

USSR 40th ANNIVERSARY OF VICTORY MEDAL (MURMANSK MEDAL)

(Issued by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) in 1985)

TERMS

Awarded to merchant marine veterans and navy veterans who participated in convoys to Murmansk during WWII. The medal was issued in 1985 to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the end of the war. Initially, Canadians could accept the medal but not wear it. The government had a change of heart and by Proclamation on 07 March 1995, Her Majesty, The Queen was graciously pleased to approve the medal be accepted and worn by eligible Canadian citizens.



The proclamation stated: "it is not envisaged that permission will be given for further anniversary medals issued by foreign or Commonwealth governments to be accepted and worn by Canadian citizens."

DESCRIPTION

A circular, bronze medal, 32-mm in diameter.

OBVERSE

Laurel on each side of the bottom; a five pointed star slightly off centre to the right over the laurel and three figures inside the bottom two arms of the star (a woman on the left, a soldier with a rifle and arm raised in the centre and a civilian male on the right). A tower with a star on the top of it is in the upper arm and stars with trailing lines representing fireworks in the right and left arms. The dates 1945 1985 are on the top of the right and left arms.

REVERSE

YYACTHNVY BONHBI (in Cyrillic script / Russian Letters) is around the top. Then seven lines with a large 40, small AET, MO6EA61, B BEANKON, OTE4ECTBEHHON, BONHE, 1941-1945 rr, and a sickle below (in Russian, the letters N being reverse N's)

AUTHORIZED

As per Canada Gazette Part 1, page 1476, 06 May 1995 for wear by Canadian recipients.

RIBBON

A 24-mm wide ribbon with green (2-mm), gold (1-mm), black (1.5-mm), gold (2-mm), black (1.5-mm), gold (2-mm), black (1.5-mm), gold (1-mm), dark red (10-mm) and green edge (2-mm). The ribbon is worn folded over.

MOUNTING

A ring welded to the top of the medal has a second, larger ring through it which attaches to a disk on which the ribbon is attached in a fold over mode.



¹ This card, signed by Boris Yeltsen, verifies that James Dowell is the recipient of the medal (above) issued by the Russian Federation on the 50th anniversary of the end of World War 2. (1945-1995). Everyone onboard HMCS Iroquois, Huron and Haida, were eligible because they escorted Russian Convoy JW 66 and RA 66 in April 1945. (Photos by James Dowell) – Web page of Jerry Proc.
CPO Abbott's DSM and Bar group is in the CFB Esquimalt Museum and shows his Murmansk Medal separate from his Canadian medals.

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Орден Дружбы**

TERMS

Established in 1994 to "reward foreign nationals whose work, deeds and efforts were aimed at the betterment of relations with the Russian Federation and its people." (from Wikipedia)

DESCRIPTION

A pentagonal gold star created from diverging golden rays with the opposite tips of the star 44-mm apart.

OBVERSE

In the center, a terrestrial globe in gold with the oceans covered in blue enamel. The globe is surrounded by a green enameled wreath of olive branches.



REVERSE

Peace and Friendship in Russian: Мир и дружба.
Each medal has a serial number etched on the reverse.

MOUNTING

The badge of the order is connected by a ring through the suspension loop to a standard Russian pentagonal mount.

RIBBON

The 36-mm wide green silk moiré ribbon with 6 mm wide light blue stripes along its edges overlapped in the classic Russian mounting.

AWARDED

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Most recent one to the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, OM, CC
Canada Gazette

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22/04/2014	CHRÉTIEN, Jean	Right Honourable	OM CC
28/10/2006	CLARKSON, Adreienne	Right Honourable	CC CMM COM CD
24/01/1998	COHON, George A.	Mr	OC
27/06/2009	DUTKIEWICZ, Piotr	Dr	--
22/12/2007	PRUD'HOMME, Marcel	Honourable	--
21/12/1996	WEBER, Richard	Mr	MSM

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