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Bulgaria, Order of the 9th of September 1944, Civil Division, 2nd class, Type 4, circa 1970s.

Gilded brass and enamels, measures 56.6 mm in height (incl. eyelet), 56.0 mm in width; weighs 35.2 g not including the suspension and connecting link.

Four-piece construction: the gold portrait of the Bulgarian revolutionary Vasil Levski in high relief in the center, the disc with green leaves and the center medallion on the reverse are separate superimposed parts. This version of the order features a Soviet-style suspension device. A very elaborate and well-made piece!

In excellent condition. The enamel is extremely well preserved, having only microscopic traces of wear, and shows a beautiful luster. There are a couple of tiny dings to the edge of the center medallion, but the details of the bas-relief are perfect, and the gilt finish is very bright, nearly pristine. The old ribbon is nicely preserved.

Please note: the penny in our photo is for size reference.

/Todor Petrov, Orders and Medals of Bulgaria, pp. 197-199/

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