

### ***Jettons of Imperial Russia, by Robert Werlich, original 1985 edition.***

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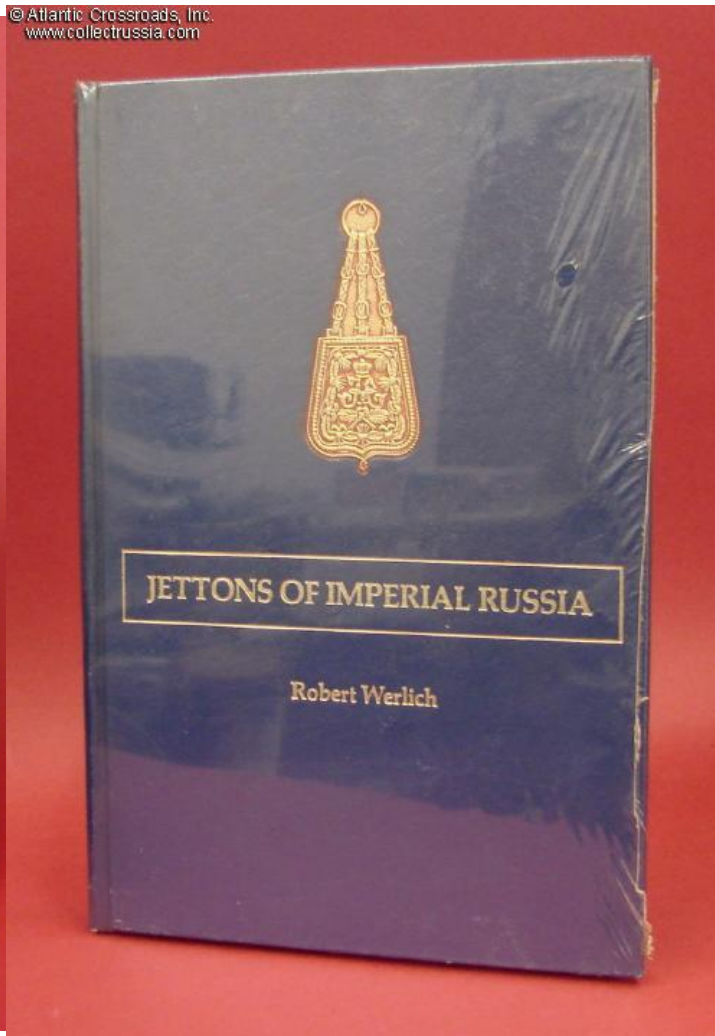
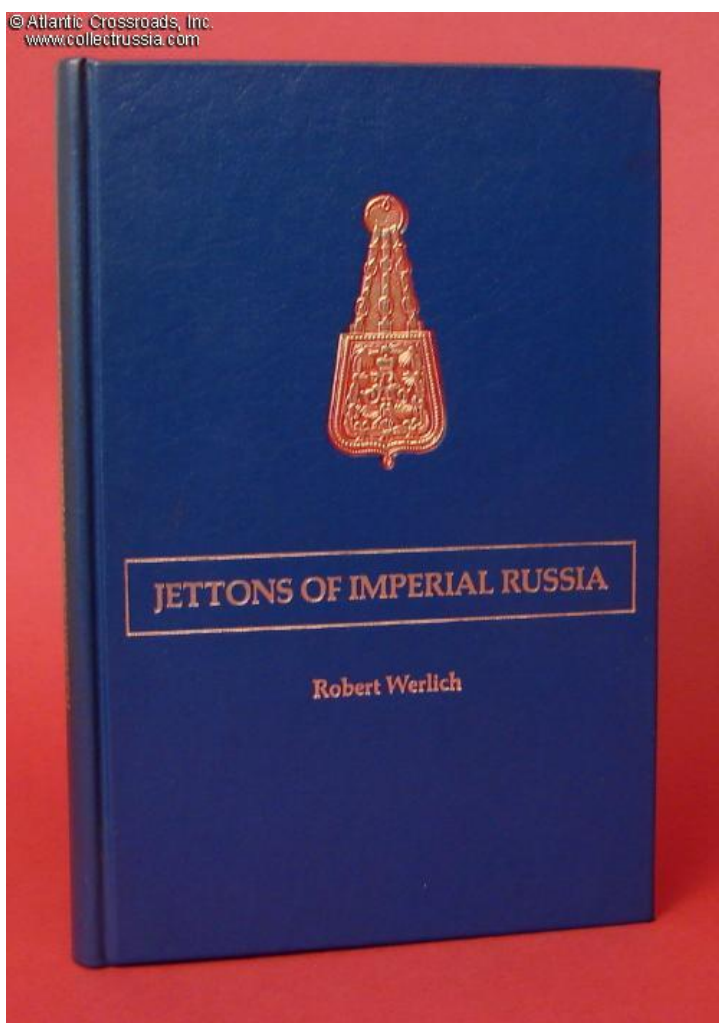
The subject of this book are Russian jettons (jetons), a sort of commemorative tokens in a form of a badge that were to be worn on a watch fob, attached to a cigarette case, or simply kept as a memento. Many Russian jettons were made in hallmarked gold and silver, often boasted high quality enamelwork, and occasionally consisted of many overlaying parts. Some were made by top Russian jewelers including those of the famous Faberge firm.

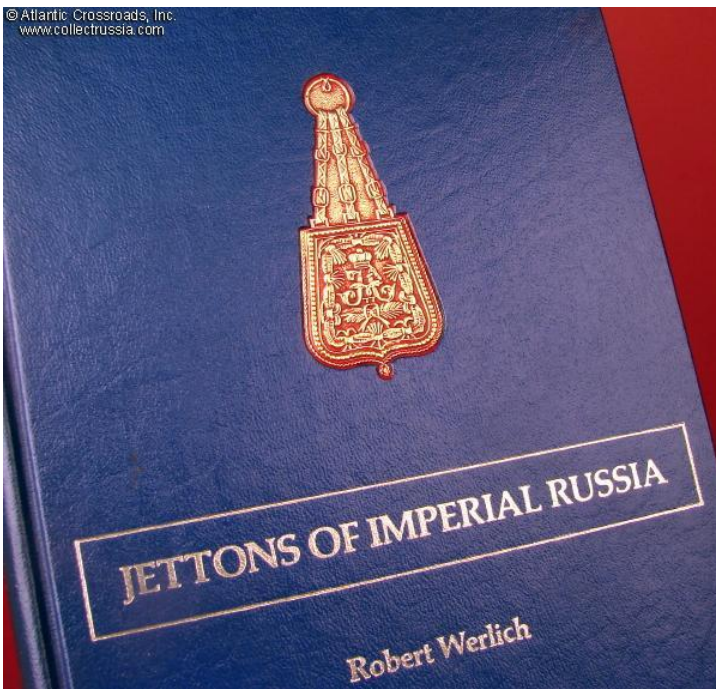
When this book came out in 1985, it was the first catalog of its kind. Not only it identified literally hundreds of beautiful Russian jettons hitherto unknown to most collectors in the western world, but also provided English translation of the inscriptions and in some cases, brief historical background, e.g. history of the military unit or organization that issued the jetton. Even now, over 30 years after its publication date, this catalog remains a great source of information for the English speaking collectors.

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**PREFACE**

Imperial Russia represent some of the world's finest craftsmanship. They were awarded for almost a century prior to the introduction of the Regimental units had their own Jetton which distinguished them to a particular regiment. The earliest Jetton was dated 1854, but most were produced in the early 20th Century up to and including 1917. Some of the few made by emigres, they passed out of use usually worn as a watchfob, but also were used as a man's jacket or suspended from the buttonhole of a military tunic or naval uniform. (See Fig. J-1)

I received my first Jetton in Vienna, Austria, shortly after the war and for the past forty years has been collecting. I did not start collecting earlier as my first Jetton was not until the 1920's and 30's, and I distinctly remember seeing them in antique and curio shops. At that time they were purchased for very little. As the years have passed they have obviously appreciated their beauty and as a consequence, Jettons have become a rarity. Russian emigres and their families have come to America and are now in a position to re-purchase items that they usually from dire necessity.

In many cases, the Jettons were made for individuals or a small group of cases, the officers and engineers concerned with the railroad—the larger the railroad, the more Jettons were also issued in quantity for the various departments.

I published to help the reader identify Jettons of Imperial Russia that are most likely to be in the possession of individuals. It is the author's hope that the items illustrated in this book are not only a part of those who possess Jettons not illustrated here, but also that individuals who possess Jettons not illustrated here will recognize unknown items and would write to the author in a possible second edition corrections and additions. Full credit will be given to all those Jettons could be included. Full credit will be given to all those Jettons could be included.

**MILITARY**  
**ARMY**



**Fig. J-1. IMPERIAL HUSSAR REGIMENT OF HIS MAJESTY**

Gold and red enameled, presentation Jetton made by Fabergé, circa 1900. Shaped as a taška (dispatch case). Bearing the cypher of Nicholas II. This citation opens into three hinged sections each engraved with a total of thirty-two donors' names. Among the most prominent are: Major General Vasilechikov, Colonel Prince Gagarin, Captain Prince Chavchavadze and Lieutenant Prince Meshcherskiy. Slightly similar to Badge #402, THIRD ELIZABETGRAD HUSSAR REGIMENT OF GRAND DUCHESS OLGA NIKOLAEVNA.



**J-2A — Obverse**

**J-2B — Reverse**

**J-4A — Obverse**

**J-4B — Reverse**

**Fig. J-2. SERVICE IN THE CAUCASUS**

Gold and enamel. Obverse portrays Caucasian Mountain Peak, reverse is inscribed LIEUTENANT GENERAL YA. SHKINSKY, MILITARY VETERAN OF THE CAUCASIAN WAR and the dates, 1899-1905.

**Fig. J-4. NINETY-SEVENTH LEFLYAND (Latvian) INFANTRY REGIMENT OF FIELD MARSHAL COUNT SHEREMETEV**

Two-hundredth anniversary of the founding. Dated June 1, 1700 — June 25, 1900. Obverse portrays the combined initials of Peter I and Nicholas II. Reverse has a First Lieutenant's Shoulder Board and the name of the recipient LIEUTENANT R. REINTAL, THE TROITSKY (Trinity) INFANTRY REGIMENT.



**Fig. J-3. FIFTY-FOURTH MINSK INFANTRY REGIMENT**

Gold and enamel. Obverse has the dates 1806-1906 and reverse is inscribed with some of the battles in which this regiment participated including: Smolensk, Borodino, Sevastopol and Mukden.



**Fig. J-5. MINISTRY OF WAR**

This Jetton opens up in the form of a locket and has the name of the recipient LIEUTENANT GENERAL YA. REINTAL and the dates 1906-1907.



Fig. J-18. ARTILLERY RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Twenty-fifth Anniversary of this institute. Dated 30th of August 1869-1894. Named to Z.I. KORTMAN.



Fig. J-19. TWO HUNDRED AND NINTH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Has the dates 1877-1910.



Fig. J-20. FIFTH HUSSAR REGIMENT OF HER IMPERIAL MAJESTY ALEXANDRA FEDOROVNA

Reverse inscribed JUNIOR CAPTAIN SARPETSKY. Dated 1901. In the old Russian Army a Junior Captain was the equivalent of a Captain in the U.S. or British Army. A Senior Captain was equivalent to a Major.



Fig. J-21. IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Academy of the General Staff. Named to LIEUTENANT YA. SHKINSKY, November 22, 1882. This Jetton is quite often found but it is interesting to note that the name of each individual recipient was enamelled on the obverse side and it came in various sizes.



Fig. J-236A - Obverse



Fig. J-236B - Reverse

Fig. J-236. SECOND SIBERIAN MILITARY SANITARY (Hospital) TRAIN, HER IMPERIAL HIGHNESS MARIA PAVLOVNA

On the obverse in the center on a red enamel background is the double-headed eagle surrounded by the inscription SECOND SIBERIAN MILITARY SANITARY TRAIN, HER IMPERIAL HIGHNESS MARIA PAVLOVNA and the dates 1904-1905. On the reverse is the monogram M(maria) P(pavlovna).



Fig. J-237A - Obverse



Fig. J-237B - Reverse

Fig. J-237. TIFLIS JUNKER SCHOOL OF INFANTRY

In the center on a white background is the Caucasus Cross surrounded by a blue enamel border with the inscription TIFLIS INFANTRY JUNKER SCHOOL, 1865-1901. Reverse has the Shoulder Board of the school below which are crossed bayonets and a blue enamel cutlass.



Fig. 238 MANNER OF WEARING JETTONS

Russian Army Captain wearing the Order of St. Stanislas, Class: St. Vladimir, Fourth Class; three Russian Medals; the Orders of Omania and Medjedjje and seven Jettons.