

Silver Cigarette Case awarded on 10 November 1932 to Yegish Osipov.

Measures 77 mm x 97 mm x 15 mm; weighs 140.0 g. Features Niello artwork on the front and back in what is often referred to as "traditional Caucasian" style. There are hallmarks stamped on the exterior of both panels: silver mark "875" with worker's head and a small character Delta (a designation of the Moscow assay inspection), and a Cyrillic maker mark ■■■■ ("YuKM") of an unknown Moscow workshop.

The interior is gilded and engraved "To Comrade Yegish (Egish) Osipov in commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the Workers' and Peasants' Police and for your selfless work in fighting banditry. From the GURKM ASSR (State Directorate of Workers' and Peasant's Police of Soviet Socialist Republic of Azerbaijan), 10 November 1932, Baku." Interestingly, there is another set of "875" silver hallmarks applied on the interior of the panels, but they are poorly struck and far less clearly defined than the ones on the exterior.

The cigarette case is in very good to excellent condition. The exterior shows only very light scuffs and minor scratches, no dents, nicks or heavy wear of any kind. The artwork is perfectly preserved on both sides. The closure button functions smoothly; the hinge is completely intact; the alignment of the two panels is perfect. The gilt finish on the interior shows wear but is still visible. Overall, an attractive and very unusual piece with a lot of character.

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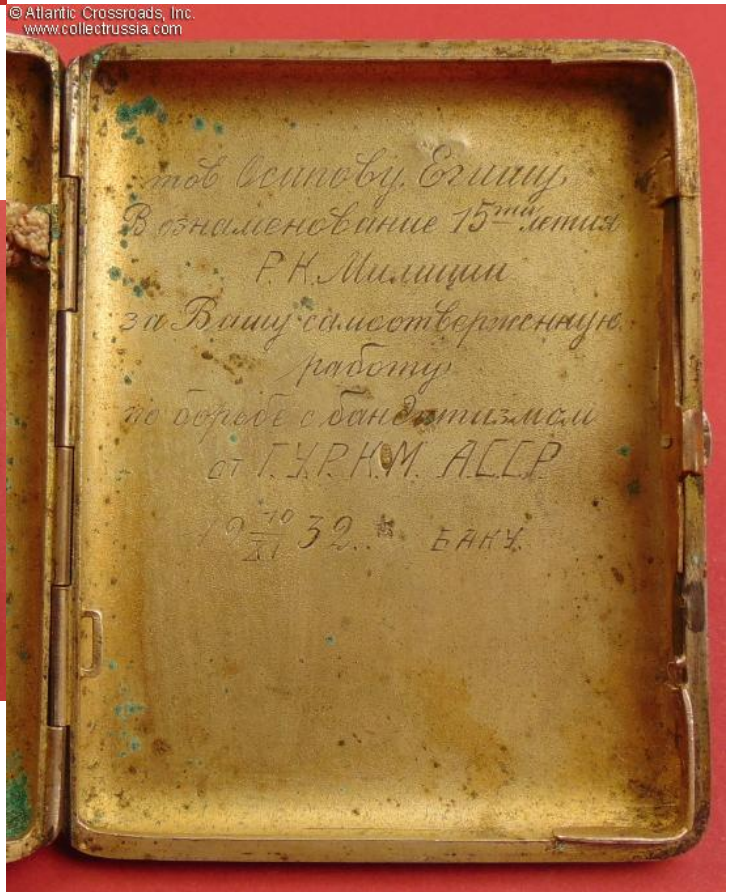
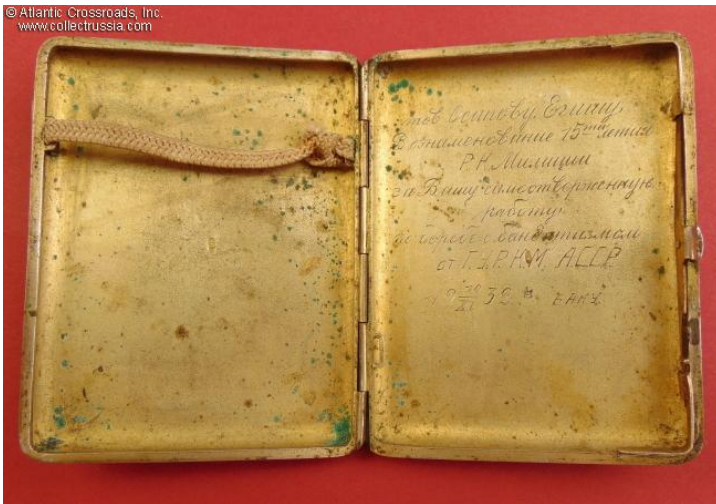
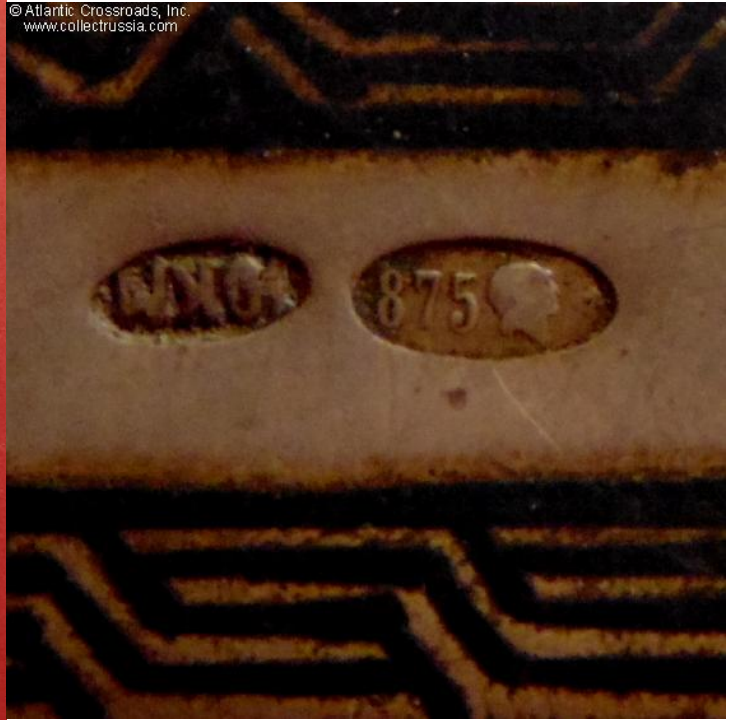
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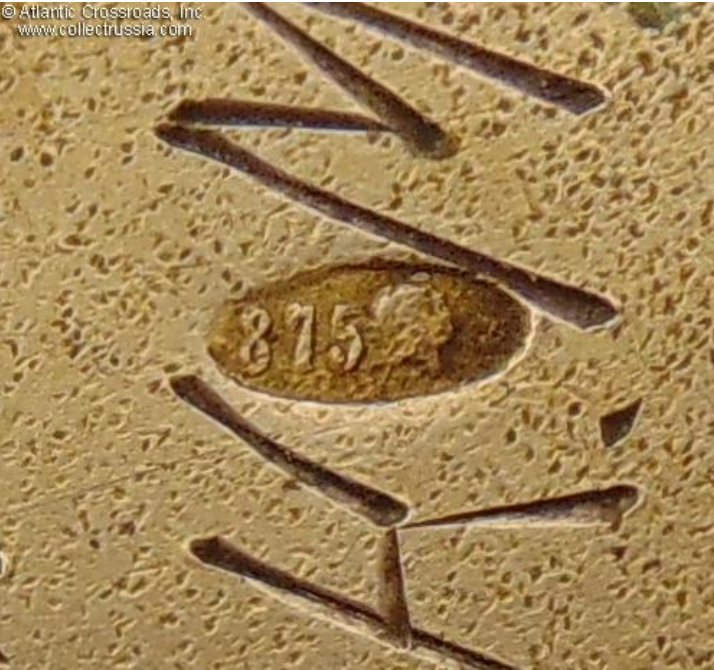




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