

Table Medal in Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Belomor (White Sea - Baltic) Canal, 1985 issue.

In bronze (tombac), 60 mm wide. The obverse shows a ship passing through a lock and an Order of the Red Banner of Labor awarded to the construction trust upon the completion of the works. On the reverse is a geodesic map of the area in detailed 3-d profile, with the two port cities at the end points of the canal. The inscription along the reverse is "White Sea - Baltic Canal, 1933 - 1983. The reverse shows the name of the medal's designer I.S. Komshilov, Leningrad Mint logo, and 1985 date. Note that the medal was struck with a two-year delay after the anniversary. Only 850 were ever made, a small number by the standards of Soviet Mint.

The medal is in excellent condition.

The Belomoro-Baltiiski Canal, or simply Belomor Canal as it was popularly known, connected the White Sea and Baltic Sea and thus provided an important northern waterway for transporting timber and raw materials. It was built exclusively by GULAG prisoners. After the construction was completed in 1933, it was celebrated as one of the greatest achievements of Soviet industrial program, even though it cost thousands of lives of slave laborers.

/See Commemorative [Table] Medal of the Soviet Period, 1919 - 1991, fig. 1580/.

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