

### Medal in Commemoration of the Reign of Alexander III, private issue, 1896.

In silver. Measures 34.8 mm in height incl. eyelet, 27.8 mm in width; weighs 10.3 g. The eyelet shows silver hallmark "84" with crossed anchors and scepter, the pre-1899 emblem of the St. Petersburg assay inspection. There is also a Cyrillic maker mark ЛЗ ("LZ") of an unknown St. Petersburg manufacturer. The artwork is subtly but noticeably different from the standard - and far more common - version of the same medal made by the state mint.

In very fine condition. The medal is completely free of edge knocks. The raised points of the bas-relief portrait show a moderate amount of wear, but the details of the artwork are overall well-defined. The lettering and crown on the reverse are very nicely preserved.

The medal comes mounted on a European-style suspension with a St. Alexander Nevsky ribbon folded into a roughly trapezoid shape. The ribbon shows age and wear, although it is of a more recent vintage than the medal itself. The connecting links are replaced.

/See Dimitri Romanov, *The Orders, Medals and History of Imperial Russia*, pp. 226-227, fig. 202/

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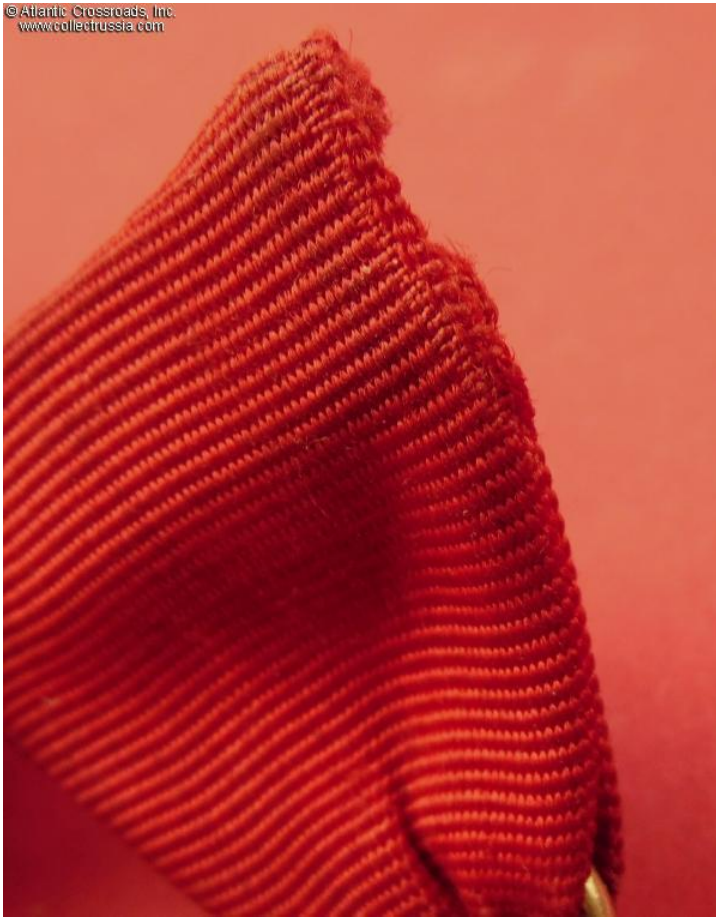








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