

Medal in Commemoration of the 800th Anniversary of Moscow, Variation 2 ("Voenkomat" version), 1960s-80s.

In copper, 37.2 mm wide. The artwork features bas-relief of Grand Duke Yury Dolgoruky, the founder of the city of Moscow, wearing the traditional Russian medieval helmet. The reverse has beautifully detailed riverside view of the Moscow Kremlin with its inner palaces. The lettering at the top is "In Commemoration of the 800th Anniversary of Moscow". The bottom shows dates "1147-1947".

Unlike the late 1940's version of the same award, this Variation 2 specimen features rounded eyelet (unlike the almost U-shaped, flat eyelet of the earlier version). This so-called "Voenkomat" version was belatedly awarded from 1960s - 80s. Similar WW2 campaign medals were issued long after the war typically by a military commissariat in the recipient's hometown, called Voenkomat in Russian. The "Voenkomat" issues of the Moscow 800th Anniversary Medal are quite scarce compared with the "regular" late-1940s issues.

In outstanding, excellent condition - shows only storage age. The details are pristine. There are no significant scratches, dings or other wear. There are few tiny spots and some miniscule contact marks, mostly on the reverse, but the original mint luster is almost perfectly preserved, free of blemishes or significant oxidation spots. Comes on original aluminum suspension with new ribbon.

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