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# Kuban Campaign Shield Unknown Maker

## Description

The Kuban Arm Shield was the 5<sup>th</sup> Campaign Shield to be instituted by Adolf Hitler on 21<sup>st</sup> September 1943. It commemorated the defensive battles fought at the Kuban Bridgehead on the Crimea Peninsula after 1<sup>st</sup> February 1943. The locations stamped on the face of the shield – Krymskaja, Lugunen and Noworo / Ssijsk – indicate the significant areas of fighting during the bridgehead. To qualify, a member of the military had to serve honourably for 60 days in the area (time adjusted if wounded). Members of the HEER, LUFTWAFFE and KRIEGSMARINE were all entitled to the shield. The difference in branches was indicated by the different colors of cloth backing material on the shield.









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# Details (measurements indicate the metal front portion only)

#### Remarks

This Kuban Shield is one of the more desirable variations. The detail on the eagle's head is simply outstanding. This Shield is convex in shape. At present, an attributed maker is not known, however, many in the Shield Collecting Fraternity seem to lean towards the maker of this style as Juncker.

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