

# Document for the Restoration of the Ferrous Metallurgy of the South Medal, awarded to Vasiliy Drobodukhin, circa late-1940s - mid-1950s.

Shows a blue ink stamp of the Executive Committee of the city of Stalingrad and black stamp of its chairman who signed the document in the lower right. The date of issue is omitted, but the document was clearly filled-out no later than in the mid-50s.

Excellent condition. The document is crisp and clean, completely free of significant soiling or wear. There are just some very minor wrinkles, no creases, and a faint stain on the back cover which is not detractive. Some of the ink from the stamps transferred to the back when the stamps were applied, a common occurrence.

This Stalingrad issue award document is highly unusual. The city was well outside of what was considered the Southern area of metallurgical industry mostly concentrated in eastern Ukraine. Moreover, although Stalingrad had large industrial enterprises utterly destroyed during the war - such as the famous Tractor Factory - it never had any significant iron ore mines or metallurgical plants even remotely comparable to the steel mills of the Urals, Mariupol or Dnepropetrovsk. In all likelihood, the recipient of the award document resided in Stalingrad when the document was issued, but he must have earned the medal earlier while working elsewhere. Such issues are rather uncommon: in the post-war years, Soviet civilians rarely moved far from place to place and once settled, usually remained in the same area for the lifetime.

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