

30th Anniversary of the Khichaurskiy Border Guard Unit (Military Unit #2358), commemorative badge, 1980 issue.

Aluminum, paint; 43.9 x 30.0 mm. The artwork features a border marker and snow-capped mountain peaks of the Caucasus. In very fine overall condition. The obverse is excellent, with perfectly preserved paint and anodized finish. The screw post has been replaced or possibly strengthened with epoxy, apparently by the original owner.

Tasked with guarding the Turkish border, this unit was stationed in Khichauri, Ajaria (part of the Georgian SSR), and belonged to the Trans-Caucasian Border Guard District. After the disintegration of the USSR, it remained at the Turkish border for a while by the mutual agreement with the newly independent Republic of Georgia, and was then withdrawn to Russia and eventually moved to Orsk at the border with Kazakhstan where it became Orskiy Border Guard Unit.

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