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This is the long awaited, hugely expanded version of the earlier, 2011/12 softcover editions. Like the earlier books, it covers the important Soviet OGPU, NKVD, MVD and KGB decorations. Among them are the famous law enforcement "eggs": the badges of the Honored NKVD, MVD and MOOP Employees. The Honorary Badges for the 5th, 10th and 15th Cheka Anniversaries are covered as well as other KGB award badges: Honored Employee of State Security and the 50th, 60th and 70th anniversaries of the KGB. Unlike the prior editions, the 2017 hardcover presents a well-illustrated classification of Honored State Security badges. In general, this volume covers a much larger variety of state security awards including badges issued by KGB branches in various Soviet republics. Represented are also many obscure badges of smaller security units as well as the graduation badges of various law enforcement schools.

A significant improvement over the previous editions is the inclusion of a selection of a large number of NKVD and KGB identification cards - something that goes far beyond the scope suggested by the title of the book. Additionally, the new edition covers many state security awards of post-Soviet Russia while covering in some detail the structure of Soviet and Russian State Security and espionage organizations. Last but not least, it illustrates a number of decorations of the state security agencies of "friendly" communist regimes such as the DDR, Cuba, the Romanian People's Republic, etc.

This book should prove to be an invaluable resource for both historians and serious collectors of Soviet and Russian badges. Each one of the 406 copies in print is serially numbered and hand-signed by the author. The example we offer is BRAND NEW and UNUSED condition.

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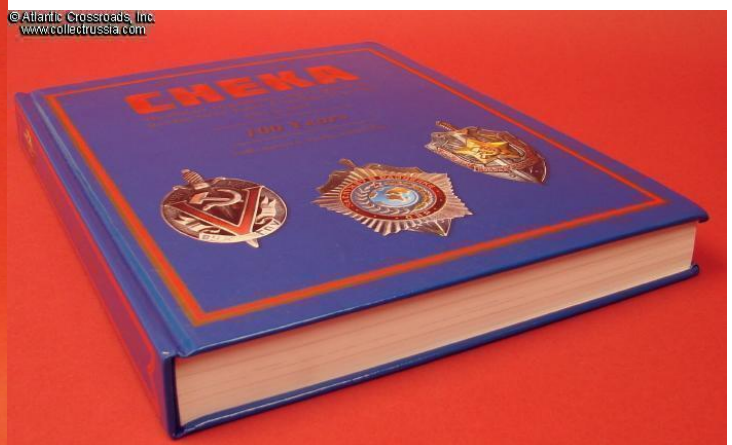
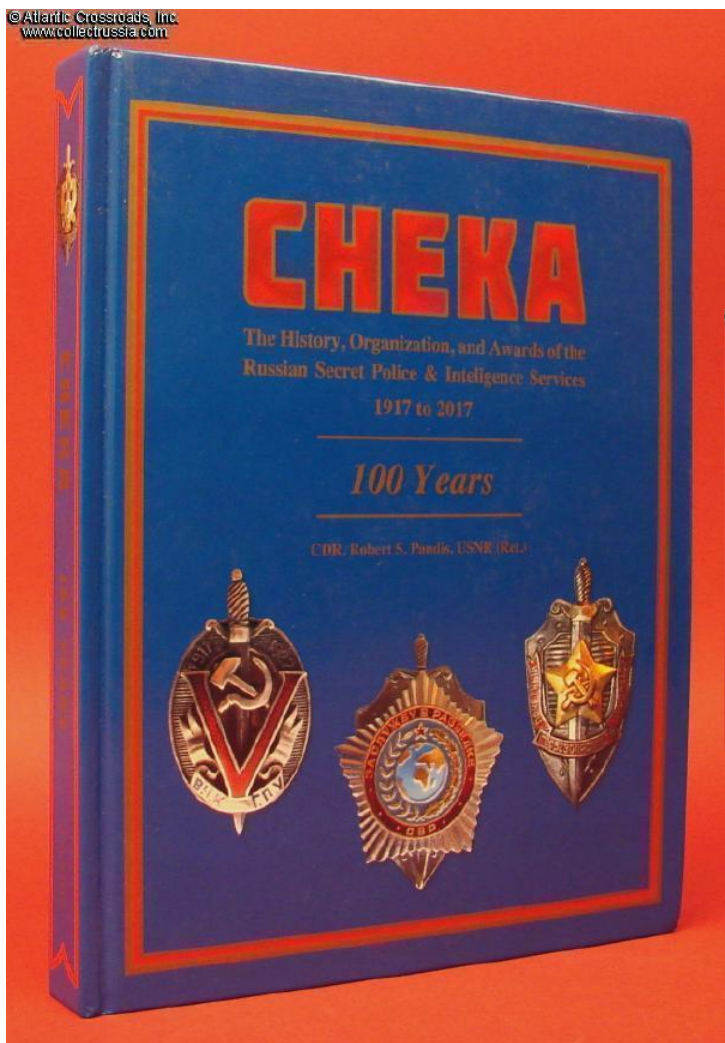


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NKVD/NKGB Officer Mikhail Vasilevich Kotov ID set. 1943 NKVD ID, and 1945 NKGB ID. His awards also included the Order of the Red Banner and three Red Stars (see page 118).

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Silver V.O.G.P.U. Badges. The -length - 47.0mm, Width - 17.0mm, and Weight - 18.0g without the screw back-plate. Kokoshnik 875 silver marks and round kokoshnik component marks. The back-plate is marked "Moscow Association of Artists "MTKh".



"V" G.P.U. No. 480, Variation 3 style. Presented in 1930 to Vladimir Ivanovich Ulyuk. The -length - 43.0mm, Width - 26.0mm, and Weight - 14.0g without the screw back-plate. Kokoshnik 916 silver and round component marks, maker mark "XEM" for factory of the Arts Academy.

"V" G.P.U. No. 705, Variation 3 style. Presented to Mikhail Miroslavovich Chumakov. The length - 42.5mm, Width - 26.4mm, and Weight - 15.5g without the screw back-plate. Kokoshnik 916 silver and round component marks, maker mark "XEM" for factory of the Arts Academy. Photo Skoslov Gm & Medals



Brass variation Distinguished NKVD Badge No. 4536. The length - 42.0mm, Width - 27.0mm, and Weight - 18.9g. The Moscow Mint back-plate.

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Fake Distinguished NKVD Badge No. 1427 with silver details. The -length - 42.0mm, Width - 26.0mm, and Weight - 13.0g without the screw back-plate. The badge has characteristics of the early "000" & "00" silver variation badges such as the silver details and concave reverse. The quality on this badge is good, but the incorrect application of the serial numbers without the "0" before 1427 is a problem. Moscow Mint back-plate.

Blue NKVD Internal Security and Green Border Guard Officer Shoulder Boards.



Bronze Style MVD Badges:

Bronze style MVD badges Serial #4817 (lower left) and #5922 (top & lower right). These badges have a single versus double reverse plate, and the Moscow Mint back-plates are likely replacements. Badge #5922 has had its rivets tampered with, and some dull red cold enamel requires to the ribbon banner and center enamel are visible.

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M43 Parade Dress tunic, piped for Lieutenant of NKVD State Security. The waist cap blue color was called "cardinal blue" and the band piping was black red on raspberry red, the color of Red Army cavalry.

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1954 Excellent Worker of MVD Gramota. Issued to Grigory S. Uvenskiy. The Gramota quality for these badges was low compared to the higher awards.



Excellent Worker of MVD USSR Badge. The banner reads "Excellent Militia MVD USSR." These badges were 1953-1962 issue. The length - 43.0mm, Width - 33.5mm, and Weight - 10.4g without the back-plate. The badge is a die-stamped cliché style bronze material with a hollow back. The screw post was crimped into place. The inscription on the original brass back-plate reads "Pobeda (Victory) Factory Moscow."

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60th Anniversary of KGB Badge:

The 1977 60th Anniversary badge is rarer, and considered among collectors as the most desired of the KGB Anniversary Badges. In 1977 the Communist Party was at its peak, deterioration of the military and economy was not yet apparent, and times still appeared good. The KGB remained very powerful during this period and the wearing of such badges to indicate one's "connections" was desirable.

The base of the badge is a shield, formed of tombac (47x26mm). The small silver ribbed area on the badge front shows more patina with age. It has twenty-four-carat gold-plated 6 and 0 numerals, and a raised Cyrillic LET for "Year" below the 6 and 0 numerals. The red enamel star has a gold-plated hammer & sickle in the middle. The sword, with a gold-plated hilt, runs the length of the badge. Raised 1917 and 1977 are at the left and right of the sword point. The design differs from the 50th Anniversary year badge in that the top and bottom borders of the shield (above and below the red enamel ribbon banner) has what appears to be a royal-blue colored epoxy enamel or resin type material. The use of blue as a branch color by Russian Secret Police is a tradition that goes back to the days of the Czar. This attractive design feature, as well as its limited issue, makes this badge a favorite of many collectors.

The badge reverse side shows sharp details of the front and differs from the 50th & 70th Anniversary Badges in that it remains shiny silver and does not patina as much. Some speculate that this could actually be a nickel-silver variation. There are also examples of this badge where the ribbon banner enamel will glow under a black light indicating cold enamel. These badges were correct in every way, so this could be an exception to the hot enamel rule. Anniversary badges never had serial numbers added. The most common mint mark seen on this badge is the Moscow MMD round circle vignette. Examples could exist with the raised Moscow Mint mark (MMD), but none have been inspected to date. The screw post is hand soldered. The screw nuts are found in brass or nickel-silver with an inscription in Cyrillic: "Moscow Mint Yard." These badges have no serial numbers, but could be issued with a presentation case and Gramota.

In 2003 the FSB uncovered a Heroes of the Soviet Union Organization within Russia minting high-quality fake awards with documents to match. Some of the fake KGB Anniversary badges examined have serial numbers added in error.

60th Anniversary KGB Badge. Note the German silver appearance & Moscow Mint vignette mark.

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Friends of Soviet Intelligence Badges:



Romanian Order for Outstanding Service to the State, 1st Class. Also known as the "Romanian Order of Securitate" - It was typically presented for outstanding service by State Security officers. Made of gold-plated metal with silver laurel leaves, artificial white diamonds, and enamels. The Length - 61.0mm, Width - 53.0mm, and the Weight - 37.3g.



Romanian Order for Outstanding Service to the State, 2nd Class in silver. Early version with pink stones. Made of silver with gold laurel leaves, pink stones, and enamels. The Length - 61.0mm, Width - 52.5mm, and the Weight - 38.3g.

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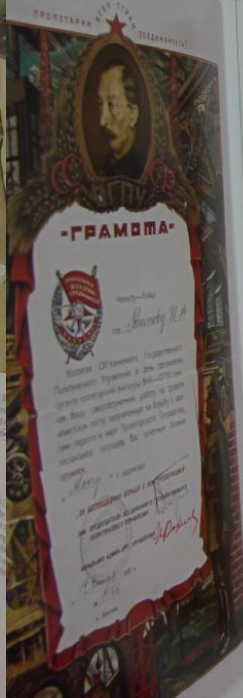
Excellent Border Guard 2nd Class badge, 1969-1980s. Made of aluminum, enamels, and lacquer paint. The reverse of the medallion shows the Moscow Mint vignette mark. The Length - 59.0mm, Width - 39.0mm, and Weight - 7.7g without the back-plate. The back-plate nut is marked Moscow Mint. The Gramma is for Anatoly S. Grigoryan.

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SVR Honored Service in Intelligence Badge:



SVR Honored Service in Intelligence Badge. The badge was established in August 1993 for "For Service in Intelligence". Two-piece die-struck using copper-nickel, the shield is enameled. Two rivets and the screw has a hex nut. Modern Moscow Coin Mint Mark with No. for the serial number. Awarded to senior members of the First Directorate on a limited basis for long-term excellent service. The Length - 45.0mm, Width - 34.9mm, and Weight - 24.4g without the screw back-plate. Recipients of this award would receive additional benefits such as extra pay, better housing, and vacations. In addition, they would also be listed on the Honored Wall of the SVR.



Issued by Board of State Political Department of Ukrainian SSR to Mikhail A. Fokhtshteyn on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the VCBK (OCPC): "For Fearless Fighting with Counter-Revolutionaries He is Awarded a water Chairman of Board of State Political Department of Ukrainian SSR (signature), Kharkiv City, December 1932.