

Order of the Red Banner 3rd Award, Type 4, Variation 1, Sub-variation 1, #1419, circa 1944.

Silver gilt, enamels; measures 45.0 mm in height (including eyelet), 36.9 mm in width; weighs 23.1 g not including the suspension and connecting link. This early version of the order features rounded overall shape, the plow touching the flagpole, and a star-shaped depression in the center of the reverse. The mint mark is in a single line with its two words struck separately and slightly arched. According to The Order of the Red Banner by Durov and Strekalov, this specimen is from the series with serial numbers from 860-1576 manufactured at the Krasnokamsk Mint in 1944.

In outstanding, excellent condition. The enamel is literally perfect: completely free of even the microscopic contact marks that could be found under a 10x magnification and shows magnificent luster throughout. The fire gilt on the wreath, flagpole and torch is extremely well- preserved, which is uncommon for a wartime issue. The reverse is practically pristine having perfect stippling and very attractive even toning to silver. Comes on an original WW2-era suspension, a two-layer model in steel with self-locking pin. The ribbon is relatively recent, slightly used. The connecting link appears to be original and its ends are still joined with solder in characteristically seamless fashion of the Soviet mint.

To summarize, this piece is a truly superb example. It is literally impossible to upgrade condition-wise; moreover, it is one of the relatively few wartime issues of the Red Banner, 3rd Award.

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