



### Order of the Red Banner 4th Award, Type 5, Variation 1, Sub-variation 2, #2571, circa 1952-53 issue.

Silver gilt, enamels. Measures 44.2 mm in height (including eyelet), 36.2 mm in width; weighs 24.9 g not including the suspension. Features shallow rounded depression in the center of the reverse. The torch has three flames in the lower row and one flames above. The mint mark is in two lines with the first word "Monetnyi" in noticeably smaller font. This specimen is from the series manufactured in 1951 at the Moscow Mint. The currently known serial number range for this sub-variation is 2033-2832, i.e. there were some 800 specimens made. /See The Order of the Red Banner by Durov and Strekalov (pp. 166, 167)/.

In outstanding, excellent condition. The enamel is essentially perfect having only a few microscopic contact marks barely detectable even under a 10x magnification, no wear of any kind visible to the unaided eye. The details of the wreath are likewise pristine; the gilt is very nicely preserved albeit partly obscured by silver patina. Very attractive, even patina to the reverse. Comes on a period suspension device, an early post-war two-layer model in steel with a new ribbon. The connecting link appears to be original; its ends are still joined with solder in the trademark seamless manner of the Soviet mint.

This decoration of the Korean War era could be awarded only to a high-ranking active-duty military or state security officer, most likely a general. We have not yet tried to research it through the Russian military archives, so it has a strong research potential.

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