

Photo ID of Tit Minich (Тит Давидович Минич), а WW2 Disabled Veteran, 1976.

Booklet format, measures 3" x 4", in red oilcloth cover. Issued by the Ovruch District Department of Social Services to Tit Minich, a WW2 veteran with second grade disability. The ID was issued without an expiration date and was valid on the entire territory of the Soviet Union. Ovluch is a small district center in Zhitomir Region in northern Ukraine, right on the border with Belarus.

In fair condition. The veteran probably never parted with this ID, and its level of wear shows it. The oilcloth cover is partially separated from the cardboard it was covering. The edges and corners show considerable wear. However, all the printed and handwritten text and the veteran's photo are clear and legible.

Very often these IDs were the most important possession of a Soviet WW2 veteran. In many cases, the life saver.

Soviet WW2 veterans' level of disability was graded from one to three, three signifying the worst health status. But even the third grade was not given easily and required the veteran to show and prove considerable health deterioration.

In 1976 with its empty shelves of food stores and a pervasive deficit of goods, this ID gave the veteran access to special food distribution centers. There was food in them but it was for sale, not free. But at least municipal public transportation was free, so veterans could save 5 kopeks on a bus ride. As pitiful as it sounds, this was important to many of them since their health often stood in the way of any but the lowest-paid jobs.

Please note that the medal in our photo is for size reference.

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