955.

The crown in napped olive-drab wool is characteristically small, of the early style. The band and piping are in slightly napped sky-blue wool. Black oilcloth chin strap, as correct for a service visor hat of the period. Early style rounded visor. The hat badge is a late-1950s - early 60s two-piece model in anodized aluminum and paint. Attached near the top of the crown is a set of wings signifying flight personnel (as opposed to non-flying Air Force officers.) The liner shows the logo of the Krasnyi Voin ("Red Warrior") Garment Factory in Moscow and, immediately below, a 1955 date of manufacture. The liner is also marked Size 57 (approx. US 7 1/8 / Medium/Large). There is a factory quality control stamp to the underside of the sweat band.

The hat is in outstanding, excellent condition. It has kept its trademark early shape beautifully. The wool fabric of the crown, band and piping is completely free of moth damage, which is very uncommon for a Soviet hat of the 1950s period. The exterior is immaculately clean, while the liner shows only a minimal sweat staining that does not detract. The sweat band and liner show almost no wear. It is very uncommon to find a Soviet AF hat of the early model in such a superb condition - especially in a relatively large size.

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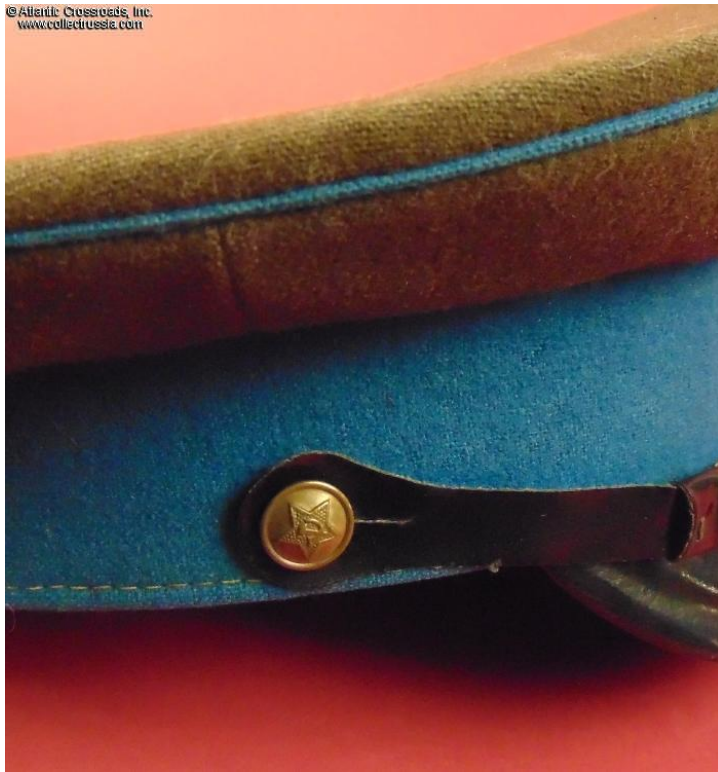
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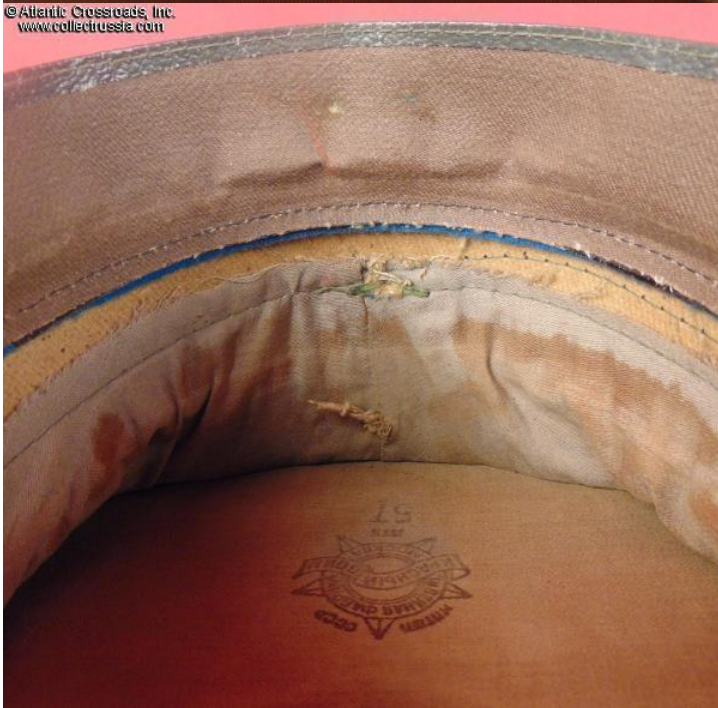
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