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Badge of an Honored Master of Logging and Timber Rafting, #1262, circa 1960s, with original issue box.

In gilded brass and enamels, fine quality; measures 31.8 x 25.0 mm. Raised mint mark "MMD" and engraved serial number on the reverse.

In excellent, near mint condition, apparently unissued. Original mint marked screw plate is included. Comes in original wrapping paper and cardboard issue box with serial number of the badge marked in ballpoint pen. The box has small separations along the edges of the top lid, but it is otherwise perfect and completely sound.

Much of the logging in the Soviet Union was done by prison camp inmates or recently released convicts with nowhere else to go. Not surprisingly, this badge is shown among the other NKVD and MVD prison labor awards in M. Rogov's <u>History of Awards and Badges of MVD of Russia</u>, 1802 - 2002 / p. 113, fig. 1.2.3.55; see also Avers 8, p. 124, fig. 630/.

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