

Special-Issue Government Postcard Commemorating the 90th Birthday Anniversary of Vasiliy Chapayev.

The size is continental standard 6" x 4", postally unused, with a First-Day-Cover type special-issue preprinted postal stamp showing Chapayev's head portrait and the years of his life under the inscription "Hero of the Civil War V.I. Chapayev." The artwork in the left pane is a reproduction of the 1935 (1934 according to some sources) painting by Pyotr Vasilyev Chapayev in Battle which portrays the legend of the Russian Civil War in a, let's say, "legendary" way. Galloping into attack with a burqa cape aflutter behind you looks romantic but is very impractical and dangerous. No cavalryman worth his horse's saddle will do that. But let's cut Chapayev some slack here! After all, he used to be an infantryman in the Russian Imperial Army and fought on foot. In his defense, he prudently rode in a Ford when he became commander of the 25th Infantry Division of the Red Army and fought against Admiral Kolchak's army.

In excellent, near-mint condition.

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