

## Choibalsan Sharpshooter Badge, 1940s-60s issue.

Brass, enamels; measures 37.0 mm in height, 36.0 mm in width. In excellent condition, very uncommon for this badge. The enamel is perfect, completely free of even tiny contact marks or flakes, and shows beautiful luster. The original fire gilt finish is nicely preserved and bright on both sides, and the details of the soldier are pristine and exceptionally crisp. The screw post is of full length, over 15 mm - has not been shortened as is often the case. Unlike most other surviving examples, this specimen retains its original screw plate marked "Moscow Artists Cooperative" (during the 40s, this Soviet workshop manufactured a number of Mongolian medals and badges some of which could be issued well into the 60s.)

This specimen is a superb example of the iconic Mongolian sharpshooter's award - practically impossible to upgrade. /See A. Battushig, Mongolian Orders, Medals & Badges, p. 80, fig. C08/.

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