

### M 1941 Navy Senior Administrative Officer / Admiral full dress belt in silver, circa 1946-47.

In silver brocade with soft black felt lining. The gilded brass buckle shows anchor and star; its outer part has nicely sculpted oak and laurel wreath. Both the brocade and brass hardware are of magnificent quality. The belt lacks the dagger hangers but has the sewn-in metal loops for them, so a set of appropriate hangers can be easily added.

The outer fabric of the belt is of the early pattern, in metallic bullion thread as opposed to the silk fabric that replaced the more expensive bullion starting from 1947. The sewn-in ends of the belt have a triangular shape typical for the belts produced after WW2. When fully extended, the belt will fit up to approximately 44" waist, but it is easily adjustable to almost any smaller size.

Very good to excellent condition. The silver fabric on the exterior has patinated with age and shows some darker areas due to uneven exposure to air; it is however still clean and perfectly sound, free of excessive wear (it may be easy to clean off the tarnish but we wouldn't recommend doing it, as it adds character and interest to the belt.) The black felt liner is immaculately clean and completely free of the usual moth bites. The brass hardware is well preserved, free of nicks, blemishes or noticeable scratches.

Overall, a very impressive naval belt. This model remained in use only until 1951 and is generally pretty scarce, especially its bullion version.

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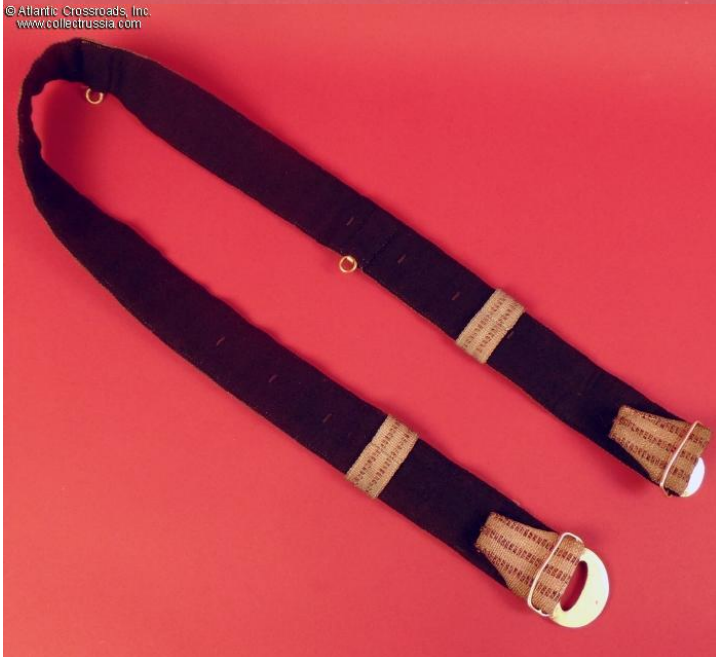
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