



## Romania (RSR), Order for Outstanding Service to the State, 3rd class, 1970s-80s.

In brass, enamels, and imitation diamonds; riveted construction. Measures 61.3 mm in height, 52.7 mm in width; weighs 36.9 g. A very elaborate, well-made piece. Note that all stones have individual settings, just as if they were real diamonds.

In excellent condition. The enamel is essentially perfect, completely free of any chips, flaking, or hairline fractures typically found on this decoration. There are only some microscopic contact marks invisible without magnification, no significant wear to enamel. There is only a mild tarnish to the tips of the starburst, not detractive and actually adding character. A good amount of the original gilt finish is visible in recessed areas of the starburst and on the reverse under the pin. Note that at least in theory, this piece may be considered the 1st class of the order: the difference between the 1st and 3rd class was only in the amount of gold finish that would usually rub off in any case with the passage of time. A very impressive piece.

This order was usually issued to Securitate state security officers and therefore commonly known as "Order of Securitate".

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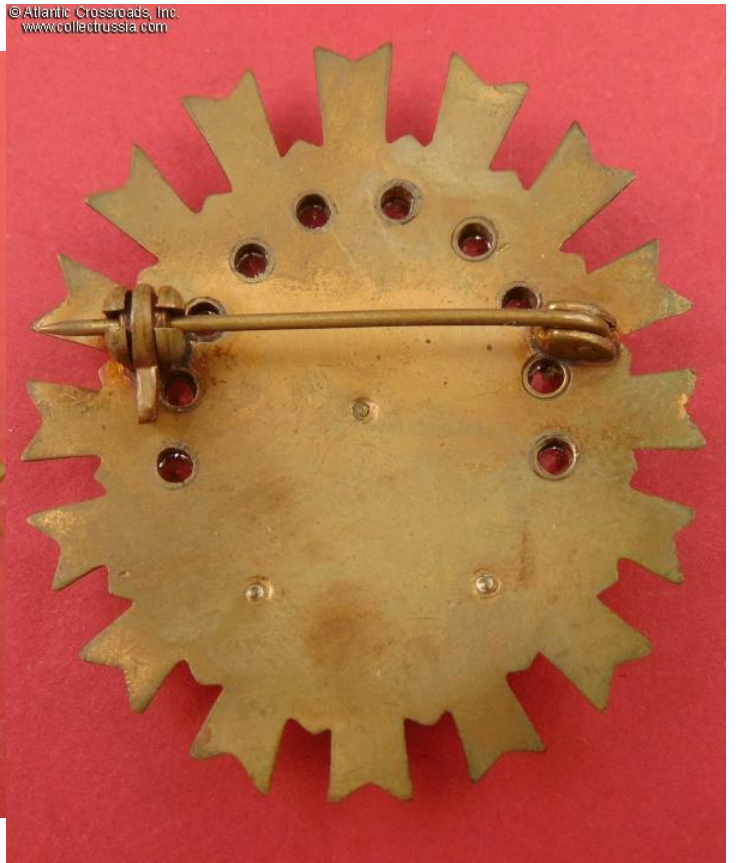
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