

## First Leningrad Artillery School graduate badge, 1946-1950.

Brass, enamels, 49.8 x 25.4 mm. Riveted three-piece construction: the star and the wreath with crossed cannon and name of the school are separate superimposed parts. A very attractive and well-made badge.

In very fine to excellent overall condition. The enamel on the plaque with abbreviated name of the school 1 ЛАУ ("1st LAU") has miniscule amount of flaking under the letter У, completely unnoticeable to the naked eye. The red enamel on the star as well as the white enamel on the edge of the diamond are perfect. The gilt finish is extremely well- preserved and bright showing only light wear on the high points of the cannon. The silver plating on the reverse is almost pristine.

There is added solder on the reverse at the bottom of the wreath and on the left side of the badge (viewed from obverse) where the red plaque joins the edge of the diamond. This was probably done to secure the lower connection of the plaque and wreath due to weakened or broken lower rivet. The head of this rivet however appears to be intact, and the upper two rivets are both intact and tight. The repair is only visible from side and reverse of the badge.

The screw post is approx. 11 mm long, has not been shortened, and includes original mint marked screw plate.

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