

### Order of Glory, 3rd class, #772619, circa late 1960s-70s.

Silver, enamels; 48.2 mm in height incl. eyelet, 46.0 mm in width; weighs 20.8 g not including the suspension and connecting link. Late variation featuring rotating tool-engraved serial number. Classified as Variation 10 Sub-Variation 2 by Mondvor.narod.ru, this version features concentric circles on the reverse that are of approximately equal thickness. Unlike some earlier variations, the outer corners of the letters "СССР" on the reverse are slightly rounded, not beveled. The currently known serial number range for this sub-variation is 755495 - 813370.

This is a belated decoration to one of the surviving WW2 veterans. Although often issued as a part of country-wide campaigns, post-war decorations like this one were usually awarded based on real WW2 exploits. In many cases, they were awarded to severely wounded veterans who had no other decorations. (We have not attempted to research it through the Russian military archives, so this piece still has a very good research potential.)

In excellent condition. The enamel is essentially perfect, having just a couple of microscopic contact marks, no flaking or any wear visible to the unaided eye. The raised details of the center medallion are perfect and exceptionally crisp. There are only a few tiny dings to the raised edge, barely noticeable. Very attractive toning to silver throughout. Comes on original suspension, a two-layer model in steel with an integral catch of the pin. The nicely preserved ribbon is old, probably of the period. The connecting link appears to be original; its ends are still joined with solder.

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