

Hat badge of State Militia Units, Reign of Alexander III, Type 2, 1890- 1895.

Stamped brass, relief reverse construction; 42.2 mm tall x 41.8 mm wide. Features cypher of Emperor Alexander III and motto "For Faith, Tsar and Fatherland!"

Very fine to excellent condition. There is only moderate wear to the center medallion, but details of the cypher are still well-preserved. The lettering on the arms in practically perfect. There is no excessive oxidation; the toning to the brass is even and attractive. Three of the four original attachment loops on the back are still present and completely sound.

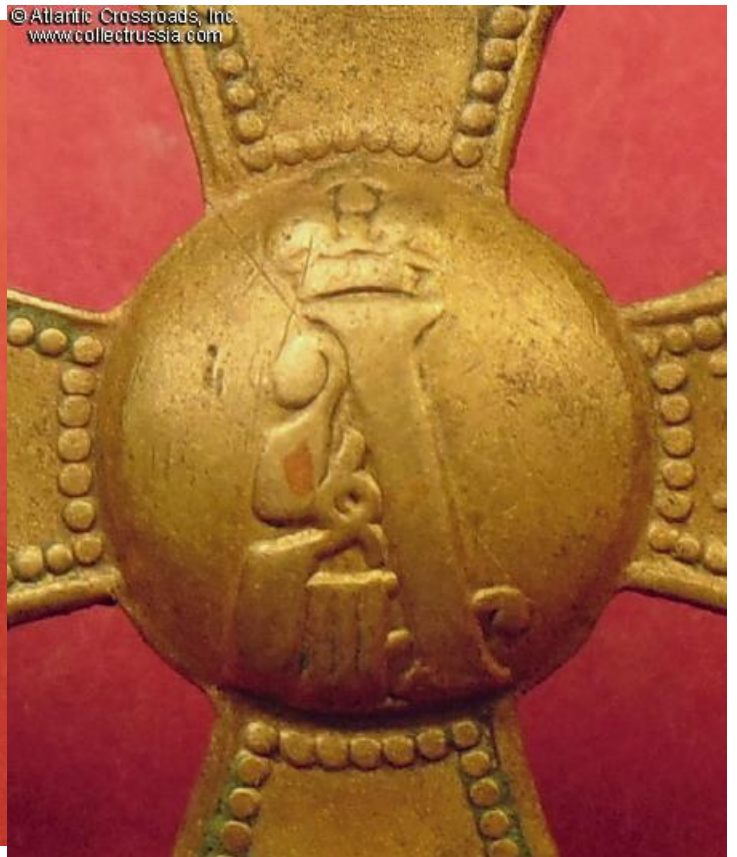
The first badges of militia units date back to the Patriotic War of 1812 when Russian militia was instrumental in reducing the retreating Napoleon's invasion army to shreds. Badges of Alexander III period were initially very similar to the original 1812 design, but in 1890 the word "Fatherland" was added to the motto. At the same time, the badge received wire attachments instead of the hooks used on the earlier models.

/Patrikeev and Boinovich, ["Badges of Russia, Vol. 2"](#), page 485, fig. 11.11/

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