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Steel Folding Knife With Engraved Artwork, by Metallist Invalids Workshop, circa 1940s-50s.

In steel, the handle measures 5" long, the blade is 3 1/2" long. The maker's mark AIM is the Russian abbreviation for Workshop of Invalids "Metallist" in the city of Gorky, modern-day Nizhny Novgorod. The stamped "1 COPT" on the handle next to the tang is the top quality rating by Quality Control. The handle is engraved on both sides with the Soviet hammer-and-sickle emblem and a stalk of wheat. Inexpensive and simple, these knives were colloquially called "the collective farmer's knife." Workshops like the "Metallist" were a lifeline to many Soviet disabled war veterans lucky to find such work, manufacturing or repairing simple objects of everyday necessity.

In very good to excellent condition. The spring does not hold the blade in the open position, and both the blade and handle are mildly tarnished. However, the metal is not bent or dented anywhere, the rivets holding the knife together are perfectly tight, and the engraving is crisp and clear on both sides. Overall, a nice and rather unusual addition to one's knife collection with fine presentation.

Please note that the penny in our photo is for size reference.

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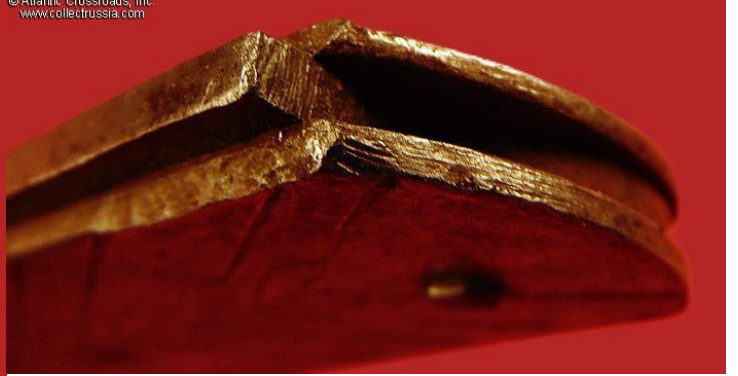




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